

August, 2026

A MESSAGE FROM BCCWC PRESIDENT

I hope you are enjoying a relaxing summer and are feeling refreshed as we start a new year for BCCWC. I look forward to serving as your President and hope to renew and develop relationships with many of you. We are a vibrant community of women who have a wonderful opportunity to volunteer, gather in fellowship and provide services to the community. Please read your monthly newsletters and directory for any questions you may have and to keep informed of all that is happening at BCCWC. Remember, "If everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot!"



Bonnie LeMense, President

2026-2027 BCCWC EXECUTIVE BOARD



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MEMBERSHIP



BCCWC membership is at 281. Seven new members have joined since our last newsletter. Welcome: *Ginny Hanson, Sherry Janssen, Ellen Conley, Linda Pristelski, Gina De Sota, Susan Gallagher-Le Pak and Karen Kroll*

Those interested in joining or renewing: Find the form at 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. Newsletter and mailings via US Mail is \$55. Make check out to BCCWC. Use blue or black ink which our bank requires. If you are unable to print a form, send your check, 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, Jean Renard, Membership Co-Directors
Refer to BCCWC Directory for contact information.

MEETINGS REMINDER

BCCWC 2026 Kick-Off Luncheon and Meeting: Wednesday, **September 16**

Swan Club, 875 Heritage Rd., De Pere

11AM Social 12Noon Lunch 1PM Entertainment 1:45PM Meeting

Entertainment: Singer/entertainer Amy Hermans. Please join us for a fun-filled afternoon.

Note: Take home boxes will NOT be available. Dietary restrictions can be honored if requested with reservation. Guests are welcome. Remember: a guest may only attend 2 BCCWC meetings and/or luncheons in total (not per year).

When sending in your reservations, groups wanting to sit together must send in their reservations together. Your checks must be written in black or blue ink or you will be charged a \$10 bank fee.

The reservation form, due by Wednesday, **September 2**, is available at the link below:
<https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/770013352/Fall+Luncheon+Reservation+-5.pdf>

Carol Mau (227-3542) zinniea60@gmail.com, Sue Vyse (562-3273) smvyse@gmail.com,
Susan Byrne (708-860-8878) susan.byrne@cbexchange.com, Program/Social Co-Directors

COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAT

Want to get more involved with community service? If you are new to the club or are ready to find more ways to get involved, check out the many opportunities located at the BCCWC website under Community Service. There you will find a description of established opportunities and a contact person to get involved. Have a worthy cause you would like the group to consider? Complete a proposal form also found at www.bccwc.org, under Community Service. All ideas will be considered. Please help us continue to serve our Brown County community!

Would you be willing to chair a worthy program? We need ladies to chair the Fort Howard Apartments Senior Luncheon. This event provides the opportunity to meet and serve truly nice, grateful seniors as well as interact with other BCCWC members. Our members provide buffet luncheons in fall and spring. Chairs are responsible for setting the dates with the Fort Howard staff, organizing food donations and volunteers, being in attendance to coordinate the event, and completing project reports. Past co-chairs Barb Berg and Sherry Campbell have offered to be available if any questions arise.

Mary Jo Rod (499-3482) maryjorod11@gmail.com, Teresa Schroepfer (471-9442) taschroep@new.rr.com,
Amy Brauer (606-8688) abrauer1967@gmail.com, Community Service Co-Directors

RIBBON OF HOPE



The Ribbon of Hope decorates wreaths to be given in November to families who are dealing with cancer. If you are interested in working on these wreaths, look for a sign-up sheet at the **September 16** luncheon. The wreaths will be decorated beginning in October. It's a very fun project, working with some very creative and talented ladies.

Pat Russo (655-3990), Chair

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



Welcome back to another exciting year of supporting the 'Child Life Department' of HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital by putting smiles on the faces of health challenged children/teens. The 'Child Life Collection' will be held at the **September 16** luncheon/meeting.

Most needed items:

- + Elmer's Glue (the department makes their own "slime", and the children go through "a LOT")
- + Add-ins for the slime from Amazon (glitter, sprinkles, etc.)
- + SunCatcher Kits/paints
- + 5-inch Squishmallows
- + Children's/Teen's Pillowcases

Enjoy the rest of the summer and thank you for your generosity and continued support.

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

KRESS LIBRARY GARDEN



We meet once monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8AM, May through September. There was a "clean-up day" in early May and there will be a "put the garden to bed" day in early October.

The workdays take 1 to 1.5 hours. 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. This is for watering all 6 pots and light weeding.

