



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

January 2024



A MESSAGE FROM BCCWC PRESIDENT

I write this message a day after missing the Holiday Luncheon due to a mild case of Covid. It's also the shortest day of the year, which officially brings us winter. Each event caused me to think about the value of friends and sunshine as we journey through life. May both be abundant in the new year as BCCWC members continue to work for those whose lives

benefit from our efforts through community service projects and fundraising. Feeding the homeless, collecting for House of Hope residents and making quilts for those who buy their own homes through Habitat for Humanity are such worthy endeavors. Such awesome work! Such awesome members!

Cheers to your health and happiness in 2024 as the work and fun continues!

Sue Sinclair, President



MEMBERSHIP

Happy New Year to everyone from your Membership Committee. BCCWC membership is at 256.

January 1, 2024, BCCWC will start accepting membership applications for the year 2024-2025.

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

<https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769563020/2024-25+Membership+Application.pdf>

If you are unable to print a form, please send your check, along with your information/interests to:

Dianne Froelich, 3466 Peppergrass Dr., 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

149 members and 2 guests attended the annual holiday luncheon at Tundra Lodge. The halls were decked and holiday spirit was all around. The West De Pere High School Christmas Choir came dressed as Madrigal singers and put everyone in a happy, festive mood with their amazing performance of traditional Christmas carols.



Our next meeting will be **January 17**, at the De Pere Community Center, 600 Grant St. in De Pere.

Social - 12 Noon

Program - 1PM

Meeting - 1:45PM

Our program for this month will be a presentation on mature skin care by Tracie Bryfczynski from The Academy of Beauty Professionals.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION



The **January 17** food pantry collection will benefit Hope Center Pantry (formerly known as St. Patrick's Pantry) located at 505 Clinton Street. The pantry is completely run by volunteers and serves residents of Brown County. No income verification is necessary, just proof of address. In November, the pantry served 417 clients for a total of 1,489 family members.

The pantry is open Monday – Thursday from 1-3PM. Items currently needed include: canned soups (including cream of mushroom, chicken or celery), pasta, pasta sauce, cans of pasta with meat, peanut butter, kids' snacks such as Goldfish crackers or fruit bits, Pringles, microwave popcorn, sugar, cake mixes, dish and laundry soap, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hand lotion, sanitary pads and tissues. We will be collecting donations from **10AM-12:45PM** at the De Pere Community Center.

Each year when we collect for the Hope Center (Quad Parishes Food Pantry), members are invited to donate "birthday bags" for the children who will have birthdays during the year. Contents of a birthday bag include: a cake mix, frosting mix or container, a birthday card for a child and a small, inexpensive toy. This may be in lieu of non-perishable food or in addition to the food. This provides great joy to parents who cannot afford to treat their children with a cake or gift.

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ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES - HOMELESS SHELTER MEALS

On Thursday, **January 4**, we will be providing meals at both the Men's Shelter on St. John's Street and the Women's Shelter at 700 East Walnut St. Despite the unprecedented high numbers of homeless people going to both shelters, over 150 each night, our generous members signed up at our Christmas luncheon meeting to provide nearly all the food we will need. We are grateful. So many members donate so generously. We still need just a little more food:

Men's: 2 large hot vegetable dishes and 1 large pan of jello with fruit

Women's: 1 large dessert

Please deliver your food between **5-5:30PM**.

Remember, if you are going to the Women's Shelter, call 920-857-9587 for a staff member to open the door. Thank you again for all your generosity. You are filling such a need in our community. Contact us if you have any questions.

Mary Kay Paulson (301-221-6327 cell) mkpaulson@aol.com,
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CHEERY NOTES TO SENIORS



Century Ridge and Care for All Ages residents had a Merry Christmas thanks to the generosity of BCCWC members. We delivered a total of 65 Christmas cards and 7 birthday cards in time to be enjoyed during the holiday season.

Our next completed card collection will be at our **January 17** meeting. As a heads up, this will be the last meeting before Valentine's Day. We will continue to have "six packs" available for distribution at each monthly meeting. The more completed cards we collect, the more cheer we will spread to our area nursing home residents!

Questions? Contact:

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BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The requirements for a family to acquire a home through Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity:

Need for Improved Housing: Based on current housing conditions, there must be a demonstrated need in order to qualify for a Habitat home.

Ability to Pay: In the Homeownership Program, applicants are applying to purchase a home.

