

The Helping Hand

BATAVIA MOTHERS' CLUB FOUNDATION
WINTER 2020

Message from our President

MAURA HIRSCHAUER

Winter greetings from the Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation! As an antidote to the winter blues I am pleased to share with you all the wonderful things our club has accomplished in the past few months. We kicked off our 86th year of philanthropy with some terrific community events. In July we sponsored the always adorable Diaper Derby at Batavia's Windmill Festival. There is truly nothing cuter than be-diapered babies crawling across the finishing line! Next up was our popular Pie Bake-Off at Batavia's Block Party. Local dignitaries, like our very own Mayor Jeffrey Schielke, judged a mouth-watering array of locally baked pies. It was a delicious night! Other community sponsored events BMCF participated in were running a children's craft table at Batavia's Oktoberfest, leading the Batfest Costume Parade, and sponsoring a community coat drive. BMCF loves to join in the fun and festive events around Batavia!

In October we hosted our 34th annual Craft and Vendor Show at Batavia High School. Always popular with the community, this year's Craft and Vendor Show did not disappoint. Over 850 shoppers came through to enjoy 100 crafters and vendors, as well as our famous bake sale, charity raffle, and 50/50 raffle. Through the hard work of dedicated club members, we raised over \$16,000 at this year's show! We are grateful for the support of the community; thank you for making the 2019 Craft and Vendor Show such a success!

The Holiday season is always a busy one for BMCF. Every year we look forward to partnering with the Batavia United Way in their Christmas Families program. This year the club shopped for 40 children and families. The Batavia Mothers' Club is the largest donator to the Christmas Families Program. Club members also volunteered at the Access Toy Drive, and participated in the tree decorating contest along Batavia's riverwalk.

On Saturday February 29th at the Batavia Moose Lodge, we will host our 6th annual Totally Rad Bunco event. Join us as we leap back to the 1980s! It is sure to be an excellent night filled with big hair, radical tunes, and lots of neon! Last year, club members and guests alike joined in on the '80s fun, sporting authentic '80s garb, all in the name of raising money for women and children in the Fox Valley. We are confident the always fun event will be a success again this year!

Next up for BMCF is the annual Fox Trot 5k/10k Run/Walk, which kicks off on Saturday April 25 at 8:00am at the Peg Bond Center in Batavia. Dubbed the "friendliest race on the Fox," it is always a fun morning and draws a crowd of runners and walkers from all over the Fox Valley. Dig out those running shoes and join us for a jog along the scenic Fox River! All proceeds raised at the race, along with our other fundraisers throughout the year, go directly back to local schools and nonprofits through our spring disbursement program. We are thankful to continue to meet our club's mission to improve the quality of life for children in our community.

It is a privilege to work alongside the talented, creative, dedicated women in the Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation. Their commitment to the well-being of women and children in our community coupled with their ability to plan, promote, and put on exceptional fundraisers is inspiring. I am lucky to be on their team, and in turn, we are lucky to have you on our team. The relationships we have built with local businesses and individuals who share in our mission are invaluable to our success. Thank you for your continued support of Batavia Mothers' Club foundation, for attending our events, donating, and lifting up our mission. We are grateful for your support in 2019 and look forward to your continued support in 2020. With your help we truly do make a difference in the lives of women and children in the Fox Valley.



FOX TROT 5K/10K

April 25, 2020
8AM Batavia Riverwalk
10K, 5K, 5K Stroller,
1/4mi Jr. Jog, 1mi Youth Run

2019's event raised over
\$2,000



CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

October 17, 2020
9AM - 3PM
Batavia High School

2019's event Raised over
\$16,000



BUNCO

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

2019's event raised
\$4,000



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 20th Annual Fox Trot 5K/10K Run/Walk is on Saturday, April 25, 2019, at 8 a.m. (Kids' Run start time is approximately 8:45 a.m.) in downtown Batavia. The race features 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 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 6th annual Bunco will be held on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at the Batavia Moose Lodge. The '80s themed event, I Love the '80s - Totally Rad Bunco, like in years past will have 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 will be sure to enhance the 80's feel. The evening's mini games, raffles, and auction are not to be missed. This event typically raises \$4,000 for our community. Check our website for information on how to register for this popular event!



