

BCCWC

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

January 2022

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



After last year's hiatus from normal social activities, 135 members and guests gathered for a festive time on December 15 at the Tundra Lodge for the BCCWC annual holiday luncheon. Beautiful decorations, a lovely meal and a great show by The John Kelley Trio provided a warm welcome to the holiday season. It was wonderful to spend time with friends and spread some holiday cheer. Now it's time to bring on 2022! Wishing all of us a happy and healthy new year, and, hopefully, a return to "normal" life.



Committee members Sue Johnson, Pat Syring and Elaine Klopstein welcomed members and guests at the registration table.

As always, The John Kelley Trio thrilled the audience with their powerful renditions of both contemporary and holiday music.

MEMBERSHIP



Please welcome 2 new members. Carole Stoychoff and Marlene Haering joined BCCWC in December 2021. This brings our total membership to 254.

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

The **January 19** meeting will be at the De Pere Community Center, 600 Grant Street in De Pere.

Social: 12:15 PM

Program: 1 PM

Meeting: 1:30 PM

Our speaker this month is Zachary Hahn. Zachary spent his career working in the Peace Corps. He will tell us about his career and give us a history of the Peace Corps. Snacks will be served by our January Social Committee.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Happy New Year everyone. Out with the old, in with a new, brighter and optimistic 2022!

As we put December behind us, we would like to recognize one of our Community Awards recipients which has done so much to make the holidays a special time for the youth of our community. The Shop with A Cop program received a \$1,000 community service award from BCCWC for their outstanding work.

Shop with a Cop is an annual event that involves elementary students and law enforcement agencies throughout Brown County. Elementary students, nominated by their school counselors or social workers, are selected to join a police officer for breakfast, shopping and gift wrapping on a Saturday morning in December. The focus is to give kids the opportunity to shop for gifts for their families, something they may not otherwise be able to do, while building a relationship with a police officer.

BCCWC also gave a \$1,000 community service award to the Crime Stoppers organization. The Green Bay Area Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization operated by a volunteer board of directors. They encourage the reporting of information or leads which may help law enforcement in solving crimes.

Hats off to our men and women in blue! They often are not given the support and gratitude that they so greatly deserve. Many blessings in 2022 to them and their families for all the sacrifices they make to serve and protect our communities.

Stay warm and keep safe.

Carol De Grand (680-5470) cjdegrand@gmail.com

CHEERY NOTES TO SENIORS

Due to the tremendous response from the BCCWC membership, 157 Christmas cards were delivered to residents of both Woodside Nursing Home & Grancare! Completed cards for distribution in January and February will be collected at the **January 19** membership meeting. Use your own cards or pick up blank cards from one of the chairs.



"Six packs" will be available at the January meeting for distribution to nursing home residents in 2022. Questions? Call Kathy or Rosie.

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Rosie Jonas (336-7057) rjonas@new.rr.com, Co-Chairs

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

The Child Life Department received 20 beautifully decorated Christmas trees for the rooms of children who are in-patients over the holidays. The staff was overjoyed and most grateful to receive them. Many thanks to our "elves", Thrivent and other donations that made this possible.



We will be tying fleece blankets for the children for a Valentine's project on Tuesday, **February 8**, at the Bellevue Community Center (1811 Allouez Ave.). Sign up at the **January 19** meeting to join the fun. No experience or sewing required. JoAnn's gift cards are needed to help with the purchase of the fleece fabric. Gift cards of any amount would be appreciated at the January meeting.

Character, latex-free band-aids, and new bears/stuffed animals are always accepted as the need is great. Thank you for your continued support of Child Life projects and happy, healthy 2022 to all!

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

ONE STITCH AT A TIME



Thank you all for your extreme generosity in 2021. 181 blankets and numerous scarves, shawls, hats, mittens and baby sweaters were donated. It is so greatly appreciated.

Next collection: **May 2022**.

Happy New Year to all!

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BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Thirty-nine quilts have been presented to new Habitat homeowners since February 2016. Nine more are waiting at the Habitat for Humanity office for upcoming dedications in 2022. Quilters are so gratefully appreciated for contributing their time and talent to this project.

If you are a quilter and would like to join our group, please contact:

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

FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION

The St. Patrick's Food Pantry volunteers loved the birthday bags donated by BCCWC! The bags are for children ages 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, Linda Shores and Nancy Cohen will be parked in the De Pere Community Center parking lot on Wednesday, **January 19** from 10AM-noon to accept donations. Thank you in advance for your contributions!

