



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

December 2019

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Christmas is most truly the time of year for giving! In addition to BCCWC supporting our everyday activities, there is an abundance of additional opportunities to help others during this Christmas season. In this hustle and bustle time of year with shopping, cooking and getting ready to celebrate with family and friends, you are finding time to volunteer and give back!



All is calm

You decorate cute little trees to distribute to the rooms of sick children in the Children's Hospital at St. Vincent. You festoon larger trees with your beautiful handmade ornaments and display them for the Christmas Gala. Along with shopping lists fulfilling friend and family Christmas wishes, you help relieve the needs of less fortunate families throughout our community. You are again making a difference.

I am so proud to be a part of this organization and we should all be very proud of our accomplishments! One of the best gifts you can give is your time. Enjoy this festive time of year with your family and friends.

With blessings and friendship, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Pam Girtz - President 2019-2020

MEMBERSHIP



BCCWC welcomes 9 new members to our club. They are: Mary Kay Sanders, Suzi Laughlin, Val Enders, Susan Blohm, Jodi Beno, Cheryl Schuller, Linda Aschenbrenner, Doreen Elder and Linda Burger. These 9 along with 2 renewals bring our membership to 299.

If you have not renewed your membership, a form is available on the BCCWC website, www.BCCWC.org. Forms are also available at the monthly meetings.

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Betty Jensen (770-6642) bettyjensen48@gmail.com

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

MEETINGS REMINDER

Holiday Luncheon at Hotel Northland - December 18

304 N. Adams St., Green Bay

Reservations due by December 4



Social: 11:00 Lunch 12:00 Entertainment 1:00 Meeting: 1:30

Entertainment:

**JOHN KELLEY & THE
FUSION XPRESS ORCHESTRA-FXO**

John Kelley & The Fusion Xpress Orchestra will entertain us with their special style of seasonal music.

Registration forms can be found on the website.
Go to www.bccwc.org under "Monthly Meetings".

Due to seating capacity, attendance will be limited to members only.

Parking is available in the Pine Street parking ramp at the rear of the hotel.

Looking ahead...January 15, 2020 meeting

Our speaker will be Kevin Cullen, maritime archaeologist and Deputy Director of the Neville Public Museum.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

BCCWC INSTALLATION at FORT HOWARD APARTMENTS

On Monday, November 4, members of the Brown County Community Women's Club, Inc. were present to view the newly installed park bench which had been donated to Fort Howard Apartments.



Seated: *Betty Jensen Pres-elect, Pam Girtz, Pres.*
Row 2: *Gina Reinardy, Susan Byrne, Cathy Green*
Kathy Kollman, Mary Van, Sherry Campbell,
Fort Howard Apartments social worker, Gail Wirtz



This bench is part of a large-scale renovation to the outdoor recreation for residents.

FORT HOWARD SENIOR LUNCHEONS



On Monday, November 4, the 42 residents and staff at the Fort Howard Apartments shared many thanks and BIG hugs for the luncheon prepared by BCCWC members. Various types of chili as well as salads (green, fruit and pasta) and yummy cupcakes, cookies, bars and other desserts were served.



The tables were festooned with lovely fall decorations. The residents declared aloud that our members

were "the best cooks ever" and "you out did yourselves" and "were better than Thanksgiving." Many thanks are due to all who helped to make this event successful. Our next event for Fort Howard Apartments is a St. Patrick's Day Buffet and Bingo on **March 16, 2020**. Prizes for this event will be collected at the January and February meetings.



Please watch the newsletter for ideas for prizes. Thanks to all who donated prizes and food in the past. Members have been so very generous.

Sherry Campbell (680-0778 call or text) Sherrysuej@new.rr.com
Cathy Green cgreen1171@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

CEREBRAL PALSY TELETHON

This year members of the BCCWC will again have the opportunity to be on-air VIP's at the annual CP Telethon. This event will be held **March 7-8** with the BCCWC covering the phones on **Sunday, March 8** from 2PM-3PM at the WBAY auditorium in downtown Green Bay.



We are once again excited with 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.



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 be assigned a specific number to call during the telethon for the community pledge. Pledge forms will be available at all the general meetings between now and the telethon.

