

October, 2026

A MESSAGE FROM BCCWC PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe it is October already, but the changing leaves and cooling temps are sure signs of autumn's arrival. There are many events and volunteer opportunities available this month – from learning about Senior Safety or how to play Mah Jongg, to helping with the Kress Gardens or Building Quilts for Habitat for Humanity. You are also invited to join the fun at the Fall Card & Game Day – it's a great fundraiser and an enjoyable day. Hope to see many of you there.



Bonnie LeMense, President

MEMBERSHIP



BCCWC membership is 288.

We have had 4 new members join since our last newsletter.

Please welcome: *Arlene Adamczak, Nancy Aschenbrenner, Linda Kaponya, Wanda Kruse*

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 are \$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

Four guests and 162 members attended the annual fall kick-off luncheon at the Swan Club. It was fun to see treasured friends, meet new ones and hear what is in store for the coming year.



Celebrating America's 250th birthday, red, white and blue were the colors of the day.

As luncheon-goers entered the room, they were greeted by members of the luncheon committee and picked up their seating cards.

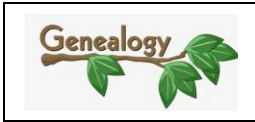


Singer Amy Riemer-Hermans entertained us in the styles of Brenda Lee, Dusty Springfield and Reba McEntire

Our next meeting will be **October 21** at the De Pere Community Center, 600 Grant St., De Pere.

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

Program: Finding your roots through genealogy, presented by Jim Mau.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION



Food collection for the De Pere Christian Outreach Pantry will take place at the **October 21** meeting from 10:30AM-12:30PM. Look for the Outreach van in the parking lot.

Needed items

Canned Baked Beans, Pork & Beans, Manwich, Tomato Sauce, Canned Fruit, Jellies, Jams

Items not needed due to overstock

Canned Corn, Green Beans, Black Beans, Tuna, Pasta, Cereal, Peanut Butter

Carol Anderson (737-3904),

Paula Tollefson (414-731-9418), Co-Chairs

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



It is with sincere appreciation that we say "Thank you!" for the generous outpouring of the much-needed items collected at the September luncheon for the hospitalized children/teens at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital.



The amazing outpouring of donations received at the BCCWC kick-off meeting for the 'Child Life Collection'

Your kindness, compassion, and generosity are a beautiful reflection of the caring spirit within our club. Know that you make a meaningful difference in the lives of the children and their families during a very challenging and difficult time.



Please stop by the 'Child Life' table at the October meeting if you're interested in signing up to decorate little Christmas trees in December.

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

ONE STITCH AT A TIME



Blankets will be collected before the **October 21** meeting in the upper parking lot at the De Pere Community Center from 10:45-12Noon. These blankets can be handmade or store-bought for babies, children or adults. They will be brought to Wellspring, a shelter for women, or House of Hope, a temporary home for moms and children. If you cannot drop them off that day, call Pat or Jean to make other arrangements.

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



ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES- HOMELESS SHELTERS' MEALS

Thank you, members! There was a wonderful sign up at our Fall Luncheon for the **November 5** meals at the shelters; however, the Women's shelter still needs lasagna, hot vegetables and garlic bread. Many of you, for which we are grateful, even signed up for the rest of the season.

Meals for both shelters will be served on the *1st Thursday of the month*: **November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1**. Deliver your food hot and all items ready to serve in disposable containers between 5-5:30PM. We look forward to serving meals to a homeless population that continues to increase each year. The guests have always been appreciative of the kindness and the food that our members provide.

Our members often ask about the program of St. John's Ministries. The St. John's Ministries web site has a great deal of information in their year-end report, describing the increase in the homeless population, the case management services offered, and the frequent reasons for homelessness.

BCCWC has been preparing a monthly meal for the shelters for several years.

Thanks for your generous support as we head into another season of giving.

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

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES - WELLSPRING

Our first collection for the guests at Wellspring will be held on **November 18** before our monthly meeting from 10:30AM-12:30PM in the parking lot at the De Pere Community Center. We will be collecting cold weather items for the upcoming winter including:

✚ Hats, scarves, gloves, handwarmers, socks - Coats/jackets, boots (new or gently used)

The Wellspring staff appreciate all sizes since they serve women from sizes XS to 5X but have found it difficult to get donations of the 2x or larger sizes, so they are greatly in need of donations of winter coats and jackets in the larger sizes. Please check the November newsletter for an updated list of needed items.

