



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

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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**



Welcome Autumn! I am loving these cooler temperatures, the fall colors and sleeping with the windows open! Unfortunately, the seasons may be changing, but the pandemic situation is not. We are still basically on lockdown, only getting out in small groups and outdoors. I think it is going to be a very long winter.

I am so proud of our Board of Directors. These ladies have worked extremely hard to find ways to continue some of our important activities during this time. Continue reading your newsletters to learn all about some ways you can still contribute to the many efforts that BCCWC puts into helping our local community.



I don't have much news at this time, but the rest of the board does. Keep reading and... STAY SAFE!

Betty Jensen, President 2020-2021

**MEMBERSHIP**



BCCWC welcomed new member, Sue M. Johnson, in September. She, along with one renewal, brings our total membership to 259.

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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## **MEETINGS REMINDER**



Just a reminder that we will not be meeting in October due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. Don't forget, however, on **October 21**, there will be a blessings bag collection to benefit the seniors at Fort Howard Apartments and the One Stitch at a Time blanket collection. You can drop off your donations in the parking lot at the De Pere Community Center from 10AM-noon.

The Program/Social directors are looking for one more person to be a co-director to help at the monthly meetings (once they get going again). If you are interested, please contact Carol Mau.

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Program/Social Co-Directors

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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

**Quilters Zoom Meeting: Monday, **October. 5** at 9AM**

Join this meeting by e-mailing Sherry Campbell ([sherrysuej@new.rr.com](mailto:sherrysuej@new.rr.com)). Sherry will then invite you to the meeting and give you instructions on how to attend the meeting. Sharing ideas and displaying quilts, complete or not, generates a lot of enthusiasm for this project.

Habitat quilt requirements: Lap-size, contains picture or pattern of a house, backing material. Batting is provided, thanks to a grant received from Thrivent Financial. Machine quilting is donated by Lynn Konitzer and the NWTC Artisans Center.



Habitat for Humanity's next dedication will be on Facebook on **October 20**. The new home is located at 223 S. Buchanan St. and the new homeowners are the Perez Family. The family currently resides in a 2-bedroom apartment on the east side of Green Bay. Fatumo utilizes a wheelchair and their present housing is not wheelchair accessible. The family of 5 will be presented with keys to their new home, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed by a virtual tour of the new home. This home is particularly special because it includes many special features for accessibility.

To become part of this heartwarming and on-going project, come to the meeting or contact co-chairs:

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## KRESS LIBRARY GARDEN



A small group of 6 enthusiastic gardeners met on September 15 at the Kress Library to tidy up the gardens and add a few fall decorations to the planters. In a short time, the trimming and weeding were completed, proof that *if everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot*. It was a beautiful morning and a wonderful opportunity for BCCWC members to get outside and participate in a Community Service activity. Everyone wore masks, stayed a safe distance apart, and completed the COVID waivers required when more than five members gather together.



The gardeners will meet for the last time this season on **Wednesday, October 6** (rain date, October 8). If you are free and would like to join us, we meet at 8AM. Bring your gardening tools, your masks, and a bottle of water and remember to *keep track of your volunteer hours*.

We continue to look for co-chair(s) to lead our Kress gardeners. If you are interested in this leadership opportunity, please contact: Sherry Campbell (680-0778) [sherrysuej@new.rr.com](mailto:sherrysuej@new.rr.com) or Mary Jo Rod (499-3482) [maryjorod11@gmail.com](mailto:maryjorod11@gmail.com), Community Service Co-Directors

## CHRISTMAS TREE JUBILEE



The 2020 Christmas Tree Jubilee will still be spreading cheer this year, not with trees, but with wreaths. This information was just received from Barb Pahnke. The decision has made not to have an in-person event. They had concerns of trees being delivered into homes of those who may already have weakened immune systems. So, they instead decided to have wreaths decorated and delivered to those who need some extra Christmas cheer! Barb thanked us for our support and can't wait to bring back the full event in 2021.

