



Brown County Community Women's Club, Inc.  
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February 2020

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



February already! With the ups and downs of our recent weather, it has been hard to predict what's going to happen next in a Wisconsin winter. But our members continue to help the less fortunate stay warm with blankets and warm meals in their tummies.

In the January newsletter, I promised that I would continue to share details about some of the Club's Community Award recipients from 2019-2020. It is sometimes difficult to tell what their programs are by their names only.

As our mission statement says, BCCWC is dedicated to providing charitable, educational and cultural services to the community. **The Allouez Village Band** concerts do just that, bringing music to over 7,000 people annually with free concerts. **The Art Garage/SAW Scholarships** provide underprivileged children in Brown County, with scholarships for Youth Summer art workshops. **Aspiro**, 1673 Dousman St. in Green Bay, creates opportunities for people with developmental and physical disabilities to reach goals, connect with their community and achieve independence. Aspiro is dedicated to providing a high level of care to all their clients.

These are just a few organizations that our funds support. You are making a difference! Stay tuned for next month's newsletter where I'll continue to share information on organizations that our Community Awards support, thanks to your time, donations and dedication.

Pam Girtz, President, 2019-2020

## MEMBERSHIP



Sylvia Madden, a new member who joined in December/January, has the distinction of bringing our membership to 300. Welcome, Sylvia.

Our 2020/2021 membership form will be available for renewals/new members **March 1**. You can find the form on the [BCCWC.org](http://BCCWC.org) homepage. It will also be available at monthly meetings. If you are renewing and have any changes, please circle or highlight the changed information on your form. This will help us to identify these changes. Also, send in the entire form which makes filing easier.

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## MEETINGS REMINDER



**BCCWC Meeting:** Wednesday, **February 19**, 2020  
De Pere Community Center - 600 Grant St.  
**Social:** 12:15PM **Program:** 1PM **Meeting:** 1:30PM  
We will learn about the history of Wisconsin supper clubs.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### ST. JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER



We are serving a meal at St. John's Homeless Shelter on Thursday, **February 6**. Because of our generous, thoughtful members, we now have all the food we need for that meal. Thank you, ladies. You are always amazing. *Remember to bring your food to the Shelter by 5:30PM.* If you have any questions, contact:

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### HSHS ST. VINCENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL-CHILD LIFE



**Reminder!** The "drive" for new teddy bears/stuffed animals for children/teenagers, and gift cards for teens, will be held at the **February 19** meeting. Each child/teen receives a bear or stuffed animal on his bed upon admission, so the need is great. Please bring them in a plastic store bag, e.g. Walmart, Target, etc. You may remove the price, but keep the other tags attached.

Rewards are given to the children/teens after treatments and procedures; sometimes teenagers are overlooked for age-appropriate rewards. Donations of gift cards are especially needed as rewards for teens. Any amount is appreciated, but please be sure to include the amount. Suggestions, but not limited to, are: Target, Zesty's, Best Buy, Visa, McDonald's, Amazon, Ulta, Starbuck's, Fleet Farm.



New project of assembling "Bandaid Binders" will be on **February 4**, from 1PM-4PM at Crystal Lake Clubhouse, 1530 Crystal Lake Cir, 54311. All are invited to join; please contact either co-chair if you are able to attend. Your caring generosity will bring many smiles ~ Thank you!

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## FORT HOWARD SENIOR LUNCHEONS



Spring is coming! The residents at Fort Howard Apartments are looking forward to the St. Patrick's Day theme Buffet and Bingo on Monday, **March 16**, at Fort Howard Apartments, 141 N. Chestnut Ave, Green Bay. Sign-up sheets will be available at the February meeting.

We will also be collecting donations for bingo prizes:

- ❖ bathroom hand towels and facecloths
- ❖ coloring books, pencils, markers
- ❖ foldable/durable umbrellas
- ❖ assorted greeting cards
- ❖ wheel chair pillows/shoulder wraps
- ❖ stamps
- ❖ large print books
- ❖ flashlights
- ❖ jigsaw puzzles (500 pieces or less)
- ❖ dish soap
- ❖ checkers or games

Food items:

- ❖ Coffee, instant cream, tea
- ❖ bags of assorted chips
- ❖ Candy
- ❖ microwave popcorn
- ❖ packaged cookies
- ❖ cereals in small packages

NOTE: Avoid donating lotions, shampoos, candles or knick-knacks.

