



# Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation September 2017 Update

## FROM THE PRESIDENT - Holly Miller

Welcome back everyone, and thank you to our wonderful auxiliary members for providing food for our first meeting! I hope you all had a fantastic summer. It went by way too fast for me, but I am excited to kick off a new year of Mothers' Club fun, friendship and fundraising.

Our board members and committee chairs enjoyed a relaxing weekend in Lake Geneva in June, but continued to work hard over the summer. Thank you to all of you who put in the hours to be ready for this year, and a special thanks to our Craft Show chairs and their committee who were very busy over the summer. Craft Show is just around the corner and they have a lot to share with us! Membership also had a busy summer, and I'm hoping we will see lots of new faces at the meeting. Don't forget to bring your checkbooks for dues and for the awesome new spirit wear Jill has to show us!

We have been presented with some new opportunities to be involved with our community this year, and I am excited to get to share these with you at the meeting. Last year our club disbursed over \$23,000 to local schools and organizations! We were able to bless people in need in our community through share and care donations, ham drive, coat drive, and our Christmas Families program. We supported our community with volunteers for the Access Toy Drive, Batfest, Farmer's Market, and Library Summer Reading Program. We also supported each other with meals, gifts, and words of encouragement in our own times of need. I am proud to be serving as your president this year, and am very much looking forward to another outstanding year of serving our community, building friendships, and caring for each other.

"When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another." – Helen Keller

## PRESIDENT ELECT - Eunice Turnbaugh

Welcome back! Hope you had a wonderful summer and we are excited to start the new year! Welcome to all of our new members!

## PAST PRESIDENT - Nicole Boland

Welcome back BMCF members! I'm looking forward to another great year! We will be talking a lot about Craft Show for the next two months. Once it is over, we start planning for 2018! And that means we need two volunteers to be our Craft Show Chairs, as well as people to be subcommittee chairs (Lunch, Raffle, Bake Sale, Signs and Posters, and Apps and Jury). If you are interested in any of these positions, please talk to the current chairs, any past chairs, or myself and we'll be happy to give you more details!

## TREASURER - Samantha Jackson

Time to pay your annual dues. It is that time to pay your dues. General membership is \$30 and auxiliary membership is \$25. We accept cash, which requires a submit payment form, or check. A check is preferred and please make sure to put dues or aux. dues in the memo area.

## PHILANTHROPIC - Deanna Modaff & Cheryl Hasenjaeger

Welcome to another year of helping the community! We began the school year by welcoming 20 new teachers to Batavia Public Schools. Each teacher was presented with a note of welcome and a \$20 gift certificate to Target.

Tonight we will pass around a signup sheet for school ambassadors. School ambassadors get Philanthropic credit for serving as a liaison between BMCF and the schools throughout the year. School ambassadors also serve as "bin queens" for the schools during the coat drive.

Our annual Coat Drive is kicking off this month! This year's event will take place September 15<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. If you sign up to be a school ambassador, please take a bin home with you. We have a few non-school locations on the signup sheet as well.

Finally, our Share and Care for September helps Mutual Ground (<http://www.mutualground.org/>). They have asked us for tampons, a baby bassinet, gas gift cards, Kleenex boxes, and toothpaste. Please bring an item or two to the September meeting or consider contributing to the pink Share & Care box as it makes its way around the room during our meeting. Thank you for all you do!!!

## Quick Calendar

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| <b>Sept 6</b> - General Meeting                              | <b>Oct 4</b> - Brownie Bakeoff & General Meeting at MOOSE LODGE |
| <b>Sept 15-29</b> Coat Drive                                 | <b>Oct 15</b> - Basket Wrapping Party at Gabby's                |
| <b>Sept 16</b> - Kick-Off Party at Amanda's                  | <b>Oct 20</b> - evening Craft Show Setup                        |
| <b>Sept 20</b> - Last day for Craft Show scheduling requests | <b>Oct 21</b> - <b>CRAFT SHOW</b>                               |
| <b>Days around Sept 23</b> - Fermilab Open House             | <b>Oct 28</b> - Batfest   |

## COMMUNICATIONS - Kat Maggio

Happy New (BMCF) Year! Over the summer I've been getting my feet wet with all the ways we get the word out to the community about our events as well as internally. Press releases and online submissions have been made for Open House, Craft Show, Coat Drive, and our fall meetings. Online Registrations (currently for Craft Show) are working and saw quite a few registrations shortly after it went live, so hopefully all the bugs are worked out now. If you have media outlets that you frequent and think we might benefit from sharing our events there, please let me know.

