



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

January 2020

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

I hope that over this holiday season you made many wonderful memories that will be treasured for a long time.



As our holidays wind down and life gets back to some semblance of "normal", I want to thank you for making a difference for so many in Brown County. The BCCWC has done much to improve lives. We have helped to keep a child warm. We have put smiles on the faces of families during the Christmas season by providing presents under their trees. We have even helped a family stricken by cancer to have a beautiful Christmas tree! You should all be truly proud of our community service.

In addition, a significant amount of work has gone into our fundraising already this year and we are only halfway through our fiscal year! There is much left to be done as we head into the second half of our year.

The funds we raise are distributed via Community Awards, determined at the end of the year. The proposals for Community Awards are submitted by you, our members. These monetary awards are crucial to many organizations throughout Brown County. Refer to our 2018-2019 recipients in your directory or on our website. You may not be familiar with all of them, but they are all worthwhile. For example:

ALTRUSA HOUSE, which was awarded \$1,000 last year, offers a "home away from home" to patients and families who need to stay overnight during medical emergencies. The facility is located on E. Mason Street, just 2 blocks east of Bellin Hospital.



Guests of the Altrusa House generally live more than 50 miles from Green Bay, are in financial need, or require an extended stay in Green Bay while receiving medical assistance at an area hospital.

Check out future newsletters for explanations of other Community Awards!

Pam Girtz, President

MEMBERSHIP



Laurey & Pat

Membership welcomes Laurey Clampitt to join Pat Syring as Co-Director. She will assume Betty Jensen's duties in January. A large part of the duties of this position includes working with the membership spreadsheet. So happy to have you join us, Laurey.

With no new members in December, total membership remains at 299.

Pat Syring (494-0010) lsyring1955@hotmail.com,
Laurey Clampitt (217-9557) laurey.clampitt@icloud.com, Membership Co-Directors

Kathy Belschner, one of the club's Membership Directors, has reluctantly stepped down from her position to focus on her health. Kathy has been a BCCWC member since 2014 and has served as one of the Membership Directors for the last several years. Before being a Membership Director on the Board, she actively volunteered her time in many community service activities. Determined, courageous, proud and yes, feisty, she will be missed. Please keep her in your prayers.

MEETINGS REMINDER



BCCWC Meeting: Wednesday, **January 15**, 2020

De Pere Community Center - 600 Grant St.

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

- Our speaker will be Kevin Cullen, Deputy Director of the Neville Public Museum. He will speak to us about maritime archeology.

REMINDER

✚ Bring Food Pantry donations for Trinity Lutheran Church
A vehicle will be parked in front of the Center for collection.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



ST. JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER

We will be serving a meal at St. John's Homeless Shelter on Thursday, **January 2**, 2020. We still need ONE more large, hot vegetable dish. Thanks to all you wonderful ladies for signing up to bring all the other food. We are grateful, as are the Shelter guests. Please deliver your food to the Shelter kitchen by 5:30 pm. Call us if you have any questions.

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

FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

Our **January 15** food drive will be a great success with your help. Pastor Rachel at Trinity Lutheran Church suggested the following list of needed items:



- canned tomatoes
- chunky soup
- dried potatoes
- rice
- tuna helper
- peas
- corn

At the meeting there will be a car parked by the doors so you can drop off your items for the food drive. Following the meeting, the items will be brought to Trinity Lutheran Church. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to food drives in our communities.

Mary Anne Froelich (639-4847),
Doreen Elder (819-6809), Co-Chairs

CHRISTMAS TREE JUBILEE

The 2019 Christmas Tree Gala event was a huge success. We received word that over \$36,000 was raised for the Ribbon of Hope Foundation. BCCWC received this message from Ribbon of Hope:

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Brown County Community Women's Club, Inc. and your team's design work to create a beautifully-decorated Christmas tree! The well-deserving recipient (pictured) was elated to receive your tree to enjoy during the holidays. Thank you again and we hope you'll join us again next year.

Sincerely,

The Christmas Tree Jubilee/Ribbon of Hope Committee



We wish everyone who helped on this project many blessings in the New Year.

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ONE STITCH AT A TIME



These cold, wintry days and nights are a perfect time to pick up those knitting needles and crochet hooks to start a blanket for the needy. Or why not look for a sale on an already made one and tuck it away for the *One Stitch at a Time* collection in May? Either way, they are all appreciated. Thank you for all the donations we received in 2019. *We set a record!*

Happy New Year ...and call if you have questions.

Pat Hearnden (432-5871) phearden@aol.com,
Jean Allgeyer (639-2980) jmallgeyer@msn.com, Co-Chairs

HSHS ST. VINCENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL-CHILD LIFE



Committee members delivered 20 decorated mini-Christmas trees to St. Vincent Child Life on December 3. The Christmas trees will be distributed to sick children throughout the holiday season to bring them some Christmas cheer and a feeling of "home" during their hospitalization.

There will be a drive at the **February 19** meeting for new teddy bears/stuffed animals and gift cards for teens. Bring the new Teddy bears/stuffed animals in the store plastic bag they were purchased in; the price tags may be removed, but please keep the remaining tags attached.



Suggestions for teen gift cards are (but not limited to): Best Buy, Ulta, Fleet Farm, Starbucks, Target, Visa, or Amazon. Members leaving for the winter, or anyone not able to attend the February meeting, can bring their donations to the January meeting. In fact, you can donate any time by contacting one of the co-chairs.

Thank you for your kindness and caring support!

