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



November, 2026

A MESSAGE FROM BCCWC PRESIDENT



Welcome to November - a month to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our lives. Our Club is a blessing to so many in the Brown County area and I am honored to serve as your President. May you cherish spending time with family and friends this month.

Bonnie LeMense, President

MEMBERSHIP



BCCWC membership is at 290.
We have had 1 member rejoin and 1 new member join since our last newsletter.
Please welcome Linda Racine and welcome back Gigi Saharsky.

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

Two guests and 112 members attended the October general meeting at the De Pere Community Center. Our presenter was Jim Mau who gave a fascinating and informative presentation about genealogy and family history.

Our next meeting will be November 18, at the De Pere Community Center, 600 Grant St. in De Pere.

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

Our speaker this month will be Heidi Leiterman from the Life Long Learning Institute.

The registration form for our December 16, holiday luncheon at Tundra Lodge is available at:
https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/770049175/ December+Reservation+Form.pdf

The deadline for registration is December 2. Don't wait for the December newsletter to take care of this.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

Special thanks to the ladies who helped assemble Halloween bags to bring the fun of "Trick or Treating" to the hospitalized children. Twenty- four bags were filled with Halloween surprises for infants/toddlers, preschool, school-aged children and teens.

This year we again assembled St. Nick bags for 3 different age groups. Beautiful bows were made and tied onto 14 St. Nicholas books.



The Child Life Department extends their immense gratitude for the continued generosity of your donations of fleece blankets, stuffed animals, and character band aids. The comfort and smiles they bring are hard to measure. Your generosity is making such a difference for these children and their families.

Upcoming activities include decorating little Christmas trees for December. These trees always brighten the holidays for the kids who can't be home for Christmas.



Gigi Saharsky, Carol and Mary Jo Piskor are only a small part of the group of members who created these gifts for the HSHS long term child patients.



St. Nickolas will be delivering these beautifully tied books along with gift bags to the St. Vincent's children to ring in the holiday season.



Working in a meeting room at Bay Family Restaurant, the HSHS group assembled 24 Halloween treat buckets an gift bags for children who are hospitalized over the holiday at HSHS St. Vincent Child Life Department. They also began to create some of the components that will be used for the Christmas surprises that will be completed in time for delivery in December.

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

ONE STITCH AT A TIME

October saw another very successful blanket collection. BCCWC members have generously supported this project over the years. Wellspring and House of Hope will receive a total of 57 blankets. That's a grand total of 933 since BCCWC started collecting in the fall of 2015. In addition, numerous jackets, scarves, mittens and shawls have been collected. We've put smiles on many faces over the years. Thank you all!

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

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES- HOMELESS SHELTERS' MEALS

We will be serving our first meal of the season at both shelters on **November 5**. We are so grateful to our members; we had a full signup for this meal. Please deliver your prepared food between **5- 5:30PM** to the shelters. The Women's Shelter is located at 700 E. Walnut St. in the back of the Wellspring building and the Men's Shelter is located on St. John St. behind the rectory. Servers, please arrive by **5:15PM**. We serve until **7:15PM**.

If you are interested, the St. John's Ministries website has a wealth of information regarding their mission, the homeless situation, the shelters, their successes and their needs.

We look forward to seeing you November 5. Thanks for your generous support as we head into another season of giving!

If you have any questions, please contact either of the Co-Chairs.

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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. Please look for our vehicles with the Wellspring signs. We will be collecting cold-weather items for the upcoming winter including:

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

Wellspring serves women ranging in sizes from XS to 5X and they appreciate donations of all sizes. However, they have found it difficult to get donations of the 2X or larger sizes and would be very grateful to receive donations of winter coats and jackets in these larger sizes.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

CHRISTMAS FAMILY



A huge thank you to everyone who took a gift tag to help make Christmas special for children in our community! Our group was able to sponsor **5 families in the Brown County area**—what a wonderful way to spread some holiday cheer! Please bring your **wrapped gifts with the gift tags attached** to the November 18 meeting. If you were unable to take a gift tag but are still interested in donating, please consider bringing a gift card from Walmart.
If you can't make the meeting, please contact Amy Brauer or Ronda Schauer to arrange pickup or delivery.

Amy Brauer abrauer1967@gmail.com,
Ronda Schauer rondarschauer@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Here's an opportunity to quilt for charity!

The quilters meet twice a year - once in the fall and once in the spring.



Learn more about this satisfying project. Use your creative talents to make a lap-size quilt for new Habitat for Humanity homeowners.

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

HOUSE OF HOPE



Tuesday, October 20, was a beautiful fall day when Kay Barlament and Monica Sims stopped at the House of Hope for their monthly birthday celebration. With cake, ice cream and table settings delivered, they knew the night would be fun for all. The 7 children, 2 with birthdays, and 22 adults would be singing, laughing and enjoying a very special treat!

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

CHEERY NOTES TO SENIORS



For the month of October residents of Serenity Springs and Autumn's Promise received 148 cheery notes, seasonal crafts and birthday greetings from the BCCWC. Many cards had a Halloween or fall theme and were quite festive!
We will continue to collect completed cards for distribution in December and January, as well as distribute "six packs" at our next meeting on November 18. The more completed cards we can collect, the more cheer we will spread to our area nursing home residents! Contact one of us if you have question.

