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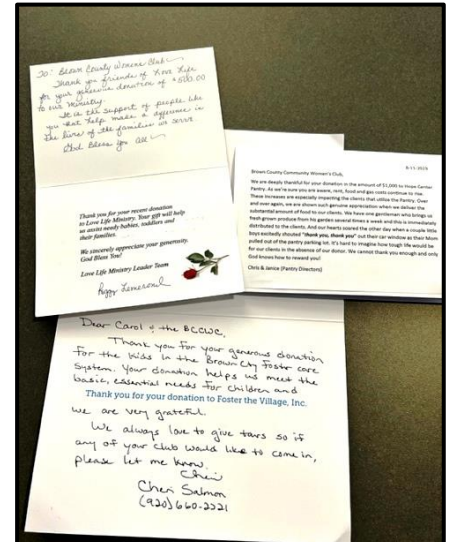
December 2023



A MESSAGE FROM BCCWC PRESIDENT

“The quality of being kind and generous” is how generosity is defined. BCCWC members exemplify generosity as evidenced by the many thank-you notes from community awards recipients, by the wonderful luncheon at Fort Howard apartments, by the 100 plus gifts for the Christmas families and by the many Wellspring donations at the November meeting.

Your hard work on behalf of women, children and senior citizens continues to amaze me!
I hope to see you at the AVB Christmas concert at the Weidner Center on **December 18** or at the Christmas luncheon on **December 20** at the Tundra Lodge as we relax and enjoy the sounds of the season. May this holiday season bring you peace, love and laughter as you spend time with family and friends.



Merry Christmas!

Sue Sinclair, President



MEMBERSHIP

BCCWC membership remains at 256.

New in January 2023, BCCWC will start accepting membership applications on January 1.

Please note: Any members joining after January 1 will be considered paid for the following year.

Those interested in joining or renewing will find a form on our website www.bccwc.org or click on link below:

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769119042/2023-24+Membership+Application.pdf>

Unable to print a form? Please send your check, along with your information/interests to:

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

If you are renewing, please highlight any changes from last year.
Thank you.

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Cindy Dimmer (639-3843) cindydimmer4@gmail.com, Membership Co-Directors

MEETINGS REMINDER

95 members and 4 guests attended the November general meeting at the De Pere Community Center. Janusz Kuzma from Mayflower Greenhouse demonstrated how to arrange a beautiful outdoor holiday planter. It was raffled off as the Surprise Raffle and was won by Kaye Pelletier.



Our next meeting will be the Holiday Luncheon
on **December 20**,
at Tundra Lodge, 865 Lombardi Ave., Green Bay

Social - 11AM Lunch - 12NOON Entertainment - 1PM Meeting - 1:45PM

This month the West De Pere High School Christmas Choir will bring holiday cheer to all.

Registration form for **December 20 Holiday Luncheon** at Tundra Lodge is **due by December 6** and is available at:
<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769531718/December+Reservation+Form.pdf>

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

FORT HOWARD SENIOR LUNCHEONS



Joan Arves, Jeanette Krysiak, Lynnette Van Den Heuvel, Jean Baravetto, Barb Berg, Sue Vaughan, Mary Van, Jane Switzer, Sherry Campbell, Jo Ann De Voe



BCCWC members preparing for the Fort Howard luncheon.

On Thursday, November 9, BCCWC volunteer cooks provided a tasty luncheon to 31 seniors at Fort Howard Apartments. 27 members donated salads, desserts, rolls, casseroles, decorations and tableware. Twelve members stayed to serve water and coffee, ladle casseroles onto plates and help guests transport food to the tables. Prior to the residents' arrival, there was time for a short presentation by Barb Berg about Laundry Love - Helping Hands which assists Fort Howard residents with laundry. Laundry Love - Helping Hands received a community award from BCCWC this past summer. When the residents arrived, everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance and remembered veterans and others in a short blessing. The club will host a spring meal and play bingo on **April 11, 2024**. Watch news and notes for additional information to donate prizes and sign up.

