

Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation

March 2017 Update



FROM THE PRESIDENT – Nicole Boland

Yay for March and hopefully the continuation of spring weather! A huge THANK YOU to Sarah, Heather, Julie and their committee for a fantastic Bunco! As we move into spring, we'll shift our focus to Fox Trot, our last big fundraiser of the year. Please start spreading the word to get as many runners as possible.

If you are interested in being on the Board next year, we have some positions open. Declaration of Interest forms are due by March 15th. We are also accepting forms for committee chair positions, though they are not due until April 15th. Please remember to indicate (and rank if necessary) any and all positions that you are interested in. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

PAST PRESIDENT – Christy Kulczycki

If you are interested in being on next year's Board (President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Philanthropic, Ways & Means, Communications), remember that your Declaration of Interest form is due by March 15th. If you need a form, please let me know. There are also copies of the form on the FB Members Only page and the website. I am also accepting forms for the Committee Chair positions, though they are not due until April 15th. Please remember to indicate (and rank, if necessary) any and all positions that you are interested in. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Please do attend the April meeting! We will be taking our group picture, discussing Fox Trot and voting on next year's Board of Directors!

PRESIDENT-ELECT –

We will be having a club fundraiser at Urban Style Salon on Friday, March 10th from 6:00-9:00. The Salon will donate 15% of the proceeds back to our club! A sign-up list was circulated at last month's meeting. Due to the high level of interest in this event, the salon will likely only be able to perform one service for each member. I will pass the sheet around again this month. If already signed up, please circle the one service you would like most, and if you were on the "maybe" list, please indicate if you are definitely coming or not

I am also starting to plan our summer retreat for BOD and committee chairs. If you are a committee chair or member of the board, please watch your email for some possible dates. I would like to try to pick a weekend that will work for most people. We are currently in need of a location, so please message me with ideas and any leads you might have on vacation homes that we could rent.

PHILANTHROPIC – Christine Olsen & Christina Marotta

BMCF is currently accepting applications for our philanthropic disbursements. As of Sunday, applications had been submitted by 15 organizations requesting a total of \$26,405. These requests have come from TriCity Family Services, Royal Family Kids Camp, Batavia United Way, CASA Kane County, Humanitarian Service Project, Association of Individual Development, CHIP IN Batavia, Valley Sheltered Workshop, Make-A-Wish Foundation, TriCity Health Partnership, ReHome Center, and the following schools:

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

March 1 – General Meeting, 7 pm, Library
March 2 – Anderson Animal Shelter Tour, 2-3 pm
March 3 – Anderson Animal Shelter Tour, 11am-12pm
March 10 – Urban Style Salon Fundraiser, 6-9 pm
April 5 – General Meeting, Library, 7 pm
April 7 – Kids' Easter Egg Hunt, TBD
April 21 – FT Bag Stuffing, Cheryl's house, evening
April 28 – Packet pick-up, Pal Joey's, 5-7 pm
April 29 – Fox Trot, crack of dawn, Riverwalk
May 10 – Last General Meeting, Moose Lodge, 7 pm
May 17 – Banquet, Villa Verone, evening

AGS, LWS and Batavia Nursery School. We will accept applications through March 15.

Tonight, our group needs to discuss and vote on an early disbursement for Make A Wish of Illinois. The group will be hosting an event at Funway on April 23 for their families, so any funding we can provide for them needs to be made before the rest of our disbursements are finalized in early May. In the past five years, 162 ailing Kane county kids, including, 33 from Batavia, have benefited from this program. The Funway event will feature a BHS teacher and his son as speakers. We have been asked to provide \$355 for renting costumes from All Dressed Up.

Our Share and Care this month is for Mutual Ground. Their biggest need right now is gift cards of \$25 or more. They use these in two ways. One is for their upcoming gala [on March 31st](#). They are raffling off gift cards during their live auction. The second use is in the event one of their clients need something special they don't have in the shelter at the time. Any monetary contributions that are made, we will pool together to purchase gift cards.

WAYS AND MEANS – Deanna Modaff

We are always looking for new sponsors, especially with Fox Trot coming up. If you have any contacts with businesses that you think would be interested, please let the committee know. We have a new silver sponsor - Errand Up! They will run errands for you 😊

COMMUNICATIONS – Kathy Evangelista

Great job with helping to get the word out about Bunco! Now it's time to shift our focus to getting the word out about Fox Trot. Keep an eye out for posts on FB and share when you can. BFC has, once again, donated all of the printing for FT and those should be available at the meeting.

