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**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: GLORIA COMERFORD,**  
**JILL HRUBES AND MEGHAN ADAMS**  
**JOIN US FOR THEIR INSTALLATION ON MAY 18TH**

## President's Welcome:

As we enter the final weeks of this administration, my heart is filled with emotions—both joyful and a touch bittersweet. On May 18, I will pass the gavel, closing a chapter that has meant so much to me.

It has been an honor to serve as your president. Thank you for embracing my theme and for your unwavering dedication to making our Community stronger. The impact we make together truly matters, and I know this spirit of service will continue for years to come.

I am incredibly proud of all we've accomplished and deeply grateful for your support, teamwork, and friendship throughout this journey.

My apologies for the delayed newsletter, but I wanted to include highlights from this past weekend's GFWC Florida Convention. The recognition our club received is a testament to each of YOU!

For the good our hands can do,



Tammy

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Monday, May 11**  
**Social Butterflies**  
5:30pm

**Saturday, May 16**  
**District Meeting**  
9am-1pm  
at BWC  
Register by May 8

**Sunday, May 17**  
**Clubhouse Cleaning Day**  
1-4pm

**Monday, May 18**  
**BWC Membership Meeting & Installation Dinner**  
**RSVP Required - \$15**  
Dinner service begins at 5:30pm  
Meeting to follow

**May 23 & 24**  
**Hand Out Poppies**  
American Legion Auxiliary  
9am-4pm  
contact Shaney Rollison

**Summer Events**  
to be announced

## Sign Ups:

**Environment CSP reminds you to Save your Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House!**

**Clubhouse Cleaning - RSVP to Brandy: 859-983-8022 or here:**  
<https://fb.me/e/4ylFkn4hC>

**Register by May 8<sup>th</sup> for District Meeting here:**



**We are the Meeting Hostesses!!**

**Contact Shaney at 941-720-1097 to RSVP for Handing out Poppies**

**Record Service Hours Here:**  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTttzzHJneRZfRInzzcKU6RXqoBsXgahgn8Tm9YsOKnVRSkw/viewform>



# Member Spotlights



Terry Kennedy	May 2
Beth Deyo	May 9
Patti Smith	May 12
Laura Micciche	May 13
Pam Rahn	May 17
Joan Winant	May 21
Laura Diffendal	May 25
Paula Leal	May 25

**WELCOME**

**NEW MEMBERS**

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

**Kathy Candler**  
**Diana McNamee**  
**Marcia Wall**



Thank you Susan, for scheduling us a cooking class at Ortygia Supper Club - it was pure magic ✨ Can't say it better than Susan did herself...

“We chopped, mixed, and laughed our way through every step—sharing funny stories, sipping along the way, and turning simple ingredients into something unforgettable. The kitchen was full of energy, the conversations flowed as easily as the wine, and every dish told a story of its own.

From the first slice to the final bite, it wasn't just about cooking—it was about connection, joy, and savoring every delicious moment together. 🍷🍴

Chef Gaetano's cooking instructions, incredible family stories and delicious food made for an unforgettable evening! 🌞”



## Membership Orientation

We had our biggest ever orientation, with 25 members and 12 guests! Thank you to all who participated! We love having our seasoned members there as it adds so much depth and connection for our newer members. We hope by sharing the rich history of our club, and the opportunities available, our potential members will be as passionate as the rest of us about BWC!



BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB IN THE  
**COMMUNITY**  
 THE GOOD OUR HANDS CAN DO



We had a great turnout for the DeSoto Parade, where our new sign illuminated the support our members showed for their fellow BWC members who were in the parade. Ann, Carole, Liz, Janet, and Mary had their own cheering section!



What an unforgettable international service experience traveling with 14 Bradenton Woman's Club members and several fellow Manatee River Rotary members. We joined together for the good of the children and painted four classrooms at a local daycare facility in Cozumel. This daycare is specifically for children of single mothers working to make a living for their families.

This project represents the very best of collaboration between two nonprofit organizations with big hearts for children. ♥

It was truly a pleasure to meet the amazing women who pour love into these children every single day, along with their inspiring director. We were also warmly welcomed by the wonderful members of the Rotary Club of Cozumel, whose partnership made this all possible.



