



Brown County Community Women's Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 28216, Green Bay, WI 54324



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy 2018!

As we begin a new year, I am so grateful for all the success our club has had this past year. And, I look forward to working with all of you this year to enable the Brown County Community Women's Club to truly meet its goal of working together to improve life in Brown County. Though this is really only the half-way point of our organization's fiscal year, we are truly on a very good path of making this another successful year of fundraising, fellowship and community service, thanks to all of you!

As we make our own personal new year's resolutions, let's also resolve to get involved with something in our organization that is new to us. There are so many club activities and projects that offer opportunities to meet new people and, at the same time, help to make a positive impact in the community. Just one example ladies, *we will have a few positions open on our Board of Directors you might be interested in!*

I also encourage you to reach out to new members and help to make everyone in our organization feel welcome and proud to say they are part of the BCCWC!

Wishing you a new year rich with the blessings of love, joy, warmth, good health and laughter! Happy New Year!

Helene Rosner, President 2017-18

MEMBERSHIP



We conclude the calendar year with a total of 267 members and look forward to performing many service projects in 2018 with all of you great gals.

Kathy Belschner (660-2705) belschnerk@yahoo.com
Betty Jensen (770-6642) bej59@yahoo.com, Co-Directors

MEETINGS REMINDER

Wednesday, January 17

De Pere Community Center, 600 Grant Street, West De Pere

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

REMINDER: Please bring non-perishable food items to benefit Christian Outreach Pantry



Program: Mary Krutz from the "American Legion Auxiliary" and recipients of the Badger Girls' State Award will speak about the organization and their experiences. BCCWC has supported Badgers Girls State for several years through community awards.

Come join this interesting start of the New Year. Check the tables around the meeting room for opportunities to sign up for and/or participate in various fundraising and community service:

- 50/50 Raffle
- Surprise Raffle
- BCCWC Bags
- St. John's Homeless Shelter
- Food Pantry Christian Outreach
- Wellspring Collection
- Fellowship
- Books for a Buck



BCCWC BIRTHDAY

A PRESIDENT'S REVIEW Sue Protzman

I had the pleasure to serve the BCCWC for 2 terms, June 2012 to June 2014.

- My board meetings got very long. It led to the beginning of using a CONSENT AGENDA. What a great idea!
- Unfortunately during my term, I had to appear at the IRS office!!! Very scary....they have guns! I guess I made an impression and we were able to clear up the situation.
- During my term, membership increased significantly, and we started giving defibrillators to schools in Brown County.

Every president has done a great job and there are many of our fantastic members that can do the same!!! Give it a try and serve your club! If I can do it so can YOU! Thanks for letting me serve!

ANOTHER PRESIDENT'S REVIEW Bonnie Granius 2014-15

During my term as BCCWC President from June 2014 to June 2015:

- I won \$111 in the 50/50 raffle (!)
- smile.amazon.com became a new BCCWC fundraiser
- Ellen Heyroth stepped down as co-editor of the BCCWC Newsletter, after many years of dedicated service, and Linda Curl joined Kathy Szymanski as co-editor.
- BCCWC officers met with attorney, Warren Wanezek, to begin the process of Incorporation

COMMUNITY SERVICE

ST JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER



Thank you to all who volunteered to bring food to St. John's for Thursday, **January 4**. 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

FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

Christian Outreach Pantry, located on Chicago Street in De Pere, will be the recipient of the **January 17** food drive. The Pantry is open Monday through Friday mornings, specifically serving De Pere residents.



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

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

Mary Jo Rod, Chair (499-3482) maryjorod11@gmail.com

PET THERAPY

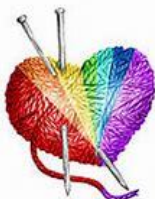
Louie (mom, Carol Lom) will be at Allouez Parkside (1901 Libal St.) **January 10** at 10:30 AM to show off his tricks and provide smiles and love to all the folks there. If you can join them, please do! If you have a well-mannered pet that would enjoy this, please call Carol and bring it along. Louie would like a friend.



Pet Therapy is a way for visitors to bring smiles to the faces of many who look forward to seeing a dog.

Julie Salemi (621-3954) & Carol Lom (503-0015), Co-Chairs

ONE STITCH AT A TIME



The holidays are over and we all have a little more time on our hands(?). So, pick up those knitting needles and crochet hooks and let's get busy. There is a lot of time between now and the next drop off at the May meeting. *House of Hope* and *Wellspring* are very grateful for all we have donated. We have added *Special Spaces* as needed and are looking into *The Salvation Army* as a possible recipient for the spring. Thank you for all you have done.

Pat Hearnden (217-3824), Jean Allgeyer (639-2980), Co-Chairs

WELLSPRING - January Collection

Our Wellspring collection will be taking place at our **January 17** meeting. Please remember the guests of Wellspring as you shop after-holiday sales. The cold weather items requested include: mittens/gloves, hats/ear muffs/headbands, thick socks, scarves, slippers and boots (sizes 7-13). Many of the Wellspring guests use public transportation or walk, so they appreciate the warm clothing items.



Thank you always for your generosity.

- Below is an excerpt from a note we received from the Wellspring director:

BCCWC,

We at Wellspring would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your incredibly generous donations of napkins, condiments and underwear ...the need for underwear is a big one. Many women are shy about asking. Some are put out of their homes unexpectedly by the men in their lives, and others have physical issues. Believe me when I tell you the look of gratitude on their faces when we can meet a dire need is priceless. A little dignity goes a long way and leads to hope.

