

Monthly Newsletter

BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB

September 2024



President's Welcome:

For the GOOD our hands can do...

(our tagline this administration)

That phrase evokes overwhelming emotion in me as our hands are capable of doing so much. May we always focus on the GOOD and spread kindness to all.

Kudos to those that endured a very hot Saturday morning in August handing out backpacks to local school children at Bradenton Market. Much appreciation to those who used your hands for landscape clean-up on a last minute notice. I am grateful to those who donated much needed school supplies & hand-delivered them to our area classrooms to ensure students and teachers have just what they need for a great school year!

You are prime examples of living the volunteer spirit and it is my honor to serve alongside each of you!

For the good our hands can do,

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2024 BWC Events (through October)

*NEW: Line Dance Lessons every Wednesday 7-9pm
Open to public - \$10 cash admission

Sept 7
Road Clean-up - 9am-noon
Pool Day following clean-up 12-3pm

Sept 16
Membership Meeting - 6pm
Snacks at 5:30pm

Sept 18
Trivia Night @ JAXX - 6pm
(RSVP to Tammy)

Sept 20 (Day of Service activity)
Pack food bags @ F.E.L.T. - 9-11am

Sept 27-29
GFWC FL Fall Board (Orlando)
*Registration deadline 9/3- all members invited

Oct 6
Manatee Co. Foster & Adoptive Parents Association Halloween Festival
(need volunteers 11am-2pm)

Oct 14
Member Orientation - 6pm refreshments - 5:30pm

Important Reminders:

Sign up for Road Cleanup
Sept 7th



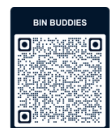
Pack food bags at F.E.L.T.
Feeding Empty Little Tummies
Sept 20th



GFWC Florida Fall Board
Sept 27-29
*All invited



Want to be a Bin Buddy to help foster children?



Monthly HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE needed - contact Gloria at: glojimcom@comcast.net

Record Volunteer Service: <https://forms.gle/4i58mcqCqSpstpjA7>

BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB IN THE COMMUNITY

THE GOOD OUR HANDS CAN DO

Community Service Programs (CSPs)

Our club's work is broken into five areas of service, better known as CSPs. Each area has targeted projects emphasizing women, children, and veterans. 1st Vice President Shannon Scarfino serves as the Dean of CSPs and is looking for a couple more members to serve as chairmen. This is a great opportunity to begin your leadership role in BWC... and she will guide you every step of the way!

What to expect: communication and project ideas from GFWC Florida, plan committee meetings to review ideas, research potential meeting speakers, and have fun getting to know one another through your planning and project implementation! A few established projects are listed, but we are always looking for new ways to serve.

Chairmanship not your level of commitment? That's okay- every member can participate in our projects. Let us know which CSP you would like to focus on.

Arts & Culture:

*established project: Club art contest, dances

Civic Engagement & Outreach:

Cindy Eley & Cindy Winning, co-chairmen

*established projects: Police Luncheon, Honor Flight welcome home

Education & Libraries:

Karen Milek, chairman

*established project: school supply collection

Environment:

Melanie Koester, chairman

*established project: Adopt-a-Roadway cleanup

Health & Wellness:

*established projects: HOPE Family Services towel sets,

Grow to Give Christmas for single moms & kids



Landscape Love

Our courtyard was in need of some attention while we are in the process of a complete landscape overhaul. Thanks to those that came out to provide a little landscape love!



Social Butterflies invite you to join them for project nights...

September 23 & 30 ~ 5:30-7:00pm

Learn to Crochet: make lap blankets for Honor Flight veterans

Questions about these events, call Fran Kain at 941-212-9062.

*Donations of red, white, and blue yarn are appreciated.



Member Spotlights



- Mary LeMay - Sept 10th
- Kathy Slayter - Sept 10th
- Fran Kain - Sept 11th
- Joyce Courchesne - Sept 14th
- Arlene Williams - Sept 14th
- Katie Flaherty - Sept 22nd
- Carrie Dunbar - Sept 23rd
- Ellen Mital - Sept 25th
- Melanie Koester - Sept 27th
- Brandy Britton - Sept 29th



Wear your BWC shirt to all CommUnity events!
*Need one? Contact Tammy

Behind every great woman... is another great woman.
-Kate Hodges

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



Katie Flaherty
Charlene Johnson
Mary LeMay
Kristina Skepton

Bradenton Woman's Club was the non-profit spotlight for the August issue of Neighbors of Palma Sola magazine!

It is an honor to be recognized for the work we do. Congratulations to all of you for your dedication to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service!

Our Purpose

We advocate because there is a need; we volunteer because we are needed.

