



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

June 2020

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



This is my last newsletter message to all of you! The time just flew by. Our 2019-2020 fiscal year comes to an end on June 30. And what a year it has been! I am so proud to have represented this club as President. Once again, you worked hard to help others in our community with food for the homeless, cleaning supplies for the less fortunate and collections for food pantries, to name just a few. A new community service project was created to make a sick child's visit in the hospital more palatable. And the fundraising committee once again, had a wonderful October Card and Game Day fundraiser with great prizes to win, delicious desserts to purchase and camaraderie with old and new friends. There was also some fine tuning and renewed understanding of our policies which keep us the strong club that we are.

Unfortunately, we were met with an unprecedented world virus that continues to cause sickness and death and have an enormous impact on our lives. It brought our fundraising and community service projects to a halt for the protection of all our members, practicing the "safer at home" policy. This leaves us in unknown territory. We don't know what tomorrow will bring.

Thanks to modern technology, your BCCWC Board continues to move forward with Zoom meetings. Thank you for sending in your requests for worthy organizations in our community to receive the funding we deliver each year. The BCCWC Board will be meeting on June 17 to discuss these awards.

Planning for next year, commencing this September, tentatively continues with many variables. We will take things a day at a time to insure we can offer each of our members a safe environment. We will have more specific information for you in the August newsletter.

Once again, I have been honored to carry the position of President of this fantastic club and will continue to support the BCCWC as Past President and Publicity Director.



Pam Girtz, President, 2019-2020

MEMBERSHIP



BCCWC members renewing for 2020-2021 total 207. Thanks to all of you for getting your checks and forms in to us.

If you have not yet renewed, please do so now. The membership form is on the www.BCCWC.org home page or use the link below:

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/768215932/2020-21+MEMBERSHIP+APPLICATION.pdf>

If you are not able to print this form, please remit your check with the handwritten information. Please note any changes and send to Pat Syring, 1955 Everbreeze Rd, Green Bay, WI 54304.

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

MEETINGS REMINDER

Programs/Social Committee



The social directors still need volunteers to decorate and bring food for the general meetings in 2020-2021. People are needed for all months, so gather a group of friends and pick your month. Co-Chairs are also still needed to organize the December and May luncheons.

Please contact Carol Mau: 391-0779 or 227-3542, or e-mail zinniea60@gmail.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMMUNITY AWARDS - BCCWC RECIPIENT ORGANIZATIONS

The board will be meeting in June to determine recipients of community grants for this year. Watch for the list of recipients in the 2020-2021 directory.

HSHS ST. VINCENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL-CHILD LIFE



Due to the continued concern of the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Vincent Hospital still cannot accept donations at this time. We look forward to when the guidelines change, and we can continue our projects for the children and their families. Watch for us in Fall! Stay safe. Be well. Have a good summer!

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

KRESS LIBRARY GARDEN

The gardeners were given the okay to start gardening at the Kress library by our president, Pam Girtz. She emphasized that we must practice social distancing, wear masks, keep groups small, and put safety first.

The weather cooperated and a group of 8 enthusiastic gardeners met at 8AM on Wednesday, May 27, to wake up the gardens by trimming, pruning and weeding. On Thursday, May 28, another small group of 7 ladies came to do the planting of the flowers. BCCWC is responsible for the containers at the entrance to the gardens and the surrounding flower beds. The pots and beds were planted with pansies, johnny-jump-ups, and alyssums, to name a few. Bright red geraniums are nestled around the big lilac. Everything looks beautiful. Thank you to all of the gardeners. You did a wonderful job. Now all we have to do is maintain the gardens for the rest of the summer.



As we continue to look for someone who might want to serve as co-chair/s, Mae once again has offered to be a mentor to anyone interested in this opportunity.

Note that these are the upcoming gardening dates:

Tuesday, June 23 - Wednesday, July 22 - Monday August 17

Tuesday, September 15 - Tuesday October 6 (October 8 rain date)

Please plan on joining the group. We would love to have you as part of this project.

Just a reminder to keep track of your volunteer hours. Enjoy your summer and stay safe.