Please consider volunteering to be one our 15 VIP's. All funds raised in the telethon will remain for local use. If you are one of our many snowbirds, consider getting your pledge in before you leave.

If you have questions or interest in joining this activity, call our Chairs for this event.

Betsy Whitton (468-6867) betsy.whitton@gmail.com
Jan Clark (265-5744) janetclar@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

COMMUNITY AWARDS

GIVE A KID A BOOK - November 6 - December 19



The BCCWC makes a significant donation to this program each year that provides At-risk children with new books at Christmas. Through our partnership with the GAKAB program, over 330,000 books have been gifted to children in the community in the past 31 years. Each year, the community joins forces to share between 10,000 - 12,000 books with over 6,000 kids. If you have any questions, please email Meg Deem.



The distribution of the books is in combination with the oys for Tots program. This year the distribution will happen will happen **December 17-19**. If you have any questions, please email Meg Deem.

Any interested club members are invited to join us for distribution by signing up at the following link:

<https://signup.com/go/dpSfCcF>.

Meg Deem, mmdeem0135@gmail.com, GAKAB Chair

CHRISTMAS TREE JUBILEE

The 6th annual Christmas Tree Jubilee was held at the Vandervest Harley Davidson location on Velp

Avenue on November 26 at 5:30PM. This fundraiser was a huge success and all proceeds will benefit the Ribbon of Hope foundation.

It was an elegant evening and certainly put everyone in the Christmas spirit.

There were over 25 beautiful, creative, and whimsical trees decorated and on display. The evening included delicious appetizers donated by Black and Tan and a cash bar. Fourteen BCCWC members purchased tickets and helped to support this worthwhile cause.

Our tree, "Snowman Hugs and Sweet Dreams" was selected in the third round "Circle of Friends" (Donation to \$1000-\$1500). Our tree will be donated by Seura to a cancer patient family. A huge "thank you" to the women on the Christmas Tree Jubilee Team. Because of your time and talent, area cancer patients will have a much brighter Christmas!



On a closing note, we are excited to announce that we have 3 volunteers to Co-Chair the 2020 Jubilee event. Thank you to Linda Murphy, Mary Van, and Sue Nooyen. They will do a great job and will have all of our support.

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Carol De Grand (680-5470) cjdegrand@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

ST. VINCENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL/CHILD LIFE

The Christmas trees are decorated! Committee members will bring the 20 trees to the HSHS St. Vincent Hospital-Child Life Department on **December 3** to be given to hospitalized children



throughout the Christmas season. The Child Life Committee will be holding a drive at the February meeting for new bears/stuffed animals and gift cards for teenagers. The drive will be held in February, but donations of new bears/stuffed animals and gift cards for teenagers will be accepted at any time, as many members leave for the winter. This



is also a wonderful time to take advantage of Christmas sales. Please contact us if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

Kathy Aicher (465-1600)
Sue Vyse (562-3273), Co-Chairs

SANTA'S HOUSE 2019



We would like volunteers to bake a batch of cookies and deliver them to White Pillars Museum, 403 N. Broadway, De Pere, next to the Kress Library. They can be brought to the museum between 2PM-4PM on Wednesday or Thursday, **December 4 and 5**.

We will also need a few people to keep the cookie plates full while Santa and Mrs. Claus are there on Saturday, **December 7**, from **2PM-7PM**.

Thanks to everyone in advance for your help in this magical Christmas Party. Be sure to bring your little kids! It's the best old fashioned, and totally noncommercial, Christmas activity in the area. You can even take your own pictures and videos of Mr. and Mrs. Clause with your favorite little people! Hope to see you there.

Mary Schall (336-6088), Chair

ST. JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER



The next meal we are serving at St. John's Homeless Shelter is Thursday, **December 5**. We are still in need of ONE large hot VEGETABLE dish. We are grateful to all of you who have signed up again to take food to the shelter. The numbers there are large. Last month we served well over 100 guests. As before the guests were grateful for the delicious food our members made, and they thanked us over and over. As a reminder, please deliver your prepared food to the kitchen at the Shelter by 5:30PM. Please call either of us if you can make the vegetable dish or if you have any questions. Thank you.