Barb Berg (655-8590) baberg73@hotmail.com,
Sherry Campbell (680-0778) sherrysuej@new.rr.com, Co-Chairs



ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES - HOMELESS SHELTER MEALS

BCCWC members are providing a meal on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023**, at both the Men's Shelter on St. John Street and the Women's Shelter in the back of Wellspring, 700 East Walnut Street. Everyone should bring their food to the shelter for which they signed up. Please deliver your food between **5-5:30PM**.

We had an excellent sign up at our November meeting, so we need only 1 more item:

ONE LARGE PAN OF SUGARLESS JELLO WITH FRUIT for the Men's Shelter

Thank you, generous members, once again. The sign-up sheets for the **JANUARY 4, 2024** meal will be available at the Holiday Luncheon at Tundra Lodge. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Mary Kay Paulson (301-221-6327 cell) mkpaulson@aol.com,
Jan Clark (265-5744 cell) janetclark71@yahoo.com, Co-Chairs

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES - WELLSRING

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who contributed to the November 15 collection for Wellspring!



Susan Regnier collecting items for Wellspring

Generous members donated 45 bags of much needed cold-weather items including winter jackets, long underwear, gloves, boots, socks, hats, hoodies and sweatshirts. The Wellspring staff was overjoyed by the abundance of items donated and the continued support of our members. The Wellspring guests have benefited tremendously from your generosity.



Delivery of items - Kathy DeBroux and Jerome from Wellspring

Susan Regnier (499-8897) skr1176@hotmail.com,
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CHEERY NOTES TO SENIORS



Based on a tremendous response at the October membership meeting, we did a second card delivery in October, just in time for Halloween. Handcrafted Halloween cards were enjoyed by 40 residents of Anna's House in New Franken. November brought Thanksgiving greetings to 67 residents of Dimensions Living of Green Bay. Five birthday cards were also included.

We will continue to collect completed cards as well as distribute "six packs" at our next meeting on **December 20**. The more completed cards we collect, the more cheer we will spread to our area nursing home residents! Questions? Contact:

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Jeanette Krysiak (655-6928) jeanettekrysiak@yahoo.com, Co-Chairs

ONE STITCH AT A TIME



Happy holidays to all!! Our next blanket collection will be in May so that gives everyone plenty of time to start or finish blanket projects. We accept any and all blankets: tied, crochet, knit and even purchased ones. The clients at Wellspring and residents of House of Hope are always so grateful for our donations. Questions? Contact:

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CHRISTMAS FAMILIES



Just a few of the 108 gifts that were purchased by BCCWC members are pictured here. Two full cars of gifts were delivered for the 18 children we sponsored in the Green Bay area. Many Kwik Trip and Walmart gift cards were also donated for families. What a joyous holiday for these families because of your generosity! Many thanks for making this project a success again this year.

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RIBBON OF HOPE



*Beth Propp, Mary Jo Piskor, Terri Lewis,
Terry and Julie's mom, Julie Arts, Pat Russo, Christine Gaulke*

Over 75 wreaths for the Ribbon of Hope were displayed in the windows of the former Younkers store in late November, 12 of which were designed and created by BCCWC members. Some of the committee met to view the display and then celebrated their work at Poke the Bear on November 17. In addition to the wreaths they created for the Ribbon of Hope event, they also created one to be used as the raffle prize at the January meeting.

Pat Russo (655-3990) prusso@new.rr.com, Chair

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



The Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity office has 17 beautiful quilts, made by BCCWC members, waiting to be given to new Habitat homeowners. To date, 46 families received a quilt at the dedication of their homes. Seven families are waiting to receive keys to their new homes. Each family will receive a quilt to make their new home comfortable and cozy. If you would like to share your creativity and sewing skills with Habitat for Humanity, please join our group in making lap-sized quilts.

