



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



2024

A MESSAGE FROM BCCWC PRESIDENT



March Musings: February is generally my least favorite month, but this year it has flown by! (I think the weather may have helped.) March offers many causes for celebration: family and friends' birthdays, longer days beginning March 10 (daylight savings time), St. Paddy's Day celebrations (I'm half Irish), the first day of spring on March 19 and Easter Sunday as it closes out the month. Whew! All this plus the many acts of generosity that BCCWC members will share through service to others.

As we listened to Rhonda Chandler at the February meeting, I was reminded that it's time to begin thinking about worthy Community Awards nominations. Any member can submit a nomination form (found on the website under fundraising) to nominate a Brown County based non-profit organization for possible financial support from our club. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Betsy Whitton, President Elect, who will be leading this year's review process.

<https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769597111/2023-24+Community+Award+Nomination+form.pdf>

The March meeting program will feature Joe Kobiela, who will demonstrate how to use an AED device. While we all hope we have the "luck of the Irish", if a heart episode happens to a member when we are together in a social setting, the odds of surviving increase if we are prepared to use an AED. Plan to attend the meeting to learn how the Club's AED unit might be used to buy time while waiting for medical support.

BEWARE! SCAM ALERT!!

*I am aware that emails requesting gift cards for BCCWC have gone out in my name. Please know that I would **never** ask for a gift card or money through email. I'd do it in person! So, if you ever receive something like that from me, please delete it and report it. It's nothing but a scam hoping to prey on vulnerable people. It is not a legitimate request.*



Sue Sinclair, President



MEMBERSHIP BCCWC current membership is at 260. It is now time to renew your membership for 2024-25. The membership form can be found on the BCCWC website.

<https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769588930/2024-25+Membership+Application+%285%29.pdf>

If you have changed your address or phone number, please highlight that information on your form. Send the form – one member per form – along with your check to:

Dianne Froelich, 3466 Peppergrass Dr., Green Bay, WI 54311.

Please get your membership dues and registration 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 any new information. Thank you.

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MEETINGS REMINDER

Five guests and 82 members attended the February general meeting at the De Pere Community Center. Our speaker was Rhonda Chandler, founder of the non-profit organization Lovin' the Skin I'm In. This organization works to empower and uplift young women of color. Rhonda's organization was the recipient of one of our Community Awards.

Our next meeting will be **March 20**, at the De Pere Community Center, 600 Grant Street in De Pere.

Social - 12 Noon

Program - 1PM

Meeting - 1:45PM



Our program for March will be a refresher course on how to use a defibrillator, presented by Joe Kobiela and Sue Protzman.

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Program/Social Co-Directors



BCCWC COMMUNITY AWARDS 2023-24 WHERE DOES OUR MONEY GO????

Last year, BCCWC added Disabled American Veterans Chapter 3 (Green Bay and De Pere) to the organizations we support financially. They provide free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining VA and other government benefits earned through military service. They offer free rides to veterans who need help getting to and from VA medical appointments. They also help with food, monthly living expenses and medical needs.

Betsy Whitton, President Elect

COMMUNITY SERVICE



ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES - HOMELESS SHELTER MEALS

We will be providing our next meal on **THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024**, for the men at St. John's Shelter on St. John's Street and for the women at the Women's Shelter in the back of the Wellspring building at 700 E. Walnut Street. We are grateful to all the women who have already signed up to bring food, but because we are still feeding over 170 people each time, we still need a few more items:

For the **Men's Shelter**: **2 LARGE LASAGNAS, 1 LARGE VEGETABLE DISH, 4 LOAVES OF GARLIC BREAD and 2 LARGE PANS OF SUGARLESS JELLO WITH FRUIT.**

For the **Women's Shelter**: **1 LASAGNA, 6 LOAVES OF GARLIC BREAD and 2 GALLONS OF MILK.**

Please deliver your food items, all prepared and ready to serve, between **5-5:30PM** at the respective shelters. If you are able to provide any of the above food for our upcoming meal, please contact us soon. Also, if you have any questions, do contact us. Thank you for your continued, selfless generosity.

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ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES – WELLSPRING

The last Wellspring collection will be **March 20**, from 10:30AM-12:30PM, in the parking lot at the De Pere Community Center. Please look for our cars with open trunks to drop off your donations. The Wellspring guests are in need of the following items as they prepare for the spring/summer months:

*Rain ponchos, umbrellas, sunscreen, bug spray, Chapstick, foot powder, aloe vera
Tank tops, shorts, light spring jackets (size Small-2XL), flip flops, tennis shoes (size 6-11)*

The Wellspring guests and staff are always so grateful for the many contributions from our generous members. Thank you for your kindness!

