FEBRUARY 2024 BIRD KEY WONENS ASSOCIATION

Oh What A Year!



LOCK HOW WE HAVE GROWN

Membership February 2019 115

Membership February 2023 149

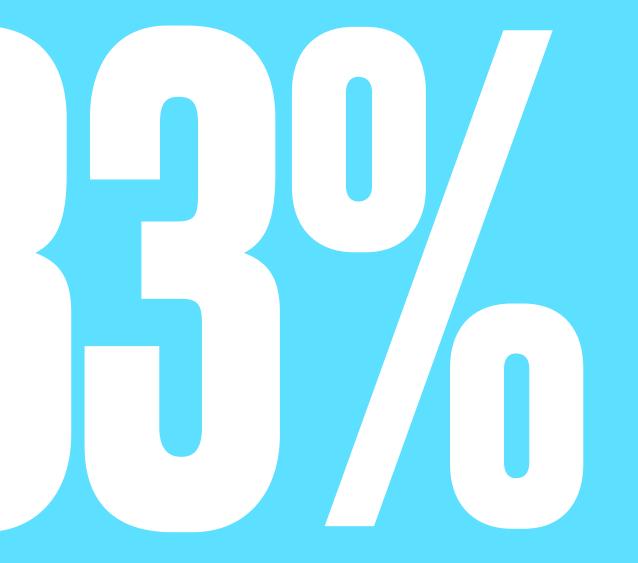
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OF BIRD KEY HOUSEHOLDS ARE MEMBERS OF BKWA

OUR NEW MEMBER WELCOMING COMMITTEE PROMOTES MEMBERSHIP AND PROVIDES A WARM WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS



2023 EVENTS & OUTINGS

Dog Parade February:

Lido Shores Umbrella House Tour March:

April: LeBarge Sunset Cruise

Siesta Key Rum Tour May:

July: **Savor Sarasota at Rosemary & Thyme**

September: CPR & AED Training

Leading Ladies of Sarasota Trolly Tour **October:**

November: Florida Studio Theatre Back Stage Tour & Matinee

December: Holiday Luncheon at the Field Club





- January: Tour of Sarasota County Emergency Operations & 911 Call Center

SOCIAL TIMES AROUND THE KEY

March Happy Hour at Karen Kent's **April Coffee at AJ Dieter's** May Happy Hour at Candace Ordonez's June Coffee at Dee Kropf's **June Progressive Dinner August Coffee at Gigi Matthews' September Happy Hour at Jennifer Blackburn's October Coffee at Kimberly Duplissey's November Happy Hour at Diane Connelly's December Holiday Party at Jolene Graham's January Happy Hour at Marty Bisplinghoff's**

A HUGE Thank you to our gracious hosts!





BKWA BRINGS OUR MEMBERS AND COMUNITY TOGETHER – LUNCH BUNCH FUN EVERY MONTH Christina Shantz

FESTIVE HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE Carolyn Christian

COUPLES HOLIDAY PARTY Jolene Graham

JOYFULLY SINGING Joan Love



We Listened to Our Members July 2023 Membership Survey — Responded to by 30% of our Membership

Here's what you said:

- Members want to share their expertise
 - We need an organized Welcome Committee
 - We need a Website
 - More small group gatherings are desired



- Majority of respondents have lived on Bird Key 1 5 years Most are here most of the year...28% Seasonal residents
 - Food & Wine, Lunch Bunch, Book Clubs & Yoga Lots of willing hosts

Financial Year in Review

Beginning Balance: \$3,555 Ending Balance: \$14,487

Income Source: Your dues

Major Expenses: Holiday Party Happy Hours & Coffees **Badges & Directory Constant Contact & Website**





WE Tried Something New!

BKWA's First Progressive Dinner



BUON APPETITO – a delightful evening in Italy!





Hosted by Sharon Stevenson, Susie Steelman, AJ Dieter with Appetizers at Lisa Adams' and Desserts at Gigi Matthews'





We've got a SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP for everyone



- Late Bloomers Garden Club
- **Flow Birds Yoga**
- **Parlez-Vous Francais?**
- Low Riders Kayaking
- Mah Jongg Mavens
- **Birdie Club**
- **New Member Welcoming**
- **5 Book Groups**
- **Sunshine Committee**

AND there are more to come...let us know if you want to organize a SIG!

We are assisting our community



Throughour partnership with children First we are helping children in need with donations and volunteering opportunities

Plans for 2024

Ladies' Happy Hours March, September & November **Coffees April, June, August & October** LeBarge Sunset Cruise April 24 **Couples Happy Hour May 10 Savor Sarasota Couples Dining July TBD Couples Holiday Party December 6**

- **Tour of Nate's Honor Animal Rescue February 15**
- Ca d'Zan Experience March 21
- Meet Mote Sea May TBD
- And many more adventures around Sarasota!



Continued support and involvement with Children First



YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM





Gigi Matthews Co-President

Jennifer Lackland

Co-President



AJ Dieter Membership

Carolyn Christian Secretary/Treasurer





Suzanne Yerdon **Communications**

Leslie Breck Special Interest Groups



Special Thanks

Christina Shantz — Lunch Bunch Coordinator

Dee Kropf — Directory



Suzanne Yerdon – Website Development

Volunteer to host or help **Share our Association Try something new Use the BKWA website**

Attend our many fun & interesting functions



BKWA provides Bird Key women residents the opportunity to meet and interact through a variety of activities, social gatherings and service opportunities. BKWA welcomes newcomers to Bird Key and embraces long-time residents while promoting awareness os the social and cultural offerings of Sarasota



Operating Guideline Edits

Leadership Team changes: Co-presidents (we have been operating this way) Separating job of Treasurer & Secretary Adding position of Special Interest Group Director

Motion to approve Operating Guideline Edits

Motion to elect Amy Lazarus as BKWA Treasurer for 3 year term