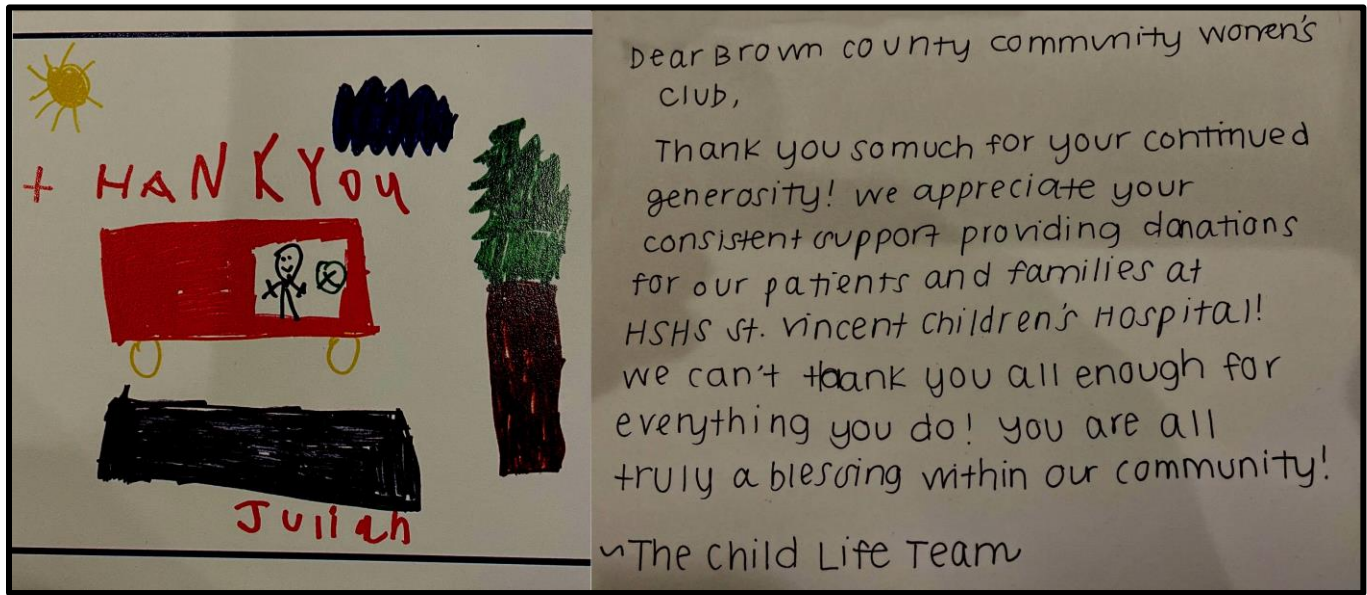


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Gina Reinardy (664-6501) ginareinardy@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

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

This special 'Thank You' from the St. Vincent Hospital's Child Life Team says it all!



Have a happy and joyous holiday!

Sue Vyse (562-3273) smvyse@gmail.com,

Kathy Aicher (265-5094) kaicher@new.rr.com, Co-Chairs

HOUSE OF HOPE



Three BIG cupcakes, a sheet cake and lots of ice cream were donated and delivered for the monthly birthday celebration at House of Hope. Thanks to our generous volunteer who did the legwork to make that happen. A total of 28 residents were served. If you are looking for a relatively "easy" volunteer project to volunteer for, please consider taking a month/once a year. Sign up as a team with another BCCWC member to share the cost. Thank you for your compassion and kindness in helping the homeless!

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Mary Anne Froelich (639-4847) maryannefroelich@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

LOVABLE MISFITS



A big THANK YOU to all who continue to help with the Lovable Misfit project, whether you are sewing or providing fleece, flannel, or the stuffing. Five misfits and 4 beautifully done blankets were brought in at the November membership meeting. Mary Anne continues to reach out for distribution of the lovable misfit items. A parole supervisor has expressed interest in having some on hand. So if you are able to make 1, or 3, or 10, please continue to sew. Any questions, please reach out.

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

FUNDRAISING

We would like to extend a big thank you to Betty Jensen for all her work in being in charge of the Mah Jongg group for the last several years. All her work in organizing the group and keeping it on track is very much appreciated by all. Betty will be truly missed. Linda Aschenbrenner will be assuming the responsibilities as Chairman of Mah Jongg. We will be hearing from her within the next few months.

Christmas is just around the corner and it is time for some “Holiday Tasty Treats”. You all have your favorite Christmas candy or cookies, etc. Why not share those recipes? Members are asked to make a plateful of their favorite holiday treats, include the recipes and bring it to the December luncheon. A donation will be asked for the samples of the items you bring. If you wish to bring a “Holiday Tasty Treat”, contact Darlene Rohm, 303-870-6400.