Applicants must fall within 30-80% of Brown County's Area Median Income (AMI), based on family size, and have a reliable source of income (employment, SSI, etc.) to pay an affordable, interest-free mortgage.

Willingness to Partner: Must be willing to complete 250-500 volunteer hours (based on number of homebuyers) building their home, be a community partner, and represent Habitat for Humanity in a positive manner within the community.

The requirements for a lap-size quilt presented to a new homeowner by BCCWC:

Lap-size quilt: approximately 53 x 57 inches (similar to a living room throw).

Must contain a picture of a house, either imprinted on fabric or from a pattern.

Complete the quilt top and supply the backing material which should be 4 inches bigger on each side than the top.

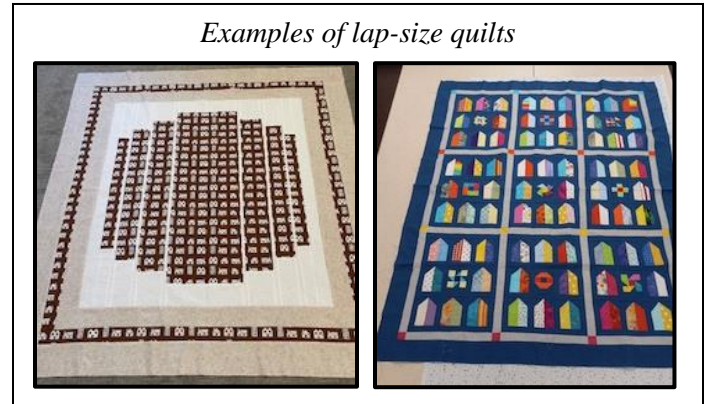
(No need to supply batting - Thanks to the BCCWC for awarding our group funds to purchase batting at the NWTC Artisans Center.)

Machine Quilting will be done for you: Gina Reinardy, 664-6501, takes the quilt to the NWTC Artisans Center for machine quilting by volunteer, Lynn Konitzer. After machine quilting, Gina returns the quilt to you with a label.

Finishing the quilt: Hand sewing of the binding will be done for you by volunteers.

It's an easy and fun project for anyone who enjoys sewing.

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



A sincere “THANK YOU!” to the amazing group of ladies that volunteered to decorate the Christmas trees that were distributed to the hospitalized children over the holidays. Each Christmas tree was festively decorated and certainly brightened the days for the children and their families during their hospital stay at Christmas time.



The next project will be tying fleece blankets. These blankets will be placed on the bed of each child/teen when they are admitted to the hospital. This project will be held on **Monday, February 19, from 9AM – 3PM** at the Bellevue Community Center, 1811 Allouez Ave. You can come to help anytime during these hours. Fleece will be provided; no experience necessary. If you are interested, please stop by the ‘Child Life’ table at the January meeting to sign up, or contact Sue Vyse or Kathy Aicher, and they will add you to the signup sheet.

Christmas trees being delivered to the Child Life staff later that afternoon by Dianne Froelich and Mary Jo Piskor.

Happy New Year!

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

Cold weather didn't stop the celebration! Our generous volunteers made the "end of the year" birthday party another fun event for the 22 residents at the House of Hope shelter. Thank you for your time and generosity! Our collective belief in the power of HOPE does make a significant impact on the lives of vulnerable youth and families in our community. If you are interested in making a difference in the lives of homeless moms and their children, please let us know!



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LOVABLE MISFITS



Our "Misfits" are getting out into the community little by little. This past week, some were dropped off at the Brown County Sheriff's Office, Golden House and Freedom House. They were embraced with open hearts! The ladies were so thankful and impressed with our little guys. Some will be dropped off soon at Willow Tree. If you can cut out or sew and have a pattern, please keep sewing. If you'd like to purchase cute kid fleece fabric, half a yard would go a long way.

Please drop off any finished "Misfits" at our January BCCWC membership meeting and stay tuned for a get together to cut and prepare blankets and/or misfits this winter.

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

FUNDRAISING

GOLF OUTING:



While it may seem like time to plan a winter golf destination, we are ready to begin planning the June Golf & Games Fundraiser. We spent a lot of time last year pulling all the information together so we can make it an easy fundraiser to be part of. Please join us for our kick off meeting after the January meeting. We're looking for volunteers to help with ALL aspects of the event. We're also looking for next year's co-chair. Our vision is to make it a 3-year commitment, two planning and one leading. That means we need a NEW co-chair every year. Know someone who likes to plan parties? That's essentially what the Golf Outing is. Golf, games, fellowship and fundraising and all for a good cause. Not sure what it would entail? Stop by and we'll show you the ropes.

