

BCCWC

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



2024

A MESSAGE FROM BCCWC PRESIDENT



The May end-of-year luncheon was one for the books! After enjoying a delicious family-style meal and hearing the committee reports, for the first time ever a member, Terri Lewis, won both the "surprise raffle", which was a beautiful quilt, and the 50-50 drawing! Terry generously gifted \$120 back to the club.

It is such a blessing to be a BCCWC member since membership allows us to combine service to others and social activities so beautifully. I look forward to making many more memories with BCCWC women.

Last but not least, it's been a privilege to serve as the President of the BCCWC. The year went quickly and I've enjoyed talking with many of you at various meetings and activities. Enjoy the summer and I'll see you in September.



Sue Sinclair, President

2024-2025 BCCWC Executive Board of Directors

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**

New officers were inducted at the May 15 luncheon meeting. As is customary, the 2024-2025 Executive Board was sworn in by newly-retired Past President, Carol De Grand. We can all be very grateful for their leadership, time and commitment to the BCCWC. Under their guidance, we can look forward to another successful year for our organization.





MEMBERSHIP

BCCWC current membership is 275.

BCCWC has had 6 new members join since our last newsletter.

Please welcome Tina Aude, Vickie Basar, Cheryl Passel, Sue Schoenwalder, Paula Fineout and Linda Noel.

It is time now to renew your membership. We don't want to miss seeing your name in the 2024-2025 directory! If you have done so already, thank you. The membership form can be found on the BCCWC website home page.

<https://www.bccwc.org/app/download/769588930/2024-25+Membership+Application+%285%29.pdf>

If you have changed your address, phone number or made any other changes, please highlight that information on your form. Send the entire form – one member per form – along with your check to:

Dianne Froelich 3466 Peppergrass Dr. Green Bay, WI 54311

The deadline to send in your registration and membership dues is **June 1, 2024**. This ensures that your name will appear in the 2024-2025 BCCWC directory. If you cannot print a form, send your check and a written note including the necessary information. Thank you.

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MEETINGS REMINDER

On May 15, 2024, the BCCWC held its spring luncheon and monthly membership meeting at the Green Bay Distillery. 143 members and 3 guests enjoyed the friendly ambiance. The entertainment was provided by local singer/guitarist Andy Braun, who received a standing ovation after his performance. The May social committee did a wonderful job organizing the enjoyable spring luncheon.

Next fall's kick-off and welcome-back luncheon is **September 18** at Rock Garden, 1951 Bond St., Green Bay. The entertainment will be Fernando. **THIS LUNCHEON IS OPEN TO GUESTS.** Registration forms will be available on www.BCCWC.org in August.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service Chat: Summer Activities

Thank you to all the community service chairs who have signed up for our **training on June 7**. To sign up, please contact Teresa Schroepfer. A Smile Bouquet, Gardening at the Kress Library, Lovable Misfits and Quilting for Habitat are active throughout the summer. To become involved, please peruse the community service notes in this newsletter. If you visit the Brown County Library Kress Branch, please take a moment to enjoy the beautiful butterfly garden, plants and shrubs. Did you know that the BCCWC donated the butterfly for the garden? For the Misfits, please consider sewing or donating remnants of cheery **child-themed** fleece and stuffing. Habitat for Humanity will hold dedications throughout the summer and the fall. Dedications are open to the public and you will have the opportunity to share the joy of the families and enjoy the creations of our quilters. Thank you to all our community service chairs and volunteers for the countless number of ways you help our community.



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BUILDING QUILTS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Another home – another quilt

Words from Rosa, the newest Habitat for Humanity homeowner:

“I am a single mother, and I have always told my children that we are a team. I consider my family humble, simple, and we live modestly. I am working on my children's values and their education and I have told them that as long as we have God in our hearts, nothing bad will happen to us and that is all we need. I love being home with my children and being in God's home.”



At the May quilters' meeting, members and guests peruse fabric that was donated to quilters for Habitat

Please join us if you are interested in creating lap-size quilts for new Habitat for Humanity homeowners.

