



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



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

February is a very unique calendar month. Despite it being the shortest month of the year, it is known as National Heart Awareness Month, Black History Month, National Cherry Month, National Grapefruit Month (and many more) and is packed with many events such as Valentine's Day, Groundhog's Day, and the Super Bowl, just to name a few. If you were born on February 29, you only celebrate your birthday every four years. Now, that is unique! Does that mean you don't age as fast as everyone else??!!

Its uniqueness reminds me of the club's membership. So many wonderful women who bring so many unique talents to the table. As I looked around the room at the January membership meeting, I saw fairly new members, ladies who have been there 5-6 years and others who have been part of the club since it began, all of whom have helped shape the BCCWC into the wonderful organization it is today!

I also noticed that February's birthstone is the amethyst, which I have always thought was unique and beautiful. The stone symbolizes piety, humility, spiritual wisdom and sincerity. I must say too that I have experienced knowing many ladies in the club who possess these great qualities, as well. Thank you for bringing your uniqueness to this club! Please continue to share all your wonderful talents working together serving our communities and raising money to benefit the people of Brown County. Together we are a special group of women! I hope you enjoy the month of February and all its uniqueness!!

Helene Rosner, President 2017-18

## MEMBERSHIP



WOW! It is time to renew your membership for next year! We will begin accepting renewals and new members on **March 1**, 2018. You can find the link to the membership renewal form on the [www.BCCWC.org](http://www.BCCWC.org) home page.

If you have moved, changed your email address, changed your phone number, ANY CHANGES, please circle or highlight the changed information on your renewal form. We do not want to miss any important information and circling or highlighting will help a lot.

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Betty Jensen (770-6642) [bej59@yahoo.com](mailto:bej59@yahoo.com), Co-Directors

## **MEETINGS REMINDER**

Wednesday, February 21

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

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

**Program:** Paula Fleurant, from WomenHeart, will provide information on how women can better take care of their heart health.



Discover a volunteer occasion that appeals to you at one of the many sign-up opportunities at tables in the meeting room:

- 50/50 Raffle
- Surprise Raffle
- BCCWC Bags
- St. John's Homeless Shelter
- Fort Howard Luncheon sign-up
- Card and Game Day sign-up
- Fellowship
- Books for a Buck



### **BCCWC BIRTHDAY**

**A PRESIDENT'S REVIEW** Jacquie Murphy

We all have memories to look back on in our lifetime. One of my favorite and challenging memories was serving as your president, 2015-2016.

- During this time, we had great informative and interesting programs. One of my favorites was the demonstration put on by the Brown County Sheriff's K9 Unit. We enjoyed fun, fellowship and challenging fundraisers.
- Attorney Warren Wanezek spent many hours in preparation for the filing of our application to become incorporated. His office prepared and filed our application for incorporation and our by-laws. All his work was done *gratis*. We were on our way to becoming incorporated!
- In 2015-2016, we gave \$37,300 in grants selected by our members and logged 11,000 volunteer hours. All because of YOU - our wonderful members.

I humbly thank you for allowing me to serve as your president. Please consider running for an office. It is a very rewarding experience!

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**



### **ST JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER**

The next meal we are serving at St. John's Homeless Shelter is **Thursday, February 1**. Thank you to all who have signed up to bring food that evening. The guests love and appreciate our meals. *Please bring food to the kitchen by 5:30 PM.* Call if you have any questions whatsoever.

Mary Krautkramer (336-0198) [mkrauty@att.net](mailto:mkrauty@att.net)  
Mary Kay Paulson (632-7473), Co-Chairs

## FORT HOWARD SENIOR LUNCHEON



Do you love chatting with seniors and sharing your cooking skills? The residents at Fort Howard Apartments are looking forward to the *spring buffet and bingo* on Thursday, **April 12**, at Fort Howard Apartments, 141 N. Chestnut Avenue.

We need volunteers to:

- Set the tables and centerpieces at 10:30
- Provide spring centerpieces
- Serve beverages and assist residents at the buffet tables
- Pitch in to clean up

We will serve the buffet at 12:00 noon and assist seniors who chose to play bingo from 12:45 - 2:00 PM.

Volunteers are needed to:

- 1) provide centerpieces
- 2) prepare food at home and deliver it to the site by 11:30 AM.

