

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

The leaves may not change much here in Bradenton, but this club certainly left its mark in September. At our general meeting, members assembled 81 towel sets for HOPE Family Services, each tagged with a simple note: "Every day is a fresh start."

On September 26, we joined clubwomen around the world for the GFWC International Day of Service. We delivered those towel sets and nearly \$2,000 in your donations to HOPE Family Serves, then painted and deep-cleaned the rooms where survivors meet with their advocates. Thank you to everyone who gave, shopped, assembled, painted, and scrubbed. You created a space that says: You are safe. You are valued.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and nearly all of us know a woman whose life has been touched by this disease. This month, schedule your screening, encourage a friend to do the same, and wear pink to our General Membership Meeting on Monday, October 19 at 5:30 PM. Please bring children's books and bags of candy for our Bradenton Market booth, and check Mark Your Calendars for Bingo & Blooms, the Market Halloween Party, and more.

Connecting hearts. Strengthening community. Let's keep stitching.

Paula 

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tue, Oct 6: C2E Committee Mtg @ 5:30PM
Sat, Oct. 10: District 14 Annual Meeting @ 9AM
Mon, Oct 12: Social Butterflies @ 5:30PM
Wed, Oct 14: Membership Committee Mtg @ 6PM
Thu, Oct 15: Civic Engagement CSP Mtg @ 6PM
Mon, Oct 19: BWC General Membership Mtg @ 5:30PM
 - - WWW Committee Mtg to follow @ 7:30PM
Thu, Oct 22: Bingo & Blooms @ 6:30PM
Mon, Oct 26: 2027 Fall Fundraiser Committee Mtg @ 5:30PM
Sat, Oct 31: Bradenton Market Halloween Party @ 8AM – 2PM
Thu - Sat Nov 5 – 7: Holly Days Sip & Shop: Thu & Fri @ 3PM – 7PM; Sat @ 9AM – 2PM
Mon, Nov 9: Social Butterflies @ 5:30PM
Fri, Nov 13: Meals on Wheels Empty Bowls Luncheon @ 11AM
Sat, Nov 14: Walk to End Alzheimer's

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Bingo & Blooms Needs You!

Thursday, October 22 · 6:30 PM

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Bingo & Blooms is almost here, and we need helping hands.

There are two ways to pitch in:

- Event night: Help with setup, check-in, running the games, and cleanup.
- Gift certificate team: Reach out to local businesses for gift certificates to use as Bingo prizes. Ask at the restaurants, salons, and shops you already love. Every donation makes for a great night and helps us thank our community partners.

Sign up on SignUp Genius today. Many hands make light work!



Membership Corner

Please submit your headshot photo for our **Membership Photo Directory** on our website to BradentonWC@gmail.com.

Annual dues of \$50 are due by October 31 for anyone that joined the club before 2026. You can pay by check made out to BWC, or Venmo @BradentonWC, or by Zelle at 941-747-6222.

Please visit the "**Connection Corner**" at our General Membership meetings to find out how to find your spot in BWC. If you have any questions about membership requirements or how to get involved, please reach out to Brandy Britton at 859-983-8022 or bradentonwc.membership@gmail.com

Breast Cancer Awareness

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

1 in 8

women in the U.S. will develop
invasive breast cancer in their lifetime



30%

of new female cancer diagnoses are breast
cancer — the most common cancer in U.S.
women apart from skin cancers



Please get your mammograms and also do self exams at home. Please pray for those in their battle and remember those who've lost theirs.

Stories from our own members



Fran Kain's best friend, Rachel Silva

is currently battling metastasized breast cancer. The cancer is in her liver and in her spine.



Terry Kennedy's mom, Lenora Hornung

passed away from breast cancer in 1998.



Cindy Eley's mom, Cecile Wood

had breast cancer 30 years ago, went through radiation and chemo and was good. Just this summer new breast cancer had metastasized into her femur which caused her leg to break. She was not a candidate for chemo/radiation this time. She just recently passed.



