



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

January 2019

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



2019 has come very quickly. It seems like just "yesterday" we were worried about the year 2000 approaching and the Y2K problems it might bring to computer systems, data, etc., and here it is almost 20 years later! As we celebrated back then ushering in another century, I believe we can celebrate our club's successes too, as we are in the midst of moving into another decade of BCCWC's existence.

I say this often, but it has been great working with all of you to make this club as awesome as it is today! You are all so valuable in helping us to achieve our mission. We have been truly dedicated to providing charitable, educational and cultural services to our community. As we begin the second half of our organization's fiscal year, we are definitely on a very good path - making 2018-19 another fantastic year of fundraising, fellowship and community service. And the neat thing is, we have fun and are making new friends as we go!

We are truly a growing organization and one that is willing to take on new projects as well as improving and adding to the successes of the activities we have been involved with for many years. Thank you for recruiting and welcoming new members into the club. I continue to be amazed at the wonderful women who want to be a part of us. As we reach record numbers of membership, we should ALL be proud to say that we are part of the BCCWC! Let's make this a year to remember!

Wishing you beautiful moments, treasured memories, and all the blessings a heart can hold.

Happy New Year!

Helene Rosner, President 2018-19

MEMBERSHIP



BCCWC is pleased to welcome three more new members:

➤ Nancy Moran - Linda Murphy - Helen Wallinger

Our total membership is now 286.

BCCWC membership renewal drive will be officially kicking off **March 1** - new

forms will be available soon.

- If you have any changes on your membership information (new address, new phone, etc.), please circle them. We don't want to miss anything and circling will call our attention to it.
- Please send in the *entire form* to make filing much easier.
- Send a form for each member; *do not put two members on the same form*.
- Send the form to Kathy Belschner at the address printed on the form.

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

Betty Jensen (770-6642) bej59@yahoo.com, Membership Co-Directors

MEETINGS REMINDER

BCCWC brought in the Holiday Season at Oneida Golf and Country Club with 167 reservations. Jeanne Lefebvre, one of our own members, graced us with her piano talent by playing a beautiful selection of Christmas music. Mary Adriansen and her committee did a lovely job taking reservations and assigning table placement as well as creating festive, decorated individual placement name tags. Chico's put on a style show as we ate lunch, and harpist, Cheryl Murphy, entertained us. We ended the event with raffling off a Christmas quilt made by our own quilters and tickets to the Meyer Theater for a music performance by the Cowsills.



BCCWC meeting:

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 - De Pere Community Center - 600 Grant St.

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



Our program, *The Art of Letter Writing*, will be presented by Sharon Verbeten from the Kress Library. You don't want to miss it.



*Reminder: Bring your food pantry donation.
A vehicle will be parked in front of the Center for collection.*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

ONE STITCH AT A TIME



Now that the holidays are over and the weather is cold, most of us find time on our hands. So why not start a blanket project to help the needy? We will be collecting at the May meeting so there's lots of time. Also, please consider purchasing one at the many sales going on at this time of the year. We appreciate any size or color. We also appreciate any donation of yarn. Questions? Call Pat or Jean.

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

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

Note:

A generous donor has given a substantial amount of lovely yarn for baby and children's items. Any and all of the yarn will be available at the **January 16 BCCWC meeting** ...or if you are interested but unable to attend the meeting, contact Sherry Campbell (680-0778) Sherrysuej@new.rr.com.



FORT HOWARD SENIOR LUNCHEONS - Needs for Bingo

Put a smile on a senior's face! - Bring donations to the **January 16** BCCWC meeting.

The spring buffet and bingo is coming up. These seniors look forward to this annual event, so please be generous while setting aside prize items for those residents who attend. They all are low-income residents so food items, which supplement their diets, are especially appreciated.

