



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

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PUBLICITY CO-DIRECTOR

The Publicity Directors' general duties are to provide local media with information and details of upcoming club events and how these events help the community. Publicity Directors meet with BCCWC committees and directors to discuss opportunities to share and promote BCCWC events and services. Articles about these events could be as simple as on a paper placemat at your local restaurants or reported in the local and regional newspapers, or even on TV. Facebook is another way we share our projects and events with the public. Pictures are always key. The visibility of these events may also encourage new members.

Pam Girtz
Publicity Co-Director
Current Past President



MEMBERSHIP



Our current membership remains at 257.

It is now time to renew your membership for 2022-2023. The membership form can be found on the BCCWC website.

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769119042/2022-23+Membership+Application.pdf>

If you have changed your address, phone number or anything else, please highlight that information on your form. This will help us gather all important information. Send the entire form - one member per form - along with your check to: **Dianne Froelich 3466 Peppergrass Dr., Green Bay, WI 54311.**

Get your membership dues and registration form in prior to the deadline of **June 1** to ensure that your name appears in the BCCWC Directory. If you cannot print a form, send your check and a written note giving us any new information. Thank you.

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Membership Co-Directors

MEETINGS REMINDER

Our **March 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 *Kevin Cullen, the Deputy Director at the Neville Public Museum* in Green Bay. His presentation will be about the *history of Green Bay breweries*. Snacks will be served by our March Social Committee.

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Susan Byrne (708-860-8878) susanbyrne9968@gmail.com,

Darlene Rohm (303-870-6400) darlenehh@yahoo.com, Program/Social Co-Directors

COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS



March is here and it's time for shamrocks, leprechauns, green beer and celebrating in fine Irish fashion.

It's also time for us to start receiving your Community Contribution Award applications for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Keep in mind that Community Awards will only be considered for non-profit organizations located in Brown County. You can find the form on our website under the fundraiser tab. Please refer to the specific requirements and details when making your submission.

*All requests must be received no later than **May 31, 2022**.*

New requests must be submitted for each year. Requests do not automatically carry over. Mail your completed form to Carol De Grand, President-Elect. The address is on the form.

The finance committee will meet in June to review all requests. Avoid the rush. Send in your requests early. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to support a local non-profit organization in our community.

This past year BCCWC awarded \$500 to the Love Life Ministry, which began at St. Joseph Catholic Parish in west Green Bay in 1993. The parish began providing diapers, layettes, baby clothing and furniture to eligible families. As the needs grew, so did the support of other local churches and agencies. In October of 2004, the program expanded to include the east side.

The Love Life Ministry works closely with local hospitals, churches, community organizations and health and family services to those in need. Love Life Ministry is an all-volunteer program which depends upon the generosity of the community and organizations like the BCCWC. Love Life Ministry's goals include assisting struggling families with meeting the basic needs of their newborns. They also want to give clients hope for a brighter future and a positive affirmation of life in our community. Hats off to this amazing group.

We hope that these updates help you become familiar with some of the recipients of our annual Community Service Awards that may not have been familiar to you.

Happy St. Patrick's Day. Thank you very much.

Carol De Grand, President-Elect



ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES - WELLSPRING - MARCH COLLECTION



Our final collection for the guests at Wellspring will be **March 16** from 10:30AM-12:30PM before the monthly meeting in the parking lot at the De Pere Community Center. Please look for our vehicles, a dark gray Hyundai Tucson and a tan Subaru Outback, to drop off your donations.

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 (sizes: small - 3X)
- flip flops/sandals, good tennis shoes for walking (all women's adult sizes), low cut socks
- rain ponchos, umbrellas, backpacks
- lip balm, sunscreen, bug spray, bottled water

On behalf of the Wellspring staff and guests, we thank you for your generous contributions. They are always so appreciative of our members' kindness and generosity.

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

CHEERY NOTES TO SENIORS

Valentine's Day was a happier one this year for 112 nursing home residents! Valentines were delivered to residents of Eden Brook of Green Bay and Angels Touch Assisted Living, thanks to BCCWC members as well as Jaxson, a young relative of Jean Allgeyer. Completed cards for distribution in March and April will be collected at the **March 16** membership meeting. Use your own cards or pick up blank cards from one of the chairs.



