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# The Connection

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WOMAN'S CLUB

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

JO HAYDEN

### *Greetings beautiful Women of the Brandermill Woman's Club:*

There is so much going on! By the time you read this little ditty, we will have had a very successful Fashion Show and Luncheon! We will be looking forward to the Craft Show on Saturday, November 8, at Harbor Point Clubhouse! We will be anticipating our next BWC meeting together on 11/19/25, after which many of us will head to Swift Creek Mill Playhouse where we will see the play, "It's a Wonderful Life." Hopefully, you will also have found time to play cards, bowl, discuss good books or do any number of activities with your BWC Sisters!

I am asking that you take the time to send me your suggestions of worthy charities you would like for us to consider supporting financially. Please email your thoughts to me by November 10<sup>th</sup> at [jo.hayden.hayden@gmail.com](mailto:jo.hayden.hayden@gmail.com). Thanks to those of you who have already made suggestions. At the November meeting, we will have a list of your suggestions and you will be asked vote on your top three.

If you have yet to share your birthday (month and day) with us, please let either Marie Repp (our wonderful Sunshine lady) or me, know. Your club really wants to help you celebrate with a sweet card, acknowledgement in the Connection, and a rousing birthday song.

I also want to mention that at the September meeting, Marilyn Schlim shared with us wonderful nugget called Access on Demand through Chesterfield Community Engagement and Resources, which provides low-cost transportation services to Chesterfield residents. You can call Chesterfield County Mobility Services at 804-706-2796 for more information.

It is so hard to comprehend that November is here and, with it comes cooler days and hearts full of goodness and grace, as we come together in the spirit of Thanksgiving. For this BWCer, I can also be overwhelmed with anxiety and frustration in my

efforts to make things just perfect...ha! Let me tell you just a little story about Thanksgiving at my house: Every year, I insist on cooking the entire meal (with the exception of a fruit salad and egg rolls (one daughter-in-law) and two pies, store-bought (the second daughter-in-law). Things are darn near perfect, with one exception: I make this sweet potato casserole and right before we dine, I slide it back in the oven with marshmallows on top and put the broiler on just long enough to toast the marshmallows and, EVERY year, the smoke detector goes off and there's a little fire in the oven and the marshmallows are beyond blackened and must be scraped and my the windows have to be opened to let the smoke out and my guys fan the smoke detector to get it to 'shut up'. This happens EVERY year and EVERY year I start thinking about how to avoid the Hayden Sweet Potato Fiasco before Halloween. This year, I am going to let go of the anxiety and embrace the beauty of this imperfect tradition (I have decided that it is indeed a tradition). If you have similar anxieties around your holidays, please join me in embracing 'imperfectness' and focus on what is important, like sharing laughter and love and watching the Macy's Day Parade and the Dog Show!

Please join us for **lunch after the November meeting!** We'll enjoy "lunching" with new and old friends at ***Dolce Vita***, 2401 Colony Crossing Place, 23112. If you're not familiar with Dolce Vita, there's something for everyone -- not just pizza and Italian dishes, but wonderful salads and sandwiches, too.

Jo

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## MEETING:

BRANDERMILL CHURCH  
4500 MILLRIDGE PARKWAY  
MIDLOTHIAN, VA 23112

[BRANDERMILLWOMANSCLUB.COM](http://BRANDERMILLWOMANSCLUB.COM)

## SCHEDULE FOR 2025-2026:

Sept 17  
Oct 15  
Nov 19  
Dec 17 (Luncheon)  
Jan 21  
Feb 18  
March 18  
April 15  
May 20 (Luncheon)

## MEETING REMINDERS:

**MEETINGS BEGIN AT 10:30;**

**NO ADMITTANCE BEFORE 10:00**

**BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK TO ALL MEETINGS!**

You may want to sign up for Daytrippers outings (pay when you sign up) or other activities.

**PLEASE DON'T PARK IN THE FIRST TWO ROWS**

(directly in front of the church);  
those rows are for preschool pickups.

## MEMBERSHIP

### CYNDY BALL & KAREN OLSON

We are delighted to welcome our new members and are looking forward to having them join in BWC activities.

Questions?

