



Barrington Women's Club
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President's Message

Dear BWC Members,

With the holidays behind us, is it too early to wish for Spring? The combination Spring Luncheon and Fashion show is on the horizon. The date has been set for April 22, with great food, wine, fashion, and basket raffles. A wonderful opportunity to bring a friend or family member. The proceeds from this event allow us to make a difference in our community by enabling the BWC the ability to donate to deserving charities and fund a scholarship award for Barrington High School. It is also a fun event! More info is included below on how to volunteer to help from Co-Chairs JB Boyle and Kate Nelson.

Our January luncheon unfortunately, was poorly attended due to the flu hitting our area hard! Thank you to everyone who wisely choose to stay home and recuperate and thank you to the members who were able to attend a somewhat more leisurely meeting.

For Community Service we will collect canned goods and Valentines for Veterans. See the community service section for Chairperson, Nancy Smalzel 's February projects.

As you know this July, we will be celebrating our country's 250th anniversary. To commemorate this, the BWC has donated to purchase a commemorative brick for Barrington's celebration. The brick will be stamped BWC est 1934.

At our next meeting on February 4 we will be installing new member Bonnie Russell, sponsored by Pat Chick. Our February luncheon menu will give us a little variety as we will be trying an offering of wrap sandwiches and salads. We will also be entertained by award winning storyteller, Jackson Gilman.

We hope to see you in February. Stay healthy and warm!

Regards,
Victoria



Almost Spring!

New member **Deborah Thomas** (l) was installed at the January meeting, with sponsor **Pauline Woods** (r) by her side. Photo by **Kate Nelson**.



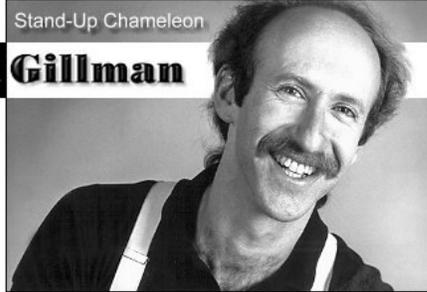
FEBRUARY 4th MEETING

Jackson Gillman

Comedy, music, stories
and entertainment

from the professional
and inspirational...

to the zany
and whimsical...



Gillman, professional mime, actor, songsmith and storyteller, will transform himself into a wide array of eccentric characters during his interactive performance. Get ready to be amazed!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to new member **Bonnie Russell** of Riverside RI, sponsored by **Pat Chick**. Bonnie will be inducted at the February meeting.

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 **Irene Urban** and **Pat O'Neill**.

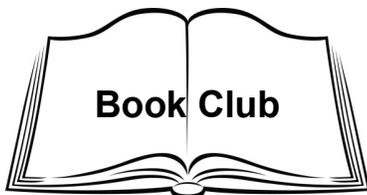
Please contact **Carol Silvia** (casilvia41@cox.net or call: 401-433-2281) to let her know of any members who may be in need of encouragement.

BWC CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2025 TAX YEAR

Anyone in need of a charitable contribution letter from the Barrington Women's Club as of 12/31/25 should contact **Robin Bacon** at 401-252-4177 (no texts to this number), or email robinplus@aol.com. Members will have to itemize charitable deduction amounts and whether the amounts were in cash (check) or by goods or services, e.g., donated baskets, clothing. Dates of contributions would be appreciated for verification purposes. Thank you!

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 February 12th book selection is **The Lion Women of Tehran** by **Marjan Kamali**.

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

NEW Lunch Menu for February 4th!

SAME PRICE! From the Blue Kangaroo! Bon Appetit!

Our February luncheon menu will give us a little variety as we will be trying an offering of wrap sandwiches and salads, chips, fruit, dessert and beverages (coffee, tea or water).

Thanks to **Irene Salvo's** and **Madeline Lavin's** efforts for developing this special menu for our February luncheon.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you to everyone for your donations. Over 75 articles of women's garb were collected. Our January Donations included:

- * 2 dozen pairs of shoes & bags, more than 10 jackets & skirts to the Career Center;
- * 50 parkas, fleece, snow pants, hats, scarves & gloves, jackets to Thrive for Humanity and the Branch Community Supper; and
- * Several bags of food to TapIn.

Please bring canned goods (up to six months post-expiration) & *Veteran Valentines* to the February meeting.

February Valentines for Veterans: 150 men & women live at the Veterans Home in Bristol. Please bring a few Valentine cards for the Veterans to the February meeting, add a message and sign first name, as you wish.

The Bristol Veterans Home is holding a Valentine Party 2pm February 13 at 480 Metacom Ave, Bristol RI. About 35 Vets will be attending. Band & Refreshments provided. We are welcome to attend, but please exercise caution in deciding whether to visit immune compromised vets.

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

Volunteers Needed: APRIL 22, 2026! BWC SPRING LUNCHEON and FASHION SHOW

We are looking for volunteers to help with the April Luncheon and Fashion Show at St. John's Hall. Specifically for the luncheon, we need a set-up crew (tablecloths, dishes, flatware, napkins, etc.; likewise, breakdown of same after luncheon.

Volunteers also are needed to manage raffle ticket sales the day of the luncheon and to assist with the Fashion Show, including back room help with the models. Please contact **JB Boyle** to volunteer.

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

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