

BCCWC

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

March, 2026



A MESSAGE FROM BCCWC PRESIDENT

Welcome to the month that is often heralded with the following phrase, "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb". With this declaration, we look forward to stormy weather diminishing and the calm days of gentle spring await in the days ahead.

During this month, we live with anticipation for the wearin' of the green on St. Patrick's Day. So, do get out your favorite Irish tweed, green top hat, shamrock and shillelagh for it is time to dance your own "special jig". Let your voice (pipes) burst into a hearty rendition of "Danny Boy" on a day to make merry.

Let us not forget that springtime awaits just days ahead as well. On Friday, March 20, 2026, we welcome the March Equinox. This is a time to dream of sprightly colored flowers, green growing grass and sweet smells wafting on the air. One's spirit will certainly smile and soar with the promise and hope this season brings.

With such delights to uplift our spirits, we, as BCCWC members, continue to bring that message to our local community through service. The following are ways in which we share a message of vitality and hope in the month of March:

- Serving meals at the St. John's Homeless Shelter and Wellspring
- Providing a Luncheon Buffet and Bingo at Fort Howard Apartments
- Sending Cheery Notes to Seniors
- Collecting needed items for St. John's Ministry and Wellspring
- Nominating eligible organizations/programs for BCCWC Community Awards



Slainte.../slawn-cha/
Wishing all "good health"

Jeanne Lefebvre, President



MEMBERSHIP



BCCWC membership is at 287.

We have had 4 new members since our last newsletter.

Please welcome: Sherry Comar, Kate Fahrbach, Laurie Kruse and Carmen Duran.

BCCWC is actively accepting applications/dues for 2026-2027.

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

<https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769914818/2026-27+Membership+Application.pdf>

Email Correspondence is \$35. To receive your newsletter and mailings via US Mail is \$55.

Make your check out to BCCWC and be sure to use *blue* or *black* ink as that is what our bank requires.

If you are 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.**

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

Refer to the BCCWC Directory for contact information

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MEETINGS REMINDER

85 members and 1 guest attended our February meeting. Sue Protzman gave a very informative and entertaining demonstration on how to roll someone who has passed out onto their back so CPR can be administered. That was followed by a refresher demonstration on how to use the Club's defibrillator.

Our next meeting will be **March 18**, at the De Pere Community Center, 600 Grant Street in De Pere.

Social - 12 Noon

Program - 1PM

Meeting - 1:45PM

This month our presenter will be Stacey Von Bush from the SAGE organization. She will talk about how her organization encourages art, artists and culture in Brown County.

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BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY AWARDS

BCCWC is proud to announce that it awarded \$53,500 in Community Awards at the end of the fiscal year, providing financial assistance to more than 50 different organizations. All the recipients improve the quality of life in some way for people in Brown County. The list of awards is in the 2025-26 membership directory. Kudos to BCCWC, Inc.

Hand-N-Hand of Northeastern Wisconsin is a new recipient of a BCCWC Community Award grant for 2025. It is a nonprofit organization that offers children who are deaf and hard of hearing, their parents, and families the opportunity to connect in a friendly environment that promotes language, early literacy, and social and emotional development through educational programs, parent and community education, and outreach.

Hand-N-Hand is the only nonprofit in Northeast Wisconsin offering specialized programs to young deaf and hard of hearing children and their families.

Bonnie LeMense, President-Elect

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CHEERY NOTES TO SENIORS



For the month of February, residents of Caretta in Bellevue received 80 cheery notes and 8 birthday greetings from the BCCWC. We will continue to collect completed cards for distribution in April and May, as well as distribute "six packs" at our next meeting on **March 18**. The more completed cards we can collect, the more cheer we will spread to our area nursing home residents! Contact one of the co-chairs if you have any questions.

