



A MESSAGE FROM BCCWC PRESIDENT



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed individuals can change the world. In fact, it's the only thing that ever has," said Margaret Mead, an American anthropologist. This quote exemplifies BCCWC members and their commitment to improving the lives of women, children and senior citizens in the Brown County area.

While summer is still with us, many members have been busy getting ready to kick off the 15th year of the BCCWC. Each year, the impact grows as members step up to serve through a wide range of activities and to fundraise through Card & Game Days, 50-50 raffles, the golf outing, etc. in order to grant the Community Awards, which totaled over \$46,000 this past year.

Thank you to Carol DeGrand for her leadership this past year. She mentored me well and did an excellent job in leading the club as it fully transitioned back to "normal" meetings and events. She remains on the Board as Past President this year, and I look forward to working with her and the Board members as we strive to help others.

It's an honor and a privilege to lead the 250 plus members of the BCCWC for 2023-24. Together, may we continue to do great things in service to others and have some fun, too. See you in September!

--Sue Sinclair, President



MEMBERSHIP

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. It is going by way too fast.

BCCWC has had 2 new members join since June. Please welcome Diane Aubry and

Monica Sims. Our membership total is currently 268.

Those interested in joining or renewing will find the form on our website www.BCCWC.org or at http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769119042/2023-24+Membership+Application.pdf

If you are unable to print the form, just send your check along with your information to:

Dianne Froelich, 3466 Peppergrass Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311

If renewing, please note any changes from last year.

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MEETINGS REMINDER

BCCWC 2023 FALL KICK-OFF LUNCHEON and MEETING

Wednesday, September 20 - Rock Garden, 1951 Bond St., Green Bay
11AM Social 12Noon Lunch 1PM Entertainment 1:30PM Meeting
Entertainment: The Speako Chords. *Please join us for a fun-filled afternoon*.
THIS LUNCHEON IS OPEN TO GUESTS. (Note: No take-home boxes will be available.)

Reservations due by Wednesday, September 6.

http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769475811/2023+Fall+Luncheon+Reservation+.pdf

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BCCWC COMMUNITY AWARDS 2022-23

Bravo! This year we were able to donate \$46,850 to area non-profits in the form of the 2022-2023 Community Awards. Awards were granted to 61 different 501c3 recipients in the Brown County area. The complete list of recipients is listed in the 2023-24 BCCWC Directory.

Thank you to our fundraising team and our generous members for making these awards possible. Because of your contributions and participation in fundraising events, we made a tremendous impact in the community to help those in need.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CHEERY NOTES TO SENIORS

Card collections will resume at the September 20 fall luncheon. If you need writing cards, contact one of the chairs who have a wonderful assortment thanks to the generosity of BCCWC members.

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LOVABLE MISFITS

BCCWC is starting a new community outreach activity and is seeking members with basic sewing skills and sewing machines to help. The new "Lovable Misfits" project consists of sewing a small quilted blanket measuring about 12x12 with a simple flannel backing and a small "misfit" character which can be enhanced as each individual member desires. Members may sew either the blanket, the small "doll" or both at home in their free time. Each pairing is then stored in a gallon zip lock bag with the intention of being presented by law enforcement officers to young children to calm them in traumatic situations.



The Green Bay Police Department has already expressed interest in having these for their officers. Local Brown County police and fire departments, as well as other area organizations, are being contacted to see if they would like to participate and, if so, how many "Misfits" they would like on hand.

Samples will be available at our next meeting, September 20. If you have flannel or fleece that you would like to donate, an opportunity will be given for donation.

Mary Anne Froelich (866-3355 or 639-4847) maryannefroelich@gmail.com, Chair

HOUSE OF HOPE

The birthday party continues to be a monthly highlight for the women and children at House of Hope because of the generous BCCWC volunteers who make it happen! THANK YOU for your dedication in making a difference in the lives of women and children experiencing homelessness. House of Hope provides a safe and supportive place for young mothers to build successful and sustainable lives for themselves and their children. BCCWC, albeit a small part, is part of that mission! Thank you, thank you!



Mary Anne Froelich

There is now a Co-Chair for this project: Mary Anne Froelich has volunteered to help coordinate this party! Her energy and dedication continue in many BCCWC activities.

