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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:

Baby....it has been cold outside! Hopefully, we have warmer days on our horizon! I will remind you next month, but one of my favorite days of the year will be here soon; it will be Sunday, March 9th...Daylight Savings Time will begin and we will move our clocks forward one hour! This BWCer loves a longer day and more light in the evening and the reminder that Spring is just around the corner. If you are not a fan of DST, your day will come on again on November 2 when DST ends!

Recently, you should have received via email, the latest and greatest iteration of our BWC Directory. Special appreciation goes to the women who worked so hard to put this document together for our benefit! If you notice errors, please let us know so that corrections can be made. If you do not own a printer and would like a printed copy of the directory, please send me a note and I will print one for you!

MEETING:

BRANDERMILL CHURCH
4500 MILLRIDGE PARKWAY
MIDLOTHIAN, VA 23112

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SCHEDULE FOR 2024-2025:

Sept 18
Oct 16
Nov 20
Dec 18 (Luncheon)
Jan 15
Feb 19
March 19
April 16
May 21 (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.

Don't forget your cash for raffle tickets!

I would ask that if you have not yet provided Marie Repp with your birthdate, please do so. She and the Sunshine Committee would like to grace your mailbox with a birthday salutation! Additionally, if you are aware of a club member who is unwell or who has experienced a loss, please let Marie know of that, as well. We all want and need to be there for each other! Please continue to keep Maureen Orders in your thoughts as she recuperates from a broken leg and surgery after our January BWC Meeting. Sweet Homer the therapy dog was such a welcome and needed guest at the meeting, huh????!!

I look forward to seeing you at Tea with Kip on February 13th; if you haven't signed up for this Daytripper event, please reach out to Yvonne to do so. Deb O'del advises that she has hats to loan if you need one! We can also look forward to our February 19th meeting where we will welcome local author, Elain Bankston!

Cheers,

Jo

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PROGRAMS

JENN INMAN

Exciting news! Our February meeting on February 19th will be artist and author Elaine Bankston. Come hear Elaine tell her story through art and prose. Her autobiography entitled "Farm girl takes Flight" stories of her life, growing up on the farm, a lost love, ups and downs of being a flight attendant, her travels around the world, her love of art and her walk of faith. Available on Amazon however, if you'd like an autographed copy she'll have books you can purchase at the meeting and will be happy to meet you and sign it at our meeting.

March 19th will bring back our beloved Shep Smith to talk about First Lady Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onasis.

April 16th will bring our Crafters Makers Market. Are you a crafter or artist? Do you make cards, wreaths crochet, or

May 21st will be our end of year Spring Luncheon at Amber Grove. More information to come.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming meetings. We can't wait to see you again soon.

Questions?

Jennifer Inman: jennifersellsrva@gmail.com -or- 804-833-7002

DAYTRIPPERS

YVONNE RICCARDELLI

February 13th, 2025 | Thursday at 11:30 am

Brandermill Woman's Valentine Tea with KIP

11164 Hull St Rd, Midlothian, VA 23112 - (corner of Hull & Genito)

Hats are STRONGLY Suggested! (\$35 (includes lunch, tax and tip)

March 11 & 12, 2025 | Tuesday & Wednesday

**Midlothian History & Coal Mine Tour
Highlights of the Midlothian Van Tour**

This guided van tour will allow you to experience many of the unique historical sites in Midlothian. This behind-the-scenes tour will focus on many of the fascinating places of interest that are part of the history of Midlothian. Visit sites that were part of the coal mining history, learn about the

French Huguenots, visit historic churches, and discover the history behind the Chesterfield railroad.

Parking and program meeting location: In front of the amphitheater next to the lake at Midlothian Mines Park, 13286 North Woolridge Road.

April 8th, 2025 | Tuesday at 10AM

Agecroft Hill & Gardens Five Hundred Years of Fascinating

While oceans may separate England and Virginia, Agecroft Hall traveled on ships, trains, and a little luck from Lancashire to be reconstructed overlooking the banks of the James River in the 1920s. Agecroft now exhibits centuries of English daily life as a manor home that grew and evolved from the 16th century.

Guided tour of both Home and Gardens (1 hr for each) \$22.

