



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

HELLO
April 2021

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT-ELECT

Greetings fellow BCCWC members. It is finally April and we can look forward to spring, warmer weather and new beginnings. After over a year of COVID restrictions, it will be uplifting to slowly and safely get back to more normal club activities.

As mentioned last month, we are temporarily changing the format of the newsletter's message "From the President." Instead, different officers will share some details and responsibilities of their positions.

I joined the club in 2014 and have been involved in many community service and fundraising activities over the past 6 years. Last year, I accepted the position of President-Elect. Typically, the President-Elect assumes the office of President at the end of the current President's term. This year, however, all officers have agreed to repeat their current tenure for another year.

As President-Elect, I collect all requests from membership for the annual Community Awards, present them to the BCCWC Finance Committee for approval and then present the recommendation of the Finance Committee to the BCCWC Board for final approval at the June Board meeting.

Community Awards letters are then prepared by the President-Elect, dated June 30 and signed by the President. (In other words, the President of that year signs the letters for the funds that were generated while she was President.) The letters are mailed out by the President-Elect. After the Board makes the final approval, the President-Elect then contacts the members who submitted Community Service Award requests informing them of the final decisions.

The President-Elect ensures that a Community Service Award is written for the De Pere Community Center. She also writes a contract with the De Pere Community Center to schedule monthly BCCWC Board meetings for the coming year. Last, the President-Elect serves on the Finance Committee.

Please accept my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve as an officer. Special thanks to Betty Jensen and to all of the other officers for their kindness, support and mentoring. I am both honored and proud to be associated with such an amazing group of women. I look forward to the upcoming year and getting back to our pre-COVID opportunities and to seeing all your smiling faces.

On behalf of all of the BCCWC officers, I want to wish you and your families a Happy and Blessed Easter. Thank you.



Carol De Grand, President-Elect

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARD REQUESTS

It is time to submit nominations for Community Contribution Awards. To recommend a local non-profit organization to receive a BCCWC Community Award, please complete one of the forms and mail it to Carol De Grand, President-Elect. The forms are located on the website, near the top of the page under the fundraising tab. Please refer to the specific requirements and details when making your recommendations.

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/768498325/2020-21+Community+Award+Nomination+form+%281%29.pdf>

Over the past 13 years, BCCWC has distributed more than \$417,000 in Community Awards in Brown Country. Community Contribution Awards are determined annually at the end of the fiscal year. Last fiscal year (2019-20), the club was able to award \$31,600.

This year, many of our fundraisers had to be canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Awards this year will still be distributed, but amounts may be a bit more conservative.

Applications for consideration must be submitted by a current BCCWC member and must be received by **May 31, 2021**. Upon recommendations from the Finance Committee, the Board will review and vote on all eligible requests at the Board meeting.

Please mail your forms to Carol De Grand at the address listed on the form. Thank you.

Carol De Grand, President-Elect

MEMBERSHIP



It is time to renew your membership for fiscal year 2021-2022. You will find the form on our home page: www.BCCWC.org. Those who receive the newsletter by postal mail should have received the form with the March newsletter.

Please note any changes on your form. It is so important to renew your membership so that we can continue to fund charities in our area.

Our current membership is 263. Thanks to the 57 members who have already renewed for next year.

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Membership Co-Directors

MEETINGS REMINDER

We will not be meeting in April due to social-distancing guidelines. However, don't forget there will be several collections for our Community Service groups - St. Mark Food Pantry and Cheery Notes to Seniors - explained in the newsletter. All collections take place **April 21** from 10AM - noon at the De Pere Community Center parking lot.



Carol Mau recruiting Mary Anne Froelich for 2022

We still need members to sign up to host our general meetings and coordinate our luncheons for 2021-2022. Carol Mau will be in the parking lot on **April 21** to sign up members for a specific month. Remember, *if everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot.*

Carol Mau (391-0779) zinniea60@gmail.com

Susan Byrne (708-860-8878) susanbyrne9968@gmail.com
Program/Social Co-Directors

COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAT:

Leadership - Kress Gardeners

Mae Rohde and Carol De Grand will help Sue Johnson organize the Kress Garden workers.



On a wintry, breezy St. Patrick's Day, 3 sets of community service chairs collected items for BCCWC projects. Despite the snowy, toe-numbing weather, many BCCWC members and/or partners delivered items to help BCCWC succeed in helping others. There was much "wearing o' the green" and many happy smiles on the faces of all. Just think of the joy the club will be able to share this spring as Cheery Notes to Seniors, personal care items for Wellspring and A Smile Bouquet items are delivered!