If YOU are interested in providing cake(s) and ice cream once a month, please let Kay or Mary Anne know.

Kay Barlament (660-7368) kay.barlament@gmail.com, Mary Anne Froelich (866-3355 or 639-4847) maryannefroelich@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

ONE STITCH AT A TIME



It's hard to think blankets when the weather is so warm, but October will be here before too long and BCCWC will be doing its semi-annual collection for the needy. Every donation is appreciated. All blankets are put to good use at Wellspring or House of Hope. Please help make this one of the best collections yet.

If you don't knit, crochet or sew, please consider purchasing a blanket to donate. The demand for twin size is the greatest. Thank you for your generosity!!

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A SMILE BOUQUET



Terry Lewis, Carol De Grand, Char Everard, Fern Kelley, Sue Vyse create flower bouquets at the home of Sue Johnson.

Over 60 "smile bouquets" were created in June. They were delivered to Marla Vista and Cottonwood Manor, both on Military Avenue. The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 7 at 1PM. The location will be in the September newsletter.

All flower donations from BCCWC members are welcome. If you can help with flower donations or bouquet assembly, please contact one of the co-chairs.

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RIBBON OF HOPE

Want to work on the Ribbon of Hope project to benefit families dealing with cancer?

There will be a sign-up sheet at the September 20 luncheon. If you cannot be at the luncheon, you can text chairperson Pat Russo to indicate your interest. Work will start sometime in October.

Pat Russo (655-3990), Chair



After one of the work days last year, Sherry Campbell, Julie Arts, Pat Russo, Mary Jo Piskor, and Beth Propp show off a few of the beautiful wreaths that the committee created.

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

The Child Life Committee is off to a new year and excited to announce the collection for HSHS St.Vincent Children's Hospital Child Life Department will be at the luncheon/meeting on September 20. Items most needed:

- Crayola Markers (any size, any color, 8 pack)
- Stuffed Animals (no bigger than 8-10 inches)
- Infant Rattles

Stop by the Child Life table. Check out future holiday projects and sign up!

Thank you for your generosity in bringing joy to children with life-threatening illnesses.

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

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On behalf of the BCCWC, 2 guilts were presented to new Habitat for Humanity homeowners in June.



Kia and her 3 children at the dedication of their new Harvey Street home. Kia said, "I moved to Green Bay looking for a new start and to be closer to family. What I'm looking forward to as a homeowner is the stability it will create, the memories we will make as a family, and being able to pass my home along to future generations. I want to be an inspiration to single mothers."



Another dedication took place on June 21 on Clay Street. Recipients of the home were Yolianie and her 2 children who came to Green Bay from Puerto Rico 3 years ago. Yolianie came to Wisconsin with the dream of providing her children with a better education, future, and having her own house where her children could have their own space.

Each lap-sized quilt is special and unique. To learn more about this project, please come to Building Quilts for Habitat for Humanity's fall meeting - Monday, October 2 at 10AM at Polo Point Clubhouse. Look for more details in the September newsletter.

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FUNDRAISING

RESTAURANT DAYS

Everyone enjoys going out to eat with their friends. Several restaurants have programs to team up with local organizations in order to share a percentage of their sales, on a specific day, with that organization. In prior years, BCCWC has partnered with Noodles, Culver's and Pizza Ranch, among others, to host a "restaurant day".

If you'd be willing to contact a restaurant to see if they'd be interested in such a program, please contact Lynette Van Den Heuvel to find out how to go about it. It generally involves finding a restaurant willing to participate, writing something for the newsletter to promote participation, taking some BCCWC publicity information to the restaurant on the specific day (the publicity information is already produced) and eating!

It's a fun "one and done" way to help with BCCWC fundraising.

PACKER HOUSE PARTY FUNDRAISER - SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



The Brown County Community Women's Club has again been awarded a grant from the Jeremy Pomasl and Marcia Endries-Pomasl Endowment Fund which allows us to use their Packer House located at 1225 Shadow Lane in Green Bay for a fundraising event. This fundraiser will be held on September 17, 2023, with an opportunity to watch the Green Bay Packers play the Atlanta Falcons!

