



Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation October 2017 Update

FROM THE PRESIDENT - Holly Miller

Two words ladies – CRAFT SHOW! Hopefully everyone has started to sell raffle tickets, thought about what they are going to bake, and marked off their calendars to work Friday, Oct 20th for set-up and Saturday, Oct 21st for the actual Craft Show. This is our first and largest fundraiser of the year, and it accounts for more than half of all the money we disburse in the spring. Maura, Sandy and their committees have been hard at work and have done an AWESOME job so far. It's going to be a great show this year, and it will be so fun to see it all come together. This will be our last meeting before craft show, and we also need to review some of the regulatory compliances that the BOD discussed with our lawyer. Since we have a lot to cover, we will start promptly at 7:00 pm so that we have plenty of time to get through everything. Please note that this month's meeting will be at the Moose.

Reminder, Brownie Bake Off will be held before the meeting at 6:30pm. Come by early to assist and mingle with dignitaries of Batavia.

PRESIDENT ELECT - Eunice Turnbaugh

ARE YOU READY FOR CRAFT SHOW??

PAST PRESIDENT - Nicole Boland

I'm looking forward to another fantastic Craft Show! We appreciate everyone's help and work during this - our biggest fundraiser of the year! Please let me know if you are interested in being one of our Craft Show chairs for next year!

TREASURER - Samantha Jackson

If you have not turned in your dues, please do so! 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

This month's Care & Share benefits CHIP-IN Batavia and the Coat Closet with donations of new and gently used Halloween costumes for kids. We will also be accepting coats and winter gear (hats, mittens, scarves, etc.) for the Coat Drive.

The 2017 Coat Drive is wrapping up! For some locations, bins were collected last Friday. A few locations were extended another week. Thank you to all of our Bin Queens for your hard work in making the coat drive such a success!

We will be sorting coats at Cheryl's house on Tuesday, October 10th at 7PM. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at tonight's meeting. Please consider helping us!

We are partnering with Batavia United Way again for our Christmas Families program. Look for an email with the link to sign up later this month. We've committed to buying for up to 30 kids! More information will be coming soon. Thank you!

COMMUNICATIONS - Kat Maggio

We're getting the word out about Craft Show! If you could take a moment to share our event with your family & friends, please do- there's even the 50/50 raffle that friends further-afield can participate in.

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. 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 new Gold Sponsor, Montessori Academy Batavia. I will continue to reach out to potential new sponsors throughout the year. If you have any contacts that might be interested in sponsorship let me know and I can email you some information or I can contact them directly.

Quick Calendar

- Oct 4** - Brownie Bakeoff & General Meeting at MOOSE LODGE
- Oct 6** - 10am Playdate at Prairie Path Park
- Oct 7** - Kids' Craft Booth at Farmer's Market
- Oct 10** - 7pm Coat Sort at Cheryl's
- Oct 15** - 12pm Basket Wrapping Party at Gabby's
- Oct 18** - 7pm BOD & All Committees' Chairs Meeting at Kristin's
- Oct 19** - Auxiliary Puppy Chow Making at Kathy's
- Oct 20** - evening Craft Show Setup at Batavia High School
- Oct 21** - **CRAFT SHOW**
- Oct 26** - 6-7pm Feed My Starving Children - see Evite
- Oct TBD** - Children's Halloween Party at Christina Marotta's
- Oct 27** - Auxiliary Wine Tasting at Aquaviva Winery
- Oct 28** - Batfest
- Nov 1** - General Meeting at Batavia Public Library
- Nov 4** - Couples' Halloween Party- NEEDS HOST!
- Dec 6** - General Meeting & Holiday Party at Pal Joey's

AUXILIARY - Kathy Evangelista & Pam Kent

In keeping with tradition, Auxiliary is planning on getting together to make Puppy Chow for Craft Show on Thursday, Oct. 19 at Kathy Evangelista's house. We are going to do our best to help fill in the gaps for shifts at Craft Show. Auxiliary members are encouraged to reach out to Maura, Sandy, Kathy, or Pam with whatever availability they have to help out. Good luck Craft Show! It's going to be wonderful!!!!

Auxiliary is also planning a wine tasting at Aquaviva Winery on October 27. Auxiliary members should RSVP as soon as possible either on Facebook or the Evite. If there are slots available, we can open it up to general membership as well.

BUNCO - Sarah Barrett, Heather Engelhart, & Julie Surina

Location of Bunco will be at The Moose

Date: TBD - we are currently working on that.

Theme : 80s - but still going to narrow that down (prom 80s, workout 80s, hairband 80s)

CRAFT SHOW - Maura Hirschauer & Sandy Manella

The 32nd Annual Autumn Craft and Vendor Show is in less than 3 weeks!!!
ARE YOU READY TO ROCK?!?!?!

Craft Show is an amazingly fun and busy day and we are very appreciative of your help! It is a day spent making new friendships within the club (nothing brings you closer than unloading wreaths and crocheted snowmen from the cars of crafters) and forming new bonds with the community. One of the top comments we get from crafters and vendors after the show is how much they enjoy our smiling faces and cheerful dispositions. The Craft Show is an incredibly successful fundraiser for our club. All of your hard work, early rising, problem solving, and gracious smiles go towards the end goal of helping women and children in our community. Thank you so much for your giving your time to the club! We are going to have WONDERFUL day together!

Opportunity for FUN Schedule will be passed around and also emailed out. Everyone is required to work both Friday night and Saturday. We have accommodated the requests that we received to the best of our abilities. Please know that if something has come up, and you are not able to work the shifts that you've been assigned, you are required to find yourself a replacement. We truly APPRECIATE the sacrifices you have made to be with us at Craft Show. Again, it is going to be an AMAZING day!