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CHRISTMAS FAMILY



Ornaments will be available for members to select a tag at our **October 21** meeting to purchase a gift for the families we are supporting this year. All the children will be from the Green Bay area. All gifts should be wrapped with the tag attached and returned at the **November 18** meeting. Thank you for making this such a rewarding project!

Amy Brauer abrauer1967@gmail.com,

Ronda Schauer rondarschauer@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

FORT HOWARD SENIOR LUNCHEONS



We are happy to announce that we have a chair for the Fort Howard Apartments luncheons. **Karen Kroll** has volunteered to take on this project. Karen is a new BCCWC member so we would like to welcome her to the club and thank her for stepping in to chair this project. We also thank Sherry Campbell, a former co-chair, for sharing her time and knowledge with Karen.

The current plan is to provide one luncheon in the spring. There will be additional information in future newsletters.

Mary Jo Rod, Amy Brauer, Teresa Schroepfer,
Community Service Projects Co-Directors

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

- + Meeting: Monday, **October 5** at 10AM
- + Polo Point Clubhouse, 850 DeSoto Circle, Hobart

Soak up some enthusiasm and expand your creativity as you visit with other quilters!



Need inspiration? These and other quilts will be displayed at the October 5 meeting.

If you enjoy sewing and would like to create lap-sized quilts for Habitat for Humanity, come to the meeting on Monday, **October 5**.

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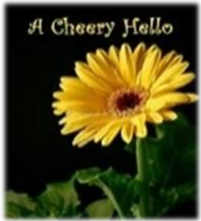
HOUSE OF HOPE



Karen Kroll was the volunteer for House of Hope's October birthday celebration providing cake, ice cream and table needs. In attendance were 9 children, 3 with birthdays, and 21 adults. It's always a pleasure to hear positive comments from our volunteers for their acts of kindness.

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

CHEERY NOTES TO SENIORS



During the month of September, 168 cheery notes, birthday cards and crafts were delivered to residents of Tender Hearts Assisted Living and Caraton Commons thanks to our generous members. Completed cards will be collected and "six packs" will be distributed at our next meeting on **October 21**. The more completed cards collected, the more cheer is spread to our area nursing home residents.

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Cynthia Hoban (621-8785) cynthiahoban@att.net, Co-Chairs

LOVABLE MISFITS



Misfits Musings

Many thanks to all who dropped by at the fall luncheon or have called to see what Lovable Misfits are all about. Your interest is appreciated.

Wonderful ladies signed up to help with cutting, hand sewing, stuffing and sewing! Looking forward to working together.

Work is being done to get fabric cut and put together to bring mini quilt kits and misfits kits to the next meeting. See you in October!

Mary Anne Froelich (639-4847), Chair

FUNDRAISING

BOOK & PUZZLE EXCHANGE



Books and puzzles are back after many months. The next exchanges are at the October and November meetings. All those books you read and puzzles you completed during the last 5 months are welcome. There should be a vast selection so don't forget to come and peruse the special table set up for your enjoyment.

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

FALL CARD & GAME DAY FUNDRAISER

Anticipation is in the air for the **October 28** Card & Game Day Fundraiser at Riverside Ballroom, just 4 weeks away. Open to both members and non-members, the event is filling up quickly. There is still room available, however. Now that fall has finally arrived, be prepared for a Fall Harvest.



Registrations are due by **October 14**, 2 weeks ahead of the event. The form is available on the web site under both the fundraising and "Forms" tabs. You can also access it here:

<https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/770015095/2026+Fall+Card++Game+registration1.pdf>

There will be an array of gorgeous raffle baskets, a money tree, the "Sip and Surprise" and, of course, the 50/50 raffle. The committee is working to transform the Riverside Ballroom into a fall festival!

- **When?** **October 28**, 10AM-4PM
- **Where?** Riverside Ballroom (This year's menu is Chicken Cordon Bleu)
- **What games can you play?** Bridge, Mah Jongg, Dominoes, Horse Collar - whatever you want.
- **Who will be there?** Hopefully you and all your friends! Open to members and non-members.

Be sure to spread the word among your friends. It's a big event and it will be here before you know it. It's BCCWC's major fundraiser of the year. We hope to start off on a strong foot!

