



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

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August 2020

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



I am both excited and apprehensive about serving as President of Brown County Community Women's Club this year. I have been in office for one month and I can see it is going to be a very challenging year for us.

Your Board of Directors has been meeting throughout COVID-19 and this period of social distancing via Zoom. I must say we are all getting pretty good at it. There may be a few minor glitches. Sometimes, a board member joins the meeting and we can hear her but cannot see her. Sometimes, a member loses her connection and disappears but she soon finds her way back. All in all, our meetings have been successful.

We have been brainstorming and forming plans to keep our group active, yet safe, during these trying times. You will be receiving your BCCWC Directory in the mail soon and please keep up with reading your newsletters. Also, check for events and activities on the website [www.bccwc.org](http://www.bccwc.org). You will find lots of information concerning how we are going to continue activities throughout the year. Unfortunately, our general membership meetings and luncheons are being cancelled at least through December. Our May 2020 Card & Game Day fundraiser was cancelled and the Fall 2020 Card & Game Day fundraiser will not be taking place either. But we will be holding curbside food drives, we may have book club meetings, and there may be some small fellowship outings. All activities are subject to change and ALL OF THIS WILL BE IN YOUR NEWSLETTERS so reading your newsletter is more important than ever.

One very important change this year: When more than 5 members get together for a BCCWC sponsored function, those members will be asked to sign a COVID-19 Liability Release Waiver. The directors, chairs, and co-chairs of the functions will provide the forms to you. A waiver must be signed for each function in which you participate. This rule will remain in effect until mandates and laws regarding COVID-19 are lifted.

Some of you are staying totally socially distanced. Some of you are getting together in small groups. Some of you are venturing out to somewhat-safe venues. Whatever you choose to do, STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY and I hope to see all of you soon.

Betty Jensen, President 2020-2021



## MEMBERSHIP



BCCWC welcomed one new member, Judy Strey, in June. Our total membership for 2020-2021 is now 254.

Those interested in joining or renewing will find a form on our website [www.bccwc.org](http://www.bccwc.org). If you are unable to print a form, please send your check along with your information to Pat Syring, 1955 Everbreeze Road, Green Bay, WI 54304. If renewing, please note any changes from last year.

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Membership Co-Directors

## MEETINGS REMINDER

### Programs/Social Committee



A big thank you to all the ladies who stepped up to be on the social committee for our monthly meetings and luncheons. We can always use more help, especially in January and April, so don't be shy.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Community Service Faces Challenges during COVID-19



Normally writing for the August newsletter, the community service directors and chairs share the variety of BCCWC community activities in which members can engage and urge members to sign up at the meetings. For the most part, this year will be a great deal different. The directors have reviewed all the activities, chatted with the chairs and have come up with modified ways to involve members, keep members safe, and deliver community service in this tough time. The board has approved our plan, and we are raring to go!

First of all, some activities may not happen, at least not in the same form as before. Some of our partner organizations are unable to make plans at this time due to the nature of their activities, such as those sponsored by the Salvation Army - Coats for Kids, Christmas Toy and Give-A-Kid-A-Book distributions. Others, like donation drives, will be conducted through the curbside method. Now through December, all donation drives will be held on the regular meeting day, the 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 10AM-12 noon in the west end of the De Pere Community Center parking lot, away from the entrance. Please watch the monthly newsletter for specifics.

Last spring we missed the planned birthday bag and perishable food donation for St. Patrick's, so that is first on the docket this fall. If you bought a birthday bag, we can take it then. We can now deliver only commercially-baked cupcakes to the House of Hope. Building Quilts for Habitat has been ongoing either in person or via Zoom. The BCCWC Kress Gardeners have worked all summer. These are just examples. Please read the specific information from the chairs.

Finally, we have lost our special co-director, Carol De Grand, who is now president-elect. Thank you, Carol, for your passion and dedication to community service. Carol very much wants to be involved in future community service activities. We welcome a new co-director, Mary Ann Van, who also possesses wonderful enthusiasm for helping others. Please be safe and stay well.

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Community Service Co-Directors

### **COMMUNITY AWARDS - BCCWC RECIPIENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Despite the fact that we had to cancel last year's Spring Card & Game Day Fundraiser, we still had the funds available to donate \$31,600 to area non-profits for the 2019-2020 Community Awards. The recipients are listed in the 2020-21 directory. Thank you to all for doing your part to contribute to these funds.

### **WELLSPRING**



Two collections for Wellspring have been scheduled:

- **November 18** and **March 17**

The November collection will take place in the parking lot at the De Pere Community Center with drop off from 10AM-12 noon.

Stay tuned for more information regarding collection items in future newsletters.

