

Braintree Women's Club



March 2024 Newsletter



March Meeting: *Thursday, March 7, 2024* – Do you know what services are available to you as a resident of Braintree? Donna Shecrallah, South Shore Elder Service Director of Agency on Aging, Planning and Outreach, will enlighten us as to how to meet our needs as caregivers or just looking for an answer to a question concerning your own needs at either the local or state level.

Program Chairman: Lucille Barton
Greeter: Maureen Crowley
Hostesses: Margarete Cropley and Ann Toland
Invocation: Lucille Barton

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GFWC Website: gfwcma.org

President's Message - Happy March to All!

My daffodils are peeking through the ground so maybe Punxsutawney Phil was right in predicting an early Spring. We can hope!!

Our February speaker, author Tom MacDonald, engaged us with his personal stories regarding his journey to becoming a writer/author. I recently started one of his mysteries and am enjoying it and all its local connections.

Our Community Service project to donate needed items to Fr. Bill's Women's Shelter will be a great way to help this group of women who have experienced hardships. This is what the Braintree Women's Club does best. Thanks to Lucille and all her project coordinators for their efforts.

Our major Musical Bingo fundraiser is planned for **Tuesday, March 12** and should be an evening of fun and prizes so bring your friends and family. **Advance tickets will be available for purchase at our March 6 meeting so reserve your group table.** Thank you to all who donated baskets, gift cards and other items for the raffle.

Please consider volunteering for a position on the Executive Board or Chairman of one of our many committees for the new term in the fall. Our club is only successful if we chip in and work as part of a "well-oiled machine" to accomplish our goals for the greater good. If you have any questions, please contact any of the officers or committee chairs.

It will be a busy month with many holidays to observe. I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming meeting and fundraiser and hope you all enjoy a Happy St. Patrick's Day and many blessings at Easter.



*Rosemarie Doherty,
President*

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Calling all members

Spring cleaning season is almost upon us, and we would like to transform the season into a fundraising opportunity for our scholarships. Please save those soft good i.e. clothes, shoes, purses, belts, towels, sheets, blankets comforters etc. in tall kitchen bags for delivery to Savers on April 13th.

WE NEED A PLACE TO STORE THE COLLECTED BAGS. Do you have a garage or storage shed where the bags can be stored until we are ready to make delivery? The plan is to start the

collection April 1st. **Please call me if you are able to provide the storage area.**

[More details to follow.](#)

*Terry Rouvalis
Chairman for Savers Project*

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Arts and Literature – March 13th @ 7 P.M. is the date and time of our next Book Club Meeting. [Lady Tan's Circle of Women is a historical novel by Lisa See](#) based on the true story of a 15th-century female physician as well as [exploring the lives of women in 14th century China](#). The facilitator for the book discussion is Helen Casey and refreshments will be provided by Gerry McCarthy. As always ALL ARE WELCOME!

Terry Rouvalis, Chairman

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Hospitality - The following ladies are requested to assist with setting the tables for the meeting. Your only duty will be to put the table clothes on the tables and assist with a very quick cleanup at the conclusion of the meeting: Helen Casey, Margarete Cropley, Maureen Dangelo and Nancy Eggers..

The following ladies are requested to bring a dessert to the March meeting - either bake or purchase the dessert, whichever is more convenient for you:

Susan Cullen, Lauren Durgin and Cathy Psaros.

Thank you in advance.

Nancy Eggers, Chairman

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Ways and Means - The Ways and Means Committee will be hosting a Musical Bingo night on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Doors will open at 6:30 PM. The event will take place at the Weymouth-Braintree Elks Club (formerly DAV), 788 Liberty Street, Braintree, MA. Seating is limited, tickets are available to purchase ahead of time or at the door. Price is \$20.00 for 4 bingo games. To purchase tickets ahead of time, please email Rebecca Adams at Radams120625@gmail.com. Raffle and bingo prizes will be great. Please note that no food will be served - it is Bring Your own Food and Snacks. A cash bar for beverages is available. We look forward to seeing all members for a great night of laughs and fun!

*Rebecca Adams
Chairman*

Membership -Twenty-eight women came to February's Meeting - 27 members and one guest. That number, of course, does not include Braintree's own celebrity and featured speaker, **Tom MacDonald**, and his wife Meribeth. Member feedback was that it was great hearing an author "Up close and personal."

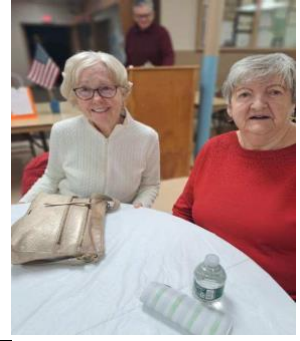
Mary O'Donnell reached out to an exercise buddy, *Colleen McDonnell*, who came to the meeting as a guest. Colleen certainly fit right in. Keep reaching out Mary!

Thank you to **Sue Cullen** who offered to be our Club photographer. Many of her pictures highlighting members and events are making it into the monthly newsletter! Sue just might receive a "People's Choice" award next year. Thank you, as always, to **Jane Gillis** who always makes the newsletter an item to look forward to reading every month. A lot of patience, skill, time and talent goes into the product she produces *every month!*

Our biggest fund raiser for this calendar year is coming up on **March 12th**. Last year **Musical Bingo** was a huge success. **Members all**, let's band together to make this event an even **bigger success**. Talk to your family, friends, neighbors and build up the excitement to fill the Hall which can hold 150 people. Last year there was a lot of comradery, laughter and fun (did I mention game prizes, raffle prizes and a 50/50 raffle). Let's make this event even more than a fun raiser! Let's make it **a community event which raises much needed dollars for BWC's treasury!**

Gerry McCarthy and Mary O'Donnell, Chairmen

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Red was the predominant color of the February meeting. Members enjoyed the speaker and each other's company.

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.

Helen Casey, Chairman

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Dates to Remember:

March Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2024
Thayer Public Library – first floor Reading Room



*Jane McCarthy Gillis
Corresponding Secretary*