

Monthly Newsletter

BRADENTON
WOMAN'S CLUB

June/July 2025



District 14 Spring Meeting @BWC



We had the honor of hosting the GFWC Florida District 14 Spring Meeting. The theme was "Celebrating Us" — our collective achievements, state recognitions, and commitment to service. District Director Lisa Klatt prepared a wonderful presentation of the many state awards and honors, and BWC President & District Membership Chairman Tammy Kesky shared the exciting news that District 14 won the Membership Challenge! A delicious brunch was enjoyed by all at the beautifully decorated tables inspired by Director Klatt's theme: "The Power of Us." New members were added to the "Power-Posers" group, congrats Paula Leal! As a service project, attendees assembled celebratory cake kits and signed birthday cards to donate to HOPE Family Services, to continue spreading love and kindness throughout our community.

President's Welcome:

THIS PICTURE makes me proud—not just as president, but as a fellow member of a club filled with servant-hearted women.

THIS AMAZING GROUP didn't seek public recognition for the countless hours they spent preparing a heartfelt Police Appreciation Luncheon, honoring those who selflessly serve and protect our community every day. But I can't let the moment pass without expressing my deepest gratitude.

Thank you Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP for your time, your creativity, and your unwavering commitment to our club and our community. I was truly impressed by how everyone embraced their roles and worked together like a well-oiled machine.

Your dedication and seamless teamwork beautifully reflect the heart of who we are. ❤️

For the good our hands can do,



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Monday, June 2nd

BWC Trivia Night at Good Liquid Brewing 6:30pm-8pm
(trivia starts 6:30, so come a bit before!!)

Monday, June 9th

Social Butterflies and Book Group
5:30pm @BWC

Saturday, June 28th

BWC Catamaran Cruise Part 1
5-8pm - confirmation and details to come - potential date

Monday, June 30th

BWC Social - Paint and Sip AND International Potluck!
5:30pm @BWC (details to come)

Monday, July 7th

BWC Trivia Night at Good Liquid Brewing 6:30pm-8pm
(trivia starts 6:30, so come a bit before!!)

Saturday, July 12th

Clubhouse Cleaning Day 10am

Saturday, July 19th

BWC Catamaran Cruise Part 2
5-8pm confirmation and details to come - potential date

Friday, August 1st

Lakewood Ranch Music on Main
S.O.'s welcome - details to come!

Saturday, August 2nd

Road Clean Up 8am

Monday, August 11th

BWC Trivia Night at Good Liquid Brewing 6:30pm-8pm
(trivia starts 6:30, so come a bit before!!)

Monday, August 18th

BWC Membership Meeting
5:30 snacks/6pm meeting

Sign Ups:

June 2nd Trivia Night RSVP here:

<https://fb.me/e/35NHk52rv>

OR

Email Laura at
bradentonwc.membership@gmail.com

Social Butterflies and Book Group Sign Up Here:

<https://fb.me/e/37oz8l4gx>

July 12th Clubhouse Clean Up Day Sign Up Here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CACAA2FA0F8C43-56953878-clubhouse#/>

Aug 1st Lakewood Ranch Music on Main Sign Up Here: WE NEED YOU!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CACAA2FA0F8C43-56953918-lwrmusic#/>

Aug 2nd Road Clean Up Sign Up Here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CACAA2FA0F8C43-57025148-manatee#/>

Record all volunteer service hours and donations here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9ba5FTIm8Ct3Xm4I4yRLAx42BVU_hMKcP3fmH_S7TWk9A/viewform

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

We went out strong before our June/July break!

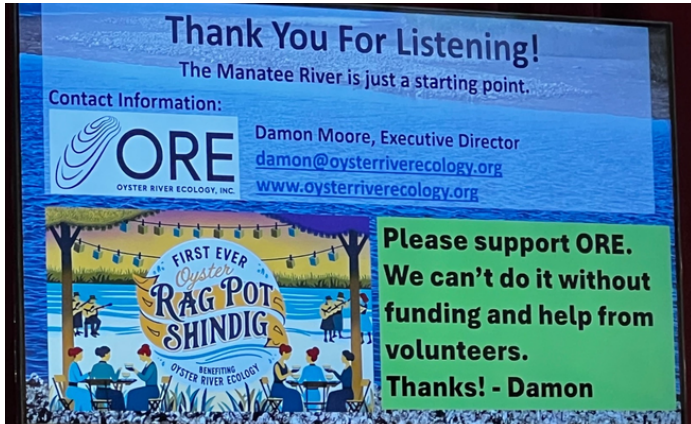


May Meeting Presentation
Damon Moore, founder of
Oyster River Ecology

Damon had a memorable presentation about local ecological restoration! He had us out of our seats and up close with an innovative—and incredibly simple—method for helping replenish oyster beds. The best part? These eco-friendly "rag pots" cost just \$5 to make!

We're proud to support this important cause with a monetary donation and are even more excited to roll up our sleeves for a future service project, where we'll get hands-on and make our own oyster rag pots.

Helping the environment has never been so accessible—or so inspiring.



BWC Yard Sale



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make our yard sale such a fun and successful event! It was a day full of laughs, teamwork, and impressive hustle—and thanks to your efforts, we raised \$692 to support our club operations!

Special shoutout to Brandy Britton, who was the hero of the event—and also an incredible team leader. She worked tirelessly for two full days with her team and kept everything running smoothly from start to finish.

We also want to give huge kudos to Bringman Roofing, Inc. for generously hauling away the remaining items, which will go to great use at Manatee Memorial Thrift Store.