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FORT HOWARD SENIOR LUNCHEON

Fort Howard Apartments Buffet and Bingo: **Monday, March 23**

Address: 141 N. Chestnut Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54303

Phone: (920) 448-4544

Parking is limited; some is metered, so try to car pool or have someone drop you off. Hot dishes must be hot when they are delivered to Fort Howard.

The event will be held from 11AM-12:45PM for lunch and cleanup. Bingo will start at 12:45PM and last until 1:30PM.

Bingo prizes (\$10 limit) may be brought on the day of the event or given to the chairs at the March general meeting. Suggested prizes include nutritious items to supplement their diet and useful comfort items:

- Crackers, powdered creamer
- Cereals, single-serving granola bars (boxed), instant packs of soups, microwaveable popcorn
- Snacks
- Gift certificates to: Blackstone Restaurant, Family Dollar, Glass Nickel Pizza, McDonald's, Subway, White Dog/Black Cat, General Dollar, Save A-Lot, Dollar Tree Dollar Store

Other items:

- Postage stamps
- Wheelchair cushions and shoulder wraps
- New, lap-size blankets
- Books - especially large print
- Puzzles (puzzle books and jigsaw - 500 pieces)

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

We will be at the March meeting for you to sign up if you have not done so previously. We hope you choose to join us. It is a rewarding day for all!

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



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

HSHS Children's Hospital has a new full-time employee who is bringing lots of extra joy and comfort to the children! 'Munchkin' is a four-legged furry facility dog who puts in a 40 hour week with her handler, Child Life Specialist, Shannon. From the inpatient rooms, to the ER, to imaging, Munchkin keeps busy making a positive impact on the lives of these children. Welcome Munchkin!!



Stuffed animals and non-latex character band-aids are a continuous need for the Child Life Department. Thank you for your continued support.



*Munchkin,
therapy dog*

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HOUSE OF HOPE



Rose Jensen delivered the House of Hope "birthday celebration" on February 17. This celebration will last for days as the home's census was down, but the usual large, decorated sheet cake, 2 gallons of ice cream and table needs were brought! It was a nice surprise for the 17 adults and 5 children, 2 of whom had birthdays during the month of February!

Dianne Smith & Rose Jensen, Co-Chairs



ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES - HOMELESS SHELTERS' MEALS

We have two more evening meals to serve this season at the shelters, **March 5** and **April 2**. The shelters close for overnight stays on April 30. For our **MARCH 5** meal, we had an excellent sign-up for the Women's Shelter, and all our needs have been fulfilled for the Women's Shelter at 700 E. Walnut Street. We had a really good sign-up for the Men's shelter as well, but their need is greater with more than double the guests. So for the Men's Shelter on St. John Street, we still need the following for **March 5**:

FOOD NEEDED FOR MEN'S SHELTER: MARCH 5:

- 3 party-size lasagnas
- 1 large hot vegetable pan
- 4 loaves baked, sliced garlic bread (2 people)
 - 4 gallons whole milk
- 4 large bottles of any kind of juice
 - 2 servers

Please contact us if you are able to fulfill any of these needs for the Men's shelter for **March 5**.

For everyone who is taking food to either of the shelters, please **deliver your food between 5PM-5:30PM**.

Servers should be there by **5:15PM**.

A reminder, if you are interested in donating any other items to St. John's Ministries, check out their website for their current Wish List

Contact us, please, if you have any questions.

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ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES - WELLSPRING

Our last collection for Wellspring guests will be **March 18** from **10:30AM – 12NOON** in the parking lot at the De Pere Community Center. Please look for our cars with Wellspring signs. Wellspring has requested the following items for their guests:

- Backpacks, bug spray, ChapStick, hand and toe warmers, small hairbrushes, compact mirrors, travel-size liquid body wash
- Underwear (panties) - size 6-13 (new); sports bras - size medium-3XL (new)
- Athletic T-shirts - size medium-6X (new or gently used)

***Please note:** Some larger sizes including 3X-6X have been requested for some of the Wellspring guests.

The Wellspring guests and staff always appreciate the many contributions from our kind, giving members. Thank you all for your generosity!

