



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

June, 2025

### A MESSAGE FROM BCCWC PRESIDENT

We had our closing luncheon at the Ravine where everyone looked very festive in their hats. Installation of the officers for 2025-26 took place at the meeting.

#### 2025-2026 BCCWC EXECUTIVE BOARD



Front Row: Trustees **Helene Rosner**, **Carol Simpson**

Back Row: 1st VP **Bonnie Zima**, President-elect **Bonnie LeMense**, President **Jeanne Lefebvre**,  
Past President **Betsy Whitton**, 2nd VP **Mary Jo Rod**, Secretary **Mary Erickson**

Missing: Treasurer **Judy Niesing**

I hope you all have a lovely summer and we will see you in September.

Betsy Whitton, President





## **MEMBERSHIP**

Current BCCWC membership is 276. Two new members joined since our last newsletter. Please welcome: *Sally Kinzy* and *Barb Spitzer*.

It is time to renew your membership for the year 2025-26. The deadline is June 1, 2025 to ensure that your name appears in the 2025-2026 BCCWC Directory.

Those interested in joining or renewing will find a form on our website [www.bccwc.org](http://www.bccwc.org) or click on the link below:

<https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769750066/2025-26+Membership+Application.pdf>

If you are signing up for postal correspondence, the amount has increased due to the cost of postage. It is \$55 to join/renew and receive your newsletter/mailings via US Mail. Email correspondence remains the same at \$35. If you are unable to print a form, 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.*

Dianne Froelich, Linda Aschenbrenner, Cindy Dimmer, Membership Co-Chairs

\*Refer to current BCCWC Directory for additional contact information\*

## **MEETINGS REMINDER**

A festive luncheon with a garden party theme at The Ravine brought the 2024-25 BCCWC year to a close. Three guests and 128 members enjoyed the friendly ambiance. Entertainment was provided by the West De Pere High School Chamber Choir, who not only performed a cappella but led the members in a fun 3-part round.



*Christine Gaulke created unique centerpieces out of teapots, cups and saucers. The centerpieces went home as door prizes for the lucky recipients.*



*Ladies showed up in a variety of party outfits, hats and fascinators.*

Next fall's kick-off and welcome-back luncheon is **September 17** at the Swan Club in De Pere. The entertainment will be singer Bobby Rivers. THIS LUNCHEON IS OPEN TO GUESTS. Registration forms will be available on [www.BCCWC.org](http://www.BCCWC.org) in August.

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## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **A SMILE BOUQUET**

It's time to bring a smile to individuals at senior resident facilities. We are meeting to put together bouquets:

- *Thursday, **June 26** at 1PM at the Bellevue Community Center on Allouez Avenue.*

Hope you can join us. It takes a little over an hour to complete the bouquets. If you have shears to cut the flowers, please bring them. Everything else is provided.

Let us know if you can help by contacting one of the chairs:

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### **CHEERY NOTES TO SENIORS**



In May, residents of Cardinal Ridge Residential Care and Sage Meadow received 73 cheery notes and birthday cards. During the BCCWC 2024-2025 calendar year, 865 cheery notes, crafts, and birthday cards were delivered to 12 different area nursing homes and senior living facilities in Brown County. Since the program began in February 2021, a total of 3,558 cheery notes, crafts and birthday cards have been distributed through this program!

*Please help continue this worthwhile project by writing cards over the summer for fall delivery.* If you need cards, we have an abundant supply thanks to donations from BCCWC members.

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### **BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

The quilters had a great meeting on May 19 at the Polo Point Clubhouse. It's a great venue to be able to spread out and display our quilts and share ideas.

Thirteen families are waiting for their homes at Habitat Homestead as are the quilters. All of the homes will be dedicated on one day. The Habitat for Humanity staff notified us that a press conference will be held and our group will be invited. Rather than presenting each individual family with a quilt, the quilts will be placed in each home prior to the families taking possession of their new homes.

