

BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

'Tis the Season of togetherness and a time to celebrate our many blessings, to remember those who are not with us, and to come together in support for one another and our community.

I can't believe we are nearing the end of 2023 and getting ready for another holiday season! We often take time to think about what we are thankful for. For me this includes (in no particular order): all the wonderful friendships I have with several great women in the club and being a part of this wonderful group that continues to give back to our community!

The Murder Mystery Masquerade Ball was a blast! We laughed, we caught a murderer, and welcomed new people into our beautiful clubhouse!

"A true community is not just about being geographically close to someone or part of the same social web network. It's about feeling connected & responsible for what happens. Humanity is our ultimate community, & everyone plays a crucial role." Yehuda Berg

Thank you for being my community!



Shannon



Happy
BIRTHDAY

Nov 5: Mary Cihlar

Nov 20: Katie Cureton



New Members: please REGISTER for "member log-in" on our website.

REMINDER



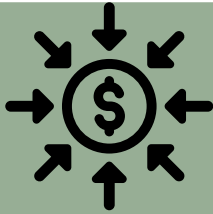
MEMBERSHIP MONDAYS - MONDAY FUN-DAY

We want you to get to know one another better?

What better way than to plan a casual get-together at the clubhouse?

Just let Shannon know you plan to be there and the door will be opened for you!

Grab a few members to work on projects, play a game, fellowship, whatever you'd like to do to build better relationships!



FUNDRAISING REPORT
(as of Oct 16, 2023)

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Grossed: \$23,228.00
 Netted: \$19,064.00
 Auction Items: \$11,300



September 30, 2023
National Day of Service

BWC's Food Drive generated 500 lbs of food for FELT (Feeding Empty Little Tummies) and First Presbyterian Church. A \$500 donation was given to each organization to further grow their respective food pantries.

We also participated in Keep Manatee Avenue Beautiful by collecting 10 bags of trash along the roadside.

New Entertainment Committee established!



This committee will add live music of all genres on Friday nights for dancing and general entertainment, and a few other fun events. Stay tuned for details as the committee begins booking in the upcoming year.



There are always opportunities to help. Please choose at least one and let Shannon or Tammy know where you plan to help.

November 13th

Wear: Purple for Alzheimer's Awareness Month

Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP is meeting host.

Thank you to the Hospitality Committee of Pam Hellman, Karen Milek & Pat Watkins for our Thanksgiving themed meal.

Arts & Culture CSP will be providing some cultural facts about the Plymouth Rock port-of-call.

November 17th 9am-6pm

In need of volunteers to help set up for the Holly Day Craft & Gift show. Please try to give 2 or 3 hours to this set up project. Contact Shannon or Tammy with your availability.

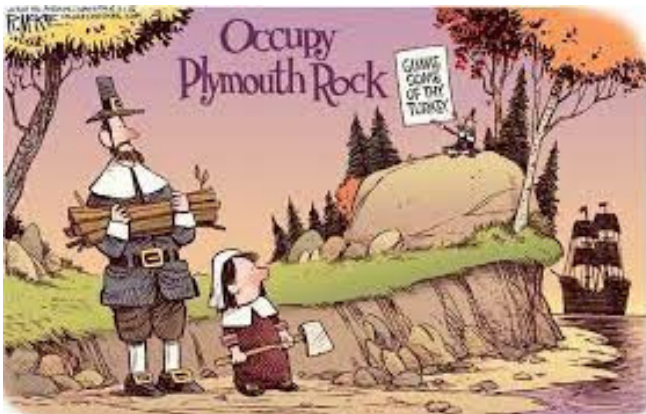


Holly Day Craft & Gift Show

Saturday, November 18, 2023
9am-4pm

5 vendor spots remain!

We also need volunteers to sell our goods, work Sip & Shop station, kitchen help- prepping/selling breakfast & lunch items!



Spotlight on BWC History!

In late 1947, several aspiring actors who also were members of the Bradenton Junior Women's Club organized a community theatre group known as Manatee Players. Their first performance, a Christmas season operetta called Hansel & Gretel, was performed in the Bradenton Women's Club and netted \$1,600.

The troupe was thrilled and the community wanted more. On January 25, 1948, the traveling troupe of thespians received its charter as a non-profit organization The Manatee Players, Inc. The following year the fledgling organization presented a full season of performances at either the Women's Club, Palmetto Women's Club or Ballard School, playing to expanding audiences and gaining popularity with every production. Rehearsals were held at the Bradenton Pier, the Armory, the Elks Club, the Girl Scout's Little House, and the Water Works building. Many rehearsal sessions also were held in private homes. A season membership cost \$12.50.



**BWC Members at the
ground breaking for the
Manatee Players Club
building**



House REPORT

OCTOBER 2023

Pantry: all event items have been organized & labeled; ceiling fans installed; ceiling repairs completed except painting.

Outside: removed porch light (fire hazard) & added exterior wall sconces to replicate original gas lights.

Upstairs: removed debris & unstable furniture; dumbwaiter repaired.

New Curtains: stage & south wall curtains ordered. Made possible via a donation.

Commercial Kitchen: working towards final inspection by FL Dept of Health



HEALTH & Wellness

Remember to
*relax and
breathe.*



Remember all
*produce labels
aren't what you
think they are!*

*Please put these upcoming
dates on your calendar.*

November 4th: Tidewell Foundation Remembrance Walk-BWC members welcome to join

December 11th: BWC General Membership Meeting & Holiday Social

December 13th: Grow to Give gift wrapping night

December 17th: Grow to Give Event

January 15th: Arts & Culture CSP
Wear blue/pink/teal for
Thyroid Awareness month

More information to come!



Social Butterflies

The Social Butterflies will once again be handwriting Christmas cards for our area law enforcement in appreciation for all they do for our community. 650 handwritten cards will be distributed to Bradenton Police Department, Bradenton Beaches PD, Palmetto PD, and Manatee County Sheriffs Office. All members are welcome and encouraged to share in this opportunity.

Have you ever received a beautiful handmade card?

We all have busy lives, so in this day & age, it's easier and faster to write a quick email or send an e-card rather than personally handwrite something. A handmade card is more meaningful to the recipient. They are unique, one of a kind, and made from the heart. When BWC sends 650 handmade cards to the police in our community we are sending an emotional piece of ourselves to the men and women in blue who keep our community safe; with these cards we are telling them we care.



BWC Ladies

YOU ARE AWESOME!

Education & Libraries CSP

The Education & Libraries CSP has been busy supporting Ballard Elementary School. In August when the teachers were planning for the school year we provided the faculty with markers & a tag with "Have a re-MARK-able year!" We delivered baked good and donuts for the first Teacher Work Day. In addition, we provided the media specialist with 240 bookmarks for the students.



Thank you, BWC ladies! We were able to donate 87 towel sets to HOPE this month. Every survivor receives a new set of towels and sheets upon arrival at the HOPE Campus!
YOU have helped 87 more survivors!