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ONE STITCH AT A TIME



What an unusual winter we have had, but spring is on the way! The next blanket collection for Wellspring and House of Hope will be at our **May 15** Spring Luncheon meeting. You still have a couple of months to complete your projects. Knit or crocheted afghans and baby blankets, tied blankets and store bought twin-sized blankets are always needed. Let Jean or Pat know if you want to drop anything off early. Thanks for all you do!

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CHEERY NOTES TO SENIORS



Valentine's Day was a happier one this year for 60 assisted living residents! Valentines and Cheery Notes were delivered to residents of Angels Touch, De Pere, thanks to members of the BCCWC. Three birthday cards were also included. Completed cards will be collected at the **March 20** membership meeting. Use your own cards or pick up blank cards from one of the chairs. "Six packs" will be available at the March meeting for distribution to nursing home residents in 2024. We are looking for 1 or 2 members who are willing to help distribute "six packs" and collect completed Cheery Notes at our monthly meetings on an as needed basis. Contact one of the chairs for information or to volunteer.

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*Lynn Konitzer, volunteer, is pictured with a NWTC Artisans and Business Center long-arm quilting machine and a recently finished Habitat for Humanity quilt.
THANK YOU, Lynn!*

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The quilters would like to extend a heartfelt tribute to our volunteer long-arm machine quilter. Lynn Konitzer and the NWTC Artisans & Business Center have generously donated their time and machines to make our quilts incredibly beautiful! Lynn's machine has quilted at least 55 quilts for the BCCWC. A quick Internet search estimates the cost to long arm a lap-sized quilt would be just over \$100. That means that Lynn has donated more than \$5500 in "in kind" resources to the BCCWC!

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

BEFORE...



Beautiful pieces of fleece.

AFTER...



Cozy blankets full of comfort to be treasured by the hospitalized children at St. Vincent Children's Hospital.

Twenty-five blankets were tied and delivered to St. Vincent Children's Hospital – Child Life Department in February. Many BCCWC members took part in the fun and fellowship of this project. A sincere "Thank You" to all who contributed in some way to make this project happen! The blankets bring great comfort to the children, and parents, too, at a challenging and often scary time.

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HOUSE OF HOPE



Thanks to our generous volunteer, the birthday "cake and ice cream" party served 25 residents, including 3 birthday recipients! The HOH coordinator again confirmed that everyone looks forward to this monthly celebration. An act of kindness does not go unnoticed! Thank you to all the volunteers who have participated in this project over the years. Our volunteers are scheduled through August, 2024. Please consider signing up for a month, September, 2024, through August, 2025. We need you to make this party happen.

House of Hope Collection The car in the parking lot was loaded with diapers and soap of all kinds after the collection prior to the February general meeting! It is heartwarming to witness the generosity of our members. Thanks to all who donated the needed items. Mary Anne and Kay lucked out for this collection, with a warm February day and many generous women! YOU are awesome!

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Remember to turn your clocks ahead on March 10.

FORT HOWARD SENIOR LUNCHEONS

Please help us provide a tasty meal and afternoon Bingo for seniors residing at Fort Howard Apartments!



The annual spring luncheon buffet and bingo for seniors will be held on **Thursday, April 11**, at Fort Howard Apartments community room, 141 N. Chestnut Ave., Green Bay. Set-up will be at 11AM. Members will serve the buffet at 12NOON and assist seniors as they play bingo following the meal from approximately 12:45-1:30PM.

Wondering what to donate for bingo? Seniors at this facility have a fixed income. When shopping, they only have funds for basic supplies and food. As a senior yourself, what might you purchase as a special treat or a household supply? A full list of suggestions is on the BCCWC website: www.bccwc.org under News and Notes: February 2024 Newsletter.

Based on safety, need and small living spaces, certain items are **NOT** recommended: candles, knick-knacks, lotions, shampoos, perfumes, makeup and large calendars.

Questions? Want to sign up? A signup sheet will be available at the March meeting, or please contact one of the chairs.

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Barb Berg (655-8590), Co-Chairs

LOVABLE MISFITS WORKSHOP WITH SENIORS



Interested in helping make MISFITS, but needing more guidance?