"When everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot."

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BRIDGE MARATHONS



The registration form for the 2024-25 Bridge Marathons sign-up will be available by **February 1**. Registrations will be due by **March 1, 2024**. If you are currently in our groups, you will receive the form via email and it will also be available online at that time. If you are new to bridge and/or new to the club and have an interest in our bridge groups for the 2024-25 season, please contact Carol Simpson for full details. We would love to have you join our groups! This is a major fundraiser for the BCCWC and also provides a fun way to meet other people while having a great time at the bridge table! Players, please "Save the Date" for the 2023-24 Bridge Banquet to be held at St. Brendan's Inn on **Wednesday, May 8, 2024!**

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MAH JONGG FUNDRAISER

Buy your 2024 Mah Jongg card through our fundraiser and benefit BCCWC. Cards cost \$14; large print cards cost \$15. BCCWC will receive \$5 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 Linda Aschenbrenner. Last year we sold 73 cards and hope to increase that amount this year! If you ordered a card last year, we already have your address. You can write a check payable to BCCWC and note on the memo line how many cards you want. If you prefer paying with cash, please put the cash in an envelope with a note stating your name and how many cards you want. (PLEASE do not turn in a stack of cash with a sticky note. Everything needs to be clear so there will be no mistakes.) The deadline for orders is **January 20, 2024**. Ask your Mah Jongg friends to buy their cards through BCCWC as well.



Registration form:

<http://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769289802/2023+MahJongg+card+order+form.pdf>

Linda Aschenbrenner (991-9961) linda.asch2747@gmail.com, Chair

BOOK EXCHANGE



January brings winter. Winter brings ...READING and puzzles! Yes, puzzles also. Last year some of our members brought puzzles to the exchange and they went like "hotcakes"! Check your shelves at home for books and puzzles and bring them to the January membership meeting. Let's make January 2024 a month of interesting reading.

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

Thank You

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone in the organization who donated their valuable time and efforts to help make fundraising a big success this past year! Without your help and support, there are a lot of organizations who would not monetarily benefit from all the hard work that goes into the fundraising events.

Again, a big THANK YOU to all!

For the January meeting, we will have the 50/50 raffle as well as a wreath made for us by the Ribbon of Hope Committee for the "Surprise" raffle.



We hope to see you on **January 17, 2024**.

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

FELLOWSHIP

On the very last day of November, 9 BCCWC members met at Mayflower Greenhouse in the afternoon, creating planters to welcome in the holiday season and winter. Using the ideas demonstrated at the November general meeting, the ladies ended up with beautiful planters to take home. Hot chocolate and brownies capped off the afternoon.



Mary Jo Piskor fills her Santa boots planter.



Proudly displaying their winter planters: Linda Shores, Mary Schneider, Wendy Swiatnicki, Jean Baravetto, Barb Zich and Marv Jo Piskor.



Picking out some embellishments for their planter greenery, Linda Shores and Jean Baravetto decide on bows and wooden pieces.

*The **new year brings new opportunities** for members to share **new experiences**. The focus in this newsletter is on the January and February events. Please read carefully and consider joining in the fun. Phone numbers and emails for contacts are in your directory.*

Coming Up!

- **The Mulva Center**—Finally! A date has been set: **January 18 at 10:30AM!** For \$20 we can tour the new center as a group, view the Beatles exhibit and watch “A Hard Day’s Night” at noon (the movie is \$5), if interested. The coffee and gift shops will be open. Contact Ann Hare to confirm that this date works for you or to sign up if you haven’t. (The cafeteria/dining room is not open yet.) Parking is on Michigan St.
- **Bingo on January 19.** Oneida Bingo Hall. **10:00AM.** \$19 minimum. Contact Lynn Arnesen. **8 members** are registered so far.
- **Movie at De Pere Cinema** has been changed to **February 6 @ 5:30PM.** The movie, **Ordinary Angels**, based on a true story starring Hilary Swank, starts at 6:30PM. For **\$8** you will see the movie, enjoy popcorn & 2 slices of pizza and a soda. (Wine or beer is available on a cash basis.) Check YouTube for a movie trailer. Sign up at the January meeting or contact Ann Hare.
- **Cookie Class: Monday, February 12, 9AM** at Mary Jo Piskor's home. \$20. Baking and festively frosting cookies. Contact Mary Jo to sign up. Attendance is limited to 10 people.
- **Shop til You Drop! February 27. 4PM—6PM** @ Taylor Creek. Sue Sinclair was there recently, and the clothing collection continues to grow. It’ll be fun to check out the spring line! Perhaps we can go for a bite to eat afterward. Contact: Patty Payette.

