



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



2019

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

The beautiful month of May has arrived!!! Now we can start thinking of many more outdoor activities, spring flower planting and enjoy all the buds and blooms in our gardens and yards that come with longer days of sunshine and warmth! As you heard at our membership meeting in April, Mae Rhode is in need of more helpers to work at the Kress Library gardens this year and would even like to recruit someone to chair this project next year. Mae and her "crew" have done a tremendous job keeping the gardens beautiful for all visitors to enjoy. This is another community service activity we are very proud of and want to continue providing to the Kress Library. *Please think about helping out there!*

We have so many members who are involved in our club's projects and activities. You are to be commended for the time and talent you contribute to make this organization so incredible! I, along with 22 other women, witnessed the passion one of our members has for the National Shrine of our Lady of Good Help in Champion, WI, this past week. Dianne Froelich took us on an awesome tour as we learned the amazing history and beauty of this national shrine. Dianne is to be commended for the countless volunteer hours she has donated to the shrine. We also enjoyed lunch afterwards at Joe Rouer's (a Best of the Bay establishment in Brown County). This was a tour recommended by many of our members and put together by our wonderful, hard-working Fellowship Committee.

And because of so many passionate women, we are experiencing another successful year as a non-profit that is working hard to provide charitable, educational and cultural services to the Brown County community. We will soon know the "fruits of our labor" and what awards we will be able to distribute to other non-profits in the form of our Community Awards!

For whatever part you play in the club's success, thank you from the bottom of my heart! You are fantastic, giving women!

Helene Rosner, President 2018-19

**MEMBERSHIP**



BCCWC welcomed two new members in April:

✚ Diane O'Connor & Sue Vaughan - We are just shy of 300 members!

Well over half of the membership has already renewed. If you have not renewed, you can find the link to the membership renewal form on the [www.BCCWC.org](http://www.BCCWC.org) home page. Membership forms will also be available at monthly meetings. *Let's all get our renewals in so they will be published in the directory.*

This is how we work: Pat Syring is in charge of welcoming new members and distributing directories to them. Kathy Belschner handles the checks, recording the check information and forwarding the checks to the Treasurer, Judy Niesing. Kathy notes your check information on your membership form and Betty Jensen is in charge of putting that information, as well as address, contact information, interests, etc. into a humungous spreadsheet that is distributed to members of the board and to other committees as needed. So, YES, we need a form!

Mail your membership form to *Kathy Belschner at her address on the form.*

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Betty Jensen (770-6642) [bettyjensen48@gmail.com](mailto:bettyjensen48@gmail.com)  
Pat Syring (494-0010) [lsyring1955@hotmail.com](mailto:lsyring1955@hotmail.com), Membership Co-Directors

## **MEETINGS REMINDER**

The April meeting was attended by 110 members. Guest speaker, Detective Craig Pakkala, from the Green Bay Police Department, talked about human trafficking in our area. It was very interesting and many questions were asked.

The sign-up board for the 2019-2020 Social Committee schedule is nearly complete. Still needed are:

- Chair and Co-Chair - September Luncheon
- Chair and Co-Chair - March Meeting
- Two more committee members - March Meeting

Please contact Mary Kroening (920-489-8994 or [mlkroening@att.net](mailto:mlkroening@att.net)) to sign up for the last 6 spots and complete our upcoming year's calendar. *"If everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot."*



### **SPRING LUNCHEON MEETING - Wednesday, May 15, 2019**

**Bemis Conference Center:** 100 Grant St., De Pere, on St. Norbert's Campus

*Please drive into the circular driveway at Bemis Center to drop off your riders then proceed across the street to one of two parking lots.*



