

January 2017

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



A fresh New Year is once again upon us. It is time to be thankful for the blessings of the past year and to look back at our achievements. It is time to start fresh, start strong, and a chance to try something new.

January marks the halfway point in the year for the Brown County Community Women's Club. We have achieved so much already. The BCCWC is a group of strong women who have many talents. Let us see what all our talents can accomplish in the second half of our year!

Check out our calendar to see what is coming.

Check out our website scrapbook to look back at our past activities and accomplishments.

This new calendar year, our resolutions may be:

- Face our challenges with courage and confidence,
- Spread love and caring to our community, family and friends
- Lead a life of success with happiness
- Pray for all those blessings

Happy New Year,

Jan Clark, President 2016-2017



MEMBERSHIP



The membership committee welcomes new member Mary Schneider. Our current membership is now 270.

If you have not received the current directory, please contact Betty Jensen. If you received two directories, please return the extra one. Thank you.

Kathy Belschner (660-2705) belschnerk@yahoo.com
Betty Jensen (857-3978) bej59@yahoo.com, Co-Directors

MEETINGS REMINDER



January 18

De Pere Community Center, 600 Grant St., West De Pere

Social: 12:15 Program: 1:00 Meeting: 1:30

*** Collection of non-perishables for Food Pantry Drive ***

*** Collection of cold-weather wear for Wellspring ***

Program 1:00 PM - Pete Burback, owner of Cook's Corner, will tell us how to "spice up our winter" with ideas from the kitchen.



Note: If you are the collector for the Food Pantry or Wellspring, please arrive early so that you can park near the building. We are not to park in the fire lane.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

ST JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER



Thank you to all who volunteered to bring food to St. John's for **January 5**. We have all the food donations we need. Thank you for your generosity. The guests at St. John's are very appreciative.

Please have the food there by 5:30 PM.

Mary Krautkramer (336-0198) mkrauty@att.net

Mary Kay Paulson (632-7473), Co-Chairs

AGING GRACEFULLY

Please join Louie, the Italian Greyhound and his Mom, Carol Lom, for Pet Therapy! Even if you don't have a dog, we encourage you to come and share in the fun, and talk with residents about their favorite dog. Call Carol De Grand or send her an email if you are able to make it - please consider bringing your well-mannered dog!



- Wednesday, **January 11** at Bornemann's South 1853 Mills St. at 10:00 AM

Please note that Julie Salemi has a new email address.

Carol De Grand (468-9718) cjdegrand@gmail.com

Julie Salemi jasalemi20@gmail.com Co-Chairs

FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

Trinity Lutheran Pantry located on South Broadway in Green Bay will be the recipient of the **January 18** food drive. Please consider donating healthy food items such as:

- Protein Foods - Nuts, canned seafood & poultry
- Fruit - Packed in juice, dried & sauced
- Soups - Low sodium with protein & vegetables
- Whole-Grain - Pasta and cereal
- Vegetables - Colorful, canned

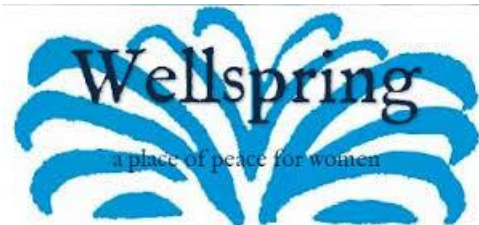


We will be parked at the front door to accept your donations. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you for your generosity.

Lois Mauermann, Chair (497-1354) LMauermann@new.rr.com

WELLSPRING

Our Wellspring collection will be taking place at our **January** meeting. Please remember the guests of Wellspring as you shop after-holiday sales. The cold-weather items often requested include mittens, hats, scarves, socks, etc. Many of the guests use public transportation or walk so let's keep them warm!



Thank you in advance!

