

FEBRUARY 2024

# BIRD KEY WOMENS ASSOCIATION

Oh What A Year!



# LOOK HOW WE HAVE GROWN

- Membership February 2019 115
- Membership February 2023 149
- Membership February 2024 165



**33%**

**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

**February: Dog Parade**

**March: Lido Shores Umbrella House Tour**

**April: LeBarge Sunset Cruise**

**May: Siesta Key Rum Tour**

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

**September: CPR & AED Training**

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

**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 COMMUNITY 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**

**Majority of respondents have lived on Bird Key 1 - 5 years**

**Most are here most of the year...28% Seasonal residents**

***Here's what you said:***

- **Food & Wine, Lunch Bunch, Book Clubs & Yoga**
- **Lots of willing hosts**
- **Members want to share their expertise**
- **We need an organized Welcome Committee**
- **We need a Website**
- **More small group gatherings are desired**



# 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



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

*BUON APPETITO - a delightful evening in Italy!*



**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**

**Through our 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**

- **Continued support and involvement with Children First**
- **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!**



# YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



**Jennifer Lackland**  
Co-President



**Gigi Matthews**  
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**



# WHAT CAN YOU DO?

**Attend our many fun & interesting functions**

**Volunteer to host or help**

**Share our Association**

**Try something new**

**Use the BKWA website**



# OUR MISSION

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 of 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**