

Monthly Newsletter



BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB

March 2026



It was a fantastic day at the GFWC Florida District 14 Arts Meeting in St. Pete!

Congratulations to our very own Gloria Comerford for winning the 2025 District 14 Volunteer of the Year Award! You make us proud!

Thank you, Fran Kain, for putting together another wonderful show!



President's Welcome:

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the recent District 14 Arts Meeting. Your made a beautiful difference, and I encourage you to attend the state Convention, May 1-4, 2026.

Please join me in congratulating **Gloria** as the recipient of the District Volunteer of the Year Award! What a wonderful and well-deserved recognition of her servant leadership. Cheers to **Meta** for earning her "power poser cape" for all the behind-the-scenes work she does! Our appreciation to **Fran** for a job well done as she completed her final year as District Arts Chairman.

As we continue our outreach efforts, if you are able, please participate in our Linens & Love Drive benefiting Tidewell Hospice. Your donations of new linens will provide comfort and dignity to those in need. The Club will match donations up to \$500—so every contribution goes even further.

I encourage any member interested in serving on the 2026-2028 Board of Directors to express their interest to the Nominating Committee. Leadership in this club is both an honor and a privilege. Thank you to those who have already stepped forward with a commitment to serve—your willingness ensures our continued strength and success.

 Tammy

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, March 7th
Bradenton Market
Shifts are 9-11:30am & 11:30-2pm
AND
Habitat for Humanity Gala

Monday, March 9th @5:30pm
Social Butterflies at BWC

Wednesday, March 11th
Welcome Home Reception
GFWC FL Flight of Honor
Lakeland Airport 7:45pm

Saturday, March 14th
Clubhouse/Landscape Cleanup Day
9am-12pm

Monday, March 16th
BWC Membership Meeting
Doors open 5pm
Snacks/social 5:30-6pm
Meeting starts at 6pm

Saturday, March 21st 10am-2pm
Wine, Women & Wardrobes
fashion show

Monday, March 23rd @5:30pm
Social Butterflies at BWC
AND
our new "Mingle Mondays"
will join at the same time to orient & connect new members to BWC!

Sign Ups:

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

March Donations

[Tidewell Hospice Donation Link:](#)



Sign up for **Social Butterflies** 3/9 and 3/23 via our Facebook "BWC Members Only" Page

Keep track of your **Volunteer Hours** as you complete them at:
<https://tinyurl.com/wwyect4w>

View our **2025 Reports:**





What a great night and privilege to serve as ushers and have a membership booth for the Women of Rock performance. Thank you, Ann Colonna and Manatee Performing Arts Center for inviting us!



We had a GREAT time representing our club at the Manatee River Rotary's "Parrish Under the Stars" raising funds for education!

What a successful year we have had!
 Thank you to our amazing club members for their hard work and generous giving!!

**BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB
 OVERALL 2025 GIVING**

200 PROJECTS
 12,613 VOLUNTEER HOURS
 \$23,860 DONATED
(DIRECTLY FROM BWC FUNDS)
 \$100,736 IN-KIND DONATIONS
(DONATIONS BY MEMBERS)
 \$89,526 DOLLARS RAISED

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR 2025 CLUB AWARDS AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING!!!
 LADIES, YOUR HEART OF SERVICE IS A GREAT EXAMPLE TO ALL OF US!**

Sugar Bowl: A gentle reminder that kindness, encouragement, and a positive spirit add sweetness to every task and every team.

*Congratulations to...
 Vickie Barth*



Creamer: Blends easily, quietly bringing balance and harmony, making everything around it better.

*Congratulations to...
 Cindy Eley*



Teapot: A reliable vessel that performs time after time, giving generously of what it has to create comfort, fulfillment, and success for all.

*Congratulations to...
 Paula Leal*



Cake Server: A reliable and purposeful presence, trusted to deliver a satisfying result and make sure the joys of shared work are enjoyed together.

*Congratulations to...
 Brandy Britton*



Saundra Rahn Devotion Platter: Made to support and uplift others, it reflects lasting dedication and faithful service offered with love, strength, and heartfelt intention.

*Congratulations to...
 Fran Kain*



*White Gloves of Service Award
 "For the Good of the Club"*

White Gloves: A symbol of grace, care, and professionalism, representing service carried out with precision, respect, and dignity.

*Congratulations to...
 Melanie Koester*



Member Spotlights



Becka Deters	Mar 1
Lori Devine	Mar 2
Kellie Hoffmeister	Mar 2
Barb Pugliese	Mar 6
Shannon Scarfino	Mar 10
Patty Keller	Mar 14
Meghan Fraleigh	Mar 20
Joy Stadt	Mar 23
Ann Colonna	Mar 24
Rebecca Tate	Mar 27



Laura Micciche

Tell your friends of the great work we do and invite them to join us!

AVAILABLE NOW: GFWC Clubwoman Magazine - Winter 2026

Inside this issue:

- * GFWC Learning Academy: Our New Online Learning Platform
 - * 2026-2028 GFWC Candidates for Office
 - * Articles by GFWC Honorary Chairmen
 - * Community Service Programs' Chairmen Tips & Projects
 - * The 2026 GFWC Annual Convention, June 26-30, in Scottsdale, AZ
 - * 2026 GFWC Women's History Month Celebration:
Historic Heroines
- To download your copy, click [HERE](#).



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (CSPs)

#MEMBERSHIP

Mingle Mondays

We had a fantastic turnout for our inaugural “Mingle Mondays,” with 33 members and guests in attendance! These social gatherings will take place on the *fourth Monday of each month*. We encourage you to invite your friends and guests to join us for this open-house style event. It's a great opportunity to discover available opportunities and connect with both new and experienced members, all while enjoying provided snacks and wine!



#Arts & Culture CSP

Social Butterflies meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 5:30 at BWC. They completed over 600 bookmarks in February!



#Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP

We are thrilled to represent BWC at the upcoming Habitat Gala with a complete table of our members! A special thank you to Emily Lane, one of our newer members, for assisting us in organizing this event. During the gala, Laura Diffendal will be live painting a piece that will be auctioned off later in the evening, and her husband, Dave, will serve as the auctioneer!



Please add service opportunities you want included in newsletter here!



Record your service hours here!!



Upcoming Events!

MARCH 21
10am-2pm
BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB

**WINE
WOMEN &
WARDROBES**



GENERAL
ADMISSION \$40
VIP \$75
Includes Lunch

Don't delay in getting your ticket or inviting your friends. This is a sell-out event each year and we have already sold half of our tickets in less than 1 week!



Rotary/BWC 4-night cruise

Departing April 9, 2026, from the Port of Tampa, sailing to Cozumel aboard the Norwegian Star, with a service project opportunity in Cozumel.

Estimated pricing for two people sharing a cabin (including Free at Sea, port fees, and taxes):

Interior: \$1,025 Oceanview: \$1,250 Balcony: \$1,500

If you're interested—or would just like more information—please email Tammy—or ask specific travel questions to Trisha at trishycamp@aol.com. Looking forward to fellowship, service, and fun together on the high seas!

**Mingle
MONDAYS**

**4TH MONDAY
EVERY MONTH**

**5:30-7 PM
@BWC**

**BWC
BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB**

**SNACKS AND
WINE PROVIDED**

BRING A FRIEND!

**COME MEET OTHER NEW
MEMBERS!**

**MINGLE WITH SEASONED
MEMBERS AND LEARN
ABOUT THE
OPPORTUNITIES AT BWC!**

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