Valentine Smiles

"Six packs" will be available at the **March 16** 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

ONE STITCH AT A TIME

Hope everyone is doing well and making it through the winter of 2022. Keeping your hands busy knitting or crocheting is good for the soul and for our charities, St. John's Ministries-Wellspring and House of Hope. They are always very grateful for our donations. The next collection is Wednesday, **May 18** before the spring luncheon. *If you need to drop off items before that time, contact Jean or Pat.*



Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Pat Hearnden (432-5871 or 217-3824) phearden@aol.com,
Jean Allgeyer (639-2980) jmallgeyer@msn.com, Co-Chairs

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

Twenty-seven fleece blankets were completed and delivered to the 'Child Life' staff; they were overwhelmed with the cute and cozy blankets! A sincere 'Thank You' to everyone that donated fleece and gift cards and gave of their time and talent to make the project such a wonderful success!



The Valentine Fleece Blanket Tying project was a productive and fun-filled day of fellowship!

The Easter project to assemble Easter Baskets and make kits for the children to decorate their IV poles takes place on Tuesday, **March 29**, from 12:30-3:30PM. All materials will be provided. Contact Kathy or Sue if you are interested in helping or sign up at the **March 16** meeting.

The **April 20** meeting has been designated for the 'Child Life' collection. Child Life staff are in need of the following items for the children:

- Small LEGO Sets - Kinetic Sand/Kits - Surprise Eggs (Amazon) - anything that has a little surprise inside, i.e., LOL Doll Eggs

Thank you for your continued support!

Kathy Aicher (465-1600 or 265-5094) kaicher@news.rr.com,
Sue Vyse (562-3273) smvyse@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

BCCWC members are invited to a dedication of a new Habitat for Humanity home:

- Wednesday, **March 2**, 4:30-5:30PM
- 701 Oak St., De Pere.

The family receiving the keys to the home is Jena Smith and her 3 children, ages 6-16. This dedication marks 6 years and the 40th BCCWC quilt presented to a new Habitat homeowner.



March dedication quilt chosen by Habitat staff

A Habitat staff member states: *The quilts from BCCWC have warmed the hearts of so many families and all of the staff and volunteers at Habitat. I can just imagine the families curled up under the quilt enjoying family time. Please let all of the ladies know how much we and the families appreciate the time, talent and love that we know goes into each of the quilts.*

Anyone, at any time, is welcome to join our group. Contact:

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

FORT HOWARD APARTMENTS

"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!' " - Robin Williams

Let's create a "party" for residents of Fort Howard Apartments with May Baskets! Plans are under way for a special activity to make May baskets for every resident of Fort Howard Apartments. Fort Howard volunteers will deliver the baskets to the residents on May 1. The club will not be involved in the delivery, but BCCWC volunteers will make cone baskets filled with small artificial flowers and candy and a darling tag with May Day wishes. Volunteers may:

- construct the baskets
- fill the baskets with candy and artificial flowers
- donate artificial flowers and bags of wrapped candy

This is not a BCCWC-funded activity so donations of small artificial flowers and wrapped candies would be delightful. Used or new artificial flowers may be brought to the **March 16** and **April 20** meetings. The times and locations to make and fill the baskets will be decided soon. If you are interested, please contact:



May Baskets project

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

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



The next meal we will be serving at St. John's Homeless Shelter is Thursday, **March 3**. We had a wonderful sign up at our last meeting, but we still need more volunteers as we are serving 165 people. We need:

- 3 LASAGNAS, 3 LARGE SALADS with dressing
- 8 LOAVES OF GARLIC BREAD, baked, sliced, wrapped in foil [4 people]
- 2 LARGE PANS OF SUGARLESS JELLO with fruit

Deliver your food to the shelter between 5-5:30PM. If you deliver it early, be sure to label your food, *BCCWC*. Thank you so much. Any questions? Please contact:

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

HOUSE OF HOPE

Birthdays aren't ONLY for kids! Two Moms celebrated their February birthdays along with 21 women and 15 children at the shelter. Cake and ice cream are always appreciated! Thank you to LucyBeans Boutique for donating gift packages for the moms! If anyone is interested in this ongoing monthly activity, please contact Kay. It brings smiles to all in the shelter; we do make a difference!



Our February collection of sheets, detergent and diapers, as well as other items, was greatly appreciated by the staff and the residents at House of Hope. When a mom and her children arrive, they are given a set of sheets that they keep and take with them when they leave. That means there is "always" a need! Thank you for your kindness and generous donations. Once again, you are amazing!

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

KRESS LIBRARY GARDEN



Yes, spring is actually around the corner!! We are eagerly anticipating it and getting prepared at the Kress Library Garden. Last year, great volunteers joined us monthly on Wednesdays. Consider joining us this year for a little gardening, watering and friendship. Since both Terri and Sue live on the west side of town, they are hoping for some volunteers to help water during the summer.

Let Terri or Sue know if you will join us. We begin in May. The full schedule will come out in April's newsletter. Thanks and think SPRING!!

