

Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation January 2020 Update

#### **FROM THE PRESIDENT - Maura Hirschauer**

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a warm and restful holiday break. You deserved a chance to relax after the joyful, yet hard, work of the holidays. From Access Toy Drive, to Christmas family shopping, to community tree decorating, we came together as a club and helped to make the holidays special for many in our community. Thank you for participating in these events and spreading BMCF joy and magic throughout the Fox Valley. And now we are on to the next amazing event, Totally Rad Bunco! The Bunco committee is already hard at work ensuring that this year's event will be even more totally rad than last year. I am looking forward to another fun night, bopping along to our favorite 80s tunes and raising money for our community! Be on the lookout for communications from the Bunco committee so we can help them out if/when needed.

Now that 2020 is here, it is time to begin thinking about our upcoming 2020/2021 BMCF Board. If you are interested in filling a position or have questions, don't hesitate to reach out. Start thinking about where you see yourself in the club and how you could use your talents and energy to help. Taking on a leadership role is rewarding and an excellent way to positively impact our community. Think about the difference you could make in the year ahead!

## **PAST PRESIDENT - Eunice Turnbaugh**

Welcome back everyone! Hope you are relaxed and enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. We are almost halfway through our year, and it's time to start thinking about filling leadership positions for next year. Craft Show is still in need of subcommittee chairs. If you are interested in joining the craft show team, please check in with our new chairs, Becca and Jillian or myself. 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 - Kat Maggio**

Happy New Year! I'm not one to abide by 'resolutions' each year, but 'spending conscientiously', 'greening your wardrobe', and 'looking more put-together' are things I've worked on for years, especially bit-by-bit as the kids get older. I'm planning a members "**New Year New You**" event at Paula's Couture Consignment: Mon, Jan 20, 5-7pm. We can bring wine for some happy hours of finding great clothing pieces for your wardrobe while sticking to a budget. 10% of sales will go back to BMCF. Evite coming shortly!

# SECRETARY - Kristi Bertie

No update.

## **TREASURER - Shannon Juarez**

As we are approaching another big event, please remember to send any invoices for reimbursement sooner than later. It just makes getting our final numbers out much easier after events.

## **Quick Calendar**

Jan 8- General Meeting 7pm at Bar Evolution Jan 10- PJ Bunco 7pm at Jess Bland's Jan 20- Paula's Consignment Shopping Event 5-7pm Jan 22- Board+Bunco Meeting 7pm Jan 28- Membership Open House 7pm at Bar Evolution Jan 28- Enticing Cuisine dining night order deadline (for pickup Jan 29 between 4-6pm)

Feb 5- General Meeting 7pm at Library
Feb 15- Paramount Theater Subscribers 8pm
Feb 15- Bunco business donation deadline
Feb 23- Bunco basket wrapping at Jessica's (tentative)
Feb 29- Bunco at Moose Lodge, 12p Setup, 5:30-10:30p Members at event

Mar 4- General Meeting 7pm at Library

## WAYS & MEANS- Amanda Horne

Big thank you to Jeffery & Betsy Koch for a \$100 donation to the club.

We have a dining night scheduled for January 29 at **Enticing Cuisine**. The meal will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes and green beans. Each meal easily feeds 4 people and is \$22.50. Orders can be placed by calling Enticing Cuisine anytime before January 28. Orders must be picked up January 29, from 4-6pm. Enticing Cuisine will donate 20% of proceeds to BMCF so please pass the word around.

We haven't received a check yet from Salsa Verde from our November fundraiser.

I am working with Prairie Gymnastics to set a date for an open gym fundraiser. It will probably be a Sunday afternoon in February or March.

I am also working with Six + Cypress to set a date for a shopping night fundraiser. More information to follow.

## **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 29 children and 11 families through the Batavia United Way's Adopt-A-Family program (total number of families this year was 129 with 298 kids). BMCF is the biggest adopter of kids and families.