Items may be given to Cathy Green at the February or March meetings, or dropped off before noon at Fort Howard Apartments on the day of the event.

Volunteers are needed to:

- ❖ Provide centerpieces
- ❖ Prepare food at home and deliver it to the site by 11:30AM
- ❖ Set the tables and centerpieces at 10:30AM
- ❖ Serve beverages and assist residents at the buffet tables
- ❖ Pitch in to clean up
- ❖ Call bingo and help with prizes

We will serve the buffet at 12PM and assist seniors who choose to play bingo from 12:45-2PM.

Questions? Contact:

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## FOOD PANTRY DRIVE



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our January food drive. It was a great success! Donations included 53 bags of food. The food was delivered to Trinity Lutheran Church. They were **very** appreciative, saying "God Bless you all!"

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

## PET THERAPY

Pet Therapy is a great way to bring smiles to people that may not get out a lot. The Pet Therapy group is rewarded with residents' conversations about days gone by, many times stories of when they had a dog. They truly enjoy the tricks, the love, and the fun the dogs provide. Join Louie, the Italian Greyhound, and Layla, the Newfoundland. Our next visit is:



❖ Thursday, **February 13** at Carrington Assisted Living, 2626 Finger Road 10:30AM

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## ONE STITCH AT A TIME



Keep those knitting needles and crochet hooks going during these long winter nights and cold days. Many needy children, as well as adults, will benefit from blankets made by our talented members. If you need yarn, we have a generous source who is donating bags of yarn purchased from marketplace on the internet. *Anyone who would like some supplies, please contact Pat or Jean.* The next blanket collection, handmade or bought, will be at the spring luncheon meeting in May. Thank you.

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## BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The BCCWC will be presenting a quilt to the Moua/Thao family at their home dedication (1655 Debra Lane, Green Bay) on Thursday, **February 13**, at 4PM. The family of seven was living with Kou's family in a very overcrowded home. Kou and Mai had dreams of a bigger place with space for their young children. They're so excited to be partnering with Habitat!



*Want an exciting winter project?* Construct a lap-sized quilt that contains a house pattern or material containing pictures of houses. The quilter makes the top and supplies the backing. We are thankful that NWTC Artisans Center is donating long-arm machine time (\$15 an hour) and Lynn Konitzer, the long-arm quilt instructor, is donating her time by machine quilting each quilt made for Habitat for Humanity. No need to buy batting - that is supplied too.

For more information about Building Quilts for Habitat for Humanity, contact:

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## CP TELETHON



This year 15 members of BCCWC have the opportunity to be on-air VIPs at the annual CP Telethon. The event is on Sunday, **March 8**, with our group on-air from 2:45PM to 3:30PM at the WBAY auditorium in Green Bay. We are excited about this chance to collaborate with a very worthwhile local organization that provides services such as day care, therapy, adult education, and aquatics to those with cerebral palsy, as well as being open to the general population of the area.

Each of our VIPs will receive a specific phone number to call during the telethon for the community to pledge donations. All funds raised in the telethon will remain here for local use. Please watch the March newsletter for the list of VIP names and phone numbers. If you have any questions, please contact:

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## WELLSPRING



The next Wellspring collection will take place at our **March 18** meeting. Wellspring is in need of laundry care items, including smaller sizes of laundry detergent and fabric softener, dryer sheets, stain remover and lingerie mesh bags for gentle care items. Please look for our table at the March meeting to drop off your Wellspring donations. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.

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## HOUSE OF HOPE - BIRTHDAY CAKE for Children



On January 15, this lovely cake was presented by Rosie Jonas to the 3 children celebrating their birthdays at House of Hope! The volunteer coordinator commented, "a fun evening and the cake makes it most special for the families." Thanks to all the BCCWC volunteers for your kindness in helping the kids!

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

## FUNDRAISING

### **January Fundraising:**

\$79.69 - Barnes and Noble gift wrapping

\$31 - Surprise Raffle, won by Carol De Grand

\$91 - 50/50 Raffle, won by Teddy Spiegelberg

Thanks to everyone who donated raffle items or purchased tickets.

