



Brown County Community Women's Club, Inc.  
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### A MESSAGE FROM BCCWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Take a look at this picture of your hard-working Board of Directors at their January meeting on the morning of January 13. How many are eating breakfast? How many are still in pajamas? How could we have done this before the advent of Zoom? Thanks to this technology, we have been able to carry on with the club's business during this crazy time!



The first order of business was the non-precedent setting vote to keep the current officers in their positions for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. We don't need to tell you that it has been a crazy year for BCCWC and we all felt that staying in these positions would cause the least disruption after an insanely disruptive year. Incredibly special thanks are in order to these ladies for agreeing to continue in their positions for another year!

Second order of business was the issue of membership dues. The Finance Committee meets yearly to determine the amount and the Board of Directors votes on their recommendation. **Dues will remain at \$35 per year - \$50 if you want to receive the newsletter by snail mail.**

The 2021-2022 membership form is in the works and will be available soon on the website. You will notice some changes this year, particularly in the Community Service activity listings. We have several projects for the benefit of seniors and others that occur at Christmas. These have been consolidated into 2 new categories on the form. Your Community Service directors will be explaining this to you. A second change on the form is a space for a donation. You all give so much and we are certainly not asking for more. But sometimes a member will decide to donate and having this space on the form will facilitate bookkeeping. Any donations will go into the general funds for Community Awards.

We are all saddened by the effect this pandemic is going to have on our Community Awards. We will be missing the funds normally raised through Card & Game Days, Bridge Marathons, and the Golf Outing. As we are unable to meet in person, we are short on funds raised through 50/50 Raffles, Book-for-a-Buck, Surprise Raffles, etc. These smaller fundraisers brought in quite a bit of money for us to pass on to local non-profits in the past.

On the bright side: Thanks to all of you for your very generous donations of time and items to Wellspring, meals at St John's Homeless Shelter, Child Life, food drives, and all the other ways we have been supporting our favorite non-profit groups. You are to be commended for all your charity and endless support to BCCWC!  
Thank you!



BCCWC Board of Directors 2020-2021

## MEMBERSHIP



Three members have already renewed for the 2021-2022 year. Thank you. You are way ahead of us.

Our new form will be available for renewals/new members on **March 1, 2021**. You will be able to find this form on our homepage [www.BCCWC.org](http://www.BCCWC.org). Unable to print the form? Just send your written information along with your check to Pat Syring, 1955 Everbreeze Road, Green Bay, WI 54304. If you are renewing and have any changes to your information, please circle or highlight the changes, which helps identify them.

Looking forward to having you back again in the new year. Stay safe.

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Membership Co-Directors

## MEETINGS REMINDER



- *Just a reminder that we will not be meeting in February due to social distancing guidelines.*

However, don't forget that there will be a collection for HSHS Child Life on February 17 (see HSHS Child Life article). There will also be a collection of blank note cards for the nursing home letter writing project (see Community Service article). You can drop off your donations on **February 17** in the parking lot of the De Pere Community Center from 10AM-noon.

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## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAT:**

#### **Leadership:**

- **Sing Out a Welcome to our New Community Service Director**



The community service directors have a new song to sing as they welcome former music educator, *Teresa Schroepfer*, who volunteered to serve as the 3rd co-director beginning in January. Since Teresa's retirement from Ashwaubenon High School, she has been pursuing her hobbies, including reading, gardening, sewing doll clothes and caring for her rescue Great Pyrenees/lab mix dog, *Josie*, while still maintaining connections to the world of music. Teresa



volunteers at the Ashwaubenon PAC, as do many of you. She has served as organist and director of the adult choir at Nativity Parish. Her greatest joy comes from family time with her son and daughter and their families, especially her granddaughters, Maya and Talia. She looks forward to contributing to the community service team and getting to know many of the members who generously volunteer their time, talents and treasures to BCCWC. Sing out a welcome when you see her.

- **Kress Gardeners seek a Co-Chair with Sue Johnson**

New member, Sue Johnson, has volunteered to co-chair the Kress Gardens team. Sue has recently moved back from Fargo. She has expertise in gardening and would love a co-chair. To volunteer to co-chair the Kress Gardens, please contact one of the co-directors.

**Collections:** February 17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day ([www.randomactsofkindness.org](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org)).

