



Barrington Women's Club
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President's Message

Dear Members,

With the February meeting behind us, and the groundhog seeing his shadow, will spring and warmth ever come?? Our upcoming meetings feature Pendola the Troubadour on March 4th and LIFESMARTS, a presentation on recognizing and preventing fraud, on April 1st. Interesting programs are integral to our club and we need your program ideas. A dedicated suggestion box and forms to list your programming ideas will be available at each meeting. Suggested programs should interest a wide variety of our members. We warmly encourage you to brainstorm and prepare your most interesting suggestions to submit at the March meeting.

The Spring Luncheon date is Wed. April 22, 11:30- 3:30, at St. John's. As a nonprofit organization, we operate exclusively for charitable, educational and social purposes. This is our largest fundraising event which ensures our continued charitable contributions. This year the Luncheon will be combined with a fabulous fashion show. The event will be catered (hot buffet, wine, coffee and dessert), and raffles of beautiful gift baskets and gift certificates will be featured.

In other news, your board has been working on our charitable distributions for 2025. Each year the BWC Board determines donations to charities and a scholarship for Barrington High School from YOU, the members of BWC. This year we are excited to create the first BWC Annual Award. Information will be presented at the March 4th Meeting.

Please bring cleaning supplies for our community service project for March. Canned goods for TAPIN are welcomed also. The cleaning supplies will be donated to Crossroads to help individuals moving out of shelters into apartments.

See you on March 4th!
Victoria



MADAM PRESIDENTS

We paused our February meeting to honor five former BWC presidents whose leadership helped transform our organization. From left*: **Pat Chick** (2021-23, 2016-18), **Robin Bacon** (2023-25), **Lorraine Conti** (2012-14), **Dottie Peckham** (2003-05) and **Louise James** (2018-20). **Joan Crowley** (1995-1997) was not in attendance at the February meeting. Past Presidents are honored every 2 years. [*Years served shown in parentheses.]



PENDOLA THE TROUBADOUR to perform MARCH 4TH

Frank Pendola, a retired school teacher who loves to sing and perform, will treat us with his light-hearted comedy sketches.

Lunch Menu for MARCH 4th!

Our March luncheon menu will include various wrap sandwiches and macaroni salad from the Blue Kangaroo, chips, fruit, dessert and beverages (coffee, tea or water).



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

President Victoria Desirey welcomes new member **Bonnie Russell** of Riverside. Bonnie was sponsored by **Pat Chick** and inducted at the February meeting. Please contact **Membership Chair, Patricia O'Neill** (oneillpd@gmail.com) for New and Updated Member contact information.

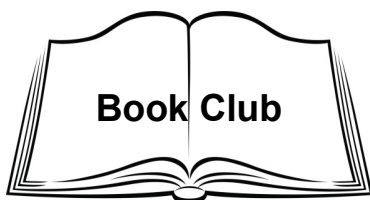
SUNSHINE & REMEMBRANCE

Irene Urban is back from the hospital to Hattie Ida Chaffee and is receiving palliative care. A Get Well card has been sent to **Barbara Eddy**.

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 MARCH 12th book selection is **The FROZEN RIVER** by **Ariel Lawhon**.

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

COMING SOON!
HOW TO "LOOK" FOR FRAUD APRIL 1st

Four Barrington High School honor students, members of a nationally ranked LIFESMARTS team, will give a presentation on types of fraud --social media, phone, and more on April 1. No fooling!



SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, April 22, 2026 11:30-3:30
at St. John's Church. Hats Off To Spring!

Luncheon and Fashion Show. Full course luncheon will be served. \$55pp. Guests encouraged. Make your reservation at the March General Meeting. Fully paid tables of ten can be "Reserved Seating". Raffle tickets will be sold at the March and April meetings. 10/\$10. RESERVE YOUR TABLE OF TEN AT THE MARCH MEETING!

NO ENTRY ON THE 22nd WITHOUT A RESERVATION. Caterer must know count week before the function.

Volunteers needed for set-up on Tuesday the 21st and tear down after the event.

Raffle basket donations needed. We also need to solicit restaurants for gift certificates. JB will provide "donation letter" at the March meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: MANDATORY FASHION SHOW MODELS meeting with JB after March's general meeting. (Approx 15 min.)

Please contact **JB Boyle**, by phone or text (941-928-8456) or email (joyceboyle1942@gmail.com) to volunteer or contribute a Raffle Basket donation.

Thank you for your support! **JB Boyle** and **Kate Nelson**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you to everyone for your donations. Our February Donations included 4 bags of food, delivered to TapIn, 3 fleece jackets, 5 decks of playing cards, and 60 Valentine Cards, delivered to the Veterans Home in Bristol.

Please bring cleaning supplies and canned goods (up to six months post-expiration) to the March meeting. The cleaning supplies will be provided to Crossroads, which is setting up apartments for the homeless. The canned goods will be delivered to TapIn.

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

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SAVE THE DATE!
APRIL 22, 2026!
SPRING LUNCHEON
And
FASHION SHOW