Kathy Aicher (465-1600 or 265-5094) kaicher@new.rr.com
Carol De Grand (680-5470 or 468-9718) cjdegrand@gmail.com

ONE STITCH AT A TIME



Time to curl up by the fire with those crochet hooks and knitting needles and get a project started for the needy. They are so appreciative! The kids and moms alike just beam when they receive a new blanket just for them. So, please, think about helping us help them at our **May** collection.

Jean Allegeyer (639-2980) jmallegeyer@msn.com
Pat Hearnden (432-5871) phearden@aol.com, Co-Chairs

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The last 2016 dedication was held on **December 8** (see photo). Barb Konopacky and Kathy Belschner stepped into an intimidating experience as they knew no one, had never attended a Habitat dedication, and had no inkling of what to expect. They were overwhelmed with kindness and numerous people expressed their appreciation for the BCCWC's quilts for the new homeowners. Both of them were so happy that they were able to experience the joyfulness of giving their time and talents to someone else - a truly heartwarming experience that exemplifies what the BCCWC is all about.

New binding skills: A couple of women are learning how to sew the binding on quilts with the help of Carol De Grand. Quilters can save a little time and work by having someone else bind their quilts. Contact Carol De Grand for details.

Donations: Members who don't sew but want to help defray expenses of the quilters may write a check to the BCCWC for any amount and specify that the check is for Building Quilts for Habitat for Humanity. The Board approved, at its November meeting, that a check may be written from the BCCWC account to JoAnn's Fabric for its gift cards which will be used by the quilters to purchase material, ribbon to tie finished quilts, batting, and labeling material.

Want an exciting winter project? Construct a lap-sized quilt (can be as small as 42" X 60") - all that is required is that the quilt contains a house pattern or material containing pictures of houses. The quilter makes the top and supplies the backing. An anonymous person machine quilts your project. No need to buy batting - she has that stored at her home. Sign up at the next meeting or contact:

Carol De Grand (680-5470) cjdegrand@gmail.com
Mary Schrickel (609-4651) mary_habitat@hotmail.com, Co-Chairs



Kathy Belschner and Barb Konopacky received a warm welcome at the Dec. 8 dedication of the new Habitat for Humanity home as they presented their quilt to the Johnson family.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY PROJECT

We just want to thank our "membership committee" again for making the project a major success. Three families had a beautiful Christmas thanks to your generosity. We also want to remind you all to be thinking of a family or families we can help next year. Perhaps there is a family that a member would like to see helped. The chair people would need to know of the family no later than **July 2017**. All information remains confidential except for first names, gender and what they select as a gift.



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Jean Brosteau(632-7516) gbrosteau@gmail.com,
Darlene Rohm (739-5296) darlenehh@yahoo.com, Co-Chairs

FUNDRAISING

As you all know, without fundraising, we would have no money to give away, so when we have the opportunity to raise some, we need all the help we can get. This fall we had several events, and we'd like to extend a **huge thank you** to all who made them so successful.

Looking ahead to some future dates to put on your new calendars - Dr. James Surrell will be back for a fundraising event on **March 30, 2017**. Planning is already in the works for the Spring Card and Game Party on **May 3, 2017**. Both will be held at Thornberry Creek. We wish you a very Happy and Healthy 2017.

Beezie MacNeil, Sue Protzman and Lynette Van Den Heuvel, Co-Directors

BRIDGE MARATHONS

We have an opening for one more team in our "FULL DECK" bridge marathon group for the new season. This group plays on the 3rd Thursday from June through December at a restaurant. If you are interested in this group or any of our other bridge groups, please contact Carol Simpson ASAP for more information and availability: simpsoncj4310@gmail.com or 983-9550.

Anne Gollnick, Gloria Jonet & Carol Simpson, Co-Chairs

KWIK TRIP/FESTIVAL



The BCCWC will be selling Festival (\$50) and Kwik Trip (\$25) gift cards at the January meeting. These cards can be used for whatever they sell in the store and not just for gas or groceries.

