



Brown County Community Women's Club, Inc.
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Well, we got through one major holiday, Thanksgiving. I know some of you are being so very careful and probably spent the day alone. Perhaps when the next holiday comes rolling around, you will feel more comfortable and maybe spend it with just a few more people. It can be sad and difficult to do these things alone.

Our committees have been hard at work planning and executing activities. Continue reading to see what's coming up next. With the ever-changing state mandates concerning COVID, we may have to keep some activities very, very small. I hope you are able to participate, if you wish to do so. Directors and their committee chairs will do their best to allow anyone to help with a project. It may take some finagling and it may take dividing into smaller groups, but these ladies can get it done.

Are you tired of turkey leftovers? We have an upcoming restaurant fundraiser at Noodles December 1. Read on or check the website for all the details. I know I'd love to have some of their yummy noodles.

It's going to be a long winter. If you can get involved in just one of our activities in any small way, that should help the time go faster. Better days are ahead.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.



Betty Jensen, President 2020-2021

MEMBERSHIP



With no new or renewed members this past month, our membership stands at 262. A membership application form can be found on our website, www.bccwc.org, if you know someone who would like to renew or join.

We hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving and are looking forward to celebrating Christmas and the new year. Stay safe, wear your masks and wash your hands. We are looking forward to seeing you sometime in the new year.

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MEETINGS REMINDER



Just a reminder that we will not be meeting in December due to social distancing guidelines. However, there will be a collection for House of Hope on **December 16**. You can drop off your donations of bath towels, wash cloths, shampoo, conditioner, and shower gel in the parking lot at the De Pere Community Center from 10AM-noon.

The Program/Social directors are still 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

COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAT:



Many of our fall projects have now been completed and we are overjoyed with the members' responses and the leadership of our chairs.

Quilts are ongoing and have been presented. The quilt group was featured on Local 5 Live in mid-November. The wreaths were hung for display in the former Children's Museum window. Two food drives have been completed. Fort Howard has been supplied with the Blessings Bags and the Kress Gardens are sleeping. Some bedding supplies have already been delivered to House of Hope and there will be a drive for pillows and towels in December. HSHS Child Life produced Halloween bags for child patients and have other plans in the works. One Stitch at a Time delivered blankets to Wellspring as well as House of Hope. Wellspring was the recipient of 2 carloads of goodies to keep the clients warm. We are hoping that some of our members participated in the Letters from Santa project with White Pillars. Finally, members successfully prepared and delivered meals in November to St. John's Homeless Shelter. The meals for St. John's are ongoing, so **please contact Mary Kay Paulson to sign up**. The directors will soon post a form on the BCCWC website for members to suggest future projects.

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Community Service Co-Directors

ONE STITCH AT A TIME



Now that the weather has cooled down you may feel more like knitting or crocheting. Remember our friends at Wellspring and House of Hope. They appreciate our blanket donations so much! The next collection is in **May 2021**, so we all have plenty of time to make a blanket or 2 for the less fortunate.

Thank you very much.

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HOUSE OF HOPE



Although the shelter did not have any birthdays to celebrate this month, our generous member donated cake and ice cream "just because!" Who doesn't need a treat, especially during these stressful times! Thank you for the celebration!

Please mark your calendars for our **December 16** collection at the De Pere Community Center. House of Hope's most urgent needs are pillows and bath towels. The volunteer coordinator explained that, because of COVID, every new resident receives a new pillow and a new bath towel. Some generous BCCWC members have already donated pillows and the shelter is very grateful! Thank you, thank you! Also on their wish list is baby shampoo and body wash, children's and adult body wash, laundry soap, dish soap, dishwasher soap, garbage bags and PILLOWS! While we are holiday shopping, we can hopefully pick up a few of these essentials for the mothers and children at the shelter.

Hope to see you on December 16 from 10AM-noon. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

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

WELLSPRING



Our November collection for warm clothing for the Wellspring guests was a huge success! It was wonderful to see members unload their cars with winter coats, boots, and other warm clothing items. We collected about 30 bags of clothing.