We are still looking for 1, 2, or 3 people to help organize the golf outing. We have two members right now, Beth Propp and Meg Deem, who are organizing the event for next year, and we would love to pass it on to someone to take over the event in 2025. That someone will work with the committee this year to learn the ropes. We hate to lose the golf outing event as it does bring in a large amount of money.

We will have two raffles in December. One is a Diamond Dot winter scene from Doris Kirk and the other is 2 knit Christmas Santa bags donated by Suzette Staeven. They both will hold quite a few Christmas gifts. As usual, we will also have the 50/50 raffle.



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

Sue Burich (865-7731) suebee1881@gmail.com,

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

FELLOWSHIP



Members enjoyed creating a unique 8 x 8 glass-on-glass mosaic recently after enjoying a light meal and beverages. Their concentration paid off as they made a one-of-a-kind art piece.

Another class will be held in March.

Please read carefully as some changes have occurred for some activities. Details will also be shared at the monthly meetings. **Please refer to your directory for contact phone numbers.**

Coming Up!

AVB Holiday Concert (formerly known as Allouez Village Band)—December 18 @ 7PM @ The Weidner Center.

Cost: Free-will offering & a non-perishable item. Contact: Ann Hare with any questions.

"Dinner Dames Supper Club"

It's always a nice time trying a new restaurant and meeting new friends. Please join us!

Last Thursday of the month; 5PM

Date (Last Thursday of Month)	Restaurant	Contact(s)
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. DeGrand, K. Aicher
May 30 (reservations due by May 26) **	The Drift Inn	E. Gerhold, L. Aschenbrenner
** we will plan next year's calendar at this meeting		

"Lunch Bunch Ladies"

First Thursday of the Month; 11:30AM

We still need restaurant contacts for March and May or they will be canceled. It's an easy job!

Contact Beth Propp.

Date (First Thursday of Month)	Restaurant/Location	Contact
Dec. 7--FULL	Grapevine Café	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 Mar. 4)	Chive's	
Apr. 4 (reservations due by Apr. 1)	Greystone	Jacquie Murphy
May 2 (reservations due by April 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

Stay tuned! January—June 2024 Events:

Sign-up sheets will be available at the monthly meetings:

- **Mulva Center—POSTPONED due to delayed opening.** Beatles Exhibit. Cost TBD. Contact Ann Hare.
- **Bingo at Oneida Bingo Hall** on **January 19 @ 10AM.** \$19 minimum. Contact Lynn Arnesen.
- **Movie at De Pere Cinema** on **January 22 @ 5:00.** Details in January newsletter. Contact Ann Hare.
- **Shop 'til You Drop!** at Taylor Creek on **February 27 @ 4—6PM.** Contact: Patty Payette.
- **Mosaic Art Glass Class** on **March 13 @ 12Noon.** \$50. Contact Lynn Arnesen.
- **Help with Planning a Funeral** on **April 9 @ 9AM @ the Village Grille.** Contact Joan Zittlow.
- **Bingo at Oneida Bingo Hall** on **April 19 @ 10AM.** \$19. Contact Lynn Arnesen.
- **Cooking Class at Season to Taste** on **April 22 \$25.** Contact Lynn Arnesen.
- **Lunch & Learn at Zimbaldi's Brewery & Gallagher's Pizza** on **May 31 @ 11AM.** Contact Sue Sinclair.

Standing Activities:

- **BCCWC Bunco** is coordinated by Carey Lheureux. If you are interested in being a sub, let Carey know. No experience necessary. Second Thursday of the month. 11AM at Village Grille. \$5 plus meal.
- **Mah Jongg** is played on Wednesdays. Linda Aschenbrenner is the new contact person.
- The **Book Club** is led by Meg Deem. See below for member-picked selections.

Happy Holidays from the Fellowship team!