Membership Form 2021-2022: Several of the community service categories previously separated on the membership form have been regrouped for members to more easily indicate interest. Please check those categories which interest you on the new form. Examples are:

1. Enriching Lives of Seniors: Participating in activities for Fort Howard Apartments, Cheery Notes to Seniors in nursing homes, A Smile Bouquet, Pet Therapy
2. Christmas Activities: Santa's House, Christmas Families, Toy Distribution, Christmas Tree Jubilee, Give-A-Kid A Book, Coats for Kids



Do you have an idea for a project? Ideas may be submitted at any time via the BCCWC Project Proposal Form posted on the BCCWC website.

WANTED: FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION CHAIRS



Are you concerned about feeding the hungry? Would you like to take on a short-term leadership position for BCCWC? The club is in need of 3 sets of co-chairs to lead our 3 food collections. Generally, we hold one in late fall, mid-winter and late spring. Responsibilities would include:

- 1) preparing an article for the newsletter before and after the month of your collection month
- 2) contacting the food pantry to which you have been assigned to arrange to deliver food
- 3) being present on your designated day to collect non-perishable foods from members
- 4) delivering the food to the designated pantry

Please consider taking on this responsibility alone or with a friend. If you think this is something that you might do, please contact one of the community service directors. We do need your help.

LEADERSHIP POSITION

Ho! Ho! Ho! After many, many years chairing the Santa's House activity for BCCWC, Mary Schall has retired from that position. The club is grateful for the time Mary has spent organizing the club's participation in this awesome opportunity for children to visit Santa's House. This event is held at the De Pere Historical Society on the first weekend of December. In addition to providing decorated cookies, a few volunteers help on the day Santa's House is open at White Pillars Museum in De Pere. The duties of the chair or co-chairs include signing up volunteers. The sign-up is held in the fall.

If this interests you or you and a friend, please contact one of the community service co-directors.

Many thanks to Mary Schall for her time and commitment to children on behalf of our club.

Sherry Campbell (680-0778) sherrysuej@new.rr.com

Mary Jo Rod (499-3482) maryjorod1@gmail.com

Teresa Schroepfer (471-9442) taschroep@new.rr.com

Community Service Co-Directors

FOOD PANTRY DRIVE - April



On **April 21**, we will be in the De Pere Community Center parking lot from 10AM - noon collecting food and hygiene products for St. Mark Food Pantry on Lawrence Drive in De Pere. Currently, the pantry serves approximately 40 families or individuals per month. Clients are encouraged to make an appointment and can personally select items they need.

The pantry director mentioned that many of the clients are senior citizens or small families, so bulk items are not practical. Needed items include: *baking supplies, canned vegetables (except green beans and peas which they have plenty of), soup, tuna and beef stew, all varieties of pasta, rice and instant potatoes, cereal, breakfast bars and crackers.* Donations of *hygiene items, cleaning supplies and paper towels* are also much appreciated. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Lois Mauermann, Chair

CHEERY NOTES TO SENIORS

A round of applause to BCCWC members who wrote cards, donated cards or took our 6-packs of cards. It is because of your generous spirit that we are able to continue this worthwhile project. In March, we delivered 53 completed cards to the Odd Fellow Nursing Home, including 2 birthday cards.

For April, we are collecting cards for Grancare and our goal is 50 completed cards. You may drop them off on **April 21** from 10AM - noon in the parking lot at the De Pere Community Center.



*Kathy Heyroth & Rosie Jonas
braving the elements*

Ways to participate include: write 1 card or multiple cards that you purchase or have at home, decorate and write your own cards, donate your unused cards that can be used for a future month or collect and complete a "6 pack". A 6 pack is a prepackaged mix of 6 cards that you may pick up at our drop off site on **April 21**, complete the cards over the next month and return to us at our May collection. We will deliver the completed cards for distribution, so no postage is required.

Questions? Call:

Kathy Heyroth (615-8062) oheyrothkathy@gmail.com
Rosie Jonas (336-7057) RJONAS@new.rr.com, Co-Chairs

A SMILE BOUQUET

Thanks to everyone for all the donations. Many vases and ribbons were received. We will be creating small bouquets of flowers to distribute to individuals in nursing homes, hospice and assisted living to 'brighten their day'. Depending on how many flowers we receive from grocers and florists and when the flowers arrive, we plan on putting the bouquets together on Wednesday, **May 12** and Thursday, **May 13** from 10AM - noon at the shelter at Josten Park.