In February, the "Surprise Raffle" will be 2 handmade, boiled-wool purses donated by Beezie MacNeil.

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

## BRIDGE MARATHONS



*Reminder* -- Final deadline for all BCCWC Bridge Marathon registrations and bridge dues for the New 2020-21 Season is **March 1, 2020!** We currently have an opening for a team in our Full Deck Marathon group that plays on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday afternoons from June through December. This is a great opportunity for those who travel in the winter but still want to be a part of our bridge marathons.

We also have an opening for a team in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Duplicate group. This group starts play at 10AM at a church (no lunch) from September through May (skipping the month of March).

Further details about each of our groups can be found on our club website under Fundraising, Bridge Marathons, Bridge Information Sheet. Also on the website, you will find the Bridge Registration form and the Bridge Banquet Reservation form. If you wish to be on any of the current waiting lists or have any questions regarding this BCCWC fundraiser, please contact Carol Simpson.

Carol Simpson (983-9550) [simpsoncj4310@gmail.com](mailto:simpsoncj4310@gmail.com), Anne Gollnick, Gloria Jonet, Co-Chairs

## DONATE A BUCK - GET A BOOK



Our book sales for January went great - \$31. Many of you said you had bags full of books at home, so bring them to the February 19 meeting. I am cleaning off book shelves, you can too 🤖. We look forward to great donations of great books.

Leah Dumke (499-2308) [leahdumke@gmail.com](mailto:leahdumke@gmail.com), Chair

## SPRING CARD & GAME DAY FUNDRAISER



Mark your calendar: Wednesday, **April 29**

It's the BCCWC Spring Card and Game Day at Thornberry Creek!!!  
This party has a "Tropical" theme and promises to be one of the best ever!!  
Don't wait...get your reservation form in now.

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/768128258/2020+Spring+CdGm+Day+registration+form.pdf>

Sue Protzman, Gloria Jonet, Co-Chairs

## YUM YUM SHOPPE

We will again be having this great addition to our Card & Game Day Fundraiser, Wednesday, **April 29** at Thornberry Creek. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next 3 monthly meeting.

We will need the following:

- At least 6 members to serve on the committee to help the day of the event.
- Members to sign up to bring their baked goods.
- East side and west side locations to drop off goodies, if unable to attend the party.

Members can also call or e-mail:

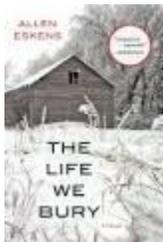
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## FELLOWSHIP

### BCCWC BOOK CLUB

The Monday, **February 3** meeting of the BCCWC BOOK CLUB will be held at 1PM on the lower level of the Kress Library on Broadway in De Pere. Gina Reinardy will lead the discussion of *Transcription* by Kate Atkinson.

On **March 2** Bern Williamsen will discuss *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens:



College student Joe Talbert has the modest goal of completing a writing assignment for an English class. His task is to interview a stranger and write a brief biography of the person. Joe heads to a nearby nursing home to find Carl Iverson, a dying Vietnam veteran-- and a convicted murderer, medically paroled to a nursing home after spending 30 years in prison for the crimes of rape and murder. Unable to reconcile Carl's valor in Vietnam with these despicable acts, Joe throws himself into uncovering the truth.

Mary Schall (336-6088) [robogram@icloud.com](mailto: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: Lynn Arnesen organized a fun evening at Season to Taste in Suamico. Fifteen members tasted recipes for 3 delicious appetizers to try for the upcoming Super Bowl - Spicy Mushroom Caps, Angry Deviled Eggs, and Hot Mexican Street Corn Dip. It's likely that another gathering will be scheduled in the future so that we can learn more and enjoy a 10 percent discount while shopping for kitchen wares.
- "**Jewelry Junkies**" The date for the Felted Heart Pin was changed and the interested members met on Saturday, January 25. *Stay tuned for the next project, a Me bracelet!*



Barb LaFrombois shows the needle felted pin she made.

- **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
  - Two 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**

- Find registration form on our club website 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 at Kress Family Library
- Mah Jongg/Game Day: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 1PM-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. We had 2 tables this past month. Can we make 3? **Remember, it's not just for Mah Jongg, but for any game that you and your friends want to play.**

*May 2020 be one of fellowship & fun*

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## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Yours in fellowship, fun, and community good works,



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