

Braintree Women's Club



April 2024 Newsletter



April Meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. – Guest Night – THE APRIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY, LOGAN AUDITORIUM. Noted historical speaker and author, Anthony Sammarco, will present a program on the History of Howard Johnson's, the iconic restaurant which had its beginnings here in Massachusetts.

Program Chairman:

Greeter: Ginny Kime

Hostesses: Phyllis Kerr and Mary Gardner

Invocation: Lauren Durgin

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

GFWC Website: gfwcma.org

President's Message - I can't believe our year will soon be coming to a close.

Our guest night program is noted historical speaker and author, Anthony Sammarco, who will present a program on the History of Howard Johnson's. I am sure many of us have memories of the iconic restaurant which had its beginnings right here in Massachusetts. He has written over 60 different books and will have some on hand that evening for purchase.

PLEASE BE AWARE: OUR APRIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY, LOGAN AUDITORIUM on April 4 at 7PM. This was decided upon due to the speaker's equipment requirements.

This is a perfect opportunity to bring any friends or family to our guest night who might be interested in the club or in our program.

A special thanks to Rebecca Adams and to all the club members who donated so generously their time and many raffle items to make our Musical Bingo fundraiser a success. It was a fun night and a good crowd attended. It was great to see so many of you there!!

We have one more fundraiser to in April which is our Saver's Drive. I already have three small trash bags full of items and expect more from my family members. Ask your family and friends, complete your spring clean out and help us raise more funds – it's a win – win!! Look out for more information.

April 22 is Earth Day. I just want to take a moment to remind us all that we can help protect our planet in our own small way. This year the focus will be on "Planet vs Plastics", but please look at the information below to try to do your part.

Live Sustainably by Tina Neese, Ed.D., LPC, GFWC Environment Program Chairman

Each day we make choices that have an impact on the environment in both a positive and negative manner. We can choose to live more sustainably. Ways to make a positive impact include thinking twice when shopping and ensuring that we will have environmental benefits when we purchase big items. For example, look for a fuel-efficient model when purchasing a car or an energy star label on your appliances. Try a solar-powered water heater.

Another way to live more sustainably is to go plastic-free, as plastic does not go away, and 40% of the world's ocean surfaces are covered with billions of pounds of it. A few simple steps include using reusable shopping bags, ditching single-use

water bottles, and selecting unwrapped produce products.

Reject products that endanger wildlife and pay attention to labels. Be water-wise in your endeavors by skipping plastic bottled water, taking shorter showers, and choosing low-flow appliance options.

Other ways to live sustainably include driving less and greening up your home with energy efficiency items (adequate insulation, energy-saving windows, and energy-saving light bulbs). Most importantly, use your voice-vote by advocating for strong environmental platforms. Our planet and I thank you!

Rosemarie Doherty, President

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Arts and Literature – Our next Book Club Meeting is April 10th @ 7 P.M. at the Devon Wood Clubhouse. The book is *The Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead. The facilitator for the book discussion is Jean Donohue and refreshments will be provided by Christine Sheehan. As always,, ALL ARE WELCOME!

Terry Rouvalis, Chairman

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Hospitality - The following ladies are requested to bring a dessert, either purchased or baked, to the meeting Thursday, April 4th: Michaela Reilly, Helen Casey, Gerry McCarthy and Mary Rochon.

Thank you for helping with hospitality this year. This is last meeting before the year banquet.

The following ladies are requested to help with the setup prior to the meeting: Very simple--put on the tablecloths and assist with a quick cleanup at the end of the evening: Maureen Crowley, Phyllis Kerr, Margarete Cropley, Terry Rouvalis and Nancy Eggers.

Thank you to all the ladies who have helped all year long. The meetings would not be a success without your help. Thank you again,

Nancy Eggers, Chairman

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Fellowship and Remembrance – Get well cards were sent to Michaela Reilly and Laura Frame who is recuperating from hip surgery. A donation will be sent to Boston Higashi scholarship fund in memory of Mary O'Donnell's son, Sean.

