



Barrington Women's Club
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AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2026

President's Message

Dear Members,

As summer winds down, I am thrilled to announce the return of our monthly luncheons and programs! Please mark your calendars with our upcoming schedule: Oct. 7th, Nov. 4th, Dec. 2nd (Holiday Boutique at 10:30 AM), Jan. 6th, Feb. 3rd, Mar. 3rd, Apr. 7th, May 12th (tbd).

All luncheons begin with coffee served at 11:30 AM at St. John's Episcopal Church, Barrington. The Annual Spring Luncheon is set for April 28th at the Squantum Association, 947 Veterans Memorial Pkwy, Riverside, RI. Details will be in your new membership directory (distributed at the October luncheon) and are also available on our website: barringtonwomensclubri.org.

The Oct. 7th luncheon, catered by Blue Kangaroo, will feature a delightful selection of assorted wraps (including a vegetarian option), chopped salad, chickpea salad, bread and butter pickles, mandarin oranges, assorted desserts, coffee, and tea. To minimize waste and ensure efficient catering, we are implementing a "regrets only" RSVP system. Please contact our new Hospitality Chair, Barbara Girard, if you *cannot* attend a luncheon. You can reach Barbara by text at 401-301-7396 or email at bjg719@aol.com. The general deadline for regrets is two weeks prior to each event. For the October meeting, please submit your regrets by Tuesday, Sept. 22nd. I understand "things happen" however your timely communication greatly assists planning.

Thank you for your cooperation! I eagerly anticipate seeing you in October.

Warmly,
Victoria Desirey

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS!

Dine out for a cause! Plan to skip cooking on Thurs. Oct. 15th, and join the BWC/Chelo's fundraiser in East Providence, RI anytime from 11:30 AM to close. 15% of your purchase directly supports our charitable distribution fund. To participate, simply present your BWC ticket (available at the Oct. 7th general meeting and at Chelo's when ordering). Encourage family and friends to dine out for a cause! Take out or dine in. You need not be a member to participate! Just mention BWC fundraiser.

Boost our charitable fund further with our new calendar raffle!

For just \$10, get a chance to win one of 31 exciting prizes. Calendars available at the Oct., Nov. and Dec. BWC meetings. Calendars will also be available to the public at the BWC booth during our Annual Craft Fair, Nov. 14th. All proceeds go to BWC charitable distribution fund. Calendars can be purchased by anyone. These make excellent stocking stuffers! Prizes will be drawn daily from Jan 1st—Jan 31st. Winners will be contacted by phone. Prizes to be claimed on Sat. Feb. 6, 10 am - 1pm at St John's Episcopal Church, Barrington.



OCTOBER 7th PROGRAM:

RHODE ISLAND'S REVOLUTIONARY ROLE

Bob Burke helps celebrate our nation's 250th. He's founder of the Independence Trail, a three-mile walking trail that showcases Providence's rich history. He's also the owner of the popular Pot au Feu Restaurant, an inductee of Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame, and a captivating storyteller.

SAVE THE DATES!!!

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR: Saturday November 14, 2026

Volunteers are needed for the Holiday Craft Fair, November 14th 10-3 at Barrington Middle School. Please contact **JB Boyle**, Ways & Means Chair, by phone or text 941.928.8456.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: Wednesday, December 2, 2026, 10:30-12:15pm

Calling All Elves! Start saving and pricing your donations—handmade items, jewelry, vintage goods, home décor, etc. Sign up sheet coming in October!

Thank you! **Susan Ruggieri**, **Carole Skeffington** and Committee.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to new members **Tamar Abrams** of Warren RI, and **Laura Choiniere** of Rumford RI, both sponsored by **Carole Skeffington**. The new members will be inducted in October.

Please contact Membership Chair, **Patricia O'Neill** (oneillpd@gmail.com) for New and Updated Member contact information.

SUNSHINE & REMEMBRANCE

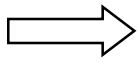
Get well cards have been sent to **Carol Silvia**, **Jean Marie Josephson** and **Dottie Peckham**. Condolence cards have been sent to **Fran O'Connell** and **Gwyneth Groves**, each of whom has lost a sister. Please contact **Pat Chick** (patchick212@gmail.com) to let her know of any members who may be in need of encouragement.



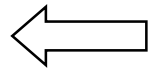
BOOK CLUB meets the 2nd Thursday of the month, 1:00pm, at the Peck Center. Contact **Robin Bacon**, robinplus@aol.com for more information.

BRIDGE sessions are continuing! Please contact **Pat Chick** (patchick212@gmail.com) for more information.





IMPORTANT CHANGES COMING IN OCTOBER!



BWC NEWSLETTER: Starting in Oct., our monthly Newsletter will be emailed to members, as well as being posted online. If you would like to continue receiving print copies of the newsletter by first class mail, please complete the form below and return as instructed on or before the Oct 7th General Meeting.

LUNCHEON RSVP REGRETS ONLY: Please inform **Barbara Girard** by email (bjg719@aol.com) or text (401-301-7396) at least two weeks prior to each General Meeting if you think you may NOT attend so that we may order an appropriate number of lunch items.

REQUEST TO RECEIVE BWC NEWSLETTER BY 1st CLASS MAIL

*Please complete this form only if you would like to receive print copies of the newsletter by first class mail. Please return the completed form to **Robin Bacon** on or before Oct. 7, 2026, at the October General Meeting or by Mail to:*

Barrington Women's Club, P.O. Box 274, Barrington, RI 02806

First and Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you to everyone for your continued donations! Please bring canned goods (up to six months post-expiration), cleaning supplies, *personal hygiene supplies (trial sizes preferred), and *clothing to the Oct 7th General Meeting . The canned goods will be distributed to TapIn. The cleaning supplies will be distributed to Crossroads. Personal hygiene supplies and clothing will be distributed to Thrive for Humanity for the homeless.

Please contact **Nancy Smalzel** (617-335-9014) for more information or if you are interested in volunteering on the Community Service Committee.

*Suggested hygiene & clothing donations: body spray, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, tampons, lotion, hand sanitizer, sweatshirts and sweatpants, long sleeve t shirts, socks, boxer shorts for men, thermals and blankets.

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