



February 2019

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The shortest month of the year is here! If the weather this month is anything like we experienced this week, I would suggest moving Wisconsin to a different hemisphere. It is actually summer in the Southern Hemisphere now - my favorite time of the year! However, I guess if we had no winter, spring would not be so welcomed. We can only hope that the groundhog does not see his shadow on the second!

Forced to stay indoors because of the cold lately, I had lots of time to do things that I had put off for some time. When going through my BCCWC files, I couldn't help but reflect back on all that our club has been involved with this year already and anxiously look ahead to upcoming activities which not only will advance our fundraising efforts, but give our members a chance to have some fun together and get to know each other better.

It is also that time of year when the club is recruiting officers for next year and the Board is working to increase the size of the club's seven standing committees in order to give more members an opportunity to serve and become better acquainted with how this great organization operates. If you are interested in being a committee director or officer of the club, I would highly encourage you to speak to a current Board member. The Board of Directors really is an awesome group of women who are dedicated to the success of BCCWC which, in turn, enables the club to do more in and for the Brown County community. I hope you give serious thought to get involved if you are interested.

I cannot forget to wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day too, and hope the traditions you observe on this day are memorable. In keeping with a memory I have of my grade school days when my mother insisted that I give EVERYONE in my class a valentine, I send you all valentine wishes of appreciation and gratitude for all that you do to make this club as awesome as it is!



Helene Rosner, President 2018-19

## MEMBERSHIP



We gained 3 new members in December/January: Paula Tollefson, Mary Ann Van, and Judy Lallensack. This brings our membership total up to 289 members.

WOW! It is almost time to renew your membership for year 2019-2020 already! We will begin accepting renewals and new members on **March 1, 2019**. You can find the link to the membership renewal form on the [BCCWC.org](http://BCCWC.org) home page. Membership

forms will also be available at monthly meetings.

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 would help a lot.

Also, please send in the entire form. We file these and it is easier if we have the whole page. Only one member per form, please!

Mail your membership form to Kathy Belschner. Her address is on the form. Do not mail the form to the P.O. Box. It will be received and processed more quickly if mailed to Kathy.

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

## **MEETINGS REMINDER**

We had a record-breaking attendance for the month of January. A total of 113 ladies attended this first meeting of the year (107 members and 6 guests). Due to a scheduling conflict, Sharon Verbeten from the Kress Library was not able to speak to our group on "The Art of Letter Writing."

The Program Social Committee was very disappointed but on short notice, we contacted Joan K. Johnson who graciously accepted our invitation and was thrilled to share her new venture as owner/operator of Sunrise on Main Boutique "Shop for Yourself-Uplift Someone Else" featuring fashionable and upscale resale clothing and accessories. Purchases help fund RESET.LIFE (a non-profit partner that helps women reset their lives through the Rise program). Joan was an excellent speaker and replacement for our planned program.

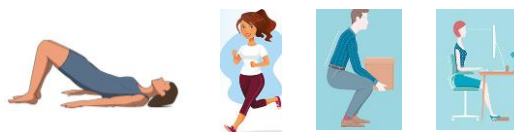


**BCCWC meeting:**

**Wednesday, February 20** - De Pere Community Center - 600 Grant St.

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

**Program: Acute spine care, prevention and processes.** Pam Buergi is a Joint & Spine Coordinator at St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center. Pam will explain ways to sit, sleep, stand and lift to keep a healthy spine and to avoid acute back pain.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### CP TELETHON

This year members of the BCCWC will have the opportunity to be on-air VIP's at the annual CP Telethon. The event will be March 2-3 with the BCCWC covering the phones on **Sunday, March 3** from 8:00-9:00 AM at the WBAY auditorium in downtown Green Bay.



We are excited about this chance to collaborate with a very worthwhile local organization that provides services such as daycare, therapy, adult education and aquatics to those with CP as well as being open to the general population of the area. This gives us the chance to connect with another local charitable organization.

As an on-air VIP, members are asked to collect donations/pledges prior to the event, although call-in donations will be welcome, as well. Each of our VIP's will receive a specific number to call during the telethon for the community to pledge. Pledge forms will be available at the tables during the February meeting.

Please consider pledging or volunteering to be an on-air VIP. At this point we have 10 members committed to being on-air VIP's and are looking to have a few more join us in this worthwhile cause. All funds raised in the telethon will remain for local use. If you have questions or are interested in joining this activity, please contact:

Sherry Campbell (680-0778) or Mary Jo Rod (499-3482)

### FORT HOWARD SENIOR LUNCHEONS



It is that time again! The residents at Fort Howard Apartments are looking forward to the St. Patrick's Day theme buffet and bingo on Thursday, **March 14**, at Fort Howard Apartments, 141 N. Chestnut Ave, Green Bay. We need volunteers to:

- Set the tables and centerpieces at 10:30 AM
- 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 choose to play bingo from 12:45 - 2:00 PM.

