

The Helping Hand

BATAVIA MOTHERS' CLUB FOUNDATION

WINTER 2019

Message from our President

EUNICE TURNBAUGH

Creetings! The Batavia Mothers' Club continues to provide support and attention to our community through various fundraisers and volunteer efforts. We started our year with our annual Winter Coat drive where we collected coats and winter gear for adults and children and donated hams for the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry.

The fall is a busy time for the Club as we prepared for our 33rd annual Craft Show, our largest fundraiser that was held at the Batavia High School on October 20. We hosted over 100 crafters and vendors as well as organized a bake sale and raffle. Through generous donations from our sponsors and sales through our talented participants, we raised close to \$17,000 which will be disbursed back to the community.

The holidays brought another opportunity for giving back. Each year, the club participates in the Christmas Families program through the Batavia United Way. Through this effort, we adopted 30 children and 10 families and provided them with needed clothes and toys for the holidays. We also volunteered in the Batavia Access Toy drive which made some children's Christmas a little brighter.

We kicked off 2019 with our Totally Rad 80's Bunco held on January 12 at the Batavia Moose Lodge. It was a successful and fun night where participants and club members

decked out in neon jammed to 80's music and played through 3 rounds of Bunco! This event raised over \$4000 for our community.

Our last fundraiser of the year, the 19th annual Fox Trot Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday, April 27. Get out your running shoes and come on out for a run along the scenic Fox River Trail. Additional race course for a kid's fun run is also planned. All money raised through the Fox Trot as well as any other fundraisers throughout the year go directly to Batavia Schools and local organizations through our spring disbursements. We continue to help improve the lives of children and families of the Fox Valley area.

I am honored to work alongside a hardworking and committed group of women that dedicate their time to making our community a better place to live. We owe a lot of our success as an organization to the relationships we have built with local businesses and individuals who share in our mission to provide for those in need.

Thank you for your support and generosity in 2018 and we look forward to a continued partnership in 2019 as we continue to help build our community.

Eunice Turnbaugh
BMCF President 2018-2019



FOX TROT 5K/10K

April 27, 2019
8AM Batavia Riverwalk
10K, 5K, 5K Stroller,
1/4mi Jr. Jog, 1mi Youth Run

2018's event raised over
\$6300



CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

October 19, 2019
9AM - 3PM
Batavia High School

2018's event Raised over
\$17,000



BUNCO

A fun evening event
held each Winter in
January or February.

2019's event raised
\$4000



DISBURSEMENTS

All funds raised from
throughout the year are
distributed each May to local
area charities and Batavia
schools through grants.
Disbursement Applications
are due March 15 each year.

Ready, Set, Go!

THE FRIENDLIEST RACE ON THE FOX!



BMCF's 19th Annual Fox Trot Run/Walk is on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at 8 a.m. (Kids' Run start time is approximately 8:45 a.m.) in downtown Batavia. The 5K and 10K feature a course along the Fox River. The kids get to join in on the fun, too!

This race features a non-competitive Kids' Fun Run. There are two races designed especially for children: the Junior Jog (1/4 mile for preschoolers through second graders) and the Youth Mile (second graders through fifth graders). Pre-registration is encouraged for all events. Registration can be accessed online or via a mail-in registration form. Both are available at our website at

<http://www.bataviamothersclub.org/events/fox-trot-run-walk/> or through the event Facebook page.



Rolling for Charity

TOTALLY RAD BUNCO TAKES US BACK TO THE 80'S



The 5th annual Bunco was held on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at the Batavia Moose Lodge. The 80's themed event, I love the 80s - Totally Rad Bunco, had most attendees and volunteers choosing to

dress the part in pastels, neons, florals, or velvet with big shoulder pads, big bows, or glitzy, shiny features. Theme music and refreshments enhanced the 80's feel. The evening's mini games, raffles, and auction added to the fun and the bottom line, with final totals coming in just over \$4000 raised for our community. The event continues to be a hit so be sure to watch for it next year and register early!