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

BOOK CLUB

December is a great month to join the BCCWC Book Club! We start with our Holiday Luncheon on **Monday, December 4** at the Village Grille (801 Hoffman Road) at 11:30AM. It will be a wonderful chance to have a nice lunch, share some holiday cheer and be thankful for a great year. **Please either email me or text me by Friday, December 1 if you plan to join us for lunch.** We will then meet at the Kress Library at 1PM for our regular book discussion of *The Lost Jewels* by Kirsty Manning. Based on a fascinating true story, *The Lost Jewels* is a riveting historical fiction novel that will captivate readers from the beginning to the unforgettable, surprising end. It answers the question: “Why would someone bury a bucket of precious jewels and gemstones and never return?”

Book Summary:

When respected American jewelry historian, Kate Kirby, receives a call about the Cheapside jewels, she knows she’s on the brink of the experience of a lifetime. But the trip to London forces Kate to explore secrets that have long been buried by her own family. Back in Boston, Kate has uncovered a series of sketches in her great-grandmother’s papers linking her suffragette great-grandmother Essie to the Cheapside collection. Could these sketches hold the key to Essie’s secret life in Edwardian London?

In the summer of 1912, impoverished Irish immigrant Essie Murphy happens to be visiting her brother when a workman’s pickaxe strikes through the floor of an old tenement house in Cheapside, near St. Paul’s Cathedral in London. The workmen uncover a stash of treasure—from Ottoman pendants to Elizabethan and Jacobean gems—and then the finds disappear again! Could these jewels—one in particular—change the fortunes of Essie and her sisters? Together with photographer Marcus Holt, Kate Kirby chases the history of the Cheapside gems and jewels, especially the story of a small diamond champlevé enamel ring. Soon, everything Kate believes about her family, gemology, and herself will be threatened.



If December doesn’t work in your schedule, you can start your year out right and join us for the **** January 8, 2024**, meeting where we will be discussing *The Wright Sister* by Patty Dann. Here is the list of dates, books, and authors for the next couple of months:

** January 8, 2024	<i>The Wright Sister</i> by Patty Dann	<u>Meeting at Weyers Hillard Branch</u>
February 5, 2024	<i>Fresh Water for Flowers</i> by Valerie Perrine	
March 4, 2024	<i>The Girls in the Stilt House</i> by Kelly Mustain	

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

COMMUNICATIONS



NEW HISTORIAN

Welcome to our new BCCWC Historian! A great big THANK YOU to Julie Salemi, who has accepted the position as our new Historian. Julie has been a member of BCCWC for over 10 years. She spends her winters in Florida with her husband Mike and their two dogs, Stella and Nelson. You might remember that Julie chaired Pet Therapy for many years, visiting local nursing home residents with her dogs. Julie currently also chairs the Brat Sale fundraiser. Her enthusiasm is contagious!

Carol De Grand, Immediate Past President

UPDATES FOR THE PHOTO DIRECTORY AND BCCWC DIRECTORY



Four new members have joined the BCCWC since the photo directory was last updated. If you receive notification of the newsletter online, you'll find attached to the email a document with pictures of the 4 new members. Also on that the document is the updated information for your 2023-24 BCCWC directory. It includes contact information for our new members and any reported changes to existing members' information since the directory was printed in July.



If you receive the newsletter through the postal mail, then the document was included in your mailing. Please cut the document to size and tape it into your directories for future use.

Welcome again to Diane Aubry, Kathy Clevers, Marla Jean Lee and Monica Sims. We're glad that you found us!



IN MEMORIAM



Dolly Martin, a former member of BCCWC, passed away on November 20, 2023, at home. During her years in BCCWC, Dolly served on the Board of Directors for 3 straight years, from 2014-2017, as one of the Co-Directors for Programs/Social. In that position, she helped plan the calendar of programs for 10 monthly meetings each year. In addition to BCCWC, Dolly was active in many other community activities that focused on the needs of others.

Her beautiful smile and enthusiasm for the BCCWC will be missed. Dolly's funeral was held at Prince of Peace Catholic Church on November 30, 2023. Her obituary can be found at:

<https://prokwall.com/obituaries/dolores-martin/>

"A generous act is like a pebble in a pond. Its ripples spread endlessly outward."

Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

Kathy Szymanski and Margaret Georgia, Co-Editors
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