



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

December 2021

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY

The secretary for the BCCWC records the minutes of board meetings and the annual membership meeting in May. She sends an email to all Board members before the monthly board meeting and collects the monthly reports from each committee. This is known as a consent agenda and is used to develop the agenda for the coming Board meeting. Should there be a need for the Executive Board to meet, the secretary will take those minutes and distribute to Executive Board members. The secretary sends an agenda and relevant documents to each member before the monthly meeting. Within a week, the secretary will send the minutes to each Board member. She keeps both a printed and a digital copy of the minutes. This is a one-year position, but I have held this position for 4 years.

The BCCWC will be looking for a new secretary for next year. I am proud to be a member of such a worthy club. Blessings to all of you for good health and safety.



Happy Holidays



Cathy Green, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP



With the addition of 1 new member this past month, our membership is at 252. Please welcome Virginia Arendt to BCCWC. We hope you had a very Happy Thanksgiving and are looking forward to celebrating a Merry Christmas with loved ones.

A membership application form can be found on our website, www.bccwc.org if you know someone who would like to renew or join.

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Membership Co-Directors

MEETINGS REMINDER

BCCWC Holiday Luncheon and meeting:

Wednesday, **December 15** Tundra Lodge, 865 Lombardi Ave., Green Bay
11AM Social 12 Noon Lunch 1PM Entertainment 1:30PM Meeting

The John Kelley Trio will entertain us with their special style of seasonal music.

Reservations due by **December 1**.



Looking ahead...**January 19, 2022** meeting

Our speaker will be Zachary Hahn (husband of member Pearl Hahn). Zachary worked in the Peace Corps for many years and will give a presentation about the history of the Peace Corps.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION ~ SALVATION ARMY



BCCWC will be assisting parents with selecting Christmas presents for their children on **December 17, 20 and 21**. The location is Bayside Marketplace, 2763 S.

Oneida (next to Fresh Thyme). Please sign up for this fun and rewarding volunteer opportunity by going online at <http://bttr.im/jmgu6or>. If you are having trouble signing up online, call Renee Main, volunteer coordinator, at 593-2375 (office) or 609-6407 (cell). Thank you.

Sue Goltz (406-2605) sgoltz50@gmail.com,

Ann Baiertl (660-1804) abaiertl@new.rr.com, Co-Chairs

WELLSPRING - DECEMBER



The collection for Wellspring guests on November 17 was a huge success! Generous BCCWC members donated 52 bags of warm clothing, including hats, mittens, jackets, boots, and scarves. In addition, a total of \$60 was collected. The Wellspring collection also included a significant number of handmade items from our talented members and a large number of beautiful hand-knitted items from the knitting group at Bethany Methodist Church. The Wellspring guests and staff were excited about the large donation and were so appreciative. Our heartfelt thanks to all the members who contributed!

Kathy DeBroux and Susan Regnier deliver bags of warm clothing to the guests and staff at Wellspring

Kathy DeBroux (660-7921) kmdebroux@gmail.com,

Susan Regnier (499-8897) skr1176@hotmail.com, Co-Chairs

CHEERY NOTES TO SENIORS

Help bring holiday cheer to the residents of Woodside Nursing Home by writing Christmas cards. Use your own cards or pick up blank cards from one of the chairs. Completed cards will be collected at the **December 15** luncheon and delivered to the nursing home before Christmas. The goal is a minimum of 100 cards.



"Six packs" will be available at the December meeting for 2022 distribution. Questions? Call Kathy or Rosie.

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

Child Life Department staff were overjoyed with the 31 Halloween Bags that were assembled to be distributed to the hospitalized children at Halloween. Many thanks to the ladies that helped with the assembling. It was a fun and productive afternoon!



Please visit the Child Life table at the Christmas luncheon; there's still time to sign up for the Valentine's and Easter projects! And, as always, there will be the ongoing collection of character band aids, books, bears and stuffed animals.

A new project coming around Valentine's Day will be tying fleece blankets for the children. No experience is necessary. Jo Ann's gift cards are needed to help with the purchase of the fleece fabric. If you would prefer to tie your own blanket rather than tie with the group, please contact us for details.

