

# *Braintree Women's Club*



## *October 2021 Newsletter*



**October Meeting – October 7, 2021 – Note change of location.** Our meetings will now take place at the First Congregational Church, 12 Elm St. Braintree. Parking is in rear.

### **Opening Meeting and Dinner - Doors open at 6:00 P.M. – Dinner at 6:30 P.M.**

We open our club year with our dinner and opening meeting including a special “In Memoriam” for family and friends lost over the past year to be led by Marty Allen.

Meal Choices: Turkey Dinner or Baked Haddock - both served with salad, mashed potatoes and squash; dessert and coffee. You will be called by the telephone committee for your choice. Please send a check by October 2nd, for \$30.00, to Marilyn Cioffi, 12 Oakhill Road, Braintree, 02184, indicating your dinner preference. Thank you.

Program Chairmen: Marilyn Cioffi and Linda Poulin

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

GFWC Website: [gfwcma.org](http://gfwcma.org)

President's Message - Hi Everyone! I want to welcome you all back to, hopefully, a full in-person club year. It will be great to get back to our monthly meetings and working on fundraising activities to raise money for the benefit of our community. Perhaps with all we've been through, different charitable opportunities may arise.

Our new monthly venue will be the First Congregational Church, 12 Elm Street, Braintree. Take the side street to the right of the church, Stedman Street, and turn left into the parking lot. There is a glass enclosure which leads to the hall. If anyone has any questions, please call me at 603-421-4931 or email at [mcrowley20@gmail.com](mailto:mcrowley20@gmail.com).

If you feel comfortable wearing a mask, please feel free to do so. It is your personal preference.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our opening dinner on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the last days of summer!!

*Maureen Crowley, President*

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Arts and Literature – The first official meeting of 2021 book club will be held on Wednesday, October 13 at Grove Manor. The meeting will start at 6:30. Please remember to enter the building at the main entrance. An employee from Grove Manor will be there at the front entrance to take your temperature. This is done to protect us all from Covid.

We will be discussing “THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN. The author is Marie Benedict. This book is historical fiction, a story of JP Morgan and his assistant who is an imposter. Terry Rouvalis will be leading the discussions and all are welcome to participate. You may bring your own water, but please, no food.

PLEASE NOTE... This meeting date is on a Wednesday evening, not on a Tuesday. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

*Maryellen McDermott, Chairman*

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Veteran's Committee - While talking to the new Veteran's Agent he shared with me that there is a Veteran Women's Homeless Shelter in Dennis and one in the planning stages for Marshfield, sparking an idea for this year's Veteran's project. More information will be forthcoming on ways we will support the shelter, so stay tuned!

*Terry Rouvalis, Chairman*

Community Services- Many of our members are not familiar or feel they are not old enough to drop by the Elder Affairs Center on Cleveland Avenue. It is a very welcoming place. More than 26% of Braintree's population is 60 years and older. If you are 60 years old, you are able to participate in any of the activities. Perhaps you may want to suggest something you would like to see offered. If there is enough interest and it fits into the program calendar, **YOU** have done a Community Service for others. If you have a need, the Outreach Program is a telephone call away and Mary (Outreach Coordinator) or Terry (Services Coordinator) will try to help you solve that problem.

This year one of Community Service projects will be to become a **Friend of The Elder Affairs Center**. There are many ways by which our club can support the Center, many of you already do! There is a need for volunteers and fund raising. The Center relies solely on the Town of Braintree and donations for its operation. Many of our members already visit the Center.

Pick up a newsletter, look at the Center's activities on its calendar. The Braintree Dept. of Elder Affairs' newsletters are available at Town Hall, Thayer Public Library, banks, supermarkets, pharmacies, churches and some medical facilities. It can be viewed online: [www.townofbraintreegov.org](http://www.townofbraintreegov.org) in the Department of Elder Affairs Section of the website.

*Lucille Barton and Jean Donohue, Chairmen*

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Scholarship Committee – I am pleased to reconfirm the winners of the scholarships awarded by the Braintree Women's Club for 2020-2021:

Women Helping Women: Mikaela O'Brien who will be attending Stonehill College

Braintree High School: Ian MacCormack who will be attending Clark University

*Deanna Freddie, Chairman*

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Remembrance - A short note to let everyone know who was remembered this summer. A card was sent to Margarete Cropley as she had been having problems; a get well card was sent to Christine Sheehan who was recuperating from COVID and a get well card was sent to Mary Kyne. Plants were sent on behalf of two members who passed – Gilda Mullen and Peg Kehoe.

