

# *Braintree Women's Club*



## *March 2023 Newsletter*



**March Meeting:** *Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.* – Police Chief Mark Dubois will speak at the meeting regarding different issues happening in town. He will also answer any questions you might have.

Program Chairman: Maureen Crowley  
Greeters: Marilyn Cioffi and Vera Parker  
Hostesses: Margarete Cropley and Mary Gardner

Invocation: Carolyn Mahoney

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

President's Message - First let me thank all those who participated in Community Service's Holbrook Ave. House project. We were able to provide residents with 19 bags of comforting and helpful items for a special Valentine's Day treat. Special thanks to CS members for organizing each bag with TLC.

Hospitality will be provided by some of our generous board members again this month. Hope you enjoy it!!

Our next fundraiser is our Musical Bingo night on Wednesday, March 22 at Precinct 10, Weymouth. Hope to see many members and their friends come to enjoy the fun and prizes – all for a good cause!!

We plan to have a collection for the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria at our April meeting. UNICEF is providing support on the ground in both countries. They will continue to scale up emergency programming, to do everything possible to stay and continue to deliver lifesaving support.

**Look for more information in your next newsletter.**

Please keep your newsletter handy to refer to for many of our upcoming projects and fundraisers. It is always accessible on our website as well. Also, scholarship information for both GFWCMA and Braintree Women's Club can be found there too: [www.braintreewomensclub.weebly.com](http://www.braintreewomensclub.weebly.com).

Look forward to seeing you March 2.

*Rosemarie Doherty, President*

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Arts and Literature –Now that our members have been enlightened about some of capabilities of the octopus, we are now going delve into the history of the Suffragette movement. In keeping with the theme of March as Women's History Month, *Alice Paul: Claiming Power* by J.D Zahniser, one of its leaders, is this month's book. The meeting is on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Devon Wood Clubhouse. Our doors are always open for new members.

*Terry Rouvalis, Chairman*

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Community Service – THANK YOU to all members who contributed to the 19 Valentine Tote Bags delivered to the residents at the Holbrook House on Valentine's Day. Each resident found a bag hanging on their door knob welcoming them on their return from work, showing that someone cared about them on that special day. The value of our donations amounted to \$630.00.



Jean and I want to especially thank Maureen Crowley, Marilyn Cioffi, and Sue Cullen (brand new member) who helped assemble and package the totes and to Michaela Reilly who delivered the totes with me.



*Lucille Barton and Jean Donohue, Chairmen*

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Membership –Encouraging News! Two newly accepted members: Susan Cullen and Cathy Psaros, will be “officially” inducted into BWC at the March Meeting. They have already made their presence felt by their contributions to the February Holbrook House endeavor and are eager, through their participation in club activities, to make a difference in people's lives. We are excited and fortunate to welcome them.

March Greeters – Will be our original “February” Greeters: Marilyn Cioffi and Vera Parker

Looking forward to seeing you all on **Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm.**

*Gerry McCarthy and Mary O'Connell, Chairmen*

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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 – Two get well card were sent – to Yvonne Colligan and Lorraine Letteney. A sympathy card was sent to Jane Gillis for the death of her sister-in-law.

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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Scholarship - If you have a family member who is a senior in high school or is doing graduate or undergraduate studies, please make sure to check the GFWC MA website, as well as the BWC website for scholarship opportunities. The deadline for applications for these scholarships is March 1.

*Maureen Crowley, Chairman*

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Veteran's - There will be a collection at the March 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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Federation - The Federation and I would like to thank everyone who participated in the GFWCMA 100x fundraiser. 182 people submitted over 5000 completed surveys on behalf of GFWCMA. This netted \$11,650 which will be earmarked for the repaving of the headquarters entrance road.

*Terry Rouvalis, Federation Secretary,  
GFWC MA 2nd V.P.*

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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, if possible, to donate the following items for bingo prizes:

- Gift card to:
  - a grocery store (Stop & Shop or Shaw's)
  - a coffee shop (Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks)
  - a restaurant
- Two Movie theater tickets
- Bottle of Alcohol: Baileys or any other type
- Any other prize

(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.

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:**

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

Musical Bingo  
Wednesday, March 22, 2023 - 7:00 PM-9:00 PM  
Precinct 10, 110 Main Street, Weymouth, MA



**-- Irish Prayer --**

**May those who love us love us  
And those who don't love us  
may God turn their hearts  
And if he doesn't  
turn their hearts  
may he turn their ankles  
So we will know them  
by their limping**

  
FuntasticeCards.com

*Jane Gillis  
Corresponding Secretary*