We need volunteers to provide centerpieces and prepare food at home and deliver it to the site by 11:30 AM. At this time, we need salads, a pack of blank nametags and bingo prizes.

Questions? Want to sign up?

A sign-up sheet will be available at February meeting or please contact:

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Cathy Green (676-4665) [cgreen1171@gmail.com](mailto:cgreen1171@gmail.com)



## ONE STITCH AT A TIME



Brrr! It's cold out. It is a good time to curl up with your knitting or crocheting and make a blanket for the less fortunate. Wellspring or House of Hope, our primary recipients, will appreciate any size or color. Next collection will be at the May luncheon/meeting. Any questions, contact Pat Hearnden or Jean Allgeyer.

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Jean Allgeyer (639-2980) [jmallgeyer@msn.com](mailto:jmallgeyer@msn.com), Co-Chairs

## ST. JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER



We will serve a meal at the shelter on Thursday, **February 7**. Thank you to all the generous women who signed up; we have sufficient food. Try to have your food there in the kitchen by 5:30 PM. If you have any questions, please call either:

Mary Kay Paulson (632-7473) [mkpaulson@aol.com](mailto:mkpaulson@aol.com)

Mary Krautkramer (336-0198), Co-Chairs

## WELLSPRING - March Collection



Our next Wellspring collection will take place at our March meeting. Wellspring is in need of condiments, specifically regular-sized mayonnaise, Miracle Whip and salad dressings, as well as sugar. We will have a table at the meeting for Wellspring donations.

We are also planning again to pack Ziploc bags with hygiene items for the guests at Wellspring. We will be purchasing items for the Ziploc bags from our BCCWC grant. BCCWC members who have volunteered to help pack the bags will meet before the March meeting and be notified of the time. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.



Susan Regnier (499-8897) [skr1176@hotmail.com](mailto:skr1176@hotmail.com)

Kathy De Broux (660-7921) [debrouxkathy@new.rr.com](mailto:debrouxkathy@new.rr.com), Co-Chairs

## FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

Thank you for your generous donations to the January food drive. We collected 61 bags of food and household items and \$75 in cash. St. Bernard's pantry was very appreciative since they had several empty shelves after a recent distribution. They have been seeing a greater need during the last several weeks.



Mary Jo Rod

## 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 top or back contains a house pattern or material containing pictures of houses.



The quilter makes the top and supplies the backing. Lynn Konitzer of the NWTC Artisans Center machine quilts each quilt made for Habitat for Humanity at no cost. No need to buy batting - that is supplied too.

**Next Habitat for Humanity dedication:** Gina Reinardy will be presenting Mary Schrickel's quilt to the Redko family, on Thursday, **February 7**, at 5:00 PM. The family home is located at 1745 Chicago Ct., Green Bay.

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

## PET THERAPY

After the holidays, there may be a void in visitors so here is your chance to help with that!



If you have a friendly dog, or even if you do not have a dog, maybe you would like to join the small group meeting here 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.

Tuesday, **February 12** - Carrington Assisted Living 10:30 AM  
2626 Finger Road., 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 that they have had.

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

## CEREBRAL PALSY CENTER



Have you ever been to the remodeled Cerebral Palsy Center?

It is an amazing place located at 2801 S. Webster Avenue in Allouez.

The CP Center focuses on: 1) adult care 2) early education and childcare 3) therapy 4) aquatics.

Which services are available to those with identified needs and which are available to the public at large? You might be surprised. Contact Sherry or Mary Jo to sign up for a tour of the Center and lunch. Join us at 10:00 AM, Monday, **February 18**, to learn about the many services this little gem offers to the community and for identified needs at the Green Bay Cerebral Palsy Center.

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## HOUSE OF HOPE - BIRTHDAY CAKE for Children



House of Hope - In January there was only one birthday at the House of Hope. The request was for a chocolate cake with chocolate frosting for one of the mothers - yum.

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!

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Kay Barlament [kay.barlament@gmail.com](mailto:kay.barlament@gmail.com), Chair

## FUNDRAISING

Fundraising results from our January 16 general membership meeting are:



- . 50/50 Raffle \$97.00 with Congratulations going to Bonnie LeMense for the win.
- . Surprise Raffle brought in \$85.00 with Mary Schroeder the winner.
- . Book for a Buck made \$30.00
- . Last chance for BCCWC Bags earned \$40.00
- . 2018 Barnes & Noble Christmas wrapping venture earned a record \$261 thanks to Gloria LaViolette and all of her amazing gift-wrapping elves.



Sue Protzman, Fundraising Co-Director

## BRIDGE MARATHONS



Reminder - The final deadline for all BCCWC Bridge Marathon registrations and bridge dues for the New 2019-20 Season is **March 1, 2019!** Any openings after that date will be offered to those on the waiting list for each group with BCCWC members having first opportunity. If you wish to be on any of the current waiting lists or have any questions regarding this BCCWC fundraiser, please contact Carol Simpson.