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

WELLSPRING/PET THERAPY

The Wellspring and Pet Therapy teams hosted a noon lunch and cookie-decorating event for the Wellspring clients and staff on December 16. Approximately 20 clients and staff enjoyed a delicious lunch and did a beautiful job decorating the Christmas cookies. Louie, the Pet Therapy dog, performed some tricks and provided warm, fuzzy love for the clients. The event put everyone in the holiday spirit. The clients and staff expressed their appreciation and gratitude.



The next Wellspring collection will be in March. More information to follow in the February newsletter.

There will be no pet therapy in January, but we will resume Pet Therapy on Thursday, **February 13**, at Carrington Manor.

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CHRISTMAS TOY DISTRIBUTION - SALVATION ARMY



Thank you to all the volunteers that signed up to assist parents with selecting presents for their children; it is greatly appreciated. You have helped bring joy to the season for many families.



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

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Our 30th quilt was presented to the new homeowner at the dedication held on December 13. Attending were BCCWC members Gina Reinardy, Sherry Campbell and Julie Arts, who all agreed it was an emotionally-charged event.

It was, as Cora, the Executive Director, put it, "a blubbery time." Matt from the Habitat Board couldn't finish his remarks, as he got all choked up. That set Cora off, who was next to speak. The mom also was pretty emotional. It was very touching. The house was decorated for Christmas with a tree and special ornaments for each child. We were able to tour the house. The 5-year-old twins have their bedrooms and a bathroom in the basement which they were super excited to show off.

Want to be part of this ongoing 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 and the batting is purchased for you.

Sign up at the next meeting or contact co-chairs:

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

FUNDRAISING

December Fundraising:

Our Christmas luncheon at the Northland Hotel added \$515 to our fundraising efforts for December.

- The raffle for the beautiful Christmas quilt brought in \$220 and was won by Suze Laughlin. Thanks to all who contributed to making this beautiful quilt.
- Our Surprise Raffle brought in \$112 -- a decorated Christmas cigar box, a Christmas lap blanket and a purse. The purse was won by Mary Lou Burns, a BCCWC member from Oshkosh. Thank you to those who donated these items.
- Our 50/50 Raffle added \$183 to our funds. The lucky winner was Marilyn Lemerond.

In November, our Card and Game Day Fundraiser was a huge success bringing over \$9,000 to the club.

In January, our Surprise Raffle will be a winter pillow created by Mary Ann Van.

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

BRIDGE MARATHONS



Registrations for the 2020-21 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 joining 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

DONATE A BUCK - GET A BOOK



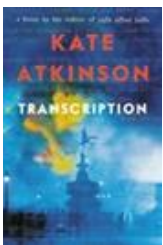
Our sales for November were very high so, we hope you have been saving up books for January. Great time of the year to read, read, read. Please bring in as many books as you can and we will donate them for a buck. Do not forget to check the table at the end on the meeting and take home any of your books that do not sell. Happy 2020.

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

FELLOWSHIP

BCCWC BOOK CLUB

The BCCWC Book Club will meet Monday, **January 6**, at 1PM in the lower level of the Kress Library on Broadway in De Pere. Carol De Grand will lead the discussion of *Map of the Heart* by Susan Wiggs.



The selection for **February 3** is *Transcription* by Kate Atkinson:

In 1940, eighteen-year old Juliet Armstrong is reluctantly recruited into the world of espionage. Sent to an obscure department of MI5 tasked with monitoring the comings and goings of British Fascist sympathizers, she discovers the work to be by turns both tedious and terrifying. But after the war has ended, she presumes the events of those years have been relegated to the past forever.

Ten years later, now a radio producer at the BBC, Juliet is unexpectedly confronted by figures from her past. A different war is being fought now, on a different battleground, but Juliet finds herself once more under threat. A bill of reckoning is due, and she finally begins to realize that there is no action without consequence.

Call Mary Schall with any questions.
Mary Schall (336-6088) robogram@icloud.com, Chair

FURTHER FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

The newsletter will continue to be the "go to" source for activities 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! 6:00-7:30PM. 2300 Lineville Road. Only 4 spots are left! Send a check, payable to Season to Taste, to Lynn Arnesen by January 13 if you are interested.



Note the location change!!

- Friday, **January 24**: "Jewelry Junkies" will be making a felted Valentine pin. The class is at Bay Family Restaurant. Lunch 12:30PM. Class at 1:00PM. Limit 6. Contact Jane at 920 209-4810 or jane.klozotsky@gmail.com for details or to register. Cost: \$5.

New Mystery Trip! Invite a friend and sign up for the newly-organized Mystery Trip. J & J Travelers will be our hosts as we travel with them on Wednesday, **April 22**. It promises to be a grand day!

- Lamers Coach. All admissions and attractions, taxes and lunch included.
- 2 departure sites; leave about 6:15AM, return about 7PM.
- Cost: \$106
- Hints on where you'll visit:
 - I was once the first in Wisconsin before moving to the Beehive State
 - I'm an iconic symbol that stands out in a crowd
 - I earned the ribbon by being the best
 - Ma and Pa Kettle would be happy with my cooking!

1. Minimum needed for the trip to be a go: 30

2. Reservations due by March 2, 2020

- See flyer on the website for registration form or use link below:

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/768128301/Mystery+Trip+Flyer.pdf>

Standing Monthly Activities:

- Book Club, 1st Monday of the month @ Kress Family Library.
- Mah Jongg/Game Day, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:00-3:30PM, lower level of the De Pere Community Center. Gather your friends and cards, Mah Jongg, dominoes or other games for a fun afternoon.

May 2020 be one of fellowship & fun

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COMMUNICATIONS

Yours in fellowship, fun, and community good works.

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