



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

May, 2026

A MESSAGE FROM BCCWC PRESIDENT

Welcome to May!



As we step jubilantly into the month of

May, it is time to rejoice with the singing of birds, the budding of trees, and the wide array of flowers bursting forth in color. Like Mother Nature, it is a time of further awakening into a new season of the year.

We have worked diligently through the 2025-2026 BCCWC season of service to our community. Each month, our arms have stretched wide to embrace the needs of others. The industrious hands of many have made that notable difference.

In reviewing our numerous outreach opportunities, the following are some of the ways BCCWC touched the lives of those in need.

We provided:

- food to those who were hungry through food pantry donations and meals served at homeless shelters.
- clothes, blankets and more to those in need of warmth.
- Smile Bouquets, Lovable Misfits and Cheery Notes to those who were remembered in this special way.
- cuddly bears and plush animals to children undergoing medical treatment in St. Vincent Hospital's Child Life Department.
- merriment and a meal to Fort Howard Seniors.
- quilts to those settling into a Habitat for Humanity home.

As we gather for our Spring Luncheon on May 20, 2026, it is a time to say "thank you" to everyone for making our year of service a success. The amazing "Heart" that beats throughout the Brown County Community Women's Club continues to bring love, comfort and hope to those in need.



Jeanne Lefebvre, President

Please share your special skills with us. The Board has created a survey asking members to share with us information about skills you might share with BCCWC. Access this survey on the web site on the main page right after "If everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot ", or by clicking on this link.

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Open this document. (You may have to click on "enable editing" to open it.)

1. Type your answers in the shaded gray area and check the relevant boxes.
2. Save the document to your computer
3. Email the completed survey to Jeanne at the email address listed (saving you the price of a stamp). Put "BCCWC survey (your last name)" on the subject line.

If you have trouble doing that, instead print the completed survey and either mail it to *Jeanne Lefebvre at 505 S. Langlade Ct., GB 54301*, or return it at the May luncheon.

If you get this newsletter via USPS, a hard copy of the survey is included.



Volunteer Hours Submission

Please submit your volunteer hours for the '25-'26 fiscal year. When reporting your time, remember to include all travel time as well as any time spent assisting or improving the club.

The grand total of your hours must be submitted by **June 30**. You may provide these details via phone, text, or email.

Betsy Whitton

Betsy.whitton@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP



BCCWC membership is at 293. We have 4 new members since our last newsletter.

Please welcome new members: *Sue Stackhouse, Sherry Cyr and Becky McCarren and returning member Pattie Wier-Lewis.*

BCCWC is actively accepting applications/dues for 2026-2027. In order for your name to appear in the 2026-27 Member Directory, we must receive your dues by June 30, 2026. 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

112 members and 3 guests attended our April meeting. Our guest speaker was Shawn Collard from Families of Children with Cancer. She gave a very informative presentation detailing all of the wonderful things her organization does for families dealing with cancer.

Our next meeting will be the spring luncheon on

May 20, at Rock Garden, 1951 Bond St., Green Bay.

Reservations are due by **May 6**.

Social - 11AM Lunch - 12 NOON Entertainment - 1PM Meeting - 1:45PM

Our entertainment will be Fernando.



Fernando

The registration form for our **May 20** spring luncheon at Rock Garden is available at:

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COMMUNITY SERVICE



ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES - HOMELESS SHELTERS' MEALS

Generous club members contributed food to the shelters and served each month from November through April, the months when the shelters are open for overnight guests. The shelters appreciate not only that we bring enough food every time, but that if we have any extra food, they can use it later to supplement shortages and/or to serve for breakfast. They are extremely grateful for BCCWC's continued generosity in helping provide for so many people in need in our community!

The number of guests we serve each month has grown over the years to up to 135 at the men's and 59 at the women's. For some months we are serving nearly 200 people. (Back in 2009 it was a big night if we served 40 people!) Nearly 60 members sign up each month to take in over 95 food items, always including very large pans of lasagna, hot vegetables, salads, garlic bread, desserts, and gallons of milk and juice. That is about 450 food items in just the five months that we served this year. Next year we will again be serving for 6 months so that number will increase by least 100 more food items. That is a lot of food that our generous women cook and deliver to the shelters. This year more than ever, many members generously signed up to take several different food items each month to the shelters; otherwise the number of volunteers each month would be close to 100 women.

St. John's Ministries has a new program this summer at the women's shelter. Many of you who worked there during the year may be interested. If so, please contact Mary Kay Paulson with any questions you may have. Kudos to all of the BCCWC members for your generous and compassionate giving!

The volunteers not only provide all of the food for the meals, they also serve the meals at the shelters.

Carol Mau was our "salad lady" at Well-spring on April 2.



Jan Clark served up desserts at Well-spring on April 2.



Lois Mauermann and Donna Scherer prepared the food for serving in St. John's kitchen on April 2.



Member, Cynthia Hoban, was joined by her granddaughters, Maddie and Molly, on April 2 to help serve food at Well-spring. They were staying for an overnight "sleepover" with Cynthia.

