



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

May 2024

A MESSAGE FROM BCCWC PRESIDENT



The month of May brings back pleasant memories of making May Baskets and Mother's Day gifts in elementary school. At this stage of life, it signifies wrapping up another successful BCCWC year with our May luncheon, reviewing Community Awards nominations and the bridge banquet. All create wonderful memories. May your May be filled with sunshine and happy memories with friends and family.



Sue Sinclair, President

2024-2025 SLATE OF OFFICERS

On behalf of the Nominations and Election Committee, I am happy to announce that the Board of Directors has approved our new slate of officers for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

President, **Betsy Whitton** - President Elect, **Jeanne Lefebvre**
1st Vice President, **Bonnie LeMense** - 2nd Vice President, **Meg Deem**
Secretary, **Mary Erickson** - Treasurer, **Judy Niesing** - Immediate Past President, **Sue Sinclair**

Our new officers will be introduced at the May 15 luncheon meeting. There will be a short induction ceremony. Please welcome your new team of officers. They will do an amazing job. We can all be very grateful for their leadership, time and commitment to BCCWC. Under their guidance, we can look forward to another successful year for our organization. Thank you.

Carol De Grand, Past President



MEMBERSHIP

BCCWC current membership is 269. Please welcome our 4 new members:
Dyan Wellmon, Marlene Marto, Paulette Pocquette, Kathleen Blaney.

It is now time to renew your membership for 2024-25. The form can be found on the BCCWC website.
<https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769588930/2024-25+Membership+Application+%285%29.pdf>

If any of your information has changed, please highlight that information on your form. Send the form – one member per form – along with your check to:

Dianne Froelich, 3466 Peppergrass Dr., Green Bay, WI 54311

Please send your membership dues and registration prior to the deadline of **June 1** to ensure that your name appears in the BCCWC directory. If you cannot print a form, send your check and a written note with your information. Thank you.

Dianne Froelich (621-3357) joedianne3261@new.rr.com,
Mary M Schroeder (676-1500) schroedermary949@gmail.com,
Cindy Dimmer (639-3843) cindydimmer4@gmail.com, Membership Co-Directors

MEETINGS REMINDER

One guest and 85 members attended the April general meeting at the De Pere Community Center. Our presentation was given by Deputy Adam Waeghe and his narcotics sniffer dog, Harley, from the Brown County Sheriff's Department K9 Unit.



May 15 is our **SPRING LUNCHEON** at Green Bay Distillery,
835 McCarthy Way, Green Bay.

Social - 11AM Lunch - 12Noon Entertainment - 1PM

Meeting - 1:45PM

Entertainment: Singer/guitarist Andy Braun



Deadline to register for our **May 15 Spring Luncheon** at Green Bay Distillery is **May 1**.
<https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769615171/May+Luncheon+reservation.pdf>

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COMMUNITY SERVICE



ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES - HOMELESS SHELTERS MEALS

Thank you to all the BCCWC members who donated and served food at both shelters this past season. With the increased numbers of homeless people, it was a challenge. Yet, with your profound, selfless generosity, we were able to fulfill our commitment to both shelters. We are one of the very few organizations who serve both shelters, so you can see how valuable and appreciated your effort was. The guests always love your food and welcoming faces! As always, you were terrific to work with and we are most grateful for all you accomplished. Your generosity and effort were always over and above. *We thank you and look forward to next season and this worthwhile and indispensable community service.*

Mary Kay Paulson (301-221-6327) mkpaulson@aol.com,

Jan Clark (265-5744) janetclark71@yahoo.com, Co-Chairs

BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Space was limited when this mom lived in a 2-bedroom home with her 3 children sharing one room. Now, the family has a quiet place to do homework and each have their own personal space.

Our next quilt meeting: Monday, **May 20** 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



The family received a new Habitat home and a quilt given to them by the BCCWC on April 9. The mother works as a family support specialist in the child welfare field. She is also a full-time college student.

CHEERY NOTES TO SENIORS



In April, residents of Allouez Parkside Village received 110 Cheery Notes and 10 birthday cards written by members of BCCWC. Completed cards will be collected at the **May 15** 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 luncheon and returning the completed cards at the fall luncheon. We are also looking for more members to join our committee. Contact a co-chair to see how you can get involved.

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Rosie Jonas (336-7057) rjonas@new.rr.com,

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

ONE STITCH AT A TIME



It's that time!! Please remember to bring all your winter projects, baby blankets, afghans, mittens, shawls to the spring luncheon at Green Bay Distillery on **May 15**. Collection will be from 10:30AM-12Noon. Your donations will be brought to Wellspring or House of Hope. Donated yarn is available to anyone who needs it. If you have items but are not coming to the meeting, call Pat (432-5871) or Jean (639-2980) to make arrangements to drop off your donations. Thank you.

