



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

April, 2026

A MESSAGE FROM BCCWC PRESIDENT

As we bid adieu to March and usher in the month of April, we envision colorful umbrellas, bright galoshes, cool raindrops, brilliant rainbows, radiant sunshine and sprightly flowers. A strong sense of nature's renewal and the invigoration of the human spirit is in the air.

We, as a club, will join in that spirit and bring our personal zest and service to every endeavor in the month. Some of those activities will be:

- ✚ Serving meals for St. John's Ministries at the Homeless Shelter and Wellspring (our last for this season) Thursday, April 2
- ✚ Community Award Requests – **final submissions due Wednesday, April 15, 2026, to Bonnie LeMense**
- ✚ Collection for St. Mark's Food Pantry, Wednesday, April 15
- ✚ Collection for Cheery Notes to Seniors, Wednesday, April 15
- ✚ "Derby Day", our Card & Game fundraising event on Wednesday, April 29 (be sure to wear your lovely hat to the festivities)



Enjoy the gifts of April.

TO ALL YOU TALENTED BCCWC MEMBERS!



We know this wonderful service organization consisting of 289 members has many, many talented ladies in our midst and there are many ways to share those talents!

We are currently in need of building our capacity on committees in BCCWC and are looking for members, seasoned and new, to "**boldly**" share those ideas, skills, talents and expertise. This is especially important as we strive to meet the changing and growing needs of our club and our community. I'm hoping you will not be shy in stepping forward to build each committee's strength by bringing new life and growth in each area.

This opportunity will not only help to enrich the lives of those in our community, but will also enrich your lives as well while sharing those gifts, talents and expertise so openly and boldly with others.

As your President, I personally want to thank you for being a valued member of BCCWC! I hope you are enjoying all that the club has to offer! I am so grateful for your participation in the many aspects of this wonderful club and appreciate each one of you.

At our April membership meeting, forms will be made available for you to boldly share (provide) your special skills and expertise we so value and want to utilize to make BCCWC an even more outstanding club moving forward. Thank you for your attention to this request. I look forward to your response.



Remember our Motto: "If everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot!"

Jeanne Lefebvre, President

MEMBERSHIP



BCCWC membership is at 289 with 2 new members since our last newsletter.

Please welcome: *Joy Anderson* and *Jan Mansfield*

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 the link below:

<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. *Be sure to use blue or black ink as that is what our bank requires.*

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-Directors

Refer to the BCCWC Directory for contact information*

MEETINGS REMINDER

One guest and 89 members attended our March meeting. Due to Blizzard Elsa, our speaker, Stacey Von Bush, from the SAGE organization, was snowed in and unable to give her presentation. Instead, we went ahead with the business portion of the meeting and everyone got to go home early.

Our next meeting will be **April 15**, at the De Pere Community Center, 600 Grant St. in De Pere.

Social - 12Noon Program - 1PM Meeting - 1:45PM

Our presenter will be Shawn Collard from Families of Children with Cancer. This organization was a recipient of a \$1,500 community award last year.

The registration form for our **May 20** Spring Luncheon at Rock Garden is available at:

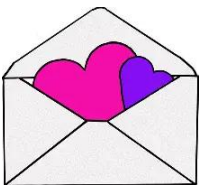
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Carol Mau (227-3542) zinnia60@gmail.com, Sue Vyse (562-3273) smvyse@gmail.com,

Susan Byrne (708-860-8878) susan.byrne@cbexchange.com, Program/Social Co-Directors

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CHEERY NOTES TO SENIORS



Seeking a Co-Chair for Cheery Notes! Help Us Spread Joy, One Card at a Time.

Every month, BCCWC members brighten the days of nursing home residents with handwritten cards filled with kindness, encouragement, and a reminder that they are never forgotten. It is a small gesture with a significant impact—and now we are looking for an enthusiastic co-chair (or 2) to help lead this heartwarming effort.

What will the Co-Chair do?

The role is simple but meaningful. The co-chair will help:

- Reach out to nursing homes and assisted-living facilities
- Deliver cards to the nursing home or assisted-living facility
- Ensure our cards reach residents who need a smile most! For more information, contact:

Rosie Jonas (366-2509) rjonas@new.rr.com,

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



ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES - HOMELESS SHELTERS' MEALS

Even with the increased numbers, we have enough food at both shelters for our last meal of the season on **Thursday, April 2**. Thank you to all our amazing and generous members who support this community service with their abundant and delicious food. The guests are always so happy and grateful when our group serves! Please deliver your food to the shelters between **5-5:30 PM**. Servers, please arrive by **5:15PM**.