Recommended items include:

- Crackers, creamer (powdered), cereals (single serving), granola bars (boxed), canned soups (lower sodium), popcorn (microwaveable)
- Gift certificates/cards to nearby places: Blackstone Restaurant, Family Dollar Store (514 W. Walnut), Glass Nickel Pizza, Subway, White Dog/Black Cat
- Pillows, sofa-sized (new)
- Bus Passes
- Postage stamps
- Towels (kitchen)
- Wheelchair cushions/pillows
- Blankets, lap-sized and new
- Books, especially large print



Certain items NOT recommended based on safety, small living spaces and needs: candles, knick-knacks, lotions, shampoos, perfumes, and makeup.

Sherry Campbell (680-0778) sherrysuej@new.rr.com

Cathy Green (676-4665) cgreen1171@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

ST. JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER



January 3 we will be serving a meal at St. John's Homeless Shelter; please have the food there by 5:30 PM. We have enough food for this January meal and thank all the wonderful ladies who signed up to bring food or to serve.

➤ Call Mary Kay Paulson if you have any questions (632-7473)

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Mary Krautkramer (336-0198), Co-Chairs

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The next Habitat for Humanity new homeowner dedication is **Thursday, February 7**, at 5:00 PM for the Redko family, 1745 Chicago Court, Green Bay. When Maksim brought his wife, Alina, to the United States from the Ukraine, he needed to upgrade their living quarters so his wife and their daughters, who are 2-1/2 and a newborn, could have a happy and healthy future. This led them to apply for Habitat for Humanity's Homeownership program.

Want to be part of this exciting project?

Construct a lap-sized quilt. Lap-size quilts are 48 X 50, 52, 54, 56 or 60 X 60, nothing much bigger, similar to a throw for your living room. The quilt should contain a house pattern or material containing pictures of houses. You make the top and supply the backing material. Lynn, at the NWTC Artisans Center, machine quilts your project at no charge. We buy batting for your quilt. Sign up at the next meeting or contact:

Mary Schrickel (609-4651) mary_habitat@hotmail.com

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



FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

St. Bernard's Catholic Church Food Pantry in Green Bay will be the recipient of the **January 16** food drive. The pantry is open two days per week and serves, on average, 70 families per month. They are affiliated with the Brown County food coalition.

Pantry volunteers state that mac and cheese, canned beans of any type (kidney, baked, etc.), tomato products and skillet dinners such as Hamburger Helper are always in demand.



Please also consider donating food items that offer good nutrition such as:

- Protein Foods - Nuts, canned seafood and poultry
- Fruit - Packed in juice, dried and sauced
- Soups - Low sodium with protein and vegetables
- Pasta sauces (they have a good supply of pasta)
- Vegetables - Colorful, canned

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

Mary Jo Rod, January Chair

PET THERAPY



The holidays are always a time for visits at Allouez Parkside! After the holidays, there may be a void in visitors so here is your chance to help with that! Pet Therapy at Allouez Parkside is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 23**, at 10:30 AM.

If you have a friendly dog, or even if you don't have a dog, maybe you would like to join the small group meeting there to add cheer to the residents ...and bring a smile to your face as well.

Stella and Izzy are in Florida so Louie, Carol Lom's Italian Greyhound, and Bonnie's Newfoundland, Layla, are left to bring the cheer! Check out our next Pet Therapy date and see if it fits in your schedule.

Wednesday, January 23 - Allouez Parkside 10:30 AM
1901 Libal St., Green Bay

Pet Therapy provides a way for visitors to bring smiles to the faces of many who look forward to seeing a dog and telling their stories to you about dogs they have had.

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

HOUSE OF HOPE - BIRTHDAY CAKE for Children



A big Thank You to the December volunteer for the cake and ice cream for the monthly birthday party at House of Hope! Again, the treat was appreciated by the children and women at the Shelter.

Thank you for your generosity and time, especially during this busy holiday season. If you would like to get involved in baking or buying a cake for a specific month, please e-mail Kay Barlament for more information. You can make a difference in a young child's life! Thank YOU!

