

Braintree Women's Club



January Newsletter 2016



January Program:

Shelly Yarborough – One of the first female pilots in Iraq, as well as being on the Board of Directors of Homes for Our Troops in Taunton – has a fascinating story to share with us.

Date: January 7, 2016
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Sons of Italy Hall
161 King Hill Road, Braintree

Program Chairwomen: Maureen Crowley
Invocation: Nancy Eggers
Meeting Greeters: Angela Geso and Therese English
Hostesses: Cathy King and Margarete Cropley

Thank you to all the helpers: Thomazia Roy, Elaine Scales, Barbara Swain, Virginia Tobin, Ann Toland, Marilyn Valencius, Alice Welch, Marie Welch, Patricia Welch and Alice Williams.

Community Improvement:

We are still collecting glasses, cell phones, and gently used children's clothing. Please see Peggy Kehoe for the glasses, Mary Rochon for the cell phones and Yvonne Colligan for Kids Closet.

Birthday Wishes:

Yvonne Colligan donated 5 beautiful plush stuffed animals, 3 of which were for Christmas. She also donated 3 Christmas coloring books with 3 boxes of crayons, 3 puzzles, 2 packages of pencils and 2 packages of candy canes. Sandy Stamos donated a Minnie and Mickey Mouse stuffed animal. Mary Kyne donated a box of M&M cookies and juice boxes. Barbara Ryan and Nan Walsh made monetary donations. Thank you very much.

Ina Jones, Jane Palmer and Barbara Swain

Literature:

The Book Club will meet at Maryellen McDermott's house on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing "A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail" by Bill Bryson. It is the highly acclaimed and true story of discovering America through the Appalachian Trail. Hope you can join us.

Maryellen McDermott, Chairman

Hospital:

If you volunteer at a nursing home, hospital, hospice or any medical facility, you are eligible to be a member of the Hospital Committee. I would love to add your hours to our existing committee volunteer hours to provide a true picture of the hard work and generosity of the members of this committee. Please contact me if you meet this standard.

Mary Hartin, Chairman

Membership:

New addresses:

Patricia Welch	215 Presidential Drive	Abington, MA 02351	
Ina Jones	P O Box 890141	Weymouth, MA 02189	Phone: (617) 921-5591

Ann Marie Brady and Linda Barron, Chairmen

Veterans:

2015 has been a banner year for us because of our loyal members. Whether the contribution is monetary or taking time to participate at the gatherings at the VA Hospital, our women are always where they are needed. Peggy and I are in awe of all you do. Thank you!

We will meet again on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at the Brockton VA Hospital in the lobby of Building 4 at 1:00 PM for our Valentine's party. Entertainment will be provided by Vic Solo. Refreshments will be served. Stickers, coffee and diet soda are always appreciated. All are welcome!

A great big Thank You goes to all our wonderful ladies who participated at the Christmas party with our lovely young entertainers. What a great group we have. Thank you all so very much. Happy New Year!

We collected \$137.00 from the Quilt Raffle that provided a Frigidaire Microwave and a \$25 Stop & Shop certificate for the Women's Ward at the Brockton VA Hospital. An additional donation of two \$25 Stop & Shop certificates were contributed at the December meeting.

Cora Madrid and Peggy Nisby, Chairmen

Remembrance:

Therese English's sister, Catherine Novello, passed away on December 8, 2015. A Sympathy Card was sent to Therese and her family.

Patricia Welch is on the mend after a nasty fall in early December.

If you know of a club member who is ill or hospitalized or the passing of an immediate family member, please call Pat Marag at (781) 849-1039 or Ann Slusarz at (781) 843-7290. There is a "Sunshine Fund" container at the Sign-In table at each meeting. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Pat Marag and Ann Slusarz, Chairmen

Scholarship:

The scholarship deadline is January 15, 2016. If you have a son or daughter who is a senior in High School, now is the time to get an application for the Braintree Women's Club Child's Scholarship. Call Lucille Barton and an application will be sent to him or her. This scholarship should not be confused with the one awarded at the BHS Scholarship Awards Ceremony. The recipient does not have to go to Braintree High School nor reside in Braintree, but must be a club member's child.

The other scholarship application is on the Braintree High School scholarship web page. There is no special application that is designated as the BWC scholarship. A scholarship is available to a club member's relative (grandchild, nephew, or niece) and will receive priority over any other applicants. When the application is filed with the Guidance Department, the applicant must note on the application that he or she is a relative of a BWC member.

There are other scholarships available from the General Federation of Women's Club of Massachusetts. We have them posted on our web page: braintreewomensclub.weebly.com. Those will be updated in late December or early January. The applications must be filed by February 2016. These applicants must live in Massachusetts, do not have to be a relative, but must be sponsored by a Women's Club member.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please call Lucille Barton at (781) 848-0626.

Lucille Barton, Scholarship Chairman

President's Message

Dear Members,

The year 2015 is fading into the sunset and a New Year is ahead of us. Before we begin our new endeavors, I would like to thank each and every one of you for all you did to make someone's life that much better for the holidays. Whether it was for someone associated with the Marge Crispin Center, the Veterans at the Brockton VA, the Christmas families, or anyone else, your kindness and generosity did not go unnoticed. May the coming year be a prosperous and happy one for you individually and as part of the Braintree Women's Club.

As it gets dark earlier and the weather gets gloomier, please remember to check to see if any fellow member needs a ride in order to enjoy the interesting topics and the company of friends at the monthly meetings.

Terry Rouvalis, President of BWC

Dates to Remember

January 15.....Deadline for Scholarship Applications

January 19.....Book Club Meeting

February 13.....Valentine's Party at the Brockton Veterans Hospital

Carol Doyon, Corresponding Secretary

Executive Board Meeting: January 21, 2015 at Grove Manor at 7:00 PM

Hostesses: Lucille Barton and Ann Sluzarz