Susan Regnier & Kathy De Broux

Wellspring Donations

Heartfelt thanks to all the members who donated clothing to the Wellspring guests. Once again, the generosity of the BCCWC members is amazing! The clothing was delivered to Wellspring at St. John's Homeless Shelter and the director was very appreciative of all the contributions.

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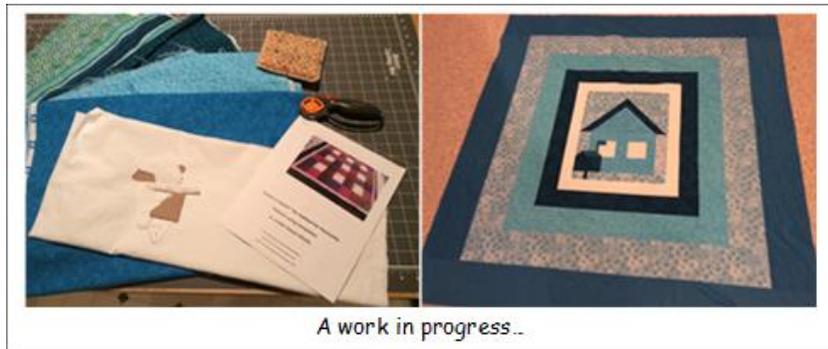
BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Five years of quilting . . . 34 quilts presented to new Habitat for Humanity families . . .TV interview!
We appreciate and thank our publicity directors, who made this happen.



Nancy Daniels being interviewed on the Local 5 Live show

Nancy did an awesome job not only conveying the message about our Club and project, but also displaying the quilts and providing photos of the Habitat quilters.



A work in progress..

The quilters group has done well over the past 5 years and is still going strong. To become part of this heartwarming and on-going project, contact co-chairs:

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FOOD PANTRY DRIVE - St. Willibrord



OVERWHELMED would be the word to describe how Ellen M. felt when she received the bags of food and cleaning supplies donated by our wonderful members on November 18! The entire back of the car was filled to the roof with 57 bags of canned goods, detergent, cereal, mac and cheese and the list goes on! Your generosity is inspiring during these COVID times so, THANK YOU! Thank you so much!!!

Mary Anne Froelich, November Chair

ST. JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER MEALS



Thanks to an amazing sign-up by our members, we have all the food we need for our **December 3** meal at St. John's Homeless Shelter. *Thank you so very much.* As before, we will deliver our food to the shelter by 5:30PM, ring the doorbell and place the food on the table outside the door. The volunteers were right there last time. They did say, however, that they would try to have a better table for us this time.

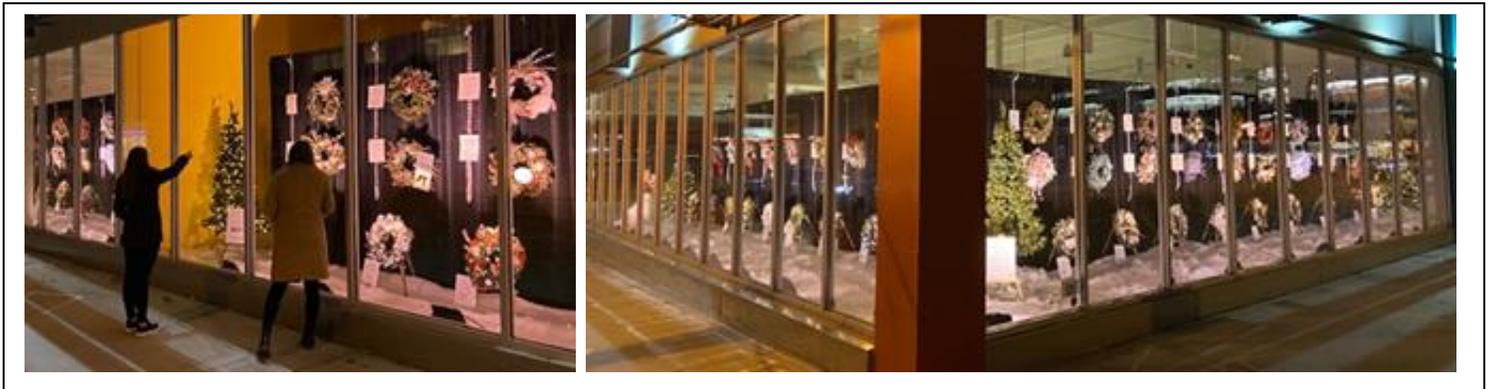
We currently have a good sign-up for our **January 7** meal, but *we still need several items:*

