



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

April 2018

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Happy Spring! I thought it would never get here, but the return of many birds to the feeder is a sure sign! We can now start thinking of planting flowers, helping at the Kress gardens, gearing up for the May Card and Game Day and looking forward to our 10th anniversary party!

I had the opportunity to attend the dedication of the 107th Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity home this past week. What a beautiful celebration it was for the Thao family! It was so heartwarming to see how happy, proud and grateful the family was to finally own their own home. It was also awesome to witness the quilt presentation from our club. This beautiful quilt was made by Mary Schrickel and presented by Gina Reinardy on behalf of BCCWC.

I was overwhelmed with pride to know that talented BCCWC ladies are contributing to the happiness of families in need of affordable housing and helping to make the mission of Habitat for Humanity a reality. I would personally like to thank Mary Schrickel for initially bringing the idea forward to the club. It has proven to advance our own mission, as well, by providing charitable services to the community. Thank you also to all the ladies who are a part of this awesome Community Service project!

Helene Rosner, President 2017-18

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2018

The nominating committee is happy to announce that the following 2018 slate of officers will be presented to the BCCWC board at their meeting on April. With the board's approval, the following new officers will be installed at the May luncheon.

President Helene Rosner
President Elect Pam Girtz
1st Vice President Margaret Georgia
2nd Vice President Dianne Froelich
Treasurer Judy Niesing
Secretary Cathy Green
Past President Jan Clark



Jan Clark, Nominating Committee Chair

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 Sherry Steffen.

The forms are located on the website under the fundraising tab, or you can click here:

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/766925412/201718%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 **\$42,050** 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**, 2018. Please mail them to Sherry Steffen, or give them to Jan Clark or Helene Rosner at a meeting. The BCCWC Board of Directors will consider and vote on those requests at the June board meeting.

Sherry Steffen, 1325 Crystal Cove Trail - Unit 1, Green Bay, WI 54311

MEMBERSHIP

BCCWC welcomes 5 new members for 2018-2019: Denise Mooren, Margaret Vande Hei, Erleen Zellner, Pat Rathmann, and Ann Baierl.



It is April and 90% of you have already renewed your memberships for 2018-2019. That is awesome. Our 267 members for 2017-2018 plus 9 new members for 2018-2019 gives us a total of 276 members.

Reminder: When you renew your membership, 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 don't want to miss any important information and circling or highlighting would help a lot.

You can find the link to the membership renewal form on the BCCWC.org home page. There will also be forms available at the April general meeting.

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

MEETINGS REMINDER

Wednesday, April 18

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

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

Program: Josh Kozlowski, from "Nature's Best Floral Designs", will inspire us with spring decorating ideas.



Sign-up Opportunities in the Meeting Room

50/50 Raffle Surprise Raffle BCCWC Bags Kress Gardens
Luna Coffee Books for a Buck PDQ Certificates
Card and Game Day sign-up Yum Yum Shoppe

Food Pantry Drive - Please bring a donation of non-perishable food items and "Birthday Bags" to benefit St. Pat's Food Pantry. The silver Honda CRV will be close to the front door prior to the meeting to collect your donations.

Gina Reinardy, Mary Ryan, Co-Chairs

BCCWC 10 Year Anniversary Celebration



The BCCWC Celebration is coming up fast! Plans are being finalized.

The BCCWC Musical Revue is ready for their first show!

Send in your reservations now! They are due before May 2.

The committee is waiting for your food choices.

Click on this link:

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/766958965/luncheon+reservation+May+16.2018+change+in+time.pdf>

Or go to the "monthly meetings tab" on the website. Scroll down to the May 16 meeting, and you'll find the form there.

We hope to see everyone there to help celebrate our 10 years as an organization.

Co-chairs: Jan Clark, Jacquie Murphy



COMMUNITY SERVICE

ST. PAT'S APRIL FOOD DRIVE

The St. Patrick's Food Pantry volunteers loved the birthday bags donated by the BCCWC last year! They are completely out of bags by now. Guess what is most needed again this year!

Birthday Party
in a bag
for a needy child

The bags are for children age 2-10. They should contain cake mix, frosting, candles and an age-appropriate small toy.