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

CHEERY NOTES TO SENIORS



During the months of March and April, residents of Odd Fellows Nursing Home, Patient Pines Assisted Living and Sage Meadow received a total of 128 cheery notes and birthday cards written by members of BCCWC. Completed cards will be collected at the **May 20** membership meeting; use your own cards or pick up blank cards from one of the chairs.

Help continue this program in the fall by picking up "six packs" at the May Spring Luncheon and returning the completed cards at the Fall Luncheon. We are also looking for more members to join our committee. Contact one of us to see how you can get involved.

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

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

SMILE BOUQUET

On April 8, the Smile Bouquet team arranged 50 flower bouquets for the residents at Eden Vista on St. Joseph St. in Green Bay. With the help of some wonderful volunteers who had great fun putting together the bouquets, this project put smiles on the faces of Eden Vista's residents. Smile Bouquet will get together a few

more times this summer to make more bouquets for other nursing homes. Please join us next time. Contact one of the chairs to be put on our volunteer list.



BCCWC volunteers gathered to assemble "Smile Bouquets".

Sue Johnson smjohnson718@gmail.com,

Barb LaFrombois dblamfrombois1@att.net,

Judy Trimberger judytrimberger@yahoo.com, Co-Chairs

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The generosity of the BCCWC ladies was again present in the food collection for St. Mark's Food Pantry. Over 45 bags of quality food items were collected on April 15 along with donations of money, toilet tissue and laundry detergent. The director of the pantry was extremely grateful for the club's donations. Thank you, members, for your generosity. You knocked it out of the park!



Cathy Green and Kathy DeBroux collected and delivered BCCWC's generous donations of food, supplies and money to St. Mark's Pantry on April 15.

Cathy Green (920-676-4665) cgreen1171@gmail.com,

Kathy DeBroux (920-660-7921) kmdebroux@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

KRESS LIBRARY GARDEN



Warmer days, more sunshine, plenty of rain.....Spring is here!

If you have the itch to get outside and get your hands dirty, 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 library. We care for and maintain existing landscaping, including trimming, watering, and weeding. This year we should also be getting new mulch for around the landscaping!

New this year, we’ll meet once monthly on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month at 8AM, June through September. We have a “clean-up day” in early May and a “put the garden to bed” day in early October. The workdays take about 1 to 1.5 hours and afterward we meet for breakfast and camaraderie at a local eatery. We always have a nice time! Each individual is asked to be responsible for at least one week of watering duties (of their choice) during the summer.

Join us Tuesdays at 8 AM:

June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15 (rain or shine).

- Clean-up day: **May 12**
- Pot planting day: **May 26** (rain date May 27)
- Put the garden to bed: **October 6** (rain date Oct 7)



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 10 AM 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.

We are anticipating many more dedications this year!



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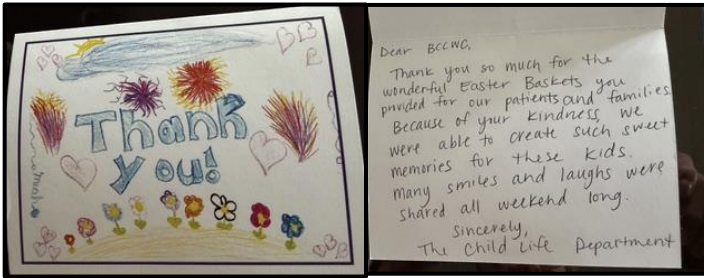
ONE STITCH AT A TIME



Warm weather is just around the corner as is our spring luncheon. Pat and Jean will be collecting blankets for House of Hope and Wellspring on **May 20** at Rock Garden from 10:45 AM until 12 Noon. Blankets can be homemade or purchased; baby or single bed size. If you would rather drop them off at Pat or Jean's house, call or send a text. Thank you!

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

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



The Brown County Community Women's Club provided another holiday surprise to the children who spent the Easter weekend in the hospital. Sixteen Easter baskets were delivered to children of all ages, to bring a little joy at a challenging time.

The Child Life Department's appreciation is meant to be shared with all of you!

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Carol De Grand (680-5470) cjdegrand@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

HOUSE OF HOPE



The members of the BCCWC continue to demonstrate remarkable dedication. While 2 members had originally volunteered to host the House of Hope monthly birthday party on April 17, unexpected travel plans and out-of-town guests forced a change in plans. Pearl Hahn, who was originally scheduled for the May celebration, graciously agreed to trade months. She provided a wonderful celebration featuring cake and ice cream for 20 adults and 13 children, including three who celebrated birthdays in April.

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

FUNDRAISING

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. Gather your golf friends and create a team or sign up individually and we will put you on a team. Game tables will be set up in the clubhouse for the non-golfers. You do not need to be a member to be a part of the fun day. There will be bucket raffles and a 50/50 raffle for everyone. Mulligans and strings will be available for the golfers to purchase.