“Dinner Dames Supper Club”

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

“Dinner Dames” Meet @ 5PM. Last Thursday of the month.

Date (Last Thursday of Month)	Restaurant	Contact(s)
Jan. 25 (reservations due by Jan. 21)	Sammy's Pizza	Patty Payette (9 registered)
Feb. 29 (reservations due by Feb. 25)	Prime Quarter	Kathy Eisenschink (5 registered)
Mar. 28 (reservations due by Mar. 24)	Stella's	Darlene Rohm (11 registered)
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; 11:30 AM

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
Jan. 4 (reservations due by Dec. 29)	Parker John's BBQ	Sue Sinclair (8 registered)
Feb. 1 (reservations due by Jan. 29)	Mandarin Gardens	Barb LaFrombois (7 registered)
Mar. 7 (reservations due by Mar. 4)	Chive's	WE NEED A CONTACT (13 registered)
Apr. 4 (reservations due by Apr. 1)	Greystone	Jacquie Murphy
May 2 (reservations due by April 29)	bleu	Mary Jo Piskor
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! March—June 2024 Events:

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

- **Mosaic Art Glass Class** on **March 13** @ 12Noon. \$50. Contact Lynn Arnesen for details. If you participated in November, bring your piece to the January meeting for show & tell!
- **Help with Planning a Funeral** on **April 9** @ 9AM @ the Village Grille. Dan Malcore is the presenter. Contact Joan Zittlow.
- **Bingo** on **April 19** @ 10AM @ Oneida Bingo Hall. \$19. Contact Lynn Arnesen.
- **Cooking Class at Season to Taste** on **April 22** \$25. Theme TBD. 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.

Peace and Joy in 2024!

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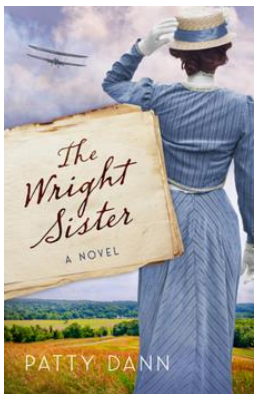
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Mary Jo Piskor (217-4343) savoie731@aol.com, Fellowship Co-Directors

BOOK CLUB

This is the perfect time to make a resolution to read more, learn something new and join a new group of friends. The BCCWC book club makes it easy to do all three! Join us for the first meeting of 2024 on **January 8 at 1PM at the Weyers-Hilliard Branch - Howard Library** (*please note the date and location which are different than normal*). We will be discussing *The Wright Sister* by Patty Dann. On December 17, 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright flew the world's first airplane at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, establishing the Wright Brothers as world-renowned pioneers of flight. Known to far fewer people was their whip-smart and well-educated sister Katharine, a suffragette and early feminist.

Book Summary:



After Wilbur passed away, Katharine lived with and took care of her increasingly reclusive brother Orville, who often turned to his more confident and supportive sister to help him through fame and fortune. But when Katharine became engaged to their mutual friend, Harry Haskell, Orville felt abandoned and betrayed. He smashed a pitcher of flowers against a wall and refused to attend the wedding or speak to Katharine or Harry. As the years went on, the siblings grew further and further apart.

In *The Wright Sister*, Patty Dann wonderfully imagines the blossoming of Katharine, revealed in her “Marriage Diary”—in which she emerges as a frank, vibrant, intellectually and socially engaged, sexually active woman coming into her own—and her one-sided correspondence with her estranged brother as she hopes to repair their fractured relationship. Even though she pictures “Orv” throwing her letters away, Katharine cannot contain her joie de vivre, her love of married life, her strong advocacy of the suffragette cause, or her abiding affection for her stubborn sibling as she fondly recalls their shared life.

An inspiring and poignant chronicle of feminism, family and forgiveness, *The Wright Sister* is an unforgettable portrait of a woman, a sister of inventors, who found a way to reinvent herself.

Since we can't control the weather and know that old man winter is certainly on his way, here are the next couple of books to read: on **February 5**, we will be talking about *Fresh Water for Flowers* by Valerie Perrine and **March 4** will find us discussing *The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustain. So, mark your calendar and join us for lively conversation on a cold winter day.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

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