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.

Helen Casey, Chairman

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Membership - Membership News Alert:

After an intense “South Shore-wide” search, (and many pounds later), the big “Closing Dinner Reveal” is at hand. *Drum roll please...*

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024

Place: **Stockholders**

Address: **1073 Main St., Weymouth, MA**

Doors Open: 6pm

Dinner Served: Approx. 6:30 pm

Menu: **Choose One:**

- a. Wood-Grilled Marinated Tenderloin Tips
- b. Broiled Haddock with fresh, fine breadcrumbs, herbs, lemon Butter
Note: a. & b. Dinners are served with baked potato & butternut squash
- c. Roasted Statler Chicken “Complete Dish”
Bone-in Chicken Breast, Sliced Pan-Fried Potatoes, Mushrooms, Onions, Spinach, Roasted Tomatoes, Gorgonzola Crème.

*All Dinners include warm, fresh focaccia bread with seasoned olive oil and house bean dip.

Coffee, tea & dessert.

Cost: \$45.00

Check Deadline: Thursday, April 25, 2024

Make Check Out To: Braintree Women’s Club

Send Check To: Gerry McCarthy,
33 Oak Hill Rd. Braintree, MA 02184

Indicate on your check (or attached note) your choice of dinner: Tenderloin Tips, Fish, or Chicken

*The Telephone Committee will call members to take a head count. If you are not at home when they call, please return their call in a timely manner.

Thanks in advance.

Of Note: Thank you to Marilyn Cioffi, Phyllis Kerr, Jane Gillis & Lucille Barton for assisting in selecting our venue.



For the record: The March meeting was attended by **25 people**, 24 Members & 1 Guest.

Gerry McCarthy and Mary O’Donnell, Chairmen

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Community Service - Simple words cannot fully express my pride and love to you all as you answer the needs of others. This is certainly the season of Love and Compassion. Your overwhelming participation in contributing eight huge bags of personal items to eight women who are sheltered as they heal from hardships, they have encountered in their lives is amazing. You have inspired them by showing your love and concern as they ready themselves to re-enter society stronger as they move on in life. The “in-kind” value for the bags amounted to approximately \$700.00 to \$800.00. That is a huge **WOW! THANK YOU** for making this a very successful project.

Special thanks to Community Service Committee members who led and inspired each team of our BWC members: Jean Donohue, Sue Cullen, Maureen Crowley, Cathy Psaros, Michaela Reilly, Lauren Durgin, Christine Sheehan, and Marilyn Cioffi.

There are a lot of things happening that show us that this, right now, is a time to LOVE.

Stevie Wonder

Lucille Barton and Jean Donohue, Chairmen

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Telephone Committee - The Telephone Committee will call members about attendance at the May Banquet. Please respond promptly.

Christine Sheehan, Chairman

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Ways and Means – Musical Bingo was a big success. At least 90 tickets were sold and the raffles did very well. The event gave us about \$2500, which will allow us to give scholarships.

Rebecca Adams, Chairman

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Veterans Committee - The Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall be in Quincy from July 11 to July 14th. Please let Lauren Durgin know if you would like to volunteer.

Lauren Durgin, Chairman

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Federation - GFWCMA annual convention is May 3 and 4. at Courtyard Marriott in Marlborough. Please look on the GFWCMA website or see me for details.

Terry Rouvalis, Chairman

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A great time was had by all at Musical Bingo!

Dates to Remember:

May 3-4
GFWC Annual Meeting
Convention/Installation 2024-2026
Courtyard Marriott, Marlboro

April Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, April 18, 2024
Grove Manor Estates
160 Grove St. Braintree



*Jane Gillis
Corresponding Secretary*

Ladies – it’s time to pay dues. Please send your check before June 1, 2024. 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 Lauren Durgin a note if this applies to you.

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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.”

Name _____

Dues for Year 2024-2025 Amount \$ 40.00

Make checks payable to:

Braintree Women’s Club

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

***Remit to: Lauren Durgin
31 Totnes Rd.
Braintree, MA 02184***