

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome back, BWC! I hope your summer brought you rest, sunshine, and time with the people you love — because now it's time to pick up our hooks and yarn and get back to work.

While we paused our regular meetings for the summer, our members never really stopped serving. From painting bowls for Meals on Wheels, to staying connected and learning more about the club at our Mingle Monday events, to quietly laying the groundwork for this year's events — we spent our summer looping the threads that will carry us through the year ahead.

Now we begin in earnest. This month's theme, Reconnecting the Threads, is about exactly that: welcoming new and returning members, reintroducing ourselves to our mission, and re-tying the bonds that make this club so strong. Every woman who walks through our doors this month — whether she's been with us for twenty years or twenty minutes — adds a new thread to the fabric we're building together.

I am genuinely excited for this year. The work you put in over the summer means we're not starting from scratch — we're picking up right where our hooks left off, ready to jumpstart a club year. Thank you for your dedication, your creativity, and your heart. Let's make it count, one loop, one stitch, one act of service at a time.

Connecting hearts. Strengthening community. Let's get started.

Paula 

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Aug 10 - Social Butterflies - 5:30-7PM
- Aug 11 - Chamber After Hours - 4:30-6:30PM
RSVP on BWC Members Only Page post
- Aug 16 - BWC Clubhouse Cleaning Day - 1-4PM
Join us for fellowship & fun, even if it's only 1 hr
- Aug 17 - BWC Membership Meeting - 6PM
Social time w/snacks at 5:30PM
*BRING school supplies for donation
- Aug 24 - Mingle Monday - 5:30-7PM
- Aug 31 - Wine, Women & Wardrobe Planning Meeting
@5:30PM - Anyone welcome to join the committee for our March 20, 2027 event.
- Sept 14 - BWC Membership Meeting - 6PM
Social time w/snacks at 5:30PM
- Sept 26 - Day of Service Project with Hope Family Services - 8AM-Noon

SIGN UPS

GFWC Florida Fall Board of Directors' Meeting

Sept 18-20, 2026 at Rosen Plaza, Orlando

ALL members are welcome and encouraged to attend this informative, workshop-filled weekend. The club will reimburse your \$50 registration fee.

[Click here for details!](#)

Our Membership is GROWING...

and your photo is needed for the **Membership Photo Directory** on our website. Please submit a photo to BradentonWC@gmail.com.

We want you to be able to put a face to a name! If you haven't checked out our new website, please do so now.

All the info you need is easily accessible and it's a wonderful resource to refer your friends to when they want to know more about who we are and what we do!

www.BradentonWomansClub.com

[Click Here or Use QR Code to View Club Calendar:](#)



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AUGUST 17 MEETING CHECKLIST

Please join us for our new administration kick-off meeting on
Monday, August 17, 2026!

We would like to take a group photo of all members in front of the building that
can be used for marketing and promotion of our club.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR BLUE CLUB SHIRT TO THIS MEETING!

We will also be collecting school supplies for distribution. If you would like to
participate, here is a shopping list of items to consider.

Many of these items are on sale and tax-free right now!



**Back to School
Sales Tax Holiday**

July 20 - August 20, 2026
For a list of qualifying items,
visit floridarevenue.com/BacktoSchool



SUPPLY NEEDS

- Pencils
- Pens
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Markers
- Erasers
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Notebooks
- Loose leaf paper
- Rulers
- Tape
- Lysol wipes
- Paper towels (good quality)
- Kleenex tissues
- Dry erase markers
- Sharpies
- Hand sanitizer

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (CSPs)

ARTS & CULTURE

Members got creative at Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee, Inc. in support of their upcoming Empty Bowls project in November. Every bowl painted helps raise awareness and support for neighbors experiencing hunger in our area.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

A great time was had by all who attended the backyard birthday party which benefitted Project HEART. Thousands of dollars were raised to help fill the gaps for Manatee County high school students who live in transitional housing. Thank you to Cindy Winning and her incredible committee for sharing this creative and fun event.



CONVENTION SEND OFF - GFWC CONVENTION- SCOTTSDALE, AZ

What a great summer social at enRich Bistro as Brandy & Tammy traveled to Arizona to learn lots of new info to bring back to our club. Brandy represented BWC and Florida proudly as the 2026 LEADS Candidate!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Susan Kulbersh - Aug 3
Charlene Johnson - Aug 7
Lara McCarthy - Aug 12
Janet Orr - Aug 17
Mimi Masciotti - Aug 20
Sheila Swartz - Aug 20
Jenny Owens - Aug 22
Ann DeMers - Aug 24
Lynn Kochanski - Aug 25
Crystal Golm - Aug 29
Mary Colombara - Aug 30

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Rose Adams
Tammy Cox-Leavell
Claudette Eaton
Kathleen Fullerton
Yvonne LaPointe
Sandy Piper
Mary Anne Zandron

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Tell your friends of the great work we do and invite them to join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE GREAT EVENTS...more details to come!

Mingle MONDAYS

4TH MONDAY
EVERY MONTH

5:30-7 PM
@BWC

BWC
BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB

SNACKS AND
WINE PROVIDED

BRING A FRIEND!

COME MEET OTHER NEW
MEMBERS!

MINGLE WITH SEASONED
MEMBERS AND LEARN
ABOUT THE
OPPORTUNITIES AT BWC!

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Signature Program

DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE
AWARENESS & PREVENTION

INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF SERVICE
PROJECT

CLEANING AND PAINTING THE
SHELTER FOR HOPE FAMILY
SERVICES

SATURDAY SEPT 26, 2026
8AM - NOON

**WALK
TO END
ALZHEIMER'S**

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

NOV 14, 2026

HOLLY DAYS

Sip & Shop

NOV 5 & 6, 2026 3-7 PM
NOV 7, 2026 9 AM-2 PM


Threads of Service
Connecting Hearts, Strengthening Community

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