Join us Tuesdays at 8AM:

August 18, September 15 (rain or shine)

Put the garden to bed: **October 6** (rain date October 7)

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

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Children growing up in Habitat for Humanity households are more likely to graduate high school and pursue higher education. Stable housing also reduces stress and improves overall health outcomes. Quilts lovingly made and donated by BCCWC members give them comfort that the community cares about them.



Habitat for Humanity is currently building 5 homes on S. Chestnut and S. Broadway, each in a different stage of progress. Quilters will be ready for home dedications as Gina Reinardy recently delivered 13 quilts to the Habitat office.

Anyone interested in making a quilt? The next meeting is **October 5**. See details in the September newsletter. For more information, contact:

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

HOUSE OF HOPE

House of Hope is one of the few BCCWC activities that continues year around. In June, Carey Lheureux and Brenda Johnson provided cake, ice cream and table needs for the monthly birthday party. Attending were 20 adults and 5 children, 2 of which had birthdays.

There also was a special event... 2 of the children graduated from high school! Special graduation cards were delivered to staff for the graduates. Comments of pride and wishes for a bright future from BCCWC were noted.

Although hot and humid, Carol DeGrand delivered the July birthday cake and still FROZEN ICE CREAM. There were 6 children, 2 with birthdays, and 20 adults. A fun time was had thanks to our gracious members.



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

FUNDRAISING

FALL CARD & GAME DAY FUNDRAISER

It may be the dog days of summer right now, but the Fall Card & Game Day Fundraiser is coming up fast. We'll be celebrating "Fall Harvest", with all the features you might expect. The reservation form is on the web site under both "Fundraising" and "Forms", or you can click on this link.

<https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/770008059/2026+meFall+Harvest+Cd++Gm+registration+form.pdf>

It's not too early to send in your reservation and spread the word to your friends. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, and we're counting on your generous support.

Mark your calendars now for the Fall Card & Game Day party, which will be held on **October 28**, at Riverside Ballroom.

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

GOLF OUTING 2026

The June "Play for a Difference" golf outing at Mid Vallee raised over \$6,000! There were 68 golfers and 31 game players. The delicious morning pastries were provided by Uncle Mike's Bakery.



The day started with a little mist/drizzle but cleared to be a very nice day.

Winners were called for the 50/50 raffle, Silent Auction, Basket Raffles, Birdie Board and a special Birdhouse Raffle. Golf winners for hole events were Margy Hamilton, Michelle Welt, Judie Boyce and Therese Martin. Congratulations to ALL! Bridge, Hand & Foot, Seven and Mah Jongg game players enjoyed the extra space with the Mid Vallee remodel. After the morning events, a delicious taco buffet bar and cheesecake dessert were provided.

Special thanks to ALL volunteers. The committee could not have done it without every single one of you, and to ALL participants. Special thank you to all hole sponsors and to those who donated to make the golf event a special day. Join us again next year on **June 14, 2027** at Mid Vallee Golf Course.



Winners of Mid Vallee Gift Certificates for Low Gross of 32: Beth Simoens, Anne Slusarek, Amy Steavpack, Denise VanLaanen

Verna Kreutz (336-3038) vernafgk@gmail.com, Rose Jensen (217-6105) rmemer@aol.com,
Christine Gaulke (819-8462) christine.gaulke68@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS



Julie Arts, Bonnie Zima, Naomi McDowell, Julie Salemi, Marilyn Gallagher



The workers had a lot of fun, and many customers gave generous tips, commenting on how much they liked the mission of the club.

Brat Fry 2026 was held at Festival Foods on W. Mason St, June 27-28. More than 25 BCCWC members and 5 non-members worked to earn money for the mission of BCCWC. Our customer traffic was not as good as last year but the sales were still great! It was a financial and social success, generating wonderful publicity for the BCCWC.

Julie Salemi & Bonnie Zima, Co-Chairs

FELLOWSHIP



May 27 was a perfect day to end our Fellowship year with mini golfing at Duck Creek Golf Center.

Eight players had a lot of laughs and a few mulligans! A delicious lunch at Narrow Bridge completed the very enjoyable day.

We hope to repeat this again next May.

Here's to another year of fun and fellowship! The committee has put together a calendar that includes both new and tried-and-true activities. *Some events need your **immediate attention*** because they occur in the next 2 months. Check them out below and sign up at the September or October meeting OR let the contact person know you want to be added to the list.

- **August and September** - Dinner Dames and Lunch Bunch
- **September 8, 22, 29** – Mah Jongg Lessons (maximum of 8)
- **October 20** – Senior Safety Presentation at the Village Grille

NOTE: Dinner Dames is now the 3rd THURSDAY of the month!