*We will start serving meals again next season, beginning **November 5**, but the sign-up book will be available at the September meeting.*

For members who are concerned and might be interested, a new overnight sleeping Pilot Program (6PM-8AM) is being tried this summer at the women's shelter for approximately 20 women. It is still in the works, but there will be opportunities to provide small meals. The men's shelter will have meal opportunities also, 2 days a week. They have a Safe Sleep program in place already. (Both the Micah Center and Wellspring do serve a continental breakfast also.) The good news is that both shelters will now be providing Safe Sleep throughout the off season for people who meet certain criteria.

Thank you again for all your support and donations. Any questions, call:

Mary Kay Paulson (632-7473; cell 301-221-6327 mkpaulson@aol.com,
Jan Clark (265-5744) janetclark71@yahoo.com, Co-Chairs

SMILE BOUQUET



My daffodils were coming up a short while ago! Hope to see them blooming soon. We are putting together about 50 flower bouquets on **Wednesday, April 8** at 1PM at Josten Park (2280 Town Hall Rd.). These small bouquets will go to residents at Eden Vista on St. Joseph St. Please bring garden shears and help us put together these bouquets. Contact one of the chairs to let us know you can help.

Sue Johnson smjohnson718@gmail.com,
Barb LaFrombois dblamlfrombois1@att.net,
Judy Trimberger judytrimberger@yahoo.com, Co-Chairs

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION – April

St. Mark's Food Pantry in De Pere will be the recipient of our **April 15** Food Pantry collection which will be held from 10:30AM-12:30PM prior to the April 15 membership meeting at the De Pere Community Center. The collection will take place in the parking lot. Non-perishable food items or cash will be accepted.

Cathy Green (920-676-4665) cgreen1171@gmail.com,
Kathy DeBroux (920-660-7921) kmdebroux@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

KRESS LIBRARY GARDEN



Here's hoping spring is coming soon. With the consensus of our helpers, work days at the Kress Library are being moved to Tuesdays to avoid any conflict with meetings. Clean-up for the garden is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 12** at 8AM. Cleaning flower beds and trimming the shrubs will be completed on **May 12**, with the planting of flowers a few weeks later. Hope you can help Terri and Sue with the cleanup 😊.

Sue Johnson (360-1730) smjohnson718@gmail.com,
Terri Lewis (660-9895) ptlfam10@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Our next quilt meeting:

Monday, May 18 at 10AM at Polo Point Clubhouse, 850 DeSoto Circle, Hobart.

Please join us if you are interested in creating lap-size quilts for new Habitat for Humanity homeowners.

Mary Schrickel (609-4651) mary_habitat@hotmail.com,
Gina Reinardy (664-6501) ginareinardy@gmail.com, Co-Chairs



ONE STITCH AT A TIME



It's time for our semi-annual blanket collection. Help make it one of our biggest and best. If you don't knit, crochet or sew, please consider purchasing one. Twin size is best. They go to House of Hope and Wellspring where they have twin-size beds only. All blankets are greatly needed and appreciated. Collection will take place at Rock Garden before the spring luncheon on **May 20**. If you have a donation but can't make the luncheon, call Pat or Jean who will pick up your donation. Thank you.

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

FORT HOWARD SENIOR LUNCHEON - Buffet and Bingo on March 23

Thank you to all members who contributed to the success of this community service event. Residents enjoyed buffet food and prizes for bingo. Thank you to our loyal volunteers who served the food to the 36 residents and then cleaned up following the luncheon. The guests were delighted with the entire luncheon: the chance to mingle with one another, homemade food, the opportunity to play bingo for wonderful prizes and to socialize with our members. They look forward to your luncheons all year. Our volunteers heard some interesting stories about their lives.



Many thanks to Val Campbell who escorted ladies with hot food and "tested it for safety" 😊. He also took all the photos. The adorable and practical centerpieces were created by Amy Brauer and Mary Jo Rod.



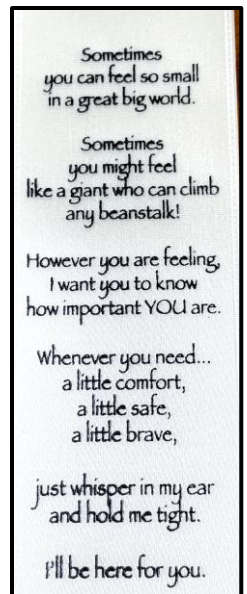
Sherry Campbell (680-0778) sherrysuej@new.rr.com,
Barb Berg (655-8590), Co-Chairs

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



Thanks to the generosity of a member's husband and his Optimist Club, 30 new stuffed animals were donated to Child Life. They are tagged with our special 'encouragement tag' and are ready to report for duty to 'provide.... a little comfort, a little safe, a little brave'.

We are continuing to collect stuffed animals and colorful, latex-free, character band aids for the children. There is a constant and ongoing need for each of these items.