Cyndy Ball: [curly5000@gmail.com](mailto:curly5000@gmail.com) -or- 804-307-7227

Karen Olson: [mamasitaolson@gmail.com](mailto:mamasitaolson@gmail.com) -or- 804-517-0850

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### JOANNE BUCHANAN & SUSAN MORALES

The Scholarship Committee congratulates the following members who were our raffle winners on October 15. Diann Ashton won the 50/50 cash, Penny Conrad won the Autumn themed book bag filled with kitchen goodies and a Starbucks gift card. Ann Doll won a generous \$100 gift certificate from PostNet. We appreciate everyone for your purchase of these tickets that help fund our annual Clover Hill High School student scholarships. Stay tuned for details on our 2026 Bingo Fundraiser coming this spring! We promise it will be an entertaining event for all!

Questions?

Joanne Buchanan: [jokayjul18@gmail.com](mailto:jokayjul18@gmail.com) or 757-615-7195 Susan Morales: [talltxrose@gmail.com](mailto:talltxrose@gmail.com) -or- 410-599-6343

## PROGRAMS

### JENN INMAN

Navigating and evading scams is an integral aspect of modern life. Join our enlightening class presented by C&F Bank and empower yourself with the skills to safeguard against fraud.

Our December meeting will be December 17th at The Boathouse at Sunday Park where we will enjoy our annual Holiday Luncheon at 11:30am. Tickets are \$45 and will include your choice of chicken, salmon or a vegetarian plated lunch. You can purchase your ticket at the meeting or by mailing a check to our PO Box by December 1st.

Questions?

Jenn Inman: [jennifersellsrva@gmail.com](mailto:jennifersellsrva@gmail.com) -or- 804-833- 7002

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Hot Spiced Tea courtesy of June Keller

- ¾-1 Cup Sugar
- 1 Tbsp. Whole Cloves
- 2 Cinnamon Sticks
- 4 Cups Water
- 3 Small Tea Bags
- 4 Cups Boiling Water
- Juice of four Oranges (two cups)
- Juice of One Lemon (1/4 cup)

Heat Sugar, Cloves, cinnamon, and four cups water until boiling. Lower the heat and simmer 15 minutes. Steep the tea in boiling water for ten minutes. Remove the bags and add the other ingredients. Heat through.

June comments that *"As soon as the weather turns cool, our friends start asking for hot spiced tea- it is aromatic and comforting on a chilly afternoon."*

# ACTIVITIES

## DIANE MASTERS

Hi Ladies! Please see the attached Activities Page for dates, times and contact information for the person organizing each activity.

Questions?

Diane Masters: [mastersdiane@hotmail.com](mailto:mastersdiane@hotmail.com) -or- 646-228-7383

# DAYTRIPPERS

## YVONNE RICCIARDELLI

**November 19, 2025 | 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

### Swift Creek Play House

**"It's a Wonderful Life"**



The play *It's a Wonderful life* is a 1946 American Christmas fantasy drama!

"**It's a Wonderful Life**" is primarily set in the 1940s, specifically around the time of World War II and the immediate post-war period. The film's events span from the early 1920s to the late 1940s, showcasing George Bailey's life from childhood through adulthood.

**Cost: \$35**

**December 9, 2025 | 4:45 PM - 8 PM**

### Holiday Tacky Light Tour



Back by popular demand!!!

Holiday Tacky Light Tour around Richmond! (This side of the River!) We'll be riding in style on a big bus with the Richmond Limo Company, enjoying the view from up high!! Bring your choice of snacks & beverages!

**Cost: \$32**

Questions?

Yvonne Ricciardelli: [ym.ricci@gmail.com](mailto:ym.ricci@gmail.com) -or- 804-239-5161

**November 8, 2025 | 9am onwards**

### Craft Fair

Ladies, we are so excited to offer a holiday craft fair on Saturday, November 8th from 9 - 1PM at Harbour Pointe Clubhouse (5710 Promontory Pointe Rd. Midlothian).

Please come and support our members who will have beautiful items available for sale. We will even have one member offering astrological readings!! We have additional vendors bringing unique items. Start your holiday shopping with us or treat yourself to something special. We will also have a couple of food vendors.

Holiday music will be streaming while you stroll through our amazing event. Please come out and support this club event!!