TREASURER – Samantha Jackson

Please get all reimbursement receipts for Bunco to me as soon as possible so we can determine our numbers! Also, please get me any receipts for reimbursement as soon as possible. Thanks!

BUNCO – Sarah Barrett, Heather Engelhart, & Julie Surina

Such a great night ladies!! We have heard nothing but positive feedback from everyone about how great our club did at this event. The participants had a blast, but I think we had more fun!!

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Everyone looked great and was absolutely wonderful Saturday night. Thank you for a job well done! We raised \$_____ and had 97 participants. Sarah, Julie, and Heather are in the midst of discussing any changes that need to occur and what the theme should be next year. (80s again now that we found the dang score cards!?). We felt the food was good and definitely in our budget. We actually were under budget for that. We would love to hear feedback any of you may have. Thank you again!!!

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Eunice Turnbaugh

Anderson Animal Shelter tours are this Thursday and Friday. So far, we have 3 people signed up for the Thursday tour and 11 for Friday. I will repost the sign-up genius link if you are interested! Times are 2-3 pm on Thursday and 11 to noon on Friday.

As you may have heard, the Loyalty Day parade has been cancelled for this year. A community family picnic is in the works, details are forthcoming on how the BMCF can participate. Stay tuned for info on upcoming Police and Fire Station tours!

CRAFT SHOW – Maura Hirschauer & Sandy Manella

It's hard to believe, but we are already hard at work planning another amazing craft show! The committees have been set and we are working on setting a date. We have run into some issues with the high school athletic schedule, but we feel we will be able to stick with the third Saturday of October. Tentatively save the date for the Saturday, October 21. To quote Project Runway we are going to "make it work!"

FLOWER FUND – Angel Jensen

If anyone has any donations for our Flower Fund gifts, please bring them to the meeting.

FOX TROT– Kristin Gehrels & Cheryl Hasenjaeger

Fox Trot is [on Saturday, April 29th](#). Please plan on being there [from 6 AM to 10 AM](#). We will have a list of assignments for everyone at the April meeting. Please be sure to attend that meeting.

We are sending around a sign-up sheet for volunteers for packet pick-up at [Pal Joey's on April 28th from 5-7](#) and for bag stuffing at Cheryl's house the evening of [Friday, April 21st](#). We would love your help!

We need everyone's help to spread the news about Fox Trot. Posters and postcards will be distributed at the meeting. We will send around the sign-up sheet for posters again if you haven't already signed up or would like to sign up for more locations. Please tell friends and family about Fox Trot and encourage them to sign up early. New members, please visit the BMCF Fox Trot website page to familiarize yourself with Fox Trot details. We will also start posting more on the Fox Trot Facebook page now so post, share, and invite on Facebook too!

Thanks for all your support for Fox Trot! Remember this is helping families and schools in Batavia, and we appreciate all of your time and help to make this a success!

HOSTESS – Palak Coleman

At Wednesday's meeting, we will have a speaker from Tri-City Health Partnership speaking about the services they provide.

Our May meeting will be on Wednesday May 10th to allow for a little more time to finalize disbursements after Fox Trot. It will be held at the Moose Lodge. Banquet will be the following week on Wednesday, May 17th at Villa Verone. More details to come.

MEMBERSHIP – Jill Lowe

We have another new member - please welcome Kate Brzezowski to the Club! In addition to that, we have another 4 potential new members that we hope will be joining the Club in March. Thank you everyone for helping to spread the word about BMCF!! I am looking to get a second New Member Outing set up in April - more to come from Rec Chairs on that.

RECREATION– Kat Maggio & Naomi Krodel

We had a small but fun Kids Valentine Party - Thanks to Christina for hosting!

Four members with 6 kids volunteered at Northern IL Food Bank - thank you for sharing your time!

Upcoming:

Kids Egg Hunt - April 7- time & place TBD - if anyone would like to help, let me know!

Escape Room will be in March, watch for Evite

In the works:

Working with Jill to plan another New Members' Dinner- New Members, watch for my email this week to help plan a date that most can attend.

Couples Bowling Night and Pallet Painting Party (needs hostess)
Anyone want to host an unofficial pool party this summer?