Member Spotlights

Happy Birthday to our June AND July Members!!!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 2nd - Vicki Palomo
June 6th - Karen Milek
June 16th - Cindy Winning
June 24th - Staci Landers
June 29th - Lynn Butt

July 7th - Alice Busching
July 7th - Aimee Hodgkins
July 14th - Ann Simonds
July 18th - Megan Kesky
July 18th - Shaney Rollison
July 20th - Norma Rothamel
July 22nd - Trish Hibberd

ATTENTION

WE ARE STARTING A NEW FEATURE SO WE CAN GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER!

THERE WILL BE A "MEMBER SPOTLIGHT" SHOWING UP ON THE FB GROUP & IN NEWSLETTERS.



WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

MIMI MASCIOTTI
LONA DAVIS

Member Spotlight:

Melanie Koester

College: Stetson

Hobbies when there: surfing-this brought her to AML

Hobbies Now: walking her dog Petey, cooking, gardening

Husband: Dean

Pets: 2 cats and 1 spoiled dog

Other Clubs she is in: Greater Sarasota Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae Association, the Manatee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the Serenoa Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, and the Manatee River Garden Club.

3 words that describe her: loyal, honest, and versatile

Melanie is BWC's Parliamentarian.

How she ended up in Bradenton:

Melanie moved to Manatee County in the late 90's and had opportunities to get into horticulture, and this led her to connect with BWC! She knew then that she would join us later in life. She has lived in Ohio and Miami and got the opportunity to return to Bradenton last May. She lives near 75th and Manatee Ave.

How did Melanie choose BWC?

"I'm not sure I really "picked" BWC; it felt more like I had promised it that I would join someday decades ago. Everyone I knew in the area in the late 90s had some kind of story related to our clubhouse ...It has always been such a solid piece of the fabric of the community of Bradenton that it was something I wanted to help perpetuate and protect. Anything I join and remain a member I will always be a committed and passionate member, I don't have any other way of operating."

Melanie's favorite BWC moments:

"I think what I find most special are the unguarded and personal ordinary moments when I'm sharing whatever is going on with me and my life with another member who then shares her same with me before the meeting starts and then... there is always something in the Club Collect that brings to mind something helpful that I then share with the person later; it's rare that doesn't happen!"

(This is an abbreviated version - full version will be on the FB page!)

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (CSPs)

Arts and Culture

Arts and Culture CSP is always hard at work behind the scenes - knitting & crocheting lap quilts, sewing bears, writing cards, and using their skills to reach out to vulnerable members of our community. Melanie will head up the group over the summer- see meeting dates on page 1.

DON'T MISS our upcoming Arts & Culture social activity where we will combine art with international cuisine on June 30th!!

Health & Wellness

Anxiety and excitement are both states of heightened arousal, but they are interpreted differently by the mind. Anxiety involves a negative appraisal of uncertainty or a lack of control, while excitement is a positive appraisal focused on optimism and potential positive outcomes.

Both emotions can manifest with similar physical symptoms, but the key difference lies in the cognitive interpretation of these feelings.

Try this the next time you are feeling anxious: Focus on the potential positive aspects of a situation, and see if you can transform your anxiety into excitement.

Environment

Our road warriors were at it again this month!!
THANK YOU to these hardworking women who got up early on a Saturday to keep our pledge to keep the BWC section of Manatee clean.

We appreciate you!!



Join us for another
Clean Up Day on
August 2nd @8am

Many hands make light work!
Meet at the VFW parking lot
(5105 Manatee Ave W) and split
into teams from there, making
our way back toward the
clubhouse.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (CSPs)

Civic Engagement & Outreach

Our Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP was hard at work with the annual Police Appreciation Luncheon recognizing Bradenton PD, Palmetto PD, and Manatee County SO!

THANK YOU for making our local law enforcement feel appreciated and supported!



Education & Libraries

Keep your eye out over the summer for Back-to-School Sales. We will be collecting school supplies for local classrooms at our August 18th Meeting. (Pens, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, markers, crayons, paper, notebooks, Lysol wipes, paper towels, tissues, etc.)

We will also be creating a thoughtful gift for our local teachers to show our appreciation and support, as part of a service project at the meeting.

Upcoming Events



RSVP FOR THIS EVENT ON THE FB PAGE: [HTTPS://FB.ME/E/38HZHMZIP](https://fb.me/e/38HZHMZIP)
OR EMAIL LAURA: BRADENTONWC.MEMBERSHIP@GMAIL.COM

TRIVIA Nation

WE'RE HEADED TO TRIVIA NATION
TRIVIA NIGHT HERE WE COME!

LIVE! GOOD LIQUID BREWING - BRADENTON
MONDAYS @ 6:30 PM

MONTHLY TRIVIA ENJOY SOME HEALTHY COMPETITION AND LEARN AT THE SAME TIME!

JOIN US FOR TRIVIA:	JUNE	JULY	AUG
	2	7	11

***WEAR YOUR CLUB SHIRT AND COME CLOSER TO 6, AS THE GAME STARTS PROMPTLY AT 6:30!



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THE RSVP LINK
FOR JUNE 2ND IS
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RSVP FOR JULY 7TH
HERE:
[HTTPS://FB.ME/E/4V](https://fb.me/e/4V)
[MND4ZT6](https://fb.me/e/4V)

RSVP FOR AUG 11TH
HERE:
[HTTPS://FB.ME/E/6AX](https://fb.me/e/6AX)
[GYZDDV](https://fb.me/e/6AX)