Kathy Aicher (265-5094) kaicher@new.rr.com, Sue Vyse (562-3273) smvyse@gmail.com,
Carol De Grand (680-5470) cjdegand@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

HOUSE OF HOPE



On Wednesday March 18, BCCWC's awesome threesome, Mary Schneider, Wendy Swiatnicki and Cyndy Martin, delivered ice cream, cake and table decorations. Thankfully, the worst of the "winter storm" was over and delivery was not a problem. All residents of HOH enjoyed their monthly birthday party and had smiles on their faces.

Dianne Smith heartsafire98@gmail.com, Rose Jensen rmemer@aol.com, Co-Chairs

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES - WELLSRING

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all who contributed to the collection March 18 for the guests at Wellspring. Generous members donated 30 bags of spring and summer items including rain ponchos, socks, T-shirts, underwear, ChapStick and other items, as well as monetary donations. The Wellspring staff and guests were delighted and very grateful for all these donations. Your contributions put a smile on the faces of the Wellspring guests.



Kathy DeBroux and Cathy Green collect supplies at the March meeting



Wellspring Guests & Coordinator

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

FUNDRAISING

BOOK & PUZZLE EXCHANGE



April will be the last book/puzzle exchange until October, 2026. Therefore, we need to contribute as many books/puzzles as we can. During the hot summer weather and storms, you will be happy to have an interesting book and challenging puzzle. The book exchange has been very successful this year, thanks to all of you. *Remember to come back to the table to see if your contribution is gone.*

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

SPRING CARD & GAME DAY FUNDRAISER



When the bugler issues the "Call to the Post" at the starting gate at Churchill Downs Kentucky Derby, you'll be ready! Enjoy a festive gala at the Riverside Ballroom at the BCCWC's spring Card & Game Day Fundraiser during the week prior to the Derby. Beautiful raffle baskets, the "Sip and Surprise", a money tree and, of course, the 50/50 raffle will add fun to the day. After a beautifully-prepared lunch, there will be an afternoon of games. Get your friends together for this FUNdraiser! *The most exciting 2 minutes in sports always features some ladies in gorgeous Derby hats. We hope to see yours.*

Registration forms are due by **April 15**, only 2 weeks away. Participation is limited, so get your registration in as soon as possible. You can find the registration form on the web site under fundraising or by clicking on this link:

https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769930112/2026+Spring_Derby+CdGm+Reg+form.pdf

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

Remember to bring baked goods for the **Yum-Yum Shoppe**. For the Yum-Yum Shoppe to run smoothly, please bring your goodies to the card party as early as you can or give them to someone who can deliver them.

Package your items as follows:

- Bars cut into 2" squares of 6 or 12/plate
- Breads (banana, zucchini, etc.) large or small
- Cookies 6 or 12/plate
- Cupcakes and Muffins 4 or 6/plate
 - Pies
 - Snacks (trail mix, Crispix, etc.) quart bags
 - Large dipped pretzel rods 4/bag
 - Almond Roca ½# packages
 - Granola quart bags

Stickers will be available for items containing nuts.

Sue Protzman (217-3014) protz511@new.rr.com, Sue Burich (865-7731) suebee1881@gmail.com,



BRIDGE MARATHONS

Bridge players, please join us as we celebrate the end of the 2025-26 Bridge Marathon season at our **Annual Banquet TUESDAY, May 5, 2026, at St. Brendan's Inn**. They have put together a yummy menu for us and this event always provides some wonderful camaraderie with lots of fun! We will play 24 hands of bridge and some great prizes will be awarded to winners in attendance! Winners in each of the 11 groups from the 2025-26 season will be announced and prize money will be handed out at the banquet to those winners in-person. If your partner is unable to attend – feel free to invite a guest! The banquet reservation form can be found on the BCCWC website under the fundraising tab, bridge marathon. *The deadline to sign up is April 22.*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: We need a team to play in the *3rd Tuesday marathon group* (party bridge) for the new season. This group plays during the months of September, October, November, December, and April, so if you travel during the winter, no worries! Please let Carol Simpson know if you have an interest in joining or subbing. We would love to hear from you!

Thanks to everyone for supporting this fun and important fundraiser for the BCCWC. Looking forward to seeing all our bridge players at the banquet on **May 5**.

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

GOLF OUTING



“Let’s Play and Make a Difference” Golf Outing – **June 8, 2026**
Mid-Vallee Golf Course - 9AM Shot Gun Start

We need 72 players for a Shot Gun start. Bring out your golf friends and create a team. Or you can sign up individually and we will put you in a team. Game tables will be set up for the non-golfers. You do not need to be a BCCWC member to be a part of the fun day.

There will be bucket raffles and a 50/50 raffle for everyone. Mulligans and strings available for the golfers. Registration forms for the event are online on our website.

Deadline for registration: **May 22**. Lunch will be rain or shine.