COMMUNITY PUMPKIN PATCH PUBLICIZES DISBURSEMENT RECIPIENTS

Craft & Vendor Show 2019



The Batavia Mothers Club Foundation's 34th annual Craft and Vendor Show was held on October 19, 2019. Once again, this event succeeded in raising over \$16,000 which will be donated to community organizations. Over 850 show patrons enjoyed shopping for handmade goods from local craftspeople and supporting small businesses. Show patrons also had the opportunity to further support Batavia Mothers Club by entering to win the 50/50 raffle or one of the 60+ raffle baskets graciously donated by local organizations. The members of the Batavia Mothers Club, once again, showed off their creativity and skill by supplying all of the baked goods for the bake sale. This popular attraction had hundreds of delicious and beautiful home made goods that show patrons were excited to purchase. One of the favorite items each year is the BMCF Brownie Bake-Off award winning brownies. Kat Maggio was this year's winner with her Salted Peanut Butter brownie recipe.

Once again, local organizations had the opportunity to participate in the Community Pumpkin Patch. In this popular attraction, local groups showcase their creativity as well as their groups mission by making a pumpkin display. Show patrons have the option to donate directly to these organizations by voting for the displays they like best. This years participants were, Suicide Prevention Services, Batavia United Way, H.C. Storm Elementary PTO, The Batavia Foundation, Girl Scout Daisy Troop 1708, The Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry, Chip In Batavia, JB Nelson Elementary SAB, Batavia Activity and Athletic Foundation, Girl Scout Daisy Troop 1544 and Girl Scout Cadette Troop 111. Thank you to all of the participants. BMCF greatly appreciates everyone who was involved in making the Craft and Vendor show a success. Thank you to the Batavia Schools administration for allowing us to once again use the high school for the event. We would especially like to thank the amazing people in Batavia Schools buildings and grounds departments for helping to make this show a success by helping in every way possible. BMCF would also like to extend our appreciation to our sponsors. Their generous support was instrumental in the success of the 34th annual Craft and Vendor 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 the twenty-seven new teachers in the Batavia School District with a \$20 gift card to Amazon and a "welcome to Batavia" letter. Welcoming new teachers and supporting a local business was a great start to the year!

September 20th through October 4th also brought our annual Coat and Clothing Drive. Bins were placed at all of the Batavia Public Schools, Holy Cross, the Batavia Public Library, the Batavia Park District Civic Center, Meadow View Veterinary Clinic, Hanson Chiropractic, Orange Theory Geneva, and Two Bostons-Geneva. BMCF was able to collect and sort 604 coats and winter accessories. Everything collected was to the Batavia Interfaith Clothes Closet and Chip IN. Batavia's amazing generosity has helped keep many kids warm this winter. Thank you to everyone who donated winter gear!

In December, we collected hams for the Interfaith Food Pantry. This yearly collection allows families to have a traditional Christmas/Holiday Dinner. This year we collected over \$60 to purchase hams. The Food Pantry was very grateful for this donation. December was one of our busier months. Our Christmas Families program was able to provide gifts and clothing for 40 children and families who otherwise may have gone without presents. We are privileged to partner with Batavia United Way for this program. BMCF members outdid themselves with their generosity this year!



In addition to supporting these programs, our members have also made personal contributions to local organizations at every monthly meeting. Programs so far this year include: the General Store at the Batavia Apartments, Mutual Ground, Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry, Access Toy Drive, and Hased House.

Our next push will be our efforts on applications for financial disbursements. In May, we will distribute the funds raised by the Batavia Mothers' 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. If you know of a great organization, please encourage them to apply.

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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