Please utilize our website for our event calendar, member directory, and to find forms, templates, meeting updates and minutes, the tax-exempt letter, and several other useful documents. These are all available in our protected member-area, so please make sure you are registered and verify your own information. Our internal facebook page is our main mode of communication with most of the informal conversations, with email following for more formal notices from myself or the secretary. As always, I have letterhead and envelopes if anyone should need them for official club business, just ask!

## WAYS & MEANS - Kristin Gehrels

We have a good start to our list of sponsors for the 2017-2018 year! Our current sponsors are:

**Platinum** Apollo Development

### Gold

Kirk Family Dentistry  
Ciaccio Wealth Management  
Meadow View Veterinary Clinic  
Sullivan Taylor & Gumina, P.C.

**Silver** Errand Up

**Bronze** Law Offices of Martin & Kent

Please remember to use these businesses if you can, recommend them to others, and thank them for their donation to BMCF. I have a couple other businesses who may be interested in sponsorship and I've talked with Batavia Mainstreet and the Chamber of Commerce about reaching out to their members. If anyone has a business contact that may be interested in sponsorship please let me know!

Remember that individuals and families can be sponsors as well. Sponsorship levels start at \$50 and are tax deductible. I will post some information about sponsorship on our member Facebook page or you can email me for more information.

My committee will be working on organizing some small business fundraisers. These are fundraisers hosted by a local business (often a restaurant) that agrees to donate a percentage of sales to BMCF for those that show a coupon. We have a list of a few businesses to contact for more information but welcome any other suggestions.

## AUXILIARY - Kathy Evangelista & Pam Kent

Welcome back! Auxiliary is excited for the year to begin. We are planning a wine tasting for auxiliary members (and general members when we get final numbers) on September 29. We look forward to supporting the general membership this year!

## BUNCO - Sarah Barrett, Heather Engelhart, & Julie Surina

We are looking forward to planning BUNCO this year!

## CRAFT SHOW - Maura Hirschauer & Sandy Manella

Our committee chairs have been working tirelessly behind the scenes this summer and we are so appreciative of all their hard work! This show is a success because of all of our amazing committee chairs!

### Important Upcoming Dates:

- September 20: Deadline for Craft Show schedule requests. Requests need to be submitted in written form (email) to Maura or Sandy by this date. We will work hard to have the schedule ready for you at the October meeting!
- Sunday October 15: 12:00p Raffle Basket Wrapping Party at Gabby Loboda's house (930 Forest Ave). Lunch will be served! Come hungry and ready to wrap!
- Friday October 20: 6p-10p Craft Show set up. All members are required to work a 2 hour shift.
- Saturday October 21: 9a-3p (set up begins at 6a) 32nd ANNUAL CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW!!!! So much fun! We are looking forward to working this awesome event with ALL OF YOU!

**Raffle/Gabby Loboda:** Please forward any potential raffle items to her attention. We need baskets especially larger ones and wrapping supplies (cellophane wrap, ribbon, tape). Please bring any items to the September or October meeting. 50/50 raffle tickets are in. Sell as many as you can! Each member is responsible for selling 1 ticket. They are \$20 each. We have 200 to sell.

**Bake Sale/Palak Coleman:** All members will be responsible for baking four items this year. Craft Show patrons look forward to your delicious treats and your hard work is very appreciated! Requirements and rules will be passed out at the meeting.

**Apps & Jury/Jess Bland and Tonya Cook:** We are still seeking applications so please continue to like and share our Facebook page. If you know any potential crafters or vendors share our information with them. So far we have sold 35 booths and still have over 30 applications to Jury. The next Jury is coming in September. WOO HOO!

**Lunch/Cheryl Hasenjaeger:** McAllister's Deli will be providing lunch for crafters, club members, patrons this year. We are super excited to have their yummy salads, sandwiches and gluten free options at the show! Bully Dogs Hot Dog Cart will also be out front from 1p-3p.

**Signs and Posters/Jenae Bohr:** Posters and fliers will be handed out at the September meeting. A sign up will go around for lawn signs as well. We need help getting signs around the community. This can start as early as October 1, 2017.

We are excited to debut our Community Pumpkin Carving Showcase at CS this year. Organizations that we work closely with, like Batavia United Way, CHIP IN and others, will be dropping off carved pumpkins to help decorate the hallways of the high school. Patrons will be encouraged to vote for their favorite spooky pumpkin in marked jars using their spare change (or big bills if they are feeling generous). All proceeds collected by each pumpkin will go directly back to the organization. We have sent invitations to all the elementary PTOs. If you work closely with your school group encourage them to join in the fun! Also, if you know of any charities or groups that would like to participate in the Pumpkin Showcase please let Maura or Sandy know!

