



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

February 2022

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

An organization as large and philanthropic as the BCCWC needs a treasurer to keep track of everything and make sure that the club is following non-profit regulations. The Treasurer of BCCWC serves on the Executive Board and is a member of the finance committee. She maintains all financial and banking records for the club. The Treasurer sends financial reports to the BCCWC Board of Directors monthly and at fiscal year-end. The Treasurer files yearly required reporting to the state and works with an accounting firm to file both federal and state taxes. It is necessary for the Treasurer to stay on top of all information required by the federal and state governments to enable her to guide the Board on decisions that may affect BCCWC's non-profit status.



The Treasurer position does not have term limits, consequently I have been the Treasurer for 9 years.

Judy Niesing, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP



Our membership is now at 257. Please welcome 3 new members who have joined in January: *Mary Mellinger, Mary Jo Piskor and Therese Morrissey.*

There is a link to the membership form on the home page of our website. If you know someone who would like to join and she has difficulty printing the form, have her send in her written information along with her check to **Dianne Froelich, 3466 Peppergrass Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311.**

Our 2022-23 membership campaign officially starts March 1, 2022 and will continue to June 1, 2022. That membership form will be available on the website starting March 1.

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

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Dianne Froelich (621-3357) joedianne3261@new.rr.com,
Membership Co-Directors

MEETINGS REMINDER

The **February 16** 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 Brian Nelsen, the executive director of Mediation Center of Greater Green Bay. This organization serves as a primary resource for facilitating conflict resolution in our community. Snacks will be served by our February Social Committee.

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Program/Social Co-Directors

COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

February greetings to all of you with hopes that you are all staying warm in these frigid temperatures. The good news is winter seems to be at least half over and we can start looking forward to Valentine's Day and then spring.

One of our BCCWC 2020-21 Community Awards was for \$1000, given to the Greater Green Bay Mediation Center, a local area non-profit organization.

The Mediation Center of Greater Green Bay was established in 1998 as a community initiative by the League of Women Voters. The Center strives to serve as a primary community resource for facilitating conflict resolution by using more than 40 professionally-trained volunteer mediators. They provide the necessary tools to peacefully and effectively resolve disputes in an affordable manner.

To learn more about this very worthwhile organization, plan on attending the **February 16** meeting at the De Pere Community Center. The featured guest speaker will be Brian Nelsen, Director of the Greater Green Bay Mediation Center.

A reminder to our members that we will soon be accepting your applications for consideration for a 2021-22 Community Service Award.

Since its inception 2008, the BCCWC has donated more than \$436,000 in Community Awards, all of it staying here in Brown County. Community Awards are determined annually at the end of the fiscal year. Applications must be submitted by a current BCCWC member and received by **May 31**. More details will be coming in the March and April newsletters.

Thank you to our members who help make these Community Awards possible each year. Your participation and generous support of our fundraisers is greatly appreciated and does make a difference.



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

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES - WELLSRING - MARCH COLLECTION



Our final Wellspring collection will be **March 16**, before the monthly meeting, in the parking lot at the De Pere Community Center.

The Wellspring guests are in need of the following items as they prepare for spring/summer: athletic shorts, sports bras, underwear, light jackets/spring coats (all in sizes small - 3X), flip flops/sandals, good tennis shoes for walking (all women's adult sizes), low-cut socks, rain ponchos, umbrellas, chapstick, sunscreen, bug spray, bottled water and backpacks.

The Wellspring staff and guests appreciate our members' continued generosity. Thank you for giving! Please look for another reminder about the collection in the March newsletter.

Kathy DeBroux (660-7921) kmdebroux@gmail.com,
Susan Regnier (499-8897) skr1176@hotmail.com, Co-Chairs

CHEERY NOTES TO SENIORS

Green Bay Health Services received 63 completed Cheery Notes to distribute to their residents shortly after the January BCCWC membership meeting. Since this project began in February 2021, the BCCWC membership has put a smile on the faces of 596 nursing home residents! Completed cards for distribution in March and April will be collected at the **February 16** meeting. Use your own cards or pick up blank cards from one of the chairs.



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

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

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

There is still time to join the fun of tying fleece blankets for the children at St. Vincent Children's Hospital. We will be gathering Tuesday, **February 8** at the Bellevue Community Center (1811 Allouez Avenue—near Target East) from 9AM-3PM. Come anytime during those hours and enjoy the pleasure of helping these children. No experience is necessary and all blanket material is provided. However, please bring a sharp scissors with your name or initials, if possible. Feel free to bring a snack if you expect to be there over the lunch hour. We are grateful for your support and look forward to seeing you! Any questions, please contact Kathy or Sue.



