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# ABOUT TOWN



*Barrington Junior Women's Club (BJWC) celebrated for its annual Fall Fashion Show on Saturday, November 9 at Avante Banquets. Past BJWC Presidents gathered for a photo at the event. From left: Deb Dickson, Suzy Mogler, Liisa Gent, Mary Dale, Erin Shechtman, and Jenny Lagoni.*

## The QB Calendar

### **SPRING SEASON CULTURAL EVENTS**

#### **Barrington's White House**

Barrington's White House announces its Spring Season with musical, culinary, historic, civic, storytelling, plays, operatic, and other fantastic events. Learn more in our Arts & Culture sections starting on page 54, or visit [barringtonwhitehouse.com](http://barringtonwhitehouse.com) for details and to purchase tickets.

### **FALL PREVENTION: I'M STILL STANDING!**

#### **Elderwerks Educational Services**

**Thursday, January 12**

**Webinar, 10–11 a.m.**

Falling is a widespread concern in health care and for all of us in the community. Come learn the many ways you can lower your fall risk through understanding what risky behaviors, biological, and environmental factors are putting you at risk. Discover how easy it can be to change your risky behaviors, so you

continue to live an independent, high quality of life. Presented by Sue Grossinger, Senior Services Coordinator, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital. There is no cost to join, but registration is required. Email [events@elderwerks.org](mailto:events@elderwerks.org) or call 847-462-0885 to register.

### **SOCIAL SECURITY: UNDERSTANDING THE BENEFITS**

**Wednesday, January 18, 2023**

**Elderwerks Educational Services**

**Webinar, 10–11 a.m.**

Navigating a government program can be overwhelming. During this presentation, Megan will give an overview of Social Security's programs and online services. Included in this presentation will be a discussion of disability, retirement, survivor's benefits, and Medicare. Megan will go over when to apply for benefits and where to find benefits information online. Presented by Megan Forristall, Public Affairs

Specialist, Social Security Administration. There is no cost to join, but registration is required. Please email [events@elderwerks.org](mailto:events@elderwerks.org) or call 847-462-0885 to register.

### **ANNUAL DINNER CELEBRATION**

**Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce**

**Thursday, January 26**

**Wild Onion Brewery, 5:30 p.m.**

Join the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce for its signature dinner event on January 26. This is an opportunity to network, enjoy entertainment, visit food stations, cash bar, and raffle prizes. There will also be a Silent Auction supporting the Lauren Brown memorial Scholarship Fund. Silent Auction donations are needed. Consider donating an item to this important fundraiser such as a dining or shopping gift card supporting local businesses, gift baskets, certificates for valuable services, or event tickets. Email

your donation details to [communications@barringtonchamber.com](mailto:communications@barringtonchamber.com). Donations can be dropped off at BACC offices. The Wild Onion Brewery is located at 22221 N. Pepper Road in Lake Barrington.

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#### **6TH ANNUAL TOWN WARMING**

**Barrington's White House**

**Saturday, January 28**

**8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Each January, in the heart of winter, the Barrington Town Warming brings people together at Barrington's White House to hear from leaders and experts in a variety of sectors. This year's theme is "Our Own Roaring '20s: What's Happening in the Present and What We See for the Future." Tickets include a continental breakfast, lunch, and reception. This event is brought to you by Barrington's White House and the Barrington Cultural Commission as well as Presenting Sponsor Northern Trust, Keynote Speaker Sponsor Anna and Greg Brown, and Audio-Visual Sponsor Kim Duchossois. Ballroom tickets are \$150. Visit [barringtonwhitehouse.com/events](http://barringtonwhitehouse.com/events) or call 224-512-4006.

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#### **BARRINGTON AREA ECONOMIC SUMMIT**

**Barrington Area Chamber**

**Wednesday, February 8**

**Barrington's White House, 8:30 to 10 a.m.**

Join this event to hear from Village leaders first-hand on updates on the State of the Greater Barrington Area. Speakers are invited from Barrington, Barrington Hills, Deer Park, Inverness, Kildeer, Lake Barrington, Long Grove, North Barrington, Port Barrington, South Barrington, and Tower Lakes. Cost to attend is \$10 and that includes coffee and pastries. Register at [barringtonchamber.com](http://barringtonchamber.com).

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#### **TURN YOUR GARDEN INTO A B&B FOR BIRDS**

**Garden Club of Inverness**

**Thursday, February 16**

**All Saints Lutheran Church, 9:30 a.m.**

The Garden Club of Inverness will present "Turn Your Garden into a B&B for Birds" at All Saints Lutheran Church, 630 S. Quentin Rd., Palatine. Alyse, owner of Wildbird Shack in Mt. Prospect, has been birding for 20 years. This program will introduce us to the birds that you will see in your backyard all year round, plus some that stop at your feeder

during migration. We will see why birds are so important to our environment. There will be a brief business meeting, refreshments and then the presentation. For more information go to [gardenclubofinverness.com](http://gardenclubofinverness.com).