Pat Hearnden (432-5871 or 217-3824) phearden@aol.com,

Jean Allgeyer (639-2980) jmallgeyer@msn.com, Co-Chairs

A SMILE BOUQUET



Thank you to all who donated vases. Over 50 vases were received and, of course, we could use more -- small or medium size. Please bring them to the **May 15** luncheon or to the home of one of the chairs.

The gathering to put together the bouquets for a couple of nursing homes is **May 14** at the Josten Park Shelter at 1PM (Tuesday after Mother's Day). Please let one of the chairs know if you can join us. It's a lot of fun putting together bouquets for someone's room. If you have any spring flowers that you can donate, that would be fantastic and greatly appreciated. See you **May 14 at 1PM** at Josten Park in Bellevue.

Sue Johnson (360-1730) smjohnson718@gmail.com,

Barb LaFrombois (660-8162) dblafrombois1@att.net,

Judy Trimberger (499-9877) judytrimberger@yahoo.com, Co-Chairs

HSBS ST. VINCENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL – CHILD LIFE DEPARTMENT

We are thrilled to welcome Carol De Grand to the 'Child Life' team as a co-chair. Carol will be a wonderful asset in assisting with the many 'Child Life' projects.

The May meeting will conclude the donations of colorful band aids and stuffed animals until fall. Sincere appreciation for all your generosity throughout the year in keeping the 'Child Life' department stocked with these much-needed items.



Sue Vyse (562-3273) smvyse@gmail.com,

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

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION



Thank you to the generous BCCWC members that donated to the April collection for the Grace Lutheran Church food pantry. There were 36 bags of groceries and some cash that were delivered to the pantry. They were very appreciative of the supplies to replenish their pantry shelves.

Submitted by Mary Jo Rod

HOUSE OF HOPE



House of Hope celebrated this month with 2 birthdays and 24 residents enjoying the party! Our generous volunteers provided the cake and ice cream.

Thank you for your continued support for the moms and kids at the homeless shelter! It is a one-time (one month) commitment for the year. If you are interested in being a part of this activity, please contact:

Kay Barlament (660-7368) kay.barlament@gmail.com,

Mary Anne Froelich (639-4847) maryannefroelich@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

KRESS LIBRARY GARDEN



It's time to wake up the garden!! We will be gathering on Wednesday, **May 8**, to ready the garden for this year. This means a little trimming, generally cleaning up the area and getting the planters ready for our plants. *Join us at the De Pere Kress Library. Dates are Wednesday mornings at 8AM:*

- **May 8** - Clean Up Day
- **May 29** - Planting of pots and other annuals
- **June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18** - monthly weeding, trimming, watering
- **October 2** - Put the garden to bed

Work is usually finished in an hour and we frequently gather for breakfast afterwards.

Sue Johnson (360-1730) smjohnson718@gmail.com,

Terri Lewis (660-9895) ptlfam@new.rr.com, Co-Chairs

LOVABLE MISFITS WORKSHOP WITH SENIORS

A “sharp” group of “cut ups” including 8 BCCWC members and 12 Fort Howard Apartments residents volunteered on April 18 from 1-3PM to prepare fabric for the Misfits. Participants sorted, cut, and assembled complementary squares and backing for the mini quilts which will be distributed along with each Lovable Misfit. Some volunteers cut fleece for the Misfit bodies. Gallon Ziploc bags were donated to store finished Misfits and /or kits at the workshop for a later date.



BCCWC Members and Fort Howard Apartment residents – Misfits preparation

Thank you to the management, staff, members, and residents of Fort Howard Apartments who helped give a boost to the BCCWC Misfit project. Thank you to those who donated smiles, time, fabric, stuffing and Ziploc bags. Kudos to members who took fabric home to sew. It was a very enjoyable and productive afternoon. One Fort Howard resident commented that she had “great fun” and asked when we will be there next. If you have ever volunteered for this facility, you know how delightful the residents are and how much they appreciate BCCWC.

Want to volunteer? Want to donate to the project? Donations of flannel, fleece remnants, stuffing and sewing skills will be much appreciated. If you have fleece or flannel you'd like to bring, that would be great. Accompanying each Misfit given to a child is a flannel mini quilt to cuddle the Misfit.