Please sign up to donate a special goodie that you make. *Helpful donations also include sturdy paper plates for the meal and smaller paper plates for dessert, napkins, and bingo prizes.*

Social worker, Gail Wirtz, has kindly suggested the following ideas for *bingo prizes*:

- Gift Certificates (limit \$10) from McDonald's, Blackstone, Subway, Dollar Store - Bathroom hand towels and face cloths - Umbrellas (folding and durable) - Wheelchair pillows and shoulder wraps
- Large piece jigsaw puzzles (500 pieces or less) - Books (large print) - Checkers game - Coloring books and pencils or markers
- Assorted greeting cards and stamps - Flashlights - Dish soap
- Coffee and Instant Cream - Tea - Candy - Packaged cookies - Bags of assorted chips - Microwave popcorn - Cereals in small packages (assorted types)

Avoid donating lotions, shampoo, candles or novelty items (knickknacks). This favorite event for these needy seniors and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Items may be given to Marilyn Lemerond, Cathy Green or Sherry Campbell at the *February and March meetings*, dropped off at Sherry's home or given on the day on the event. It will be helpful to know what you are considering donating because at times many of the same item are given. Thank you!

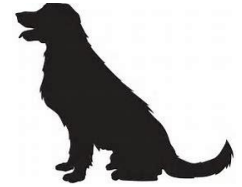
*Questions? A signup sheet will be available at the February and March meetings or please contact:*

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Cathy Green (676-4665) [cgreen1171@new.rr.com](mailto:cgreen1171@new.rr.com), Co-Chairs

## PET THERAPY

Celebrate **Valentine's Day** with Louie and the Pet Therapy Group at Bornemann's! Time is 10:30 AM and the door to enter is 853 Mills Street. Just bring a smile and a friendly dog if you have one, or just come and visit with the residents!

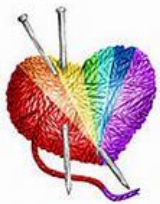
January's visit to Allouez Parkside with Louie, the dog with endless tricks to share, was rewarding and fun. *We hope you can join us this month!*



*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



Happy Winter. What a wonderful time to snuggle up by the fireplace and make a blanket or two for our less fortunate neighbors. We appreciate any kind - knit, crocheted, sewed, tied or purchased. Any size or color. We will find an appreciative home for each and every one of them. *Our next collection will be at the May meeting. Call if you have any questions.*

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

## WELLSPRING



We would like to extend a heartfelt *Thank You* to all the BCCWC members who helped to make our WELLSRING Warm Clothing Collection a gigantic success! Due to your overwhelming generosity, many of Wellspring's guests will now have warm clothing to survive a cold winter. In addition, several members contributed cash donations totaling \$60, which was given to the Wellspring director to use as needed. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

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

## FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our January food drive. We collected 34 bags/boxes of food and \$75 in cash donations. The staff at the De Pere Christian Outreach site were very appreciative of the additional food and money to support the pantry that serves De Pere residents.



Mary Jo Rod, Chair (499-3482) [maryjorod11@gmail.com](mailto:maryjorod11@gmail.com)

## BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**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.

We are thankful that NWTC Artisans Center is donating long-arm machine time (\$15 an hour) and Lynn Konitzer, the long-arm quilt instructor, is donating her time by machine quilting each quilt made for *Habitat for Humanity*. No need to buy batting - that is supplied too.

**Next Habitat for Humanity dedication:** The Santiago family will be receiving the keys to their home at 1278 Western Avenue on Thursday, **February 22** at 5:30 PM. For the 5-member family, becoming home owners has been a lifelong dream. About four years ago they came from Puerto Rico, looking for a better future, filled with dreams, faith and hope. We will be presenting a quilt to them made by Pat Syring.



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

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

## **FUNDRAISING**

### FUNDRAISING - Income from the January meeting

- BCCWC Bags - \$8.00
  - Book Sales - \$12.00
  - Surprise Raffle - \$34.00
  - 50/50 Raffle - \$81.00
- TOTAL - \$135.00

*Thanks to the many members who support these projects at our monthly meetings.*

### BOOK FOR A BUCK



Thanks so much to those who brought books to the January meeting. We took in \$12.

✚ *Let's try to beat that in February!*

As we are not equipped for storage, books not sold need to be taken back.

