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The Connection

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BRANDERMILL



WOMAN'S CLUB

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

JO HAYDEN

Greetings beautiful Women of the Brandermill Woman's Club:

It is October and cooler days and great fun and adventures are ahead for us and our club! Just how awesome is that!!!! I am still a little 'goosebump' giddy and on a bit of a cloud when I think about our meeting last week! There were 70 of us in attendance with 13 new members at our meeting! The energy in the room was just palpable! I can think of no better way to start this year! Gosh, we even had to get out more chairs...who would have expected that on dreary, rainy Wednesday morning?! We had wonderful snacks, a super business meeting and enjoyed the pleasure of conviviality as we played 'get to know you' Bingo! And then, we had our lunch 'meeting after the meeting' at Tikka Masala! It was so much fun and so well attended! Thank you to each of you for making Brandermill Woman's Club such a welcoming and enriching organization! October has so much to anticipate and participate in!

Mark your calendars for our next meeting on Wednesday, October 15th. The

program will focus on Caregiving, and I look forward to learning more; Jennifer Inman works so hard to put together thoughtful programs for you...Thank you, Jenn! Then we can look forward to participating in the Ghost Tour of Chesterfield County on October 14th or October 16th; Yvonne Ricciardelli spends countless hours orchestrating Daytripper activities and each is thoughtfully executed and always delivers; thank her when you see her (she is the beautiful lady with the clipboard)!

On Wednesday, October 29, we will enjoy a beautiful luncheon and fashion show to benefit our scholarships and charities; there are still tickets available so feel free to reach out to Marie Repp (chairperson extraordinaire) to purchase your ticket! Activities has also just taken off this year with lots of games, movies, book clubs, and bowling activities that you can avail yourself of. Don't forget to check out our website at brandermillwomensclub.com I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting! Remember to wear your badge, and bring a friend! Oh..oh..oh check out the little birthday section that we have added to The Connection, as well as a snippet on our next lunch after the meeting Excursion!

See you soon, and Cheers!

Jo

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After the October 15th meeting, please join us for lunch at Rico's! They've purchased an ad for the Fashion Show program, and we'd like to have a big group to say GRACIAS in person!

The HOLIDAY SEASON is creeping up on us! If you need a lovely, calm break from your busy schedule, consider having TEA at TeaBerries! 11166 Hull St. Rd. (Teaberriesva.com) You may like to get a larger group together and have a tea party at Tea with Kip, 11164 Hull St. Rd.! For more information: teawithkip.com

Deb

MEETING:

BRANDERMILL CHURCH
4500 MILLRIDGE PARKWAY
MIDLOTHIAN, VA 23112

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SCHEDULE FOR 2025-2026:

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

MEMBERSHIP

CYNDY BALL & KAREN OLSON

We will need to have our slate this winter, vote in April and install new Officers at our May luncheon. Don't worry - current incumbents will ensure your smooth transition into the role. If you would like to learn more about any of the responsibilities please check with a committee member or any member of the Board. Thank you for considering.

Questions?

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

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

JOANNE BUCHANAN & SUSAN MORALES

The Scholarship Committee would like to congratulate the following members who were our raffle winners on September 15. Marie Repp won the Raising Cane's basket filled with gift cards, their mascot "stuffie," and many surprises. Patti Moore won a \$30 gift card from one of Midlothian's newest restaurants, Tikki Masala. The 50/50 raffle was won by Marilyn Schlim. Congratulations everyone, and thank you all for your continued support of the Scholarship Committee raffles.

Questions?

Joanne Buchanan: jokayjul18@gmail.com or 757-615-7195 Susan Morales: talltxrose@gmail.com -or- 410-599-6343

PROGRAMS

JENN INMAN

Our second annual fashion show will be held on October 29 at noon taking place at the Brandermill Country Club.

Tickets are on sale at \$40 per person which includes our fabulous model's wearing clothing provided by Penelope, a tasty buffet lunch which is served with soft drinks, coffee or tea { alcoholic drinks our signature Mohitto, & wine is extra cost} and wonderful door prizes!

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Jenn Inman at 804-833-7002 or jennifersellsrva@gmail.com. Tickets also will be sold at our next meeting on Oct15 if still available.

Everyone is welcome including non-members!

For our October program we will hear about **How to Avoid Caregiver Crisis - Resources** for Caregivers with Bill Humphries. We all may know someone who is a caregiver or may be a caregiver for someone. This program will include many resources for assistance. Feel free to invite your friends for this important topic.

In November the topic will be Fraud Protection. We will learn ways to avoid being taken advantage of or becoming a victim to fraud.

Questions?

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

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 -or- 646-228-7383

DAYTRIPPERS

YVONNE RICCIARDELLI

October 14th & 16th | 10:00 am - 12:30 PM

Chesterfield Ghost Tour



Meet at **CASTLEWOOD** (10201 Iron Bridge Road) no later than 9:45

Join us on an eerie journey through the streets of Chesterfield, where history and the supernatural intertwine. This tour will guide us to some of the area's most historic sites, each boasting well-documented paranormal activity and captivating ghost stories. We'll begin at the historic Courthouse Green, a pivotal location where colonial troops once trained. From there, we'll delve into the eerie past of charming homes and popular restaurants in Midlothian, each with its own ghostly associations.

Cost: \$8

Please let Yvonne know asap if you have not signed-up. Text or call 804-239-5161.

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 -or- 804-239-5161

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! I am Caroline Zong, the Brandermill Woman's Club new website "guru." This is my second year with the club. I have truly enjoyed all of the various activities and friendships that I have made thus far! This has definitely filled my retirement days with something to look forward to. We will continue to use our current wonderful website, only making a few minor changes. 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

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Sue Ackley 10/01

Margaret Mann 10/02

Pat Francisco 10/03

Carol Sterns 10/03

Marie Repp 10/16

Barbara Teets 10/29

**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	marilynschlim@gmail.com
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