Craft & Vendor Show 2018

COMMUNITY PUMPKIN PATCH PUBLICIZES DISBURSEMENT RECIPIENTS



The Batavia Mothers Club Foundation's 33rd annual Craft and Vendor Show was held October 20, 2018. This successful event raised over \$17,000 which will be donated to community organizations.

Taking crafter, vendor, and patron recommendations into account, along with new ideas from the chairs, the event was better than ever! Over 850 shoppers enjoyed events such as our annual 50/50 raffle and basket raffles that included prizes from area businesses as well crafter-donated items. Our bake sale proved popular once again with sweets created by club members. One of the favorite items at bake sale each year is the BMCF Brownie Bake-Off award-winning brownies. Amanda Horne was the proud baker and creator of this year's award-winning recipe!

Charities from across the Fox Valley who have been recipients of BMCF grants carved or decorated pumpkins and gourds to display in our Community Pumpkin Patch and share their missions. Attendees of the show used their spare change to vote for their favorite pumpkin. All of the money raised through voting went directly to the group that designed the pumpkin. Participating organizations this year were Wayside Cross, CHIP IN Batavia, Batavia United Way, Batavia Kiwanis Club, AGS PTO, Grace McWayne Student Council, and Suicide Prevention Services. BMCF thanks all of the participants.

BMCF greatly appreciates everyone who was involved in making the Craft and Vendor Show a success. Thank you also to Batavia High School and the amazing people in the Batavia Schools Buildings and Grounds department who helped everything run incredibly smoothly at Batavia High School where the Craft & Vendor Show was held. BMCF would also like to extend our appreciation to our sponsors. Their generous support was instrumental in the success of Craft Show.

Philanthropy

FULFILLING OUR MISSION

Batavia Mothers' Club members have put countless hours giving back to our community through philanthropic efforts this fall and winter. In our first donation of the year, we sent each of the twenty-three novice teachers in the Batavia School District a \$20 gift card to Amazon and a "welcome to Batavia" letter. Welcoming new teachers and was a great start to the year!

September 21st through October 5th brought our annual Coat and Clothing Drive. Bins were placed at all of the Batavia Public Schools, Immanuel Lutheran School, Holy Cross School, the Batavia Public Library, the Batavia Park District's Civic Center and East Side Community Center, Meadow View Veterinary Clinic, Hanson Chiropractic, Orangetheory Fitness Geneva, and Batavia Nursery School. BMCF was able to collect and sort more than 450 coats and winter accessories. Everything collected went to the Batavia Interfaith Clothes Closet. Batavia's amazing generosity has helped keep many kids warm this winter. Thank you to everyone who donated winter gear!

In November, we collected hams for the Interfaith Food Pantry. This yearly collection allows families to have a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. This year we collected over \$100 to purchase hams. The Food Pantry was grateful for this donation.

Through the Christmas Families program in December we were able to provide gifts and clothing for 30 children from 10 families who otherwise may have gone without presents. Each family was also given a family gift to help them spend time together. We were privileged to partner with Batavia United Way for this program. BMCF members outdid



In addition to supporting these programs, our members have also made personal contributions to local organizations at our monthly meetings. Supported programs include: the Batavia ACCESS Toy Drive, Chip In, Go With the Flow Parties, Hesed House, and Mutual Ground.

In May, we will distribute the funds raised by the Batavia Mother's Club Foundation throughout the year to groups that share our mission on improving the lives of women and families in our community. A disbursement reception will be held to allow members from our organization to meet representatives from the educational and nonprofit organizations whose projects we are helping to fund and to learn more about those projects.

Membership

DO YOU KNOW A MOM WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN BMCF?

We're always looking to involve more moms in our active membership--at any time of our year.

We have two levels of active membership! For more information on membership or the club, please visit <http://www.bataviamothersclub.org/club-membership/> or email membership@bataviamothersclub.org.

Benefits of Membership:

- Be part of a terrific organization that works to provide support to our community and our children
- Enjoy recreational events planned for members and their children
- Get connected with your community, other parents, and organizations in the Fox Valley area

Membership Requirements:

- Pay dues of \$30 once per year
- Serve on one of our standing committees
- Participate in philanthropic community relations activities
- Volunteer your time and effort for our fundraisers-it's all manageable with busy Mom schedules!





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