

Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation September 2018 Update

FROM THE PRESIDENT - Eunice Turnbaugh

Welcome back ladies! Are you ready to kick off the 2018-2019 BMCF year? It's gonna be fantastic! First off, a big thank you to all of our members that kept busy this summer planning for Craft show as well as all of our other activities that keep us going.... Diaper Derby, Farmer's Market and just recently the Pie Bake off at block party to name a few. Membership has also had a busy summer and I am looking forward to seeing lots of new faces at our first meeting!

We have an exciting year ahead of us building our community, helping our schools and getting to know each other. So bring your excitement (and checkbooks for membership dues :) and let's have some fun!!

PAST PRESIDENT - Holly Miller

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a terrific summer and made lots of memories. It's September, which means we have a little over a month until Craft Show! That means we will soon be needing new Craft Show chairs and subcommittee chairs (bake sale, raffle, signs and posters, apps and jury, and lunch). If you think you may be interested in taking on our biggest fundraiser next year, now would be a great time to talk to our current chairs, Amanda and Jennifer, about what the job entails.

PRESIDENT ELECT - Maura Hirschauer

TREASURER - Cheryl Hasenjaeger

Please come with a cash or check to pay your annual dues.

General membership is \$30, auxiliary membership is \$25, and associate membership is \$25. A check is preferred and please make sure to put "dues", "aux. Dues", or "Associate dues" in the memo area. If you have cash, you should fill out a submit payment form (I will have these at the meeting). Also, bring any receipts for reimbursement. I'll have copies of the reimbursement form, or you can download the form here: <u>http://www.bataviamothersclub.org/wp-content/uploads/BMCF-Check-Request-PDF.pdf</u>

WAYS & MEANS- Kristin Gehrels

Most of the sponsors that were due to renew their sponsorship are going to continue BMCF sponsorship. Thank you to everyone that supported our sponsors' businesses, thanked them, and recommended them to others. I will hand out our updated Levels of Giving document at the meeting so everyone can see the benefits that our sponsors receive at the different donation levels. If you know of a business owner that would be interested in sponsorship please let me know. And remember that individuals and families can be sponsors too! Sponsorship levels start at just \$50 and are tax deductible.

The Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony for BMCF will be **October 9 th at 6:30 PM** and the brownie bake off will follow at 7:00. This is a great publicity opportunity for BMCF and for Craft Show and I hope everyone can attend. Please plan on wearing your BMCF gear. I will create a sign up for those that are able to bring refreshments, cups, napkins, etc. I am working on some business fundraisers for this year in addition to the Chipotle fundraiser from last year. Some options I'm exploring are Portillos', Panera, and Yankee Candle. We will also be having a members' event at **Six + Cypress on September 28th and October 11th** . Six + Cypress will be donating 10% of sales back to the club so get ready to shop and have some fun. Thank you to Nicole and Deanna for setting up this event!

Quick Calendar

Sept 5- General Meeting 7pm at Batavia Public Library
Sept 8- Legally Blonde at Paramount Theatre (Rec)
Sept 16- Community Band Concert at Peg Bond (Rec)
Sept 19- Board Meeting: BOD + CraftShow Chairs 7pm at Elizabeth's House

Sept 21- Coat Drive Begins - drop off bins!!
Sept 21- Craft Show Schedule Requests Due
Sept 26- New/Seasoned Member Dinner 7pm (Rec)
Sept 26- BOD Meeting with Attorney 7pm
Sept 28-7pm Six+Cypress Member fundraiser (W&M)

Oct 3- General Meeting 7pm at Batavia Public Library Oct 5- Coat Drive Ends- pick up bins!!

Oct 9- Brownie Bake-Off & Chamber Ribbon Cutting 6:30pm at Batavia Chamber Offices

- **Oct 11-** Six +Cypress Member fundraiser 7pm (W&M)
- Oct 14- Basket Wrapping Party at Gabby's House
- Oct 17- Board Meeting- BOD + ALL Chairs at TBD
- Oct 19- Craft Show Basket Transport and Setup 6pm-10pm
- Oct 21- 33rd Annual Autumn Craft & Vendor Show
 - 6am 9am-3pm Public Shopping -5pm Cleanup
- Oct 25- New/Seasoned Member Dinner 7pm (Rec)
- Oct 27- 11:30am Batfest Costume Parade
- Oct 27- Couples Halloween Party 7pm at Palak's (Rec)

Nov 7- General Meeting 7pm at Batavia Public Library

PHILANTHROPIC - Elizabeth Larson

We began the school year by welcoming 23 new teachers to Batavia Public Schools. Each teacher was presented with a note of welcome and a \$20 gift certificate to Amazon. At the meeting 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 21st – October 5th**. If you sign up to be a school ambassador, please take a bin home with you. We have six non-school locations on the signup sheet as well, including new for this year Orangetheory Fitness (club sponsor).

