



Barrington Women's Club

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December 2025

President's Message

Happy Holidays,

We are in the midst of the holiday season, and I am so thankful to be associated with the great women of the BWC! Our Holiday Boutique was a fun time and a successful fundraiser for our club.

Thank you for your toy and book donations. Your community service effort is making a difference in our community outreach. The donated toys are being delivered to Day One, a nonprofit that assists victims of sexual assault and trauma. The books and stuffed animals are slated for Crossroads of RI, whose mission is to help those experiencing homelessness.

We have great programs planned for Jan, Feb and March. Arlene Violet, first female Attorney General of RI and a practicing attorney is our January speaker. Before you know it, our spectacular combined Fashion Show and Spring Luncheon will be here. Save the date for April 22, 2026.

At our December meeting we enjoyed a menu of calzones and pasta salads. We will be returning to the finger sandwich menu for January and will try a new menu for February.

Our next meeting is Monday January 7. We will be installing new member, Deborah Hetrick, sponsored by Pauline Woods. Invite a guest and remind your club friends to attend. Anyone inviting a guest please contact Membership Chair, Pat O'Neill.

See you in January!
Victoria



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE!

Adelaide Clifford (left photo); New member **Peggy Koshland Crane** was installed at the December meeting, with sponsor **Pauline Woods** by her side (right photo).

Photos by **Kate Nelson**.

Happy Holidays!



JANUARY 7th MEETING

ARLENE VIOLET RETURNS:

The former R.I. Attorney General returns this year with her critiques of both local and national politics and what we might expect this year.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to new member **Deborah Hetrick** of Barrington, sponsored by **Pauline Woods**. Deborah will be installed at the January meeting.

Member **Dot Simmons'** address recently changed.

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

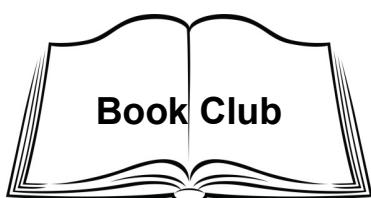
SUNSHINE & REMEMBRANCE

Carmela Carusi lost her sister. A card was sent to Carmela and her family.

Please contact **Carol Silvia** (casilvia41@cox.net or call: 401-433-2281) to let her know of any members who may be in need of encouragement.

BRIDGE:

Our regular bridge sessions have resumed! Please contact **Pat Chick** (patchick212@gmail.com) for more information.



BOOK Club meets at the Peck Center the 2nd Thursday of the month, 1:00pm. The December 11th book selection is **Frozen River** by **Ariel Lawhon**.

Contact **Robin Bacon**, robinplus@aol.com for more information.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you to everyone for your donations. Our December Donations included:

- * 20 Toys to Day One Assault Survivors, coordinated by **Irene and John Urban**;
- * 30 Books and Stuffed Animals to Crossroads Family Shelter;
- * Holiday Boutique Jewelry to Career Closet, by **Nancy Hale**;
- * 3 Bags of Food delivered to TapIn by **Fran O'Connell**; and
- * \$500.00 donated by BWC Board Members to Crossroads Homeless supplies in lieu of a holiday gift exchange.

Please bring cold weather coats (men, women & children), sweatshirts, sweatpants, and canned goods (up to six months post-expiration) for the January meeting.

Contact **Nancy Smalzel** for more information: 617-335-9014.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE UPDATE!

Thanks to All! Our Holiday Boutique was a huge success! Thank you to those who:

- * Donated items as well as raffle baskets and monetary donations;
- * Set up and packed up leftover items;
- * Collected the money at each area; and
- * Supported the BWC!

Breakdown:

- Donated money: \$450.	- Treasures: \$216.
- Raffles: \$784.	- Knitted: \$160.
- Baked Goods: \$245.	- Jewelry: \$80.

Total: \$1935.00 (\$432.25 more than 2024).

Susan Ruggieri, Carole Skeffington, and Committee.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 22, 2026! BWC SPRING LUNCHEON and FASHION SHOW At St. John's Hall!

Special guest, great food and wine, entertainment, fashions, beautiful basket raffles, and more!! Think about bringing a friend or family member.

More info in the months to come. Thanks all!
JB Boyle and Kate Nelson

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