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

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Construct a lap-sized quilt for a Habitat family taking possession of a new home. All that is required is that the quilt top or back contains a house pattern or material containing pictures of houses. The quilter makes the top and supplies the backing. Lynn Konitzer of the NWTC Artisan Center machine quilts each quilt made for Habitat for Humanity at no cost. Batting is supplied. Although no dedications are currently scheduled, 9 families will be entitled to a new home in 2022. Thanks to our industrious quilters, 7 quilts are already at the Habitat for Humanity.



These are all quilts that have been used in past dedications.

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FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION



The January collection for St. Patrick's Food Pantry was a great success! 50 grocery bags and 13 birthday gift bags were collected. The gift bags were beautiful. A heartfelt thank you to all BCCWC members who donated so generously toward making the St. Patrick's users' lives a little better. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

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



We serve our next meal at St. John's Homeless Shelter on Thursday, **February 3**. Because of the extra generosity of our wonderful members, at this time we have sign-ups for all the food and servers we need. Thank you so very much. Please deliver your food to the shelter between 5:10-5:30PM. If you deliver your food early, please mark it for BCCWC. Presently, over 125 people are served each time and everyone at St. John's is grateful for your delicious meal. If you have any questions, contact:

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

HOUSE OF HOPE

Load up your shopping carts, generous members, because House of Hope needs us! Our annual collection will be Wednesday, **February 16**, at the De Pere Senior Center 10AM-noon. The following are items on their wish list:

- diapers, diaper cream, pull-ups (all sizes)
- crib sheets, twin-size sheets
- laundry detergents
- razors



Thank you in advance for your kindness in supporting moms and children in the shelter!
Questions? Contact:

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

FUNDRAISING



Please remember 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. It's easy to use and a wonderful way to financially support BCCWC.

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Lynette Van Den Heuvel (264-2480) nettiamayou@me.com,
Bonnie Christensen (366-6773) bjcingb05@gmail.com, Fundraising Co-Directors

SPRING CARD & GAME DAY FUNDRAISER - Wednesday, **APRIL 27**



Mark your calendars now for the annual spring Card & Game Day Party. There will be lots of prizes and lots of fun in a festive atmosphere at Thornberry Creek. Registration starts at 10AM and lunch will be served promptly at 11AM. There is ample parking at Thornberry, and there will be a shuttle service (golf carts or cars, depending on the weather).

You can play bridge, cribbage, hand and foot, Mah Jongg or whatever your little heart desires! The cost is \$40 with \$15 going to BCCWC fundraising. Get your friends together and sign up soon. The registration form is on the website or click this link.

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769091603/2022+Spring+CdGm+Day+flyer.pdf>

We hope you will be there. This is a fun event, and a fabulous fundraiser for BCCWC.

Sue Protzman (217-3014) protz511@new.rr.com, Chair

BRIDGE MARATHONS



- We are past the half-way mark of the 2021-22 bridge marathon season and it is now time to sign up for the 2022-23 bridge groups. The registration form can be found on the BCCWC website under Fundraising/Bridge Marathons. This is an important fundraiser for the club. Last season, more than \$4,000 was contributed into the Community Award fund.
- If you are new to BCCWC and would like more information about our bridge groups, please contact Carol Simpson. We are always looking for subs in all groups. If you are interested in being in a group, and/or on a wait list or sub list for any group, please contact Carol asap.
- Be sure to *save the date* for our Annual Bridge Marathon Banquet to be held on Wednesday, **May 11**, at the Green Bay Country Club. Watch for banquet details and reservation form in March.
- Thanks to everyone for supporting this important BCCWC fundraiser!

Carol Simpson simpsoncj4310@gmail.com,

Anne Gollnick agollnick41@gmail.com,

Gloria Jonet gloriajonet@yahoo.com, Co-Chairs

DONATE A BUCK, GET A BOOK



Please continue to save your books and bring them to the **February 16** meeting. New titles and a variety of books are always welcome! Check out all the interesting choices available and get a book for a buck donation. It's a great way of recycling and benefiting our club. Interesting new titles will make winter fly by!

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

FELLOWSHIP

Fairy wands, personalized door mats, a rescheduled cooking class, margaritas and a pawn shop are on tap for the spring. Read on for the lineup for these activities. We may be adding a trip or a theater event, too, as plans evolve.

Upcoming Events:

Fairy Wands: Create a bejeweled stake for a favorite potted plant or for your garden. They make great gifts! Pre-order a kit for 1 or more and we'll create them after enjoying lunch at the restaurant. It's very easy! Sorting the beads takes the most time.



