

Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation

January 2017 Update



FROM THE PRESIDENT – Nicole Boland

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays as much as I did! I want to thank you all for your generosity this past holiday season, as it is so heartwarming to think of all the families that were helped on behalf of the club. Whether it was the ham drive, Christmas Families or Access Toy Drive, you really made a difference!

Our next big fundraiser is on the horizon - Bunco is in February! Let's get ready to put in some work and make it a great event! Please share the event on Facebook, and invite your friends to register and come out for a good cause and great time!

Now that it is 2017, it is time to start thinking about our club next year. Being a committee chair, Craft Show committee lead or on the Board of Directors is a fun and rewarding experience. Please consider taking on a leadership role in some capacity.

Welcome to 2017 and hope it is a great start for all!

PAST PRESIDENT – Christy Kulezycki

Happy New Year! I will miss you all at the meeting! We have two Craft Show chairs - yay! Now we need the sub-committee chairs. This is a great opportunity to help with our BIGGEST fundraiser! Please let Nicole know if you would like to help.

PRESIDENT-ELECT –

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! Now is a great time to start thinking about how you might want to serve in the club in the 2017 - 2018 year. We will definitely be needing a president elect, and I would be happy to answer any questions you might have about the position.

I'm working on choosing a date for our Urban Style Salon fundraiser, and would like some input on whether most people would prefer a weekend or weeknight.

PHILANTHROPIC – Christine Olsen & Christina Marotta

A huge thank you to all of you who helped provide gifts for our Christmas Families program. We provided gifts for 40 local children and parents in need. These items were contributed to Batavia United Way's Adopt-A-Family program. They and the families they serve were grateful for our participation.

In 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. 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.

Share & Care in January will help the residents of Lazarus House in St. Charles. For a list of their current needs, see <http://www.lazarushouseonline.com/needs.php>. (They do not need baby items at this time.)

WAYS AND MEANS – Deanna Modaff

Happy New Year everyone! As the new year begins, please let me know if you have a possible sponsor. You can give them our website info or please give me their info and I can get in touch with them. Please remember to support or recommend our sponsors if you are in need of a service. We have chiropractors, a painter, a dentist, a law office, an accountant, and a plumber. Thank you!

COMMUNICATIONS – Kathy Evangelista

QUICK CALENDAR – see details in individual committees' sections or check the online calendar

January 4 - General Meeting, 7 pm, Library
January 14 - PJ Bunco, 7 pm, Palak Coleman's home
January 18 – Open House, 7-9 pm, Panera
January 23 – New Member Outing, 6:30 pm, Nobel House
February 1 - General Meeting, 7 pm, Library
February 25 – Bunco – 6:30 pm, Moose Lodge
April 29 - Fox Trot, crack of dawn, Riverwalk

Happy New Year! Please let me know if you have any ideas for places in which to advertise our events or our club for membership. I will be creating an event on Facebook for Bunco. Please share stuff that you see that I post to get the word out and invite people to the event. Thanks!

BUNCO – Sarah Barrett, Heather Engelhart, & Julie Surina

Bunco is just under 2 months away! We are confirmed for February 25th at the Moose Lodge in Batavia. Doors will open at 6:30 and we will start playing at 7:15pm. Appetizers will be provided by Enticing Cuisine with pricing coming in at \$830 (without gratuity). Party Kitchen will be providing dessert for free. We will have 2 bartenders and again will assign some people to waitress duty during the event. We are bringing back the snack table but will set-up in two locations instead of just one. Music will be manned by members of the club; we have created a song list of 80s hits to play throughout the evening.

After discussion, we will be sticking to 3 rounds of Bunco. We feel this will allow an ample amount of leisure time between rounds for eating, raffle browsing, etc.

Tentative evening rundown:

1. Doors open at 6:30
2. Round 1 at 7:15
3. Heads or Tails (50/50)
4. Round 2
5. Playing card raffle (gift card tree)
6. Round 3
7. Pull raffle winners; possible wine pull (We need to decide if this is feasible. Are members willing to donate?)