Mary Anne Froelich (639-4847) maryannefroelich@gmail.com, Chair

FORT HOWARD SENIOR LUNCHEONS

Batches of Fun at Bingo & Buffet

Twelve enthusiastic BCCWC volunteers shared food and fun with 40 residents and staff at Fort Howard Apartments on Thursday, April 11. Generous members prepared a variety of casseroles, salads and desserts for the buffet. Following the meal, interested residents played bingo for an hour. Winners were delighted to choose from an array of prizes donated by BCCWC members. Many residents commented on how much they anticipate the events sponsored by BCCWC. Thank you to all members who donated prizes, prepared food and volunteered at the event. *Please see the 2024-25 BCCWC Directory for upcoming events with Fort Howard residents.*



Buffet & Guests



Serving Beverages



A Good Time

Fort Howard Buffet & Bingo Volunteers



Front: Jo Ann De Voe, Dyan Wellmon, Lynette Van Den Heuvel, Joan Arves. Back: Jean Baravetto, Jane Kadulski, Mary Anne Froelich, Mary Van, Barb Berg, Sherry Campbell. Not pictured: Jeanette Krysiak.

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

FUNDRAISING

At the May luncheon, you may win this gorgeous hand-sewn queen-size quilt in beautiful shades of blues and tans. The set was designed and lovingly created by a friend of a member. Raffle tickets will be available for 6/\$5. Some lucky winner is going to end our BCCWC year with a truly lovely prize!

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Darlene Rohm (303-870-6400) darlenehh@yahoo.com,
Fundraising Co-Directors



BRAT FRY 2024



May 31 – June 1 - SAVE THE DATES!

There is nothing like the first brat of the summer! Come join the group of volunteers ready to serve you at this year's BCCWC Brat Fry fundraiser at Festival Foods in West De Pere!

Just a few spots left if you want to volunteer with this fun group of BCCWC members! Contact: Julie Salemi (621-3954) jasalemi29@gmail.com,
Bonnie Zima (499-1873) bonzima48@yahoo.com, Co-Chairs

GOLF OUTING 2024 – June 10, Mid Vallee Golf Course



Plans are taking shape for the upcoming Golf/Games event on Monday, **June 10** at Mid Vallee Golf Course. Talk to others and get your golf and game teams ready. **“Bee” sure to get your registration in by May 13** so you don't miss out on any of the fun!

The registration form for the event is available on the website or click below.

<https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769618131/2024+golf+outing+registration+form.pdf>



We still need everyone to do a little bit to make the day a huge success.

Could you do just one of these?

1. If you are planning to ask or have asked a friend or business to join our wonderful group of "hole sponsors", please let us know. We need all sponsorship monies (\$100) in asap. Sponsors will have a sign on the course in appreciation as well as noting them on our BCCWC website.
2. Are you planning to donate items or a basket to use in the raffle or silent auction? (Doesn't need to be a big item – we will combine them to create big prizes.) These can be brought to the May meeting or reach out to Beth or Meg to pick them up.
3. We're hoping to have a return of the “Birdee” raffle. Additional gift cards are needed. You may donate gift cards in amounts of \$25 or more. These can be brought to the May meeting or Beth or Meg will pick them up.
4. We need people to help with event activities the day of the event. Please say yes when asked or reach out by email to volunteer.

And finally, we need good weather and a chair for next year. Let us know if you can help.

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SPRING CARD & GAME DAY FUNDRAISER

More than 200 game lovers had a wonderful time at the Spring Card & Game Day fundraiser on April 24. Riverside Ballroom again provided a welcoming venue for a day of bridge, Mah Jongg, Dominos, Swoosh and many other games. Beautiful raffle items adorned the center of the room, 50/50 raffle tickets were available upon entry to the ballroom, "Sip and Surprise" gave a chance to win a bottle of wine and a gift card and raffle tickets were sold for the chance to win \$200 at the money tree. To top it off, the Yum-Yum Shoppe offered an array of tasty and beautiful homemade treats. Following a delicious meal of chicken cordon bleu with kneecaps for dessert, the games began! The weather outside was a beautiful Wisconsin spring day and the atmosphere inside was welcoming and fun.



The "sip and surprise" raffle surprised Carol Simpson with 2 winning numbers!



Raffle prizes included 6 chances to win \$50 in cold, hard cash.



With more than 5000 points, Mary Ortmyer and Carol Simpson were top bridge scorers.



Mary Anne Froelich, along with guests Amy Steavpack and Beth Simoens, checked over the beautiful raffle items.



Jacquie Murphy showed Sherry Campbell some of the wonderful selections in the Yum-Yum Shoppe.

SPRING CARD & GAME DAY COMMITTEE



Mark your calendars now for the "wicked" Fall Card & Game Day Party, which will be held on **October 30**, the day before Halloween. You will be be-"witched"!

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Sue Burich (865-7731) suebee1881@gmail.com,

Teddy Spiegelberg (497-1683 or 217-2555) teddysp@aol.com, Co-Chairs

FELLOWSHIP

It's been a very busy year, and the fellowship directors and committee thank you for your participation. It's much more fun to plan things that result in your attendance. Planning for next year begins this month. Dinner Dames and Lunch Bunch Ladies will continue. Pass your ideas on to us for consideration for the 2024-25 year. Please use the directory for contact information.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the monthly meetings or email/text contact people.