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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Nominating Committee - This is the Club year to consider and confirm nominees for Club officers for 2021 – 2022. It is never too early to think of the process and consider your interest in supporting the growth of our Club by being an officer or recommending someone you feel would help the Club move forward during our next years. A Club officer has a big responsibility but it is most rewarding to the community and to that person. Please contact me if you have any input or questions as we move forward with this task. Thank you.

*Deanna Fredie, Chairman*

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Ways and Means Committee - Due to the new variants of COVID it is very difficult to plan fundraising events. Hopefully thing will get better. Have contacted Bill of the Little Black Dress - not doing any events. Chico's is interested if things get better(not enough employees to help with Fashion show; doesn't want to even talk til Spring). So, we wish all of us a safe year.

*Marta Googins and Claudia Rucky, Chairmen*

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Telephone Committee - We're looking forward to BWC's annual Fall Opening Banquet. It's always such a positive occasion to gather together, to enjoy a delicious meal with each other and to step into a new BWC year! Please note: a Telephone Committee member will be calling you during the last week of September to compile a list of who is coming and what their dinner choice will be. This list will be handed over to Hospitality. If you are not home when the call comes in, please call back the person who called you ASAP so that they can gather the necessary info in a timely manner. Thank you. See you on Oct. 7th!

*Gerry McCarthy and Phyllis Kerr, Chairmen*

Federation News - A few weeks ago, I attended the GFWC International Convention in Atlanta Ga. Seven hundred women from across the country and the country of Belize were in attendance to hear about our collective accomplishments for this strange year as well as celebrate the award winners, vote on resolutions, and enjoy the company of our Federation sisters. The speakers were dynamic; the entertainment was most enjoyable; the belated Induction ceremony of GFWC 2020-2022 Officers was simply beautiful. Massachusetts won several awards with your state officers also performing integral roles in the success of the convention. While this is only the second time I have attended this event, each time I do I am filled with pride and gratitude that I am there not only as a representative of GFWC Massachusetts but more importantly as your representative, and that collectively our volunteer service contributes to a better world.

Now you, too, can have the opportunity to meet your Federation sisters from across the state, share your club's accomplishments and make new friends. Carpool with other BWC Members and bring a friend to the Combined Fall Meeting taking place on Saturday, October 16th at the Holiday Inn in Marlborough MA. There will be vendors, a raffle for the blue and yellow craft items (deadline for contributed items is Oct. 7th) and speaker Kristina Higgins, Director of Junior Clubs. Please see me for registration forms and more information.

*Terry Rouvalis Federation Secretary*

***Happy Halloween!***



## GFWC Massachusetts President's 30-week NEW Beginnings Challenge

Express ~ Explore ~ Expand ~ and so much more

The goal is to try something **NEW** each week. Trying new activities opens your horizon, pushes you a little bit out of your comfort zone and you might just find a new activity, hobby, or craft you would like to get to know a little better while investing in **YOU** ♥ You have all week to complete each challenge. If you are new to the challenge ~ Google instructions as necessary and have fun trying it out. If you have tried the activity before ~ try it again, only this time, add more zest. Good luck and have fun learning something new ♥

Week of	Activity	What You Did
September 8	Purge 10 items from your closet - donate	
September 15	Try a new recipe or use a new ingredient	
September 29	Use pencil, draw a cartoon character, share	
October 6	Find something from nature to craft with	
October 13	Take a 30-minute walk/hike	
October 20	No TV day	
October 27	Read a book to a child	
November 3	Shut your phone off for one day	
November 10	Free choice	
November 17	Sit outside/watch the clouds for 10 minutes	
November 24	Learn a new dance, show someone	
December 1	Cook green, white and yellow vegetables	
December 8	Clean that one drawer	
December 15	Donate money to a cause	
December 22	Sing a holiday song in a public place	
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December 29	Recycle/reuse something from your trash	
January 5	Paint a watercolor picture, share it	
January 12	Play a childhood game (jacks, pick-up sticks)	
January 19	Free choice	
January 26	Make/buy a meal for someone	
February 2	Read a poem (or two) by Maya Angelou	
February 9	Send a homemade Valentine's card out	
February 16	Make an origami animal	
February 23	Tell a friend why you are grateful for them	
March 2	Make green eggs and ham	
March 9	Make a pot of soup	
March 16	Try a different exercise routine	
March 23	Meditate for 10 minutes	
March 30	Learn a new solitaire card game	
April 6	Plant some things in a garden	
<b>/ 30</b>	<b>Number of activities completed</b>	

### Dates to Remember:

**October 16** - GWFC Combined Fall Meeting ~ Holiday Inn, Marlborough MA

October Executive Board Meeting ~ Thursday, October 21, 2021 – location TBD

*Jane Gillis*  
*Corresponding Secretary*