Cathy Green (676-4665) cgreen1171@new.rr.com
Faye Drankoff (265-0126) fdrankoff@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

50-50 RAFFLE



Congratulations to our December 14 Birthday girl, Judy Janssen, in winning the 50/50 drawing of \$154 on her birthday!! How lucky can you get? Awesome! Thanks to all again for your participation. Have Faith and Hope in the new year! Happy New Year to all!

Mary Adriansen, Chair



BOOK FOR A BUCK



Bring a gently-read book to sell (preferably, a best seller) to our membership meetings. If you've bought a book, read it, liked it, please bring it back and sell it to someone else. **HOWEVER**, if you bring a book and it does not sell, please take it back with you, as we are not equipped for storage.

The amount doesn't seem like a lot, but every dollar we make is one we didn't have previously. There will be a table where you can sell the books, or you can sell at the table where you are sitting for the meeting. Betty DeGrave will collect the money.

Betty DeGrave, (845-9061) robedegrave@centurytel.net, Chairperson

FELLOWSHIP

- Game/Cards Day will be **Wednesday, January 11, 2017**
 - **New Location:** De Pere Community Center, lounge in lower level
 - 1:00—4:00 PM
 - Call or email Sue if you plan to attend, upnative1979@yahoo.com or 432-3428
- The Lunch Bunch will meet on **Thursday, January 19**, at A'Bravo, 11:45—1:00ish
 - Let Sue Sinclair know by **Tuesday, January 17**, if you plan to attend, 432-3428 or upnative1979@yahoo.com
- Movie Night
 - Meet at Bay Park Cinema around 3:45 PM, view a movie & grab a bite afterward (group's choice) to discuss the movie
 - Last **Tuesday** of the month (**January 31**)
 -

Chef Ace Cooking Class: Jamaican Jerk Chicken

- Includes side dish, dessert and wine pairing
- **Thursday, January 26, 2017, 1:30—3:30 PM**
- **\$25 @ Festival Foods in DePere** (not \$45 as stated in last month's newsletter)
- Mail check, payable to Ace Champion, to Sue Sinclair or sign up at the January meeting.
- So far we have 10 participants. Maximum of 20.

Spring Bus Trip: (Note change in date from what was announced at the meeting)

- **Tuesday, May 9**
- Cost \$96
- London Alpaca Farm in Manitowoc
- Lunch at Pier 17 in Sheboygan
- Tour Kohler Design Center
- Visit/Tour Wade House & Jung Carriage Museum
- Pick up/drop off on east side & west side
- Flyer will be added to BCCWC website once it is finalized. Sign up at Jan.-Mar. meetings.

Sue Sinclair (432-3428) upnative1979@yahoo.com

Cheryl Jeffers (327-8248) dennischeryl1@yahoo.com, Co-Chairs

BCCWC BOOK CLUB

The January meeting is at the home of Gina Reinardy. It is **January 2, 2017**, at 1:00 PM. Our book is "The Round House" by Louise Erdrich. Discussion leader is Mary Schall.



The next meeting is **Monday, February 6** at 1:00 PM, at the Kress Library in De Pere. The book is "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes. The discussion leader is Meg Deem.

BOOK SUMMARY: This book is a love story and a family story. Above all it is a story of bravery and sustained effort needed to redirect the path of life once it's been pushed off the edge. Louisa Clark, a 26 year-old working class girl lands a position. She becomes a "care assistant" to an intelligent, wealthy, and very angry 35 year-old man. Will Taylor spend the last two years as a quadriplegic after being hit by a motorbike? The story involves very emotional interactions between the main characters. It provides food for thought and is often a tear jerker.

Once again our "Holiday Luncheon" in December and the Book Discussion was a marvelous success! Our group is blessed with talented leaders.

Kay Adams, (336-5321) pepperkayadams@hotmail.com, Chairperson

Yours in fellowship, fun, and community good works,

Kathy Szymanski and Linda Curl, Co-Editors, BCCWC Communications Team
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