- 1 hot vegetable dish
- 1 large salad with dressing
- 8 loaves garlic bread (baked, sliced, and wrapped in foil)
- 2 large pans of sugarless Jello with fruit
- 2 large bottles of juice

Please contact us if you are able to take any of these food items to the Shelter for our January 7 meal. Call if you have any questions. We are so grateful for your generous participation. The volunteers at the Shelter again told me that ours is everyone's favorite meal, and that the guests are so appreciative. You are the best!

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CHRISTMAS TREE JUBILEE



The 2020 Christmas wreath jubilee is coming to an end. All of the wreaths are on display through December 3 at the old Children's Museum on Washington St. After that, they will be delivered to the recipient families. If you haven't seen them yet, stop down and enjoy. They are awesome! There are about 60, all different themes. Our wreaths are sponsored by Bellin Health and WPS. Pictures of the wreaths were featured in the November newsletter.

Again, many thanks to the volunteers.

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FORT HOWARD APARTMENTS - Blessings Bags for Seniors



Fort Howard Apartments manager, Barbara Schumacher, and her staff distributed the 100 Blessings Bags created by BCCWC members. The bags were filled with useful items and treats for all of the residents at Fort Howard Apartments. Residents drew the numbers which matched the numbered bags on November 23. Gail Wirtz, activity director, wrote that recipients were thrilled with the contents and very grateful for the club's ongoing friendship and generosity. On November 25, BCCWC received a thank-you card with comments signed by 45 individual residents. The card will be on display at a future in-person meeting. This project is one of many the club is undertaking to help isolated residents and the homeless in Brown County.



Many, many thanks to all who contributed in any way to this project. As Rose wrote in the card, "Women, you have beautiful hearts!" Another wrote, "We miss seeing you!!"

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HSHS ST. VINCENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL-CHILD LIFE



St. Vincent Children's Hospital will be receiving 20 Christmas trees, decorated and delivered by a small number of Child Life committee members, on December 14 for children who will be in-patients over the holidays. This not only brings great joy to the children, but to the parents and siblings as well. The hospital is very excited about receiving these trees!

Watch for details in the January newsletter regarding the drive we will be having for the Child Life department in February. Items have not yet been determined due to unknown donations they receive during the holidays. Stay tuned! We wish you a safe & healthy holiday season.

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FUNDRAISING

NOODLES FUNDRAISER



Remember that *tonight* (**Tuesday, December 1**) is our restaurant fundraiser with **Noodles & Co.** at 2665 S. Oneida St. in Ashwaubenon. 50% of all qualifying sales (all of BCCWC orders are "qualifying") will be donated to the club. You can eat in or you can place an order online and pick it up at the store (www.noodles.com/order), or you can call in your order (490-8600). Be sure to indicate that you are part of BCCWC. If you are eating in, present them with this flyer:

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/768613534/Noodles+flyer+fundraiser1.pdf>

If you order online - when your order is complete, head to the checkout. Enter code "giving50" and hit "apply." Look for the red check mark for confirmation and proceed to checkout.

Tell your friends and family and help raise funds for the BCCWC!

