



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



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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



I am finding this to be true: "The older we get, the faster time goes by." Here we are in 2021 already!

This year the Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday season was very different for many of us. Maybe you stayed home alone. Maybe it was just you and a spouse. Maybe you had a very small family gathering rather than a large crowd. The most important thing this year is that you and your loved ones stayed healthy so all of you can get together next year.

Unfortunately, some of us have been ill with COVID-19, pneumonia, flu or other maladies. As far as I know, everyone has recovered or is well on their way to recovery. May God continue to bless our members in this way!

Our drive-up food, clothing, and blanket drives have been hugely successful. Small groups have been getting together to assemble Christmas trees, wreaths, goody bags and to do other projects to benefit our favorite non-profits. The restaurant fundraiser at Noodles went well and I am looking forward to finding out where our next fundraiser will be.

One important item on the agenda for the December board meeting was to review circumstances and get back to in-person meetings. Sigh! That is not going to happen any time soon. We are hoping we can all get together some time before the end of our fiscal year. Would that be fun? Time will tell. So continue reading your newsletters to stay informed about club activities.

STAY HEALTHY!

Betty Jensen, BCCWC President 2020-2021

MEMBERSHIP



Holiday greetings everyone! We hope you enjoyed your Christmas and are looking forward to 2021. With vaccines on the way, this pandemic will soon be on its way out. Hang in there, wear your masks, social distance and keep your chin up. Together, we will go on to do many great things for our community in the future.

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MEETINGS REMINDER



NOTE: We will not be meeting in January due to social distancing guidelines.

The Program/Social Directors are still looking for one more person to serve as Co-Director to help at monthly meetings (Yes, you can do it if you try).

If you are interested, please contact Carol Mau.

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Program/Social Co-Directors

COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAT:

Happy New Year from the Community Service team!

We are hoping to fulfill 3 resolutions this year:

- 1) Enlist the help of an additional member as a Co-Director for Community Service.
- 2) Provide a leader for the Kress gardening team. Consider helping with these leadership opportunities.
- 3) Put into action new proposals from members. To help simplify that process, the Board has approved a form that members can use to propose initiatives. This form is available on the BCCWC website under the Community Service tab, or you can access it by this link:

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/768659506/CS+Proposal+Form+Nov+2020.pdf>

If you have an idea, please complete the form and submit it to one of the Community Service Directors. We will follow up by contacting you and helping you to get your proposal to the Board for approval.

Currently, there is an idea for an ongoing activity similar to the COVID Christmas project which would involve sending cards to individuals in assisted living facilities. If you are interested in helping alleviate loneliness for those in assisted living facilities, this could be the activity for you. You would work in the safety of your own home. We already have one Co-Chair who is interested in working out the details and members interested in writing cards. We do need a volunteer to co-chair this activity.

Please consider any of these leadership opportunities and contact one of the Directors. Thank you, members, for your exceptional ongoing generosity, especially since last March.

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Community Service Co-Directors



HOUSE OF HOPE

Thank you to all the generous members who donated pillows, bath towels and many items for the women and children at the shelter! It was overwhelming and truly an affirmation of YOUR continuing kindness. We collected 100 pillows and at least 120 bath towels. We literally filled a VAN with pillows thanks to our gal-on-the-spot who volunteered her vehicle when she saw our dilemma! Shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, laundry soap, dish soap, blankets, pillowcases, lotions and cosmetics comprised the "mother lode!" House of Hope extends their gratitude to all of you! Thank you again for making a wonderful difference in someone's life! You are awesome!

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



BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



This beautiful quilt was presented to the Grailer family on Dec. 16, just in time for Christmas. Kim is a single mother of 2 children. They are moving from a small apartment to their new home on Western Avenue in Green Bay. Kim's hard work and determination is obvious.

"I am currently working in an amazing Rehab facility for post-surgeries. All the different patients that I see every day push me to succeed. I am a single mom with two kids, a fulltime job and going to school. In the long-

run, my biggest goal is to be able to spend more time with my family."

Do you want a great winter project? Construct a lap-size quilt. Lap-size quilts range in size from 48 X 50 up to 60 X 60, nothing much bigger, similar to a throw for your living room. The quilt should contain a house pattern or material containing pictures of houses. You make the top and supply the backing material. Lynn, at NWTC Artisans Center, machine quilts your project at no charge. Batting is purchased for you.

For more information contact:

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Gina Reinardy (664-6501) gina.reinardy@gmail.com, Co-Chairs



ONE STITCH AT A TIME



Have a happy and peaceful New Year everyone. Thank you for all your generous donations in this very unusual year, 2020. We had a record-breaking blanket collection in October (76), not to mention all the scarves, hats, shawls, mittens, etc. The recipients were so thankful.

Please continue to think of us when you hunker down by the fireplace this winter with your crochet hooks and knitting needles or go online to take advantage of the after Christmas sales. We would like to make our collections in 2021 even bigger than 2020.

Thank you again.