This project is truly a labor of love by the quilters who have donated or are in the process of making a quilt. Our machine quilter, Lynn Konitzer, is a major resource and contributor to our project, saving us time and effort as she machine quilts our quilts. Two people finish our quilts by hand-stitching the binding, a big time saver. Two other people make the labels and presenter cards. This is an excellent team which runs like a well-oiled machine. Each and every person is greatly appreciated.

*Anyone want to join our group? Contact:*

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## ONE STITCH AT A TIME



Heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated much-needed blankets, either handmade or purchased. Everyone at Wellspring and House of Hope greatly appreciates them. *Our next collection will be at the October meeting so keep your projects going.*  
You are awesome!!

Pat Hearnden (432-5871 or cell 217-3824),  
Jean Allgeyer (639-2980), Co-Chairs

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

As another BCCWC year comes to an end, it is with sincere appreciation that we say 'Thank you' for all the support in accomplishing the holiday projects, having a successful collection, and for all the stuffed animals and band aids provided throughout the year!

Your time and donations truly do make an impact in creating positive memories during the children's hospital stay. Thank you for all you do!



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## KRESS LIBRARY GARDEN

Summer is finally here! If you have a green thumb and like to share time outside with great friends, the Kress Library Garden Gals is the group for you!

- We plant 6 lovely pots at the library entrances and along the stairs on the north side of the Kress Library in De Pere.
- We care for and maintain existing landscaping, including trimming, watering, and weeding.
- Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8AM, June through September.
- Cleanup day is in early May and "put the garden to bed" day is in early October.
- Workdays take 1-1.5 hours. Afterward we meet for breakfast and camaraderie at a local eatery - always a nice time!
- Everyone is asked to sign up for at least 1 week of watering duties (of their choice) during the summer.



**NEXT UP:** Pot planting day: **June 4** (rain date **June 5**)

Join us Wednesdays at 8AM: **June 18, July 16, August 20, Sept 17** (rain or shine)

Put the garden to bed: **October 1** (rain date **October 2**)

Yes! We are always done in plenty of time to attend the monthly BCCWC meetings!

Contact Sue or Terri with questions and *let us know you're returning this year!* There are lots of people on the list from last year, *but we need to know who's coming back!*

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## HOUSE OF HOPE



May 20 was a very rainy day but it did not prevent BCCWC member, Susan Byrne, from fulfilling our House of Hope monthly birthday celebration! Susan provided a large chocolate sheet cake, ice cream, tablecloth, napkins and plates. Present were 19 adults and 20 children, 6 of whom had May birthdays. This always brings smiles and happiness to all.

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Rose Jensen [rmemer@aol.com](mailto:rmemer@aol.com), Co-Chairs

## FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS



Manna for Life was the recipient of the April food pantry collection. There were 30 bags of food items and a significant amount of cash donated by BCCWC members. The pantry was very appreciative of the generous donations. Thank you for your continued support of the Brown County pantries.

Submitted by Mary Jo Rod

## FUNDRAISING



### GOLF OUTING

“Let’s Play and Make a Difference”

Monday, **June 9, 2025** – Mid Vallee Golf Course

GOLFERS: Check-in and registration at 8AM.

There will be staff members in the parking area to help take your clubs to your assigned cart.

After registration, enjoy pastries and coffee. Buy mulligans and strings to help improve your “lie”.

Purchase 50/50 raffle tickets, basket raffle tickets and Birdie Board Squares.

Make your way to your carts no later than 8:50AM. Golfers tee off at 9AM.

Lunch will be served at NOON – as soon as everyone is off the course.

In the event of rain, Mid Vallee will be issuing golf vouchers. The luncheon will still go on.

NON-GOLFERS: Come early for pastries and coffee and purchase raffle tickets. Remember to bring your own cards/games for the morning. If you are only coming for lunch, please plan to arrive by 11:30AM.

Come and join the Fun Day!

Thank you to volunteers and donors. We could not do it without you! “You All Made a Difference”

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## **BRAT FRY**



THANK YOU\*\*\*\*THANK YOU\*\*\*\*THANK YOU

We have 31 volunteers willing to work the Brat Fry on **June 27-28**! This includes a few of the husbands who are willing to pitch in and fry the hamburgers and brats!