Thank you for all you do. May many blessings be returned to you.

Merry Christmas!

Angela Cheslock

Susan Regnier (499-8897) skr1176@hotmail.com & Kathy De Broux (660-7921), Co-Chairs

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Thanks to our talented and creative quilting team, the BCCWC presented 8 quilts in 2016 and 9 quilts in 2017 to new Habitat for Humanity homeowners. Several more quilts are already being prepared to be presented in 2018.

Don't know how to quilt but would like to learn in order to be part of this ongoing project? You might want to consider signing up for this class at NWTC Artisan Center, 1417 Cedar St., Green Bay. Not a bad way to spend some cold winter days....

- #AC0082 Quilting Fundamentals
- Monday afternoons, 2/5/2018 - 3/12/2018 12:30 - 4:00 PM (21 hours)
- Instructor: Lynn Konitzer
- Objectives: Learn the basics of quilt construction including color selection, rotary cutting techniques, layout, machine piecing, and quilt assembly
- cost: \$115 Register by phone: (920) 544-5018



For more information about *Building Quilts for Habitat for Humanity*, contact:

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Gina Reinardy (664-6501) gina.reinardy@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

SPECIAL SPACES TEAM



A huge thank you and shout out to **Sue Vyse** for volunteering to be co-chair of our Special Spaces projects. Sue will be a great asset to the committee.

Watch for future possibilities of involvement in coming newsletters.
Happy New Year everyone!

Kathy Aicher, Chair (465-1600) kaicher@new.rr.com

FUNDRAISING

The fundraising directors thank all of you for your generosity!!!!

- In December, we gift wrapped at Barnes & Noble, made \$76 AND had lots of fun!!!!
- At the beautiful BCCWC Christmas luncheon, we made \$151 from the surprise raffle, and Judy Jansen won a lovely necklace and earrings set made by Carol Mau
- Cigar box sales made \$75. Thanks, Bonnie Zima, for all of your contributions.
- The 50/50 raffle made \$137, and was won by Judy Trimberger.

We look forward to lots of new and continuing activities in the new year.

Sue Protzman, Lynette Van Den Heuvel, Gloria LaViolette, Co-Directors

BRIDGE MARATHONS



Registrations for the 2018-19 BCCWC Bridge Marathon season are due by March 1. You can check out our groups on the club website (www.bccwc.org) under the "Fundraising" page and "Bridge Marathons." You will find a detailed information sheet as well as the registration form on that page. If you have an interest in any of these groups or questions regarding our marathons, please contact Carol Simpson via email or phone: Simpsoncj4310@gmail.com or 983-9550.

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

BOOK FOR A BUCK



Just a reminder to bring your books in January to our meeting. *Should have lots of readers in this cold weather.* All your donations are much appreciated. Please take back any books you brought that did not sell, as we are not equipped for storage.

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

50/50 RAFFLE



Judy Trimberger especially enjoyed our Christmas Holiday luncheon at Oneida Golf and Country Club, winning \$137 on the 50/50 raffle. Congratulations Judy!
Thanks to all of you for your generous contribution and *good luck next year!*



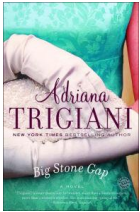
Mary Adriansen, Chair

FELLOWSHIP

BCCWC BOOK CLUB

On **Tuesday, January 2**, we meet at 1:00 PM at the Kress Family Library in De Pere. Our featured book will be "Big Stone Gap" by Adriana Trigiani with Carol DeGrand leading the discussion.

BOOK SUMMARY: Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, in the small town of Big Snow Gap, is the life story of a self-proclaimed spinster Ave Marie Milligan. At thirty-five she resigns herself to the single life, a pharmacist, filling her days with hard work, fun friends and good books. Then, one fateful day, Ave Marie's past opens wide with the revelation of a long-buried secret that will alter the course of her life! Full of wit and wonder, hilarity and heart, Big Stone Gap is a gem. "Delightfully quirky--oddball characters and unexpected plot twists."



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

FURTHER FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

January: Mah Jongg will be offered again on three Wednesdays in January. Please be sure that you can attend all three sessions if you are interested in learning this addictive game.

- o January 3, 10 and 24. 1:00—3:00 at De Pere Community Center.
- o Register by emailing or calling Sue or Bonnie. *Registration is due by January 2.*
- o We have seven participants already - maximum is 12. (3 tables of 4)

February: Wine Tasting at Mona Rosa Winery, 2696 Packerland Drive

Join fellow BCCWC members for fun and fellowship with wine tasting on *February 8* from 4:00 PM to ?

- o Wine samples are available for \$6 for 4 samples; \$11 for 6 samples and a wine glass! Payment is made at the Winery.
- o Please bring an appetizer to share with the group. We will have a separate meeting room for the wine sampling, treats and fellowship.
- o You can sign up at the January meeting or call Bonnie Lemense. Registration closes on February 1.

Second Wednesday Game/Cards Day will be on *January 10* at the De Pere Community Center.

We are working on a cooking class in March. Details will be announced once it is finalized.

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Bonnie Lemense (434-1258) bonnleme@att.net, Co-Chairs

COMMUNICATIONS

Yours in fellowship, fun, and community good works,

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