

# BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, let us reflect on the incredible journey we have shared as a community of empowered and inspiring women. Together we have forged connections, broken barriers in the diversity not only of our members, but also of our programs, and created positive change.

Our Club is thriving, and I could not be more proud of what we are doing to enhance the membership experience. I would like to thank you, our members, for your continued support. As we continue with Membership Mondays, members are coming together to socialize, collaborate on new ideas and initiatives, relax, and get to know each other. It is wonderful to see the engagement this is generating. If you have not been able to take advantage of this membership perk yet, I encourage you to do so.

May 2024 bring new adventures, deeper connections, and a continued sense of purpose. Remember, our strength lies not only in our individual abilities, but in our collaboration and the unbreakable bond that unites us. Let us march into the new year with confidence, resilience, hope, and a shared commitment to make a lasting impact on not only our members but our community, too. Together, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

 Shannon

*Happy*  
**BIRTHDAY**

Jan 10th Saundra Rahn

Jan 19th Becky McSwain

Jan 31st Vicki Sulfsted



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

## 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!*





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*Meeting  
Reminder!*

*5:30pm- Snacks  
Meeting @6pm*

**January 15th**

**Hosted by: Arts & Culture CSP**

**Guest Speaker: Tidewell Foundation**

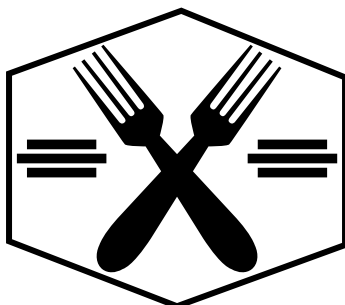
**Wear: Teal/Pink/Blue for Thyroid Cancer  
Awareness Month**

All member arts & crafts entries due for club contest. Guest judge from Tidewell Foundation Expressive Arts Program.

For those submitting arts & crafts entries, review the PDF document in your email. There are numerous categories for you to enter your work.

Any questions regarding your entries should go to Fran Kain at [mrsfmk@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mrsfmk@tampabay.rr.com)

Melanie Koester needs one or two more members to help with snacks as the Hospitality Committee for January. Please contact her immediately at [halseym@yahoo.com](mailto:halseym@yahoo.com)



**January 2 - 4-7pm**

Christmas decoration take-down

**January 22 & 29- Social Butterflies @5:30pm**  
*Making Valentine's Cards for Magnolia*

**February 19- BWC general membership meeting**

**February 21- GFWC FL District 14 Arts Meeting in St. Petersburg**

*House*  
**REPORT**



**Pantry:** Neat, clean & organized. Please help to keep it that way by returning items where they belong.

**Outside:** painting complete

**New Curtains:** THANK YOU-Paula Leal for sewing the new stage curtains - to be hung soon

# Spotlight on BWC History!

The Thursday Morning Chorus was organized in 1925, and kept intact and active until 1933. Mrs. Lorena Cook organized the chorus, but Mrs. Robert Trimble became director. There were several accompanists, but I think Mrs. F.J. Weedman served in the capacity the longest. There were about twelve members and they practiced every Thursday morning. One of the most successful and elaborate programs the chorus ever presented was at the Venetian Nights Carnival. They all wore Italian costumes. One of the BWC ladies was "Estudiantina" in which she walked among the crowd seated at tables and as the song called for, the chorus begged the crowd seated at the tables using tambourines. This chorus sang at every civic, social, church, and lodge function in the county for eight or nine years. They sang in Sarasota, St. Petersburg and Tampa many times and over the radio. They always dressed uniformly. But the most favored costumes were alternate black and white satin evening gowns. Several times they sang "Three Little Maids from School," and for that number, they wore short gingham dresses with large hair ribbons. Sometimes the chorus was paid and sometimes we were not. They often sang for the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. Their repertoire was varied -selected to fit the occasion-classical, humorous, sacred, sometimes including skits. Mr. Moreland Gaines and Mr. Bill Lathrop often provided male assistance when it was needed.

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**LADIES OF THE  
THURSDAY MORNING  
CHORUS IN GYPSY  
MUSICIAN COSTUME FOR  
THE FIRST VENETIAN  
NIGHTS CARNIVAL.**

# BWC Elves in Action

Our members kept busy in December with holiday activities of all kinds- a stage full of items for HOPE Family Services, Cards for Cops, gingerbread houses, wrapping gifts, making cookies & delivering cookies, and caroling!

*Spreading good cheer and Living the Volunteer Spirit!*