- Wednesday, **March 23**, 11:30AM-1:30PM
- \$9 for a small stake kit (perfect for indoors) approximately 11-12 inches or \$12 for a 16-inch stake kit, which will look great either indoors or outdoors.
- Bay Family Restaurant, Military Avenue & 9th St. (back room by motel entrance)
- Contact Sue Sinclair to register and pay or sign up and pay at a meeting. Checks can be made payable to Susan Sinclair and sent to 728 Derby Lane, GB 54301. The final kit order will be placed **March 16**.
 - 10 have signed up, maximum 15

Board & Brush Class: Create a personalized door mat to welcome family and friends to your door



- Friday, **April 8**, 1-3PM
- \$40
- 235 N. Broadway (near the corner of Broadway & Dousman)
- Beer and wine available for purchase. Can bring in snacks.
- Use link to sign up and pay. See the many styles you can make.

<https://boardandbrush.com/greenbay/events/bonnie-lemense-diy-door-mat-workshop-235-04-08-2022-1pm-3pm/> Access code is 2222

- Minimum 8, maximum 18
- Contact Bonnie LeMense with questions

Cooking Class: Cooking with Spices and Herbs (Rescheduled from January)

- **April 18**, 6-7:30PM
- \$20
- A Season to Taste at 2300 Lineville Road, Suite 107, Suamico
- Maximum: 16
- Contact Lynn Arnesen to sign up

"\$\$ and Margaritas on Mason Street"

We will first visit Fast N Easy Pawn on East Mason Street to see their wares and to learn about the process of selling to a pawn shop. We then travel to American Antiques and Jewelry on West Mason Street for Ladies Night to see what they have to offer and to learn about their business. There will be drawings and appetizers there. After all this fun, we will go to Los Banditos for a margarita and dinner.

- Tuesday, **May 10**. Meet at 2PM at Fast N Easy Pawn, 1742 E. Mason St.
- Bring something to be appraised or to sell, if you'd like (nothing too large). Can compare appraisals after visiting both places.
- Nine members have signed up. You can register at the meetings or by contacting Sue Sinclair.

Standing Activities:

- **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 play each week. 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 is the contact. If you are interested in playing, text Betty at 920-770-6642 to be included in the group reminder text.
- If anyone is interested in a Mah Jongg refresher or lessons, email Sue Sinclair.

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Lynn Arnesen (201-739-3941) lynn.arnesen@aol.com, Fellowship Co-Directors

BOOK CLUB

We would love to see a few new faces at the BCCWC's book club which meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 1PM at the Kress Library. Each month, a different member facilitates the book discussion. Some months, the focus is on the author, while other months, it is about the time period or unique location. In January, our discussion focused on the meaning of joy in the two authors' lives and how that might apply to our own lives. It was a wonderful discussion and it gave inspiration for the new year.

We will be meeting at the Kress Library at 1PM on **February 7** for a discussion of *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. Join us as we follow the journey of a rare illuminated manuscript through centuries of exile and war!



Book Summary: In 1996, Hanna Heath, an Australian rare-book expert, is offered the job of a lifetime: analysis and conservation of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, which has been rescued from Serb shelling during the Bosnian war. Priceless and beautiful, the book is one of the earliest Jewish volumes ever to be illuminated with images. When Hanna, a caustic loner with a passion for her work, discovers a series of tiny artifacts in its ancient binding—an insect wing fragment, wine stains, salt crystals, a white hair—she begins to unlock the book's mysteries. The reader is ushered into an exquisitely detailed and atmospheric past, tracing the book's journey from its salvation back to its creation.

Hanna's investigation unexpectedly plunges her into the intrigues of fine art forgers and ultra-nationalist fanatics. Her experiences will test her belief in herself and the man she has come to love. Inspired by a true story, *People of the Book* is at once a novel of sweeping historical grandeur and intimate emotional intensity; an ambitious, electrifying work by an acclaimed and beloved author.

Our next couple of books are sure to inspire some great discussions as well. Please join us as we read *As Bright as Heaven* by Susan Meissner for March and *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi for April.

If you have any questions about the BCCWC Book Club, please reach out to Meg who would love to talk with you about joining the group!

Meg Deem (920 288-9922) mmdeem0135@gmail.com, Chair

COMMUNICATIONS

PHOTO DIRECTORY



Thanks to a strong response by our membership, the Photo Directories brought in just over \$1,200 toward our fundraising. We had anticipated sales of about 60 books; however, nearly 150 were actually sold. What a wonderful way to put a name to a face and to donate to BCCWC fundraising efforts at the same time. There are still 4 books available for purchase at \$23/book. If you're interested in purchasing one of them, contact Sue Protzman.

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Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

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