Jill Hrubes' younger sister, Sheila

passed 3 years ago in August — first diagnosis almost 20 years before her death. Double mastectomy, chemo and radiation at 41, came back in her organs and brain. She was checked into hospital at her Dr's request — unable to walk from brain radiation — passed 2 weeks later at 62.



Kellie Hoffmeister's sister, Terry Clark

had breast cancer. She had 3 recurrences with remission over like 20 years, and then it came back again a few years ago. She passed away that time as it metastasized throughout her body, including her brain. On a side note: I found a lump in my breast when I was just 13. Thankfully benign. I was watching a TV show that was discussing self breast exams!



Melanie Koester's mom

has been fighting breast cancer for 20 years. She has since refused treatment for her various other ailments including dialysis.

Please pray for those in their battle and remember those who've lost theirs.

DATES TO REMEMBER

GFWC Florida
District 14 Annual District Meeting 2026

"Where Heart Meets Hustle"

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Banquet Masters

13355 49th St N, Clearwater, FL 33762



HOST CLUBS

GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club &
GFWC Clearwater Community Woman's Club

**Holly Days
Sip & Shop**

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY
November 5 & 6**

**SATURDAY
November 7
9 AM - 2 PM**

AT THE
BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB
1705 MANATEE AVE. W.
BRADENTON

Shop Unique Gifts

- ENJOY A TREAT
- SUPPORT LOCAL

21+ EVENT
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC • EVERYONE WELCOME

**BINGO
BLOOMS**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
DOORS OPEN: 6:00 PM
BINGO BEGINS 6:30 PM

\$25 ADMISSION

5 ROUNDS OF RINGO
5 GRAND DOODR PRIZES
PLUS MANY OTHER RAFFLE PRIZES

DRINKS & SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
BRADENTON WOMEN'S CLUB
1785 MANATEES AVE W, BRADENTON, FL
ADVANCE TICKETS:
WWW.BRADENTONMENANSCLUB.COM/BINGO
CASH ONLY ON EVENT DAY

BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB
PRESENTS
5th Annual
**WINE
WOMEN
WARDROBE**

• Where Fashion meets Purpose •

MARCH 20TH, 2027
10AM - 2PM • RUNWAY SHOW
11AM

**Create
TO
EDUCATE**

AN ART EXHIBIT
& AUCTION

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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (CSPS)

HEALTH & WELLNESS

On September 26, BWC joined GFWC clubs around the world for the International Day of Service: "One day, One purpose. One voice for lasting change." We focused on domestic violence awareness and prevention, partnering with HOPE Family Services, Manatee County's only state-certified domestic violence center.

Ten members delivered about \$2,000 in member donations, plus 81 towel sets, a \$500 gift from the club that members assembled at our September meeting. Towels for HOPE are a long-standing BWC tradition. Our team then primed the conference room and deep cleaned the building. Now the rooms where survivors meet with advocates send a quiet message: You are safe. You are valued. You are ready for what comes next.

Thank you to everyone who donated, assembled towels or picked up a paintbrush!



LEADERSHIP

Nine members attended Fall board in September, including our proud LEADS nominees Remy Sharp and Becky McSwain. It was a fun and informative weekend.



ARTS & CULTURE

The Arts & Culture CSP hosted 2 nights of crafting fun. Members got together and decoupaged oyster shells for the club to sell at the Holly Day Sip & Shop the first weekend in November.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mary Anne Britton Oct 10
Diana Chia Oct 26
Gloria Comerford Oct 28
Sonja Cleveland Oct 31
Jeanie Ehrhardt Oct 17
Cindy Eley Oct 6
Yvonne La Pointe Oct 26
Debra Lang Oct 15
Linda McGee Oct 18
Wendy Spaeth Oct 21

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Kathy Bogad
Vickie Evans
Sherie Faust
Adriane Stasurak
Jess Kruse
Janet Taddei
Noelle Locke
Jackie Stasurak
Valerie Winter (Waldschmidt)
Key Rosser Logan
Carol Schultz



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Threads of Service
Connecting Hearts, Strengthening Community

Paula Leal, President 2026-2028

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