

Monthly Newsletter



BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB

January 2026



BWC kicked off our holiday season with (our best ever?) decorating of our beloved clubhouse, and from there - we did everything from wrapping gifts for kids in need, to baking 80 dozen cookies for our front line workers, hospice, and more, spreading our BWC cheer throughout our community!



President's Welcome:

As we turn the page to a new year, I want to begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. The holiday season once again showcased the incredible kindness and generosity that define the members of the Bradenton Woman's Club. Your time, compassion, and giving spirit brought comfort, joy, and hope to so many in our community, and I am deeply proud to serve alongside such dedicated women.

January is a time of fresh beginnings—an opportunity to reflect on all we have accomplished and to look ahead with renewed purpose. As we enter 2026, I am excited for the meaningful work before us and the impact we will continue to make together. Guided by our shared values and commitment to service, we are well positioned for a strong start to the year.

Thank you for all you do and for the heart you bring to our club. I look forward to another year of friendship, service, and growth.

For the good our hands can do,

 Tammy

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WE NEED HELP!!

Sunday, Jan 11th @1pm
Clubhouse & Landscape Clean Up Day

Bring gloves for pulling weeds.

Saturday, Jan 17th @9am
Manatee Ave Clean Up

Everyone welcome to help!
Meet at the VFW at 51st St W.

Monday, Jan 19th
BWC Meeting
Doors open 5pm
Social 5:30-6pm
6pm - Meeting starts

*This is our Arts Contest night. Please bring all your pieces for display no later than 5pm. Contact Fran by Jan 12th to let her know what you are entering. This will allow her time to organize entries before the meeting.

Monday, Jan 26th @5:30pm
Membership Orientation
5:30-6pm light snacks & drinks
6-7pm Presentation

Sign Ups:

YOUR PARTICIPATION HELPS US HELP OTHERS!
Please make plans to join us.

[Sign up for Clubhouse & Landscape Clean Up Here: https://tinyurl.com/yehay2xb](https://tinyurl.com/yehay2xb)

[Sign up for Manatee Ave Clean Up Here https://tinyurl.com/ym2f8pmd](https://tinyurl.com/ym2f8pmd)

[Please RSVP to Laura for Member Orientation - bradentonwc.membership@gmail.com](mailto:bradentonwc.membership@gmail.com)

Contact Fran about your Art, Crafts, and Photography entries. 941-212-9062 or mrskain14@gmail.com

Happy New Year!

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

Happy New Year BWC!! We are so excited to start 2026 with over 100 members!! Our December Members-Only Meeting kicked off a holiday of generosity and giving by our wonderful members! We had a busy and fun meeting with great food and drinks, and it was a joy to support families in our community through hands-on projects that gave back to local families.



Our decorators this year are simply amazing! Your talents truly set the mood for all the festivities!



Such a memorable and fun white elephant exchange at the December meeting, and thank you Cindy Lou Who for making an appearance!



We are thrilled about our partnership with Habitat for Humanity! Their Roaring 20s tea party at BWC was fabulous!



Member Spotlights



Sari Lindroos-Valimaki - Jan 6
Kelly McGinnis - Jan 14
Carole Briggs - Jan 14
Karen Hodgson - Jan 14
Becky McSwain - Jan 19
Jodie Chappell - Jan 25



SONJA CLEVELAND
MARY COLOMBARA
LORI DEVINE
LYNN KOCHANSKI
EMILY LANE

CHERIE SHERNISKY
VICKI TAYLOR
DIANA WEIGAND
JANET WILSON



Spreading the Christmas Cookie Cheer, year after year! Thank you to Rebecca Tate for leading this charge each year.

Wanted to pass this on from Rebecca...
"Just want to say the hugest thank you to all of my BWC sisters who brought cookies and also to those who stayed to bag, tag, count [Terry!] and box them. You generous ladies brought in 80 plus DOZEN cookies---much more than we needed! As always, your generosity of time during the Christmas season is amazing! A special thank you to Gloria for her beautiful bag tags she created, printed, and punched for us, too!"



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (CSPs)

BWC Christmas Community Giving!!!

COOKIE DELIVERY TO TIDEWELL HOSPICE AND THE ERS OF BLAKE AND MANATEE MEMORIAL HOSPITALS...



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT CSP TOOK CARDS & COOKIES TO OUR LOCAL POLICE TO SHOW THEM OUR APPRECIATION...



AND CLEARLY SPREAD CHEER WHILE SORTING BAGS AT THE SALVATION ARMY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE NEEDY!



WE SANG CAROLS AND DELIVERED COOKIES & SHOEBOXES FOR SENIORS AT MAGNOLIA ASSISTED LIVING & BAY VIEW NURSING CENTER...



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (CSPs)

MEMBERS WORKED TOGETHER TO PUT ON A FESTIVE WRAPPING NIGHT, WHERE WE WRAPPED 200+ PRESENTS FOR GROW TO GIVE, A LONG-TIME COMMUNITY PARTNER THAT PROVIDES GIFTS AND FOOD FOR SINGLE MOMS AND THEIR CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS. EVERY GIFT WRAPPED AND EVERY TAG PLACED WAS DONE WITH LOVE AND CARE - THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED SPREAD JOY AND MAKE THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHTER FOR OUR COMMUNITY.



THROUGH GENEROUS MEMBER GIVING, WE WERE ABLE TO SUPPORT 16 FAMILIES AT HELP TO HOME, INC., A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES TEMPORARY, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS IN MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THROUGH ITS HOPE VILLAGE OF MANATEE PROGRAM.

LEARN MORE AT HELPTOHOME.ORG.



MEMBER ORIENTATION



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**GENERAL FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**

Open to all...new and seasoned members - get more connected to BWC!

You will gain a deeper awareness of the opportunities available to you as a member, better understand the history of BWC, and the role it plays within our community today.

Plus, meet other new and longtime members - and plenty of time for Q & A!

MONDAY |
JAN 26TH | 6pm - 7pm
***light snacks & drinks 5:30pm**

Please RSVP to Laura
bradentonwc.membership@gmail.com



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WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH PARTICIPANT!



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