Mary Krautkramer (819-5812)
Mary Kay Paulson (301-221-6327), Co-Chairs

CHRISTMAS TOY DISTRIBUTION - SALVATION ARMY



BCCWC will be assisting parents with selecting Christmas presents for their children on **December 17, 18 and 19** at Bayside Marketplace (next to Fresh Thyme). There was a delay in getting this information to you due to the Salvation Army's need to find a new location for this activity. The volunteer coordinator at the Salvation Army asks you to email or call her with your individual sign-up rather than us providing her with a list of names.

Email: Renee.Main@usc.SalvationArmy.org or Phone: [593-2375](tel:593-2375) Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Sue Goltz (406-2605), Ann Baierl (660-1804), Co-Chairs

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Attend a Habitat for Humanity new home dedication where another quilt will be presented:

Friday, December 13 at 9AM at 1146 South Greenwood Ave., Green Bay.

Karleen Hernandez has three children: Nayleen, who has autism; and twins Angel and Minelys. She moved to the US from Puerto Rico 10 years ago, and moved to Green Bay in 2012 to be closer to her family. She is currently an accounting student and enjoys spending time with her family.

Enter the quilt raffle at the Christmas Luncheon. Support your BCCWC through

this Fundraiser! Raffle tickets - 6 for \$5

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

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

WELLSPRING / PET THERAPY



Our November collection for warm clothing for the Wellspring guests was a huge success! Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the members who so generously donated warm clothing. The clothing items were delivered to Wellspring, and the clients were very thankful and appreciative.

Through a team effort with Thrivent, our committee was able to purchase needed items including napkins, paper plates and toilet paper. The Wellspring clients and director were very excited about the new vacuum and expressed their thanks and gratitude.

During December, the Wellspring and Pet Therapy teams will be working together to bring some holiday cheer to the Wellspring clients and staff. On Monday, **December 16**, they will be hosting a noon lunch and decorating Christmas cookies. As a special treat, one of our Pet Therapy stars, Louie, will share some tricks and lots of love. We will gather at 11AM at Well-spring, located at 413 Dousman St.



Kathy De Broux (660-7921) debrouxkathy@new.rr.com,

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CHRISTMAS FAMILY PROJECT



We want to let all of you know that once again this project was a huge success. All the presents are ready to be delivered to the families. This project spreads so much joy to the families receiving the presents but also to all who have participated in purchasing the gifts. We received so many comments about how good it makes everyone feel. We always like to hear from members if they know of a family down on their luck, that could use some of the BCCWC Christmas cheer. We just need to know of these families by the end of August of next year. Please feel free to contact any one of the Co-Chairs of this project. Many, many thanks to our fabulous members. They have once again made this so successful.

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Jeannie Brosteau (632-7516) gbrosteau@gmail.com
Darlene Rohm (351-3082) darlenehh@yahoo.com, Co-Chairs

COATS FOR KIDS



Twenty-nine BCCWC women volunteered for the Coats for Kids event at the Salvation Army Kroc Center November 8 & 9. Members sorted and hung coats for display and helped families choose the perfect coat. A total of 2745 coats were distributed to 947 families.

Thank you BCCWC volunteers for your generous donation of time and thanks to all members for coat donations. BCCWC volunteers help make this event a huge success.

Elaine Pogorelc (494-7598), Chair

FUNDRAISING

 Fundraising for November included:

Book for a Buck brought in \$35; *Dishcloths*, (thanks to all who donated them), \$39; *Cigar box sales* (donated by Bonnie Zima), \$46; *50/50 Raffle*, \$114 (Joann DeVoe the lucky winner); *Seroogy candy bar sales*, \$105; *Centerpieces* (donated thanks to the Social Committee), \$73; *Surprise Raffle* a beautiful table wreath (donated by Barb Konopacky) (Judy Lallensack the winner), \$92.

Thanks to all for supporting our fundraisers.



DONATE A BUCK



We will not be doing the book sale at the holiday luncheon. Please save your books for the January meeting where we should have a wonderful selection for the coming cold, dreary, winter months.



Leah Dumke (499-2308) leahdumke@gmail.com, Chair

HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING - BARNES & NOBLE

- Are you ready for some Christmas gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble?
- This is a fun event!