Happy Holidays!

Kathy Aicher (465-1600) kaicher@news.rr.com,
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CHRISTMAS FAMILY GIVING TREE PROJECT



Our committee would like to thank all the members who took tags for gifts and for gift card donations. We sponsored 4 families from the Ashwaubenon School District - 11 children. Each child received 3 needs and 3 wants. The presents were returned in such a timely manner and each one was beautifully wrapped. Gift cards were purchased from Walmart, Festival Foods and several gas stations. These will be given to families in Ashwaubenon and distributed by the social worker from Valley View Elementary. You have made a difference in their lives. Happy Holidays!

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BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Munoz family rented an old, insecure, cramped and expensive duplex for many years. Amy Munoz expressed their appreciation for their new Habitat for Humanity home as follows: "We have been very blessed and extremely grateful to have been given this opportunity to work hard and have our dream come true and finally have our forever home." Anyone interested in being part of this satisfying project, please contact the co-chairs:

Mary Schrickel (609-4651) mary_habitat@hotmail.com,
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ONE STITCH AT A TIME

Relaxing between holidays is important so, pick up those blanket projects and get to work. Our charities are always in need of blankets of any kind. We encourage knit or crocheted projects but store-bought blankets are acceptable also. The next collection is in May. Call Jean or Pat if you need yarn or have any questions. Thank you in advance for your help.



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Pat Hearnden (432-5871 or 217-3824) phearden@aol.com, Co-Chairs

ST. PATRICK'S FOOD PANTRY

The St. Patrick's Food Pantry volunteers loved the birthday bags donated by BCCWC! The bags are for children age 2-10 and contain cake mix, frosting, candies and an age-appropriate small toy. A variety store is a great place to find bags and the things needed to fill them. Parents deeply appreciate being able to provide this special surprise on their child's birthday. St. Patrick's Food Pantry is the only pantry in town that provides these birthday bags.

All food donations are welcome, but they are especially in need of:

- *Coffee (11-15 oz), powdered drink mixes (Tang, fruit punch, Crystal Lite, Kool-Aid, etc.)
- *Creamed soups, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce/paste, stewed and canned diced tomatoes
- *White rice (instant or bags), flour, sugar (white or brown), cooking oil (vegetable or canola)
- *Peanut butter, peanuts (cocktail, dry roasted), kid's snacks (Goldfish, fruit roll-ups, etc.), microwave popcorn, cans of Pringles, cookies, cake mixes, frosting

Cathy Cartwright's vehicle will be parked in the De Pere Community Center parking lot on Wednesday, **January 19** from 10AM-noon to accept donations.

We are looking for someone to co-chair this food pantry collection. If you are interested in helping, please contact Cathy Cartwright or one of the Community Service Co-Directors. Thank you in advance!

Cathy Cartwright (613-6227) Rcartwright@new.rr.com, Chair

ST. JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER - MEALS



We are serving a meal at St. John's Homeless Shelter on Thursday, **December 2**. Thank you to all the wonderful ladies who signed up to take food to the shelter. We have all that we need for the December meal. Please deliver your food between 5:15-5:30PM. Contact the chairperson if you have any questions.

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

FORT HOWARD APARTMENTS SENIOR BAG LUNCHES

November 4 was a yummy day for the residents of Fort Howard Apartments. Due to the efforts of 17 BCCWC volunteers, 51 seniors took part in the lunches offered to them. Residents had the option of choosing from a bounty of fresh fruits, fruit cups, sandwiches, a variety of chips, bars and cookies which most took back to their apartments for lunch. Others ate together in the dining room.



Each and every resident thanked BCCWC volunteers profusely. One of the ladies even shared how absolutely thrilled she was last fall to open the blessing bag where she found very-much-needed items as well as special treats. She said, "You girls are so good to us." Many thanks to all members who provided their time and talents to offer this great lunch to these residents. Please stay tuned for plans for the spring activity.