Kathy DeBroux (660-7921) kmdebroux@gmail.com,
Cathy Green (676-4665) cgreen1171@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

As evidenced by the following note, our efforts don't go unnoticed, so keep up the awesome creativity and quilting!

Message from the Habitat staff:

"Thank you for dropping off the quilts yesterday. And please share with all of the wonderful ladies our appreciation for the many, many, many hours of work and love that we know go into each quilt. The families are always so happy when they receive one. We are truly blessed for all the support."



Gina Reinardy displays a beautiful assortment of BCCWC quilts for new Habitat homes.

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

LOVABLE MISFITS



Many thanks to all who brought fleece fabric and THREAD to the February meeting. It is much appreciated. A few more people are going to give sewing a Misfit or Mini Quilt a try. The more members make, the more we can donate to help children who are going through trauma.

Mary Anne Froelich maryannefroelich@gmail.com, Chair

SMILE BOUQUET



Soon it will be Easter and tulips and daffodils will be blooming! We intend to bring spring flowers to the residents of one of our local nursing homes. We will be meeting on **Wednesday, April 8** at **1PM** to put together about 50 small bouquets for these residents. We will be meeting at **Josten Park** on Town Hall Road in Bellevue to assemble the bouquets. Please bring a cutting shears to help trim the flowers. Please inform one of the chairs below if you are able to help.

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Judy Trimberger judytrimberger@yahoo.com, Co-Chairs

FUNDRAISING

BOOK & PUZZLE EXCHANGE



The books/puzzles exchange continues to interest our members. We only have 2 more months (March and April) to peruse our selections before our summer break. That means you need to bring in more books and puzzles to make our exchange a success. Happy reading throughout the rest of our long winter months!

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

SPRING CARD & GAME DAY FUNDRAISER



The bugler is practicing "First Call" to herald the horses to the track for the Kentucky Derby. You can get ready for BCCWC's "First Call" by sending in your registration form for the Card & Game Day fundraiser which will be held just a few days before the Derby. The celebration will be a festive, colorful gathering at the Riverside Ballroom. Registration forms are on the web site (under "fundraising") or by the link below. Get a group of friends together for an afternoon of Bridge, Mah Jongg, Dominoes, Hand and Foot - whatever is your game of choice. There will be raffle baskets, "sip & surprise", a 50/50 raffle, the money tree and, of course, the Yum Yum

Shopper. Everyone is looking forward to the array of fancy Kentucky Derby hats that will be on display. It's sure to be a "win, place or show" kind of day!

- ❖ Date: **Wednesday, April 29**
- ❖ Place: Riverside Ballroom
- ❖ Time: Registration starts at 10AM, lunch at 11AM, cards and games will start close to 12Noon.
- ❖ Cost: \$40/person

Registration forms are due by **April 15**. Limited number available, so get your registration in as soon as possible. <https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769930112/2026+Spring+Derby+CdGm+Reg+form.pdf>

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GOLF OUTING



The Golf Outing is coming soon!

Spring is not far off and the ANNUAL BCCWC GOLF OUTING is on **Monday, June 8**, at Mid Vallee Golf Course. We need everyone's help to make this fundraiser a huge success!

"Let's Play and Make a Difference"

There are many ways for members to support the event:

- **COME AND PLAY!** 9AM shotgun start and game tables ready for play. We need 72 players for the shotgun start, so talk to others and get your golf teams ready. Golf players do not have to be members.
- Volunteers to help us set up on Sunday night – **June 7** or volunteers to help on game day – **June 8**.
- Help us by asking businesses to sponsor a hole with a donation of \$150. Let us know who those businesses are. We will formally contact them with information they would need for tax purposes.
- Donate empty baskets to help with raffle basket items – join in the fun of creating them.
- Invite a friend to join us for a very fun day of golf, cards and friendship.