We are canceling our workshops, using some of the ornaments already made to decorate a wreath or 2. We will store the rest of the ornaments and the unused supplies for next year. Thank you to all our volunteers. Hope you all come back next year.

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## ONE STITCH AT A TIME



Please remember the blanket collection 10AM-12PM **Wednesday, October 21**, at the De Pere Community Center. Hopefully, everyone has knit or crocheted their hearts out waiting for this COVID-19 thing to pass. A home will be found for all of your goodies. If you are purchasing blankets to donate, House of Hope needs single bed sizes. Anyone who cannot make the drop off, please contact co-chairs to make different arrangements. Thank you.

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## FORT HOWARD APARTMENTS - Blessings Bags for Seniors



Have you cooked or served meals at Fort Howard Apartments? Have you donated prizes for bingo? This year we cannot do the activities to which we and the seniors look forward. Instead of baking, cooking or serving, let's brighten the days of these residents with little surprises.

At this time, nearly all of the apartments are rented which means that we need 100 bags in order to offer one to each apartment. About 1/3 of the apartment population are men. If you would like to participate, please contact one of the chairs to let her know what number of bags to expect, in case we may run short. Please respond via text, email or

phone. Place your items in a plastic bag for collection "curbside" at the De Pere Community Center on **Wednesday, October 21** from 10AM-12PM. The chairs will transfer your items into colorful bags and deliver them after November 4 to Fort Howard Apartments for the staff to distribute. Items are preferred, not cash.

If you can purchase more than one bag, or plan to go in with another member, that would be terrific. We have had very positive feedback to the blessings bags project to surprise residents at Fort Howard Apartments. Please remember that we will not be collecting bingo prizes, baking cookies for Santa's House, purchasing gifts from the giving tree for Christmas Families and other holiday projects. We are hoping that members will donate 3 to 5 of the items. *As with other collections, if each one gives a little, we can provide a lot.*

Desired items: masks, candy, stamps, gift-cards (Dollar General, Glass Nickel Pizza, Blackstone Restaurant, Subway), individually wrapped tea or coffee (K-cups), facial tissue, hand sanitizer, quarters for laundry machines, pump hand soap, dishcloths, dish soap, microwave popcorn, flavored creamers, razors, books, puzzles, large-type word searches, hand towels, dishtowels, chips/snacks, flashlights, small umbrellas, paper and envelopes, socks, gloves (one size fits all), wipes, greeting cards, 2021 pocket calendars, decorative napkins or dessert plates.

We also recommend a personal note to the recipient. Suggestions to get you started: "Have a Blessed Thanksgiving, Sherry", "Stay safe and well, Carol." Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.

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Blessings Bags Co-Chairs

## ST. JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER MEALS



We take our first meal of the season to St. John's Shelter on **November 5**. We are grateful to the many members who have already volunteered for the entire season. That is such a help. However, *we are still in need of quite a few volunteers for November's meal.* We still need the following items:

- 5 LARGE LASAGNAS
- 1 LARGE HOT VEGETABLE
- 2 LARGE SALADS WITH DRESSING ON THE SIDE
- 4 PEOPLE TO TAKE 2 LOAVES EACH OF BAKED, SLICED GARLIC BREAD WRAPPED IN FOIL
- 2 LARGE PANS OF SUGARLESS JELLO WITH FRUIT
- 3 DESSERTS
- 2 LARGE JUICE BOTTLES

If you are able to volunteer to take any of this food to the Shelter on November 5, please email, text or phone us.

We donate our meals on the first Thursday of the month from November through April. Except for those who have signed up for each month, we will try to remind other volunteers shortly before each meal of what they signed up to take. You may also contact us to check on what you signed up for. Let us know if your information in our BBCWC directory is not accurate.