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CHEERY NOTES TO SENIORS



For the month of May, residents of Rennes and Caraton Commons, both in De Pere, received a total of 147 assorted crafts, cheery notes and birthday cards. During the BCCWC 2023-24 calendar year, 893 Cheery Notes, crafts and birthday cards were delivered to 12 different area nursing homes and senior living facilities in Brown County.

Please help continue this worthwhile project by writing cards over the summer for fall delivery and beyond. If you need cards, we have an abundant supply, thanks to card donations from BCCWC members.

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ONE STITCH AT A TIME



Once again, BCCWC members showed their compassionate, generous nature by donating 42 blankets to the One Stitch at a Time spring collection. The donations were so very much appreciated at both Wellspring and House of Hope. We have the fun job of delivering these beautiful creations and seeing the smiles they create. Thank you all!

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HOUSE OF HOPE



Another birthday celebration in the books! May was an exceptional month celebrating 4 birthdays with 27 adult residents and 18 children. Thanks to our 2 volunteers, it was a successful party! We continue to look for "bakers" or "buyers" for the cake and ice cream project. If interested in helping with this once/month activity, please contact:

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KRESS LIBRARY GARDEN

Planting your Spring Garden

Plant three Rows of Peas

*Peace of Mind
Peace of Heart
Peace of Soul*

Plant four Rows of Squash

*Squash Gossip
Squash Indifference
Squash Grumbling
Squash Selfishness*

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

*Lettuce Be Faithful
Lettuce Be Kind
Lettuce Be Patient
Lettuce Really Love One Another*

No Garden is Complete Without

*Turnip for Meetings
Turnip for Service
Turnip to Help One Another*

To Conclude our Garden, We Must Have Thyme

*Thyme for Each Other
Thyme for Family
Thyme for Friends*

*Water freely with patience and
cultivate with love.*



Spring has sprung and the Kress Library gardeners are off to another great growing season! We met on May 8 to "wake up the garden" and did some weeding, pruning and general clean up of the planting beds. The library had some much-needed mulch delivered and spread on the upper garden that day as well. We have several new members on our team this year! We'll be tending to the roses, shrubs, hydrangeas, butterfly garden and will plant our entry and stairway pots soon. Please note the change in planting date from May 29 to June 5.



Group Workdays:

- Planting pots: **June 5 (rain date June 6)**
- Monthly maintenance dates (weeding, trimming, watering): **June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18**
- Put garden to bed: **October 2 (rain date October 3)**

We usually get together for a quick breakfast after each workday so it is a great way to meet new people who share your love of gardening!

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



"We are so appreciative of the support the Brown County Community Women's Club provides to our patients and families at HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital! Whether it was the Easter baskets donated during the spring, Christmas trees and other goodies provided this past winter or additional donations throughout the year, we are very thankful for your continued involvement. The patients and families are always incredibly grateful upon receiving these donations! They always share their love for the items provided and are in awe of the support in the community! The kids eagerly accept the donations, smiling from ear to ear when they are provided! We truly could not make the impact we do without donors like you that help create positive memories during a hospital stay. Thank you for all you do!"

The Child Life Team at HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital

It is with this heartfelt message that we close out another successful year of carrying out our mission of bringing a little happiness to the hospitalized children. THANK YOU for your generosity!
Have a safe and happy summer!!

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LOVABLE MISFITS



We all think the Lovable Misfits are adorable and want to have one, but the real need is in donors and people who sew. Sew away during the summer and we'll have a collection in the fall. Now that we have several dozen ready to distribute to organizations, calls and emails will be going out soon to recipients. Each will be a welcome gift to a child facing a traumatic situation.

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

FUNDRAISING

CARD & GAME DAY FUNDRAISER - The semiannual Card and Game Day Party, held on April 24 at the Riverside Ballroom was a huge success, netting over \$9,000 toward our Community Awards. A big thank you to all of the members and non-members who participated in making the day so special. All of the the special events we had - the 50/50 raffle, the money tree, the beautiful raffle baskets, the wine raffle and Yum Yum Shoppe and all the fun games everyone enjoyed playing – made for a wonderful day.