Please help us celebrate by donating to our February collections. During February, March, and April there will be collections and sign-ups at the De Pere Community Center from 10AM until noon. Please watch for details in News and Notes. Recently, the Board approved a new project which you can participate in from home - cheery cards for residents of nursing homes.

**Membership Form 2021-22:** Please note that there will be changes to categories in the membership form for next year related to community service.

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Community Service Co-Directors

### **WELLSPRING - MARCH COLLECTION**



Heads-Up BCCWC members! Our next Wellspring collection will be **March 17** from 10AM-noon in the parking lot of the De Pere Community Center. The ladies at Wellspring are most in need of the following items: *deodorant, lotion, body wash, pocket facial tissue packets, bottled water and sports bras (larger sizes, 1X and 2X)*. Please look for another collection reminder in the March newsletter.

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## St. JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER MEALS

**To ALL members:** There is a **CHANGE** in **where** and **how** we are now dropping off food. St. John's has 2 shelters now. We have been asked to deliver our food to the **BAY LAKE CITY CENTER shelter at 301 N. Adams Street**. The large Shelter is the whole 2nd floor of this large yellow building at the very end of Adams Street across from the Adams Street entrance to the Northland Hotel and across from the Republic Chophouse restaurant. We will be delivering our food at the very **southeast corner** of that building, where it **angles out and creates covered drive through lanes** that were once used as ATM lanes for a bank. We will drop off our food in the 2 drive-through lanes closest to the building. It will say "ENTER HERE" above the lane as you get to the covered part. That lane **splits** into two lanes, and we will use BOTH those lanes to drop off our food. There will be a table there on which to place our food and volunteers to cart the food into the building. After dropping off your food, just continue through the lane and exit to the left onto Adams Street.

**Our NEW drop off time is between 5PM and 5:15PM.** Those drive-through lanes are short, so it will get crowded, but let's give it a try.

**DIRECTIONS:** If driving north on Adams, turn left immediately, past the parking lot directly across the street from the Republic Chophouse with the big "R" on the building, into the old bank drive-through lanes. If driving west on Pine Street (past the Pine Street entrance to the Northland), jog left where Pine Street dead ends into Adams Street, then immediately turn right to enter the drive-through lanes. If coming from the west side over the Main Street bridge, turn right onto Washington Street, then turn left onto Northland Avenue for one block, and then turn right onto Adams Street. The Bay Lake City Center building is on the right, but drive past it to the very south end where the drive-through lanes are located. Turn right at the angled part of the building into the drive-through lanes.

**NOW for the FOOD!** Happily, and gratefully, we now have enough food volunteered for our **February 4** meal. *Please try to have it there between 5PM and 5:15PM.*

However, we still need the follow items for our **March 4** meal:

- 3 large lasagnas, 3 large hot vegetable dishes, 10 loaves of garlic bread (baked, sliced, and wrapped in foil) (that is 5 people), 2 large sugarless Jell-O pans with fruit, 1 dessert, 2 large bottles of juice

If you can provide any of the food, please contact Mary Kay. Mary Krautkramer is taking a break.

We are so grateful to all of our many wonderful women who so generously volunteer and provide food for people who are in such need. *Thank you for your patience with this change and your willingness to give it a try.* I know it is a very big change. Let's see how it goes!

**If you have any questions whatsoever** about any of this, contact:

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## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS CARD PROJECT



You, too, can help brighten the day of a local nursing home resident! We are collecting greeting cards for residents of the McCormick Home this month and you may drop them off on **February 17** from 10AM-noon in the parking lot of the De Pere Community Center. Ways to participate include: write one card or multiple cards that you purchase or have at home, decorate & write your own cards or donate your unused cards that can be used for a future project.

We will deliver the completed cards to McCormick Home for distribution so, no postage is required. Our goal this month is 50 completed cards and *more is even better*; let the smiles begin! Questions? Call:

Kathy Heyroth (615-8062)  
Rosie Jonas (336-7057), Co-Chairs

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



February is already here, and not only are we that much closer to spring, but also to the February Child Life Drive! The collection for Child Life will be held **Wednesday, February 17**, from 10AM-noon in the parking lot of the De Pere Community Center.