Kay Barlament kay.barlament@gmail.com, Chair

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising Results from our beautiful **Christmas** luncheon at Oneida Country Club:



- ❖ Cigar Boxes - \$150
 - ✓ 50/50 Raffle - \$156. Winner: Terri Jeffers
 - Cowsills Concert Tickets - \$80. Winner: Judy Janssen
 - Fantastic Member-Made **Christmas** Quilt - \$400. Winner: Chris Carlotto
- Thanks to everyone who graciously supports our BCCWC FUN-draisers!

Sue Protzman, Fundraising Co-Director

BRIDGE MARATHONS



Registrations for the 2019-20 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 new 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.

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

HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING at BARNES & NOBLE

BCCWC wrappers at Barnes & Noble did an outstanding job making B&N customers happy in 2018. It was an enjoyable experience and raised \$261 for BCCWC. Much gratitude and thanks to all volunteers.

Remember to record your volunteer hours and THAT'S A WRAP! Cheers!



Gloria LaViolette (983-9596) glaviolette@new.rr.com, Chair

DONATE A BUCK, GET A BOOK

It's that time again -- Gather your books and bring them to the **January 16** BCCWC meeting.

Remember: DONATE A BUCK AND GET A BOOK.

- Take back any of your unsold books as we are not equipped for storage



Hope you had a beautiful holiday season and may you have many blessings in the new year.

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

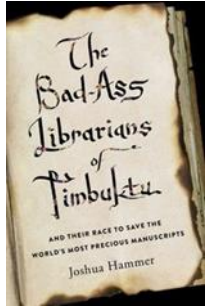
FELLOWSHIP

BCCWC BOOK CLUB

Monday, January 7, we meet at the Kress Family Library in De Pere at 1:00 PM. Marge Bork will be our discussion leader for *WE WERE THE LUCKY ONES* by Georgia Hunter.

We gather again at Kress Library on **Monday, February 4**, at 1:00 PM to discuss *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: and Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts*, by Joshua Hammer. Meg Deem will head the discussion.

SUMMARY OF BOOK: To save precious centuries-old Arabic texts from Al Qaeda, a band of librarians in Timbuktu pulls off a brazen heist worthy of Ocean's Eleven. In the 1980s, a young adventurer and collector for the government library, Abdel Kader Haidara, journeyed across the Sahara Desert salvaging tens of thousands of ancient Islamic and secular manuscripts that had fallen into obscurity. He became one of the world's great smugglers and brought volumes to safety in Mali in 2012.



Over the past twenty years, journalist Joshua Hammer visited Timbuktu numerous times researching. He explored the city's manuscript heritage and offers never-before-reported details about the militants' march into Africa. This book is an inspiring account of the victory of art and literature over extremism.

Remember: Members may bring friends, neighbors, or family members to our meetings. *Our enjoyment of reading interesting books keeps our discussions lively.* You are very welcome!

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

FURTHER FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES - New Year! New Activities!

January:

Second Wednesday Card & Game Day will be held **January 9** at the De Pere Community Center from 1:00-4:00 PM. Please email or call Sue Sinclair by the previous Monday noon if you plan to attend: upnative1979@yahoo.com or 432-3428.



February:

Second Wednesday Card & Game Day will be held **February 13** at the De Pere Community Center from 1:00-4:00 PM. Email or call Sue Sinclair by the previous Monday noon if you plan to attend: upnative1979@yahoo.com or 432-3428.

In the Planning Stages:

- A possible cooking class in March or April. Stay tuned.
- A "Shop on Broadway" event is scheduled for **Thursday, May 9**, with wine and cheese being served at **Wild Ginger**, 4:00-7:00 PM. Stay tuned for details!
- A spring bus trip is being planned for May. Where should we go for a day trip? *Share your ideas with either Sue or Bonnie.*



We are looking for five or six members who are willing to join this committee so that we can continue to offer a variety of activities.

You would be responsible for only one activity per year. See Sue or Bonnie if you are interested or have questions.

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

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Yours in fellowship, fun, and community good works,

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