*Look for Carol Anderson who will be handling the exchange at our **February 21** meeting.*

Betty De Grave, Chair (845-9061) [robedegrave@centurytel.net](mailto:robedegrave@centurytel.net)



## LUNA COFFEE



Members are enjoying their Luna Coffee so we will be taking preorders again at our **February 21** meeting with pickup at our March meeting.

- Cost of each 12 oz. bag is \$12, giving our club a profit of \$5 per bag
- The Luna Coffee flavors available are listed in our October newsletter
- To pre-order: Call Lynette at (920) 336-1583

Lynette Van Den Heuvel, Chair (336-1583) [nettiemayou@me.com](mailto:nettiemayou@me.com)

## SPRING CARD AND GAME DAY



Spring is just around the corner so mark your calendars:

**Monday, May 14, 2018**

**Spring Card and Game Day party at Thornberry Creek**



Get ready for ...Mah Jong, Dominos, Hand & Foot, or Bridge just to name a few!  
...A Basket Raffle, Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, a great lunch and a day filled with fun and friendship.

*Get your reservation form in early as space is limited.*

You can find the reservation form on the [www.bccwc.org](http://www.bccwc.org) website under the fundraising tab.

Gloria Jonet (468-8682) [gloriajonet@yahoo.com](mailto:gloriajonet@yahoo.com)

Sue Protzman (498-0528), Co-Chairs

## 50/50 RAFFLE



Congratulations to Dolly Martin, our January 50/50 raffle winner of \$80!  
The beautiful Valentine wreath made by Carol Lom was won by Mary Kozina.  
Thanks to all for your support. See you **February 21** with your \$2 in hand!



Mary Adriansen, Chair

## YOUNKERS COMMUNITY DAYS



Younkers Community Days bonus check received January 5 amounted to \$129.

With the 133 books sold for \$665, the total fundraising income came to \$794.

Thanks to all BCCWC members who purchased and worked for this fundraiser.

Volunteers - Reminder to include your hours on the annual BCCWC Volunteer/Service Hours Report.

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Rusty Bursa (660-1981), Co-Chairs

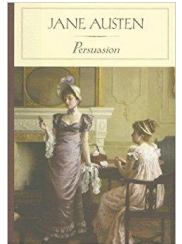
## FELLOWSHIP

### BCCWC BOOK CLUB

Monday, **February 5**, we meet at 1:00 PM at the Kress Family Library in De Pere to discuss "The Dinner" by Herman Koch. Discussion leader will Meg Deem.

Monday, **March 5**, our book will be "Persuasion" by Jane Austen, a love story and social satire of the times. Bonnie Granius will lead the discussion.

Book Summary: In her final novel, Jane Austen uses a love story to explore and gently satirize social pretensions and emotional confusion. "Persuasion" follows the romance of Anne Elliot and naval officer Fredrick Wentworth. They were happily engaged until Anne's friend, Lady Russell, persuaded her that Fredrick was unworthy. Now eight years later he returns, a wealthy captain! Austen's generous spirit renders her characters understanding, compassion and humor.



BCCWC Book Club is open to the public. Members are welcome to bring friends or family members as well. You may come to every discussion or whenever time allows.

Kay Adams, Chair (336-5321) [pepperkayadams@hotmail.com](mailto:pepperkayadams@hotmail.com)

### FURTHER FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

It's been fun helping some of our members learn how to play Mah Jongg. Who knows, maybe we'll have enough interest to organize a Mah Jongg day next fall. Thank you to all who have participated.



- **Game/Cards Day** will be **Wednesday, February 14** — *wear red!*
  - De Pere Community Center, lounge in lower level
  - 1:00—4:00 PM
  - Mah Jongg and other games can be played
    - *Please let Sue know by February 11 if you plan to play Mah Jongg so we have enough players and kits: 432-3428 [upnative1979@yahoo.com](mailto:upnative1979@yahoo.com)*
- **In the planning stages:**
  - A cooking class with Chef Ace in April
    - Details to follow.....
  - Another Mah Jongg class in late April or early May
    - Details to follow
  - A trip to Josephine's Attic in Bellevue for some personalized fashion advice
    - Looking at early April (after Easter)
    - Details to follow

- Create a succulent planter at Mayflower Greenhouse
  - Early to mid-June
  - Details to follow

❖ *Send your ideas for fun and fellowship to Sue or Bonnie.*

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## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Yours in fellowship, fun, and community good works,

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