

April 2017

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It is difficult to imagine that April is here! The fourth month of our calendar year is a month dedicated to volunteers. This is our month! What better way to celebrate our almost 300 members than to recognize that ours is a volunteer club?

The weather warms up, flowers begin to bud, and we can celebrate the talents and friendships we have developed through the BCCWC. Thank you for being who you are! Thank you for being my friend!

We have a new project that might be of interest to you: "Children's Birthday Bags." Check out the *Food Pantry Drive* entry in our newsletter for details. Celebrate the difference you make in others' lives this month through your volunteering. Thank you.

Jan Clark, President 2016-2017

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee is happy to announce that the following 2017 slate of officers will be presented to the BCCWC board at their meeting on April 5. With the board's approval, the following new officers will be installed at the May luncheon.

President Helene Rosner
President Elect Sherry Steffen
1st Vice President Margaret Georgia
2nd Vice President Betsy Whitton
Treasurer Judy Niesing
Secretary Diane Froelich

Special thanks to fellow committee members.

Jacquie Murphy, Immediate Past President
Jan Clark, Carol Simpson, Nancy Daniels

BCCWC COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARD REQUESTS

It's that time of year to get your Community Contribution Award Requests submitted! To recommend a local non-profit (non-denomination, non-discriminatory, and non-political) organization to receive a BCCWC Community Award, you need to complete one of the forms and mail it to me. The forms are located on the website under the fundraising tab, or you can click here:

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/764992376/201617%2BCommunity%2BAward%2BNomination%2Bform.pdf>

Community Awards will be considered for organizations that are located in Brown County only. Last year we were able to give awards totaling \$37,300 to various programs because of the hard work of our membership. We are hoping to do the same or better this year, again because of all your help and efforts with various fundraising events throughout the year. Thanks for all you do!!

All requests need to be submitted by **May 31**, 2017. Please mail them to: Helene Rosner. The BCCWC Board of Directors will consider and vote on those requests at the June board meeting.

Helene Rosner, President-Elect
2921 Bay Settlement Road, Green Bay, WI 54311

MEMBERSHIP



Our current membership is now 272.

Our membership drive/renewal period started in March.

We have 18 new/renewing members so far.

The deadline to be included in the 2017-2018 directory is **June 30**.

✚ Ladies, let's renew in a timely manner, please.

Kathy Belschner (660-2705) belschnerk@yahoo.com

Betty Jensen (857-3978) bej59@yahoo.com, Co-Directors

MEETINGS REMINDER

Wednesday, April 19

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

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



Program: Sherry Steffen will do a presentation on vintage hats!

PLEASE COME WEARING ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE HATS!

It will be a very fun time!

Please bring non-perishable items & "Birthday Bags"
to benefit **St. Patrick Food Pantry**

Wednesday, May 17 - Spring Luncheon

Green Bay Distillery, 835 Mike McCarthy Way, Ashwaubenon
Social: 11:00 Lunch: 12:00 Entertainment 1:00 Meeting 1:30

✚ **Reservations:** due by May 2 - Forms are on BCCWC website or use link below:

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/765588926/Luncheon+Reservation+May+17-2017.pdf>

COMMUNITY SERVICE

FOOD PANTRY DRIVE



St. Patrick Pantry located on Chestnut St. in Green Bay will be the recipient of our April food drive. It serves around 6,000 families per year and continues to grow. The needs are many. Please be as generous as you can. Canned fruit is always in short supply as are toothpastes, toothbrushes, and healthy, non-perishable food items.

Children's Birthday Bags for Pantries

When you're gathering foodstuffs to donate, please also consider including a "birthday bag" ... an inexpensive birthday-themed gift bag with a box of cake mix, a container of frosting, and candles for a birthday celebration. A small gift for either a boy or a girl may be included. Those items frequently do not fit into the budget of someone at a food pantry, but their children still have birthdays! Parents really appreciate them. Note: If you are interested, Sherry Campbell will be bringing eight birthday bags, most suited for a girl, to the April meeting.

