



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

March 2020

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



March has many exciting things happening. March 8 begins daylight savings time where we spring ahead, giving us more daylight to enjoy at the end of the day. St. Patrick's Day, March 17, is the day for the "Wearin' O' the Green", whether you're Irish or not 🍀. The calendar says Spring begins March 19.

BCCWC has many activities going on as well -- Book Club, Meals for St. John's Homeless Shelter, Buffet and Bingo for the Fort Howard Apartment residents, the CP Telethon. Check your club directory and the newsletter for all the things going on in March to find something that speaks to your inner volunteer.

It's time to review organizations for consideration for Community Awards for the fiscal year 2019-2020. Each of our members has the opportunity to submit a worthy Brown County non-profit organization to consider for these funds. You can find the Community Awards form on our website, www.bccw.org, under the "Fundraising" tab. The form lists the requirements. *Please submit the completed form to Betty Jensen by May 31.*

One of our biggest fundraisers, Spring Card & Game Day, is April 29. Please make sure to sign up. A full house would mean more funds to share through our Community Awards.

Exceptional Equestrians received a \$1,000 BCCWC Community Award last year. This non-profit organization serves over 200 physically, emotionally and cognitively challenged children, teens and adults in Brown County. It provides hippotherapy, adaptive riding and other equine services. In addition to its professional staff, it relies on the services of more than 100 volunteers. EE has been providing those services in Brown County since 1999.

Remember, we would not be able to help our community without our members' hard work and dedication!

Pam Girtz, President, 2019-2020

MEMBERSHIP



BCCWC warmly welcomed 2 new members in February:

✚ Janice Peltier & Donna Scherer

This brings our membership total to 302 members.

It is now time to renew your membership for 2020-2021. The membership renewal form is on the www.BCCWC.org home page. Forms will also be available at monthly meetings.

If you have moved, changed your email address, your phone number, or any other changes, please note the changed information on your renewal form. In this way, we will not miss any important information. Also, please send in the entire form -- only one member per form please. Mail your membership form and check to Pat Syring. Her address is on the form.

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

MEETINGS REMINDER



BCCWC Meeting: Wednesday, March 18
 De Pere Community Center - 600 Grant St.
Social: 12:15PM Program: 1PM Meeting: 1:30PM

Our speaker, Carol Pearson, teaches classes at The Lifelong Learning Institute at UW-Green Bay and will inform us about women inventors. Come join the lively discussion!

✚ Watch the April newsletter for the May 20 luncheon reservation form.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CP TELETHON - Please pledge to the BCCWC Cerebral Palsy VIPs

Fifteen BCCWC members have the opportunity to be VIPs at the annual CP Telethon. *The event is Sunday, March 8, with our group on-air 2:45PM-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 has 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. Below is the list of BCCWC VIP names and phone numbers.

Elaine Klopstein	920-272-5001	Linda Shores	920-272-5017
Kathy Heyroth	920-272-5003	Sotie McCartney	920-272-5019
Nancy Brown	920-272-5005	Sherry Campbell	920-272-5021
Betsy Whitton	920-272-5007	Carol Mau	920-272-5023
Jan Clark	920-272-5009	Mary Kay Sanders	920-272-5025
Pam Girtz	920-272-5011	Margy Hamilton	920-272-5002
Betty Jensen	920-272-5013	Bonnie Zima	920-272-5004
Dianne Froelich	920-272-5015		

Betsy Whitton, betsy.whitton@gmail.com,
 Jan Clark, janetclar@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

ST. JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER



We will be serving a meal at St. John's Homeless Shelter on **Thursday, March 5**. Once again, because of the generosity of our members, we have enough food being provided for that meal. We are grateful. Members can deliver their food to the Shelter between 5PM and 5:30PM. Thank you again for your generous donations and help.

If you have any questions, contact:

Mary Krautkramer (819-5812) mkrauty@att.net,
Mary Kay Paulson (632-7473) mkpaulson@aol.com, Co-Chairs

FORT HOWARD SENIOR LUNCHEONS



Thank you to all members who volunteered for the Fort Howard Apartments Buffet and Bingo. The residents are now looking forward to the St. Patrick's event on **Monday, March 16** at Fort Howard Apartments, 141 N. Chestnut Avenue, Green Bay.

Please note the schedule:

- 10:30 Set up tables and centerpieces
- 11:30 Member picture
- 12:00 Serve beverages and assist residents at the buffet tables
- 12:45 Bingo and clean up
- ✓ 2:00 Finished

Thank you for the gift of time and goodies for these senior citizens. Questions?