*Barb La Frombois, Judy
Trimberger, Sue Johnson, Co-Chairs*

Please contact one of the chairs if you are interested in being on the committee. The chairs will keep you updated on the exact date the bouquets will be assembled.

Sue Johnson (360-1730) smjohnson718@gmail.com
Barb La Frombois (465-8623) dblafrombois1@att.net
Judy Trimberger (499-9877) judytrimberger@yahoo.com, Co-Chairs

ONE STITCH AT A TIME

Daylight savings time has arrived along with spring. April showers will be next. May 19 is the next blanket collection date at the De Pere Community Center. We need any baby blankets, afghans (any size), single bed purchased blankets, knit, crocheted, tied, or whatever else you have. Our charities are very appreciative! Let the co-chairs know if you need help with drop offs.



Pat Hearden (432-5871) phearden@aol.com
Jean Allgeyer (639-2980) jmallgeyer@msn.com, Co-Chairs

WELLSPRING



Wellspring director accepting BCCWC March donations

Our March collection for the Wellspring guests was an enormous success! At least 30 containers of hygiene items and 8 cases of water were collected. The items were delivered to Wellspring at St. John's Homeless Shelter. The director sent the following message: "Big thanks to all who had a hand in this project! We so appreciate all your thought, dedication and hard work. These products will be of great service to our ladies."

Kathy DeBroux (660-7921) debrouxkathy@new.rr.com
Susan Regnier (499-8897) skr1176@hotmail.com, Co-Chairs

St. JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER MEALS

We are delivering our last meal of this season tonight, **April 1**, to the new location at the Bay Lake City Center. Thank you so much to all the wonderful, generous members who made and donated such delicious food to people who are in such need. So many of our members participate in this community service. Everyone is so generous and so helpful and readily made the transition to the new location on Adams Street. The Shelter is so appreciative of your abundant, wonderful food.



Our next season starts again in November, 2021. I will keep you informed about what changes, if any, will occur next fall. Until then, there are 2 ways you can continue to support the Shelter. Their staff is planning a robust summer program which will include bag lunches. If you are interested in dropping off any bag lunches this summer, you can contact the volunteer coordinator, Brooke Graham, at 920-436-9344, ext. 203, or by email at bgraham@sjehs.org.

Also, the 2 shelters (St. John's school and Bay Lake City Center) have a Wish List for needed items including certain clothing, food, cleaning supplies and special items. For information, please go to their website: www.stjohnhomelesshelter.org. Your continued generosity makes this program work. Thank you.

Mary Kay Paulson (920-632-7473 or 301-221-6327) mkpaulson@aol.com, Chair

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat staff recently picked up 3 quilts for new home dedications being held in March, April and June. This family was grateful for the quilt given to them.

Look for more details in the May newsletter about a meeting scheduled for Monday, **May 24**, at 9AM for this ongoing project or contact the co-chairs:



Mary Schrickel (609-4651) mary_habitat@hotmail.com
Gina Reinardy (664-6501) ginareinardy@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

KRESS LIBRARY GARDEN

Spring is in the air. The daffodils and tulips are starting to peek out. These are always positive signs that life continues and that sunnier days are ahead.



The Community Service Directors extend a warm welcome to the new Kress Garden chair, *Susan Johnson*. They continue to look for a co-chair. In the meantime, Mae Rohde and Carol De Grand will act as interim co-chairs.

A special thank you to all volunteers for your hard work in 2020. It was a challenging year but, because of your efforts, the gardens were as beautiful as ever. We look forward to May and the start of a wonderful 2021 Kress Library gardening season. Please mark your calendars for 8-10AM and save these dates:

- Wednesday, May 5 - Wake up the gardens
- Wednesday, May 26 - Planting (Rain date: May 27)
- Wednesday, June 23 - Trimming, watering, weeding
- Tuesday, July 20 - Trimming, watering, weeding
- Thursday, August 26 - Trimming, watering, weeding
- Wednesday, September 22 - Trimming, watering, weeding
- Tuesday, October 5 - Put gardens to bed (Rain date: October 7)

If you are a new member or an existing member who likes to garden, please join us. It's a great group and we would love to have you join us. Our BCCWC motto is so true.

"If everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot."

Please watch for more details in the May newsletter on what tools and equipment to bring and any COVID-19 updates and guidelines. At this point, please plan on wearing masks.

Susan Johnson (360-1730) smjohnson718@gmail.com, Chair

HSHS ST. VINCENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL'S CHILD LIFE DEPARTMENT



The Child Life Department of HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital received all of the goodies needed to fill Easter baskets for the children spending the Easter weekend in the hospital. The items, including baskets, were collected last year, but could not be delivered due to the pandemic. The Child Life staff were more than willing to fill the Easter baskets and utilize some of the trinkets and gift cards donated by the generous BCCWC members at the February Child Life collection. Their gratitude is heartwarming!