In addition to the fun and games, the **YUM-YUM SHOPPE** will be a big part of the Card & Game Day. Please volunteer to bring your special baked treats to donate to the Yum-Yum Shoppe. There will be a sign-up sheet at the **October 21** general meeting. **Package donations as below:**

- ❖ Small loaves of quick bread
- ❖ Large loaves of quick bread
- ❖ Cookies packaged 6 or 12 per package
- ❖ Cupcakes and muffins packaged with 4 or 6 per package
- ❖ Bars 2" squares - 6 per package
- ❖ Small or large pies
- ❖ Quart bag of cereal mix, seasoned pretzels, popcorn
- ❖ Caramels - 12 per bag
- ❖ Large, dipped pretzels rods, packaged 4 per bag

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

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship is off and running! What a wonderful sign-up response we had at the September meeting. Please consider joining in the fun this year! Sign-up sheets are on the Fellowship table at the monthly meetings OR get in touch with the hostess/contact for the event. Numbers and emails are in the directory.

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
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, De Pere	Elaine Gerhold. 360-5087
June 17 (reservations due by 6/13)	Club Chalet, East Green Bay	Kathy Eisenschink, 737-7911
July 15 (reservations due by 7/11)	Cedar and Sage, Green Bay	Mary Schneider, 366-2070
Aug. 19 (reservations due by 8/15)	The Seymour Hotel, Seymour	Linda Aschenbrenner, 991-9961

*text or call Sue Protzman for a reservation. We will carpool from the Park and Ride near Festival in De Pere. 4PM meeting time. We need at least 4 drivers.

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

Date (1st Thursday of Month)	Restaurant/Location	Hostess, Cell Number
Oct. 1 CANCELED - lack of reservations	Mackinaw's	Jean Makreff
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	NEED A HOSTESS
Mar. 4 (reservations due by 2/28)	Chives, Suamico	Ann Hare, 609-9758
Apr. 1 (reservations due by 3/29)	Cedar & Sage, Green Bay	Sue Protzman, 217-3014
May 6 (reservations due by 5/2)	Los Banditos, Green Bay	Brenda Johnson, 660-9554
June 3 (reservations due by 5/31)	Drift Inn, De Pere	Elaine Gerhold, 360-5087

Senior Safety: A Deputy District Attorney's Perspective

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

- Tuesday, **October 20**; Village Grille, 801 Hoffman Rd.
- 9AM breakfast, 10AM presentation with time for Q & A
- **Contact: Mary Rahr, 621-7570** (Wendy's mom)

Limited Spaces! Seroogy's Tour and Tasting

Come find out how and where Seroogy's chocolates are produced. Enjoy a 60-minute walk through the history of Seroogy's chocolates while enjoying samples of curated coffee and their popular chocolate. It will be a private behind-the-scenes tour of their production facility with 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** (*Cash or check payable to Rita Wurzer in advance at monthly meeting or by mail*)
- **Contact: Rita Wurzer, 655-8894**

Bingo! Join us for one or both **AM Express** sessions.

- 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.
- **Contact: Lynn Arnesen, (201) 739-3941**

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 (Next to the Redwood Inn), **November 17**, 1-3PM
- \$50 per person in advance (cash or check 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.
- **Contact: Rita Wurzer, 655-8894**

NEW! Got a Tax Question?

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

- Tuesday, **December 8**, 9-11:30AM
- Village Grille, 801 Hoffman Rd.
- Order at 9AM; presentation at 10AM
- **Contact: Holly Popkey, 609-1019** (Collin's mom)

Looking Ahead: We have signups for several of these events!

These events are also planned for this year. As the dates get closer, 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 - Location TBD
- **Movie at The Mulva Cultural Center**, Monday, March 8
- **Meyer Theater Tour**, Tuesday, April 20
- **Packers Presentation**, Thursday, April 29
- **Mini-Golf Outing**, Wednesday, May 26

Standing Activities:

- **Brown County Bunco**, led by Carey Lheureux. They play on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Village Grille. The roster is full for both playing and being a sub for the 2026-27 season. If you are interested in starting another group, please let Sue Sinclair or Carey know. Someone would need to agree to coordinate the group.
- **Book Club**, led by Joan Zittlow and Paula Fineout. Book Club meets on the 1st Monday of the month. The location will change each month so refer to the Book Club section in the newsletter OR contact Paula or Joan for 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. The groups playing there are full, but there usually are tables available for a new group or two.
 - **Sue Sinclair has started an "interested in lessons" list. Sign up at the next meeting.**
- **Egg Cartons**. 250 egg cartons were collected at the September meeting. Please continue to bring your egg cartons to the monthly meetings for delivery by Paula Fineout to Paul's Pantry, which is grateful for our contributions.