Sue Johnson (360-1730) smjohnson718@gmail.com,
Terri Lewis (497-1651) ptlfam@new.rr.com, Co-Chairs

A SMILE BOUQUET

Spring will be here soon and the flowers will be popping up. The Smile Bouquet is starting its second year. After Mother's Day, we are planning to gather flowers from different florists to create small bouquets for residents in nursing homes, as we did last year. We will also get together a few times during the summer and early fall to make bouquets from the beautiful flowers members and friends share from their gardens, creating special arrangements for those who could use a smile.



More details will be in the next newsletter. Contact one of the chairs if you are interested in helping.

Sue Johnson smjohnson718@gmail.com,

Judy Trimberger (499-9877) judytrimberger@yahoo.com,

Barb LaFrombois (465-8623) dblafrombois1@att.net, Co-Chairs

COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAT

We appreciate the amazing response from our members involved in the many BCCWC activities described in the newsletter. Thank you to all who participate in any way.

What do community service directors do? Our task is to support the mission of the [BCCWC](#) by coordinating activities that serve specific citizens of Brown County. Directors work with the Board and the chairs of the activities. The Board approves all activities. Coordination includes communication between the Board and chairs, requesting newsletter submissions, submitting items for the Board agenda and consent agenda, providing any support needed by activity chairs and making sure that photos of activities are sent to the communications team, publicity chairs and the historian.

Community service directors attend the monthly Board meeting and special meetings as requested. They also submit items to the communications team for the BCCWC website: the calendar and the volunteer page. They schedule the main plan for the directory each year. Often, community service directors work with other members as they write community award requests and community service proposals.

Community service directors also write community award requests for ongoing projects and support activity chairs who must communicate with the treasurer for reimbursement. Although being a community service director carries much responsibility, it is a very enjoyable way to get involved in the club and meet the many interesting and kind members.

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Mary Jo Rod (499-3482) maryjorod11@gmail.com,

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

FUNDRAISING

The "Happy Hookers" have been busy stitching up some new items for the **March 16** meeting. We will still have some of your favorites. Masks and a few dish cloths will be available for a \$1 donation.



Carol Anderson



Please remember to use www.smile.amazon.com when you order from Amazon. Using that site won't add any additional cost to your purchase and it will generate funds for the BCCWC. Ordering online has become very convenient over the past several years and it's likely that many of our members take advantage of having things delivered right to their doors. No one purchase will add a lot to BCCWC coffers, but the combination of all of us will make a significant difference. It's easy to use and a wonderful way to financially support the BCCWC.

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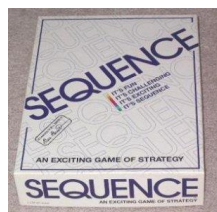
Bonnie Christensen (366-6773) bjcingb05@gmail.com, Fundraising Co-Directors

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



The time is now for you to reserve your spot for the Spring Card & Game Day Fundraiser at Thornberry Creek. If you've been there before, you know what a fun-packed, beautiful event it is. If you've never attended before, you're in for a real treat. Registration starts at 10AM and lunch will be served promptly at 11AM. There is ample parking at Thornberry Creek and there will be a shuttle service (golf carts or cars, depending on the weather).

What counts as "Cards & Games"? Anything you want to play. You can play bridge, cribbage, hand and foot, Mah Jongg or whatever your little heart desires! The cost is \$40 with \$20 going to BCCWC fundraising.



Get your friends together and sign up. The registration form is on the website or click this link.

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

In addition to playing cards or other games, you'll be able to buy raffle tickets for fabulous baskets, bid on silent auction items, try your luck at the 50/50 raffle and buy yummy treats at the Yum-Yum Shoppe. We hope you will be there. This is a fun event and a fabulous fundraiser for the BCCWC.

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

YUM-YUM SHOPPE



The Card & Game Day party is **April 27**. It will be here before we know it! It's time to start thinking about making items for the Yum-Yum Shoppe. Your participation helps to make this event a great success. There will be a signup sheet at the March 16 meeting. *Please consider showing off your baking talent for this great fundraiser!*

Jacquie Murphy, Chair

BRIDGE MARATHONS



We are happy to announce that the **BCCWC Annual Bridge Marathon Banquet to celebrate the 2021-22 bridge season is back on schedule** after being put on hold for the past two years! The **Green Bay Country Club** has informed us that we will also be able to enjoy holding this event in their *newly renovated and awesome banquet facility!*

The reservation form can be found via the following link:

http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769125874/Bridge+Banquet+reserv+form%2CMay2022_.pdf.pdf

Sign up with or without a partner. Join us for another great luncheon on Wednesday, **May 11, 2022**; 24 hands of bridge; awarding of year-end prizes *and some wonderful prizes for the day!* Looking forward to another fabulous day of camaraderie and bridge fun!!

