

## For many, September is a month of new beginnings...

A month to start over, to learn something new, or find gratitude in different places. In September we celebrate the end of summer and the start of Autumn. It's one of the most beautiful times of the year.

Humankind has always celebrated the Autumnal Equinox in different ways. For many cultures, Fall is a time of bountiful harvest. The full moon that falls closest to the autumnal equinox is often called the Harvest Moon. The Chinese began celebrating the fall harvest at the Harvest Moon centuries ago, during the Shang dynasty. Ancient Chinese celebrated the successful harvest of rice and wheat and made offerings to the moon.

In pagan mythology, the equinox is called Mabon, or Second Harvest. It is a time to give thanks for the summer and to pay tribute to the coming darkness. It is a time for sharing and counting one's many blessings.

One thing we are all grateful for at BWN is the amazing support and friendship our members provide each other. Getting back together for Happy Hour the last two months has helped us reconnect and has been a great reminder of why our organization is so special.

Join us for our first in-person lunch at Turf Valley on 9/22 at 11:30 am. This lunch will serve as a Welcome Back Celebration, and we look forward to seeing you all there!

## Upcoming BWN Events

You are invited to join us.  
Registration is required for each event.  
Click on each section below to register.  
Become a member and attend our member-only events.

9/08: [Coffee](#) Hosts: [Cary & Scott Buckner](#)



9/22: [Luncheon](#) Speaker: [Eboni Adams Monk](#)



9/29: [Happy Hour](#) Host: [Laura Barrett-Nutting](#)



## Nonprofit of the Month



Our goal this year is to provide a sense of community & refuel as many spirits as possible through our Virtual Retreats, Family Bingos, Jess Beard's Ears Over Fears and our ReTreat Yourself program. Cancer patients lived somewhat isolated lives before the pandemic and now more than ever need a sense of community and things to take their mind off cancer, even if just for a moment.

Our mission is to provide retreats of respite to cancer patients, their caregivers and family members. Due to COVID-19, we have had to pause our day retreat program and have created new programs allowing us to continue to refuel the spirits of those affected by cancer. The puzzle request is for our ReTreat Yourself program which gifts families a beautiful box filled with uplifting & therapeutic activities designed to take their minds off cancer.

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## Welcome New Members

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## About BWN

BWN is a Community  
Where Business Women  
Grow Together

Business Women's Network believes women are more successful when they are in community with other women. Our mission is to provide opportunities for motivated, professional women to empower one another, so that together we can grow our business and our leadership skills. What sets us apart from our other networking organizations is our warm and welcoming energy and our commitment to making genuine connections.

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