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LOVABLE MISFITS



Misfits Musings

The fleece is beginning to turn into MISFITS! A new season of Misfits and mini baby quilts has started. At our fall luncheon, volunteers signed up to cut mini hearts and circles for their eyes. If you are inclined to sew, come see Mary Anne Foelich for a mini quilt kit or a slightly more challenging Misfit kit.

We've dropped off Misfits at Ashwaubenon Public Safety and Sagent Behavorial Health. A therapist from Sagent heard about our Misfits and requested some. We have a few more to deliver.

Mary Anne Froelich (639-4847), Chair

RIBBON OF HOPE

Once again, artistic ladies met at Pat Russo's home in October to design and create beautiful wreaths for the Ribbon of Hope project. These wreaths will be presented to families dealing with cancer. Each wreath has a theme with a corresponding name.







Beautiful wreaths with creative names. See if you can match the name to the wreath –

Golden Splendor
Elf Advice
Spread the Cheer
Christmas Traditions
Naughty and Gnome Regrets
Sugar & Spice & Everything Nice
You're Snow Special to Me
Merry and Bright
Twas the Night Before Christmas

Pat Russo, Cha

FUNDRAISING

FALL CARD & GAME DAY FUNDRAISER

Almost 200 members and guests joined together on an unseasonably warm October 28 at Riverside Ballroom to celebrate BCCWC's first major fundraiser of the year – the semi-annual Car & Game Day Party! Starting at 10AM, party-goers gathered to enjoy the company of others, participate in the various raffle opportunities and visit the Yum Yum Shoppe. At 11:30 they sat down to a delicious lunch of Chicken Corden Bleu over rice, topped off by Riverside's renowned Knee Caps for dessert.



Raffle tickets for the beautiful baskets help in this fundraising venture.

After an afternoon of various games – bridge, mah jongg, dominos and others – raffle winners were announced as well as the winners of the various games. Sip and Surprise wine bags were distributed to the lucky winners, metal pumpkins were given out to the door prize winners, and one lucky winner won a Milwaukee Brewers themed basket.

The spring Card & Game day will be held on April 28, again at Riverside. Be sure to mark your calendar now so you don't miss it!



Fall color, pumpkins and fully blooming mums set the theme for the day. 12 baskets adorned the table in the middle of the room. Raffle winners were announced after the games were competed.



With Halloween just a few days away, Julie Salemi showed off her hocus-pocus side as she checked out some of the prizes included in the Sip & Surprise wine raffle.



Members of the card party committee meet year-round to plan the event of the day. Chairperson Sue Protzman keeps the members on their toes. Watch for what is planned for spring – registration forms will be available in April.

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

BOOK & PUZZLE EXCHANGE



Our books/puzzles table was full of wonderful choices at the October meeting. Our next exchange will be at the November 18 meeting [no books/puzzles at the December meeting due to the luncheon]. Please bring books that are gently used and puzzles with all the pieces. The donation for books continues to be $1 but for puzzles it will now be $2. Remember to stop back at the table to check to see if your donation is gone---if not, pick it up before you leave.

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

MAH JONGG FUNDRAISER



Buy your 2027 Mah Jongg card through our fundraiser and benefit BCCWC. Regular cards cost $16; large print cards cost $18. BCCWC will receive $7 for each card ordered. The card will be mailed to your home and you will also receive the National Mah Jongg League annual newsletter. The form for ordering the cards is available on the BCCWC.org website under the Fundraising tab or you may call/email Linda Aschenbrenner. Last year, we sold over 200 cards and received a check for $1,442. We hope to increase that amount this year! If you ordered a card last year, we already have your address. You can write a check payable to BCCWC and note on the memo line how many cards you want. If you prefer paying with cash, please put the cash in an envelope with a note stating your name and how many cards you want. (PLEASE do not turn in a stack of cash with a sticky note. Everything needs to be clear so there will be no mistakes.) The deadline for orders is January 29, 2027. Ask your Mah Jongg friends to buy their cards through BCCWC as well.

Registration form:
https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/770052331/2027+MahJongg+card+order+form+%281%29.pdf

Linda Aschenbrenner (991-9961) linda.asch2747@gmail.com , Chair

FELLOWSHIP

A rainy, cold evening didn't deter 13 members who traveled to the Black Otter Supper Club in Hortonville for a delicious Dinner Dames experience. The following week the Senior Safety presentation, focusing on internet scams, was excellent! ***Biggest tip: Don't answer calls that aren't in your contact list.***

Consider joining us for one of the many activities planned for you. 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.