2026-27 "Dinner Dames Supper Club" Meet at 5PM

Date (3rd Thursday of Month)	Restaurant/Town	Hostess, Cell Number
Aug. 27* (reservations due by 8/22)	Rustique, Suamico	Sue Sinclair, 737-2461
Sept. 17 (reservations due by 9/13)	Angelina's, Green Bay	Mary Jo Piskor, 217-4343
Oct. 15 (reservations due by 10/11)	The Black Otter, Hortonville area	Sue Protzman, 217-3014
Nov. 19 (reservations due by 11/15)	The Iron Duck, Howard	Brenda Johnson, 660-9554
Dec 17 (reservations due 12/13)	River's Bend, Suamico	Carol Simpson, 217-6220
Jan. 21 (reservations due by 1/17)	Pope's Pizza, Green Bay	Wendy Swiatnicki, 680-3509
Feb. 18 (reservations due by 2/14)	Orsetta's Craft Kitchen, De Pere	Sue Sinclair, 737-2461
Mar. 18 (reservations due by 3/14)	Mangiare, Green Bay	Margy Hamilton, 212-5497
Apr. 15 (reservations due by 4/11)	Krabbe's, Seymour	Sue Protzman, 217-3014
May 20 (reservations due by 5/16)	The Drift Inn, Green Bay	Elaine Gerhold, 360-5087
June 17 (reservations due 6/13)	Club Chalet, East Green Bay	Kathy Eisenschink, 737-7911
July 15 (reservations due 7/11)	Cedar and Sage, Green Bay	Mary Schneider, 366-2070
Aug 19 (reservations due 8/15)	The Seymour Hotel, Seymour	Linda Aschenbrenner, 991-9961

***Text your reservation to Sue Sinclair to register for Rustique. Be sure to leave your name.**

2026-27 "Lunch Bunch Ladies" Meet at 11:30AM

Date (1st Thursday of Month)	Restaurant/Location	Hostess, Cell Number
Sept. 3* (reservations due by 8/31)	Grapevine Café, Green Bay	Mary Jo Piskor, 217-4343
Oct. 1 (reservations due by 9/29)	Mackinaw's, Green Bay	Jean Makreff, 414 507-9154
Nov. 5 (reservations due by 11/1)	The Bottle Room, Suamico	JoAnn DeVoe, 265-4791
Dec. 3 (reservations due by 11/30)	Heritage Room, Legacy Hotel	Meg Deem, 288-9922
Jan. 7 (reservations due by 1/3)	The Kitchen Table, Suamico	Rita Wurzer, 655-8894
Feb. 4 (reservations due by 1/31)	Longhorn Steakhouse, Green Bay	
Mar. 4 (reservations due by 2/28)	Chives, Suamico	Ann Hare, 609-9758
Apr. 1 (reservations due by 3/26)	Cedar & Sage, Green Bay	Sue Protzman, 217-3014
May 6 (reservations due by 5/1)	Los Banditos, Green Bay	Brenda Johnson, 660-9554
June 3 (reservations due by 5/30)	Drift Inn	Elaine Gerhold, 360-5087

***Text your reservation to Mary Jo Piskor for Grapevine Café. Be sure to leave your name.**

Mah Jongg

Sue Sinclair will offer Mah Jongg lessons. Please plan to attend all 3 sessions to get a basic understanding of this fun, challenging tile game! The class is limited to 8 participants. Sign up soon by texting or calling Sue since there is not a meeting before the first lesson.

- Tuesday, **September 8, 22 and 29**, 1-3:30PM (Note there's a gap in the dates)
- Classes will be held at the Drift Inn in the back room. Please come early to enjoy a burger.

NEW! Senior Safety: A Deputy District Attorney's Perspective

Join us at the Village Grille to learn more about Senior Safety from Wendy Lemkuil. Wendy has been a prosecutor in the Brown County District Attorney's office for 33 years. She works with police officers in 11 districts resulting in a broad perspective of safety concerns for the public and seniors.

- Tuesday, **October 20**, Village Grille, 801 Hoffman Rd.
- 9AM breakfast, 10AM presentation with time for Q & A

NEW! Seroogy's Tour and Tasting

Have you ever wondered where Seroogy's produces their delicious products? Come find out! Enjoy a 60-minute walk through the history of Seroogy's chocolates while enjoying samples of curated coffee and their popular chocolate. We will be given a private behind-the-scenes tour of their production facility and have time to peruse their lovely shop.