Basket wrapping party is on Sunday, October 15th, at 12pm at Gabby's house, 930 North Forest Ave. It's going to be lots of fun and we will need all the help we can get! We are in need of WRAPPING SUPPLIES (cellophane wrapping and ribbon). The Dollar Store or 5 Below are great places to get affordable wrapping supplies. If you pass by one of those stores stop in and stock up! So, bring those baskets and wrapping supplies and join us for some fun, food, and wrapping on Sunday afternoon.

Please sign up with us if you are interested in putting a lawn sign in your yard. Jenae has them here TONIGHT! These are the same reusable signs we had last year. They do not go out until the week of Craft Show, and you will need to bring them back to the November meeting. Our wood signs and banners will be going up around town soon!!! SO EXCITED! Have you seen them? If you have, please do not hesitate to take a picture (not when you are driving of course) and share them on your own personal Facebook page so that any and all of your friends can see it!

The set-up/map has changed from the last few years. We have moved both the raffle and the bake sale into the Cafeteria. This frees up space for more booths in the gym which (fingers crossed!) should make for happy crafters and vendors. We are going back to having crafters and vendors mixed together in the gym. Please don't forget to look over our CODE ADAM plan. Take note of the exits you will be near while you are working your shifts throughout the day on Saturday. In the event of a Code Adam it is most important that you head to and cover the NEAREST exit. We need to be prepared in the event of a lost child!

A new addition to the Craft Show this year is our Community Pumpkin Patch. It will be located in the cafeteria and will feature carved pumpkins from 7 different community organizations. Craft Show patrons are encouraged to vote on their favorite pumpkin by placing spare change/donations in the corresponding bucket. Working the Pumpkin Patch may be one of your jobs on the day of Craft Show so don't forget to encourage everyone to vote and donate!

50/50 raffle tickets are still available!! Please remember to post on your Facebook page, ask your family, friends, neighbors, strangers on the street. Sell, sell, sell those tickets! Check out our fun new incentives for some motivations! Wow!!!

- The top ticket seller wins a Katrina's pedicure from wonderful, generous Anique!
- For every 3 tickets sold you will be entered to win a \$50 gift certificate to the restaurant of your choice!
- The more tickets you sell the more chances to win!!!! In addition to the gift certificate drawing, for every 10 tickets sold you get to bake ONE LESS item for bake sale.

Please see Kristin at the end of the meeting or contact her via Facebook/email to pick up your tickets. Thank you!!!

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - Anique Drouin

Thank you to those who baked brownies for our Brownie Bake Off Event at the October meeting! The winning brownies will be featured at our Bake Sale during the Craft and Vendor show.

In addition to the Bake Off this month--we've got two other exciting Community Relations Events! First up, on October 7th we will have the Kids' Craft Booth (sponsored by Kiwanis Club) at the Saturday Farmer's Market. This will be especially fun this year since it's during Batavia's Ocktoberfest. We will be assisting kids make pretzel necklaces. A Sign Up Genius went out previously for volunteers (two options for shifts) but more people are welcome to join us. Contact me if you have any questions. This counts towards the club Community Relations requirement. Wear BMCF shirts so we can stand out to potential new members!

Next up will be October 28th when we once again help lead the costume parade at Batfest! Bring your little ones in their costumes (or just come on your own in costume and BMCF shirts) and join us at the library for the story time. Then we

will lead the parade down Wilson street on towards the Peg Bond Center (with the help of Funway employees once again). Join the fun!

FLOWER FUND - Naomi Krodel

Secret Sis info sheets are available at Oct meeting or by contacting Naomi. 'Sisters' will be assigned by the November meeting. Please consider donating an item for Flower Fund monthly drawings and thanks to all who have donated already.

FOX TROT - Elizabeth Larson & Tonya Cook

We are moving forward using Saturday, April 28th, 2018 as our date.

HISTORIAN - Palak Coleman

Keep sending pictures and any newspaper clippings my way! Thanks!

HOSTESS - Allison Wadle & Christina Marotta

It would be WONDERFUL, and very much welcomed, if you all have any donations for Share and Care prizes. Again, Allison will come over and pick them up from your house. 😊 October meeting is at the Moose, November is back at the Library and then December's meeting is going to be at Pal Joey's again this year. Start getting your White Elephant gift ready!! And please bring money to the November meeting to help pay for the food that we will be ordering for the Pal Joey's meeting.

MEMBERSHIP - Jill Lowe

Spiritwear orders have been placed and the goal is to get in by Craft Show Set-up so I can distribute that night. Please welcome our newest members - Shannon Juarez and Krystal Kleinschmidt - we are so excited to have them in the Club! We have a few more potential members that I am still following up with that were not able to make it to the September meeting. Hopefully we will see some new faces at our meeting this month. If anyone wants to sign up to be a mentor, please let me know. Please help to continue to talk about our Club and help recruit new members! Happy Fall everyone!

RECREATION - Amanda Horne

I am still on the lookout for a host for the Couples' Halloween Party. The Children's Halloween Party will be hosted by Christina Marotta, date and time yet to be determined. This Friday, October 6, we will have an informal playdate at Prairie Path Park at 10am. The weather looks like it is going to be nice and the kids are off of school, all are welcome. I set up a secret Facebook group for members who are interested in getting together for playdates. I added those who had expressed interest at last month's meeting. If anyone else wants to participate, please let me know and I would be happy to add you to the group. An evite went out about an outing to Feed My Starving Children on October 26, 6:00-7:30pm. Children ages five and up are welcome, but there are adult to child ratios that must be followed. The information on this is on the evite.