- **Location:** Festival Foods, De Pere    **Hours:** 9AM-6PM

We are hoping for a successful turnout to make lots of money for BCCWC! Come and bring your friends - the food is delicious and you will be greeted with a smile!

Julie Salemi & Bonnie Zima, Co-Chairs



## **BRIDGE MARATHONS**

The annual BCCWC Bridge Marathon Banquet was held on May 7 at St. Brendan's Inn.

They provided us with a delightful lunch to celebrate the end of the 2024-25 bridge season.

Winners in each of the 11 groups were announced and you can find the full list of rankings on the BCCWC website under Fundraising and Bridge Marathons. Some beautiful prizes were awarded to the winners of the games played at this event. A fun day was had by all who attended!

The bridge marathons are a fundraiser for the BCCWC and this year our groups *raised nearly \$4,500* for the club's community award fund! Thank you to all who participated in these fun and rewarding games and for your continued support of this important club fundraiser!

We look forward to the 2025-26 bridge season starting in June with the Full Deck group! If you have an interest in participating in our bridge marathons, please contact one of the co-chairs.

Carol Simpson, Gloria Jonet & Judy Niesing, Co-Chairs

## **FELLOWSHIP**

*It's been a busy year with many fun activities coordinated by the Fellowship Committee.*

*We thank all the many members who attended these events during the past year and hope you enjoyed them.*

*The Fellowship Committee will be meeting in June to plan activities we will host in the coming year.*

*If you have ideas of speakers you would like to hear, places you would like to tour, or any event you think the membership would enjoy, contact one of the Co-Directors listed below as soon as you can.*

### **"Dinner Dames Supper Club"**

A great way to meet new members or try a new restaurant. **Meet @ 5PM**

<b>Date (last Thursday of month)</b>	<b>Restaurant</b>	<b>Contact(s)</b>
<b>June 26</b> (reservations due by 6/23)	The OC	Mary Schneider
<b>July 31</b> (reservations due by 7/28)	White Dog	Moni Spaude

### **"Lunch Bunch Ladies"**

A great way to meet new members or try a new restaurant. **Meet @ 11:30AM**

<b>Date (first Thursday of Month)</b>	<b>Restaurant/Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>June 5</b> (reservations due by 6/2)*	Basil's II (near Denmark)	Karen Coppersmith
<b>July 3</b> (reservations due by 6/30)	Bel Air Cantina	Brenda Johnson
<i>*Planning meeting for next year's lunches will be before lunch, 11AM on June 5 at Basil's II</i>		

## **Standing Activities:**

- **Brown County Bunco** is led by Carey Lheureux. Second Thursday of the month at the Village Grille.
- The **Book Club**, led by Meg Deem, meets the first Monday of the month. The location will change each month. Refer to the Book Club section in this newsletter or contact Meg for the current month's location.
- **Mah Jongg** is held Wednesdays on the lower level of the De Pere Community Center between 1-3:30PM. Linda Ashenbrenner is the contact. (If you are interested in playing, text Linda at 991-9961. If you are interested in learning how to play, contact Sue Sinclair.)
- **Egg Cartons**. Bring your egg cartons to the Fellowship Committee table at the BCCWC monthly meeting. They will be delivered to Paul's Pantry.

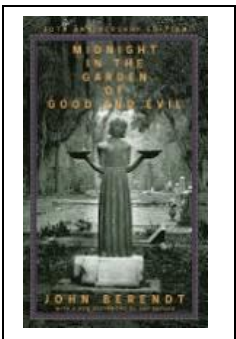
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## **BOOK CLUB**

As we head into summer and wonderful outdoor activities, join us for one last indoor book discussion. The BCCWC Book Club will gather on Monday, **June 2** at 1PM at the Weyers-Hillard branch in Howard. *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* is a sublime and seductive reading experience. Brilliantly conceived and masterfully written, this true-crime book has become a modern classic.