Come and join the fun! Be a part of a great Fundraiser...

Any questions, please contact:

Verna Kreutz (366-3038), Rose Jensen (217-6105),
Christine Gaulke (819-8462), Co-Chairs

BRAT FRY - Save the Date!



On **June 27** and **June 28**, brats and hamburgers will be sold at the Festival Foods GREEN BAY WEST location, a change from the De Pere location. Instead of Friday and Saturday, it will be Saturday and Sunday. Those who volunteered last year will be getting an email soon! If you are not on the email list, please send Julie an email to be put on the list. Signing up for shifts begins in May. Looking forward to making more \$\$ for the club and having fun while doing it!

Julie Salemi (621-3954) jasalemi29@gmail.com,

Bonnie Zima (660-1736) bonzima48@yahoo.com, Co-Chairs

FELLOWSHIP

February 25:
 BCCWC group had lunch before line dancing at Fire & Fir where Karen Prevost displayed her red boots and hat!



March 20:
 BCCWC members enjoyed the tour of the MULVA CENTER



The Real Genghis Khan Exhibit

Mongolian Dancer

Kathy Szymanski, Jean Makreff, Guide Chet, Sylvia Madden

There's still time for Fellowship Fun!

Sign up at the monthly meeting OR with the contact person listed for the event.
 (Use your directory for contact information.)

Dinner Dames and Lunch Bunch Ladies have been very popular outings for BCCWC members. However, there have been times when a restaurant has set up for at least a dozen members and only half show up. It's important to maintain positive relationships with area restaurants so that we are welcome back in subsequent years. Please call the contact person if you are unable to attend after signing up so she can alert the restaurant in advance.

"Dinner Dames" Meet at 5PM Coordinated by Sue Sinclair

Date (last Thursday of Month)	Restaurant	Contact
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) 20 maximum	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

Once again, we will be planning next year's Dinner Dames outings at the **May 28 gathering at the Drift Inn. If you want to be part of the planning process, please arrive by 4PM. We will determine next year's sites then. We will eat around 5PM.*

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

Date (first Thursday of Month)	Restaurant/Location	Contact
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

****Please bring your ideas to the April, May, and June meetings so that a calendar can be developed for next year's Lunch Bunch Ladies. Dates, places and contacts need to be finalized by late June.**

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Brewery Bingo at Zambaldi's**, Thursday, April 9, 6-8PM - there's still time to join the fun!
 - 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 CANCELED**
 - 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 1-2:45PM
 - **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 Rd., De Pere
 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 and get warmed up for the BCCWC golf outing in June!
 - 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.)

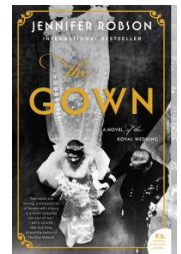
Standing Activities:

- **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. Meetings are the 1st Monday of the month. The location changes each month. 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 Wednesday of the month, between 1-3:30PM 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**. Please continue to bring 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.

Mary Jo Piskor (217-4343) savoie731@aol.com, Sue Sinclair (737-2461) upnative1979@yahoo.com,
Rita Wurzer (655-8894) jwurzer6@new.rr.com, Fellowship Co-Directors

BOOK CLUB

Please join us **Monday, April 6** from 1-2:30PM at the Weyers-Hilliard Branch Library in Howard in Room 1 for our BCCWC Book Club meeting where *The Gown* by Jennifer Robson will be reviewed. It is an enthralling historical novel about one of the most famous wedding dresses of the twentieth century - Queen Elizabeth's wedding gown. With *The Gown*, Jennifer Robson takes us inside the workrooms where one of the most famous wedding gowns in history was created to tell a story of women whose lives are woven together by the pain of survival, the bonds of friendship, and the redemptive power of love.



It's time to start looking for book recommendations for next year. Please submit 1 or 2 books (title and author) that you would like to be one of our books of the month. *Email your input to Paula Fineout by end of April.* A vote will be taken in May to determine our top 10 books.

May 4, 2026: *Lessons from Lucy* by Dave Barry will be discussed at the Kress Family Library Branch in De Pere.

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

Questions? Suggestions? Contact:

Joan Zittlow (857-7749) joanzittlow@gmail.com,
Paula Fineout (360-3144) paulafineout@icloud.com, Co-Chairs

COMMUNICATIONS



LOST AND FOUND... *A ring was found at the De Pere Community Center after the Wednesday, March 18 meeting. Presently, it is in the possession of the President until claimed.*

Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

Kathy Szymanski and Margaret Georgia, Co-Editors
BCCWC Communications Team
Brown County Community Women's Club, Inc. www.bccwc.org

Childhood injuries:

Fell out of a tree.
Fell off my bike.
Twisted my ankle.

Adult injuries:

Slept wrong.
Sat down too long.
Sneezed too hard.