← Please join our Club's PhotoCircle and add all your 2026 service photos here.

Record your service hours here!! →



# GFWC Spring Convention

What a weekend to remember at the GFWC Florida Federation of Women's Clubs Convention! It was certainly an honor to have GFWC International President Suellen Brazil with us the entire weekend. Our club showed up in full force—and the energy, excitement, and sisterhood were truly inspiring. From the moment we arrived, new friendships were sparked, and the bonds within our own club grew even stronger. There's something special about coming together with women who share a passion for service, leadership, and community impact.

We are proud to celebrate the installation of our new administration, ushering in a fresh chapter filled with purpose and momentum.

A huge congratulations to our incredible BWC president Tammy Kesky, who has now stepped into a new leadership role on the GFWC Florida Executive Committee as Corresponding Secretary—a testament to her dedication and the strength of our club!

We are also proud of our very own Gloria Comerford who represented our club and GFWC Florida District 14 for Volunteer of the Year. She is certainly a winner in our hearts! Brandy Britton was selected as Florida LEADS representative at the upcoming GFWC Convention in Scottsdale, AZ in June. Our club brought home multiple awards for service and the arts, recognizing the heart, creativity, and commitment our members pour into everything we do. These honors reflect the difference we're making—together—for the good our hands can do!

Now, we look ahead with excitement as we rally behind GFWC Florida President Terry Reed's bold and energizing firefighter theme—"Fired Up for Firefighters." So grab your gear, sound the alarm...Let's get fired up for an amazing year ahead! Leading with heart. Serving with Purpose!



# BWC in the Community/COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (CSPs)



Thank you to our hard-working BWC volunteers who gave their time to Manatee Habitat for Humanity! What a special local project and a fun way to give back... and also connecting through some sweat and dirt! Special thank you to Marlene Durgin for taking on the promotion and scheduling of this event!!

Our Environment CSP and friends did their part to keep the community clean – and safe from a few flat tires. THANK YOU for the debris collected to Keep Florida Beautiful along our stretch of Manatee Avenue!!!



**Lucky Duck Race for PACE**  
Christi Randolph Haley · 1h

WOW!!!! Over \$71k has already been raised through adoptions - BECAUSE OF YOU!! We only have 2.5 days left... can we reach 30k? We're over 2/3 there, and with your help we can! Please keep spreading the mission of Pace. YOU are helping to change lives!

**Ducks Adopted**  
2026 Top 10 List to April 8

- Top Community Led Teams
- 1,322 - Bradenton Women's Club
- 971 - AMI Dolphin Tours
- 626 - Bright 88 Ducks
- 609 - Ngal Communities
- 512 - VECCA Ladies Who Lunch and the Aditya Cats
- 340 - Team Oelker
- 295 - Leadership Manatee Leaders of the Flock
- 241 - Wagner's Weddiers
- 222 - The Bride Tribe
- 218 - Bradenton Kinvasa
- Top Board or Staff Led Teams
- 3,330 - Quackerjacks
- 1,196 - Katherine's Quackings
- 1,125 - Get Ducked Up with Sandy & Shannon
- 511 - Fabulous 4 for Pace
- 417 - '92 Chick
- 317 - Insurance Time of Bradenton
- 303 - Michelle's Mighty Ducks
- 262 - Dawn's Ducks
- 239 - Randi's Rambunctious Races
- 196 - McDowell's Mighty Ducks



From Duck Slapping to Duck Racing - BWC had a GREAT time this year with the PACE Duck Race! AND.....we WON!! We are so proud to be the top fundraiser for PACE, who is an organization near and dear to BWC. THANK YOU to our members who proudly represented us throughout the events!!!!

**From our Environment CSP...** Continue to collect aluminum pop tabs from beverage cans, food cans, and pet food cans for the Ronald McDonald House! Bonus if you bring them in a recyclable plastic grocery bag, bread bag, or an Amazon plastic zip bag. 2.1 lbs were donated in April for a total of 8.13 lbs year to date!



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