Many thanks to those who helped bring continued joy to these health-challenged children/teens!

Kathy Aicher (465-1600) kaicher@news.rr.com
Sue Vyse (562-3273) smvyse@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

HOUSE OF HOPE



Our monthly birthday party, with balloons and bubbles for a sweet 8-year-old girl and a precious 1-year-old boy, was celebrated on the third Wednesday of the month. Cake and ice cream were enjoyed by all the women and children at the shelter. Thank you to our gracious volunteer! If you can sign up for a month, please contact Kay Barlament. Thank you for your generous response!

Please note: House of Hope was headlined in the Green Bay Press-Gazette on Monday, March 29. It is an interesting read and update on their services. *WE contribute to their success!*

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Kay Barlament (920-660-7368) kay.barlament@gmail.com, Chair

FUNDRAISING

BCCWC GOLF OUTING - Mark Your Calendars!

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021 at MID VALLEE GOLF COURSE



We are planning on having our golf outing this year 👍👍 🤝🤝🤝🤝. Mid Vallee will work with us to make it safe. It will be a scramble format with a shotgun start at 9AM. This annual fundraiser is for golfers and non-golfers who want to play bridge or other games and then join the golfers for lunch. There will be more info along with the registration form in the May newsletter.

Terry Jeffers (606-2470) tjeffers138@att.net, Chair



BRAT FRY'S BELLEVUE FESTIVAL

Put **Saturday, July 31** and **Friday, August 20** on your calendars to attend the BCCWC Brat Fry at Festival Foods in Bellevue. Please contact Elizabeth Anderson (362-9183, eanders118@aol.com) to volunteer to help or for more information.



"SMILE" REMINDER

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 would like to remind you again 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 for some of your shopping during this time. We strongly

encourage you to start your shopping experience by logging onto www.smile.amazon.com. That's Amazon's program for donating to non-profit organizations. Whatever you order will not cost you any more than the regular Amazon price, but you can select the Brown County Community Women's Club as your donation recipient and a small percentage of what you are already spending will be donated to our club. 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 will be helping a lot. Think about what you ordered during the pandemic. The orders add up and result in a nice donation to the BCCWC. The first time you use Smile, please spell out our club name when you select your donation recipient (Brown County Community Women's Club) because it will not recognize BCCWC. Once you have it in your profile, the site will find it every time you use it.

BRIDGE MARATHONS



We are planning and very much looking forward to resuming all our bridge marathon groups (except Full Deck group) in September, 2021. One group (4th Tuesday Duplicate) will remain an "online group" and all others will be meeting once again in person!

Registration forms for the various groups can be found on the club website under "Fundraising" and "Bridge Marathons." Please watch closely, as the forms had to be separated into four different documents for the new season. If you registered for the bridge marathons in 2020-21, these forms will be emailed to you. **Registration deadline for the 2021-22 bridge season is MAY 1, 2021.** If you have not played in any of our groups and are interested in joining us, please contact Carol Simpson for more details and availability: 983-9550 or simpsoncj4310@gmail.com. The bridge marathons are an important fundraiser for the BCCWC and we appreciate your continued support!

Carol Simpson, Anne Gollnick & Gloria Jonet, Co-Chairs

FELLOWSHIP



Bonnie, Lynn and Sue are considering a cooking class at Season to Taste, a "make and take" at Swanstone Gardens and a field trip to a museum as possible spring or early summer activities. In addition, they are looking at a possible bus trip to Fireside or to the Milwaukee area in the fall. It all depends on numbers. In the meantime, enjoy any April showers as they bring May flowers.

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Fellowship Co-Directors

COMMUNICATIONS

BCCWC PHOTO DIRECTORY

Isn't it frustrating when you recognize a name or a face, but can't put the two together? We can help. We are creating a picture directory of BCCWC members for 2021-22, which will be available for a small price, if you are interested.



We have captured many of your "portraits" from pictures that exist from prior club events. However, if you have a particular picture that you would like used in that directory, please e-mail it to Leanne Snell (lsnell2@new.rr.com). If you only have it in a print version, mail that print to Nancy Daniels, 1359 Lindale La., Green Bay 54313. *You may not get that picture back, so make sure it's a duplicate copy.*

We're looking forward to getting your pictures soon.

Nancy Daniels, Lizz Jayne, Chris Rosera
Communication Co-Directors

Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

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