On-line registration is now open through signmeup.com; a link is on our BMCF site on the Bunco page. We had hoped to use a different system to eliminate the sign-up fees for participants but that proved to be too costly so we will stick with signmeup.com. The registration link is located at: <http://www.bataviamothersclub.org/events/bunco-charity-event/>. We have asked all club members to help secure raffle donations from a list of businesses that we have selected to ask for prizes. The raffle committee will then tackle all remaining businesses on our contact list. If this works as a more productive way to get raffle prizes the club might want to use this process for other events in the future.

In addition to a raffle prize sign-up, there are a few others being passed around at this month's meeting. Everything is also available electronically:

Raffle: <http://bit.do/BMCFaffle17>
(Many hands makes light work! ☺)

Donation letter to print if you are able to help with raffle:
<http://bit.do/BMCFdonation>

Snack table: <http://bit.do/BMCFsnack17>

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Poster sign-up: <http://bit.do/BMCFposter17>

(Posters created by Julie have been handed off to Jill for printing. We will distribute when they are complete.)

At February's meeting, we will have the snack table and poster sign-ups circulate one more time. Additionally, we will pass around a supply list sign-up for odds and ends needed at the event. We will also have a tentative work schedule at that time (Everyone will work 5:30 – 10:30 so please plan accordingly.) If you are unable to attend Bunco please let the committee chairs know ASAP. Thank you!

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Eunice Turnbaugh

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Access Toy Drive shopping event last month. The holidays were brighter for many area families because of your efforts.

Time to get into the post-holiday mode! Decorations on the BMCF tree on the Riverwalk will need to be taken down by Sunday, Jan 15. I will be at the Riverwalk on Sunday, Jan 8 at 2 to take them down, if anyone would care to join me, I'd appreciate it! I will have your ornaments at our next general meeting.

I am looking to schedule a tour of the Anderson Animal Shelter tentatively for Thursday, March 2. This is a half day of school for the Batavia School District. The shelter only does tours until 4:30 pm on weekdays, so it made the most sense to schedule it when school is not in session. There are no age restrictions for children; however, loud noises and aggressive touches are stressful for the animals, so if your child is under 3, use your best judgment as to whether this would be an appropriate event. Stay tuned for more details and I will post a sign up.

CRAFT SHOW – Maura Hirschauer & Sandy Manella

Stay tuned for information coming up.

FLOWER FUND – Angel Jensen

No update.

FOX TROT– Kristin Gehrels & Cheryl Hasenjaeger

Fox Trot 5k and 10k is April 29th. We hope to have registration open soon. Please be available to work the event from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and let Cheryl or Kristin know if you have any conflicts.

HOSTESS – Gina Buselli & Palak Coleman

We are on our very last donation for Share & Care prizes, so if you have anything you can donate, please let Palak know. There are only 4 more meetings to cover. Planning will start soon for banquet, so if you have any specific thoughts/suggestions, feel free to pass them along. Our member spotlights are Kat Maggio and Naomi Krodel.

MEMBERSHIP – Jill Lowe

Happy New Year!! Let's get some more new members! We have our next open house on Wednesday, January 18th from 7-9 pm at Panera Bread in downtown Batavia. Please help to spread the word and invite some potential new members to the event. I am still looking for mentors - so if you are interested, please let me know. I hope many of you will be able to attend the open house as well.

RECREATION– Kat Maggio & Naomi Krodel

Upcoming:

PJ Bunco will be Saturday, January 14, 7pm at Palak's Home. Evite has been sent.

New Member Dinner (Everyone is invited!!) Monday, January 23, 6:30pm at Nobel House in Geneva. Evite has been sent.

In the works:

The Room mystery/escape room night

Movie Night

Kids Valentine Party - need host

Kids Egg Hunt - need host