Carol Anderson (499-4906) carolbruceanderson@gmail.com,
Sherry Campbell (680-0778) sherrysuej@new.rr.com, Co-Chairs

HOUSE OF HOPE

Thanks to the generosity of our November volunteer, an 11-year-old boy and a mom enjoyed cake, ice cream, candles, banners, balloons, cards and gifts. Thank you for making this a celebration for the 38 residents! Heartwarming also is the report from our volunteer who summarized her visit: "2 of my grandchildren and I enjoyed bringing this November celebration. I love doing this and am glad that I can reinforce the importance of giving to those in need." Thanks, Grandma, for teaching that wonderful life lesson to your Grands! Thank you to all the generous volunteers who make a positive statement every month. You DO make a difference in the life of a child!



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

COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAT

Fall has been very busy for BCCWC Community Service activities! Fourteen projects will be completed by year's end. This is due to the generosity of members who so generously share their time, talents and skills with the community. Thank you, all. Please remember to record your hours spent shopping, planning, communicating and volunteering. The Community Service directors appreciate you and any additional suggestions members have.

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FUNDRAISING



Are you finished with your holiday shopping yet? Just a reminder that if you shop online at Amazon, please use www.smile.amazon.com to start each shopping experience. That is Amazon's program to give back to charities. For each order that you place using smile.amazon, a small percentage of the sale will be returned to BCCWC. So far this year, BCCWC has earned \$32, just by a few of our members using this program. Every little bit helps our fundraising. It doesn't cost you any more to use this site. If you instead use www.amazon.com, all of the profit goes to Jeff Bezos rather than to BCCWC. What have you got to lose?

The first time you use the site, you'll have to pick out a charity which will benefit from your orders. Look for Brown County Community Women's Club, Inc. After the first time, it's automatic. How easy is that? If you have questions, just let us know.

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Bonnie Christensen (366-6773) bjcingb05@gmail.com, Fundraising Co-Directors

MAH JONGG FUNDRAISER

We have a new fundraiser: Mah Jongg cards. Mah Jongg players buy a new card each year. Buy your 2022 Mah Jongg card through our new fundraiser and benefit BCCWC. Cards are \$9, large-print cards are \$10. BCCWC will receive \$1.75 for each card ordered. The card will be mailed to your home and you will also receive the National Mah Jongg League annual newsletter. The form for ordering the cards is available on the BCCWC.org website under the Fundraising tab or you may call/email Betty Jensen. The deadline for orders is **January 19, 2022**. Ask your Mah Jongg friends to buy their cards through BCCWC as well.



Registration form:

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769048402/mah+jongg+registration+form+Betty+Jensen.pdf>

Betty Jensen (770-6642) bettyjensen48@gmail.com, Chair

PACKER HOUSE PARTY



A big THANK YOU to all who participated in the Packer House Party fundraiser. It was a big success with profits of over \$5,000.00! The only downside of the day was a Packer loss. However, that was overcome by great food and drink and exceptional desserts! 57 guests enjoyed watching the game at a fabulous Packer House with lots of cheering, laughs and just a lot of fun!!! This is the second time BCCWC was awarded an opportunity to use the Endries Home overlooking the Lambeau Field Atrium for a fundraising event, for which we are very grateful. Needless to say, a good time was had by all!

Committee members Carol Jensen, Judy Benkowski, Helene Rosner, Chris Carlotto, Bonnie Gould, Dianne Froelich, Sue Protzman and Marianne Olson show off the fabulous array of desserts created for the Packer House Party.

Judy Benkowski and Helene Rosner, Co-Chairs

FELLOWSHIP

There are a few activities coming up in December and January. Planning is happening for February through spring. Stay tuned! Enjoy the holiday season!!

Upcoming Outings:

Holiday Memories of Downtown at the Neville Public Museum

Let's take a trip down memory lane as we relive Christmases past by viewing the Prange's windows of days gone by. We have 18 members signed up. Join us!

- **Wednesday, December 1**
- Guided tour at 10AM with time to explore the museum. Lunch to follow at The Depot Gastropub at 11:30AM. The museum is free to Brown County residents on the first Wednesday of the month.

Theater Trip: Assisted Living: The Home...for the holidays



There are 18 BCCWC members attending!