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### **HOUSE OF HOPE - BIRTHDAY CAKE** for Children



In July, our volunteer supplied individually-wrapped birthday cupcakes to House of Hope to celebrate the birthday of one child at the shelter. Following their protocol, it had to be store bought. Thank you to our wonderful volunteer for following their directive. It is assumed that August and the month(s) following will be the same procedure but we will confirm monthly.

Looking (way) ahead to 2021, 4 generous women are needed to continue to make a difference in a child's life. The following months are available: March, May, June and August. If you can help with supplying a birthday cake and ice cream, please e-mail Kay. Thank you for your generous response!

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

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



Please watch for updates in future newsletters of possible activities for the Child Life committee. Any projects will be in accordance with safety rules set by St. Vincent Hospital and BCCWC. We hope to have the opportunity to bring some joy to children and their families during these unprecedented times. Stay Safe - Be Well!

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## KRESS LIBRARY GARDEN

The gardens are blooming and beautiful due to the diligence of the masked BCCWC gardeners. If you are looking for a peaceful place to stop, please visit the butterfly area at the lower level of the Kress Gardens. If you'd like to get outside, get some exercise and meet some very nice women, the next work dates are **August 17, September 15** and **October 6**. All work sessions begin at 8AM and last about an hour. We still are seeking a coordinator for this team.

Sherry Campbell, Mary Jo Rod, Mary Ann Van  
Community Service Co-Directors

## ONE STITCH AT A TIME



Hard to think about blankets in the middle of a very hot summer but, hopefully, you are working on one. We will be collecting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in October, October 21, in the parking lot of the De Pere Community Center from 10AM-12 noon. Please bring your blankets, etc. and we will distribute them. You may also drop them off at either Jean's or Pat's home. Just call ahead. Thank you.

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## COATS FOR KIDS



Salvation Army Coats for Kids project is waiting for decisions from their leadership team. They are trying to decide when, where and how they are going to proceed with this project. More news later.

Elaine Pogorelc (494-7598), Chair

## FORT HOWARD APARTMENTS - Blessings Bags for Seniors

Just as many of us have been quarantined, so have many of the residents at Fort Howard Apartments. We all know how that feels. It would be nice to provide a little cheer for the seniors at Fort Howard Apartments. Cooking a homemade meal is generally what we do in the fall, but this fall that option is not available to us. Therefore, we hope that interested volunteers will put together small blessings bags for the residents. We plan to share more details in the September newsletter after consultation with the management and social worker. In the meantime, let your creative juices flow and think about what they

might appreciate. It would be a big help. Please share your suggestions with us, so we can produce a list of ideas. All bags will not be identical. We plan to collect the completed bags via curbside drop-off on the third Wednesday of October in the De Pere Community Center parking lot from 10AM-noon. They will be distributed by Fort Howard Apartment staff.

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Blessings Bags Co-chairs

## **BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**



Habitat for Humanity continues to build houses and the BCCWC quilters continue to build quilts for the new homeowners. The COVID-19 virus might change some of the dedications from live to virtual. The quilts for the dedications are picked up on Gina Reinardy's doorstep by Habitat staff and given to the new homeowner family at the dedication. Habitat for Humanity anticipates 1 dedication in the August/September time frame and 3 more in the November/December/January time frame.

Even though we have 7 quilts waiting to be presented, this is an ongoing project so keep quilting everyone! Next quilters' meeting which we will be "Zooming" is **October 5** at 9AM. More about that in the September newsletter.

Join the BCCWC quilters by contacting a co-chair:

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## **CHRISTMAS TREE JUBILEE**

Deck the Halls!

The 2020 Christmas tree Jubilee is still on for this year. It is going to be held on November 24, 2020, but will look different than in the past years. The trees go to families that are dealing with cancer. The BCCWC elves have chosen the theme "Christmas in the Forest."

Watch our newsletters for updates. For more information and if you would like to bring on your decorating talents, please contact us. We would love to have you join us.

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## ST. JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER MEALS



For this coming season, St. John's Homeless Shelter has changed its policy of having outsiders serve meals. So things will be a bit different for us this year. We will still take meals to the Shelter the First Thursday of the month (November - April), but we will just drop off our items at the back door as we did last April. The Shelter will have their own selected staff serve the hot meals. We will deliver our same menu that we have served for years and that the guests really love and appreciate. Everyone last April who dropped off meals at the Shelter said that it was easy and that it went very well. We wore our masks and just handed off the food to the staff members there.

But we will need BCCWC members to sign up for food items for EACH month, just as we did before. However, now you will either call, text, or email either of us to let us know what you can take to the shelter that month. You can sign up for several months at a time, if you wish.