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#### **BARRINGTON HEALTH & WELLNESS SUMMIT**

**Dr. Lori Walsh and Jessica Grelle**

**Barrington's White House**

**February 22-24**

Through our shared interest in disease prevention and the power of food as medicine, we were brought together by community leader Kim Duchossois to aid in the early development of Advocate Good Shepherd's new Center for Health and Integrative Medicine. Our areas of expertise are complementary, and the synergy has led to a desire to bring a broader definition of health to the Barrington community. The Barrington White House listening sessions held early in the year helped us to focus on the key health topics that the community wanted to be addressed. We have curated a group of internationally renowned researchers, clinicians, and experts that will speak on topics such as cancer prevention, stress management, breath in health, and the microbiome. There will be workshops and experiential offerings, as well as conversation in community with delicious, nutritious food to spark new thoughts and ideas. We hope that those who attend will be inspired to create lifestyle change and to care for themselves in new ways. Visit [barringtonwhitehouse.org](http://barringtonwhitehouse.org) for tickets.

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#### **RACHEL CARSON PROGRAM**

**Garden Club of Inverness**

**Thursday, March 16**

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#### **All Saints Lutheran Church, 9:30 a.m.**

The Garden Club of Inverness will present "Rachel Carson" in a living history program set in 1963. Leslie Goddard portrays this biologist and author of "Silent Spring" warning the world of the potentially dire environmental impact of chemical pesticides. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a brief business meeting, refreshments, and then the presentation. We meet at All Saints Lutheran Church, 630 S. Quentin Rd., Palatine. Nonmembers and guests are welcome. Refer to [gardenclubofinverness.com](http://gardenclubofinverness.com) for updates.

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#### **BRINGING BACK THE CIRCUS TO BYFS**

**Barrington Youth & Family Services**

**Saturday, April 22, 2023**

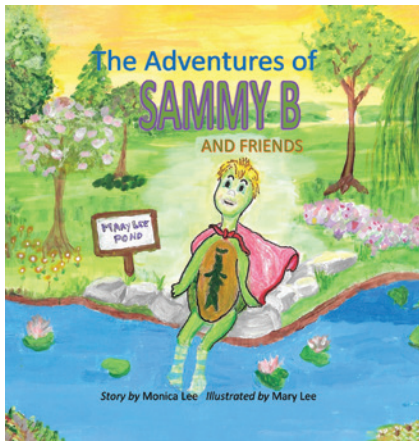
**Barrington Hills Country Club, 5:30pm**

Ladies and Gentlemen & Children of All Ages! Barrington Youth and Family Services invites you to join us at the annual BYFS Gala: "Bringing Back the Circus to BYFS!" Come one, come all to enjoy the excitement and splendor of this event benefiting BYFS that has proudly served the mental health needs of the Barrington area for over 50 years. We are so grateful for the support of our community which has allowed us to deliver counseling services to all in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Tickets for this usually sold-out event go on sale March 10. For event details, sponsorship opportunities, or information on auction items, follow Barrington Youth and Family Services on Facebook and Instagram or the BYFS website [www.barringtonbyfs.org](http://www.barringtonbyfs.org). For more details, on the event, contact: Betsy Thalheimer 847-814-2622 or Betsy Wintringer 773-848-6507.



*On Saturday, Dec. 3, Barrington resident Belen Sanchez Leos with granddaughter Valentina Galvez have fun at the downtown festivities. They enjoyed the downtown holiday events, and visited Santa, and the petting zoo. They shopped at Marvin's Toy Store and donated to the Toys for Tots Collection.*





## A Mother and Daughter Team Up for a Children's Book

BY MONICA LUCIANI-KERN

**MY MOTHER, MARY LEE**, suffered for two years in pain barely even able to walk. She bravely went forward with knee surgery. After a long rehab, in the middle of the pandemic, my mother fell and broke her ankle on what she now called her good leg. She once again braved surgery, but this time no visitors allowed. After a stay in the hospital, she was moved to an assisted living facility for rehab and care. I spoke with my mother every day. However, I could see her optimistic spirit dwindle with the loss of the use of her foot and of the fear of the virus hovering over her.

As a teenager, she received a scholarship to The Art Institute of Chicago and then The Art Academy of Chicago. Her dream of becoming a professional artist was short-lived. Mary Lee would use her artistic skills to paint and draw pictures for family members to enjoy. She remained an artist at heart.

In the summer of 2020, I proposed a project to her: a children's book with characters from our family tree. I would compose the story and she would do most of the illustrations. It had been months since I had seen a smile. From that moment, our conversations centered around our project and the concept of putting a smile on children's faces as well as adult readers.

The story centers around Sammy B., a young family turtle looking for adventure around Mary Lee Pond. The story also includes a message of safety and a lesson of love. We hope you enjoy reading "The Adventures of SAMMY B and Friends." Book 2 & 3 coming soon in 2023!

For more information and to order a copy: [mlbmc@gmail.com](mailto:mlbmc@gmail.com), call 847-302-7464 or visit [sammybandfriends.com](http://sammybandfriends.com) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).