We are presently working on our next semiannual Card and Game Day which is scheduled for October 30, 2024. We hope to see you all there.

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BRAT FRY



Brat Fry 2024: May 31 – June 1

SUPPORT BCCWC

There is nothing like the first brat of the summer! Come and treat yourself to a delicious brat or burger (or both)!

DE PERE FESTIVAL FOODS: LOCATED IN WEST DE PERE!

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GOLF OUTING 2024 – June 10, Mid Vallee Golf Course



BCCWC ANNUAL GOLF OUTING is coming up **Monday June 10** at Mid Vallee Golf Course.

GOLFERS: Check in and registration will “bee”gin at **8AM**. There will be staff members in the parking area to help take your clubs to your assigned cart. After registration/ fellowship time, grab your water for on the course and snacks, buy strings and mulligans, purchase 50/50 raffle tickets, basket raffle tickets and Birdee Board envelopes. Make your way to your carts no later than 8:50AM. Golfers will tee-off at **9AM**. Lunch will be served at **noon** as soon as everyone is off the course. In the event of rain, Mid Vallee will be issuing golf vouchers and lunch will be served as planned.



NON-GOLFERS: Come early for coffee, snacks and raffle purchases OR arrive at your leisure. Remember to bring your own cards/games for the morning. We have new ladies coming; please welcome them into your playing groups. If you’re only coming for lunch, plan to arrive by 11:30AM when the golfers should be returning to the clubhouse.

Since there will be no July newsletter we want to take this time to **THANK EVERYONE** who has helped make this another huge success! You said “yes” to providing donations in abundance, volunteering and joining in on the fun! We're looking forward to 84 attendees at the time of this writing. We also want to give a shout-out to all the donors. We live in an amazing community and had many new business supporters this year. If you win a prize, please thank them when you visit them.

Finally, please consider taking a turn as next year’s Golf Chair. Lots of people are willing to help. It just takes someone to lead the charge. Our turn is finished. It's been a fun project to support.

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

FELLOWSHIP

It's been a very busy year and the fellowship directors and committee chairs 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 definitely 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"

"Dinner Dames" Meet @ 5:00 PM. Last Thursday of the month.

Date (Last Thursday of Month)	Restaurant (# registered)	Contact(s)
May 30 (reservations were due by 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
June 6 (reservations due by June 3)**	Narrow Bridge (6)	Lynn Arnesen
Aug. 1 (reservations due by July 29)	The Drift Inn (7)	Elaine Gerhold
**Planning for next year will take place at these gatherings. Attend to help plan!		

Our final event for this year!

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

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

Zambaldi's is located at **1649 S. Webster** (near Schroeder's). Contact Sue Sinclair.

Standing Activities:

- **BCCWC Bunco** is coordinated by Carey Lheureux. The last session for this year will be on June 13. The group will resume having dice fun in September. If you are 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** is played on Wednesdays. Linda Aschenbrenner is the new contact person.
- The **Book Club** is led by Meg Deem. See below for member-picked selections.

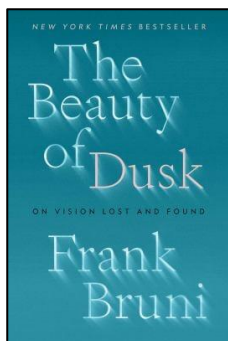
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BOOK CLUB

Join us for the BCCWC book club discussion on Monday, June 3 at 1PM at the new East Branch Library at 2255 Main Street. This is a great chance to visit the newest branch in the Brown County Library system. This is your last chance to join in the discussion before we break for the summer. Our book this month is *The Beauty of Dusk* by Frank Bruni. From New York Times columnist and bestselling author Frank Bruni comes "a book about vision loss that becomes testimony to human courage and a moving memoir that offers perspective, comfort and hope".