Registration forms for the event are available NOW on the website under fundraising.

<https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769941316/2026+golf+outing+registration+form.pdf>

Registrations need to be in by **May 22, 2026**. BCCWC "No Refund" policy applies.

Come and support *"Let's Play and Make a Difference"*. It is a great fundraiser!

For more information Or to donate or volunteer, please contact one of the co-chairs:

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Christine Gaulke (819-8462) christine.gaulke68@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

FELLOWSHIP

Upcoming Events!

Sign up at the monthly meeting OR with the contact person listed for the event.
(Use your directory for contact phone numbers or email addresses.)

“Dinner Dames” Meet at 5PM Coordinated by Sue Sinclair

Date (last Thursday of Month)	Restaurant	Contact
Mar. 26 (reservations due by 3/22)	St Brendan’s (Green Bay)	Carol Simpson
Apr. 30 (reservations due by 4/23)	Union Hotel (De Pere)	Marla Lee
May 28 (reservations due by 5/26)	The Drift Inn (Green Bay)	Elaine Gerhold
June 25 (reservations due 6/21)	Chives Restaurant (Suamico)	Elaine Gerhold
July 30 (reservations due 7/26)	El Sarape East (Bellevue)	Terry Jeffers
Aug 27 (reservations due 8/23)	Rustique Pizzeria (Suamico)	Sue Protzman

“Lunch Bunch Ladies” Meet at 11:30AM Coordinated by Marla Lee

Date (first Thursday of Month)	Restaurant/Location	Contact
Mar. 5 (reservations due by 2/27)	bleu (Ledgeview)	Karen Coppersmith
Apr. 2 (reservations due by 3/29)	El Sarape East (Bellevue)	Brenda Johnson
May 7 (reservations due by 5/3)	Longhorn Steakhouse (Green Bay)	Mary Jo Piskor
June 4 (reservations due by 5/31)	Cheesesteak Rebellion (Green Bay)	Kathy Eisenschink

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Paintin’ Pottery**, Tuesday, March 3, De Pere, 10 AM – 1 PM
 - Select an item to paint/glaze then pick up your masterpiece later that week.
 - Costs vary depending on your project.
 - **Contact: Rita Wurzer**
- **Mulva Center Tour**, Friday, March 20, Learn about one of the latest additions to De Pere.
 - Tour at 10:30 then lunch at Savour, the restaurant within the Mulva Center.
 - **Contact: Ann Hare**
- **Brewery Bingo at Zambaldi’s**, Thursday, April 9, 6PM-8PM. Bingo is free and there will be local beer and old fashioned to purchase! You can bring in or order in food, too.
 - **Contact: Marla Lee**
- **Bingo at Irene Moore Activity Center** (near the Radisson Hotel)
 - 10AM, Friday, April 17
 - **Contact: Lynn Arnesen**
- **Brown County Medical Examiner’s Office presentation**, Tuesday, April 21

What’s the difference between a Coroner’s Office and a Medical Examiner’s Office? Dr. Elizabeth Douglas will give a historical and interesting perspective on how these offices have evolved over time and function today. Taken from the Brown County website: *The Medical Examiner’s Office investigates and certifies cases in which the individual dies while not under the care of a physician, or in cases where a physician cannot or will not sign a death certificate. In these cases, the Medical Examiner’s Office serves as the physician of the public.*

- Lunch at 12Noon, presentation at 1PM—2:45PM
- **Village Grille** in Allouez (please come for lunch to help cover the cost of the room)
- **Contact: Sue Sinclair** (Sue has heard her presentation—she’s great!)