Finally, our Share and Care for September is for Go With the Flow Parties (<u>www.gowiththeflowparties.org</u>). This is a new charity in the area whose goal is to assist individuals experiencing homelessness due to domestic violence or economic crisis get through "that time of the month" by providing menstrual products, underwear and toiletries. They specifically asked for donations of menstrual products, new w/tags underwear in all styles & size and deodorant (they also accept any travel toiletries and dental care). 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!!!

COMMUNICATIONS- Kat Maggio

Web: New members: Please register at our website

<u>bataviamothersclub.org</u> for access to the member directory, internal calendar, and various forms and documents.

Facebook: Please like, follow, and share our pages, posts, & events. <u>@bataviamothersclub</u>, <u>@BMCFCraftShow</u>, <u>@BMCBunco</u>,

<u>@BMCFoxTrot</u>

Instagram: <u>@bataviamothersclub</u> - we're new on Instagram & just learning the ropes, so if you have more experience and see us making faux-pas, please let me know!

Hosting: Web host migration ongoing.

Calendars: New Internal and <u>Public</u> Calendars available on our website and are subscribable. The Public Calendar lists events that are open to the public/new members. The Internal Calendar has internal events including Rec events, setup/cleanup times for events, and members-only meetings and events. If you are have an event that we don't have listed yet, please let me know.

Press Releases: Craft Show, Coat Drive, Bunco

Stationery: Yes, we still have it! If you need letterhead or Envelopes, please let me know! Business Cards being ordered.

AUXILIARY- Kathy Evangelista & Pam Kent

Auxiliary will be planning an outing soon (probably wine tasting). We will be volunteering for shifts at craft show, making the puppy chow and meeting with Gabby soon to go over details for Bunco. We are looking forward to another fantastic year.

BUNCO - Gabby Loboda

Hi and welcome back to the start of another great year! I know we are all in Craft Show mode BUT Bunco is 12 weeks from Craft Show and with all that happens between these dates, I really wanted to get some communication going around Bunco.

Mark your calendars, Bunco is **1/12/19** at the Batavia Moose Lodge. I imagine we will keep times the same as well as set-up and day of expectations. If you have any feedback surrounding the event, please email me at gabbyloboda@yahoo.com. Any and all is welcome. I will be working alongside Auxiliary but with some new faces, maybe others will join in this totally rad and outrageous night of fun! Stay tuned for more information as the date draws closer.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS- Naomi Krodel

We had our Diaper Derby at Windmill Fest on July 14. It was a success with 7 participants. Elizabeth and Krystal helped with the event. Our Farmer's Market booth on August 18 was also a success. While our wonderful volunteering members tried to promote our club and get some new members, children worked on windsock crafts. We partnered with Batavia MainStreet for the Pie Bake-Off at the Block Party Sunday, Sept. 2nd. Anique was point-person on this event that raised us nearly \$600 plus great publicity for the club! Next is our annual Brownie Bake-Off. We are going to do this at our Ribbon Cutting event on Tues, **Oct. 9**. Please consider entering your delicious brownies in this fun competition. A Sign Up Genius with details will be sent. Also, more information to come about the children's parade for **Bat Fest on Oct. 27** (mark your calendars.)

CRAFT SHOW- Amanda Horne & Jennifer Koch

Our amazing committee chairs have been working tirelessly behind the scenes this summer and we are so appreciative of all their hard work!

This show wouldn't be a success without all of our wonderful committee chairs!

Important Upcoming Dates:

- September 21: Deadline for Craft Show schedule requests. Requests need to be submitted by email to Amanda, <u>AmandaEHorne@gmail.com</u> or Jennifer, <u>tanzygreen@yahoo.com</u> by September 21 for consideration. The work schedule will be completed by the October meeting.
- October 14: Basket wrapping at Gabby's house. Please help with if you are available.
- **October 19:** Basket transport. All baskets must be taken from Gabby's home to the high school. Please help with this if you are available.
- **October 19:** 6pm-10pm Craft Show set up. All members are required to work a 2 hour shift.
- October 20: 6am-5pm (Craft Show is open from 9-3) BMCF 33rd Annual Fall Craft and Vendor Show! It is going to be such a fun day! We are really looking forward to working this amazing event with ALL OF YOU!

Raffle- Gabby Loboda: Please forward any potential raffle items to Gabby. We need baskets, especially larger ones, and wrapping supplies. Please bring any items to the October Meeting or bring to Gabby anytime. Also, if anyone is willing to make a few calls to ask for donations please email Gabby at gabbyloboda@yahoo.com **50/50 Raffle- Anique Drouin:** The 50/50 raffle tickets are in! We

have 200 tickets to sell at \$20 per ticket. Each member is required to sell at least one ticket.

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: We are still seeking applications, so please continue to like and share our facebook page. If you know any potential crafters please, please encourage them to apply. We are really looking for unique local crafters for our show. Our show is filling up quickly. We have sold out of vendor booths (30 sold) and we have only 29 more booth spaces available for crafters (51 sold.) Our next Jury is scheduled for September 10.

Lunch-Shannon Juarez: McAlister's Deli will be providing lunch to our Crafters and Vendors. All orders must be submitted and paid for in advance. We are also very excited to have two outside food vendors providing food for our patrons. Bernie's Bully Dogs and Fernando's Street Kitchen will be two delicious options for lunch.