Hoping to interact with seniors at Fort Howard Apartments? Wanting a taste of community service? That day has arrived! **Please come join us on Thursday, APRIL 18, from 1-3PM at Fort Howard Apartments, 141 N. Chestnut Ave., Green Bay.** If you would like to see what goes into creating a misfit, this is the event for you. If you have fleece or flannel you'd like to bring, that would be great. Gallon zip lock bags will be provided to store finished Misfits and/or kits to be donated or sewn at the workshop or on a later date. Accompanying each Misfit given to a child is a flannel mini quilt to cuddle the Misfit.

Useful items to bring to the workshop:

- scissors or rotary cutter
- a cutting mat (if you have one)
- fleece or flannel from your stash or purchase ¼ yard of remnant (boy prints are especially needed)
- box of gallon zip bags
- bag of polyester stuffing
- your sewing machine, if possible
- your chipper selves :-)

You don't NEED to bring anything, only if you'd like.

The new Fort Howard Apartments' social worker, Amy, is inviting interested residents to join us and socialize. The club is very grateful to the management and staff of Fort Howard Apartments to provide this space and opportunity to connect with residents.

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

FUNDRAISING

Great news - the Serogy candy bars are back! The candy bars will be available at the March and April monthly BCCWC meetings. For a donation of \$3, you will get 2 candy bars. The Happy Hookers are at it again. Their wonderful homemade items will be available at the March and April meetings. The Book Exchange will also be available at those meetings.

The Riverside Ballroom was recently sold. However, reservations and contracts for the Card & Game Day fundraisers are in place at Riverside through April 2025.

This beautiful quilt with coordinating pillow shams will be raffled off at the May luncheon. The queen-sized quilt was designed and lovingly made in striking shades of blue and tan. It is a perfect combination of color and design for both men and women. Tickets will be 6/\$5. Some lucky lady will be walking away with quite a prize!



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GOLF OUTING

BEE Sure You've Saved the Date! June 10, 2024 We want you to BEE there!

With the early spring temps and no snow, it's starting to feel like spring! That means it's time to start thinking about the 2024 Golf Outing at Mid Vallee Golf Course. We have opportunities for businesses to get involved as we are looking for hole sponsors, a cart sponsor, lunch sponsor and event sponsor(s). Know someone new we can reach out to? Let us know who.



We are beginning to form teams of volunteers to help with decorations and raffle baskets. We are also looking for donations for our Birdie Board. Look for sign-ups at the March meeting. Can't make it to the event? How about donating a gift card valued at \$25 or more to your favorite store or restaurant? Have something that could go in and fill out a raffle basket? New items to use in raffle baskets and gift cards can be brought to the March and April meetings. It's a nice way to support the event.

We're also still looking for someone to learn the "course" and take the lead for the 2025 Golf & Game Day. This has been a popular event and pulling it together is easy as a team.

Registration forms for the event will be available on the website soon, in the April Newsletter and at the April meeting. This year fees will all be payable by check to BCCWC and will be due **May 13**.

Call with questions.

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SPRING CARD & GAME DAY FUNDRAISER

Don't miss "Spring Is in the Air", the BCCWC annual Spring Card & Game Day Fundraiser. It promises to be a wonderful event with lots of games, beautiful raffles and fun!

- When: **April 24, 10AM-4PM.**
- Where? Riverside Ballroom
- 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.

https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769576436/Spring+Cd++Gm+Flyer_2024.pdf

As always, the famous YUM-YUM SHOPPE will be a big part of the Card & Game Day. There will be a sign-up sheet at the March and April general meetings. Donated baked goods help to raise lots of money to give back to charitable causes. *Look for Jacquie Murphy and Pam Girtz at the meetings;* they will explain how to package your goods.

Open to members and non-members alike and we need you to help spread the word. The deadline is only 6 weeks away so be sure to get your registration form in soon. You don't want to miss out on this wonderful day!

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FELLOWSHIP

*Things are beginning to wind down, but there are still opportunities to join in with members as we begin to celebrate spring and look forward to longer days.
Please use the directory for contact information.*

Coming Up

Sign-up sheets will be available at the monthly meetings or email/text contact people.