**Social:** 11:00 AM    **Lunch:** 12:00 PM    **Program:** 1:00 PM    **Meeting:** 1:30 PM

**Program:** Entertainment provided by [The WPS Chorus](#) - you will not want to miss this!

**REMINDER:** *Please bring finished items for **One Stitch at a Time***  
Jean Allqeyer & Pat Hearden, Co-Chairs

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### KRESS LIBRARY GARDEN

Previous and new volunteer BCCWC gardeners will begin the 2019 season at Kress Library Garden on **Tuesday, May 7 (rain date: Wednesday, May 8)**. We will meet at **8:00 AM** for 1½-2 hours to clean the garden beds of debris with some pruning and trimming of the plant material where needed. Planting of flowers will take place later in May. Remaining volunteer dates:



- Wednesday, May 29
- Thursday, June 20
- Friday, July 19
- Monday, August 12
- Wednesday, September 11
- Tuesday, October 8 - garden is put to bed for the season

Please bring a rake, trimming tools, a bucket or basket. A sun hat, sun block and water are also good ideas. Any time you can give is welcome. For those interested after we finish gardening, we will go for fellowship and a treat at a local restaurant. Looking forward to gardening together.

If you have any question, please contact:

Mae Rohde (336-3092 or 370-0285) [Rohmh7@gmail.com](mailto:Rohmh7@gmail.com), Chair

### ONE STITCH AT A TIME



*Time's getting short and we need your help. We will be collecting blankets at the **May 15** meeting. Please bring them with you or call Pat or Jean to make other arrangements. They are so greatly appreciated. Any kind, color or size. They are all put to good use.*

Pat Hearden (432-5871) [phearden@aol.com](mailto:phearden@aol.com)

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

### PET THERAPY - Pet Therapy for May is scheduled:



- ✓ 10:30 AM, **Monday, May 13**, at Allouez Parkside, 1101 Libal St.

Welcome back to our schedule of monthly Pet Therapy visits. Hope to see you there! If you have a friendly dog, or even if you don't have a dog, maybe you would like to join the small group that meets to add cheer to the residents ...and bring a smile to your face as well.

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 dog stories.

Julie Salemi (621-3954)

Carol Lom (503-0015), Co-Chairs

## BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Join us at the next Habitat for Humanity home dedication:

➤ **May 16** at 5:00 PM at [1743 Chicago Court, Green Bay](#)

The Habane/Egeh Family: Xirsi, Safia, Abdullahi, Suhaib, Maryama, Nima, Osman, Abdikan, Abdirahman, Shakur, Rayan

With a household of 11 (mostly male) and a father with medical needs, it was hard for the Habane/Egeh family to find accessible, suitable housing. After applying to the Homeownership program a few years ago and getting denied, the family worked hard to meet the requirements, applied again, and was accepted! The home will be sold to the family at an affordable, interest-free mortgage.

*Want to be part of this ongoing project and have the satisfaction of quilting for a worthwhile project?  
Attend the semi-annual Quilters' Meeting:*

**Monday, May 20**, at 9:00 AM at Polo Point Clubhouse  
[850 DeSoto Circle](#), Hobart (near Thornberry Creek)  
Refreshments will be served.

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

## ST. PAT'S FOOD DRIVE

**Thank  
You!**

Our April collection for St. Patrick's Food Pantry was a great success! We collected 54 bags of groceries, 24 birthday gift bags, and \$20 in cash. A heartfelt "thank you" to all BCCWC members who donated so generously toward making the St. Patrick's users' lives a little better. The gift bags were so beautiful - what a wonderful thing to do for a child. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

Cathy Cartwright (499-5528) [rcartwright@new.rr.com](mailto:rcartwright@new.rr.com)  
Brenda Brown (370-2432) [brendab4500@hotmail.com](mailto:brendab4500@hotmail.com), Co-Chairs

## FUNDRAISING

### FUNDRAISING RESULTS - \$686.06 April



- + 50/50 Raffle \$99 - winner, Bonnie Zima
- + Surprise Raffle/necklace & earrings \$42 - winner, Diane Hatfield
- + Book for a Buck \$20
- + PDQ car wash sales \$184.50 profit (Income \$861: 41 PDQ Certificates)
- + \$340.56 Pizza Ranch (percent of income, plus tips, evening of April 1)

Great job everyone and congratulations to the raffle winners!