Meet at The Agecroft Hills, Address: 4305 Sulgrave Rd, Richmond, VA 23221 at 9:50 am

May 8th, 2025 | Thursday at 11AM- 12:30PM

Art Factory

To register, use the registration link - it is set up just for BWC! Or you can pay when you get there to save time. \$25 plus tax... includes a beverage of coffee/tea. 11 x 14 inch Canvas. Lunch at Sergios!

Questions?

Yvonne Riccardelli: ym.ricci@gmail.com -or- 804-239-5161

BWC ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

Hi BWC!

This is June Keller (Secretary) speaking about the upcoming BWC Cookbook Anniversary edition.

Please bring recipes that you would like to be featured in our cookbook to our next BWC General meeting and place in the basket on the table (appetizers, breads, soups & stews, main dishes, sides & salads, beverages & punches, and desserts).

Please include your name and the name of the dish..

Thanks,

June

SCHOLARSHIPS

PAM MESSNER & SUSAN MORALES

"No one is immune to Cupid's arrow." Anonymous.

Happy Valentine's Day♥ Heart awareness month. Please forgive my mistake in leaving out three raffle winners in January's Connection. Bonnie Davies held the winning ticket for the Sycamore Jewelers stunning Rock Stone in silver drop earrings. Congratulations, Bonnie!

Erin Melton - Waterford Grill GC, Mug/towel; and Danielle Jimerson - Waterford GC and Bath & Body Works lotion.

January raffle winners were:

50/50- Yvonne Ricciadelli

Elinor Owen- two champagne glasses, Pinot Grigio wine, and strawberry truffles.

Libby Chelborg- wine and bread basket with loaded extras. A Beautiful floral of pansies and Longhorn \$30 GC.

A huge thank you for all of those who donated gift cards and gifts for raffle prizes. To all that continue to play in support of the scholarship committee, we so appreciate you, too!

Keep heart healthy, Valentines!

Questions?

Pam Messner: pwm516@verizon.net -or- 804-512-5811

Susan Morales: talltxrose@gmail.com -or- 410-599-6343

MEMBERSHIP

CYNDY BALL & KAREN OLSON

We had a great time getting to know members playing fun Bingo at our January meeting. We have 99 members! Can we make it 100? Bring a friend to our February meeting, and be sure to get those BWC name lanyards out of your car and bring to our next meeting!

Questions?

Cyndy Ball: curly5000@gmail.com -or- 804-307-7227

Karen Olson: mamasitaolson@gmail.com -or- 804-517-0850

CONDOLENCES

Norma Gibbons' husband, Robert, "Bob", passed on 1/27/2025 in Midlothian, VA. He was a college professor at Longwood University for 34 years.

Norma is a BWC honorary member and past BWC president. Cards for comfort and support to Norma may be mailed to her home at 14402 Elderberry Lane Midlothian 23112.

Jo Owens' brother, Kenny Patterson, "Ken", 76, passed on 1/11/2025 in Knoxville, TN. Jo's youngest brother, "was a man full of life, brilliant, creative and passionate, he loved with his whole heart." Jo served as BWC president multiple years. Cards for comfort and support to Jo and family may be mailed to her home at 13913 Riverbirch Trace Midlothian 23112.

ATTACHMENTS

ACTIVITIES

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.

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

BWC Executive Board 2024 / 2025

President: Jo Hayden

VP of Programs: Jenn Inman

VP of Membership: Cyndy Ball and Karen Olson

Treasurer: Lori Hobbs

Secretary: June Keller

President Emerita: Deb O'Dell

Appointed Positions 2024 / 2025

Activities: Diane Masters

Publicity: Janet Russell

Connection: Erin Melton

Email: HELP Wanted!

Parliamentarian: Susan Basl

Scholarship: Pam Messner and Susan Morales

Hospitality: Mary Ann Owens

Sunshine: Marie Repp

Website: HELP Wanted!

Community Outreach: Michelle Scott

Ways & Means: Marty Laughon

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	6:30 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	12:30 pm	BCC	Diane Masters	646-228-7383	mastersdiane@hotmail.com
HAND & FOOT	1st Tues	12:30 pm	Susan's home	Susan Basl	781-572-2523	Srbasl31@gmail.com
MAHJONGG	1st Mon & 3rd Thurs	12:30 pm	Diane's home & BCC	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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February 19th	Author Elaine Bankston
March 19th	Jackie Kennedy by Shep
April 16th	Silent Auction
May 21st	Spring Luncheon 11:30 at Amber Grove