

Braintree Women's Club



May 2024 Newsletter

May Meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2024 – Annual Meeting and Spring Banquet:
The banquet will be held at Stockholders, 1073 Main St., Weymouth at 6:00 P.M.
Dinner will be served at approximately 6:30 P.M.

Program Chairman: Gerry McCarthy
Greeter: Linda Poulin
Invocation: Cathy Psaros

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

President's Message - We have come to the end of another year for the Braintree Women's Club. We have seen many changes in our personal everyday lives as well as that of the BWC.

I have enjoyed working with the dedicated board who were committed to creating a fulfilling experience for our members. I must give a personal and whole-hearted thank you to my officers, Marilyn Cioffi, Carolyn Mahoney, and Jane Gillis who were always there for me when I had any questions or concerns any time I called on them.

Lastly, I am so grateful to our members who stepped up to help fulfill anything we asked of them for everything from baking for meetings to donating items for fundraisers and community service projects.

We are a working club, and we are only as good as what we put into it. If we remember this, we will be successful. I hope my efforts have made a small difference in the mission of the BWC and wish the new administration much success.

Keep up the good service to the community.

One last request – Since we have not made annual donations as we had in the past, I thought it might be a great gesture to collect funds for a community organization. **The Braintree Youth Center's** mission is "To provide a fun and safe place for Braintree youth to learn social interaction skills and friendly competition. We seek to offer an open meeting and gathering place free of discrimination based upon race, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation."

I will have a special box/basket at the banquet for donations. Thank you for your generosity to this very worthwhile organization.

Rosemarie Doherty, President

Reminder: The Committee Sign-up Sheet in the April newsletter should be sent to Gerry McCarthy, 33 Oak Hill Road, Braintree or brought to the May banquet. We need the info from the sign-up sheets for the Club book. PROGRAM was not listed as an option. To join this committee, please add PROGRAM to the list.

Please send dues in by June 1 to Lauren Durgin, Treasurer along with the form that was also included in April's newsletter.

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Membership - Twenty-three members and six guests attended BWC's April 4th meeting. Our Greeter was Ginny Kime. Merci

Everyone enjoyed our historical speaker and author, Anthony Sammarco. What a command of his subject matter, the History of Howard Johnson's, he had! His fluid presentation kept everyone's attention. It was fun to have some *delectable* memories reignite!

Thank you to our President for securing this program and making the detailed arrangements at Thayer Public Library to enable the necessary logistics.

Good news. Two April attendees applied, and have been approved by the Board, for membership to BWC. Nancy Swanton Foley and Judith A. Dickie will be inducted at the October 2024 Opening Meeting. Both women will apply their enthusiasm and skills in making positive Club contributions.

Welcome to Nancy and Judith! Nancy will be at the Closing Dinner. Maybe Judith also.

It's near. It's almost here... Our Annual Meeting and Spring Banquet on May 2nd. It looks to be positively attended. So far, the count is 30 women. (Oh, what a good time will be had!) Your prompt responses are appreciated.

Spring Banquet Recap:

Date: Thursday, May 2nd
Place: Stockholders
Address: 1073 Main St., Weymouth, MA
Doors Open 6pm

*Note from Membership Chairs:

Thank you to BWC Members for making the 2023-2024 another successful year. Your Membership Chairs salute you!!

Gerry McCarthy and Mary O'Donnell, Chairmen

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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.

Helen Casey, Chairman

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Arts and Literature – The next and final book club meeting for the club year will be May 8th, at 7 P.M. at the Devon Wood Clubhouse. Our May read is *The Crooked Manifesto*, the sequel to this month's book. Its author is Colson Whitehead. It picks up after Ray has been in retirement from his extracurricular activities and is being coerced into coming out of retirement. The crime action really increases in this book. Gerry McCarthy will lead the book discussion and Charlene Long will provide hospitality.

See everyone in May!

Terry Rouvalis, Chairman

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Community Service - A bouquet of THANKS for all the contributions of the Community Service Committee members and support of the entire membership for the accomplishments we achieved this past year. Our projects would not have been so successful without whole membership support. This has been very rewarding and fulfilling year.

Lucille Barton and Jean Donohue, Chairmen

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Hospitality - Thank you to all the ladies who made this year's Hospitality desserts such a delicious success!! We couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you to all the ladies who helped assisting with the preparation of the hall and cleanup thereafter.

You are all truly appreciated!

Nancy Eggers, Chairman

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Ways and Means – Thank you to all the club members who stepped up to make our fundraisers successful this year. Whether it was purchasing or helping to sell our 2023 town ornament, participating in our restaurant fundraisers, attending and contributing to the Musical Bingo event or gathering items for the Saver's donations, you were there when we called.

We cannot do this without you. Keep up the good work.

Rebecca Adams, Chairman

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Telephone Committee - The Telephone committee has called members to remind them about the May Banquet. If you received a call and have not responded, please call Christine Sheehan (782-267-2638) for additional information,

Christine Sheehan, Chairman

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Federation - There is still time to get in your registration to attend the GFWCMA Annual Convention on May 4th. In addition to the club awards, the featured speakers are Becky Wright, GFWC Treasurer and Tara Ostromecky, *Marketing for Membership*. There will be a drawing after Tara shares some of her pearls of wisdom, with the top three winners receiving an hour consultation with Tara to map out a club strategy to attract new members. This last piece of information is worth the price of registration, If interested contact me for details.

Have a wonderful summer!

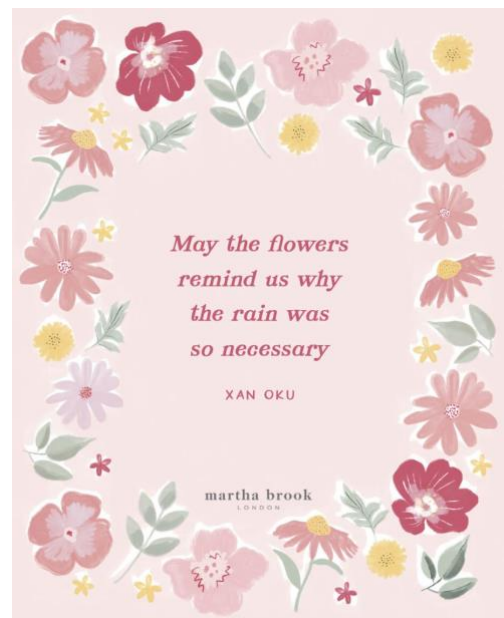
Terry Rouvalis, Chairman

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Veterans Committee - Please email Lauren Durgin at laurenmd28@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer for the Traveling Vietnam Memorial in Quincy July 11th to 14th or to place Memorial Day Flags at Blue Hill Cemetery or both. I will be sending details to those who wish to volunteer when the information becomes available in May.

Lauren Durgin, Chairman

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Dates to Remember:

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

June 1
Federation Day at the Forest
Headquarters, Sudbury

May Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, May 16, 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.

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.”

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