

Brainerd Lakes Area Women of Today

P.O. Box 1225, Brainerd MN 56401

We meet on the 1st Thursday of Each Month
at Sheps/Darlene's House and/or on Zoom

Hello ladies,

Welcome to the first and last newsletter of 2020!!! I hope to put these out at least once a trimester! If you have any information that you would like to see in the newsletters, please email it to me at bblondie3423@hotmail.com. I am so sad that we can't all be together to celebrate the holidays, but I am proud of everything we've done despite this frustrating pandemic!

Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Good Bye 2020!!!

Becky Hale, Newslet Local Programming Manager

Get To Know Our Members

Becky Hale, Programming VP

Hi ladies! I have been a member since January 2015, so it'll be 16 years in 2021! How can that be? I have held pretty much every position in our local chapter with the exception of Treasurer and Ways & Means. I have been on our district board and district director and have the honor of holding the title of "Key Woman" thanks to my amazing chapter!

I have been married for a little over 2 years, most of you know him already, but if you don't, you can find Darryl by his loud booming voice and bad jokes. I have one son, Jaden, who is 23 years old and is going to college at the University of Wisconsin, Stout. I have 3 amazing Step-daughters, Whitnee, our chapter president, and Christina are members of our chapter and hoping Roni will join us someday. Whitnee is married to Cam and they have 4 kiddos and 1 on the way and Christina has a little one too, so I have 5, almost 6 grandbabies at age 44!!! Wouldn't trade them for the world!

I love riding the motorcycle with Darryl and look forward to re-learning how to ride my own Harley this Spring/Summer. I love hanging out with friends, laughing and HUGGING!!!! I am an open book, so if you ever have a question feel free to ask! (Text....not phone call) LOL.



Upcoming Events

December 25

Merry Christmas!!!!

January 1

Happy New Year!!!!

January 14

January Sip N Soak

Member Spotlights

Please email me a little blurb about yourself that I can add to each newsletter to get to know each other better!

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Past Events Update

This summer we had meetings outside at our member, Darlene's house with Zoom as an option for those who didn't want to attend in person. We had a small baby shower for our member, Christina, who had a beautiful baby boy on July 14th! Our Flamingo fundraiser kicked off in August, what is more socially distanced than putting flamingos in someone's yard? And we still managed to raise some money! We donated \$600 to Ruff Start Rescue and \$600 to HART Animal Rescue. We also sold Pizzas and Butter Braids and plan do donate to causes we couldn't donate to this year because events were cancelled or upcoming community projects. We masked up and sold pizzas and brats at the new Round House Brewery on quite a few different dates, we spent 76.5 hours doing this and raised money to donate to Coats for Kids, Confidence Learning Center, ECFE & the Food Shelf. We have still been getting together every other month for events we call "Sip N' Soaks". We bring food to share and a beverage of choice, we soak our feet, sometimes do mani/pedis and do something to mark off of our certifications!

We held an online Tastefully Simple party to raise money for our chapter's Ways & Means and we shopped for & delivered meal baskets for 3 families for Thanksgiving and we are purchasing gifts for Santa for Seniors and we will be delivering the gifts.

Upcoming Events

In January we usually host our live "Happy Hour With a Purpose", but our genius members came up with a way to do this virtually, so we are working on getting sponsors and gift cards for this event as well! Please read the minutes for more information and keep your eye out for emails about this event!



In the Community

Hometown Holidays Downtown Brainerd Window Walk 5-7pm

Stroll downtown Brainerd and enjoy beautifully decorated windows, all lit up for the holidays. Stores will be open late & outdoor music will be joyful!

Ice Fishing Extravaganza Raffle Tickets

We will be selling raffle tickets again this year! Read upcoming emails and minutes for notes from Beth!!