

Monthly Newsletter

BRADENTON
WOMAN'S CLUB

February 2025



THANK YOU to all who helped make our Murder Mystery Dinner a success! With nearly \$15,000 raised, this event continues to be our biggest fundraiser of the year, and this year did not disappoint! In a nearly sold out event, guests and members enjoyed dressing up in their 1930's gear!

President's Welcome:

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In a world that sometimes feels divided, it's more important than ever to remember the power of love and unity - not just in February on Valentine's Day, but every day!

Volunteering and serving others in our community is one of the most meaningful ways we can demonstrate our commitment to one another. By lifting each other up, especially in times of need, we create a bond that goes beyond mere support—it becomes a sisterhood. Together, we are stronger, and when we work hand in hand, we not only help those around us, but we also grow and thrive as individuals. Let's continue to spread love and kindness, showing that when we care for one another, we make our community a brighter, more compassionate place for all.

For the good our hands (and hearts) can do,



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, Feb 1st
Manatee Ave Road Clean Up
9:00-11:00am
Meet at the VFW
(Manatee Ave & 51st St)
**Bring gloves & wear comfortable walking shoes*



Saturday, Feb 15th
Memorial Service, Sandra and Gene Rahn
11:00AM, visitation at 10:30AM
Peace Presbyterian Church

Monday, Feb 17th
BWC Membership Meeting
5:30pm-6:00pm Social
6-7:30pm Meeting
**If you are able, please bring children's books & pajamas for Children First/Head Start*

Wednesday, Feb 19th
District Arts Meeting - St Pete
9:00am-1:00pm

Friday, Feb 21st
Memory Dance for Sandra and Gene Rahn
at BWC, 7:30-9:30PM

Saturday, Feb 22nd
Bradenton Market
Shift 1: 9:00am-11:30am
Shift 2: 11:30am-2:00pm

Important Reminders:

If you WON 1st place at our club's art contest... please get your arts/crafts to Fran by Feb 17th to be included in the District Arts Contest.

Wine, Women & Wardrobes - March 8



Tickets on sale Feb 8th

Help promote our club and Wine, Women & Wardrobes at the **Bradenton Market on Feb 22nd**, 2-shifts:
9-11:30am or 11:30am-2pm.
RSVP to Laura at:
bradentonwc.membership@gmail.com

District Arts Meeting!

Sign up for the District Arts & Awards Meeting on Feb 19th at St. Petersburg Woman's Club. \$20 includes brunch. Register NOW:
<https://forms.gle/YWaNDaTmiauZnFpp6>

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 THE GOOD OUR HANDS CAN DO



THANK YOU to all who sponsored, participated, volunteered, and donated to our Murder Mystery Dinner!! It was a great success - and a ton of fun!



Member Spotlights



Kristina Skepton Feb 1
Lynn Lavigne-Quinn Feb 2
Linda Smith Feb 7
Pat Watkins Feb 8
Stephanie Ferris Feb 12
Lisa Tongue Feb 15
Luz-Maria Lambert Feb 17
Teresa Kravitz Feb 20



JODIE CHAPPELL
STEPHANIE FERRIS
PATTY NANCE
BARBARA PUGLIESE

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

Environment CSP offers some “sage” advice on what to plant this month!

| February | |
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| Easy to transplant from seedling | arugula, Chinese cabbage, eggplant, endive, kohlrabi, lettuce, peppers, sugarcane, Swiss chard, tomatillo, tomatoes, and tropical spinaches. |
| Transplant carefully from seedling | amaranth, calabaza, celery, long squash, iuffa, papaya, pineapple, Seminole pumpkin, spinach, and sweet potatoes. |
| Sow seed directly | beans (bush, lima, pole), cantaloupes, carrots, chayote, corn, cucumbers, okra, onions (bunching), peas (English, southern), radish, squashes, and watermelon. |

Have you heard? We have a new, member’s-only Facebook Group!

BWC Members-Only Facebook Group!

“BWC Members Only” is the name of our new group!