### **Book Summary:**

Shots rang out in Savannah's grandest mansion in the misty, early morning hours of May 2, 1981. Was it murder or self-defense? For nearly a decade, the shooting and its aftermath reverberated throughout this hauntingly beautiful city of moss-hung oaks and shaded squares. John Berendt's sharply observed, suspenseful, and witty narrative reads like a thoroughly engrossing novel, and yet it is a work of nonfiction. Berendt skillfully interweaves a hugely entertaining first-person account of life in this isolated remnant of the Old South with the unpredictable twists and turns of a landmark murder case.

It is a spellbinding story peopled by a gallery of remarkable characters: the well-bred society ladies of the Married Woman's Card Club; the turbulent young redneck gigolo; the hapless recluse who owns a bottle of poison so powerful it could kill every man, woman, and child in Savannah; the aging and profane Southern belle who is the "soul of pampered self-absorption"; the uproariously funny black drag queen; the acerbic and arrogant antiques dealer; the sweet-talking, piano-playing con artist; young blacks dancing the minuet at the black debutante ball; and Minerva, the voodoo priestess who works her magic in the graveyard at midnight. These and other Savannahians act as a Greek chorus, with Berendt revealing the alliances, hostilities, and intrigues that thrive in a town where everyone knows everyone else.

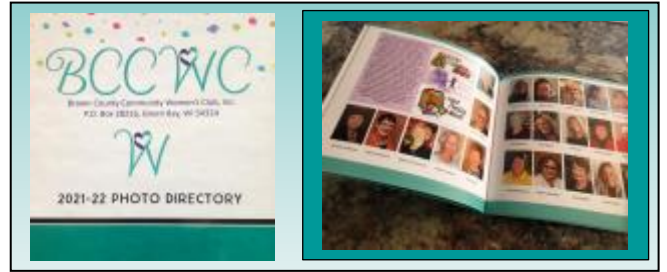
If you would like to be on the "official" email list, email Meg. Bring friends, neighbors or family members. Attend regularly or whenever time permits.

Meg Deem (288-9922) [mmdeem0135@gmail.com](mailto:mmdeem0135@gmail.com), Chair

## COMMUNICATIONS

### 2025 PHOTO DIRECTORY

The current BCCWC photo directory was published in December, 2021. Since then, there has been a significant change in the membership, therefore a new, updated photo directory is in the plans for next year.



Within the next few months, **please send an updated photo of yourself to Margaret Georgia**. Pick out a picture you would like to be used. It can be an individual portrait. It can be a casual picture. It can include other people and it will be cropped to your lovely face. Just pick a picture that you like and we'll make it work.

You can send this photo to Margaret in several ways:

- Send it by email - [margaret@new.rr.com](mailto:margaret@new.rr.com)
- Send a physical copy of a picture to 3015 Ferndale, Green Bay, 54313. However, you will not get this picture back so, don't send your only copy of your grandchild's wedding.
- You can arrange to have your picture taken at a club meeting or luncheon by Nancy Daniels or Kathy Szymanski

BCCWC membership usually exceeds 250, therefore it's likely there will be several members you don't know. The photo directory will be a valuable resource for you to have. Information about ordering the photo directory will be coming in the fall. **Please take care of this before September.**

Margaret Georgia (417-5731) [margaret@new.rr.com](mailto:margaret@new.rr.com), Photo Directory Editor

### VOLUNTEER HOURS



Now that I have your attention, I would like to remind you that *Volunteer Hours are due by June 15*. As of May 23, total hours have been received from 30 members, but there are many more to report. *Remember, you can count an hour for each monthly meeting that you attend, plus any time spent in preparation or doing projects for the club.* Thank you for all that you do! It's the members and their efforts that make BCCWC the wonderful organization it is.

Please send hours to Sue via text or email, putting "Volunteer Hours" in the attention line.

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Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

Kathy Szymanski and Margaret Georgia, Co-Editors  
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Just a reminder – No BCCWC newsletter in July. The next newsletter will be available on August 1, 2025. The 2025-26 membership directory will be available in early August. Distribution will begin at club events starting then. Have a wonderful summer!