



2023 BKWA Leadership Team

Executive Committee

As co-presidents of the BKWA, Jennifer and Gigi are responsible for organizing social and program events for the Association. In addition to other tasks, they also conduct monthly meetings of the Executive Board and Leadership Team.



Jennifer Lackland
Co-President

Jennifer has lived on Bird Key since January of 2019. Before moving to Florida, she and her husband, Bruce, lived in New Jersey. They enjoy spending the holidays and summers at their lake home in Pennsylvania.

Jennifer was an elementary school teacher before retiring to raise her family. In addition to volunteering for the Women's Association, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing tennis, traveling, entertaining, cooking and reading. She also can often be seen walking their lovely black lab, Luna, around the streets of this wonderful place we call home!



Gigi Matthews
Co-President

Gigi moved to Bird Key in September of 2020 from Vermont where she was Resort Services Manager for Stratton Mountain. She and her husband, Scott, are from New Jersey where they raised their daughter.

Gigi had a career in corporate training and has been a lifelong volunteer in her community. She loves to travel and entertain and is an avid tennis player and skier.



Carolyn Christian Bialosky
Secretary

Carolyn is the Secretary of BKWA. She previously held the position of Treasurer along with heading Special Interest Groups and the first BKWA Dog Parade in 2022.

Carolyn and Dave landed on Bird Key in 2019 from Ohio. Their children are in New York, New Hampshire, Dallas and Nashville.

Carolyn practiced corporate law for 25 years, then became an elementary school teacher. She enjoys golf, yoga, pickleball, kayaking, holidays, and is so grateful for our wonderful Bird Key community! Their two Welsh Terriers, Merlin and Pippa, ensure she is always out and about greeting both two- and four-legged neighbors, so please say Hello!



Amy Lazarus
Treasurer

Amy is the Treasurer of BKWA.

After renting in Sarasota in 2021, Amy and her husband, Gene, discovered Bird Key and knew immediately it was a place where they wanted to own a home. Prior to purchasing here, Amy and Gene lived in Montclair, New Jersey where they brought up their sons. They spend time at their home in East Hampton, NY during the summer months.

Amy has spent over 35 years in the financial industry. She is co-founder of a small investment bank and she continues to work remotely as COO and CFO. Amy spends her non-working hours with family and friends, playing tennis, traveling, reading, and kayaking. Most mornings and evenings, Amy and Gene can be found out with their two rescue dogs, Peyton and Rosie.

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Suzanne Yerdon
Director, Communications

Suzanne developed and maintains the BKWA website. She also creates and distributes the BKWA event invitations and monthly newsletters.

Suzanne has been a homeowner on Bird Key since 2022. She and her husband, Ted, also own a lake home in Pennsylvania where they spend summers and holidays with their three children, who live in New Jersey and New York.

Upon completion of her MBA, Suzanne moved to San Francisco, CA, and embarked on a 30-year career in Telecommunications, starting as a new service forecaster at Pacific Bell. After six years, Suzanne transferred to a research position in NJ. The last 20+ years of her career were spent at the National Exchange Carrier Association in NJ where she led company operations, developing new services, pricing and defending company tariffs before the FCC for the 1,100 smallest rural telecommunications companies across the United States. Suzanne loves taking long walks around Bird Key, playing tennis, traveling, cooking and entertaining.



AJ Dieter
Director, Membership

AJ maintains the BKWA membership managing new member requests and annual renewals, she also leads the New Member Welcoming Special Interest Group (SIG).

AJ hails from Ohio and is a proud Buckeye. She spent her early career as an Art Director in Washington, DC and NYC; then, after fifteen years at home raising three kids, returned to corporate work as a Contract Specialist in the legal department of a Fintech company in Atlanta. AJ and her husband John chose Bird Key as their year-round home in 2020 where life includes the best of everything. AJ enjoys long walks, yoga and tennis with good friends. She and John are avid cyclists and co-captain "Team Bill," a group who ride over 100 miles in a single day, supporting Pelotonia, raising funds for The James cancer hospital in Columbus, Ohio.



Leslie Breck

Director, Special Interest Groups

Leslie is responsible for the Special Interest Groups (SIG) of the BKWA. She maintains contact with each group to help facilitate their effectiveness and vitality. BKWA members who are interested in starting a new group or joining an existing group can contact Leslie for direction.

Leslie has been a homeowner on Bird Key since 2019. She and her husband, Ted, also reside in NYC and Groton Long Point, CT. Leslie raised her children in Greenwich, CT. Prior to raising a family, Leslie was a Vice President in Human Resources for JP Morgan. Leslie has served on many boards and committees that focused on the wellbeing of children, women and animals. Originally from a suburb of Detroit, Leslie maintains her Midwest roots by cheering for her beloved Detroit teams.