This beautiful home is 10,000 square feet, has 6 bedrooms, 10 bathrooms, 10 large-screen televisions, a large great room, a large basement entertaining area,

a huge outside covered top deck entertainment area which overlooks the Packer Stadium Atrium, a large outdoor ground floor entertainment patio with artificial turf and is handicapped accessible (elevator accessible to all 4 floors). It is the largest home overlooking the Lambeau Field Stadium. It is truly amazing!

The fundraiser will take place from 11AM-4:30PM on Sunday, September 17 and will include appetizers, a meal, beverages (soda, wine, beer, and cocktails of your choice), basket raffles, 50/50 raffle, door prizes and of course, LOTS OF FUN!

The event is limited to 50 people – open to BCCWC members and their spouses, family, and friends at a donation price of \$80. (\$60 of this amount is a tax-deductible donation to the club.) **THE 50 OPENINGS WILL BE FILLED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS. IN THE PAST, THIS EVENT FILLED VERY QUICKLY. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED PRIOR TO AUGUST 6.** *DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS AUGUST 20***.**

http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769476995/2023+Packer+House+Party+Registration.pdf
Please note that your name will not be counted in the reservation numbers until your registration form and payment is received! The first 50 people will be notified by the committee.



Thank you in advance for supporting this fundraiser. It's a great opportunity to watch a Packer game at a unique "Packer House" overlooking LAMBEAU! GO PACK GO!

Helene Rosner & Judy Benkowski Packer House Party Committee

CARD & GAME DAY FUNDRAISER



Be sure to mark your calendars now for the Fall Card & Game Day fundraiser. In addition to the beautiful raffle baskets, the money tree, the "Sip and Surprise" and, of course, the 50/50 raffle, the committee is planning some new fun events. The **Yum-Yum Shoppe** will be featuring wonderful baked goods to take home for later in the day. *To donate baked goods, remember to sign up with Co-Chairs Jacquie Murphy and Pam Girtz at the next membership meeting*.

- When: October 25, 10AM-4PM.
- Where? Riverside Ballroom (This year's menu includes their famous Knee Caps!).
- What games can you play? Bridge, Mah Jongg, Dominoes, Horse Collar whatever you want.
- How do I sign up? Find the registration form at this link and send it in.

http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769476993/2023+Fall+Cd++Gm+registration+form.pdf
Be sure to spread the word among your friends. It's a big event and it will be here before you know it.

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JUNE 2023 GOLF OUTING

After a week of uncertain forecasts, a cool and crisp sunny June morning appeared for the annual **BCCWC Golf Outing. Spirits** were high as the women arrived. Those who came early were able to enjoy coffee and bagels, purchase raffle tickets, make bids, choose winning numbers on the Birdee Board and snag some strings and mulligans before heading to their carts for the 9AM start! At the shotgun start, 72 golfers were off, laughing and excited to play. In the end, the foursome with the lowest score was Carol De Grand, Grace Gore, Steph Coisman and Debbie Berg.

A variety of inside table games were enjoyed by 38 non-golfers. Special thanks to the Hole Sponsors, others who donated items for the raffles and the many volunteer hours that made

the event the success it was. You helped raise more than \$6,000.



SAVE THE DATE for next year! June 10, 2024

NOTE: **BCCWC** is looking for a 3rd co-chair to learn the ins/outs of the event to become the chair in 2025. The best way to continue this event is with a "see one, do one, teach one" approach, meaning a 3-year commitment. The hope is that every year, 1 new person will be added with 1 stepping off. Please, think about joining the chairs for next year's event planning.

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BRAT FRY



The June Brat Fry at Festival Foods in West De Pere was a success, thanks to the great volunteers who had a lot of fun and got to know each other a little better. The event raised over \$1,600. A huge thank you to the volunteers. Thoughts are the brat fry should be done again next year so, look for more information next spring!