A variety store is great place to find bags and the things to fill them. Parents deeply appreciate being able to provide this special thing on their child's birthday.

Of course, food is the priority at a pantry, but including a birthday bag would be great. Mary Ryan's silver Honda CRV will be as close to the front door of the De Pere Community Center as possible to collect donations on **April 18** at noon. Thank you in advance.

Mary Ryan ryan.mary43@gmail.com

FORT HOWARD SENIOR LUNCHEON



Let's put smiles on seniors' faces! Please join us for our annual spring luncheon: "Buffet and Bingo for Seniors" at Fort Howard Apartments.

BCCWC members will provide a buffet on **Thursday, April 12** at Fort Howard Apartments located at 141 N. Chestnut. Parking is limited. Bring change for meters or have a carpool or someone drop you off.

Volunteers will be checking in by 10:30 AM to set tables and centerpieces; please drop off food by 11:30 AM. There will be someone to assist with setting up. Remember to label your dishes. Be sure to join in the group photo at 11:30 AM and then meet and greet the seniors and help serve the luncheon meal at 12:00 noon. By 12:45 PM it will be time to clean up and start the Bingo.

Bingo prizes may be brought to the event on that day prior to 12:00 noon. We have an adequate number of workers, but could use two or three members to help with Bingo. Certain seniors may need help with checking and watching their cards and need help distributing prizes. Extra help with bingo helps free the other workers for cleanup.



Thank you to all of you who are so generous with your time and cooking skills. These seniors do so look forward to this event. If you have questions, please contact Sherry.

Sherry Campbell (680-0778) sherrysuej@new.rr.com
Cathy Green (676-4665) cgreen1171@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

ONE STITCH AT A TIME



There is still time to crochet, knit, buy or tie a blanket for the needy. We will have our semi-annual blanket collection at the May meeting and we need your help. Your donations are so very much appreciated by House of Hope and Wellspring. If you are a new member, we invite you to join us. We collect all sizes and kinds of blankets. We also welcome yarn and donations. If you have questions please call Pat or Jean.

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

HOUSE OF HOPE



Generous BCCWC members continue to celebrate the monthly Birthday Parties (cake and decorations) for the children residing at House of Hope. Our efforts are greatly appreciated! Please consider volunteering for this project on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.



YOU make a difference in a child's life. Thank you!

Kay Barlament, kay.barlament@gmail.com, Chairperson

WELLSPRING

Just a reminder that we will be collecting laundry products for Wellspring guests at our April meeting. Items needed include: laundry detergent and fabric softener (smaller sizes), dryer sheets and stain remover. Please bring laundry product donations to the April meeting and drop off items in the parking lot, Susan Regnier's silver Tucson. Our heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions. The Wellspring guests are very appreciative.



Susan Regnier (499-8897), skr1176@hotmail.com
Kathy DeBroux (660-7921), debrouxkathy@new.rr.com, Co-Chairs

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Gina Reinardy presents quilt to the Thao family at March Habitat for Humanity dedication.

Next Habitat for Humanity dedication: Sunday, **April 22** at 11:00 AM at 633 N. Locust Street in Green Bay. Pat Hickey will present her quilt to the Bekyir/Stevens family. Space was a huge issue for this growing family. Their son and daughter had to share a bedroom and a baby was on the way. This family needed more space and privacy. Their current housing also had serious health concerns such as mold and drafty windows and doors.

BCCWC is celebrating 10 years of existence in May. Buy a raffle ticket at the May event to win a quilt created by Mary Schall and Kathy Eisenschink. Member Gloria Brown donated a portion of the material. Julie Salemi received a \$250 grant from Thrivent Financial for extra fabric to complete the quilt. Lynn Konitzer, an instructor at the NWTC Artisans Center, is donating her time to machine the quilt. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in piecing the blocks of art together - wonderful and awesome teamwork! The May newsletter will give raffle details: ticket price, quilt size and photo.

SAVE THE DATE: Next quilters' meeting is Tuesday, May 22 at 9:00 AM at Polo Point Clubhouse.
Look for more details in the May newsletter.

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

Mary Schrickel (609-4651) mary_habitat@hotmail.com
Gina Reinardy (664-6501) gina.reinardy@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

SPECIAL SPACES TEAM



Special Spaces is still in the process of looking for a new director for the Green Bay area. As we receive updates, information will be shared with the BCCWC so that we can once again be a part of creating a child's "dream bedroom." Stay tuned....