A chilly December 17 did not dampen the patriotic remembrance of Wreaths Across America Day at Evergreen Cemetery in Barrington. More than 150 citizens and groups from Scouts, Leopard Construction, UBS Financial, and BHS Quarterback Club joined the Memorial Ceremony that honored each of the identified Veterans at Evergreen with a live balsam wreath. The brief Memorial Ceremony, led by Signal Hill Chapter Joyce Wright, included remarks by Congressman Sean Casten, Barrington President Karen Darch, Honorary Illinois Regent Sharla Luken, and Veterans of Lake Barrington Shores President Bill Bishop. Photo by Bob Lee.



PHOTO BY JEFF CHEMELEWSKI

We hope you are doing well and had an enjoyable 2022. We are excited to share the growth and awareness of BARRINGTON AREA DIGITAL PHOTO GALLERY (BADPG.ORG). Since the announcement of the site in 2020, we have had over 4,000 visits to the BADPG. In 2022, eight new photographers contributed images to the site. We now have a total of 23 contributing photographers and display almost 400 images for all to enjoy. We are now soliciting new images for 2023. We are accepting images during January. Please mail your images to [email@BADPG.com](mailto:email@BADPG.com). Submitted by Bob Lee.



On Wednesday, Nov. 14, the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce invited members to attend the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening for Closets By Design, located at 802 East Devon Avenue in Bartlett. Formerly in Addison, owners Jamie Trewartha and Paul Paluch, family, and friends celebrated their new 40,000 square foot showroom and product manufacturing facility. Visit [closetsbydesign.com](http://closetsbydesign.com) or call 847-354-4933 for more information.



# What's Happening at the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce



**Jen Frey**  
Jen Frey Coaching  
BACC Chairperson



**Elaine Sambo-Reyther**  
BMO Wealth Management  
BACC First Vice Chair



**Dr. Reinhold Llerena**  
Ascension  
BACC Second Vice Chair



**Jon Stickney**  
Barrington Bank & Trust Co.  
BACC Treasurer



**Suzanne Corr**  
Barrington Area Chamber of  
Commerce (BACC) Secretary



**Doug McAllister**  
Douglas Auto  
BACC Past Chairman

## BACC Welcomes New Members

A.M. Woodland Outdoor Design

Barrington Giving Day

Barrington Wellness Group

BLOVD Beauty Bar

Christie Baines /Jameson  
Sothebys Real Estate

Daily Thread

DKS Counseling LLC

Hotels Magazine

Kiddiewinks - Children's  
Interactive Venue

KLR Construction Inc.

Kona Financial Planning

Limitless Performance  
Chiropractic

Next Generation Area Rug  
Cleaning

Quality Eye Care QeyeC

Reaching For The Stars

Scorpius Cybersecurity LLC

Serypro of E&W Dundee &  
SW Barrington Hills

Wildrose Floral Design



**Robert Finley**  
Virtue Asset Management  
BACC Director



**Kyle Kick**  
BStrong Together  
BACC Director



**Zack Witt**  
Illumen Solar  
BACC Director



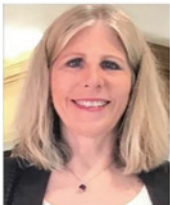
**Amber Luczak**  
Edward Jones  
BACC Director



**Armen Kholamian**  
Junk King N Chicago  
BACC Director



**Brett Koenig**  
Crissle Insurance Group  
BACC Director



**Linda Gump**  
Jovie/College Tutors  
BACC Director



**Julie Mayer**  
Advocate Aurora Health  
BACC Director



**Scott Anderson**  
Village of Barrington  
BACC Advisory Board



**Dr. Robert Hunt**  
Barrington Community  
School District 220  
BACC Advisory Board



**Robert Palmer**  
Village of South Barrington  
BACC Advisory Board



**Michele' Smith**  
Harper College  
BACC Advisory Board

*Congratulations to the 2023 BACC Board of Directors!*

## BACC 2023 Scholarship Applications Now Available



*Congratulations to the 2022 Lauren Brown Memorial Scholarship recipients.*

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023** Lauren Brown Memorial Scholarship are now available from the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) at [BarringtonChamber.com](http://BarringtonChamber.com), or through the Chamber office located at 190

E. James St. in Barrington. Eligible students must be from the Barrington area, or the student of an employee of a Chamber member business. BACC awards the scholarships each spring to local high school students pursuing higher education through a university, community college, or vocational/trade certification program. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,500. There are no restrictions regarding race, religion, nationality, gender, or physical ability.

To be eligible, the completed application and all supporting documents must be received no later than March 15, 2023. All supporting documents should be single-sided. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Please return the complete package to: Scholarship Committee, BACC, 190 E. James Street, Barrington, IL 60010. For more information, please call 847-381-2525. Only completed applications with required information will qualify for consideration. The scholarship is not based on financial need. The award recipient will be notified no later than April 12, 2022. The scholarship award will be made out directly to the recipient with documented acceptance at their school of choice. Award recipients will be asked to attend an April 27 lunch at Biltmore Country Club in their honor and must be willing to have their name and photo used for publicity purposes.