Julie Salemi (621-3954) jasalemi29@gmail.com, Chair

FELLOWSHIP

Rockers Outing June 2023



Three BCCWC ladies and their spouses attended the June 25 Rockers game, enjoying the indoor seating, food and fellowship. Definitely, worth the price of admission. The Rockers ultimately got back in the win column, taking down the Kenosha Kingfish 8-2. Rain delays were the name of the game that day, essentially ending the group's visit as the game did not resume until 4:30PM. Vouchers were provided for a future game. A fun day, all in all, with plans for another outing next year.

Submitted by Beth Propp

Fellowship planning: Lynn Arnesen, Joan Zittlow and Mary Jo Piskor are Fellowship Co-Directors this year. Ellen Greene, Ann Hare, Patty Payette, Beth Propp, Mary Rahr and Sue Sinclair round out the committee. Based on member feedback, they have put together a calendar that features old favorites and new opportunities for fun. Watch future newsletters for reminders and details. Come to the meetings to hear about the fun. Here's a sneak preview of the plans for this year:

Standing Activities:

- NEW! Brown County Bunco will be led by Cary Lheureux. The plan is to play the dice game at the Village Grille on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 11AM-1:30PM beginning in September through June. The roster is full for this fall, but if there's enough interest, a second group could be started. A minimum of 16 members is needed for each group.
- The **Book Club**, led by Meg Deem, has set its course for 2023-24. See below for the wonderful offerings as determined by the members.
- Wednesday Mah Jongg will continue to be held at the Ashwaubenon Community Center on Anderson Drive. Games are played 1-3:30PM in the lobby area of the building. Betty Jensen will continue to be the contact. If you are interested in playing on any Wednesday, text Betty at 770-6642 to be included in any texts related to it, or just show up. Contact Sue Sinclair if you are interested in learning how to play Mah Jongg. It's addictive!

Upcoming Outings:

Encore Activity: "Dinner Dames Supper Club"

Last year was a great success with a range of 9-25 members participating in the various restaurant outings. This year we have expanded to 8 sessions beginning in September. Details will be in the newsletters and signup sheets will be available at the meetings.

"Dinner Dames" Schedule for 2023-24 - Meet at 5PM

Date (Last Thursday of Month)	Restaurant	Contact(s)		
Sept. 21* (due to Packers game conflict)	Little Tokyo	C. Simpson, S. Protzman**		
Oct. 26 (reservations due by Oct. 22)	Ten O One Club	Lynn Arnesen		
Nov. 30 (reservations due by Nov. 26)	The Union Hotel	Moni Spaude		
Jan. 25 (reservations due by Jan. 21)	Sammy's Pizza	Patty Payette		
Feb. 29 (reservations due by Feb. 25)	Prime Quarter	Kathy Eisenschink		
Mar. 28 (reservations due by Mar. 24)	Stella's	Darlene Rohm		
Apr. 25 (reservations due by Apr. 21)	St. Brendan's Inn	C. De Grand, K. Aicher		
May 30 (reservations due by May 26)	The Drift Inn	E. Gerhold, L. Aschenbrenner		
** To register, text your reservation to either contact by September 18				

Encore Activity: Bingo!

It was so much fun with a few winners last year that we are offering it again! Join us for one or all the AM Express Sessions:

- Fridays: Oct. 20, Jan. 19, Apr. 19
- 10AM-12:30PM
- \$19 for basic packet. Extra games are available for purchase.
- Irene Moore Activity Center (IMAC) 2100 Airport Drive
- Signup sheets will be at the monthly meetings or contact Lynn Arnesen.

You Asked For It!

"Lunch Bunch Ladies" 2023-24 Calendar"

First Thursday of the Month; 11:30AM

Contact Beth Propp by September 1 to register for the first outing.

We still need restaurant contacts for October., March, and May or they will be canceled. Contact Beth Propp.