Cathy Green (676-4665) cgreen1171@gmail.com, Chair

HSHS ST. VINCENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL-CHILD LIFE

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! The "Bear/Stuffed Animal and Gift Card" drive at the February meeting



was an overwhelming success! The Child Life Department will receive 136 Bears/Stuffed Animals from the generous ladies of BCCWC! Gift card donations exceeded \$500 and will also be presented to Child Life for teens and their families.

The 15 "Band Aid Binders" were delivered to Child Life. The Child Life Specialists were very appreciative that they now have a "Band Aid Binder" for each area, rather than running the few they had between many areas. The Child Life Department alone uses 12,000 band aids per year!

Twenty small Easter baskets will be donated to the Child Life Department to be distributed to children admitted at Easter time. *Reminder:* If you signed up to donate Easter items for the baskets, please bring them to the **March 18** meeting.

A sincere thank you to each and every one of you for your donations and support!

Kathy Aicher (465-1600) kaicher@news.rr.com,
Sue Vyse (562-3273) smvyse@gmail.com,
Sherry Campbell (680-0778) sherrysuej@new.rr.com, Co-Chairs

WELLSPRING - March Collection



The Wellspring collection will take place at our **March 18** meeting. Wellspring guests are in need of laundry products, including smaller sizes of detergent and fabric softener, dryer sheets, stain remover, and lingerie mesh bags for gentle care items. Before the meeting, Kathy DeBroux's car, a tan Subaru, will be parked in the lot near the entrance so you can drop off your items. We will also have a table at the meeting for these Wellspring donations. Thank you for your continued contributions to Wellspring.

Kathy DeBroux (660-7921) debrouxkathy@new.rr.com,
Susan Regnier (499-8897) skr1176@hotmail.com, Co-Chairs

ONE STITCH AT A TIME



Hope you're enjoying these dark, cool evenings in front of your fireplace with your crochet hook or knitting needles making something warm and cozy. Our next blanket collection will be at the May meeting. Everything donated is greatly appreciated. You can also take advantage of those winter sales. We love all sizes and all colors. Thank you for a record year in 2019. Let's see if we can make 2020 even better. If you have any questions, please call:

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

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



The Moua/Thao family will have plenty of opportunity to enjoy the quilt presented to them by Betty Jensen and Gina Reinardy, on behalf of the BCCWC, at their February 13 new home dedication.

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

Mary Schrickel (609-4651) mary_habitat@hotmail.com,
Gina Reinardy (664-6501) gina.reinardy@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

HOUSE OF HOPE - BIRTHDAY CAKE for Children



Some celebrations aren't just for KIDS! Although there were no children with birthdays this month, our very gracious volunteer brought a birthday cake, napkins and plates for the two mothers celebrating their birthdays at the shelter! She included gifts for them, as well. This kindness will long be remembered by these women! Thank you so much for your generosity!

If interested in this volunteer opportunity to make a difference in someone's life, please contact:

Kay Barlament (660-7368) kay.barlament@gmail.com, Chair

KRESS LIBRARY GARDEN

On Monday, February 24, the Kress Gardens team met at the Village Grille to discuss the future of the group and make plans for the 2020 gardening season. There were 9 enthusiastic attendees, including 2 new volunteers. It was both a productive and informative meeting. However, **we are still in need of a chair or 2 co-chairs for this committee.** If you like to garden and would like an opportunity to lead a wonderful project, please contact one of the Community Service Co-Directors.

In order to move forward for 2020, duties were discussed, work dates selected, and tasks divided up. These Kress garden work dates will be added to the BCCWC Calendar:

May 7 - Wake up the gardens/Clean up
May 11 - Rain date for May 7
May 21 - Planting day
June 23 - Work date
July 22 - Work date
August 17 - Work date
September 15 - Work date
October 6 - Final work date/Put the garden to bed
October 8 - Rain date for October 6

A special thank you to all of the 2020 gardening-season volunteers. We look forward to spring and the start of a wonderful Kress Library gardening season.

Please contact us if you have questions, an interest in the co-chair position or in joining the group. We would love to hear from you.

Sherry Campbell, Mary Jo Rod, Carol De Grand, Community Service Co-Directors

FUNDRAISING

February Fundraising totaled \$281:

\$44 - Books for a Buck
\$38 - Dishcloth donations
\$84 - Surprise Raffle, 2 wool purses won by Cathy Cartwright
\$115 - 50/50 Raffle, won by Mary Anne Froelich

In March, the Surprise Raffle will be a handmade necklace donated by Jane Klozotsky.

Dawn Hockers organized the Barnes & Noble event this past year which brought the club a \$79.69 donation. This was the last year we will be doing this event.

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

DONATE A BUCK - GET A BOOK



We were thrilled with the volume and variety of books at the February meeting. Awesome selections. Members came back two and three times looking for more 😊. Let's do it again at the **March 18** meeting. Remember, you can read and return the same book many times over!! Bring on those books.