The dates we will deliver our food items are **November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, and April 1**. As before, we will deliver our food items by 5:30 PM at the kitchen back door at St. John's Homeless Shelter, behind the rectory, right next to the church.

These are the food items members can sign up to take to the Shelter:  
a Large Lasagna, a Large Hot Vegetable, a Large Salad with dressing, 2 Loaves of Garlic Bread (Baked, Sliced, and Wrapped in Foil), a Large Sugarless Jello with fruit, a Dessert, a gallon of Milk, and a Large Juice.

You can start signing up any time. You can call, text or e-mail Mary Krautkramer and/or Mary Kay Paulson. Please feel free to call either of the co-chairs if you have any questions about this. Or if you are a new member and want more information, do call us. We do not take our food in until November, but we will post reminders in future newsletters.

Our members are so generous and have taken such delicious food to the shelter over the years, it is with gratitude that we are confident our BCCWC members will step up once again to be part of this important mission of our organization.

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## FUNDRAISING

The Fundraising Committee is busy considering our options for COVID-19 era fundraising. We welcome all suggestions, so feel free to contact one of us if you have any ideas. We have had to cancel the golf outing that we were considering for the Fall as well as the Card and Game Day. How do you feel about BCCWC face masks?? Stay tuned ...

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

## CARD & GAME DAY FUNDRAISERS

It is with much sadness that we inform you the BCCWC Fall Card & Game Day fundraiser has been cancelled! These are unprecedented times and hard decisions had to be made. Our first priority has always been the health and safety of our members. Unfortunately, large gatherings are just not possible at this time or the foreseeable future. However...



Mark your Calendars: *Spring Card & Game Day - Wednesday, April 28, 2021*

The party is scheduled at Thornberry Creek and promises to be the BEST one ever!! Stay safe and healthy! Enjoy your summer!

Sue Protzman, Gloria Jonet, Co-Chairs

## FELLOWSHIP

### FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

**Second Wednesday Mah Jongg** at the De Pere Community Center is suspended until further notice. In lieu of playing face-to-face games, a suggestion is to play online. The [www.MyJongg.com](http://www.MyJongg.com) site is free for 8 games per day. A private table can be requested if so desired. (A person signs up for a table and texts the code to other players so they know which table to join.) If you only have 1, 2 or 3 people, "bots" will fill in and play against you. While playing, you can FaceTime or have a conference call set up so that you can chat during the games. It's a good way to learn the cards and to keep your skills up.

Contact Sue Sinclair if you have questions about the site. (There are other on-line sites, but this is the only one I've used with friends.) Play at the Center might resume when the Club resumes monthly meetings there. Watch the newsletter for updates.



#### **Create a Zen Rain Chain**

While the opportunity to socialize won't happen at monthly meetings this fall, Fellowship has planned one activity. Please consider joining other members in making a **Zen Rain Chain** at **Swanstone Gardens, 4696 Swan Road, Green Bay 54311.**

Pictured is an example of the Zen Rain Chain that members can make. This is a Packers theme chain. You can choose your own colors, etc., and you can personalize with "found objects" that you want to bring or purchase there. Ideas include bells, driftwood, charms, etc.

(Bonnie and I saw some in Maxwell's in Egg Harbor---very similar, same price without the fun of making one with BCCWC friends.)

### Details:

- Friday, **October 23**, from 10AM-2PM
- Cost: \$65, includes lunch
- Minimum: 4 members - Maximum: 12 members
- The activity is indoors with social distancing at the tables.
- Face masks are required by the current state mandate.
- Mail a check made out to **Swanstone Gardens** to **Bonnie Le Mense** by **October 17** so numbers can be confirmed with Swanstone by October 19. Address: **2826 Friendly Ct., Green Bay, WI 54313. Please include your email address with your check.**
- You must sign a waiver to participate. Bonnie will email one to you. Print, sign and bring it with you to Swanstone. It will be collected and sent to the Archivist.

We are certainly hopeful that we can plan more activities for the spring of 2021. Fingers crossed! In the meantime, be well and stay safe.

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Fellowship Co-Directors

### BOOK CLUB

The BCCWC Book Club will take a hiatus until the pandemic has eased. We did not have enough members who warranted doing a Zoom meeting. Keep reading and we will continue when it becomes safe to meet.

Mary Schall [robogram@icloud.com](mailto:robogram@icloud.com), Chair

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The 2020-21 directories will be mailed to you in August. Please put it in a safe place and keep it readily available for future reference.



Yours in fellowship, fun, and community good works,

Kathy Szymanski and Linda Curl, Co-Editors, BCCWC Communications Team  
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