Remember, we drop off our food to a designated volunteer at the back door of St. John's Shelter by 5:30PM. If anyone needs directions or has questions, please contact us. Remember to wear your masks. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions to this community service project. *The need is great, and our meals are so appreciated.*

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## WELLSPRING



Our first Wellspring collection will be held on **November 18** from 10AM-12PM in the De Pere Community Center parking lot. Wellspring guests are in need of winter clothing items, especially gently used or new coats, sizes 1X and larger and boots, sizes 8-10. In addition, they have requested underwear, size 8, and sports bras, size 1X and 2X.

Please check the November newsletter for additional information about the November collection.

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## FOOD PANTRY DRIVE



We had a very successful drop-and-go food drive on September 16. BCCWC members donated 60 bags of groceries and 53 birthday bags for the Quad Parish food pantry. The pantry was very appreciative of the much-needed supplies which were delivered by Cathy Cartwright and Mary Ryan.



Thank you to the club members that generously donated to this collection.

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



Children who are patients at Children's Hospital - St. Vincent over the Halloween weekend will be receiving "treat" bags from BCCWC. Since Halloween will have a different "look" this year because of the pandemic, we're certain the children will be thrilled to receive this surprise.

The Christmas tree project for the children is still in the planning stage, keeping in mind safety precautions for all involved. Watch for updates in future newsletters.

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## CHRISTMAS FAMILY PROJECT



We are so grateful that BCCWC members in the past have so generously supported the Christmas Family Project. We recognize that many of you typically donate your resources individually or as a group to make sure that Christmas is a special holiday for several of our community members. We are not able to do that this year, but... *we encourage you to use your resources to support the Phantom Card Party instead:*

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/768525565/2020%2C+Fall+Phantom+CdGm.pdf>.

This is usually the biggest fundraiser of the year and the profits support so many worthwhile Brown County causes. Next year, we hope to be back on target but, for this year, this is a wonderful alternative activity to support. Please consider it.

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## FUNDRAISING

### PHANTOM CARD & GAME DAY FUNDRAISER

Here is a chance to participate in what would be our biggest fundraiser in the fall - our semi-annual Card & Game Day. In non-COVID times, we would gather for a wonderful afternoon of cards and games, and in so doing, raise a lot of money for BCCWC to give away in Community Awards. We may not be able to gather in person this fall, but we can gather in spirit for this fun **PHANTOM** fundraiser.



For the usual registration fee, you will be awarded a unique mask in BCCWC colors and be entered into a drawing for 1 of 3 fabulous prizes. For each additional \$20 (or what you would typically spend on raffle tickets, etc.), your name will be entered for another opportunity to win one of those beautiful prize packages! The drawing will be held at Thornberry Creek on **Wednesday, October 28** at noon. Anyone who feels comfortable is welcome to join us to witness the drawing. You may wish to stay and have lunch with friends, as there is plenty of room to socially distance. If you join us, you will need to sign a COVID waiver. We will have the waivers at Thornberry Creek.



Sue Protzman & Margy Hamilton



Just a few of the mask options



Drawing Prizes

If you'd like to see the drawing, but will not be physically at Thornberry, you can join us via Zoom. You will receive an invitation to join this Zoom event via your e-mail that morning.

See the link for the registration form for all of the details. And be sure to check the 2nd page of the form where you'll be reminded where the fundraiser money went in 2019-20.

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/768525565/2020%2C+Fall+Phantom+CdGm.pdf>

Let's make this **PHANTOM FUNDRAISER** a big success for the BCCWC! *Good luck and thanks for your support.*

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## FELLOWSHIP

Second Wednesday Mah Jongg at the De Pere Community Center is suspended until further notice. Play at the center might resume when the club resumes monthly meetings there. Watch the newsletter for updates.

### Create a Zen Rain Chain



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. (Some were seen at Maxwell's in Egg Harbor---very similar, same price without the fun of making one with BCCWC friends.)

- **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. Masks are recommended.
- 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 so Bonnie can email you a waiver.
- You must sign a waiver to participate. Print, sign and bring it with you to Swanstone. It will be collected and sent to the Archivist.

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*Question: Why did the chicken cross the playground?*

*Answer: To get to the other slide!*

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We are cautiously optimistic 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

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Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

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