Signs and Posters- Krystal Kleinschmidt: A signup sheet is going around for members to put a Craft Show yard sign in their yard the week before Craft Show. Yard signs will be distributed at the October 3 General Meeting.

We are once again planning a Community Pumpkin Carving Showcase. Like last year we have invited community groups that we work closely with to showcase a carved pumpkin. The pumpkins, last year they were carved by high school artists, will be on display in the cafeteria. Each pumpkin will have a bucket in front of it for patrons to donate change into. The organizations will then get to keep the donations from their pumpkin. If anyone is active in PTO or with another charity organization in Batavia please let them know that they are invited to participate in this event. This was a very fun and creative addition to our show last year!

Again, THANK YOU ALL! This craft show is a labor of love and we really appreciate all you have done to help this year. Please stay in touch with your committee chairs. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions Amanda and Jennifer are available to help.

FLOWER FUND - Tonya Cook

No Update

FOX TROT-Laura Fields & Palak Coleman

We are working on scheduling a date for FoxTrot 2019. Our usual date is the last Saturday in April. That conflicts with a 10k/half marathon in St Charles this year. The previous week is Easter and the Egg Hop. We are not yet aware of conflicts on April 13th, so that is a possibility.

HISTORIAN- Nicole Boland

Please send pictures of events via email to

<u>historian@bataviamothersclub.org</u> or upload to the Photos Team Drive so we can get the best photo quality (upload/download from Facebook results is a lower quality image that won't print as well in the scrapbook).

HOSTESS- Deanna Modaff & Allison Wadle

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 GREAT need of donated items. Member spotlight is returning again this year and we are very excited to learn more about our members. Thanks!

MEMBERSHIP- Anique Drouin

Welcome back everyone! We are so excited to get started this Fall and to have some new members joining us. We had a great turnout at our Open House and I'm sure we will have a lot of new members at the first meeting. If you see new faces--say hello! Invite them to sit next to you. Offer to answer questions and share your phone number. Remember what it felt like when you first joined. I'll be asking for volunteers to be mentors to our new members soon. In another month or so, we will have a new member dinner/outing scheduled. We've decided to wait on spirit wear orders until the October meeting and having them arrive hopefully by our December meeting instead (to allow newer people to have a meeting under their belts before ordering). If you know someone interested in joining Mothers' Club--give me their name and email, so I can reach out to them! It's going to be a fantastic year.

RECREATION- Krystal Kleinschmidt

I'm looking forward to being your Recreation Chair this year! We have a Playdate Group on Facebook; as people are adventuring out during the week, they post so others can join. Here's a link: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/893947744092231/</u>. Did you know you can add an Evite event to your calendar? On the "Details" tab on the

invitation, click "Add to Calendar" (located below the RSVP window). For screenshots, see <u>https://bit.ly/2MGGeuR</u>. If you're not getting the Evite emails, let Krystal know.

Upcoming Events:

There's one ticket available for Legally Blonde (the musical) at

Paramount Theater on Saturday, **Sept 8** at 8pm. \$30. Carpooling available and dinner beforehand at Two Brothers Roundhouse.

Join other families at the Community Band Concert on Sunday, **Sept 16** from 3-4:15pm at the Batavia Riverwalk. Enjoy some music and chat with other adults while the children play together. Evite sent.

The members-only Kick Off Party is Saturday, **Sept 22** at 7pm at Kristin's House, 398 Bradford Circle. BYOB and your favorite appetizer to share. Attendees will answer questions about themselves and we'll guess who said what; get to know more about your fellow members! Evite sent.

The Couples Halloween Party is Saturday, **Oct 27** at 7pm at Palak's House, 3170 Wagner Ct. BYOB and an appetizer to share. We'll have a costume contest; \$5 per person to enter and prizes to the best costumes! Evite sent.

There will be Monthly (ish) Dinners for newer and seasoned members to get to know each other better. It is suggested up to 4 people to attend each month, 2 newer (joining in 2016 or after) and 2 seasoned members (joining in 2015 or before). Krystal will make reservations for the group, if possible. You just show up and chat! Signup via this link: https://bit.ly/2wFEKFY for the following dates: **Sept 26, Oct 25, and Nov 29**. Try to go to dinner with someone you don't know well yet! I'm passing around a sheet for you to suggest dinner locations.

PJ Bunco will most likely be in November this year because the Bunco Fundraiser is so early in January. I'm passing around a sheet for potential hosts; hosts need space for 2-3 tables that seat 4. Will also potentially do bunco in February and March if there is interest and hosts.

Survey Results: Twenty-one of you completed the survey; thank you. You are most looking forward to the Kick Off Party, Holiday Party, and Scavenger Hunt. There is the most additional interest in an Escape Room, Wine Tasting, Cooking Class, Progressive Dinner, Board Game Night, Dinner/Drinks and a Movie, Craft Night, and Dinners between Newer and Seasoned Members. For families, there is the most interest in Volunteer Opportunities and Concerts/Other Music-Related Events.