❖ Donations will be collected at our **April 19** meeting.

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

Mary Ryan, Chair ryanmary43@gmail.com

ST JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER



Thank you to all who volunteered to provide food for St. John's Thursday, **April, 6**; we have everything we need. It is a blessing to be part of an organization that is so supportive of St. John's. The guests are always appreciative and enjoy the meal we serve.

Please have the food there by 5:30 PM.

Mary Krautkramer (336-0198 or 819-5812) mkrauty@att.net
Mary Kay Paulson (632-7473) mkpaulson@aol.com, Co-Chairs



AGING GRACEFULLY

The Aging Gracefully/Pet Therapy committee would like to see some new volunteers! Come join us!



We are providing all the hugs and doggie antics to the residents of Bornemanns and Allouez Parkside in April on the following dates:

- ❖ **Allouez Parkside Village, 1901 Libal St.**
Wednesday, **April 12**, 10:30 AM
- ❖ **Bornemanns North, 1866 Brooks St.**
Wednesday, **April 26**, 2:00 PM

➤ Please let Carol De Grand know by email or phone if you are able to come.

The Aging Gracefully Committee continues serve the elderly in different ways.

Carol De Grand (680-5470) cjdegrand@gmail.com

Julie Salemi (621-3954), Co-Chairs

KRESS LIBRARY GARDEN - Greetings Gardeners!

Spring is right around the corner and it is time to start planning for the 2017 Kress Library Garden season. The actual gardening is about a month away and BCCWC volunteers are needed for the growing season from early May to early October. We meet eight times throughout the growing season (about every 3 weeks). Dates have been chosen, but there is no need to attend every date. Just come join the volunteers whenever it works for you and stay for whatever time you can give. Our work at the garden is so appreciated by the community and the library staff. We get lots of accolades. We meet at 8:00 AM and work for about 2 hours. After gardening, for those interested, we go for a treat and extra fellowship at a local restaurant.



WAKE UP THE GARDEN (first gardening date) will be Monday, **May 1**, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. The rain date is Tuesday, May 2.

May 25 - Thursday
June 14 - Wednesday
July 7 - Friday
July 31 - Monday
August 22 - Tuesday
September 15 - Friday



Wednesday, October 4, we meet to put the garden to bed for the 2017 season. Afterward, we will pick a date and plan a potluck luncheon so we can all be together.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the April BCCWC meeting. You can also email or call Mae to sign up. Looking forward to seeing last year's volunteers and hopefully several new ones at the garden. Come enjoy the sunshine, fresh air and fellowship.

MANY HANDS MAKE THE JOB LIGHTER

Mae Rohde, Chair (336-3092) Rohmh7@gmail.com

ONE STITCH AT A TIME - Here is a little reminder:

The weather is improving so finish up those winter knitting and crocheting projects. They will be collected at the **May 17** meeting. We need any size blankets to be given to House of Hope or Wellspring for distribution. We will also be collecting at the October meeting so keep those needles and hooks going!!



Any questions? Please contact:

Pat Hearden (432-5871) phearden@aol.com

Jean Allgeyer (639-2980) jmallgeyer@msn.com, Co-Chairs

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

In September 2016, Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity broke ground on a \$720,000 redevelopment and neighborhood revitalization project in the Joannes Park neighborhood at the corner of East Walnut and Baird Streets. The unique project combines single-family homes with townhouse-style construction. Each of the three buildings will contain two single-family homes that share a common wall in the middle. Habitat Executive Director, Cora Haltaufderheid, called the project the organization's most ambitious effort since it was founded in 1987. It's a fitting endeavor for a project that will put Greater Green Bay Habitat over the 100 homes mark.

