FROM THE PRESIDENT - Eunice Turnbaugh

Happy New Year and welcome back everyone! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays as much as I did. I would first like to thank everyone for your generosity this past holiday season. Whether you helped out with Christmas Families, Access Toy Drive or even braved the cold to help decorate our tree, you all helped make someone's holiday a little brighter and that is what we are all about. So in the spirit of giving back to our community... get ready for our next big fundraiser... 80's Bunco! It's going to be totally rad and it's happening this weekend! Get your neon on and stay tuned as Gabby and Auxiliary will have some important details to cover at our meeting Wednesday.

A new year also means it's time to start planning for the 2019-2020 Mothers' Club. We will start planning for our Executive and General board positions. 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!

PAST PRESIDENT - Holly Miller

I hope everyone had a fabulous break! We are almost halfway through our year, and it's time to start thinking about filling leadership positions for next year. Craft Show still needs subcommittee chairs for apps and jury and signs and posters. If you would like more information about these positions, you can speak to Jennifer or Amanda, Jess (for apps and jury), Krystal (for signs and posters), or myself. If you have decided to take on either of these positions, please let me know so we can make it official. We will have a "job fair" at the February meeting, and each of our current board members and committee chairs will take a few minutes to tell you about their position. In March, we will start accepting applications for committee chairs and executive board positions. Voting for the executive board will take place in April. Now is a great time to start thinking about whether or not you might want to take on a leadership position in the club next year.

PRESIDENT ELECT - Maura Hirschauer

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday! The Bunco Chairs and their committee have been hard at work over the holiday and the event this weekend is going to be "Totally awesome!" Thanks to all of you for your hard work.

A new year means new positions to fill in the club. If you are thinking of taking a more active role in 2019 and have questions about anything, please let me know. I would love to have you join me as president elect!!

WAYS & MEANS-Kristin Gehrels

We will be having a Panera Fundraiser to coordinate with Fox Trot packet pick up on Friday, April 26th. We are hoping runners will have dinner when they come to pick up their packets but it is an all day, open to close, fundraiser so please spread the word to local family and friends. I will have flyers printed and available at meetings as we get closer to the event.

Last year we had a Chipotle fundraiser in March that raised a little over \$250. I have scheduled more dining fundraisers this year than in the past so I want to know if members are still interested in another Chipotle fundraiser. We will discuss at the meeting and if people are interested I can plan that for sometime in March.

We are always looking for new sponsors. With Fox Trot coming up it's

the perfect time to let me know your fitness and outdoors business sponsor ideas.

Quick Calendar

Jan 9- General Meeting 7pm at Batavia Moose Lodge

Jan 9- Yankee Candle online orders end

Jan 12- Bunco at Batavia Moose Lodge (set up at 12:00,

members arrive at 5:45, doors open 6:30pm)

Jan 16- Monthly dinner 7:15PM at Preservation (rec)

Jan 17- Feed My Starving Children 6-7:30pm (rec)

Jan 22- Winter Open House 7-9PM at Bar Evolution

Jan 28- Trivia Night at Pub 56 (rec)

Feb 1- Bunco at Jess Bland's house (rec)

Feb 6- General Meeting 7pm at Batavia Public Library

Feb 17-Family Barn Dancing 2-5PM @ Fermilab (rec)

Feb 19- Northern Illinois Food Bank 6-8PM (rec)

TREASURER - Cheryl Hasenjaeger

Don't forget to turn in receipts for reimbursements or invoices that need to be paid.

PHILANTHROPIC - Elizabeth Larson

Thank you!! A huge thank you to everyone who helped shop for and deliver gifts for our Christmas Families program. We adopted 30 children and 10 families through the Batavia United Way's Adopt-A-Family program.

At the end of 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 or let me know so we can pass along an application. 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.

