

# *Braintree Women's Club*



## *January 2024 Newsletter*



**January Meeting:** *Saturday, January 7, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.* Please note day and time change. – Alzheimer's Program: No one wants to think or talk about it, but the older we get the greater the likelihood this devastating disease will touch us in some manner. Who better than a representative of the Alzheimer's Association to inform us of the resources that can help us manage the challenges of the situation. Please come with your Questions.

Program Chairman: Terry Rouvalis  
Greeter: Maureen Dangelo  
Hostesses: Phyllis Kerr, Mary Gardner  
Invocation: Linda Poulin

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

President's Message - Happy 2024!

Let's hope the new year brings us all a fresh look at the possibilities we can accomplish.

I want to thank the several members who answered the call to volunteer at the Holiday Boutique selling our Christmas ornament: Cathy Psaros, Vera Parker, Helen Casey, Jean Donohue and Ginny Kime. Also, thanks to Vera and Carolyn Mahoney who brought our ornament to a BHS basketball game. We appreciate your efforts. We were able to sell a total of about 125, if my guesstimate is correct. Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser this year.

**If you haven't done so, please send in your volunteer hours** – it should be a quick review of meetings attended (general or committee) and projects worked on, and any other time spent completing any projects for the BWC and GFWC.

We are planning some additional fundraisers so keep a look out for more information to follow. Our second restaurant fundraiser with **Jake and JOE'S Sports Grille in Braintree** will be held on **Thursday, January 25**. Visit JAKE and JOE'S for lunch, dinner or take-out, let your server or phone rep know you are participating, and a portion of sales will go to the club. Don't forget to tell your friends and family members!!

**The January meeting will be held on Saturday mornings so please mark your calendar!** Bring a friend or family member who might be interested in the club or just to listen to our speaker from the Alzheimer's Association.

*Best wishes for a New Year of peace and fulfillment for all.*

*Rosemarie Doherty, President*

Arts and Literature – Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. at the Devon Wood Clubhouse. The Book is The Last Rose of Shanghai by Weina Dai Randel.

The facilitator will be Rosemarie Doherty and Hospitality will be Mary Rochon. Start the new year with a new endeavor and attend our meeting, we would love to have you join us!

May your holidays be bright!

*Terry Rouvalis, Chairman*

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Fellowship and 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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Hospitality - Hospitality: The following ladies are requested to assist with setting up the tables and helping with a quick cleanup at the end of the monthly meeting: Susan Cullen, Maureen Dangelo, Lauren Durgin and Nancy Eggers.

The following 3 ladies are requested to please bring a dessert either purchased or made for the January meeting:

Phyllis Kerr, Virginia Kime and Mary O'Donnell.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

*Nancy Eggers, Chairman*

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Federation - Please don't forget The GFWCMA Midwinter Meeting on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Wrentham Senior Center. Warm up to Winter by Wearing your hat and scarf. Bring your favorite soup for the soup contest. There will be a guest speaker and a Hot Chocolate Bar as well as the awarding of the Mental Health Grants. The officer nominations for the next administration will also be announced. Make some new friends and get some new ideas for projects and fundraisers. Registration is \$15 and lunch is \$20 with a choice of Roast Beef, Turkey, or Vegetarian Caprese Sandwiches with chips, drinks, and cookies. Spend a Mid-Winter Day with your GFWCMA Friends!

See me for Registration Forms and details.

From all your GFWCMA Officers, Directors, and Friends - May your holidays be happy, safe and peaceful.

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

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Community Service –

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

Stevie Wonder

Braintree Women’s Club members know how to make things happen by reaching out and showing their love for others. Each year as the **Spirit of Giving** for needy family’s envelope is passed from table to table, there is little hesitation from our members to donate. By December, we had a wonderful contribution to give Braintree High School Student Council members to shop, wrap and bring happiness and joy to some families who need a bit of help. We are not a large club, but your hearts are huge! The students had \$650.00 worth of gift cards to shop with and fulfill lots of wishes.

Another way members showed our love for others in need was to fill 17 gift bags for our friends who reside in the Holbrook House. They have little and our committee wanted to show that we care and want to encourage each resident to strive and meet their challenges and goals in the coming New Year – 2024! Such a variety of gifts! Each bag was different and so colorful. I am sure there are smiles galore.

I am so proud to be a member of the Braintree Women’s Club whose members care about others and do make a difference in our world today.

My love and wishes for a wonderful holiday with family and friends filled with Joy and happiness to each and every one of you.

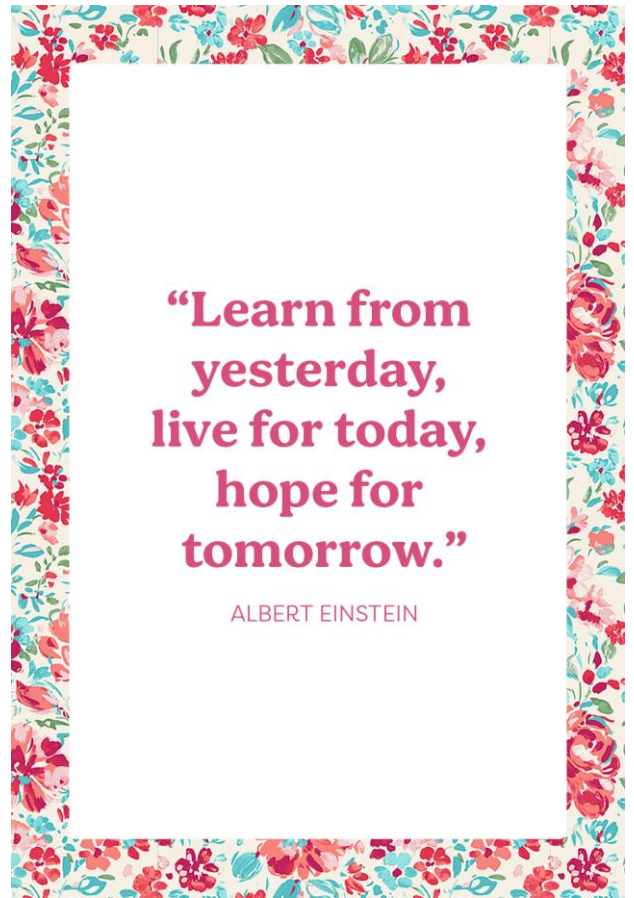
*Lucille Barton and Jean Donohue, Chairmen*

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Membership – December was a fun meeting. We saw a few members we haven’t seen for a while, old and new friends got together, and mother and daughter enjoyed the evening together too. Happy New Year! Best wishes to all BWC Members and our families. Here’s to a **productive 2024 BWC year!**

*Gerry McCarthy and Mary O’Donnell, Chairmen*

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**Dates to Remember:**

January 20, 2024  
GFWC Midwinter Meeting  
Wrentham Senior Center  
Wrentham, MA

January Executive Board Meeting  
Thursday, January 18, 2024  
Thayer Public Library – first floor Reading Room



*Jane Gillis*  
*Corresponding Secretary*