2026-27 "Dinner Dames Supper Club"

Third Thursday of the month. Meet at 5PM

Date (Third Thursday of Month)	Restaurant/Town	Hostess, Cell Number
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

2026-27 "Lunch Bunch Ladies"

First Thursday of the Month. Meet at 11:30AM

Date (First Thursday of Month)	Restaurant/Location	Hostess, Cell Number
Nov. 5 (reservations due by 11/1)	The Bottle Room	JoAnn DeVoe, 265-4791
Dec. 3 (reservations due by 11/30)	The 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 by Jan. 15**
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)	The Drift Inn, De Pere	Elaine Gerhold, 360-5087

FULL!! Seroogy's Tour and Tasting – Get on the waitlist

Come find out how and where Seroogy's chocolates are produced. Enjoy a 60-minute walk through and hear 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 (Cash or checks payable to Rita Wurzer in advance at monthly meeting or by mail.)

Bingo! Change in time and pricing effective November 1

Join us for one or both of the Matinee sessions. Invite a friend!
Irene Moore Activity Center (IMAC) 2100 Airport Dr.

- Fridays, November 13 and April 9
- 11:45AM – 2:30PM—FREE Soda! (Meet at noon; bingo starts at 12:30PM)
- $17-$27 for paper; $50 for machine
- Contact: Lynn Arnesen, (201) 739-3941

Create a Holiday Porch Pot at Ivy Trails Gifts and Garden—There's still room!

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 holiday season.

- 3200 Main St., Green Bay (next to the Redwood Inn)
- November 17, 1PM—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.
- Contact: Rita Wurzer, 655-8894

Got a Tax Question?—There's still room!

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&A session. Invite a friend!

- Tuesday, December 8, 9AM—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 sign-ups for all of our events!
These events are planned for the coming 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
- **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** is led by Carey Lheureux. Play is 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.
- **The Book Club** is led by Joan Zittlow and Paula Fineout. Book Club meets on the 1st Monday of the month. The location will change each month so you should either 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 1PM-3:30PM. The groups playing there are full, but extra tables are usually available for a new group or 2.
- **Mah Jongg lessons** will be offered on March 8, 15, 22 at the De Pere Community Center. 1—3:15PM. Text Sue Sinclair or sign up at the November meeting. Please leave your name when texting.
- **Egg Cartons:** 465 egg cartons were collected at the October meeting. This saved Paul's Pantry over $160! Please continue to bring your egg cartons to the monthly meetings for delivery by Paula Fineout to Paul's Pantry. It is greatly appreciated!

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

BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Monday, November 2, from 1-2:30PM by gathering at the Green Bay East Library Branch, Room EA. Our book selection is *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall.



Book Summary:
Broken Country by Clare Leslie Hall is an unforgettable story of love, loss, and the choices that shape our lives…but it's also a masterfully crafted mystery that will keep you guessing until the very last page. "Seriously, that ending?! I did not see it coming." —Reese Witherspoon

Our December 7 meeting will find us reading *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evan. It will also be our annual Christmas luncheon. Mark your calendar and plan to join us at The Bottle Room at 11:30AM for lunch and a wonderful discussion on *The Correspondent*!
Please reach out to us if you have any questions or suggestions. Also 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.

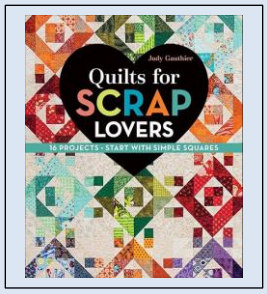
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COMMUNICATIONS

IN MEMORIAM



Sadly, Sherry Campbell passed away on October 5, 2026. Sherry was an active, dedicated member of BCCWC for 16 years and her energetic, positive presence was felt by our club members at every gathering. Her kindness, big smile and wonderful sense of humor will be greatly missed. Sherry was proud to be one of the Co--Directors of Community Service for many years and led with loving and caring dedication. Her family said it best – "Sherry was an advocate to many, using her voice and resources for those that couldn't use their own". The Fort Howard Seniors project was one of Sherry's pet projects and she dedicated her time and energy to its great success.



Time spent with family and friends was most important to Sherry. She loved to be busy and enjoyed many activities such as book clubs, knitting clubs, crafting and Mah Jongg. She was always working on something! Sherry had an illustrious 35-year teaching career in middle and high school. She loved learning and had a passion for teaching. Sherry helped to grow our membership by bringing many of her teacher acquaintances to BCCWC.



A Celebration of Life will be scheduled for a later date and will be handled by Blaney Funeral Home.

Sherry was an accomplished seamstress, and she loved quilting. We chose the book *Quilts for Scrap Lovers* by Wisconsin author, Judy Gauthier. This memorial book will be available for check-out at the Kress Library in De Pere by the end of November.

Bonnie Zima, Memorial Chair

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR SERVICE HOURS

Please remember to keep an accounting of **your monthly service hours** as you go through the 2026-2027 BCCWC year. Reference **page 7** in the **BCCWC Membership Directory** for more details as to what to include in your accounting.

FACEBOOK FOLLOWING

BCCWC's FaceBook page is a great way to see activities of the club. At this count only 23 of our current 290 members are following BCCWC's page. If you are on FaceBook, don't miss this wonderful opportunity to keep up with what's going on. Check page 24 of your Membership Directory to see how to follow the page. You'll be glad you did!

Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

Kathy Szymanski and Margaret Georgia, Co-Editors
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