## FROM THE PRESIDENT - Holly Miller

I know I keep saying this, but YOU LADIES ARE AMAZING!!! Our fourth annual Bunco fundraiser is in the books and it was a huge success. Congratulations Sarah, Heather, and Julie, and thank you EVERYONE for working so hard to make it **TOTALLY RAD!** It was so nice to look out at the tables and see so many of our auxiliary and former members there supporting us. I think everyone enjoyed themselves and really got into the 80s theme. Samantha is gathering the registration totals and the expenses from the Bunco committee, and she should have some numbers for us at the meeting. If you helped secure a donation for the raffle, please remember to send a thank you note to the person or business that donated, and let the Bunco Chairs know when you have done so. This is extremely important!!! Not only is it the polite thing to do, but the donors need a thank you note from us in order to be able to claim the donation on their taxes. Sarah posted a template on our members only Facebook page to make it super easy for you, but if for some reason you are unable to send a thank you note, please let me or one of the Bunco chairs know so we can send it out.

Now that Bunco is over, we will be moving on to our last big fundraiser of the year, Fox Trot. Tonya and Elizabeth and their committee are off to a great start and have some fun ideas for the race this year. It's also that time of year when we start planning for next year. That means selecting our board of directors and committee chairs for the 2018-2019 year. We will vote on officers at the April meeting, which means we need to have names on the ballot! Our current officers and committee chairs will each speak briefly at the meeting about their position and what it entails. There is no experience necessary, and even our newest members are eligible to serve in any of these positions. Due to our relatively low membership numbers, we will only be able to allow co-chairs for the three big fundraisers next year. If you are considering going auxiliary or leaving the club after this year, please let me, Eunice, or Nicole know that ASAP. We may need to make some changes to the committee structures based on membership numbers. I hope everyone is healing from the many illnesses that have been going around, and I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting!

## **PAST PRESIDENT - Nicole Boland**

Happy February! Please, please, please - we need volunteers to chair Raffle and Signs & Posters for Craft Show. Work needs to start very soon! Anyone can do these positions - it is a great way for new members to get involved with the responsibility of being a full board member. After we get Craft Show all set, we can start filling in positions for the Board. All forms of interest for Executive Board positions must be turned in by March 15th. We'll go over these positions at the meeting!

## PRESIDENT ELECT - Eunice Turnbaugh

I have been in touch with Urban Style Salon, and they have graciously agreed to host another fundraiser evening for us this year. Holly worked with them last year to do a fundraiser, and they were fantastic! The date we have chosen is Friday March 9th from 6 to 9 pm. In addition, Kendra Walker with Trades of Hope and Gabby Laboda with Pure Haven will be sharing their products during the event. This will give everyone an opportunity to shop in between services!

The Salon Manager has forwarded me a list of what services he can offer, prices and max number of participants, I have created a **signup genius** and have posted the link on our

# **Quick Calendar**

Feb 7 - General Meeting 7pm at Batavia Public Library

**Feb 12 -**10am Kids' Valentine Party at Maura's

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

Feb 22 - 7pm Pallet Sign Painting Party at Palak's

**Feb 26 -** 7pm The Salt Escape

Mar 7 - General Meeting 7pm at BPL

Mar 9 - Spa, Sip, & Shop: Urban Style Fundraiser

Mar 13 - 4-8pm Chipotle Fundraiser

Mar 14 - 7pm BOD/Fox Trot Chairs Mtg

Mar 15 - Philanthropic Disbursement Applications

Apr 4 - General Meeting 7pm at BPL

**Apr 18 -** BOD/All Committee Chairs Mtg at Nicole's

Apr 28 - Fox Trot

Facebook page. I will also bring this list to the Wednesday meeting for your review. If you are interested and not ready to commit or if you are ready to book the appointment, please go to the **signup genius link** and add your name to the services you would like. This will help give an idea of overall headcount so the salon can make timing and staffing plans. Due to our limited time at the salon, we ask that you book only 1 to 2 services at this time. Also, for those who are unaware, Urban Style Salon always gives a 10% discount to BMCF members if you mention that you are a member. This is a local business that has been very supportive of us, so please keep them in mind when you are in need of services!

## **WAYS & MEANS- Kristin Gehrels**

Our Chipotle Fundraiser is Tuesday, March 13th from 4-8 PM. Kat created a Facebook event so please invite local friends there and mark either "Going" or "Interested". Even if you can't actually attend this helps spread the word! If you would prefer to print the flyer and share that way I can email it to you and I will have some printed for the March meeting.

We are always looking for sponsors. With Fox Trot coming up, if you think your gym or fitness center might be interested in becoming a BMCF sponsor now would be a great time to reach out. Let me know if there is a contact person I can approach about sponsorship. Thank you!

#### PHILANTHROPIC-

## Deanna Modaff & Cheryl Hasenjaeger

Share and Care for February benefits Chip In Batavia. Thank you to those who brought Valentines and donated money. You can also drop off at Cheryl's (1630 Fox Trail Drive) or Deanna's (39W086 Revere House Lane, Geneva). Thanks!

