



## Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation May 2020 Update

### FROM THE PRESIDENT - Maura Hirschauer

Friends, this year has been a roller coaster. But, there is no group of women I would rather be on this ride with! Your creativity, dedication to the club, and passion for giving back to our community make BMCF strong and ensure that we will weather this storm. We have become masters of virtual meetings and electronic communication. Though we have not met in person since March 4, you have all been hard at work, making certain that the business of BMCF, the business of helping our neighbors, thrives.

A huge thank you to Laura Fields, Palak Coleman, Kristin Gehrels, and the BOD for their swift action in getting our Go Fund Me fundraiser set up. With the help of generous donations from the community and our very own members, we were able to raise the requisite \$1000 that was then matched by Go Fund Me! Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser. That \$2000 truly went a long way to help make up for the funds lost due to the cancellation of Fox Trot.

I would also like to recognize our wonderful Fox Trot Chairs, Michelle Szarszo and Alexandria Jensen, who faced many challenges planning this year's Fox Trot. From tackling a course recertification to having to cancel the race, Michelle and Alexandria worked hard and did a great job protecting the interests of the club. An added bonus is that they are halfway done with the planning for next year!

Another member who has responded creatively to changes due to COVID-19 is Elizabeth Larson, our Philanthropic Chair. Thanks to Elizabeth's organizational skills, dedication to the position, and willingness to try new things, we successfully completed a virtual disbursement meeting. We are grateful for Elizabeth's leadership and commitment to BMCF. Please be sure to look over Elizabeth's comprehensive email, attached spreadsheet, and documents, and make comments if you would like. Don't forget to vote yes or no to the disbursement recommendations on the provided Google Form. Traditionally we vote on these at our May meeting. The google form also has a space to vote yes or no on the 2020/21 new board members.

Thank you to Naomi Krodell, our Hostess, for setting up a virtual meeting to install our new board members. We are sad to not celebrate with you all in person, but Naomi and Kat have come up with a creative way to honor the women stepping up to take on important roles in BMCF.

It is hard to believe that the end of our year is here! **Committee Chairs and Board Members, please send me your end of the year reports by Monday, May 18.** Kat will be reaching out with the schedule for Old Board/New Board on May 20.

We may be on this roller coaster for a while, but, we have proved, through our hard work and creativity, that we can continue to serve the BMCF mission through these difficult times. Our club will continue to thrive and we will do so because of you. Each and every one of you contributes to the success of our club with your dedication to our community. Thank you for the time you give to BMCF, time that could be spent in a million other ways, but that you choose to dedicate to your neighbors. You are what makes BMCF special! Thank you for a wonderfully exciting year!

### Quick Calendar

**May 6-** [General Happy Hour](#) 7pm via Google Hangouts

**May 13-** Board of Directors Induction 7pm on BMCF Facebook page (Zoom for BOD members)

**May 18-** End of Year Reports due for BOD and Committee Chairs

**May 20-** Old Board/New Board 7pm via Meet

**June 26-28-** Retreat for Board and Committee Chairs

**July 11-** Diaper Derby 3pm

### PAST PRESIDENT - Eunice Turnbaugh

Hello Everyone! It's hard to believe we are at the end of another BMCF year. With so many challenges our group has faced in the recent weeks, I have never been more proud or amazed at the hard work, dedication, and creativity our team has demonstrated. Hats off to you ladies. Additionally, hats off to our fearless leader Maura. You have led our group through the toughest year yet with positivity, professionalism, and grace. I have absolute faith in this group to move forward and continue with fulfilling our mission of improving the lives for the families in our community! With that growth and plan for our future, we have created two new board positions for the 2020-2021 BMCF year. Digital Administration will manage our website and relationship with our web designer and Social Media will manage our posts and promotions. Our P&P and Bylaws were reviewed by the Governance Committee and have been updated. With that, I would like to report our new 2020-2021 Executive Board! Voting for our board will be managed through Google Forms. You will receive a link to approve the board as well as approve our disbursements through email and will also be posted to our members only Facebook page.

#### Congratulations to your **BMCF 2020-2021 Executive Board:**

President - Kat Maggio

President Elect - Elizabeth Larson

Past President - Maura Hirschauer

Secretary - Kristie Bertie

Treasurer - Shannon Juarez

Ways and Means - Amanda Horne

Philanthropic - Jennifer Koch

Communications - Palak Coleman

Digital Administration - Laura Fields

Social Media - Kristin Gehrels

Thank you to the following members who have stepped up to chair a committee. [If you are interested in Recreation, Membership, Raffle or Signs and Posters, please let me know!](#)

### **BMCF 2020-2021 Committee Chairs:**

Auxiliary - Eunice Turnbaugh/Anique Drouin  
Bunco - Naomi Krodel  
Community Relations - Megan Newman/Greta Bennion  
Craft Show - Becca Anderson/Jillian Jacobucci

#### *Subcommittees:*

Apps and Jury - Jennifer Koch/Didi Woloch  
Bake Sale: Jess Bland  
Lunch: Katie Tharp/Kim Hanson  
Raffle: INSERT YOUR NAME HERE!  
Signs and Posters: INSERT YOUR NAME HERE!

Flower Fund - Katie Tharp  
Fox Trot - Alexandria Jensen/ Michelle Szarzo  
Hostess - Jess Benelli  
Membership - INSERT YOUR NAME HERE!  
Recreation - INSERT YOUR NAME HERE!