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HSHS ST. VINCENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - CHILD LIFE

The HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital-Child Life committee did an awesome job making the sick children's hospital rooms look like Christmas by decorating small Christmas trees for their rooms. Twenty Christmas trees were decorated and delivered to the hospital for children spending a holiday as in-patients at the hospital. The children, parents and siblings all enjoyed the trees. The Child Life staff was thrilled with the trees and were grateful for the wonderful partnership with BCCWC.

It is time to think about our "Drive" for the Child Life department in February. Most needed items are: Band-aids, kid friendly (characters) and must be latex-free; Squishees; Lego Mini-sets; Paw Patrol surprise eggs; Gift Cards for teens; Beanie Boos and treasure box trinkets. Details of drop-off will be in the February newsletter. Thank you for your consideration. Any questions, feel free to email us.

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P.S. The Press Times, a local regional newspaper, will be publishing this wonderful story in their Friday, **January 1**, edition. Hope you get to see it! And in case you missed it, here is a link to the story as it was reported by TV Fox 11: <https://fox11online.com/news/making-a-difference/santa-firefighters-greet-patients-outside-green-bay-childrens-hospital>

ST. JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER MEALS



Because of the generosity of so many of you, we again have all the food we need for the meal on **January 7**. As before, we will be dropping off our food items **by Shelter**. Park temporarily there, ring the doorbell and leave the food on the cart at the door. A volunteer will take the food to their kitchen.

At this time, we still need the following for the **February meal** :

5 LASAGNAS, 3 LARGE HOT VEGETABLE DISHES, ONE LARGE SALAD WITH DRESSING, 8 (four people) GARLIC BREADS, ONE LARGE SUGARLESS JELLO, 2 DESSERTS, AND 2 LARGE BOTTLES OF JUICE.

Please contact us if you are able to take any of this food to the Shelter on **February 4**. Again, we are thankful to our members. You have made this community service possible with your generosity.

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Mary Krautkramer (920-819-5812) Co-Chairs

COVID HOLIDAY CARD PROJECT

Many thanks to the members who took part in the special COVID project. It was a huge success. We were able to bring smiles to the faces of local assisted living residents. These are difficult times and most nursing homes and facilities have been hard hit. Because of visitor restrictions, friends and families may not visit and many residents are feeling very lonely.

Approximately 20 Volunteers wrote 206 cards for residents of Angel's Touch in De Pere, Allouez Parkside Village, Autumn's Promise and Carrington Manor. The directors of these facilities furnished a list of residents' first names and room numbers.

The volunteers worked from the safety of their own homes. They had the option of using some left- over cards or buying new. No stamps were needed. Completed cards were delivered on Wednesday, Dec. 16 between 10:00AM and noon to the De Pere Community center. All of the cards went to the facility directors for distribution on Dec. 17.

Thank you, again, to the Board for approving the project and those who generously volunteered. Thank you again to those who donated cards or wrote messages of cheer in the cards. You made a difference.



Because of the time crunch, the BCCWC December newsletter did not get a notice about this project. However, all members interested in future card projects for assisted-living residents, please contact Sherry Campbell or Mary Jo Rod - Community Service Directors.

Thank you again to those who donated cards or wrote messages of cheer in the cards. You made a difference. We wish many blessings to all in this New Year.

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FUNDRAISING



BRIDGE MARATHONS -

This time of the year, we usually ask our bridge players for their commitment to rejoin the Full Deck bridge group. Registration for the other groups would follow by March 1.

Due to all the uncertainties of this year, we are advising that the **bridge registration deadline for ALL groups will be EXTENDED for the 2021-22 season registration!** We have not set a date at this time; however, please note that we will keep you informed via this newsletter as well as emails to all our current bridge marathon players.

Continue to watch for our important communications in the coming months and let us know if you have any questions. If you are new to the club and have an interest in our bridge groups, contact Carol Simpson for more details. Thanks, again, for your continued support of this important BCCWC fundraiser!

We wish you all a happy holiday season. May the year 2021 bring us all great joy, great health, and back to the bridge table!

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DECEMBER FUNDRAISING

December was a slow month for fundraising.

However, our Noodles Restaurant Day, held on December 1, brought in \$421.03.

Mask donations amounted to \$30.00 .

Donations from microwave bowl holders came to \$35.00.

The next newsletter will report the Mayflower Greenhouse project.

The Surprise Raffle will have a winter pillow by Mary Ann Van.

If anyone is still looking for a mask, please call Sue Protzman or Bonnie Christensen and we will see that you get what you need. Looking to 2021 (yay!) you will hopefully see more restaurant fundraisers. If anyone has ideas for a fundraiser, please do not hesitate to give one of us a call.

Best wishes to all for a Happy and Healthy 2021.

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Fundraising Co-Directors

FELLOWSHIP

BOOK CLUB - A note from Mary Schall: When the pandemic has eased, we will be able to meet again.

OTHER FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

Due to COVID, 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 the new year.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Yours in fellowship, fun, and community good works,

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