Registration forms are on the BCCWC website under fundraising or click on link below:
<https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769941316/2026+golf+outing+registration+form.pdf>

Deadline for registration is May 22. Lunch will be served 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**. Thank you to all the amazing volunteers who have already signed up for a shift! We do need a few more volunteers for later on Sunday. Please call one of the chairs if you have a few hours to share. Looking forward to making more \$\$ for the club and having fun while doing it!

Julie Salemi (621-3954) jasalemi29@gmail.com,
Bonnie Zima (883-9034) bonzima48@yahoo.com, Co-Chairs

SPRING CARD & GAME DAY FUNDRAISER

Despite a dreary, overcast day outside, the Kentucky Derby Card & Game Day party at Riverside on April 29 was off and running! Guests entering the venue were decked out in a variety of festive Derby hats. The raffle table and Yum-Yum Shoppe were both adorned with pictures of horses and featured red roses. The Sip & Surprise raffle again featured bottles of wine and each one included another surprise. One lucky winner won a gorgeous charcuterie board hand-crafted and donated by the talented husband of Elaine Pogorelc.



After a lunch of chicken salad with Caesar dressing, the games began. Winners were announced in each of the categories of games, but the big winner of the day was Mary Schneider. In addition to raffle prizes, Mary also won both the 50/50 raffle and the money tree! Congratulations, Mary!

Be sure to mark you calendars now for the fall Card & Game Day Party on **Wednesday, October 28**.



Left – There was no doubt this was Kentucky Derby themed. The raffle baskets featured a picture of a prior Derby winner at the front of the table.

Above Middle –Kate Fahrback and Maggie Fisher visited the Yum-Yum Shoppe while comparing their gorgeous hats. Maggie created hers!

Right – One of the more striking hats, worn by Linda Aschenbrenner, would be worthy to wear at Churchill Downs itself.

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Nancy Noles (664-4850) nnoles@fastmail.com, Co-Chairs

FELLOWSHIP

Your Ideas are Appreciated!

As this year's Fellowship activities wind down, planning for next year begins in May. It was great to see "new faces" at the various events. Based on the response we had at Zambaldi's Bingo night, we will offer that again next year. We will also explore having a line dancing session or two, depending on venue and cost.

Please let us know what ideas you might have by contacting either Mary Jo Piskor, Rita Wurzer or Sue Sinclair.

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

Date (last Thursday of Month)	Restaurant	Contact
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 plan 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
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

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

Mark Your Calendar:

- **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.

- 10:00 AM—12Noon
- Free! *But a visit to the gift shop and a possible purchase 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.)

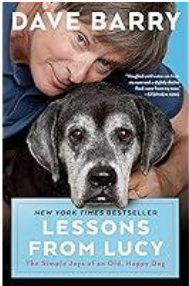
Standing Activities:

- **Brown County Bunco** is led by Carey Lheureux. Play is on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Village Grille.
- **Book Club** is coordinated by Joan Zittlow and Paula Fineout. The meetings are the first 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 1-3:30PM and at the **Ashwaubenon Community Center** at the same time and days.
- **Egg Cartons** Please continue to bring your extra egg cartons to the monthly meetings. Look for the "egg carton" table in the lobby near registration. A grand total will be announced next month. Each carton saves Paul's Pantry 34 cents.

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Rita Wurzer (655-8894) jwurzer6@new.rr.com, Fellowship Co-Directors

BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Monday, **May 4** from 1-2:30PM at the Kress Family Branch Library



(De Pere) in room A for the BCCWC Book Club meeting where we will review *Lessons from Lucy* by Dave Barry. As Dave Barry turns 70—not happily—he realizes that his dog, Lucy, is dealing with old age far better than he is. She has more friends, fewer worries, and way more fun. So Dave decides to figure out how Lucy manages to stay so happy, to see if he can make his own life happier by doing the things she does (except for drinking from the toilet). With each new lesson, Dave riffs hilariously on dogs, people, and life in general, while also pondering “deep questions”, such as when is it okay to lie. (Answer: when scallops are involved.)

It's also time to start looking for book recommendations for next year. The plan is to vote in May for book recommendations that have been submitted.

Our **June 1** meeting will find us reading *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. We will be meeting at the Weyers-Hilliard Branch Library (Howard) in Room 1.

Let us know if you have any questions or suggestions. Send Paula an email if you would like to be on the “official” email list. Members may bring friends, neighbors or family members. You may attend regularly or whenever time permits.

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COMMUNICATIONS



PHOTO DIRECTORIES

Last call - 2 remaining copies of the 2025 photo directory are available for purchase (\$22). If you're interested, call Sue Protzman 920-217-3014. If there is demand in the future, another order can be submitted. The minimum order is 10 to get it at a reasonable price.

NOT LOST AND FOUND – JUST FOUND...



Did you get a 1000 piece puzzle at the BCCWC book and puzzle exchange that has a picture of colorful birds, flowers and butterflies? If so, call Carol Anderson at (920) 737-3904. It will alleviate a lot of frustration when you work on that puzzle.

Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

Kathy Szymanski and Margaret Georgia, Co-Editors
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