Sherry Campbell, Pat Rathmann/Carol De Grand,
Mary Jo Rod, Community Service Directors

ONE STITCH AT A TIME



Hope everyone and everyone you love are happy and well. This is actually a good time to count our blessings and think of the less fortunate. Please continue to knit, crochet and sew those blankets. We will be collecting them at the fall meeting in October. They are so appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact:

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Jean Allgeyer (639-2980) jmallgeyer@msn.com, Co-Chairs

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Our quilter cleverly put the house on the reverse side of her quilt!

On May 21, Green Bay Habitat had their 119th home dedication. It was a first for everyone, as it was a virtual event. It was live-streamed on Facebook, followed by a parade of well-wishers in their cars. BCCWC was there in spirit, and a beautiful quilt made by one of our members was given to the Mose family. Habitat plans to continue with their builds in progress, of course, abiding by safe practices of social distancing. We will continue making quilts and seeing that each new homeowner and family receive one, along with our best wishes.

It gives us great hope for this new world we now live in.

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

A Welcome...and We Welcome Your Input



BCCWC community service directors welcome an addition to our team, *Pat Rathmann*. Pat will be officially a part of our team as of July 1, but we have been mentoring and training her, basically to show her the ropes. Please welcome Pat and copy her (prathmann1@gmail.com) on messages sent to us between now and July 1.

Accomplishing most of our current community service projects has been challenging, if not impossible, during Safer at Home, but many individuals have been sewing masks, knitting, crocheting and doing what they can to help others. We are excited to share that the Kress Library gardening team will be able to work at the Kress Library gardens using safe practices. In addition, our other chairs have planned exciting projects to do once the "coast is clear."

If you know of a need, a project that can be fulfilled safely under current circumstances, please contact us. We will present your idea to the board. There are so many who could use our help right now.

In friendship,

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Carol De Grand cjdegrand@gmail.com,
Mary Jo Rod maryjorod11@gmail.com,
Community Service Directors

FUNDRAISING



As of June 1, our Brat Fry fundraiser on **Friday, July 31**, is still scheduled at Festival Foods, 2534 Steffens Ct., Green Bay (next to Menards). Please contact Elizabeth Anderson at 362-9183 to volunteer for this fun fundraising event. Be sure to support this event if you can, bring your family and friends, neighbors, etc. We need to support local non-profits. Continue to stay tuned for a Fall Golf Outing event - check in the August Newsletter.

In the meantime, have a wonderful summer and don't hesitate to contact one of us with a great, new fundraising idea. Stay safe and stay healthy!

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

FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

The Fellowship Committee will meet as soon as we are able in order to discuss ideas for next year. Once we know the level of membership participation, we will plan two activities for the fall season and two for after the holidays. More details will be included in the August or September newsletters.



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BOOK CLUB

Having time to read and relax has been a help to get through this interesting year. The Book Club has decided on a great list of books for the coming year.

September 14	<i>Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine</i> by Gail Honeyman
October 5	<i>Homegoing</i> by Yaa Gyasi
November 2	<i>A Long Petal of the Sea</i> by Isabel Allende
December 7	<i>The Girl of the Limberlost</i> by Gene Stratton-Porter
January 4	<i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i> by Delia Owens
February 1	<i>As Bright as Heaven</i> by Susan Meissner
March 1	<i>Oil and Marble</i> by Stephanie Storey
April 5	<i>The Invention of Wings</i> by Sue Monk Kidd.
May 3	<i>People of the Book</i> by Geraldine Brooks

Currently the Kress Library is not open for meetings, so we will play it by ear how we will meet. Have a great old-fashioned summer.

Mary Schall. robogram@icloud.com, Chair

COMMUNICATIONS



Have you ever thought, "I know that name, but I just can't picture the face?" The communications team is looking for someone to work on a new picture directory of membership. This is NOT our annual directory, but a new project. If you have ever created a Christmas newsletter for your family and friends that included a picture or two, you have all the requisite skills. 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.

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Communications Co-Directors

BCCWC VOLUNTEER/SERVICE HOURS REPORT:

This is my last opportunity to nudge you about reporting 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 realize all of our activities ended rather abruptly this year and you may have put the need to get this information to me on the "back burner." **I have heard from roughly 20% of our club's members and I know many more of you have hours to report!**



Please get this information to Helene Rosner by mid-June by phone, email or snail mail. Thanks for all that you do and the many ways you have dedicated your time and talents to club activities this year. Have a good summer and please stay safe and healthy!

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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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