

Braintree Women's Club



December 2022 Newsletter



December Meeting: Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. – At this meeting, Millie Rochon (Mary's daughter) will teach us how to make a Christmas swag. She will provide the real greens, red berries, ribbon and wire. At the end of this fun night you will have a beautiful decoration to grace your home, inside or out! The cost will be \$20, which will be collected at the meeting. If you have questions, please call Maureen at 781-817-6137.

Program Chairman: Mary Rochon
Greeters: Helen Casey and Mary Gardner
Hostesses: Jane Fogg and Alice Welch

Invocation: Pat Marag

WEBSITE: <https://braintreewomensclub.weebly.com>
GFWC Website: gfwcma.org

President's Message - I want to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday season! During this busy time of year, don't forget to take a moment to enjoy the beautiful aspects of this wonderful season.

Thank you for supporting all of our various projects thus far. The new year will bring more opportunities for us to volunteer and share our good fortune where we can in our community and beyond.

I am particularly proud that we have again supported the Braintree Alliance for Safe and Healthy Youth (BASHY) Program for Domestic Violence Awareness together with our Braintree students. The gift cards we purchased with funds from the Community Service budget as well as all the items collected by the kids in their schools will help those victims through the Diane Devanna Center. This group of educators are passionate about encouraging healthy relationships and we applaud their good work.

We will have our Town Christmas Ornament available for purchase at the December meeting. This will be the last opportunity for you to buy this unique gift and help us raise funds to further our charitable programs.

Please remember to submit your volunteer hours to me by December 30.

Thank you all for sharing your time, talent and treasure. Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year to All!!

Rosemarie Doherty, President

~

Arts and Literature – Book Club: This month's book is *Buddha in the Attic* by Julia Otsuka. The committee will meet on December 14, 2022 at the Devon Wood Clubhouse at 7:00PM. Hospitality will be provided by Caroline Mahoney. The novel is historical fiction and tells the story in 150 pages of the lives of eight Japanese immigrant women who arrived at the turn of the 20th century.

Terry Rouvalis, Chairman

~

Community Service – This is a magical time of the year. With your help we can bring happiness and wonder to some needy families here in Braintree. The Community Service Committee has some plans to do just that. We can help struggling families provide a joyous Christmas Day opening gifts with your help. By working with the Student Council at Braintree High School we are also

setting an example of “**The Spirit of Giving**” to these young people. The **CHRISTMAS FAMILY ENVELOPE** will be passed around during the December meeting. If you didn't have the opportunity to contribute, please consider it now as every little bit helps.

BWC has also contributed \$200.00 to **BASHY** (Braintree Safe and Healthy Youth). This is a domestic violence program at BHS with the guidance of the Directors of Nursing, Health and Wellness and Food. We were very impressed with their presentation at one of our meetings last year and all our members felt it was really worthwhile.

We delivered the first of the Monthly Birthday Cakes in November and the December one will be delivered next week to the residents at the Holbrook house. We are very grateful to Joan Hutcheon who has donated a bookcase and to members who are donating books to fill the shelves. Most who live there do not have easy access to books and hopefully we can fill that void. More plans will be presented at the December meeting and in the January Newsletter. We look forward to your support as it is essential that we show we care for Braintree's needy.

We are asking you to share some of your Christmas cookies as you prepare for the holidays. One of the suggestions from the directors of the **McLain Hospice** was that it would be nice to have some refreshment for the clients and their visitors. A cup of tea and a cookie sounds perfect! We are not asking you to package them, the committee will do that. Although, if you have a big basket, we would certainly welcome that. Would you please bring your sweet treats to the December meeting and the CSC will take care of the rest!!

Reminder: Ann Toland and the Crispin Center will need help with the distribution of Christmas gifts for needy families. Members have a tradition of helping and Ann certainly appreciates all who can share some of their time. This will take place on **December 19, 20, and 21 at 74 Pond Street.**

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEMBERS please mark your calendar as we will have a meeting at Lucille Barton's (75 Amherst Road) on December 9th at 1:30. This is an important meeting as we will be making plans for the year. If you are unable to attend, please call Jean Donohue (781-848-5098) or Lucille Barton (781-848-0626).

Our wishes for a joyous and merry Christmas.

Lucille Barton and Jean Donohue, Chairmen

~

Membership - The Membership Greeters for the December meeting will be: Helen Casey and Mary Gardner. Thank you to Phyllis Kerr & Dotty Murray for their very professional greeting services in November.

Twenty-eight members attended our November meeting and almost 28 Name Tags were seen!

Ten Membership Books were mailed at the Braintree Post Office on Friday, Nov. 18, to members who had not yet received them. So, if any member does not have a membership book by November 30, please contact Mary O'Donnell or Gerry McCarthy.

We look forward to seeing you and your Name Tags on Dec. 1!

Gerry McCarthy and Mary O'Donnell, Chairmen

~

Remembrance – A get well card was sent to Patricia Thompson who is recuperating from surgery.

If you know of a club member who is sick or hospitalized or the passing of a family member, please call Helen Casey at 781-849-0119.

The Sunshine Fund jar will be at the Executive Board table if you are able to help.

Helen Casey, Chairman

~

Hospitality - The following members are requested to assist with Hospitality at the December 1st meeting: Phyllis Kerr, Virginia Kime, Charlene Long, Patricia Marag, Maryellen McDermott and Nancy Eggers. The December Hostesses, Jane Fogg and Alice Welch, are also requested to assist.

There are only 3 simple requirements: Help put the table clothes on the tables; put desserts on the serving table along with utensils and napkins; and assist with a quick cleanup at the conclusion of the meeting. Many hands make light work! Thank you in advance for your help.

Nancy Eggers, Chairman

~

Veterans Committee – Vincent Fountaine, Director of Veterans Services in Braintree, at our November meeting, enlightened us about the various veteran's organizations in town and what services are available to veterans. Thanks to the generosity of our club members and local businesses, we were

able to give Mr. Fountaine eight gift cards to local businesses. We also gave him a \$100 donation to help with the luncheon they had for the spouses of Charlie Company out of Braintree, stationed in the Middle East until March or April. We will be collecting more donations for gift cards to family-oriented venues for when the military members return. I will have an address soon if anyone is interested in sending holiday cards to Charlie Company.

Lauren Durgin, Chairman

~

Way and Means – The Ways and Means Committee had great success selling Christmas ornaments at the Farmer's Market on November 19, 2022. Members have one more opportunity to purchase ornaments at our next meeting for \$15.00. This will be the last time you will be able to purchase the ornament at a discounted price. We will have a table set up at the Gardener's Guild Christmas Event on December 4th from 10:00-3:00 PM. Rebecca Adams and Lauren Frame will be at the table selling the ornaments.

We are also pleased that Mayor Charles Kokorus has pledged to put \$200.00 toward purchasing ornaments to support the BWC. We will work with him to receive the donation and provide some ornaments.

As a friendly reminder our Musical Bingo night will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2022, at 7:00 - 9:00 PM. It will be held at Precinct 10, located at 110 Main Street, Weymouth, MA. Bring \$20.00 and have a fun night playing bingo with friends and family!

If your budget allows, please bring a \$1.00 scratch ticket for one of our raffles for Musical Bingo night.

I am looking for volunteers to assist with reaching out to vendors for raffles for our wine tasting fundraiser. Please let me know if you are willing to help me.

Rebecca Adams, Chairman

~

Dates to Remember:

Executive Board Meeting
There is no Executive Board Meeting in December.



Jane Gillis
Corresponding Secretary