Email: [simpsoncj4310@gmail.com](mailto:simpsoncj4310@gmail.com) or Phone: 983-9550.

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

## SPRING CARD AND GAME DAY PARTY



Mark your calendar for our Spring Card and Game Day Party  
Wednesday, **May 1** at Thornberry Creek

Cards....Games.....Raffles.....Fun.....Food.....Friendship.....Yum Yum Shoppe

It's never too early to get your registration forms in!!!

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Sue Protzman, Gloria Jonet, Co-chairs

## DONATE A BUCK, GET A BOOK



Thanks so much for your donations. Just a reminder to bring **BOOKS ONLY**, preferably hard covered. Please take back unsold books you brought, as we are not equipped for storage. Give away many books. Thanks again.

Betty De Grave (845-9061) [ejdegrave@outlook.com](mailto:ejdegrave@outlook.com), Chair

## LUNA COFFEE - Attention Coffee Drinkers

We will have Luna Coffee available for a donation of \$12.00 bringing \$5.00 to our club for each 12oz. bag ordered. We do have our own very popular BCCWC blend.



PDQ car washes will also be available for \$21.00. Each wash brings our club \$4.00.

It is time to get that salt off our cars and tidy up the inside.



Many thanks to those who support our fundraising projects.

Lynette Van Den Heuvel, Chairperson

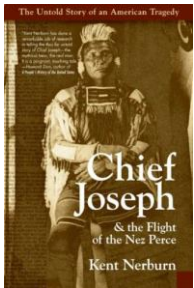
## FELLOWSHIP

### BCCWC BOOK CLUB

**February 4, Monday** at 1:00 PM we will gather at the Kress Family Library in De Pere. Our book is *The Bad-Ass Librarians Of Timbuktu: And Their Race To Save The World's Most Precious Manuscripts* by Joshua Hammer. Meg Deem will lead the discussion.

We will gather again at Kress Library on **Monday, March 4**, at 1:00 PM, to discuss *Chief Joseph and The Flight Of The Nez Perce* by Kent Nerburn. Our discussion leader will be Mary Schall.

**BOOK SUMMARY:** Nerburn presents a grand saga of a pivotal time in our nation's history. It is the story of an 1800-mile journey made by Chief Joseph and eight hundred Nez Perce men, women and children from their homelands in Oregon to the plains of Montana. This journey took them through the most difficult, mountainous country in western America, only 40 miles from the Canadian border and freedom. Chief Joseph, convinced that some could go no farther, walked across the snowy battlefield and handed his rifle to the U.S. Military Commander who had been pursuing them. He spoke his now famous words:



"From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever". His single goal was to return his people to their homeland. Its pages are alive with the presence of Lewis and Clark, General William Tecumseh Sherman, General Armstrong Custer, and Sitting Bull. Events brush against the California Gold Rush, the Civil War, the great western migration, and the building of The Telegraph and Transcontinental Railroad. The story has been told many times, but never before in its entirety or with such narrative richness.

Note. Do not let its length discourage you as the author is giving us his 4 years of research. You will never look at the American Indian or our nation's westward journey in the same way again.



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](mailto:pepperkayadams@hotmail.com), Chair

### FURTHER FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES -

- Game/Cards Day will be **Wednesday, February 13, 2019—wear red!**
  - De Pere Community Center, lounge in lower level
  - 1:00—4:00 PM
  - Mah Jongg and other games can be played
  - **Learn to play Euchre....Barb Konopacky** has offered to teach the game. We need 4 members to sign up in order for it to be a go.
    - *(Please let Sue know by Feb. 11 if you plan to play Mah Jongg or Euchre so we have enough players and kits.)* (432-3428), [upnative1979@yahoo.com](mailto:upnative1979@yahoo.com)



- Mark Your Calendar:
  - A cooking class with Chef Ace in April or May (details to follow)
  - A trip to the **Shrine of Good Help** in Champion with a burger at Joe Roehr's afterwards.
    - **Friday, April 26.** Carpool or meet at the Shrine at 10:30. Diane Froelich will be our personal guide.
    - Details to follow..... 
    - Register by emailing Sue or signing up at the monthly meeting.
  - **Shop Broadway on Thursday, May 9,** from 4:00—7:00 PM with wine and cheese at The Wild Ginger to wind up the evening. Stay tuned for details. Sign up at the monthly meetings or email Sue. 
- Thank you to members who have stepped up to help plan social activities for the Club. We will be meeting at The **Village Grille on Tuesday, February 12 at 11:30 AM** to have lunch and to discuss ideas for this spring, summer and next fall. If you would be willing to help in planning and coordinating an activity, please let Sue or Bonnie know and plan to attend the meeting if possible. The more who help, the more we will be able to do.



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

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Yours in fellowship, fun, and community good works,



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