

Braintree Women's Club



October 2022 Newsletter



October Meeting: Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. – BWC's Opening Fall Dinner Meeting is always a members' highlight. Reasons? 1) It's the official 2022-2023 calendar launch. 2) It's our night, after our summer hiatus, to gather, enjoy and energize each other. 3) We share a dinner together!! This year a BWC "Favorite Fall Fasano's Feast" is featured: chicken escarole soup, salad, Fasano's delicious, famous meatballs and sausages, pasta, bread & butter, coffee/tea and a dessert of mini pastries. The cost of the dinner will be: \$34.00. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at approx. 6:30 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you!

Place: First Congregational Church, 12 Elm Street

Cost: \$34.00

Checks Made Out to: Braintree Women's Club

Checks Sent to: Gerry McCarthy
33 Oak Hill Rd. Braintree, MA 02184

Check Deadline: Saturday, October 1, 2022

Program Chairs: Mary O'Donnell and Gerry McCarthy

Invocation: Jean Donohue

Greeters: Maureen Dangelo and Linda Poulin

WEBSITE: <https://braintreewomensclub.weebly.com>

GFWC Website: gfwcma.org

President's Message - Welcome back everyone!
I hope you all had a chance to enjoy the summer with family and friends.

We are about to start a new year and term for our club, and I want to begin with a sincere thank you to all our members, long term and newly inducted, for choosing to be part of the Braintree Women's Club.

The last two years have presented some challenges and we will continue to come back from them as we move ahead. If we all work together, I am confident that we will be successful in our endeavors committed to service, education and friendship.

We are planning some familiar projects as well as incorporating new ones to build our club and help fund our philanthropic programs. Our first new fundraiser is geared to pride in Braintree – a unique town Christmas ornament! Buy them for your kids, grandkids or yourself and show your support.

Please feel free to contact me any time with any suggestions. I look forward to seeing you all at our opening dinner.

Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more. Let's make it a great year!

We need a Publicity Chair or Chairs to help promote fundraisers, events and activities for the club. Please consider helping with this important position and let me know if you are interested.

Rosemarie Doherty, President

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The Chairman(men) of a committee is responsible for informing the community of the Club's presence as it relates to programs, fundraisers and activities, both prior to and after each event via all available media. Photos should accompany each write up whenever possible.

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Arts and Literature – The next meeting of the Book Club will be in October - date TBA.

Terry Rouvalis, Chairman

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Community Service – For the past two springs, OLLI at UMass Boston has provided tutors for an early literacy program using books, word games, and music which is run by Northeastern University in partnership with UMass Boston's Gerontology program. More tutors are needed for the Fall session starting in November. Tutors are trained and supported throughout the sessions. If you are interested, the fall training dates are Fridays, Sept. 30, Oct. 7, or Oct. 14 from 1:30-3:00 on Zoom.

Tutors must complete a training session, be comfortable using Zoom, and be available October-May to tutor 3-4 days a week for 8 weeks. Tutoring sessions are approximately 30 minutes long and done a time that is mutually convenient for tutors and children (usually between 3:30-6:00 p.m.). Former teaching/tutoring experience not required.

Ladies, you do not have to be a member of OLLI to do this. I have done it and found it to be a rewarding experience for me and very beneficial for the student. Also, I have no teaching experience whatsoever other than reading to my children and grandchildren. Please contact me for information and details.

Terry Rouvalis

Members have mentioned that we should do more for our own community. The Community Service Committee has listened and the projects for the upcoming year will do just that. We need your support. We will ask for volunteers at the Dr. Ruth McLain Hospice Home, the Council on Aging, the Caritas Residence, the Marge Crispin Center and our traditional funding for needy families at Christmas. We will continue to reach beyond our town.

Please consider Terry's request if you love to work with children and have the interest and time.

Lucille Barton and Jean Donohue, Chairmen

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Way and Means – The Ways and Means Committee has exciting news! We have designed a special Braintree Christmas ornament as one of the fundraisers this year. The glass ornament will show an etching of the Town Hall, with Braintree colors. It comes in a gift box (see picture below) and will make a great Christmas gift for your loved ones or for your own Christmas tree. The goal is to sell the ornaments at the First Congregational Church Fall Fair on October 22nd, the Holiday Farmers Market on November 19th and the Gardener’s Guild Holiday Boutique on December 4. We will use this opportunity to encourage new members to join BWC and distribute items to promote our club.

We are offering a discounted price of \$15.00 to our members. If you would like to purchase this beautiful ornament, please bring payment (cash or check) with you to the October meeting. There will be a table set up in the hall. Members are encouraged to purchase any number of ornaments. As always, we thank you for your support.

Again, we will be able to help our club by purchasing food at The Chateau. On Tuesday, October 25, we can mention that we are from the Braintree Women’s Club and a portion of the cost will be given to the Club. More info at the October meeting.



Rebecca Adams, Chairman

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Veterans Committee – This year the Veterans Committee will be providing gift cards to military families in Braintree and to the families from Charlie Company 1 – 182nd Infantry who are deployed until March out of the Braintree Armory. We would like to be able to donate gift cards for hair and nail salon services that can be given to spouses at a gathering on November 6th which will be held in their honor by the Braintree Veterans organizations.

Any donations of cash or gift cards will be greatly appreciated – there will be a basket at the Executive Board table.

Lauren Durgin, Chairman

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Remembrance – 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

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Pumpkin Poem

One day I found two pumpkin seeds.
I planted one and pulled the weeds.
It sprouted roots and a big, long vine.
A pumpkin grew; I called it mine.
The pumpkin was quite round and fat.
(I really am quite proud of that.)
But there is something I’ll admit
That has me worried just a bit.
I ate the other seed, you see.
Now will it grow inside of me?

(I’m so relieved since I have found
That pumpkins only grow in the ground!)



Dates to Remember:

October Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, October 20, 2022

September 23-25, 2022
GFWC New England Regional Conference, RI

October 29, 2022
GFWC Fall Meeting
Publick House, 227 Main St., Sturbridge, MA

Jane Gillis
Corresponding Secretary