



# The Helping Hand

The Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation has had a stellar year so far! We held our Winter Clothing Drive, donated hams to the Batavia Food Pantry for the Thanksgiving holiday, supported United Way with Christmas gifts, and gave our time at the Access Toy Drive.

This fall marked the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Craft and Vendor Show, where we raised over \$15,000 for this wonderful community! It was all possible due to our very generous sponsors, hard-working, dedicated members, and talented crafters and vendors.

Our next big event will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bunco Charity

Fundraiser. Come out February 25<sup>th</sup> to the Batavia Moose Lodge for a fun night of rolling dice for a great cause. Our "I love the 80's – Totally Rad Bunco" will be an upbeat evening featuring games, food, snacks, raffle and a silent auction.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fox Trot 5K and 10K will take place this spring along the scenic Fox River Trail. Grab the family, lace up your running shoes, and join us at the Batavia Riverwalk Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. All money raised from these events goes directly back to the community through our spring disbursements, granted to schools or local organizations that focus on helping children and families.

It is a true honor to be a part of such a wonderful organization made up of 55 active and auxiliary members. While our lives are busy and lead us in many different directions, we still find time for this community which is near and dear to our hearts. Our efforts are greatly enhanced by the generous support of our sponsors. We graciously thank you and appreciate our partnership.

We will continue to spend the New Year fulfilling our mission of improving the lives of women, children, families and the entire community of the Batavia and Fox Valley area. Cheers to a great start to 2017!

Nicole Boland  
BMCF President 2016-2017

## General Membership

### Meetings:

March 1  
April 5  
May 10

### Bunco

Saturday, February 25

### Fox Trot 5K/10K

Saturday, April 29



## Ready, Set, Go!



BMCF's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fox Trot 5K/10K Run is on Saturday, April 29, 2017, 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/118359](http://www.signmeup.com/118359) or via a mail-in

registration form (see our website to print a form).

## Rolling for Charity – Bunco 2017



The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Bunco is occurring Saturday, February 25, 2017, at the Batavia Moose Lodge. Doors open at 6:30pm. This year's theme will be a Totally Rad 80s Bunco! Dressing to the theme is not required but definitely recommended. If you haven't registered yet, now is the time! Go <http://www.bataviamothersclub.org/> and select Bunco. This will take you to the sign-up.com (registration fees apply). \$30 in advance, \$100 for a table of 4 and \$35 if you register at the door. Last year's event sold out!!

Don't wait! Limited seating. We will feature raffles, silent auctions, fun games, door prizes, as well as appetizers provided by Enticing Cuisine, cupcakes by The Party Kitchen, and other fun snacks. There will also be a cash bar available. This event raised over \$3800 for our charities last year. Come help us make this another successful event!

## Craft & Vendor Show 2016 – Another Great Year!

Our 31<sup>st</sup> 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 exhilarating 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. Allison Lindy 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-four 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!

October 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 Batavia Nursery School. BMCF was able to collect and sort more than 400 coats and winter accessories. Everything collected

was donated in late 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 more than 10 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. Our Christmas Families program was able to provide gifts and clothing for 45 children and parents who otherwise may have gone without presents. We were privileged to partner with Batavia United Way for this program. 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 CHIP IN Batavia, Batavia ACCESS Toy Drive, Lazarus House, Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry, and Living Well Cancer Resource Center.

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 our philanthropic committee: [philanthropic@bataviamothersclub.org](mailto:philanthropic@bataviamothersclub.org)

## Know of 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 or the club, please visit [www.bataviamothersclub.org](http://www.bataviamothersclub.org). For information on membership, email [membership@bataviamothersclub.org](mailto: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



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## 2016-2017 BMCF Board

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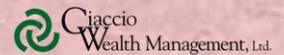
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