- Reminder: Sign up for our Golf Outing in June.

Don't forget to share any of your fundraising ideas. Please contact a Co-Director if you would like to discuss an idea or if you would like to be part of the committee.

Sue Protzman, Lynette Van Den Heuvel  
Bonnie Christensen, Fundraising Co-Directors

### RESTAURANT DAYS



Thank you to all who worked at the Pizza Ranch on April 1 and to those who came to enjoy the delicious buffet.

- Look to **October 7** to have another Pizza Ranch fundraiser at the new west side location on Willard Drive.

Mary Ortmyer (676-5903) [maryortmayer@gmail.com](mailto:maryortmayer@gmail.com), Chair

### BCCWC GOLF OUTING - Monday, June 10, is the date at Mid Vallee Golf Course



The scramble format begins at 9:00 AM with a shotgun start. This annual fundraiser is for golfers, as well as non-golfers who want to play bridge or other cards or games and then join the golfers for the famous taco bar lunch. You do not need to be a member of BCCWC to join us. There will be great silent auction and raffle items too!

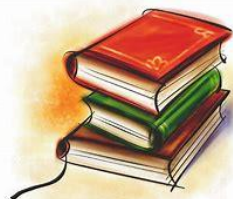
Come and join the festivities. Get your registration forms in now.

See details on the registration form available at the BCCWC website under the Fundraising tab.

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/767749630/BCCWC+golf+registration+form+2019.pdf>

Terry Jeffers (606-2470) [tjeffers138@att.net](mailto:tjeffers138@att.net), Chair

### DONATE A BUCK, GET A BOOK



Many thanks to all who donated to this fundraiser right up to the last meeting in April. Your generosity is much appreciated. Save your books throughout the summer and bring armloads of them in fall. Have a beautiful and safe summer.

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

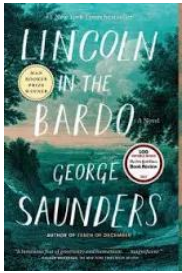


## FELLOWSHIP

### BCCWC BOOK CLUB

DATE: **Monday, May 6** TIME: 1:00 PM PLACE: Kress Family Library, De Pere

Book: *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders - Discussion leader: Gina Reinardy



This novel is based on the true story of the death of Abraham Lincoln's son, Willie, of typhoid fever at the age of 11, during his father's presidency. The author skillfully goes beyond the contemporary accounts of the president visiting the crypt where Willie was interred, and holding his body, on numerous occasions. He places them in the bardo, a Tibetan version of the state between life and death. Various other characters emerge, all of them people who have died and are buried in the same cemetery. They recount their life and death stories to Willie.

- ❖ This is our last meeting until September. Our Book Club Calendar for 2019-2020 will be published in the June newsletter.

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

### FURTHER FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES



This past week members enjoyed two field trips. On April 22, five members traveled to Oshkosh to visit Hughes Candy, the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum to view the glass paperweight exhibit and M. Schettle Sales with lunch at Olive Garden.

On April 23, 20 members gathered at the Our Lady of Good Help Shrine in Champion for a personal tour by Dianne Froelich, who is a passionate volunteer at the Shrine. Her insights into the history of the region and the development of the Shrine as an international Marian destination were interesting for members of all denominations. After time at the Shrine, we adjourned to Joe Rouer's for their famous burgers. It was a beautiful day for a drive in the country!