AGAIN, thank you all! And please stay in touch with your Committee Chairs! If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, Maura and Sandy are available too!

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS - Anique Drouin

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great summer. A few members got a jump-start on their community relations requirement by helping out with the Diaper Derby at this summer's Windmill Festival in July. Thank you to those volunteers. There will be plenty of other opportunities this fall/winter to volunteer and reach out to our community. First up will be the Brownie Bake Off. We do this each year to drum up some excitement about the Craft Show and our fabulous bake sale with a little competition. Dust off your aprons and sign up to bake! The bake off will be held just before October's meeting (around 6:30). We'll have some local dignitaries come be our judges. We need bakers,

but also volunteers to help set up, organize/host the guests, tally votes, and clean up before our meeting (volunteers to come at 6:00 pm). Next opportunity will be volunteering a shift (or two) at the Farmers' Market Kiwanis kids' craft booth. This is another way to get our information about the club and its mission out in front of the public (and hopefully encourage some new members to join us). I'll need help with set up, assisting kids who stop by with a craft, and then clean up. This will be October 7th in the morning during the Batavia Farmers' Market. Also in October you can look forward to leading the parade with Funway during Batfest once again. This is October 28th and follows the Halloween themed story time at the library at 11:30, with the parade typically being about 20 minutes after that. Get your little ghost or witch dressed up and join us in the costume parade! There will be sign-up genius sign ups for all of the above coming very soon!

## FLOWER FUND - Naomi Krodel

Hope the school year started off well for our Kindergartners.

A sign-up is going around for meals for Gabby Loboda (baby due 12/25--so exciting!) Congrats!!

Secret Sis will be starting next month--more info to come. Please consider donating an item for our monthly drawings.

## FOX TROT - Elizabeth Larson & Tonya Cook

We are looking forward to planning Fox Trot this year!

## HISTORIAN - Palak Coleman

Keep taking pictures and please send originals to me. You can email or text them to me. Palak.coleman@gmail.com or 630-965-7969.

Also, if you see any mailings/papers with BMCF articles please save them for me. Since I have an Aurora address I don't get all of the same mailings Batavia residents do. Thank you!

## HOSTESS - Allison Wadle & Christina Marotta

Welcome back everyone! Thank you to Auxiliary for bringing snacks to September meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet for snacks for the upcoming months. If anyone wants to donate a Share and Care gift, **PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE** let us know! You can bring them to the next meeting, or I will come over to your house and pick them up. We are in a **LARGE** need of donated items. Our October Meeting on the 4th will take place at the Moose. In addition, please come early and watch the Brownie Bake-off. Yum! Member spotlight is returning again this year and we are very excited to learn more about our members. Thanks!

## MEMBERSHIP - Jill Lowe

We have been actively seeking new members over the summer at Diaper Derby and with an Open House on August 9th. We had a total of 5 prospective members come to the Open House that we hope we will see again at our first meeting in September. We will have a Spirit Wear order form at the September meeting for new BMCF swag - including short sleeve shirts, long sleeve shirts and light-weight hoodies ranging in price from \$15 - \$36. Orders will be due September 15th with payment made to BMCF. Swag will be delivered in time for Craft Show. Samples of the Spirit Wear swag will be at the September meeting so you can see what is available and can try them on. If you are unable to make the Sept meeting, please feel free to stop by my house to see the samples and try them on. I hope everyone had a great summer and I look forward to a very fun new year. Please keep spreading the word about our wonderful organization so we can get some more new members!!

## RECREATION - Amanda Horne

I'm looking forward to all of the fun events we will have this year! Our Kick-Off Party will be Saturday, September 16. BYOB and an appetizer or dessert to share. There will be an accessory exchange, for those who wish to participate, so round up any jewelry, scarves, purses etc. and exchange them for something new to you. An evite has been sent and a sign up will go out at the meeting.

A sign up sheet for scheduling playdates will go out at the meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting but would like to participate, please email me.

Halloween parties are coming up and hosts are needed. Please let me know if you would be interested in hosting either the Couple's party or the Children's party, dates for the parties will be dependant on host preference.

If you have any ideas for activities or would like to host an event please let me know, (630) 200-0024 [AmandaEHorne@gmail.com](mailto:AmandaEHorne@gmail.com)