



The Helping Hand

The Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation has had an exciting and busy year so far! We held our Winter Clothing Drive, donated hams to the Batavia Food Pantry for Thanksgiving, supported United Way and the Two Rivers Head Start Program with Christmas gifts, and gave our time at the Access Toy Drive.

Additionally, this year, we held our 30th Annual Craft and Vendor Show that took place in October. Thanks to the hard work of our members, our generous sponsors, and the talented crafters and vendors we were able to raise approximately \$15,000 from this event!

We also just held our 2nd Annual Bunco Charity Event! This fun and festive evening featured good food, games, raffles, and prizes, and raised money to add to our spring disbursements!

Our next big event will be the 16th Annual Fox Trot 5K and 10K. This run is always a good time for the whole family to enjoy spring-like weather (we hope!) and get exercise along the scenic Fox River trail! We hope to see you Saturday, April 30th at the Batavia Riverwalk.



Money raised from these events will be disbursed in the spring to many nonprofit and educational organizations in the community.

I feel so fortunate to be a part of this amazing organization made up of 60 active and auxiliary members. We all lead hectic and demanding lives but still find the time to do good things for others and support the community we love. In addition to our dedicated members, we could not do any of this without our generous sponsors who give year after year. Thank you so much for your support!

We will spend the next half of the year continuing to fulfill our mission of improving the lives of women, children, families, and the entire community of the Batavia and Fox Valley area.

We wish you well in 2016!

Christy Kulczycki
BMCF President 2015-2016

**General
Membership
Meetings:**
March 2
April 6
May 4

FoxTrot
Saturday, April 30



Ready, Set, Go!



BMCF's 16th Annual Fox Trot 5K/10K Run is on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at 8 a.m. (Kids' Run start time is approximately 8:45 a.m.) in downtown Batavia. Both the 5K & 10K races feature courses along the Fox River. The kids get to join in on the fun, too! This race features a non-competitive Kids' Fun Run. There are two races designed especially for children: the Junior Jog (1/4 mile for preschoolers through second graders) and the Youth Mile (second graders through fifth graders). Preregistration is encouraged for all events. Registration can be accessed online at www.signmeup.com/112254 or via a mail-in registration form (see our website to print a form).

Rolling for Charity – Bunco 2016

The BMCF 2nd Annual Charity Bunco Fundraiser took place on January 30, 2016, at the Batavia Moose Lodge. This sold out event featured a raffle, silent auction, heads or tails game, and door prizes, as well as appetizers, snacks, desserts, and a cash bar. Fun was had by all! More importantly, this event raised over \$3800 for our charities!



Craft & Vendor Show 2015 – Another Great Year!

Our 30th annual Craft and Vendor Show was a HUGE success in both fun and fundraising! Over \$15,000 was brought in with this event which BMCF will be able to give right back to the community. It was truly an amazing day.

Craft Show offered some exciting events for patrons and crafters alike. Our annual 50/50 raffle was a great success. We also held a basket raffle that included prizes from area businesses and crafter-donated items. Our bake sale

proved popular once again with sweets created by club members. One of the favorite items at bake sale were the BMCF Brownie Bake-Off award-winning brownies. Melissa Mahon was the proud baker and creator of the award-winning recipe!

BMCF greatly appreciates everyone who was involved in making the Craft and Vendor Show a success. A special thank you to the entire club for all of your hard work! Thank you also to Batavia

High School and the amazing people in the Batavia Schools Buildings and Grounds department. The team from Buildings and Grounds helped everything run incredibly smoothly at Batavia High School where the Craft & Vendor Show was held.

BMCF would also like to extend our appreciation to our sponsors. Their generous support was instrumental in the success of Craft Show.

Philanthropic



Batavia Mothers' Club members have put countless hours giving back to our community through philanthropic efforts this fall and winter. In September, we provided gifts to each of the novice teachers who were beginning their first year in the Batavia school system. Twenty three novice teachers received a \$20 gift certificate to The Chalkboard and a "welcome to Batavia" letter. Welcoming new teachers and supporting a local business was a great start to the year!

September also brought our annual Coat and Clothing Drive. Bins were placed at all of the Batavia Public Schools, the Batavia Park District Civic Center, Immanuel Lutheran School, Meadow View Veterinary Clinic, and Hanson Chiropractic. BMCF was able to collect and sort more than 100 coats and 80 winter accessories such as mittens, scarves, hats and boots. Everything collected was donated in early October to the Batavia Interfaith Clothes Closet. Batavia's amazing generosity has helped keep many kids warm this winter. Thank you to everyone who donated winter gear!

In November, we collected hams and side dishes for the Interfaith Food Pantry. This yearly collection allows families to have a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. This year we collected almost 20 hams and several bags of ingredients for side dishes. The Food Pantry was very grateful for this donation.

December was one of our busier months with two Philanthropic events. First, our Christmas Families program was able to provide gifts and clothing for 35 children who otherwise may have gone without presents. Additionally, many of our members used their own resources to provide family gifts for the children's households. We were privileged to partner with Batavia United Way for this program. BMCF members, besides shopping for the Christmas Families, also "adopted" 12 children through Two Rivers Head Start. Our members personally donated items to provide extra-special gifts for the holiday season. (We appreciate the donations from Brant Engelhart's QT9 Software that helped us take care of all the children on our Head Start list.) BMCF members outdid themselves with their generosity this year!

In addition to supporting these programs, our members have also made personal contributions to local organizations such as Mutual Ground, Batavia ACCESS Toy Drive, and Lazarus House.

We are now accepting applications for our annual philanthropic disbursements. Community organizations that work to enhance the lives of local children and families are invited to contact us for an application. These forms are due March 15. In the spring we will have the honor of disbursing the funds raised this year to groups that share our mission of improving our community. Applications can be found by visiting our website: <http://www.bataviamothersclub.org/philanthropy/> or by sending an email to philanthropic@bataviamothersclub.org

Know a Mom Interested in BMCF?

In order to become members, women need to attend two of our monthly meetings OR one meeting and one open house. At that point they are eligible to join. For more information on membership and/or the club, they can check out www.bataviamothersclub.org. For information on membership, email membership@bataviamothersclub.org.

Benefits of Membership:

- ❖ Be part of a terrific organization that works to provide support to our community and our children
- ❖ Enjoy recreational events planned for members and their children
- ❖ Socialize with a great group of women that share your enthusiasm for our community

Membership Requirements:

- ❖ Pay dues of \$30 once per year
- ❖ Serve on one of our standing committees
- ❖ Participate in philanthropic and community relations activities
- ❖ Volunteer your time and effort for each of our fundraisers

Sponsorship

We could not do all that we do without the support of our wonderful sponsors each year. Please check out our website and use our sponsors when you can. Tell them the Batavia Mothers' Club sent you! If you know of other potential sponsors, please contact our Ways and Means Committee at 630-748-1501 or via email at fundraising@bataviamothersclub.org. A HUGE thank you to all of our sponsors this year including:

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