A Special Spaces dream bedroom makeover is unique! It becomes an amazing place where a child with a serious illness can heal, find comfort and peace. Whatever the child can dream or imagine we can create.

Kathy Aicher (465-1600)kaicher@new.rr.com
Sue Vyse (562-3273)smvyse@gmail.com, Co-chairs

KRESS LIBRARY GARDEN - Hi Gardeners!



The 2018 gardening season at the Kress Library Garden will soon be upon us. It is time to make plans for the gardening season. Volunteers will be needed make the garden beautiful again for the community. Their reward will be a wonderful outdoor place to volunteer, lots of sunshine and fresh air, fellowship with fellow gardeners and a lot of appreciation for their work by those who visit the library throughout the summer and fall.

We meet about seven times from the beginning of May though the first part of October. We start at 8:00 AM in the morning and work for about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Then for those interested we go to a local restaurant for more fellowship and a treat.

We will wake up the garden Tuesday, May 8. That means we will be cleaning the garden of debris from the winter along with checking out the plant material to see how it has come though the winter.

Below is the 2018 gardening schedule for the growing season:



Wednesday	- May 30
Thursday	- June 21
Tuesday	- July 17
Monday	- August 13
Tuesday	- September 11
Monday	- October 8. (This day we put the garden to bed for the season)



I hope many of you will sign up to volunteer at the garden this year. Any amount of time you can give will be appreciated. Feel free to contact me with any questions or would like to sign up for gardening.

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

FUNDRAISING

FUNDRAISING - Income from the March meeting

- A new fundraiser, PDQ certificates, earned \$84.00 in March
- Luna Coffee profits at \$5 per bag with 12 preordered bags brought in \$60 in March
- Readers discovered and purchased numerous Books for Bucks amounting to \$38.00
- Bringing in \$51.00 at the Surprise Raffle was a lovely necklace won by Sue Vyse
- Susan Byrne was the lucky winner of the March 50/50 Raffle with \$80.00
- TOTAL - Get out your pen and paper. The amount comes to **\$313.00**

Many thanks to all the members who supported these fundraisers and remember our motto:

"If everyone does a little no one has to do a lot"

Lynette Van Den Heuvel, Sue Prozman and Gloria La Violette, Chairs

PDQ fundraiser



The March meeting started our PDQ fundraiser selling certificates for FULL SERVICE car washes. Twenty-eight certificates were sold at a profit of \$84.00. Selling will continue at our April meeting. Call Lynette if you would like any certificates before the next meeting.

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

BCCWC Annual Golf Outing 2018- Mark your calendars!

Mid-Vallee Golf Course hosts the annual BCCWC golf outing. The date is **Monday June 11, 2018**. Both golfers and non-golfers will enjoy this event. The scramble format begins at 9:00 AM with a shotgun start. Non-golfers will 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 at the BCCWC website under the fundraising tab. <http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/767017188/golf+outing+BCCWC+registration+form+2018.pdf>

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

BOOK FOR A BUCK



Many thanks to the helpers who managed Book for a Buck in January and February and March. You're the greatest. Potential sellers please take unsold books back home for now. They are lonesome here. March book sales totaled \$38.00!

Betty De Grave, (845-9061) ejdegrave@outlook.com, Chair

LUNA COFFEE

Five bags of Luna Coffee were sold at the March meeting, making a total profit for BCCWC of \$255.00. This was the last time for the Luna coffee fundraiser this club year. Thanks to the volunteer workers and all the members who purchased coffee.



GREAT JOB LADIES!

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

SPRING CARD AND GAME DAY



***** Think Spring as in our Spring Card and Game Day Party *****
Monday, **May 14** - 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! There will be Basket Raffles, 50/50 Raffle, Money Tree, Silent Auction items and a new opportunity where \$10 can get you a HOME-MADE appetizer or dessert at a time of your choice!!!

Goodies from our Yum Yum shop are also available.
Hurry while spots are still available...final deadline is April 28th!!!

Get your registration forms in now...

Look for the registration form on the www.bccwc.org website under the fundraising tab.