Nancy Daniels (499-4995) danielsna@aol.com, Chair

MAYFLOWER FUNDRAISER

In years past we've had fun getting together at Mayflower Greenhouse for an afternoon of creating winter planters and/or decorating holiday wreaths. We can't gather in person this year due to COVID, but Mayflower has offered to create those planters and wreaths for their BCCWC customers **and to donate 20% of the sales to BCCWC**. Mayflower has been a generous donor to BCCWC fundraisers for many years, and this is another way they are supporting what we do. It's been a tough year for small, local businesses. This is a generous offer to BCCWC, and a way for us to say thank you to them.



2017 gathering at Mayflower for wreaths



2018 create a wreath or planter

To give you an idea of their prices, attached are some pictures with a general idea of what each costs. You can ask for specific embellishments, or you can trust their judgment. You can bring your own pots and they will plant them for you or you can purchase the planters in pots they provide.



Planters are roughly \$35-50, depending on what you have for embellishments. Wreaths are approximately \$35-45. The two pots on the left are Sue Protzman's. She provided the pots and they came to \$38/pot to have them planted. Gorgeous!



Contact them by e-mailing mayflowergreenhouse@gmail.com. They get them done pretty quickly, so you'll have them for the whole season.

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

MASKS FUNDRAISER

For a suggested donation of \$10, you can pick up a mask at the **December 16** De Pere Community Center parking lot drop off, 10AM-noon. There are some masks with BCCWC colors and even a few holiday-themed masks.



Let's end this year with a big donation to the BCCWC.

BRIDGE MARATHONS



Four of our BCCWC duplicate bridge groups continue to make online bridge games a positive substitute for in-person play. Normally, none of our groups play during the month of March, however, in this year where nothing has been "normal," we are happy to announce that those **4 ONLINE BRIDGE GROUPS WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH!!**

The BCCWC website calendar has been updated, and you can contact any of the co-chairs if you have a question. Please continue to watch your emails for further bridge updates and details!

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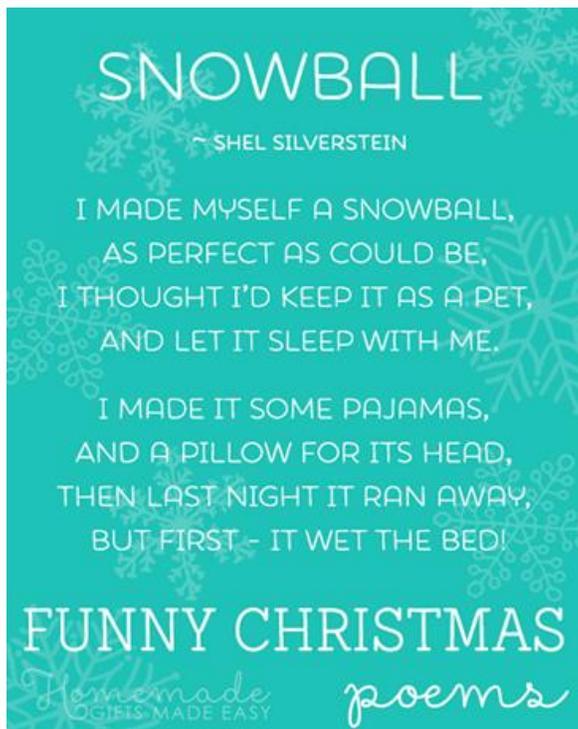
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FELLOWSHIP

Due to COVID-19, all Fellowship activities are on pause until we can safely gather.

Bonnie, Lynn and Sue continue to discuss possible activities that can be scheduled for spring. A cooking class, a "make and take" at Swanstone Gardens and a field trip to a museum are being considered.

If you have other ideas, please let one of us know. In the meantime, **stay safe** so that we might gather again in March, April, and May.



May we all find joy and laughter during this most unusual holiday season. Peace to all.

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Fellowship Co-Directors



COMMUNICATIONS



Since the BCCWC directory was published last summer, new members have joined, prior members have renewed, and some existing members have had changes in their contact information.

Those of you who receive notice of this newsletter by e-mail from Lizz Jayne will find the list of those people attached to the e-mail. Please download it so you can print a copy to add to your directory. Those of you who receive your newsletter by mail will have that list included in print form for you to tape into your directory.

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Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

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