Through J & J Travelers at a new venue: Memories Theater in Port Washington

- **Saturday, December 11**
- Cost: \$91 (includes meal, transportation, show, driver tip)

Cooking Class: Cooking with Spices and Herbs (11 are signed up so far; max of 17)

- **January 18, 6-7:30PM**
- \$20
- A Season to Taste 2300 Lineville Rd, Suite 107, Suamico

- Contact Lynn Arnesen to sign up or sign up at the December meeting. Make check payable to Season to Taste

Check your calendar for 2022! Details and other events will be announced as they are finalized. Any more ideas? Let us know!!

- **Shopping trip** to Lake Mills outlet mall?
- **Board & Brush** on Broadway
- **The Ultimate Closet**, the Village Grille---TBD (March or April)
- **Backstage at the Meyer Tour**: April or May, date & time TBD
- **Swanstone Gardens Class**: April or May, date & time TBD

Standing Activities:

- The **Book Club**, led by Meg Deem, meets monthly. See below.
- **Wednesday Mah Jongg** is held at the Ashwaubenon Community Center on Anderson Drive. Several members have been playing there over the spring and summer. The site is easily accessible with plenty of parking. Games are played between 1-3:30PM in the lobby area of the building. Betty Jensen will continue to be the contact for this. If you are interested in playing on any Wednesday, text Betty at 770-6642 to be included in the group reminder text.
- If anyone is interested in a Mah Jongg refresh or lessons, email Sue Sinclair and we will set something up on a Wednesday at the Ashwaubenon Community Center.

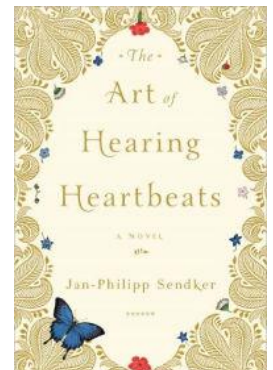
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BOOK CLUB

December is a great month to join the BCCWC Book Club! We start with our Holiday Luncheon on Monday, **December 6**, at the Village Grille (801 Hoffman Rd.) at 11:30AM. It will be a wonderful chance to share a nice lunch, some holiday cheer and gratitude for being back together. We will then meet back at the Kress Library at 1PM for our regular book discussion of Jan-Philipp Sendker's novel *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats*. **Please email or text me by Wednesday, December 1**, if you plan to join us for lunch.



Book Summary:

When Julia Win's father disappears one day, her family is shocked and confused. That is, until they find a love letter he'd written many years ago to a woman in Burma. Intent on solving the mystery and piecing together her father's mysterious past, Julia decides to put her own budding legal career on hold to travel to the small mountain village of Kalaw. There,

she is approached by a man who claims to know her father and who also seems to have an uncanny knowledge of Julia herself. She meets with him every afternoon and listens to incredible tales of her father's youth: his childhood blindness, his education at a monastery and, most of all, his romantic relationship with a local girl. What Julia uncovers is a tale of unimaginable hardship, resilience and passion that will forever change her own life.

If December doesn't work in your schedule, you can plan ahead for the **January 3** meeting when we will be discussing *The Book of Joy (Lasting Happiness in a Changing World)* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Facilitators are needed for the upcoming meetings.

February 7, 2022 *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks
March 7, 2022 *As Bright As Heaven* by Susan Meissner
April 4, 2022 *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

If you are interested, please contact:

Meg Deem (288-9922) mmdeem0135@gmail.com, Chair

COMMUNICATIONS

PHOTO DIRECTORY

The photo directories have been ordered and will be available at the Christmas luncheon. If you ordered a directory and are going to the luncheon, you don't need to make any further arrangements. We'll have a list of all attendees and will bring your book.



If you're not going to the luncheon, but have asked a friend to pick up your directory, you must let us know beforehand: we will have your directory there. If neither of those options works, we can make other arrangements.

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Included with this newsletter is the list of new members and changes to the contact information for existing members since the directory was printed. If you get your newsletter by e-mail, the list is attached to the e-mail. If you get this newsletter by postal mail service, the printed list is included. Please attach this list to your directory. There is room to tape it in on p. 23.

Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

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