And look what the BCCWC quilters are building for the six families who will receive a home in the summer of 2017:



Save the Date: Quilters' Meeting - Tuesday, **May 23**, 2017 - 9:00 AM at The Village Grille

If you are interested in this awesome project, sign up at the next BCCWC meeting or contact:
Carol De Grand (680-5470) cjdegrand@gmail.com
Mary Schrickel (609-4651) mary_habitat@hotmail.com, Co-Chairs

HOUSE OF HOPE



Once again, thank you for your generous donations to HOH. We are at full capacity, so every donation is greatly appreciated.

To see the many opportunities and detailed information about upcoming events, please visit the website at www.houseofhopegb.org. We are holding a rummage sale sometime in June for a fundraiser. Also, watch for future information re: "Touchdown For Hope" with Mike and Heaven Daniels at Oneida Country Club.

If you have any questions, please contact: Jo Ann De Voe, Chair (265-4791)

FORT HOWARD APARTMENTS - annual spring luncheon buffet and bingo for seniors

Did you know BCCWC has wonderful cooks?

On Thursday, March 23, 46 eager residents, three staff and one Fort Howard volunteer were treated to a delicious and plentiful buffet prepared and served by 23 BCCWC volunteers. Everyone enjoyed the delicious casseroles, salads, rolls and desserts served by our group. The most requested recipe was for the chicken stuffing casserole. The casseroles were kept warm by the new oven which was purchased with partial funding from a BCCWC Community Award Grant. The room was lively with warm, smiling and cheerful faces at tables decorated with handmade paper bouquet centerpieces. Residents chatted among themselves and with our members. Following the buffet, many residents played bingo and were thrilled by the prizes donated by BCCWC members. All present left with a full tummy, a smile and a promise to "see you in the fall!"



Volunteers for annual spring luncheon buffet and bingo

Sherry Campbell & Kathy Green, Co-Chairs

FUNDRAISING

The BCCWC "FUN" Raising Committee is reminding you of the PAC Fundraiser:

PlatinumAccessClub.com. The PAC membership lets you use over 300,000+ local and national discounts as often as you would like for a full year ...when you travel enter the area zip code. You can print the discounts from the website and/or use our FREE My Deals Mobile App to redeem the discounts. Try Before You Buy - click on the Guest Login Link on PlatinumAccessClub.com and view all the discounts! Simply enter any zip code and start searching anywhere in the USA.

Each time someone buys a \$20 PAC membership, BCCWC will receive \$10.00! The BCCWC PAC fundraiser is completely done online and the proceeds will be used to support the general BCCWC fund.

It's as easy as 1..2..3..! Go to <http://platinumaccessclub.com> and click on the Brown County Community Women's Club link. From there, you can click on their BUY NOW button to buy your \$20 PAC Membership. After checkout, you will receive a welcome email in 24 hours which will include your username and password so you can start using the discounts.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD! Tell all of your friends and family about our BCCWC Fundraiser. *Thank you for joining!*

Sue Protzman, Bezie MacNeil & Lynette Van Den Heuvel, Fundraising Co-Directors

BOOK FOR A BUCK



Find a gently-read book to sell at our **April 19** membership meetings. Remember - if you've bought a book, read it, and liked it, bring it back and sell it to someone else. As we are not equipped for storage, please take back with you any book that does not sell.

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, Chair (845-9061) robedegrave@centurytel.net

KWIK TRIP/FESTIVAL GIFT CARDS



Kwik Trip and Festival Food gift cards will be available at the April and May meetings. Not just for gas or groceries anymore! Gift cards can be used for anything that these two businesses sell. If you need these cards before the meeting on **April 19**, I will get them to you!



Need Easter Basket gifts? What teenagers would roll their eyes at a gas card from Grandma? *Call me:*

Cathy Green, Chair (676-4665)

FESTIVAL BRAT FRYS



Spring is in the air, and it's time to get ready for the first of our 3 brat fry days at Festival Foods! Get your "hungry" on and visit the BCCWC team on Friday, **April 28**, at the new east side Festival Foods on University Avenue. Get your first brat of the season, and help the BCCWC at the same time in this fun fundraiser!