Signup sheets will be at the meetings

Date (First Thursday of Month)	Restaurant	Contact
Sept. 7 (reservations due by Sept. 1)	The O. C.	Beth Propp
Oct. 5 (reservations due by Oct. 2)	Plank Road Plate & Pour	
Nov. 2 (reservations due by Oct. 30)	Los Banditos	Meg Deem
Dec. 7 (reservations due by Dec. 4)	St. Brendan's Inn	Kathy Aicher
Jan. 4 (reservations due by Dec. 29)	Parker John's BBQ	Sue Sinclair
Feb. 1 (reservations due by Jan. 29)	Mandarin Gardens	Barb LaFrombois
Mar. 7 (reservations due by Feb. 26)	Chive's	
Apr. 4 (reservations due by Apr. 1)	Greystone	Jacquie Murphy
May 2 (reservations due by Apr. 29)	Bleu	
June 6 (reservations due by June 3)	Narrow Bridge	Lynn Arnesen
Aug. 1 (reservations due by July 29)	The Drift Inn	Elaine Gerhold

Details for the following fall events will be in the September newsletter. Signup sheets will be available at the monthly meetings:

- Movie Night September 26 @ 5PM at De Pere Cinema
- Cookie Decorating Class- October 2 @ 9AM (\$20, this is a fundraiser)
- "Time to Review Your Will or Trust" October 23 @ 9AM @ Village Grille
- Chicago, Your Way November 4 Three Chicago venue options! \$73 Lynn Arnesen, Contact
- Cooking Class @ Season to Taste November 7 @ 6PM \$25
- Mosaic Glass Art Class (2 sessions) November 14 & 15 @ 5PM \$50
- Mulva Center—November 20 @ 1PM Beatles Exhibit. Cost TBD.
- AVB Concert—December 18 @ 7PM @ Ashwaubenon PAC. Free-will offering.

January - June 2024 events will be included in the September newsletter.

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Mary Jo Piskor (217-4343) savoie731@aol.com, Fellowship Co-Directors

BOOK CLUB

Happy Summer! BCCWC Book Club begins another year of wonderful stories and great discussions starting Tuesday, September 5 from 1-2:30PM by sharing a favorite book that you read over the summer. This has become a fun tradition of everyone sharing a short summary about the book that results in a list for future reading. You might just find a new favorite author or character!



September 5, 2023 October 2, 2023	We share books from our summer reading – note this is a Tuesday meeting The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese
November 6, 2023	The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman
December 4, 2023	The Lost Jewels by Kirsty Manning
January 8, 2024	The Wright Sister by Patty Dann
February 5, 2024	Fresh Water for Flowers by Valerie Perrine
March 4, 2024	The Girls in the Stilt House by Kelly Mustain
April 1, 2024	The Last Grand Duchess by Bryan Turnbull
May 6, 2024	Crescent by Diane Abu-Jaber

The website will also have these dates which are normally the 1st Monday of each month from 1-2:30PM. The exceptions are September and January due to the holidays. There will be our normal holiday luncheon before the December meeting.

Are you willing to lead a book talk? Facilitators are still needed for December, February and March book discussions.

The Beauty of Dusk by Frank Bruni

Questions? Suggestions? Want to be on the "official" email list? Contact Meg Deem. Members may bring friends, neighbors or family members. You may attend regularly or whenever time permits. See you in September.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

June 3, 2024



BCCWC ANNUAL DIRECTORY

The BCCWC directories are ready to be distributed. Directories will be distributed at the Board meeting in August and at bridge events in August and September. They will be available at the luncheon in September and at the general meeting in October. If you can't pick yours up yourself, you can ask someone to pick it up for you. Any directories that haven't been picked up by mid-October will be mailed.

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IN MEMORIAM



Barbara Verna Bell, a valued member of BCCWC since 2009, passed away after a short illness on June 13, 2023. Barbara loved playing bridge, gardening, quilting and reading. She will be greatly missed by many.

Barbara's sister, Judy Strey, also an active member of BCCWC, shared how much Barbara loved her gardens so, BCCWC has donated the book *In Bloom: Growing, Harvesting, and Arranging Homegrown Flowers All Year Round*, by Clare Nolan. The book will be located at the Kress Library in De Pere, but may be checked out at any Brown County Library.





Bonnie Zima, Memorial Chair





BCCWC now has a book in place in memory of Susan Elizabeth Erdmann who passed away on May 11, 2023. Because Susan loved scuba diving with her family, BCCWC has donated 100 Dives of a Lifetime: The Ultimate Underwater Destinations by Carrie Miller.

The book is at the Kress Library in De Pere and can be checked out by requesting it at any Brown County Library location.

Bonnie Zima. Memorial Chair

Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

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