Please join us in this FUNdraiser. Many eager members signed up at our November meeting. We are in need of members to sign up for the following dates:

Tuesday, December 3	3PM-5PM
Thursday, December 5	1PM-3PM & 3-5PM
Thursday, December 12	3PM-5PM
Monday, December 16	3PM-5PM
Friday, December 20	1PM-3PM & 3PM-5PM



Supplies are furnished by Barnes & Noble, but you are welcome to bring your own and extra touches you may want to use. Please contact Dawn Hockers with times that would work for you to join this fun event. You can volunteer for any amount of time in the time frames listed above. Thank you!

Come join this FUNdraiser!

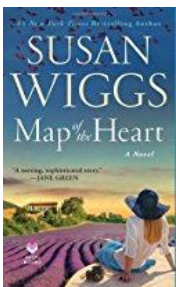
Dawn Hockers (660-9383) grammahockers@yahoo.com, Chair

FELLOWSHIP

BCCWC BOOK CLUB

The BCCWC Book Club will meet on Monday, **December 2**, at 11:30AM in the Union Hotel for our annual holiday lunch. We will then proceed to the Kress Library at 1PM where Mary Schall will lead the discussion of *My Grandmother Asked me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrick Backman.

If you have not signed up for lunch, PLEASE call Mary at 336-6088.



Our selection for **January 6** will be *Map of the Heart* by Susan Wiggs. Carol De Grand will be the discussion leader. Number one New York Times best-selling author Susan Wiggs returns with a deeply emotional and atmospheric story that spans oceans and decades from present day to the battlefields of WWII France. Love and family, war and secrets, betrayal and redemption are blended seamlessly in this historical contemporary romance.

Mary Schall (336-6088) robogram@icloud.com, Chair

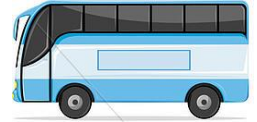
FURTHER FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES



More Fun!

Over 20 members toured the Hotel Northland on November 1. It was very interesting to see the bowling alley and the guest rooms as well as The Walnut Room. The Christmas Luncheon is sure to be a success at this beautiful venue.

The Mystery Trip was canceled for November, but Lynn Arnesen is working with the bus company to set something up for spring. (Any checks that had been submitted were returned or destroyed.)



The newsletter will continue to be the "go to" source for activities that are being planned by the Fellowship Committee. Be sure to check it monthly as details are finalized.

Fun in the New Year:

- **Monday, January 20:** Members will be at **Season to Taste** to enjoy a cooking demonstration and generous tasting options. The menu will feature **Spicy Mushroom Caps, Angry Deviled Eggs, and Hot Mexican Street Corn Dip**. All this for \$20! 6-7:30PM. 2300 Lineville Road. There are only 4 spots left! Sign up and pay at the December meeting.
- **Friday, January 24:** "Jewelry Junkies" will be making a felted Valentine pin. The class will be at Jane Klozotsky's home in Kaukauna **Cost: \$5 Time: 1-3PM Address: 1904 Parkwood Avenue**. (Perhaps attendees could arrange a car pool. Contact Jane at 920-209-4810 or janeklozotsky@gmail.com for details or to register.



Standing Monthly Activities:

- Book Club, 1st Monday of the month at Kress Family Library.
- Mah Jongg/Game Day, 2nd Wednesday of the month in the lower level of the De Pere Community Center from 1PM-3:30PM. Gather your friends and cards, Mah Jongg, dominoes or other games for a fun afternoon.



BCCWC No refund Policy applies to all Fellowship activities.

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Co-Directors

COMMUNICATIONS

Since the directory was printed at the end of July, 22 new members have joined the BCCWC. If you get your newsletter through the postal mail, the list of new members was included with your mailing, printed in a way to insert it easily into your directory. If you get the newsletter online, the e-mail sent by Lizz Jayne alerting you to the newsletter will have included that list as an attachment. Print that list and include it with your directory. Please make a point to meet these new members and welcome them to our wonderful club!

Nancy Daniels, Lizz Jayne, Chris Rosera, Communications Co-Directors

Yours in fellowship, fun, and community good works.

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