Carol Simpson simpsoncj4310@gmail.com,

Anne Gollnick agollnick41@gmail.com,

Gloria Jonet gloriajonet@yahoo.com, Co-Chairs

DONATE A BUCK, GET A BOOK



Want to get rid of the winter blahs??? Read, read, read... and then bring those books to the **March 16** BCCWC meeting so we can read, read, read new and interesting material. Remember: *donate a Buck, get a Book.*

Also, please remember to take back any of your books that are left at the end of the meeting.

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

FELLOWSHIP

Thank you for the great response to our scheduled activities. There's still room in most of them.

Upcoming Events:

Fairy Wands: *Create a bejeweled stake for a favorite potted plant or your garden.* They make great gifts! Pre-order 1 or more kits 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 Ave. and 9th St., Green Bay
- Contact Sue Sinclair or sign up at the meeting. Make checks payable to Susan Sinclair, 728 Derby Lane, GB 54301. The final kit order will be placed **March 16.**
- 16 have signed up, maximum 18

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



- **Friday, April 8, 1-3PM**
- \$40 (very reasonable for this size and personalization available)
- 235 N. Broadway, Green Bay (near corner of Broadway & Dousman)
- Beer and wine available for purchase. Can bring in snacks.
- Use link to sign up and pay and 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. There is room for 10 more.
- Contact Bonnie LeMense with questions

Cooking Class: *Cooking with Spices and Herbs - FULL!*

- **April 18, 6-7:30PM**
- \$20
- A Season to Taste at 2300 Lineville Rd, Suite 107, Suamico
- Contact Lynn Arnesen to be on the waiting list

"\$\$ and Margaritas on Mason Street"

We will visit Fast N Easy Pawn on E. Mason St., Green Bay to see their wares and learn about the process of selling to a pawn shop. We then travel to American Antiques and Jewelry on W. Mason St. for Ladies Night to see what they have to offer and 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., Green Bay**
- Bring something to be appraised or to sell (nothing too large). Compare appraisals after visiting both places.
- 14 members have signed up. *You can register at the meetings or contact Sue Sinclair.*

NEW!! Retail Therapy! A Shopping Trip to Mayfair, IKEA and Trader Joe's - Friday, May 13

- \$52 for 25 participants, \$43 for 30 participants, \$37 for 35 participants
- Minimum of 25 needed
- 2 Pickups: Ashwaubenon @ 7:30AM, Bellevue @ 7:45AM, return approximately 6:30PM
- Lynn Arnesen is the contact. Registration form will first be available at the March meeting.

Standing Activities:

- **Book Club**, led by Meg Deem, meets monthly.
- **Wednesday Mah Jongg**, 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.
- If interested in playing other games, just show up at the Ashwaubenon Community Center with a partner. BYOG/C (bring your own game/cards)

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Bonnie Lemense (770-5037) bonnleme@att.net,

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

BOOK CLUB

Time is just flying by! The BCCWC Book Club is looking forward to our next "school" year. We generally meet September-June, so we start the process of picking our books in March. If you have 1 or 2 book suggestions, you can email the title and author to Meg by **March 20**. From the list of suggestions, book club members vote for their top 9 choices for the 2022-2023 year. If you would like to be on the book club email list and vote, just send Meg your name and email.

We meet 1PM on **March 7** at the Kress Library to discuss *As Bright As Heaven* by Susan Meissner. This novel is set during the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918 and tells the story of a family reborn through loss and love.

Book Summary:

In 1918, Philadelphia was a city teeming with promise. Even as its young men went off to fight in the Great War, there were opportunities for a fresh start on its cobblestone streets. Into this bustling town came Pauline Bright and her husband, filled with hope that they could now give their 3 daughters—Evelyn, Maggie, and Willa—a chance at a better life.



But just months after they arrive, the Spanish Flu reaches the shores of America. As the pandemic claims more than 12,000 victims in their adopted city, they find their lives left with a world that looks nothing like the one they knew. But even as Pauline and her husband lose loved ones, they take in a baby, orphaned by the disease, who becomes their single source of hope. Amidst the tragedy and challenges, they learn what they cannot live without—and what they are willing to do about it.

There is always a story worth sharing and many times we don't know how much a book is going to impact us until we discuss it with friends. Our next couple of books are sure to inspire some great discussions. Please join us as we read April's *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi and May's *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. Questions? Please contact Meg who would love to talk with you about joining the group!

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

COMMUNICATIONS

March 13: Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.

Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,



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