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

SPRING CARD & GAME DAY FUNDRAISER



Spring will be here before you know it!! Mark your calendars for our BCCWC Spring Card and Game Day on **Wednesday, April 29** at Thornberry Creek.

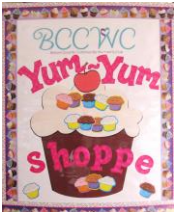
Basket and Silent Auction items along with a 50/50 raffle and a Money Tree raffle are just a few of the opportunities you'll have to help deserving organizations within Brown County. And our Yum Yum Shoppe promises to have goodies galore!!!

Get your reservation forms now...spots are filling up fast!

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

Sue Protzman, Gloria Jonet, Co-Chairs

YUM YUM SHOPPE



My phone has not been ringing and my email has been silent. A committee of 6 is needed to help in the Yum Yum Shoppe for the Card & Game Day party **April 29**. I need 4 more ladies. The committee will meet once to review pricing of items and decoration ideas. We will set up and receive goodies before the party begins. You will then be able to join your friends to play cards or games. Remember, you can participate in the Yum Yum Shoppe even if you don't participate in the Card & Game Day events.

I will have a sign-up sheet for the committee volunteers and a sheet for bringing bake goods. Also needed are east side and west side drop-off places to receive baked goods from ladies who are not attending game day. We need your help to make this great fundraiser a success. Please call:

Jacquie Murphy (660-7791) jacquelinemurphy0903@gmail.com, Chair

BRAT FRY - FESTIVAL FOODS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR to attend our Brat Frys this year. They will take place at Festival Foods east side location on **Friday, June 5** and **Friday, July 31**.

Please contact Elizabeth Anderson at 362-9183 to sign up to work for this fun event.

BCCWC GOLF OUTING - Mark Your Calendars!



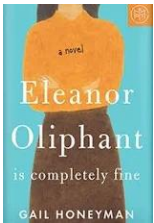
It's not too early to start thinking about the 2020 BCCWC golf outing, so mark your calendars now. It will be held **Monday, June 8** at Mid-Vallee Golf Course. This fundraiser is for golfers as well as non-golfers who want to play bridge or other games and then join the golfers for the excellent taco bar lunch. *Save the date and plan on joining this fun event.* More info will follow in the April newsletter.

Terry Jeffers (606-2470) tjeffers138@att.net, Chair

FELLOWSHIP

BCCWC BOOK CLUB

The **Monday, March 2** meeting of the BCCWC BOOK CLUB will be held at 1PM on the lower level of the Kress Library on Broadway in De Pere. Bern Williamsen will discuss *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens.



On **April 6** Ann Sullivan will lead the discussion of *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. The novel focuses on 29-year-old Eleanor Oliphant, a social misfit with a traumatic past, who becomes enamored of a singer whom she believes she is destined to be with. It deals with themes of isolation and loneliness. It's interesting!


Remember to be looking for suggestions for our 2020-21 list of books. Please give Mary Schall your recommendations any time until the end of March. Thanks.

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.

The days are getting longer, let's plan some spring fun:

- **Jewelry Junkies:** The date for making a "Me Bracelet" is **Wednesday, March 25**. Members will meet at Jane Klozotsky's house in Kaukauna at 1PM. Cost is \$8. *Bring along any charms, small pins, etc. that depict significant events in your life.* All other materials will be provided. (Must be able to climb stairs.) Call (920 209-4810) to sign up or ask questions. **Limit: 5 participants.**
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- **Mystery Trip!** Invite a friend and sign up for the newly-organized Mystery Trip. J & J Travelers will be our hosts as we travel on **Wednesday, April 22**. *We need 10 more fun people to make this a go!* Based on the flyer, it should 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: <http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/768128301/Mystery+Trip+Flyer.pdf>
- **Tour Backstage at the Meyer: Thursday, April 9.** Wear walking shoes and be prepared for some stairs. Tour at 10:30AM followed by lunch at a downtown eatery. Call Mary Anne Froelich at (920) 649-4847 to register or sign up at the March meeting.

 **Question:** *Would anyone be interested in a shopping trip to Johnson Creek Outlet Mall?* If so, email Sue Sinclair, upnative1979@yahoo.com, putting "Yes, Johnson Creek" in the subject line.

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? **Contact Betty Jensen, (920) 770-6642** if you plan to play Mah Jongg so she can determine the number of tables. Remember, it's not just for Mah Jongg but for any game that you and your friends want to play. Just show up if you are playing other games.

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COMMUNICATIONS



Sunday, March 8, 2020 - 2AM

Yours in fellowship, fun, and community good works,

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