Due to strict infection control purposes, all donated items must be new. The following items are suggestions from the Child Life Department Wish List:

- Band Aids - kid-friendly with characters and bright colors (latex free)
- Squishees
- Mini Lego Kits
- Paw Patrol Surprise Eggs
- Beanie Boos
- Gift Cards for pre-teen/teens (Please write the amount on the gift card)
- Small Trinkets for the Treasure Box

The week of the Child Life collection just happens to be "Random Acts of Kindness" week... Hint, Hint 😊 Much appreciation for your past generosity and for your continued support of the hospitalized children at HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital. The smiles on the faces of these children wouldn't happen without you! Please contact co-chairs with any questions.

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## ONE STITCH AT A TIME



Here's hoping everyone had a nice, safe holiday and you're all ready to start a winter knitting or crocheting project. The next blanket collection is **May 19** so you have plenty of time to make a blanket for the less fortunate at House of Hope and Wellspring. House of Hope can use baby blankets and twin-size blankets for beds. Thank you for your generosity.

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## HOUSE OF HOPE



House of Hope celebrated 2 big events in January: a birthday for a 5-year-old boy and a baby shower for an expectant Mom! Thank you to our generous volunteer this month for supplying the goodies! The volunteer coordinator assures me that the women and children look forward to our monthly Wednesday party!

*If you can bake or buy a cake, you might be interested in volunteering for this project. YOU will make a difference in someone's life. Your generosity brings a little joy and a lot of smiles to the residents in the shelter! Thank you for your kindness!*

A note of thanks from House of Hope:

*I am still astounded and humbled by the generous donation to House of Hope. It makes me smile every time I think of it and see the pillows stored where the shelves had gone completely empty. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! The families of House of Hope are touched by your kindness every night and they don't even know it - they are just thankful.*

*Happy 2021 to you all, Laurie Reinen [laurier@houseofhopegb.org](mailto:laurier@houseofhopegb.org)*

Kay Barlament (660-7368) [kay.barlament@gmail.com](mailto:kay.barlament@gmail.com), Chair

## BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



February, 2016:

First quilt presented at a Habitat for Humanity dedication.

Five years later and our group has presented 35 quilts to Habitat families. A HUGE "THANK YOU" to the 26 members who are involved in this project. Whether quilting, hand sewing the binding, printing labels, tying ribbons or presenting a beautiful quilt to a new Habitat for Humanity family, all of you have contributed to the success of our goal: To make the new homeowners cozy and comfy in their new homes.

A message from the Habitat staff when told of our 5-year anniversary:

*"That is amazing. I was not aware the ladies had been making quilts for families for this length of time. I can tell you each and every family appreciates the gift. Many families have commented to me they could not wait to use the quilt to stay toasty warm as the family curls up on the couch to enjoy some quiet time relaxing in their new homes. Thank you for providing these amazing quilts to our families."*

A special thank you to Lynn at the NWTC Artisans Center for volunteering her machine quilting talents. WE ARE TRULY BLESSED!

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## FUNDRAISING

**SMILE - You can help raise money to support our Community Awards!**

You all know that fundraising efforts this year have been greatly hampered by the COVID-19 pandemic. We'd like to remind you of a way you can easily help with fundraising from the comfort of your home.



Many of you have likely been using [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) for some of your shopping during this time. We strongly encourage you to start your shopping experience by logging onto [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). That's Amazon's program for making donations to non-profit organizations. Whatever you order will not cost you any more than the regular Amazon site, but you can select the BCCWC as your donation recipient and a small percentage of what you are already spending will be donated to BCCWC. Each individual order does not result in a huge donation, but lots of orders taken together will earn a substantial amount. So, put that website on your "favorites", and you'll be helping a lot.

Think of what you (or your children) ordered over the holidays. Those orders add up, and could result in a nice donation to the BCCWC.

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

## FELLOWSHIP

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

Bonnie, Lynn and Sue are considering a cooking class, a "make and take" at Swanstone Gardens and a field trip to a museum as possible spring activities. Fingers crossed!



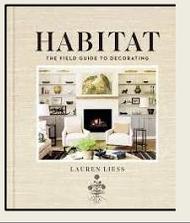
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## COMMUNICATIONS

### IN MEMORIAM



*Linda Froistad passed away on November 3, 2020. Linda was an asset to BCCWC and involved in many activities, especially Card & Game Days. Linda was a very friendly person and will be greatly missed.*



In Linda's memory, BCCWC has donated *Habitat: The Field Guide to Decorating* by Lauren Liess, catalog #747, to the Central Downtown Library and it can be requested at any of the Brown County Library locations.

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Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

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