Book Summary:

"One morning in late 2017, New York Times columnist Frank Bruni woke up with strangely blurred vision. He wondered at first if some goo or gunk had worked its way into his right eye. But this was no fleeting annoyance, no fixable inconvenience. Overnight, a rare stroke

had cut off blood to one of his optic nerves, rendering him functionally blind in that eye—forever. And he soon learned from doctors that the same disorder could ravage his left eye, too. He could lose his sight altogether. In this memoir, Bruni beautifully recounts his adjustment to this daunting reality, a medical and spiritual odyssey that involved not only reappraising his own priorities but also reaching out to, and gathering wisdom from, longtime friends and new acquaintances who had navigated their own traumas and afflictions.

The result is a poignant, probing, and ultimately a positive message, a powerful reminder that with great vulnerability also comes great reward. Bruni’s world blurred in one sense, as he experienced his first real inklings that the day isn’t forever and that light inexorably fades, but sharpened in another. Confronting unexpected hardship, he felt more blessed than ever before. *The Beauty of Dusk* is a wonderful book, honest, poetic, and uplifting.”

We are already planning ahead for our book club discussions for the September 2024 – June 2025 time frame. We generally meet the **first Monday of the month** at 1PM. (Note: that the September meeting is on a Tuesday due to the Labor Day holiday.) I would invite you all to look over the wonderful book list that the group has recommended and voted on. Read 1, 2 or all 9 books and join us on this literary adventure!

Sept. 3, 2024	(Tuesday)	We share our books from our summer reading	
Oct. 7, 2024		<i>The Women</i> by Kristin Hannah	
Nov. 4, 2024		<i>The Black Angels</i> by Maria Smilios	
Dec. 2, 2024		<i>The Venice Sketchbook</i> by Rhys Bowen	(Holiday Lunch)
Jan. 6, 2025		<i>Pachinko</i> by Min Jin Lee	
Feb. 3, 2025		<i>Anatomy of a Face</i> by Lucy Grealy <i>Truth and Beauty</i> by Ann Patchett	(2 companion books: choose 1 or read both.)
March 3, 2025		<i>Nothing More Dangerous</i> by Allen Eskens	
April 7, 2025		<i>Daughter of Fortune</i> by Isabel Allende	
May 5, 2025		<i>Someone Else’s Shoes</i> by JoJo Moyes	
June 2, 2025		<i>Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil</i> by John Berendt	



We are looking for a new permanent home for the book club so keep an eye on the newsletter in August for an update on our meeting location for the **Tuesday, September 3** discussion.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

REPORT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

Last call for all volunteer hours. Your hours are appreciated and it’s important to capture all of your hard work on behalf of BCCWC. Because our fiscal year is coming to an end, it is time to count up 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

BCCWC CHOIR



There are 27 members now signed up to sing in the BCCWC Choir that will perform at our 2024 Christmas luncheon. The next step will be to secure a rehearsal venue. Music will be selected and prepared over the summer so that rehearsals can begin in the fall.

Please watch your phone for texts in August to “vote for” meeting days and times. Summer is a great time to “warm up” those vocal cords so joyously “sing around the campfire and join the choir girls.”



Teresa Schroepfer (471-9442) taschroep@new.rr.com, Chair,
Retired Ashwaubenon High School Choir Director



IN MEMORIAM



Susan Ross, a member of BCCWC since 2019, passed away peacefully on May 3, 2024, at Woodside Manor. Susan loved spending time with her family and enjoyed playing cards, especially Bridge. Susan, a retired home economics and English teacher, was an excellent seamstress and cook. She and Ron, her husband of 57 years, met in Fukuoka, Japan, at the Itazuke Air Force Base where Ron was stationed and she was teaching. Susan will be missed by many! A book will be donated to the Kress Library in Susan’s memory. The specific book will be announced in a later newsletter. The Mass of Christian Burial for Susan was held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Howard on May 15.

Bonnie Zima, Memorial Chair

- There will be no BCCWC newsletter in July. The editors will be taking a much-needed break from creating the monthly newsletter. The next issue will be ready in August.
- The 2024-25 directory will be available in early August. Be sure to get your membership registrations in so that your name and contact information will be included in the directory.
- The website will continue to be updated over the summer with activities for 2024-25.

The Communications Team wishes you a fun and healthy summer.

Yours in fellowship, fun and community good works,

Kathy Szymanski and Margaret Georgia, Co-Editors
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