



Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation January 2018 Update

FROM THE PRESIDENT - Holly Miller

Happy 2018! I hope you enjoyed the holidays, and I hope this new year is a good one for all of you! We are halfway through our year already, and I am so proud of all we have accomplished so far. I want to thank every single one of you for all the hard work and sacrifice you and your families have put into this club. You have all been so generous in your donations of both time and money for share and care, the coat drive, the ham drive, the Access Toy Drive, and the Christmas Families program. Our community is better because of you!

We enjoyed a very successful fall fundraiser with our Craft Show this year, and now it's time to focus our attention toward hosting an equally successful winter fundraiser. Bunco is less than a month away, and there is still much work to be done! Please share the event on Facebook and spread the word to all of your friends and family. It's going to be a rockin' good time, and they won't want to miss it! Please also check in with our Bunco chairs, Sarah, Heather, and Julie, and ask how you can help. Their committee is small this year, and they are going to need all of us to help pull this off and make it great.

A new year means it's time to start planning for the 2018-2019 Mothers' Club. Along with preparing for Bunco and Foxtrot, we will be signing up for craft show committees and selecting our executive board and committee chairs for next year. This is a good time to start thinking about how you might want to serve in the club next year. Taking on a leadership role does mean investing a little more time, but it is also both fun and rewarding – and we can't adequately fulfill our mission as a club without leaders, so we need you!

PRESIDENT ELECT - Eunice Turnbaugh

Happy New Year everyone! Now is a great time to start thinking about how you might want to serve in the club in the 2018 - 2019 year. We will definitely be needing a president elect, and I would be happy to answer any questions you might have about the position. I'm working on choosing a date for our Urban Style Salon fundraiser, and would like some input on whether most people would prefer a weekend or weeknight. I will post a poll on our facebook page to see what might work best.

SECRETARY - Gabby Loboda

Anique has offered to cover my duties for the January general membership. Please continue to use the secretary@bataviamothersclub.org email as usual. Thank you Anique!

WAYS & MEANS - Kristin Gehrels

Happy New Year! I hope to be adding a new sponsor to start off 2018. I am meeting with Mosquito Joe Tuesday morning and will hopefully have an update at the meeting. Thank you to those that checked out and "liked" their Facebook page. Please let me know if you hear of any other businesses that would be a good match for BMCF sponsorship.

I am also looking into sending in an application to Chipotle for a fundraiser. If approved, they give 50% of the proceeds raised back to the organization. However, we would have to have \$300 minimum total sales from our supporters to receive a donation. So we would really need to push this event! Who is interested? If we have a choice of date, is a weekday preferred or weekend? Sometime in early March?

PHILANTHROPIC - Deanna Modaff & Cheryl Hasenjaeger

A huge thanks to everyone who helped provide gifts for our Christmas Families program. We provided gifts for 30 local children and parents in need. These items were contributed to Batavia United Way's Adopt-A- Family program. They and the families they serve were grateful for our participation. In January, we will update and distribute applications for our annual philanthropic disbursements. If you see a need in your schools or local charitable organizations, encourage them to apply. Please know that, due to our limited resources, we prioritize needs over "nice-to-have" items, but we welcome applications from anyone helping children and families in the Fox Valley area. Share & Care in January will help the residents of Lazarus House in St. Charles. Here is a list of their current needs:

<https://lazarushouse.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/January-2018-1.pdf>

Quick Calendar

Jan 10* - General Meeting *note 2nd Wed due to Winter Break

Jan 17 - Membership Open House 7-9pm at Panera

Jan 20 - PJ BUNCO at Palak's House

Jan 21 - Mom & Child Roller Skating 12-4pm at Funway

Jan 24 - BOD/Bunco Chairs meeting 7pm at Deanna's House

Jan 31 - Volunteer Opportunity 8-9:30pm Feed My Starving Children

Feb 3 - BUNCO at Batavia Moose Lodge

12pm Set Up

5:30pm All Hands On Deck

Feb 7 - General Meeting at Batavia Public Library

Feb 21 - BOD/All Committee Chairs Mtg at Palak's House

COMMUNICATIONS - Kat Maggio

Events for Bunco and next week's Open House are on Facebook. Please share and especially invite any moms who you feel would be great new members!

