

Braintree Women's Club



May 2023 Newsletter



May Meeting: Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. – Annual Meeting and Spring Banquet – Common Market, 97 Willard Street, Quincy – doors open at 6:00 P.M.

Program Chairmen: Gerry McCarthy and Mary Gardner
Greeters: Maureen Dangelo and Linda Poulin

Invocation: Jane Gillis

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

President's Message - Hello to all!

We will have a collection for the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria at our May meeting. UNICEF is providing support on the ground in both countries. They will continue to scale up the emergency programming, to do everything possible to stay and continue to deliver lifesaving support. Please look for the basket displayed at the meeting. Thank you for your continued generosity.

It has been brought to our attention that there may be some member phone numbers that need updating. If you have changed any of your communication information, please contact Jane Gillis so we can update our records.

Our club year has come to an end. I hope we can all enjoy a beautiful and peaceful summer. I am so very pleased with all we have accomplished with the many community projects, fundraisers and more. We have come back from a very challenging time for the club and in our own lives. With all of us putting our best foot forward, we will continue to grow and improve and foster new possibilities. I want to thank each of you and especially our dedicated committee chairs who carried out their responsibilities with great energy and purpose.

The Summer months are a bit of a hiatus, but we will continue to keep going with planning and communicating. Our Sunset Lake garden spot will be tended, our fundraiser of the town Christmas ornament will be planned and ordered, our membership book supplement will be completed, and we will try to keep our social media alive and well. Remember, opportunities to gain new members can present itself any time or place so keep an open mind.

Here's hoping 2023-24 will be one giant step better for us all – wishing you many blessings.

Rosemarie Doherty, President

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Veterans – Charlie Company, 182nd Infantry, has returned home from the Middle East. We are in the process of gathering gift cards for family activities that they can enjoy, thanks to your generous donations.

Lauren Durgin, Chairman

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Arts and Literature – The book for the month of May is *The Lioness of Boston* by Emily Franklin, an historical fiction account of one of the most influential women in Boston, Isabella Stuart Gardner, during the mid 1800's. The Book Club will meet on May 10th at 7 PM at the Devon Wood Clubhouse. Joan Hutcheon will lead the night's discussion and Jean Donohue will provide hospitality. We will also decide the destination for our summer field trip, so please bring your all your suggestions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the book club members for their enthusiasm and comradship as we analyzed the books we read during the year. Not only did we gain a better understanding of what we read but we also gained a greater insight into the world around us. Have a wonderful summer everyone!

Terry Rouvalis, Chairman

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Community Service – This past month we used the balance of funds allocated for the Community Service Committee to purchase books for the Thayer Public Library. It was decided that we would recognize the importance of Women in History as we are members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Thayer Library has been very generous allowing us to hold our Board Meetings there. Books were purchased for reading levels from Primary to Middle School readers with the hopes that they might provide inspiration and motivation for young readers.

We are filled with pride in the contributions and service of our committee members and the support of the whole Braintree Women's Club membership as we successfully met and accomplished this year's goals.

A HUGE BOUQUET OF THANKS TO YOU ALL!

Lucille Barton and Jean Donohue, Chairmen

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Telephone - The Telephone Committee will be calling members regarding the May Banquet. Please return the phone call promptly to ensure an accurate total number for the banquet and the correct entree selection.

Christine Sheehan, Chairman

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Membership – Twenty-six members and four guests attended BWC’s April 13th meeting. Our greeters were Maureen Dangelo and Phyllis Kerr. Gracias!

Everyone was captivated by our guest speaker Susan Howards, J.D.; PhD and could have spent many more hours listening to her. What a powerhouse!

A year-end thank-you to our BWC Program Committee for the thought and range of speakers and events which made up our 2022-2023 calendar year. We were informed, we learned, we created and we socialized. (We also shared some tasty treats along the way) A lot of planning and work went into the year and we thank you!

Our Annual Meeting and Spring Banquet is May 4th. As of April 22, twenty-seven checks have been received. Thursday, April 27 is the deadline to receive checks. Thanks for the prompt responses.

Spring Banquet Recap:

Date: Thursday, May 4th
Place: Common Market
Address: 97 Willard St., Quincy, MA
Doors Open: 6 pm
Gerry McCarthy and Mary O’Donnell, Chairmen

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Remembrance – A sympathy card was sent to Nancy Eggers for the loss of her husband and a donation in his memory was sent to Smart Bellies.

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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Federation - May 6th is the GFWC of Massachusetts Annual Convention to take place at the Natick Marriot Hotel. I have an extra bed in my room if anyone is looking to attend. State recognition is awarded to local clubs for their achievements in community service and fundraising. As 2nd VP for GFWCMA, one of my tasks is to assemble all the statistical forms with their figures as well as project descriptions and send the information to GFWC. I thought you would be interested to know the totals for Massachusetts. All together the clubs did 1094 Projects, performed 43,476 volunteer hours, donated \$379,266, donated \$108,192 for in kind goods, and raised \$161,109. And that's just coming out of the pandemic. You are part of those figures, and you need to stand proud for your good work. What a wonderful example of what we can do together. Congratulations!

Have a great summer.

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

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Scholarship - I am pleased to let you know that we received three applications for the Women Helping Women Scholarship. The Committee considered each one carefully and we have chosen Abigail Young as this year’s recipient. She will attend the Banquet, at which time she will be introduced to the Club and receive her \$1,000 check.

Maureen Crowley, Chairman

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Dates to Remember:

May Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2023
Thayer Public Library

GFWC Annual Convention
May 6, 2023
Courtyard Marriott, Natick

Federation Day at the Forest
May 20, 2023
Sudbury, MA



*Jane Gillis
Corresponding*

Ladies – it’s time to pay dues. Please send your check before June 1, 2023. If you have been a member of the Braintree Women’s Club for 25 years and have reached the age of 90, you no longer have to pay dues. Call or send Marilyn Cioffi a note if this applies to you.

BRAINTREE WOMEN’S CLUB
Braintree, Massachusetts

Attention is called to Article II, Section 3-A, of the By-Laws. “After June 1 of each year, the non-payment of dues shall be considered equivalent to resignation from the Club.”

The *membership card* shall constitute a receipt for the annual dues.

Name _____

Dues for Year 2023-20234 Amount \$ 40.00

***Make checks payable to:
Braintree Women’s Club***

***Remit to: Marilyn Cioffi
12 Oak Hill Road
Braintree, MA 02184***