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

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES - ST JOHN'S HOMELESS SHELTER



We will be serving a meal at St. John's Homeless Shelter on St. John Street on Thursday, **January 6**. Thank you to the generous ladies who have already signed up. We still have a few needs:

- 1 LARGE HOT VEGETABLE DISH
- 4 LOAVES, 2 people, 2 loaves each, of GARLIC BREAD (cooked, sliced, wrapped in foil)
- 2 LARGE PANS OF SUGARLESS JELLO WITH FRUIT

Please deliver food to the shelter between 5:15-5:30PM. *If you deliver your food early, please label it and mark it BCCWC.* Thank you so much. The guests and staff always look forward to our delicious meal. If you have any questions, contact:

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

HOUSE OF HOPE

A Christmas trimmed cake and Happy Birthday decorations were a double celebration for 2 moms at House of Hope in December. The residents always look forward to our generous donation but especially at a holiday. Thanks to the kindness of our volunteer, Christmas cheer came a few weeks early! If interested in this monthly project, please contact Kay.



BCCWC members generously sponsor an annual collection of "needs" for the women and children at the shelter. On Wednesday, **February 16**, we will again collect items at the De Pere Senior Center parking lot prior to our meeting (10AM-noon). The following are suggested donations:

- laundry detergent
- crib sheets, twin size sheets
- diapers, diaper cream, any children hygiene items, pull-ups (all sizes)
- razors

Thank you in advance for your kindness. Looking forward to loading up our car for a good cause! Questions? Contact:

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

FUNDRAISING



Please continue to use www.smile.amazon.com when you order from Amazon. It won't cost you any more and it will generate funds for the BCCWC. Think of how often you (or your children) use Amazon. No one purchase will add a lot, but the combination of all of us will make a significant difference. Easy to use and a wonderful way to financially support BCCWC.

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DONATE A BUCK, GET A BOOK



New Year

New Books

Bring them to the **January 19** meeting. Members will be thrilled to see new titles. New BOOKS are needed to get us through the upcoming winter. *At the end of the meeting, please remember to check the book table and take home any of your books that did not sell.*

Leah Dumke (499-2308) leahdumke@gmail.com, Chair

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. At this time, we have orders for 80 cards. That's \$140 dollars for BCCWC!



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

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

FELLOWSHIP

It was wonderful to have so many members participate in the activities that took place in the fall and early winter. Planning for "second semester" is underway. Stay tuned! We hope to finalize events and dates within the month.



Upcoming Outings

Cooking Class: Cooking with Spices and Herbs (Class is full)

- **January 18, 6-7:30PM**
- \$20
- A Season to Taste, 2300 Lineville Rd, Suite 107, Suamico
- Contact Lynn Arnesen if interested in being put on a waiting list in case of cancelations

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 Johnson Creek outlet mall? IKEA, Bay Shore 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
- Crafting Class: create a Fairy Wand for your garden or planter
- Spring class at Mayflower Greenhouse or Ivy Trails

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 past year. 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 to set something up on a Wednesday at the Ashwaubenon Community Center.

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Fellowship Co-Directors

BOOK CLUB

It's not too early to start thinking about New Year's Resolutions! Plan to read 1 book a month and join in the BCCWC's Book Club. This is a wonderful chance to read, think, share and enjoy learning from one another. We will be meeting at the Kress Library at 1PM on **January 3** for a discussion of *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by Dalai Lama XIV and Desmond Tutu with Douglas Carlton Abrams as translator.



Book Summary: Two great spiritual masters share their own hard-won wisdom about living with joy even in the face of adversity. The occasion was a big birthday. And it inspired 2 close friends to get together to talk about something very important to them. The friends were His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the recently late Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The subject was joy. Both winners of the Nobel Prize, both great spiritual masters and moral leaders of our time, they were especially known for being among the most infectiously happy people on the planet. From the beginning, the book was envisioned as a 3-layer birthday cake: their own stories and teachings about joy, the most recent findings in the science of deep happiness and the daily practices that anchored their own emotional and spiritual lives. Both men had been tested by great personal and national adversity and here they share their personal stories of struggle and renewal. Written when the two men were in their 80s, they especially wanted to spread the core message that to have joy yourself, you must bring joy to others. Most of all, during that landmark week in Dharamsala, they demonstrated by their own exuberance, compassion and humor how joy can be transformed from a fleeting emotion into an enduring way of life.

If you want to get a head start on making sure you meet your resolution in 2022, you can plan ahead for the **February 7** meeting where we will be discussing *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks.

If you have any questions about the BCCWC Book Club, contact Meg who would love to talk you into joining the group!

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

COMMUNICATIONS

PHOTO DIRECTORY

Adding to the festivities of the December luncheon, the photo directories were distributed to those luncheon attendees who had ordered one. If you didn't get your book at that time, you should have received an email from Nancy Daniels with options on how to get your book. In case you missed that email, here are some options:

- You can pick up your book when you play bridge in January.
- You can pick up your book at the **January 19** general meeting at De Pere Community Center.
- You can ask a friend to pick up your book for you at one of those times.
- If none of those options works for you, call or text Nancy at 471-6689 to make arrangements to get your book. She will be gone beginning February 1 so, please make those arrangements now.



A few extra books were ordered and are for sale for \$23. Several were sold at the luncheon. Currently there are only 4 of the extra books available so, call Nancy as soon as possible if you would like to purchase one.

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Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

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