



BKWA History

BKWA was formed in the mid-1990's

- Rita August was the Founder and First President
- Anita Laurie then served as President for 10 years
- Following Anita, a new President was then appointed each year
- Membership was comprised primarily of snowbirds with in-season activities
- Lunch Bunch was launched

In 2019, Lynne Short, Shary Price, Marshall Fernandez and Dee Kropf were elected to serve on the Leadership Team, at which time the membership was 100 women. They conducted a member survey. The results led them to add many new opportunities for socializing and community service which members embraced enthusiastically!

This Leadership Team also:

- Wrote the BKWA Operating Guidelines and Mission Statement
- Procured our email address
- Created our official logo
- Sent monthly newsletters
- Oversaw technological advancements such as electronic payments, RSVPs and electronic applications.

In March of 2023, Leslie Breck, Carolyn Christian, AJ Dieter, Jennifer Lackland, Gigi Matthews and Suzanne Yerdon were elected to the current Leadership Team. They conducted a second member survey to explore other areas for development.

This Leadership Team:

- Developed a unique website for BKWA
- Continued community service by partnering with Children First
- Created several new Special Interest Groups
- Added a Sunshine Committee
- Added a January happy hour and field trip to the annual calendar
- Worked to increase the membership to 165 women