"Dinner Dames Supper Club"

Last Thursday of the month @ 5PM

Date (Last Thursday of Month)	Restaurant (# registered)	Contacts
May 30 (reservations due May 26) *	The Drift Inn (20)	E. Gerhold, L. Aschenbrenner
* We will plan next year's calendar at this gathering (4PM planning session; 5PM order food)		

"Lunch Bunch Ladies"

First Thursday of the Month @ 11:30AM

Date (First Thursday of Month)	Restaurant (# registered)	Contact
May 2 *	bleu (15)	Mary Jo Piskor
June 6 (reservations due June 3) *	Narrow Bridge (6)	Lynn Arnesen
August 1 (reservations due July 29)	The Drift Inn (7)	Elaine Gerhold
* Planning for next year will take place at these gatherings.		

Our final event for this year!

- **Lunch & Learn at Zambaldi's Brewery & Gallagher's Pizza** **May 31** @ 11AM.

The owners are very excited to host us! We will tour the brewery, 1649 S. Webster, near Schroeder's (minimal walking) and learn how this business has flourished as a new craft beer brewery in the area. Sample flights (taste of 4 beers) available for \$8. Lunch can be ordered from Gallagher's Pizza, next door. Hopefully we can dine outside. Eight members have registered. Bring a guest! *Contact Sue Sinclair.*

Standing Activities:

- **BCCWC Bunco**, coordinated by Carey Lheureux. The last session for this year will be on **June 13**. The group will resume having dice fun in September. Interested in being a sub? Let Carey know. No experience necessary. Second Thursday of the month, 11AM at Village Grille, \$5 plus meal.
- **Mah Jongg**, played on Wednesdays. Linda Aschenbrenner, new contact person.
- **Book Club**, led by Meg Deem.

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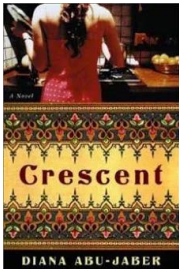
Joan Zittlow (857-7749) joanzittlow@gmail.com,

Mary Jo Piskor (217-4343) savoie731@aol.com, Fellowship Co-Directors

BOOK CLUB

Brighten your spring day by joining us for the BCCWC book club discussion of *Crescent* by Diana Abu-Jaber on **Monday, May 6** at 1PM at the Kress library in De Pere (lower level). This book with "voluptuous prose, features insights into the Arab-American community that are wisely, warmly depicted".

Book Summary:



Sirine, the heroine of this "deliciously romantic romp" (Vanity Fair), is 39, never married and living in the Arab-American community of Los Angeles. She has a passion for cooking and works contentedly in a Lebanese restaurant, while her storytelling uncle and her saucy boss, Umm Nadia, believe she should be trying harder to find a husband. One day Hanif, a handsome professor of Arabic literature and an Iraqi exile, comes to the restaurant. Sirine falls in love and finds herself questioning everything she thought she knew about Hanif, as well as her own torn identity as an Arab-American.

Before we break for summer, we focus on *The Beauty of Dusk* by Frank Bruni on **June 3**, meeting at the new East library branch. Mark your calendar, join us for lively conversation and put a little sunshine in your week.

We are currently voting on which books to read after our summer break. If you want to vote, contact Meg Deem to get the list of books that have been recommended. *Votes can be cast until May 13*. We would love to have your input!

Meg Deem (288-9922) mmdeem0135@gmail.com, Chair

COMMUNICATIONS

BCCWC CHOIR



Seeking Even More BCCWC Singers!

Do you miss singing in a choir? Here is your chance to refresh those vocal cords and revive the excitement of performing in a group. Fifteen members are already signed up to sing in the BCCWC Choir that will perform for our 2024 Christmas luncheon. If you sing, we need you! Be sure to sign up at the **May 15** luncheon to secure your spot in the choir. Planning will take place over the summer with rehearsals beginning in the fall so that the choir will really be Rocking (Around the Christmas Tree) by December!



Teresa Schroeffer
Retired Ashwaubenon High School Choir Director

REPORT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

Our fiscal year is coming to an end. It's time to count your volunteer hours for the 2023-24 year. Please report any hours you have spent on BCCWC business, meetings, fundraising or community service projects during the year. **Your volunteer hours help us maintain our 501c3 non-profit status.**

Submit your total hours by **June 30, 2024** to:
Carol De Grand, 6109 Sunset Shores Rd., Luxemburg, WI 54217

Thank you for your time and contributions to the club.

Carol De Grand (680-5470) cidegrand@gmail.com, Past President

Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

Kathy Szymanski and Margaret Georgia, Co-Editors
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