

Braintree Women's Club



January 2023 Newsletter



January Meeting: Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 10:30 A.M. – Meredith Boericke, a member of the Braintree Town Council, will join us at the meeting to inform us about things going on in Braintree and to answer any questions we may have. Coffee and pastries will be provided by the Executive Board Members.

Program Chairman: Lucille Barton
Greeters: Ginny Kime and Gerry McCarthy
Hostesses: Charlene Long and Phyllis Kerr

Invocation: Charlene Long

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

President's Message - I want to personally thank you for your generous support of our first few month's projects and fundraisers.

We again were able to assist our neighbors through the Marge Crispin Thanksgiving and Christmas programs, Domestic Violence Programs through the schools, local families of Veteran's and the Christmas Family donation.

Our Christmas Ornament Fundraiser was a resounding success. With the help from our members and the Braintree community we were able to sell all 200 of the special ornaments. I was very happy with this first-time endeavor.

I know this is a busy time of year, but please get your Volunteer Hours to me by end of December. I need time to accumulate the information and send it off to GFWCMA.

Please remember our restaurant fundraiser at Jake and Joe's on Tuesday, January 24. Tell your friends and family – take out also counts toward our goal. Our January and February meetings both will be on Saturday mornings. We hope to see some members who find it difficult to attend meetings in the evening. Our board members have a special treat planned for our first meeting of the new year. So come, enjoy coffee and friendship and find out what is going on in our community with our speaker, Town Council President, Meredith Boericke. Here's to a new year full of hope and possibilities!!

Rosemarie Doherty, President

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Scholarship - GFWCMA has quite a few scholarships being offered to women returning to school, undergraduate and graduate students and high school seniors. It is very easy to locate these scholarships online. Go to GFWCMA. When you click on Scholarships they will all be listed. The deadline for all of the scholarships is **March 1, 2023**. If you have any trouble locating the link, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Maureen Crowley, Chairman

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Community Service – **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**
An armload of hugs and thanks to everyone for your very generous support to our **Annual Spirit of Giving**. We were able to donate \$700.00 to BHS Adopt a Family Program. Through the kindness and caring from your heart, you brightened the spirits of some needy families and brought happiness into their homes.

Dr. Ruth McLain Hospice Home - Members of our group delivered several boxes of cookies to our Hospice Home on December 15th. They were very grateful and thankful. Thank you to our generous members.

Happy Holidays and a Very Merry Christmas!! 🎁
Jean Donohue, Co-Chairman

Holbrook House

The Braintree Women's Club is on the front line of battling homelessness by adopting the Holbrook Rd. residence. We acknowledge birthdays by delivering a cake each month to those who might never have had a special cake and that will continue. This month we also delivered a bookcase and books for those who enjoy escaping into a quiet time to read. If you have some crossword or word search books, we will deliver them too along with any books you would like to contribute.

Our committee met and decided we might brighten the cold dreary days of winter by bringing some comfort after a long day of work. As you shop around, perhaps you might find some of the items below on sale. Merchants are getting rid of excess goods that didn't move at Christmas. Plans are to assemble these and deliver them in totes to each resident.

Needed: Mugs (we'll get the hot chocolate), throws (to snuggle into), slipper socks, scarves, gloves or mittens, playing cards, laundry pods

Lucille Barton and Jean Donohue, Chairmen

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Arts and Literature – The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for January 11th at 7:00 P.M. and the book to start of the New Year is Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn. It is historical fiction based on the life of Lyudmila (Mila) Pavlichenko, a Ukrainian sniper during World War II known as “Lady Death”. Mary Rochon will provide hospitality.

I hope all my Braintree Women’s Club sisters spent their holidays surrounded by the warmth of their loved ones and may the New Year bring everyone Happiness and Good Health.

Terry Rouvalis, 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

Way and Means – The Ways and Means Committee had great success selling Christmas ornaments. We will get a full report of the proceeds at our meeting.

Our next restaurant fundraiser is at Jake and Joe’s on Tuesday, January 24. This is always an easy way to get money for our club. Go for lunch, dinner or take-out and mention that you are there for the Braintree Women’s Club. Friends are welcome to be part of this fundraiser.

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.

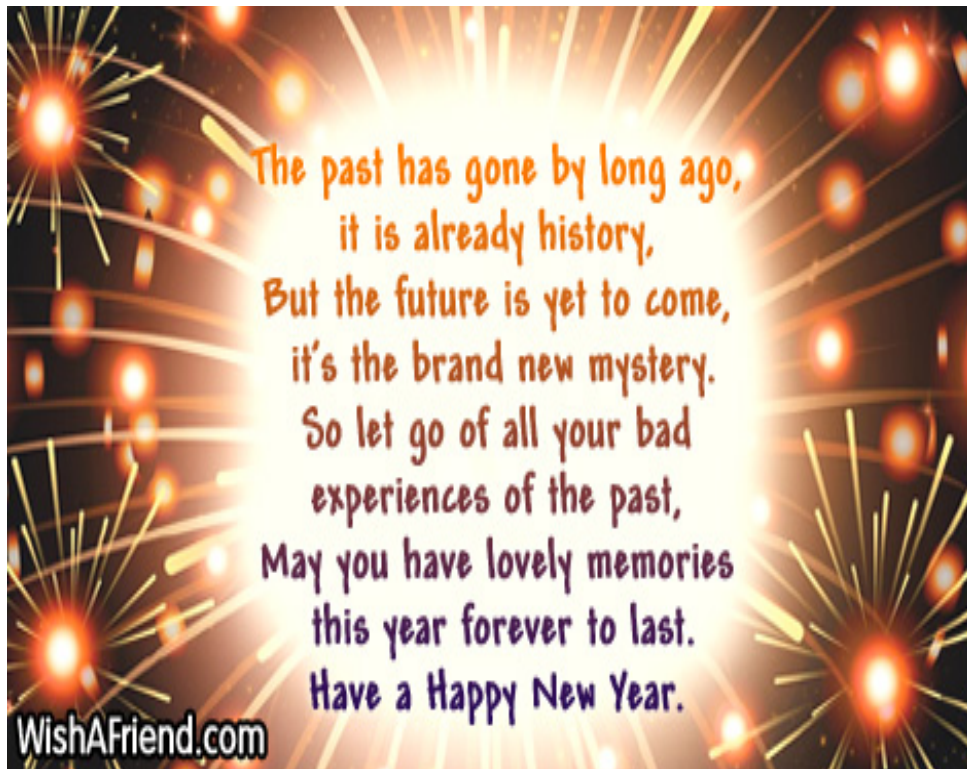
Rebecca Adams, Chairman

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Dates to Remember:

January Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2023
Thayer Public Library



Jane Gillis
Corresponding Secretary