



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

May 2020

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



It is May! Trees are budding and the grass is green. It is time to dig into the earth and renew the joy of our garden! That is great therapy when we know the coronavirus and pandemic are touching our lives in one way or another. People's strength continues to surprise.

Despite club activities being cancelled due to "Safer at Home" protocol, we should be proud of our active members. Many of our members have associated with other organizations to make masks for the medical workers in the area. Others are still making quilts and blankets for collection at a future date. Community Service details about participation follow in the newsletter.

The Board of Directors held its May meeting virtually! The technology of Zoom enabled us to see each face and conduct a productive meeting.



The Board of Directors at their 1st Zoom meeting.

We are looking forward to next year and excited to work with each of our new officers for 2020-2021. First, we say farewell to Parliamentarian, Karen Prevost. She has done a wonderful job for several years. Thank you, Karen! Carol Mau has done double duty with Social and Historian responsibilities. The Club now needs a new Parliamentarian and Historian. As Past President and Publicity Director, I will need someone to work with behind the scenes. See descriptions of these positions in detail on our website under Policies and Procedures. Also, please feel free to call me.

"The circles of women around us weave invisible nets of love that carry us when we're weak and sing with us when we are strong." - Sark

Stay safe out there!

Pam Girtz (639-3827) - President

MEMBERSHIP



BCCWC welcomed Karen Johnston to membership in April. This brings our total membership of new and renewing members to 106 for the coming year 2020-2021.

It is time to renew your membership if you have not already done so. The membership form is on the www.BCCWC.org home page. Please mail your form and check promptly in order that your name can be included in our 2020-2021 directories. If you have moved, changed your email address, your phone number, or any other changes, please note that information on your form. We do not want to miss anything important. Send the completed form and your check to Pat Syring at the address listed on the form.

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Laurey Clampitt (217-9557) laurey.clampitt@icloud.com
Membership Co-Directors

MEETINGS REMINDER

Program/Social Committee - *Chairs and committee members needed for next year.*



The social directors got zero response re: open committee positions for the general meetings for next year from the April newsletter, so they started calling and emailing, and got a few more spaces filled. They still need many more volunteers or we may have to forgo the food and just have coffee, tea and water at the general meetings.

Thanks, Carol Mau (391-0779 or 227-3542) zinniea60@gmail.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE

BCCWC COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARD REQUESTS

Submit your Community Contribution Award Requests by May 31, 2020. Community Award Requests do not carry over from year to year. If you would like a non-profit organization considered for an award each year, you must submit the request each year.



To recommend a local non-profit organization to receive a BCCWC Community Award, you need to complete one of the forms and mail it to Betty Jensen. The forms are located on the website near the top of the page under the Fundraising tab. Please refer to the specific requirements and details when making your submission.

Last year we were able to give nearly \$45,000 to various programs. Thank you for all your hard work in various fundraising projects throughout the year. Without all of you, these donations would not be possible.

Submit all requests by May 31, 2020. Please mail them to Betty Jensen at the address on the form.

Betty Jensen (President-Elect) 1999 Libal St #3, Green Bay 5430

Helping Out in Difficult Times

BCCWC members cannot participate in a sponsored Community Service project but this does not mean that we cannot help those in need as individuals. As directors, we know that our generous members are seeking out ways to do so. One project where you might be of assistance is The Wisconsin Face Mask Warriors. This group started as people trying to help fill the facemask need. Now the group totals more than 6,000. They have already made and donated more than 168,000 cloth masks to medical personnel. These masks won't replace the N95 surgical masks, but they will help protect those masks so they will last longer.

You can help by purchasing and donating fabric as well as other items, by sewing, cutting material, bagging items and delivering items, for example. Wisconsin has 10 zones. Brown County is in Zone 4. The drop-off location for Zone 4 is [Alive Maintenance LLC, 1718 Velp Ave, Ste F, Green Bay](#). For more information on patterns, tips, needed supplies, and other ways to participate, please check out the Wisconsin Warriors Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WisconsinFaceMaskWarriors/>.

As you must realize, many of the food pantries are in dire need of donations. They have developed social distancing processes to keep donors safe when dropping off their items. If you choose to do this, please select safe practice facilities.

As directors, we are very grateful for your generosity of time and talent and we are looking forward to when we see every one of you again.

In the meantime, stay safe and stay in touch. *If everyone does a little...*

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

HSHS ST. VINCENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL-CHILD LIFE



A sincere "THANK YOU" to the amazing Child Life Committee, and the many kind and generous members of BCCWC for every way that you participated in lightening and brightening St. Vincent's Children's Hospital! "Thank you" hardly seems adequate to express appreciation for the generosity, time, love and care so willingly given in support of children at the hospital undergoing serious illnesses. Stay tuned in fall for more 'Child Life' updates. We are looking forward to resuming the mission of BCCWC, and the joys of friendship. Until then, stay well!