BMCF is accepting applications for our 2017-2018 disbursements. If you know of a school or family-oriented community project that needs funding, feel free to share our application. These may be found at www.bataviamothersclub.org/philanthropy

The application deadline is March 15.

## **COMMUNICATIONS- Kat Maggio**

Web: Philanthropic Disbursement Applications are up on our website, Fox Trot Registration coming soon.

Facebook: Chipotle Fundraiser, Fox Trot, & Craft Show Events available. Please like & share!

Working on online collaboration tools for Board & Committee Chairs in line with our discussions with lawyer and for ease of transfer between years. In this process I've discovered ways to enhance our digital presence and committee chairs' experiences for little cost or possibly less than the club is spending now, so stay tuned!

I'll be looking for your experiences (positive & negative) with different available tools (ex. Gmail/GSuite, Dropbox, Dropbox Paper, Slack, others?). Please let me know if you have some insight on these.

#### **BUNCO-**

## Sarah Barrett, Heather Engelhart, & Julie Surina

All we have for Bunco is to say it was a tremendous success due to the outstanding help and support from this group! The night went smoothly without any hiccups. Everyone looked fabulous in their 80s garb. It was also great to see how many of the players got dressed up for the event too. The raffle baskets and wine pull were the biggest hits. Heads or tails and the card draw down were entertaining, but not as successful as we would have liked to see. The silent auction should probably not be part of it next year.

We will discuss how to possibly do the raffles different next year. Maybe team up and create a basket up to a certain value or choose to call for donations instead. Then it is not up to just the individuals running bunco to solicit for raffle donations.

Thanks again for everyone who stepped up to help out. This was without a doubt such a fun event!

## **AUXILIARY- Kathy Evangelista & Pam Kent**

Great job Bunco! We supported and enjoyed playing. We are working with the Batavia Clothes Closet/Food Pantry to set up our next Philanthropic event.

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS- Anique Drouin**

Thanks to the members that helped staff our table at the Volunteer Fair this last Saturday! Hopefully we have some people stop by and gather our information so we get some new members to join us! Next month I'll be setting up a tour at a community spot--such as the police station or the depot museum. I'll probably put up a poll on facebook to see where the interests are for these places. Keep an eye out and let me know your preferences!

#### CRAFT SHOW- Amanda Horne & Jennifer Koch

We have a date for the 33rd Annual Craft and Vendor Show! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 20, 2018.

Our next step is to find a Raffle Chair and a Signs and Posters Chair. These jobs are crucial to the success of the Craft Show and we will do everything we can do to support the amazing ladies who take on the roles. Please let us know if you are interested.

#### FLOWER FUND - Naomi Krodel

Ladies, it's February and hopefully you have been giving your Secret Sis lots of love. Don't forget, you should be doing something special about once a month.

## FOX TROT- Elizabeth Larson & Tonya Cook

Fox Trot is off and running! The date is Saturday, April 28 at 8AM (Kids Runs start at 8:45). Registration link is on the website. New this year, there is a stroller division of the 5K and we have a charity chaser for the 5K-Praxis Fit will be providing a runner who will start last and they will donate \$1 for each participant the runner passes. A friendly reminder that everyone is required to work this event, from beginning to end. It will be from approximately 6AM until the races are over and everything is cleaned up. We are usually done by 11AM. Please let us know ASAP if you have a conflict!

#### **HISTORIAN- Palak Coleman**

Keep taking pictures and sending them my way, along with any articles you find. Does anyone have pictures from the mom/kid skate event?

#### **HOSTESS- Christina Marotta & Allison Wadle**

The March meeting will be at the library on Wednesday, March 7th. Planning will also begin for banquet.

#### **MEMBERSHIP-Jill Lowe**

We had our second open house on 1/17 at Panera Bread and had 4 potential new members attend - all seemed very interested in joining. Congrats to Kat for bringing 3 of them - you will get your prize at the Feb meeting!! I want to thank Allison, Holly, Kristin, Elizabeth, and Kat for coming to the Open House and talking to these ladies - it was a huge help! Please help to continue to spread the word about our Club so we can get some more new members. I am working with the Rec Chair on getting a New Member outing set up in the next couple of months - so be on the look out for this Evite.

#### **RECREATION-Amanda Horne**

We have a few fun events planned for February.

The Children's Valentines party will be on Monday, February 12, at Maura's house. The party will start at 10am. It will be a great opportunity for the little ones to play and exchange valentines while the moms socialize. Please bring a small snack to share and valentines to exchange.

We will have an After Bedtime Painting party on Thursday, February 22 at 7pm. Palak will be hosting this event. Please RSVP by the 15th so that seating can be arranged. There will be three different designs to choose from. The cost is \$25 per person. Please BYOB and a small dessert or appetizer to share.

Come and enjoy a relaxing evening at The Salt Escape, Monday, February 26 at 7pm. We have the room booked for a private party, so talking will be allowed. There is only room for one more person, so please sign up soon if you are interested.

We are in the process of planning the Scavenger Hunt, details to follow.