Please use this for:

- Creating and sharing BWC events/volunteer opportunities/meeting reminders
- Event organizers can request RSVPs on these Facebook events, and you can decide what events to join, and easily find the details in one place
- Arranging carpools
- Asking questions about upcoming events - posts are ok, or you will now be able to reach out to individual members using chat or messenger
- If you have a significant life event - new grandchild etc - we want to see pics! This is meant to be a way for members to better bond, connect, and get to know each other.
- Use the chat feature or messenger for smaller groups organizing upcoming BWC events.
- You can share any personal social events where you want to invite other BWC members! *Yes, I want to come to your happy hour.*

If you are a BWC member - scan this QR code and request to join the group...
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/4324811667745752/>



Please be aware of the following...

- While posting a charity event through your work, an open house, etc are ok to post - we ask that you **do not** post general business ads or anything trying to generate clients/asking members to buy your product
- No screenshotting to share outside group - and please use the comment cards we provide at meetings for general complaints (we like good vibes!)
- *****BUT - charity postings are ok -for example, I’d like some Girl Scout cookies please.**
- Also, please, no religious or political posts (we like neutrality!)

Laura Diffendal and a couple other board members will generally monitor to make sure it’s a happy place - it’s easy to report anything that needs our attention.

Any questions - email Laura at bradentonwc.membership@gmail.com!

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Upcoming Events



Celebrate the life of our 62-year member, Sandra Rahn, who recently passed.

Pam Rahn has invited members & friends to a **Memory Dance** for her parents, Sandra and Gene, at our clubhouse on Friday, **Feb 21st, 7:30-9:30PM**.

The "Jazz DaddyO's" will provide the music and there is no charge to attend. In lieu of flowers, guests are invited to make memorial donations to BWC.

There will be a joint **memorial service** for Gene & Sandra Rahn on **Feb 15th at 11:00AM**, visitation at 10:30AM, at Peace Presbyterian Church, 12705 FL-64 East, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34212

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
DISTRICT ARTS MEETING

- Winners of our BWC art event at our Jan meeting will move on to the District 14 Arts Meeting, on Feb 19th at St. Petersburg Woman's Club.
- Winners from there move on to the state conference in Orlando in April!
- Questions, contact Arts Chairman Fran Kain at 941-212-9062

CHILDREN FIRST

Today a Reader - Tomorrow a Leader
BOOK DRIVE
 February 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025

Support Children First's Early Learning and Head Start Program!

New Books Only **Ages: Infant to 5 years old**

Donation Drop-Off (only during the drive)
 Children First site located at 1723 N Orange Ave, Sarasota, FL

University Park Country Club will be receiving book donations on December 28, 2024

If you would like to take a tour to learn more about Children First, please contact Carolina Bartolomei at cbartolomei@childrenfirst.net
www.childrenfirst.net | 941-953-3877 | 1723 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota

Bring your children's books & pajamas to our Feb 17th meeting.

THE MANATEE RIVER ROTARY CLUB
 6TH ANNUAL

PARRISH Under the Stars

Saturday, February 8th, 2025 All Aboard 5:30pm

Rotary helped us with our hurricane cleanup. Let's support them if you can. A few of us are attending this event- who wants to join us? Contact Tammy or Laura for tickets.

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| www.BradentonWomansClub.com | 1705 Manatee Ave W Bradenton, FL 34205 |

**Bradenton Woman's
Club Presents**



3rd Annual
WINE

**WOMEN &
WARDROBES**

Sip, Shop & See

Sip, shop and see a runway show featuring the newest collections from local boutiques. Enjoy a gently used designer bag auction, wine pull, silent auction, boutique shopping and more.

Special Guest Emcees:

**Renee &
Bailey Baio**

MARCH 8TH

10 AM - 1 PM

Runway show at 11 AM

A portion of the
proceeds support
PACE Center for Girls.

\$40

General Admission includes light refreshments with a cash wine/mimosa bar.

\$75

The VIP lounge includes a balcony view of the runway, private bar & refreshments, VIP hostess service.

****Must be able to climb stairs.**



Purchase tickets:

910-612-7912

bradentonwomansclub.com