### **PRESIDENT ELECT - Kat Maggio**

We've had a wonderful year of friendship and fundraising and those funds will be going out to many amazing organizations. Thank you all for your hard work this year! Our year-end festivities are going to look quite different from what we're used to. I hope to see your beautiful faces at these events:

May 6 [General Happy Hour](#) 7pm

May 13 **Board of Directors Induction** 7pm on FB Live in Members' Only Group - for any members not on FB, we'll get you a link to watch. BOD- this will be via Zoom.

May 20 **Old Board/New Board** 7pm - I will contact the old and new board members about their responsibilities for this meeting. The meeting(s) will be via Meet.

**Retreat** for Board and Committee Chairs is technically on the books for the last weekend in June. This, of course, is tentative. I will create an event group to organize and discuss our options and alternative ideas.

**Committee Sign-Ups:** Every general member is part of a standing committee as well as a Craft Show Committee. Many of you are already signed on as Committee Chairs, so, for those who are not, I will contact you to get your committee preference. Preference will be given based on your official club points. If you'd prefer to have a confirmed position rather than waiting to see what spaces are left (they are few, my friends!), please dive in to be Membership Chair or Recreation Chair!

### **SECRETARY - Kristi Bertie**

No update.

### **TREASURER - Shannon Juarez**

No update.

### **WAYS & MEANS- Amanda Horne**

As a way of reaching out to sponsors during this difficult time, I am drafting a letter to check in on them.

### **PHILANTHROPIC - Elizabeth Larson**

**Share & Care** for May is the General Store at the Batavia Apartments. Residents can earn points through attending class/seminars/work events and can use those points for items that are not covered by food stamps. There is an Amazon wish list. We will collect items on the wish list for drop offs at Elizabeth's house or you can donate money through PayPal, which will be used to purchase items off of the wish list. Thank you to everyone for donating to Share and Care this year.

Philanthropic and a small committee has now sorted through all 50 applications and a draft of our **disbursements** has been sent out to the club for comments. After any final edits, the spreadsheet will be sent out again for a final vote of the club membership. Since there will be no Open House this year due to COVID, disbursement checks will be mailed to the organizations. Thank you again to everyone for your hard work and dedication this year. Because of this, we are able to help so many nonprofits and teachers.

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

**Board & Committee Chairs-** please go through your files, update your binders and utilize your Google Drive for online storage and easy transfer to the new chair! I'll have press release deadlines for you at the OB/NB meeting and will be there to help everyone transition their email on their phones to new positions.

**New members** should all be getting emails from the Secretary on occasion and be on the Facebook Page, have access to the Google 'BMCF-All Members' Team Drive, Google Calendars, and if you registered on the [bataviamothersclub.org](http://bataviamothersclub.org) website, have member access there. Please let us know if you have any questions about these things- we want everyone to have open access to information!

### **AUXILIARY- Nicole Boland & Christy Kulczycki**

No update.

### **BUNCO - Gabby Loboda & Jess Benelli**

No update.

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

We are hoping to move ahead with hosting our annual **Diaper Derby** event at the Windmill City festival again this summer. As of now the event has been scheduled for July 11 at 3 pm. BMCF has also traditionally scooped ice cream at the BPL Summer Reading Kickoff, which usually happens in early June, but as of now those plans seem to be on hold due to COVID.

If the Batavia Farmer's Market ends up moving outdoors this summer, we will look into the possibility of hosting a tent on a future date and keep everyone posted.

If it looks as though our scheduled events will continue to be cancelled into the summer and fall due to COVID, we will try and think of some creative ways that BMCF can continue to show our support and connect to the community remotely or virtually. Look out for more updates over the summer!

## CRAFT SHOW 10/17- Jillian Jacobucci & Becca Anderson

- We have been working with apps and jury and communications to update the application wording to reflect refunds (if needed) and the automatic donation
- Email to previous crafters/vendors to go out ASAP
- **Still in need of raffle committee and signs and posters**
- A google form for signing up for **craft show committees** should come out electronically in the next week. Then, based on points, the craft show chairs will place members into the committees.
- Will be reaching out to Katie regarding lunch and securing a donation (possibly Aldi?)

## FLOWER FUND - Katie Tharp

**Secret Sis** matches will be revealed shortly on Facebook. I will also be asking on Facebook about any children entering **kindergarten** next year.

## FOX TROT- Michelle Szarszo & Alexandria Jenson

No update.

## HISTORIAN- Kristin Gehrels

Please send me any **photos** you may have of our BMCF events, both fundraisers and our members-only events! I am working on the 2019-2020 BMCF book and, because we had to cancel some events, I could really use more photos to fill it out a bit. Also, please continue to like, share, and comment on our BMCF Facebook page posts. We have some Sponsor Spotlights and some fundraisers going on so it all helps spread the word. Thank you!

## HOSTESS- Naomi Krodel

No fear! Just because our banquet is cancelled we will still be doing our **end of the year recap, certificates, and installation of new officers**. It will be streamed on our BMCF Members' Facebook page on Wednesday, May 13th at 7pm. Please join us!! I've enjoyed being the hostess this year and would never have predicted that we would be doing our last meetings on-line...but at least we can!! :) Enjoy your summer and hope to "see" you soon one way or another!!

## MEMBERSHIP- Anique Drouin

Thank you for a great year as membership chair! I'm very happy we could add to our numbers this year, but I'm also sorry that COVID19 has put the brakes on having a new member gathering. If people are interested, I'd be happy to host a new members Zoom happy hour! We were all new once and it can be hard to feel connected when we don't have our regular meetings and rec events! We will definitely see each other again and I hope everyone will "hang in there" as we press forward virtually! I look forward to seeing everyone's faces again as soon as safely possible! Socially distanced hugs.

## RECREATION- Cheryl Hasenjaeger

The **scavenger hunt** has been cancelled, but can hopefully be rescheduled for sometime in the summer.