- **Shillcox Shamrock Lines Alpaca Farm Visit**, Tuesday, May 12, 5118 Heritage Road, De Pere. Free! This 125-year old working alpaca farm has over 60 Huacaya alpacas which are raised for fleece and breeding.
 - 10AM—12Noon
 - Free! *But a visit to and purchase in the gift shop would be appreciated.*
 - **Contact: Patty Payette**
- **Mini Golf Outing**, Wednesday, May 27, Duck Creek Golf Center
Practice putting while having fun with fellow BCCWC members!
 - 10:30AM
 - Cost: \$8
 - **Contact: Mary Jo Piskor**

Sign-up sheets are on the Fellowship table at the monthly meetings or get in touch with the contact for the event. (Contact information is in the BCCWC Directory.)

Standing Activities:

- **Brown County Bunco**, led by Carey Lheureux. Play on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the **Village Grille**.
- **Book Club**, coordinated by Joan Zittlow and Paula Fineout. The meetings are the 1st Monday of the month. The location changes each month so either refer to the Book Club section in the newsletter OR contact Paula or Joan for the month's location.
- **Mah Jongg** is held at the **De Pere Community Center** on the lower level on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesdays of the month, between 1PM-3:30PM and at the **Ashwaubenon Community Center** at the same time and days.
 - Sue Sinclair will **not** be offering Mah Jongg lessons this spring due to scheduling issues.
- **Egg Cartons**. The response of club members has been outstanding! In February, members brought in 167 egg cartons that will be delivered to Paul's Pantry in Green Bay. Please continue to bring your extra egg cartons to the monthly meeting. Look for the "egg carton" table in the lobby near registration. Each carton saves Paul's Pantry 34 cents. That's a savings to the pantry of \$56!

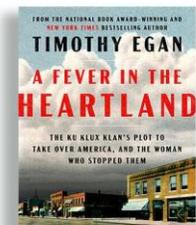


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BOOK CLUB

Please join us on **Monday, March 2**, from 1PM to 2:30PM, at the Kress Family Branch Library, De Pere, in room A, for our BCCWC Book Club meeting where we will review *A Fever in the Heartland* by Timothy Egan. It's a historical thriller that tells the riveting story of the Klan's rise to power in the 1920s, the cunning con man who drove that rise, and the woman who stopped them.

Book Summary: The Roaring Twenties--the Jazz Age--has been characterized as a time of Gatsby frivolity. But it was also the height of the uniquely American hate group, the Ku Klux Klan. Their domain was not the old Confederacy, but the Heartland and the West. They hated Blacks, Jews, Catholics and immigrants in equal measure, and took radical steps to keep these people from the American promise.



And the man who set in motion their takeover of great swaths of America was a charismatic charlatan named D.C. Stephenson. Stephenson was a magnetic presence whose life story changed with every telling. He became the Grand Dragon of the state and the architect of the strategy that brought the Klan into prominence throughout the Midwest. But at the peak of his influence, it was a woman – Madge Oberholtzer – who would reveal his secret cruelties, and whose deathbed testimony finally brought the Klan to their knees.

The **April 6** meeting will find us discussing *The Gown* by Jennifer Robson. We will be meeting at the Weyers-Hilliard Branch Library.

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COMMUNICATIONS

In Memorium



Sadly, Suzette Marie Staeven, an active member since 2023, passed away on February 7, 2026, at the age of 75. Suzette passed peacefully with her family by her side after a short battle with cancer.

Suzette loved spending time in Door County with her husband, family and friends. They loved camping, fishing, and especially antiquing. Suzette and her husband, Dennis, had a houseful of beautiful antiques, all treasures that they collected on their many travels. She adored being a grandma and spending special time with each of her 8 grandchildren.



Suzette also enjoyed tending her perennial gardens, playing Bunco and staying in touch with her friends from St. Joseph Academy. She certainly will be missed by many.

A Memorial Service was held at Blaney Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 18. In honor of Suzette, BCCWC will be donating the book *Everyday Antiques* by Katherine Sorrell, to the Kress Library in De Pere. It should be available to check out within the next month.

Bonnie Zima,
BCCWC Bereavement & Memorial Book Chairperson

Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

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