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

KRESS LIBRARY GARDENS

Spring is in the air and the daffodils and tulips are starting to peek out. These are always positive signs that life continues and sunnier days are ahead. However, given our current circumstances, our gardening activities at the Kress gardens are all on hold.

Please stay tuned and check the newsletter for any updates. Meanwhile, stay safe and healthy.



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

PET THERAPY

Pet Therapy News:



It is with great sadness that we report that our Louie passed away on March 27. He was 13. He has been the most awesome Therapy Dog there could be. He and his owner, Carol Lom, were at every Pet Therapy session doing tricks, including singing to us and just being a friend to everyone. He passed suddenly and we will miss him greatly.

On a bright note, Carol has a new puppy Lulu, a little Havanese that is bringing much joy to the Lom household. We are hoping that Lulu will be a therapy dog when we can do that again!

Julie Salemi (621-3954) jasalemi29@gmail.com.

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Dedications for new Habitat for Humanity homeowners are on hold for now. We have two completed quilts and quite a few are nearly finished so we will be ready when the builds resume.

What we are making: Lap-size quilts: Each quilt should contain a picture or pattern of a house. A house incorporated onto the quilt backing is okay if a favorite quilt pattern, without a house, is on the quilt front. Lap-size quilt examples are 48 X 50, 52, 54, 56 or 60 X 60, nothing much bigger. It should be similar to a throw for your living room. The provided items are batting, machine quilting and hand stitching of binding and labels.



The **June 1st** Quilters meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting is **Monday, October 5** at 9AM at 850 De Soto Circle, Hobart (near Thornberry Creek).

Would you like to be part of this satisfying project? Contact Building Quilts for HFH!

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

FUNDRAISING

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our June Golf Outing. However, we may have an opportunity to delay it until next fall. We will keep you informed through future newsletters.



The Brat Fry fundraiser for June is cancelled, but we are planning to have a Brat Fry on **Friday, July 31** at Festival Foods on Manitowoc Rd. We will need **workers** for this event so please contact Elizabeth Anderson at **362-9183** to sign up to work for this fun event!



Thanks everyone. We hope you are all doing well. We WILL get through this together and will have a lot to talk about next fall.

Stay Happy and Healthy!

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

FELLOWSHIP

If given the go-ahead to meet in groups larger than 10 in September, the Book Club has set its course for next year and the Fellowship Committee will meet as soon as we are able in order to discuss ideas for next year. It is our intention to resume Second Wednesday MahJongg on September 9. 1PM-3PM, De Pere Community Center.

Other ideas for next year include those activities that were cancelled for this year: a mystery trip, a tour of the Meyer Theater Backstage area, Jewelry Junkies creations, and possibly a class at Swanstone Gardens. A cooking class and shopping outing are also options. Please feel free to send ideas to either Carey Lheureux, Mary Anne Froelich, Ellen Greene, or Sue, Bonnie or Lynn before June 10 for consideration.



We wish a hearty thank you to the committee for their efforts in planning fun activities for our members. We look forward to next year!

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COMMUNICATIONS



The communications team is looking for another person to work on a new picture directory of membership. This is NOT our annual directory, but a compilation of pictures of all members. The whole project is one done primarily at your computer. If you know how to get pictures from your phone to your computer and can send an e-mail to your grandchild, you are skilled enough for this project. If you are interested in getting involved in this one-time task-specific project, please contact one of the communications directors. They can answer any questions you may have.

It would be a wonderful service to the club, and an interesting way to get to know the members.

Nancy Daniels, danielsna@aol.com (499-4995), Lizz Jayne, lizz1170@gmail.com (337-9837)

Chris Rosera, christinarosera@gmail.com (351-3044), Communications Co-Directors

VOLUNTEER/SERVICE HOURS REPORT:

Another gentle reminder to all members to report the number of hours you spent on behalf of BCCWC during the fiscal year (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020). This information is required in order to maintain our 501(c) (3) tax exemption status. All of your time counts: travel time, committee work, sewing, weeding, etc. Look at the form in your Directory (p.13) or the form on the BCCWC website on the **Community Service** page:

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/768281663/BCCWC+VOLUNTEER+HOUR+Form.pdf>

That will remind you of the things you did so that you can add up your hours. You do not need to submit the form - we only need to know your total hours. I have heard from several members, but I know there are many more volunteer hour reports that will be coming my way soon! Please get this information to Helene Rosner by mid-June by phone, email or snail mail. Thanks for all that you do!



Helene Rosner, 532 Greenstone Court, Green Bay, WI 54311
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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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