- Second Wednesday Game/Cards Day: **May 8**, 1:00-4:00 PM
  - De Pere Community Center, lower-level lounge
  - Mahjong and other games can be played
    - Please let Sue Sinclair know by **May 6** if you plan to play Mahjong so we have enough players and kits: 432-3428 or [upnative1979@yahoo.com](mailto:upnative1979@yahoo.com)
- Pizza at Glass Nickel: **Thursday, May 9**, 6:00 PM

Due to scheduling conflicts with the shops on Broadway, we will not meet as a group to shop the Broadway District. BUT, feel free to shop, make a few purchases then join us at:

- Glass Nickel Pizza on Dousman St. for pizza, salad, beverages, cheese bread. About a dozen members have signed up. Let Sue know by **May 7** if you can join us.

Next fall: many activities are being planned ...stay tuned!

- Join us for *A Christmas Story the Musical* at the Fireside Theater on **Sunday, November 10**, with J & J Travelers. See the registration form on the [www.BCCWC.org](http://www.BCCWC.org) website for details.

Thank you for your support and ideas!

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Lynn Arnesen [lynn.arnesen@aol.com](mailto:lynn.arnesen@aol.com), Fellowship Co-Directors

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **PUBLICITY CO-DIRECTOR**



We are all so proud of all that the BCCWC accomplishes during the course of a year. Please give serious consideration to helping publicize our many contributions to Brown County. The club needs a Publicity Director, or Co-Directors, for next year. This is a board position, and will give you a wonderful opportunity to become involved in a meaningful way. It will also give you a new appreciation for all that the club does - it will make your heart swell with pride!

The Publicity Directors have two primary responsibilities:

- to help garner publicity for activities via traditional media outlets. This generally consists of writing news releases about big events, such as fundraisers or community service activities, and sending those out to traditional media outlets, such as TV and newspapers. It's not difficult, as the chairs of those events write the information already to include in our newsletter.
- to keep our Facebook page up to date. Probably many of you are already on Facebook, so it won't be a big leap to learn how to be the director of our page. Our current Publicity Director, Pam Girtz, has it all organized and will be happy to train a new person how to take over.

Please consider stepping up to this position. The club needs you, and you will enjoy getting to know your own club even better.

The formal job description can be found on pp. 10-11 of the club's policies and procedures. You'll find the policies and procedures on the website at the top of the "News and Notes" tab.

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/767690893/Policies+and+Procedure+Final+Edits+-+February+2019.pdf>

### **LOOKING FOR CO-CHAIRS**



The CP telethon will be held again the first weekend of March, 2020, and the BCCWC has been invited back as on-air VIP's. At this time, we are looking for members to take on the position of Co-Chairs for this event. The position would entail communicating with the CP Center contact person as well as encouraging BCCWC members to volunteer to be on-air VIP's, and sharing information with the volunteers and club members regarding the event. Many of the VIP's from the March 2019 event have already indicated an interest in participating again, which is a wonderful start of the process.

If you would be interested in becoming the Chair/Co-Chair or have questions, please contact:

Sherry Campbell (608-0778)

Carol DeGrand (680-5470)

Mary Jo Rod (499-3482)

## EXECUTIVE BOARD 2019/2020

The nominating committee is happy to announce that the following 2019/2020 slate of officers will be installed to the BCCWC board at our May luncheon:

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| ✦ President: Pam Girtz                | Treasurer: Judy Niesing       |
| ✦ President Elect: Betty Jensen       | Secretary: Pat DeRozier       |
| ✦ 1st Vice President: Bonnie Zima     | Past President: Helene Rosner |
| ✦ 2nd Vice President: Dianne Froelich |                               |

We would also like to thank the outgoing officers who have been very gracious with their time and energy in serving on our Executive Board. They will be greatly missed:

- ✓ Jan Clark, Past President; Margaret Georgia, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Cathy Green, Secretary

Jan Clark (chair), Pam Girtz, Bonnie Granius  
Gina Reinardy, Betsy Whitton, Nominating Committee

## 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, 2018 - June 30, 2019). All of your time counts: travel time, committee work, sewing, weeding, etc. Look at the form in your directory or the form on the BCCWC website. That will remind you of the things you did so that 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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