- Tuesday, **November 10**, 10AM-12Noon
- Seroogy's, 144 N. Wisconsin St., De Pere
- Maximum: 20 (2 groups of 10 at a time)
- \$20 (Checks payable to Rita Wurzer in advance at monthly meeting or by mail)

Bingo!

Join us for one or both of the AM Express sessions. Contact is Lynn Arnesen.

- Fridays, **November 13** and **April 9**
- 10AM-12:30PM - FREE Soda!
- \$21 for basic packet. Extra games are available for purchase.
- Irene Moore Activity Center (IMAC) 2100 Airport Dr.

NEW! Create a Holiday Porch Pot at Ivy Trails Gifts and Garden

Join us at Ivy Trails to create a holiday porch pot with greenery and festive decorations. Additionally, you can browse the gift shop for unique gift items near the Christmas season.

- 3200 Main St., Green Bay (Near the Redwood Inn)
- **November 17**, 1-3PM
- \$50 per person in advance (cash or checks payable to Rita Wurzer)
- \$45, if you bring your own pot
- \$35, if you bring your own pot and decorations

Note: decorations are sticks or berries and a holiday pick. Greenery is provided for all.

NEW! Got a Tax Question?

Collin Popkey, a tax preparer with Dan Popkey's De Pere Tax, will share tax tips and advice as 2026 draws to a close. His presentation will allow time for a Q & A session.

- Tuesday, **December 8**, 9AM-11:30PM
- Village Grille, 801 Hoffman Rd
- Order at 9AM; presentation at 10AM

Sign-up sheets are on the Fellowship table at the monthly meetings OR get in touch with the contact person.

Looking Ahead:

As the dates get closer for these events, detailed information will be in the newsletter. Be sure to check out all the activities each month.

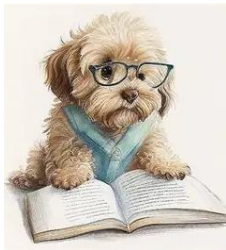
- Line Dancing, Tuesday, **January 19**
- Bingo and Brews, Thursday, **January 28**
- Mulva Center Tour, Friday, **February 19**
- Wills and Trusts, Monday, **February 22**
- Mah Jongg Lessons, Fridays, **March 5, 12, 19**
- Movie at the Mulva, Monday, **March 8**
- Meyer Theater Tour, TBD
- Packers Presentation, Thursday, **April 29**
- Mini-Golf Outing, Wednesday, **May 26**

Standing Activities:

- **Brown County Bunco**, led by Carey Lheureux. Play is on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Village Grille.
- **The Book Club**, led by Joan Zittlow and Paula Fineout. Book Club meets on the 1st Monday of the month except for September. The location will change each month. Refer to the Book Club section in the newsletter OR contact Paula or Joan about the current 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. Contact: Linda Ashenbrenner. Text Linda at 991-9961 if you plan to play.
- **Egg Cartons**. Continue to bring your egg cartons to the monthly meetings. They will be delivered to Paul's Pantry by Paula Fineout.

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

BOOK CLUB



Another year of wonderful stories and great discussions awaits us.

Mark your calendars and start reading! Schedule for the coming year:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Book:</u>	<u>Author:</u>
Sept 14, 2026	<i>Table for Two</i>	Amor Towles
Oct 5, 2026	<i>Atmosphere</i>	Taylor Jenkins Reid
Nov 2, 2026	<i>Broken Country</i>	Claire Leslie Hall
Dec 7, 2026	<i>The Correspondent</i>	Virginia Evans
Jan 4, 2027	<i>The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife</i>	Anna Johnston
Feb 1, 2027	<i>Tom Lake</i>	Ann Patchett
Mar 1, 2027	<i>Maame</i>	Jessica George
Apr 5, 2027	<i>Wild Dark Shores</i>	Charlotte McConaghy
May 3, 2027	<i>The Quiet Librarian</i>	Allen Eskens
Jun 7, 2027	<i>The Widowmaker</i>	Hannah Morrissey

The website will also have these dates, which are normally the 1st Monday of each month from 1-2:30PM. The exception is September (Labor Day holiday) when we meet on the 2nd Monday. We are anticipating our normal holiday luncheon in December.

Please reach out to Joan or Paula with 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

BCCWC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

BCCWC directories will be distributed at the Board meeting in August and at bridge events in August and September. They will be available at the luncheon in September and at the general meeting in October. If you cannot pick yours up, please ask someone to pick it up for you. Any directories that haven't been picked up by mid-October will be mailed.

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Chris Rosera (288-9615) christinarosera@gmail.com, Communications Co-Directors

Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

Kathy Szymanski and Margaret Georgia, Co-Editors

BCCWC Communications Team

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