Mark your calendars now for the remaining dates - Friday, May 12, at the Bellevue Festival, and Friday, September 15, at the University Avenue Festival. See you there!

Judy Pieschek & Judy Giesler, Co-Chairs

SPRING CARD AND GAME DAY



*** Think Spring as in our *Spring Card and Game Day Party!!!* ***

Wednesday, **May 3** - Thornberry Creek

Come join us for a full afternoon of cards, board games and fun - all while helping to raise money to support worthy charities within Brown County...

Basket Raffles, 50/50 Raffle, Money Tree, Silent Auction items and a new opportunity where \$5 can get you a Spring Herb planted in an adorable Tea Cup **AND** a chance to win \$100!!!

➤ Goodies from our Yum Yum Shop are also available.

Hurry while spots are still available...final deadline is **April 15!!!**

Registration forms available on BCCWC website or click link below:

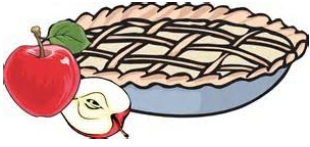
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Gloria Jonet (468-8682) gloriajonet@yahoo.com

Sue Protzman (498-0528), Co-Chairs

YUM YUM SHOPPE

Time to use your cooking skills for the **May 3 Spring Card and Game Day Party** at Thornberry Creek Golf Course. This is a wonderful and successful fundraising venture, and we need your help! Put your creative baking talents to use and bring in fun things for the bake sale. Please feel free to donate any homemade baked goods, or give a cash donation. They all are appreciated.



There will be a sign-up sheet at the April BCCWC meeting. If you won't be at the April meeting, feel free to bring things anyway.

We will have drop-off sites for those who are unable to bring it directly to Thornberry May 3. Thank you very much to those who assist with this.

- East Side Drop Off - Mary Adriansen, 2522 Riverside Drive, Green Bay (437-5015)
- West Side - Terry Jeffers, 138 S. Buchanan, Green Bay (499-8468 home; 606-2470 cell)
- ✚ Please call first to make sure they know you are dropping things off

If possible, please package your bakery; otherwise we will take care of the packaging when we price the goods. *With your help, we again will make this a huge success!*

Joan Zittlow, Chair (499-5460) joanzittlow@gmail.com

ATTENTION ALL SEAMSTRESSES

Colorful spring placemats and napkins? Spring and/or summer-themed table runners or aprons? The *Spring Card and Game Day* is looking for donations from our talented and creative ladies for items for the silent auction table. Pick out some spring colors and patterns, and get those items made!



If you're interested in donating your time and talents, please contact Nancy Daniels so we can coordinate our efforts. Things will need to be completed and given to Gloria Jonet no later than **April 19**. I know it's short notice, but you're pro's...

Nancy Daniels danielsna@aol.com

50/50 RAFFLE

March 15 wasn't the best morning for Carol Jensen until she got to the Women's Club meeting and told her story to her friends. They then told her she would probably win the 50/50 raffle. Guess what! Much to her amazement, she won \$74!! The Luck of the Irish was also with Joan Arves and Jan Sergott, each winning 2 sets of Civic Symphony Tickets donated by Mary Schall.



Congratulations to the winners! For the rest of us, *better luck in April!*

Mary Adriansen, Chair

BCCWC ANNUAL GOLF OUTING 2017 - Mark your calendars!



Monday, **June 12**, is the date and *Mid Vallee Golf Course* is where the action is! The scramble format begins at 9:00 AM with a shotgun start. This annual fundraiser is for golfers as well as non-golfers who want play bridge or other games and then join the golfers for the famous taco bar lunch. Join the festivities. Sign up now!