Thank you for the donations to Share and Care for December; we collected 13 items and \$52, which was used to purchase more toys for the Access Toy Drive. Share and Care for January is is Mutual Ground. They are in need of personal items. For specific wish list wants see their website here: http://www.mutualground.org/?page_id=2017

COMMUNICATIONS- Kat Maggio

Web: Fox Trot Registrations up next, followed by Craft Show. **Press Releases & Publicity Pushes:** Bunco Wrap Up, Fox Trot Details, Craft Show Calling All Crafters.

Facebook- Open House Event: Share Share Share! Events for Fox Trot, Panera Fundraiser all day before Fox Trot

AUXILIARY- Kathy Evangelista & Pam Kent

We are looking forward to Bunco this month! Auxiliary has helped Gabby get Bunco going, and many auxiliary are supporting Bunco by buying tickets and playing. Some additional auxiliary events for the winter/spring are in the works. More details to come.

BUNCO - Gabby Loboda, Pam Kent & Kathy Evangelista

Bunco is, at the time of the meeting, in 3 days!! Looking forward to the night. Please be sure to have read through the email that was sent over this past weekend. It contained a lot of information. Also, If you are

able to come to the meeting a little early or stay a bit afterwards, we will be wrapping baskets at the Moose. These will stay at the Moose. Remember also, to check the snack sign up and schedule. Any questions or concerns, please bring them to my attention at the meeting. Everyone will work 5:30 – 10:30 so please plan accordingly, unless you have already spoken to us. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

COMMUNITY RELATIONS- Naomi Krodel

Special thanks to those who helped with this year's Access Toy Drive. We took down the decorations on our community Holiday tree on Saturday, Jan. 5. Thank you again to those who helped. There will be more information coming about community tours (Pet shelter, Police and/or Fire Dept.)

CRAFT SHOW- Amanda Horne & Jennifer Koch No update

FLOWER FUND - Tonya Cook

No updates, donations are always appreciated!

FOX TROT-Laura Fields & Palak Coleman

The 2019 Fox Trot is April 27th. This year, it will be a 5k run/walk only (no 10k). We hope to have registration open soon. Please be available to work the event from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and let Palak and Laura know if you have a conflict.

HISTORIAN- Nicole Boland

Please continue to send me or upload any pictures you take when at any of our gatherings.

This also includes local news paper articles that mention BMCF.

HOSTESS- Deanna Modaff & Allison Wadle

Happy New Year! Our January Meeting is at the Moose. A great time for all of our new ladies to see the Moose, if you have not already, before we hold BUNCO this weekend! We are always accepting donations for Share and Care. And of course we still have BMCF Gators for sale (\$5). In the near future, we will be communicating information on our End of the Year Celebration and Banquet!

MEMBERSHIP- Anique Drouin

Happy New Year! We had two new members join us in December (welcome Laura and Carol). I've scheduled a Winter Open House for interested potential members—it's Tuesday, January 22nd from 7-9 pm at Bar Evolution. Current members are welcome (please join me so I'm not alone!). Please pass the word and also help me put up some fliers around town. I'll have them at the meeting. If you attend a church or preschool in the area, please ask to display the flier in the community boards. Thank you!

RECREATION- Krystal Kleinschmidt

Volunteer at Feed My Starving Children - Jan 17 6-7:30pm. Children 5 and over also invited. Evite sent **Today (1/9) is the last day to RSVP**

Monthly Dinner - Jan 16 7:15pm @ Preservation. RSVP here. Pub Trivia - Jan 28 @ 7pm @ Pub56. Evite sent.

Bunco - Feb 1 @ 7:30pm. Jess Bland hosting. Evite sent. [Host needed

Family Barn Dancing - Feb 17 2-5pm @ Fermilab Kuhn Barn. Evite sent.

Volunteer at Northern Illinois Food Bank - Feb 19 6-8pm. Children 8 and over also invited. Evite sent. 13 spots available.

Coming Soon:

Craft nights: pallet painting and book folding! Stay tuned for evites. [Hosts needed] Couples game night Children's Valentines Party Escape Room on a Sunday afternoon