- **POSTPONED AGAIN!** **Movie Night at De Pere Cinema** has been changed to **sometime in April due to popular demand** of the movie, **Ordinary Angels**. It is based on a true story starring Hilary Swank. It 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.) Ann Hare is coordinating this event.
- **Mosaic Art Glass Class: March 13 @ 12Noon. \$50.** No experience necessary. Get your creative groove on after enjoying a light lunch and beverages. We need 10 more participants for this to be a go. Contact Lynn Arnesen to **register by March 6.**
- **Help with Planning a Funeral: April 9, 9AM @ the Village Grille.** Dan Malcore is the presenter. Dan Malcore has presented through LLI and is excellent. He will talk about funeral planning in general including cremation, the cost of renting a casket and other decisions that go into planning a loved one's funeral. There will be a Q & A session. There's plenty of room for you and a guest. Contact Joan Zittlow.
- **Bingo on April 19, Oneida Bingo Hall @ 10AM, \$20.** Contact Lynn Arnesen. We had 3 winners at our tables in January! It lasts about 2 hours.
- **Cooking Class at Season to Taste: April 22, \$25. Theme: Sheet-Pan Dinners.** There are 2 openings. Maximum of 15. Contact Lynn Arnesen. **Checks, payable to Season to Taste, due to Lynn by April 15.**

"Dinner Dames Supper Club"

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

Date (Last Thursday of Month)	Restaurant	Contact(s)
Mar. 28 (reservations due by Mar. 24)	Cedar & Sage*	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

* Location change due to group size. Stella's unable to handle large group. Please confirm your interest in the new location by contacting Darlene.

** We will plan next year's calendar at this meeting (4PM planning session, 5PM order food)

"Lunch Bunch Ladies"

First Thursday of the Month; 11:30AM

Date (First Thursday of Month)	Restaurant/Location	Contact
Mar. 7 (reservations due by Mar. 4)	Chive's	Beth Propp (16 registered). Max: 20
Apr. 4 (reservations due by Apr. 1)	Greystone	Jacque 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! More Events!

- **Lunch & Learn at Zimbaldi's Brewery & Gallagher's Pizza May 31 @ 11AM.** Contact Sue Sinclair. We will tour the brewery and learn how this business has flourished as a new craft beer brewery in the area. Lunch can be ordered from Gallaghers.

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.

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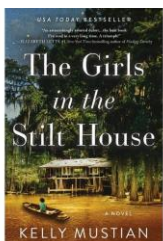
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BOOK CLUB

Even if you are not of Irish descent, you can have the luck of the Irish in March by reading a wonderful story. Join us for the book club meeting on **Monday, March 4**, at 1PM at the Weyers-Hilliard Library in Howard. Our book this month is *The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustian. This book is "A remarkable debut with a nearly flawless tale of loss, perseverance and redemption".

Book Summary:



Set in 1920s Mississippi, this debut Southern novel weaves a beautiful and harrowing story of two teenage girls cast in an unlikely partnership through murder.

Ada promised herself she would never go back to the Trace, to her hard life on the swamp and her harsh father. But now, after running away to Baton Rouge and briefly knowing a different kind of life, she finds herself with nowhere to go but back home. And she knows there will be a price to pay with her father.

Matilda, daughter of a sharecropper, is from the other side of the Trace. Doing what she can

to protect her family from the whims and demands of some particularly callous locals is an ongoing struggle. She forms a plan to go north, to pack up the secrets she's holding about her life in the South and hang them on the line for all to see in Ohio.

As the two girls are drawn deeper into a dangerous world of bootleggers and moral corruption, they must come to terms with the complexities of their tenuous bond and a hidden past that links them in ways that could cost them their lives.

While we search for spring, **April 1** finds us sharing our thoughts on *The Last Grand Duchess* by Bryan Turnbull. As spring blooms, we will read *Crescent* by Diane Abu-Jaber for **May 6**. Before we break for summer, we focus on *The Beauty of Dusk* by Frank Bruni on **June 3**. Mark your calendar, join us for lively conversation and put a little sunshine in your week.

March is also the month that we start our planning for the next year. Please send me your book suggestions, along with the author's name, by **March 29**. This will become the list from which our group votes for next year's 9 book titles. If you want to be on the email list so you can help us choose the future reads, please call, text or email to have your name added to the book club roster.

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COOKIE DECORATING



Mary Jo Piskor demonstrates a method to use "leftover" icing to create a marbled look.



Pat Russo and Meg Deem use their skills to try different looks on similar cookies.



Using the techniques Mary Jo taught her, Terry Jeffers concentrates on applying the icing for one of the Valentine cookies.



A few of the finished designs

Under the expertise of Mary Jo Piskor, 9 BCCWC ladies learned to "fancy decorate" cookies, just in time for Valentine's Day. Mary Jo prepared the cookies and icing ahead of time, so the 2 hours were spent learning the techniques for such special cookies. Mistakes in applying the icing? Just turn it into a different look and it will look intentional. It was very informative and entertaining. All of the proceeds were donated to the BCCWC.

COMMUNICATIONS

Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

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