BUNCO - Sarah Barrett, Heather Engelhart, & Julie Surina

Bunco is about 3 weeks away! AHHHH!! We are confirmed for February 3rd at the Moose Lodge in Batavia. Doors will open at 6:30 and we will start playing at 7:15pm. Food will be provided by Gammon Coach House with pricing coming in at \$600 (without gratuity). Nothing Bundt Cakes will be providing dessert for free. We will have 2 bartenders and again will assign some people to waitress duty during the event. We will set-up snack tables in two locations. Music will be manned by members of the club; we have created a song list of 80s hits to play throughout the evening. 3 rounds of Bunco again.

Tentative evening rundown:

1. Doors open at 6:30
2. Round 1 at 7:15
3. Heads or Tails (50/50)
4. Round 2
5. Playing card raffle (gift card tree if we have enough donations)
6. Round 3
7. Pull raffle winners and wine pull.

Online registration is now open through signmeup.com; a link is on our BMCF site on the Bunco page. We had hoped to use a different system to eliminate the sign-up fees for participants but it wasn't ready in time so we will stick with signmeup.com. The registration link is located at:

<http://www.signmeup.com/N72V6H7>

<http://www.bataviamothersclub.org/events/bunco-charity-event/>

We have asked all club members to help secure raffle donations from a list of businesses that we have selected to ask for prizes. We are very short on donations this year and need and appreciate all your help.

Here is a link to the various Bunco sign-ups: <http://bit.do/bunco2018> this link includes snack sign ups, poster distribution, wine donations, and the work schedule.

Additionally, we will pass around a supply list sign-up for odds and ends needed at the event. (Everyone will work 5:30 – 10:30 so please plan accordingly, unless you have already spoken to us.) If you are unable to attend Bunco please let the committee chairs know ASAP. Thank you!

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - Anique Drouin

We had several volunteers that came out to work the Access Toy Drive last month before the holidays—which was a heart-warming success. Our decorations are being removed from our Celebration of Lights tree (by a helpful spouse). If the ornaments are salvageable after this recent weather, I'll bring

them to the meeting for you to take home. Up next in the coming months, I'll plan a community tour to either a police or fire station, or another type of tour. Suggestions welcome!

CRAFT SHOW- Amanda Horne & Jennifer Koch

We are excited to chair the Craft Show. We'll be setting a date within the next few weeks.

FLOWER FUND - Naomi Krodel

Yea!!! Gabby had a baby girl, Eleanor Esther, on January 3rd at 2:35 am. She weighed in at 6 lbs 13 oz and was 20 1/2 inches long. Both are doing well and meals have been arranged for the family.

Maura's son, Teddy, just underwent surgery and a small gift and card have been given.

Please let me know of any other happenings. Thanks. Happy 2018!!

FOX TROT - Elizabeth Larson & Tonya Cook

Final applications have been turned in. We are following up to make sure that they have everything they need and that we are approved.

HISTORIAN - Palak Coleman

Please continue to send any pictures you take my way. It's best to email them to me, since the resolution is low if I download pictures from the FB group. Also, I don't have any articles from any of the local papers about our activities from this year, so if you happen to have any, let me know so that I can snap a picture of them.

BMCF is also participating in a service organization fair at the Depot Museum, so I would love to have any extra copies of posters from previous/current events. They will be on loan, so anything you bring will be returned to you. I need to submit items by February 5th, and the exhibit will run from March 5-July 22.

MEMBERSHIP - Jill Lowe

Happy New Year!! Let's get some more new members! We have our next open house on Wednesday, January 17th from 7-9 pm at Panera Bread in downtown Batavia. Please help to spread the word and invite some potential new members to the event. We are trying something new - for every potential new member you bring or send to the Open House, you will be entered into a drawing for something special that will be handed out at the Feb. meeting. I really need your help to find more ladies that are interested in joining this AWESOME Club. I also need a few volunteers to come work the Open House with me. If anyone wants to sign up as a mentor - just let me know. I hope many of you will be able to come help at the Open House.

RECREATION - Amanda Horne

We have a few activities coming up this month.

-January 20 we will have PJ BUNCO at Palak's house. Please RSVP on the evite if you have not done so already. It will begin at 7pm, please bring \$5 to play, BYOB, and a dessert or appetizer to share. There will also be a contest for the best PJ's.

-January 21 we will have a Mom & Child skate at Funway from 12-4. The cost of admission is \$6 and skate rental is \$3.50. This should be a fun afternoon.

-January 31 Feed My Starving Children 8pm.