Questions? Susan Morales:

[talltxrose@gmail.com](mailto:talltxrose@gmail.com) -or- 410-599-6343

## BWC Executive Board 2025 / 2026

**President:** Jo Hayden

**VP of Programs:** Jenn Inman

**VP of Membership:** Cyndy Ball  
and Karen Olson

**Treasurer:** Lori Hobbs

**Secretary:** Susan Basl

**President Emerita:** Deb O'Dell

## Appointed Positions 2025 / 2026

**Activities:** Diane Masters

**Publicity:** Janet Russell

**Connection:** Erin Melton

**Email:** HELP Wanted!

**Parliamentarian:** Susan Basl

**Scholarship:** Joanne Buchanan  
and Susan Morales

**Hospitality:** Mary Ann Owens

**Sunshine:** Marie Repp

**Website:** Caroline Zong

**Community Outreach:** Michelle  
Scott

**Ways & Means:** Marty Laughon

## WEBSITE

**CAROLINE ZONG**

Hello ladies! We'd like to showcase all of our many activities with more pictures. Can each person that is hosting an activity please take pictures in September and email them to me at: [zong.caroline@gmail.com](mailto:zong.caroline@gmail.com)

Did you know that the club has a Facebook page? Brandermill Woman's Club. Be sure to "follow" us and see the monthly pictures that are posted of all the fun activities!

**Questions?**

Caroline Zong: [zong.caroline@gmail.com](mailto:zong.caroline@gmail.com)

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Beverly Carlson	3-Nov
Sarah Ide	4-Nov
Pat Butler	6-Nov
Susan Morales	6-Nov
Connie Pappalardo	13-Nov
Donna Elder	13-Nov
Jo Hayden	22-Nov
Michelle Scott	25-Nov
Libby Chelborg	27-Nov
Nancy Coggins	28-Nov

**OUR CLUB WEBSITE IS OFFICIALLY UP AND  
RUNNING! CHECK IT OUT AT**  
<https://brandermillwomansclub.com>

**MISSION...** Our mission is to encourage friendships, social activities, and solidarity in our community. We promote a common interest in civic, cultural, educational and social welfare of the community.

## ATTACHMENTS

**ACTIVITIES**

BWC ACTIVITY GROUPS		CHAIR: DIANE MASTERS (646-228-7383 / mastersdiane@hotmail.com)				
GROUP	DAYS	TIME	LOCATION	CHAIR	PHONE	EMAIL
BOOKIES 1	3rd Fri	10:00 am	Woodlake United Methodist Church	Beverly Carlson Anita Elmore	804-739-2539	carlsonew@gmail.com
BOOKIES 2	3rd Tues	TBA	TBA	Mary Guarneri	443-803-3456	Mtg1250@gmail.com
BOWLING	4th Fri	11:00 am	Uptown Alley	Diane Masters	646-228-7383	mastersdiane@hotmail.com
BUNCO	3rd Wed	6:00 pm	Diane's house	Diane Masters	646-228-7383	mastersdiane@hotmail.com
DAYTRIPPERS	TBA	TBA	TBA	Yvonne Ricciardelli	804-239-5161	ym.ricci@gmail.com
DOMINOES 1	2nd Tues	12:30 pm	Danielle's Home	Danielle Jimerson	804-314-9331	Daniellejimerson42@gmail.com
FUN BRIDGE	2nd & 4th Wed	1:00 pm	Diane's house	Diane Masters	646-228-7383	mastersdiane@hotmail.com
HAND & FOOT	2nd & 4th Thurs	1:00 pm	Marilyn's home	Marilyn Schlim	804-277-5010	<a href="mailto:marilynschlim@gmail.com">marilynschlim@gmail.com</a>
Hand KNEE & Foot	1st Tues	12:30 pm	Susan's home	Susan Basl	781-572-2523	Srbasl31@gmail.com
MAHJONGG	1st Thurs & 3rd Tues	1:00 pm	Diane's home & BCC	Diane Masters	646-228-7383	mastersdiane@hotmail.com
MARBLES	3rd Thurs	1:00 pm	Diane's home	Diane Masters	646-228-7383	mastersdiane@hotmail.com
MOVIE CRITICS	4th Tues	TBA	TBA	Yvonne Ricciardelli	804-239-5161	ym.ricci@gmail.com
RUMMIKUB	2nd Fri	12:30 pm	Marty's Home	Marty Laughon	804-349-5612	melaughon@aol.com

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## 2025-2026 Programs

September 17th      Friendship Bingo – Get to know each other better.

October 15th        How to Avoid Caregiver Crisis - Resources for Caregivers

November 19th      Fraud Protection

December 17th      Holiday Luncheon 11:30 @

Jan 21st Chair Yoga – Demonstrations to help stay active in the winter months

Feb 18th

Mar 18th

Apr 15th Makers Market Craft Fair

May 20th Spring Luncheon 11:30 @ Amber Grove