Charity Spotlight

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GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

By Gina Spicer

Bradenton Woman's Club is right here in Manatee County, off Manatee Ave!

Their mission statement - "The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service."

Bradenton Woman's Club, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization chartered in 1913. Our work has always been centered around community improvement and helping others, particularly aiding women, children, and veterans. We believe in our motto, "Unity in Diversity," and our "Living the Volunteer Spirit" tagline. We are volunteers—women who want to help each other and our community.

Our clubhouse, built in 1921 by our founding members, still stands at 1705 Manatee Ave W. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has served as the site of many theatrical performances and dances and even as a wartime warehouse. Today, the site hosts our meetings and fundraisers and is a popular rental venue for weddings, birthdays, celebrations, and more.

Community Service
Our programs are based around five main service areas and signature projects, including domestic violence and advocates for children.

Arts & Culture
Art is found in many areas and is for all ages. Drawing, painting, cooking, sewing, crafting, dancing... the list is endless. Culture teaches us the history and way

of life of an activity. We share these talents with many through the projects we create.

Civic Engagement & Outreach
Community engagement supports our first responders, military families, and veterans. We proudly support the Honor Flight of West Central Florida, host a police appreciation luncheon every May, and recognize our first responders during the holidays.

Education & Libraries
Did you know the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) was instrumental in establishing many of the first public libraries in the US? Education is essential to our members, so we start early by providing supplies to our area elementary schools and public libraries.

Environment
We all know the importance of caring for Mother Earth and protecting our environment. Our members participate quarterly in Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up along Manatee Avenue. Another bit of history for you: GFWC was very active in establishing many national parks! Royal Palm State Park in Florida later became Everglades National Park thanks to GFWC member May Mann Jennings.

Health & Wellness
Taking care of yourself so you can care for others has always been an essential emphasis among club members. When you feel well, you have the energy to get out and do more, and by doing more, we mean volunteering! Our club helps many individuals by donating food, clothing, hygiene items, etc.

Club Motto: "Be not simply good; be good for something." During the 2024-2026 administration, we will focus on the theme of Community—"The good our hands can do!"

August 2024

Upcoming Events

**JOIN US FOR A POOL PARTY/POTLUCK
AFTER THE ROAD CLEAN UP!!**
September 7th - Saturday

**ROAD
CLEAN UP
9AM-12PM**

**@ Waterfront
Condos
on the
Riverwalk**

**POOL PARTY/
POTLUCK
HANG OUT
12-3ISH**

BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND BYOB! OUR MEMBERS WHO LIVE AT THE WATERFRONT HAVE GENEROUSLY OFFERED TO ALLOW US TO PUT ANY DRINKS/FOOD IN THEIR COMMUNITY ROOM FRIDGE - ADJACENT TO THE POOL (MICROWAVE/ OVEN AVAILABLE).

WE CAN MEET THERE SHORTLY BEFORE 9AM TO DROP OFF FOOD/DRINKS BEFORE HEADING TO THE ROAD CLEAN UP SITE!

1510 1st Ave W, Downtown Bradenton



Scan the QR Code
to sign up for the
Road Clean Up!

Join Us for
trivia at

JAXX
SPORTS BAR & GRILL
PALMETTO, FL

WED, SEPT 18TH

Trivia
starts at
7pm,
table reserved
starting at 6!



A special message from GFWC Booster President
Laurence Chia. Spouse of BWC member Diana Chia.

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE GFWC Southern Region Conference

Welcome to GFWC Boosters!

As the new President of GFWC Boosters, I'm excited to continue our mission of fostering camaraderie and supporting community initiatives. The GFWC Boosters has a proud history of bringing together **men who share a passion for service, working alongside the General Federation of Women's Clubs to make a real impact.**

I invite all men to join us at the upcoming GFWC Southern Region Conference in South Carolina from Oct 3rd - 6th . It's a great opportunity to connect, share ideas, and be part of a group dedicated to making a difference. Let's continue our tradition of service and strengthen our community together.

Looking forward to seeing you there!
~ Laurence Chia, President

Visit <https://www.gfwc-southernregion.org/home/meetings> for details and to download the registration form.

Cooking up a Good Time in Greenville
October 3-6, 2024

Tammy will be attending the Southern Region Conference. It's a great way to meet fellow sisters in service and visit someplace new! All spouses and significant others are invited to be a part of this group that helps with projects near and far.

MEMBER ORIENTATION



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!

OCT 14TH • 6pm - 7pm
***light snacks & drinks 5:30pm**

Please RSVP to Laura
bradentonwc.membership@gmail.com



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COMMUNITY

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