See details on the registration form available on the BCCWC website or click the link below:

http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/765658088/2017_BCCWC_Golf_Outng_registration_form.pdf

Terry Jeffers, Chair (606-2470) tjeffers138@att.net

FUNDRAISING - MARCH SPECIAL EVENT



If you were fortunate enough to hear Dr. James Surrell at our fundraiser on March 30, you were entertained and enlightened. Many Healthy Life Choices were discussed including *Smoking*, the importance of *Screenings* to save your life, *Sleep* (seven hours minimum), *Stepping* (start walking), and *Refined Sugar* and how unhealthy it is in our diets.

We raised \$500+ and will have an exact amount available after expenses are paid.

If you ordered the ABC's for Success book, I will contact you as soon as I have them, and I'll try to get them to you as soon as possible. If your phone number is not in the BCCWC Directory, please send me an email or call me.

I need to address the no refund for events. We are given a deadline for reservations for a reason, and they are pretty much "carved in stone!" We need to have a week in advance for a cut-off for many events, giving the establishment time to order food and staff the event. We pay for your lunch whether or not you are able to attend. So, we appreciate your cooperation on this policy.

Thank you to Faye Drankoff for her time on this fun day!

Beezie MacNeil, Co-Director (434-6764) beeziemac@yahoo.com

FELLOWSHIP

- Game/Cards Day will be Wednesday, **April 12**
 - **New Location:** De Pere Community Center, lounge in lower level, 1:00-4:00 PM
 - Call or email Sue Sinclair if you plan to attend
- The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, **April 20**, at 1951 West, 11:45-1:00ish
 - Let Sue know by Tuesday, April 18, if you plan to attend
- Movie Night on the *Last Tuesday of the Month* (**April 25**)
 - Meet at Bay Park Cinema around 3:45, view a movie and grab a bite afterward (group's choice) to discuss the movie

Spring Bus Trip: "Wisconsin Trails" - A one-day motor coach tour through J & J Travelers

- Tuesday, **May 9**
- Cost \$96
- London Dairy Alpaca Farm near 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 with registration is on the Fellowship link on BCCWC website or sign up at meeting
- Registration DUE: April 24.
- A minimum of 25 members and friends are needed for the trip to happen

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

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

BCCWC BOOK CLUB

Meet with us Monday, **April 3**, at 1:00 PM at the Kress Family Library in De Pere to discuss "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah. Mary Kay Paulson is the discussion leader.

The next meeting is Monday, **May 8**, 1:00 PM, at Kress Family Library. Kay Adams is the



discussion leader for "All the Stars in the Heavens" by Adriana Trigiani. SUMMARY: This is a big, bold novel, based on the life of Loretta Young. It is filled with Trigiani's signature items: family ties, artistry, romance, and adventure. Sister Alda Ducci has been forced to leave the convent and becomes Loretta's secretary. They form an enduring bond of love and loyalty through great obstacles. Trigiani paints a rich historical landscape of the 1930's during the golden age of American movie making.

✚ *New members are welcome at our last gathering for this year.*

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

COMMUNICATION

BCCWC VOLUNTEER/SERVICE HOURS REPORT



A reminder to all members - In order to maintain our 501(c) (3) tax exemption, we need to report the number of hours we spend on behalf of the BCCWC during the fiscal year (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017). All your time counts: travel time, committee work, sewing, weeding, etc.

Look at the form on page 11 in your Directory or the form on the BCCWC website:

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/764260654/reporting%2Bcommunity%2Bservice%2Bhours.pdf>

That will remind you of the things you did so you can add up your hours. You don't need to submit the form - we only need to know the total hours.

Please report that information to Jacquie Murphy by mid-June by phone, email or snail mail. Thanks for all that you do!

Jacquie Murphy, Immediate Past President
1661 Remington Ridge Way, De Pere, WI 54115
Phone: 660-7791 Email: JacquelineMurphy0903@gmail.com

Yours in fellowship, fun, and community good works,

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