At the end of January, we will update and distribute applications for our **annual philanthropic disbursements**. If you see a need in your school 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 welcomed 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 7 items and \$32, which was used to purchase more toys for

the Access Toy Drive. Share and Care for January is Hesed House. They are in need of personal items/non perishable items.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS- Palak Coleman & Laura Fields**

If Palak/Communications has reached out to you to submit a piece for the **Winter Newsletter**, please remember to do so.

**Web**: Will be getting Fox Trot registration opened once details are finalized.

**Press Releases & Publicity Pushes**: Sent out for Bunco, and will be sent out for Fox Trot once everything is confirmed.

**Facebook**: Continue sharing the Bunco Event, about half the tables are gone! Also share the Enticing Cuisine fundraiser.

#### AUXILIARY- Nicole Boland & Christy Kulczycki No update.

#### BUNCO - Gabby Loboda & Jess Benelli

Bunco is our next big fundraiser and we can't wait! The committee is in full swing securing donations. If you'd like to help with that, let us know. We are asking members to provide food for us to enjoy during the event, look out for a sign up genius soon. We will use club funds to provide snacks & 80s themed candy for the event. If you would like to contribute to the candy purchase, please give money to Gabby at the Feb member meeting. If you have any beaded necklaces and are wanting to get rid of them, Bunco will gladly take them for Big Bunco. Finally, we would like to request donations for our wine pull during Bunco. A sign up genius will also be sent out to sign up to donate a \$10 bottle value of wine or donate \$10 for the purchase of wine. You'll need to let us know by 1/31/2020 if you can not make Bunco. Everyone will work 5:30 pm- 10:30 pm so please plan accordingly, unless other arrangements are made. The day of set up will begin at noon at the Moose. Eunice has kindly offered her home as a place to get your 80's hair and tubular outfits ready, more info soon, thanks Eunice! Lastly mark your calendar, basket wrapping is tentatively scheduled on 2/23/20 at Jessica's house. Now we will draw the early registrant winner for the four tickets to Navy Pier's Centennial Wheel!

#### COMMUNITY RELATIONS- Greta Bennion & Megan Newman

Thank you to all who assisted at the Access Toy drive. We took down the tree decorations on 1-5-20. We have any reindeer that had names on them.

**CRAFT SHOW- Amanda Horne & Jennifer Koch** Looking forward to Craft Show 2020!

FLOWER FUND - Katie Tharp No update.

#### FOX TROT- Michelle Szarszo & Alexandria Jenson

Final applications have been turned in. We are following up to make sure that they have everything they need and that we are approved. Please be available to work the event from **6 a.m. to 11 a.m. on April 25th** and let Alexandria and Michelle know if you have a conflict.

#### **HISTORIAN- Kristin Gehrels**

Keep taking pictures at BMCF events! You can email them to <u>historian@bataviamothersclub.org</u> or if it's just a few photos you can send them through text to 630-452-0503. Thank you!

#### HOSTESS- Naomi Krodel

Happy New Year Everyone!

Upcoming meetings at the Library: Feb 5, March 4, April 8, May 6

Thank you for any donations you have for Share and Care.

#### **MEMBERSHIP- Anique Drouin**

Happy New Year! Let's make 2020 a great year for our club with some new members! If you know of a mom that might be interested in joining, please give me her information and tell her about our winter **Open House** on TUESDAY January 28th at 7 pm at Bar Evolution. I'd love if a few members can join me to greet any potential guests! I'm also putting together a new member event for early March—info to come at our February meeting.

#### **RECREATION- Cheryl Hasenjaeger**

Please RSVP for **PJ Bunco** this Friday, January 10th. It's at Jess Bland's house at 7PM.

The next **Paramount Dinner+Theater** night is February 15th. We're seeing the Secret of My Success. Dinner plans coming soon!

An evite for the **Children's Valentine's party** will be sent out as soon as we figure out a date and time.