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 14** 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. If you are unable to bring it directly to Thornberry on May 14, there will be drop-off sites listed in the May newsletter.



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. If possible, please package your bakery; otherwise, we will take care of the packaging when we price the goods.

FYI - All the bakery that does not sell that day is donated to a local homeless shelter. The recipients are always very grateful, so none of your efforts ever are unappreciated. It's just one more way the BCCWC helps those who need it.

YUM-YUM

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

50/50 RAFFLE



Happy Easter to all of you! Another lucky new member is our March winner of \$80! Congratulations to Susan Bryne! We're glad you joined and I'm sure you are also! Good luck to all in April! See you then!

Mary Adriansen, Chair



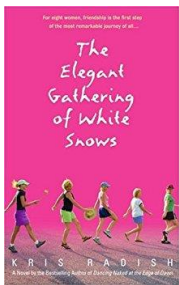
FELLOWSHIP

BCCWC BOOK CLUB

Monday, **April 2**, we meet at the Kress Family Library in De Pere. The book being discussed is "Maisie Dobbs" by Jacqueline Winspear. Gina Reinardy is our discussion leader.

Monday, **May 7**, our featured book will be "The Elegant Gathering of White Snows" by Kris Radish. The author is from Milwaukee and is a celebrated Novelist, Journalist and Columnist. Mary Schroeder will lead the discussion.

BOOK SUMMARY: A tribute to the spirit of friendship that sustains us all, this book takes readers on an exhilarating odyssey through the lives of eight extraordinary women. Gathering each Thursday night for unbridled fellowship, this group has shared joys and headaches, hopes and disappointments. But one night they respond to a personal crisis by deciding to go for a walk—with no particular destination in mind. They don't ask permission from family and friends. They don't leave instructions on operating the dishwasher. They don't pack suitcases. They just leave, un-burdening themselves of sorrow and anger with every step they take. As they stroll down a rural Wisconsin highway, word spreads of their mysterious journey. Women around the globe become rejuvenated by news of the pilgrimage, whose location is marked only on the invisible map of each woman's life story.



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

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

FURTHER FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

- **Second Wednesday Game/Cards Day will be April 11, 1:00-4:00 PM**
 - De Pere Community Center, lounge in lower level
 - Mahjong and other games can be played
 - *(Please let Sue know by April 9 if you plan to play Mahjong so we have enough players and kits.)* (432-3428), upnative1979@yahoo.com.
- **Mark your Calendar:**
 - **A Spring Fling** gathering at Josephine's Attic in Bellevue for some personalized fashion advice & snacks and wine
 - **Thursday, April 26, 2018, 4:00—6:00 PM**
 - **10% discount!**

- Sign up at April meeting or email Sue (upnative1979@yahoo.com)
- Minimum: 10 members, Maximum: ????. So far, we have 10 participants!
- A cooking class with Chef Ace on May 3, 1:00—3:00 PM, Festival Food on University
 - \$30, menu includes *Pan-seared Pork Tenderloin with Mushroom Wine Sauce and Bananas Foster*
 - Make check payable to Chef Ace; mail to Bonnie Lemense or bring to April meeting. **Due by April 27.**
 - We have 3 paid participants so far. We need at least 10 for this to be a go.
- In the planning stages:
 - Learn a New Game Day
 - Let's learn new games at the May Second Wednesday Cards/Games Day
 - Teach one of your favorites.....
 - Register as a teacher with Sue or Bonnie via email or at the April meeting. We'll publicize what the offerings are in the May newsletter & members can sign up to learn a new game by May 3.
 - Create a Succulent Planter at Mayflower Greenhouse
 - Early to mid-June
 - Details to follow

Sue Sinclair (432-3428) upnative1979@yahoo.com,
 Bonnie Lemense (434-1258) bonnleme@att.net, Co-Chairs

COMMUNICATIONS

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, 2017 - June 30, 2018). All your time counts: travel time, committee work, sewing, weeding, etc. Look at the form on page 24 in your directory or the form on this BCCWC website:

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/767017224/reporting+community+service+hours+2018.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 Jan Clark by mid-June by phone, email or snail mail. Thanks for all that you do!

Jan Clark, Immediate Past President
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Yours in fellowship, fun, and community good works,

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