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

BOOK CLUB

Join the Monday, **October 5**, Book Club meeting, 1-2:30PM at the Weyers-Hilliard Library in Howard, Room 1, where *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid will be reviewed.

Book Summary:

Joan Goodwin has been obsessed with the stars for as long as she can remember. Thoughtful and reserved, Joan is content with her life as a professor of physics and astronomy at Rice University and as aunt to her precocious niece, Frances. That is, until she comes across an advertisement seeking the first women scientists to join NASA's space shuttle program. Suddenly, Joan burns to be one of the few people to go to space.

Fast-paced, thrilling, and emotional, *Atmosphere* is Taylor Jenkins Reid at her best: transporting readers to iconic times and places, creating complex protagonists, and telling a passionate and soaring story about the transformative power of love—this time among the stars.

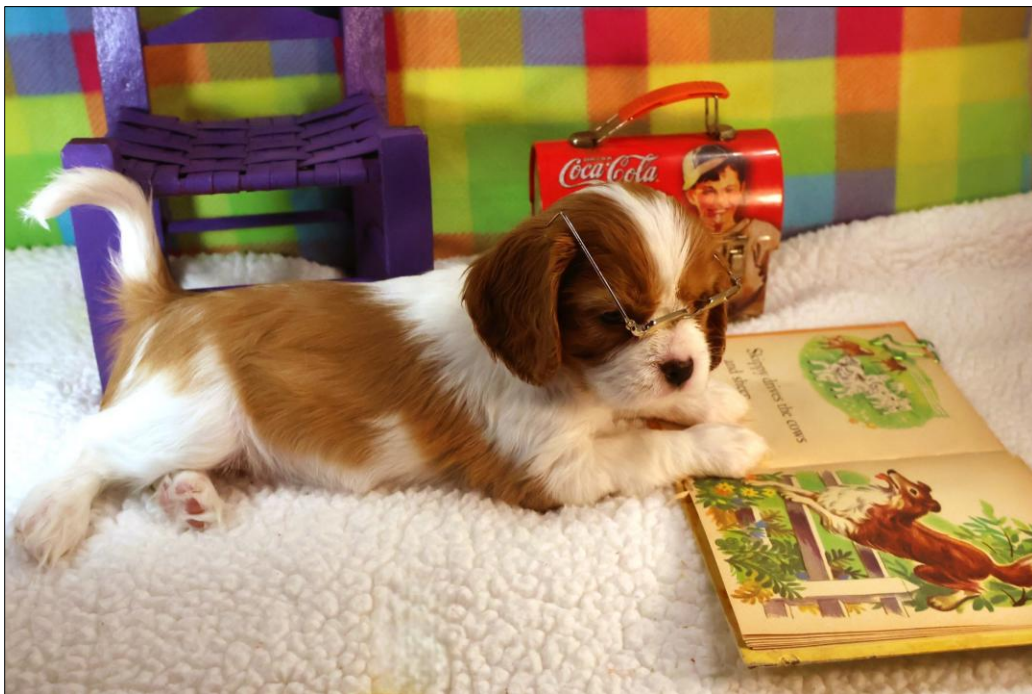
The **November 2** meeting takes place at the Green Bay East Branch Library at 1PM, reading *Broken Country* by Claire Leslie Hall.

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.

Any questions or suggestions? Contact:

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Paula Fineout (360-3144) paulafineout@icloud.com, Co-Chairs



COMMUNICATIONS

BCCWC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Most of the BCCWC membership directories have been distributed. Remaining directories will be available at the general meeting on **October 21**. If you cannot pick up your copy, please ask someone to pick it up for you. Any directories that haven't been picked up by then will have to be mailed. That's an expense that would be nice to avoid.



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A dozen Sues gathered after the September luncheon.

Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

Kathy Szymanski and Margaret Georgia, Co-Editors
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