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!

<u>Saturday, Feb 1st</u> Manatee Ave Road Clean Up

9:00-11:00am Meet at the VFW (Manatee Ave & 51st St) *Bring gloves & wear comfortable walking shoes



<u>Saturday, Feb 15th</u> Memorial Service, Saundra 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

<u>Wednesday, Feb 19th</u> **District Arts Meeting - St Pete** 9:00am-1:00pm

<u>Friday, Feb 21st</u> Memory Dance for Saundra 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:

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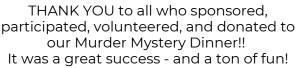
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Kristina Skepton Feb 1 Lynn Lavigne-Quinn Feb 2 Linda Smith Feb 7 Pat Watkins Feb 8 Stephanie Ferris Feb 12 Lisa Tongue Feb 15 Luz-Maria Lambert Feb 17 Teresa Kravitz Feb 20



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

<u>February</u>	
Easy to transplant from seedling	arugula, Chinese cabbage, eggplant, endive, kohirabi, lettuce, peppers, sugarcane, Swiss chard, tomatillo, tomatoes, and tropical spinaches.
Transplant carefully from seedling	amaranth, calabaza, celery, long squash, luffa, 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!

If you are a BWC member scan this QR code and request to join the group... https://www.facebook.com/gro

ups/4324811667745752/



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.

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.



Upcoming Events



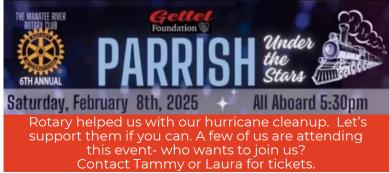
Celebrate the life of our 62-year member, Saundra Rahn, who recently passed.

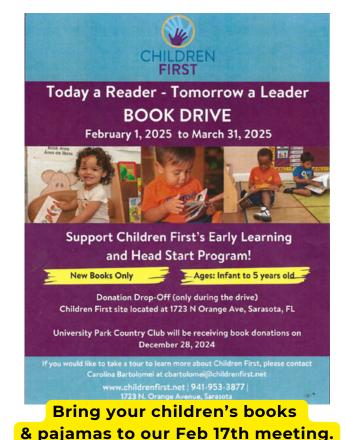
Pam Rahn has invited members & friends to a **Memory Dance** for her parents, Saundra and Gene, at our clubhouse on Friday, **Feb 21st, 7:30-9:30PM**.

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 & Saundra Rahn on **Feb 15th at 11:00AM**, visitation at 10:30AM, at Peace Presbyterian Church, 12705 FL-64 East, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34212







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Bradenton Woman's Club Presents

3rd Annual WINE



WOMEN & WARDRUBES 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.

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