

# *Braintree Women's Club*



## *February 2023 Newsletter*



***February Meeting: Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 10:30 A.M. – Lynne Stader, GFWC.***

We all know GFWC is an international organization, but where exactly are the GFWC clubs? How did they get started? How do the GFWC Liaisons connect with our international clubwomen? These and questions and more are answered by Past GFWC MA President and Past GFWC liaison.

Program Chairman: Terry Rouvalis  
Greeters: Vera Parker and Marilyn Cioffi  
Hostesses: Margarete Cropley and Maryellen McDermott

Invocation: Carolyn Mahoney

WEBSITE: <https://braintreewomensclub.weebly.com>  
GFWC Website: [gfwcma.org](https://gfwcma.org)

President's Message - 2023 is moving along as we come into the month of February. Since this is the month devoted to LOVE let's remember to support our Community Service project with donations to those living with less in our neighborhood at the Holbrook Ave. House. A simple gesture makes people know someone cares. Check out the Committee's list and do what you can so the club can provide a special treat to

residents for Valentine's Day!!



Thank you to our Executive Board for providing wonderful baked items for our January Saturday morning meeting. Everything was delicious and made quite a presentation. We liked it so much that some Board Members will be providing goodies for our **Saturday, February 4 meeting**.

Our next fundraiser is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at Jake and Joe's. Just tell your server you are participating in the Braintree Women's Club fundraiser, and we will receive a percentage of the sale. Online and take-out orders are also included so don't forget to note it on your order.

Don't forget to follow our Facebook page and tell your friends as well. This is one way to get the word out about our club and fundraisers.

Wishing you all a Happy Valentine's Day.

*Rosemarie Doherty, President*

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Arts and Literature – The next meeting is February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The book is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. The Patriot Ledger named this book as a must read and their assessment is as follows: "This is a remarkable story about the power of connection to heal, and the inexplicable bond between Marcellus and Tova is the stuff of reading magic. This is a fabulously heartwarming and uplifting read."

Carolyn Mahoney will facilitate the discussion and Joan Hutcheon will do hospitality. New members are always welcome.

*Terry Rouvalis, Chairman*

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Community Service – The Community Service Committee plans to assemble tote bags for the residents in the Holbrook House this month for Valentine's Day. It will be our big club project for this year and hope that all members will make this effort successful. We will continue to celebrate monthly birthdays and collect books for their new bookcase.

Our goal is to help those who need an "extra hand". We are showing that the BWC is reaching out to members of our community whose lives currently are not easy and not always happy. **We will be collecting the following items at our February meeting.**

Mugs (we will get the hot chocolate)

Throws (to snuggle into after a long day's work)

Slipper socks

Scarves, gloves or mittens

Laundry pods

Please help us and thank you for caring!

*Lucille Barton and Jean Donohue, Chairmen*

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Membership – Twenty-five members attended the first of our 2023 Saturday morning meetings. Many members commented that it was great having the meeting in the day and not having to go out on a cold, dark, January evening.

Two guests, Susan Cullen and Cathy Psaros, also attended. Both guests submitted membership applications. At the Executive Board Meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>, proposals for their membership were submitted and approved.

A thank you is extended to Vera Parker who saw a need and offered to be our January Membership Greeter. Her efficiency and welcoming manner were appreciated. February Greeters are: Marilyn Cioffi and (newly experienced) Vera Parker.

Look forward to seeing you all on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Gerry McCarthy and Mary O'Connell, Chairmen*

Hospitality - The following ladies are requested to assist in setting the table clothes on the tables and assisting with a quick cleanup at the conclusion of the meeting. Thank you in advance.

Vera Parker, Michaela Reilly, Mary Rochon,  
Lauren Frame, Ginny Kime and Nancy Eggers.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, kindly give me a call. 781-223-8942.

Once again, thank you!!

*Nancy Eggers, 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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Veteran's - There will be a collection at the February meeting for donations to get gift cards for the families of returning Charlie Company so that they can spend some quality family time together. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

*Lauren Durgin, Chairman*

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Way and Means – Ways and Means will be hosting a Musical Bingo on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM at Precinct 10, 110 Main Street, Weymouth, MA. The cost is \$20.00 for 4 Rounds of Bingo. We will have a raffle for lottery tickets in addition to the regular bingo prizes. Please donate a lottery ticket and bring it with you to the next meeting and give it to Rebecca Adams.

We are also asking members to donate the following items for bingo prizes:

1. Gift card to a grocery store (Stop and Shop or Shaw's)
2. Movie theater tickets
1. Gift card to 110 Grille or other restaurants
1. Bottle of Alcohol: Baileys or any other type
1. Gift card to a coffee shop (Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks)
1. Any other prize
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(Items already offered/given as donations: 1 Bottle of Wine, Precinct 10 gift card, Blanket)  
Rebecca Adams will create small baskets if enough donations are given.

Currently, there is no fundraiser planned for February. A fundraiser for April will be discussed and planned at the next W&M Committee meeting which will be held on February 1, 2023, at 5:00 PM. An email will be sent out to members with the location of the meeting. If you have any suggestions for fundraising ideas, please let Rebecca know. She is open to any suggestions!

*Rebecca Adams, Chairman*

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**Dates to Remember:**

February Executive Board Meeting  
Thursday, February 16, 2023  
Thayer Public Library

*Jane Gillis*  
*Corresponding Secretary*