



Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation November 2015 Update

FROM THE PRESIDENT – Christy Kulczycki

Craft Show was fantastic once again! A very special thanks to Allison Wadle and Sarah Barrett. Their sub-committee chairs also worked hard all year: Heather Engelhart, Michele Anderson, Holly Miller, Jill Lowe, and Palak Coleman. We received so much positive feedback about everyone being friendly and helpful. I hope everyone remembers how important this event, along with Bunco and Fox Trot, are to our mission. These events raise a lot of money to give back to those in need and we can't do them without everyone stepping up and committing to help. Thank you all so much!

We do need chairs for next year's Craft Show, along with sub-committee chairs. Please talk to Kendra Walker if you are interested!

We have a lot to cover on the philanthropic side of things at our November meeting, including a new way to do our Christmas Families program. Don't forget the November meeting will be at the Moose Lodge!!!

PRESIDENT ELECT – Nicole Boland

Welcome to the meeting! I am working on organizing another fundraiser and will be taking a quick survey of interests in dates.

PAST PRESIDENT – Kendra Walker

Great job to Craft Show! If you are thinking about co-chairing for next year, let me know! It is a great way to get more involved in the club and get closer to some of our other members. Lifelong friendships are just waiting to be made by taking charge of our biggest fundraiser of the year! Sub-committee chairs are also needed and are an integral part of Craft Show's success. I have the forms for all interested parties.

Please note that the P&P states that if you plan to be Communications Chair or Ways and Means Chair you should not take on these positions.

PHILANTHROPIC – Christine Olsen

It's time to think about holiday giving! We will have our Ham Drive this month, as well as our Christmas Families program. Hams of all sizes and types will be welcome. Each will help provide a Thanksgiving meal for clients of the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry. Tentative dates are Nov. 15-19. Through Christmas Families, BMCF members use club money to shop for gifts for kids in need. This year, your personal donation in the form of a "family gift" will also be welcome. Sign up to participate at the meeting.

For Share & Care, we are collecting Thanksgiving side dishes for the Food Pantry. They need canned sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, stuffing and gravy. (No need of canned corn or green beans at this time.) Thank you!

WAYS AND MEANS – Deanna Modaff

We are still collecting sponsors! If you know of a potential sponsor, please let me know! Thanks!

TREASURER – Eunice Turnbaugh

Please turn in your Craft Show reimbursements as soon as possible.

COMMUNICATIONS- Kathy Evangelista

Bunco is coming up next! If you have any ideas on how to promote this event, I would love to hear them.

BUNCO – Palak Coleman & Jill Lowe

Our Bunco fundraising event will be Saturday, January 30th at The Moose Lodge, just as last year. Mark your calendars and start getting the word out!

QUICK CALENDAR – see details in individual committees' sections

November 4 – General Meeting, 7 pm, Moose Lodge

November 5 – Deadline for shirt orders

November 15-19 – Ham Drive

November 29 – Celebration of Lights

December 2 – General Meeting, 7 pm, Pal Joey's

December 11 – Christmas Party

December 13 – Access Toy Drive

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Michele Anderson

Batavia's Celebration of Lights Festival will be on Sunday, November 29th from 5:30-7. For those who don't know, this is a free festival at the Batavia Riverwalk that features a ceremonial tree lighting, visit with Santa, holiday craft market, community sing along, bake sale, wagon rides, story hour, entertainment by the Batavia Community Band, and more. BMCF has a tree reserved and we need to decorate it between Wednesday, November 18th and Wednesday, November 25th. I would like to get it done between the 18th and 20th to avoid Thanksgiving week. Please let me know if you are available on any of those days to come out and help decorate the tree. I am flexible with times, so once I know who is available, we can watch the weather and pick a time that works well. We have decorations left over from last year that will be used, but anyone who would like to come over to my house next Tuesday, November 10th at 4:00 p.m. can bring their kids and help make beaded snowflakes to add to our decor. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

BMCF will also be participating in the ACCESS Toy Drive again this year. This event, which will take place on Sunday, December 13th, provides an opportunity for those in need to "shop" for donated toys to leave under the Christmas tree for their children. As volunteers, we help parents make their selections. Keep in mind, this is one of three activities that count towards this requirement. I'll pass along more information as it becomes available.

CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW – Allison Wadle & Sarah Barrett

Great job on Craft Show!!! Thank you all for being a part of it and working so hard! We are a bit low on membership right now and really needed to pull together and help out in all areas. On craft show day, people came in early and stayed late... You all really stepped up where help was needed. Without this teamwork, Craft Chow 2015 would never have been such an AMAZING success. Although the chairs for next year's craft show have not yet been put into writing, we are already working on some new and FRESH ideas for next year. We will have more information on the monies that had come in, from our treasurer's report. However, please know that we had approximately 753 people in the door on craft show day. That is FANTASTIC!

FLOWER FUND – Pam Kent

Secret Sis is under way. Hope you are enjoying your special treats! We are anxiously awaiting Anique's baby - watch for the announcement and precious picture! If you have anything you want to donate for the Flower Fund giveaway at meetings, let me know or bring it to the meeting.

FOX TROT – Allison Lindy & Christina Marotta

Fox Trot is in the planning stages. The date is set for April 30, 2016, so please keep that date open!

HISTORIAN – Naomi Krodell

Please send me pictures from Batfest, Adult Halloween Party, and the Kids' Halloween Party! Thanks!

HOSTESS – Kristie Diebold & Samantha Jackson

November meeting is going to be held at the Batavia Moose with after hours to follow there. We will have a guest speaker talking to us for the



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first ten minutes of the meeting on the student exchange program; thank you Naomi for the suggestion of your friend. Spotlight members to be highlighted are Erica Vale and Melissa Mahon, thank you ladies! Reminder that December's meeting will be at Pal Joey's. We will also do the white elephant gift exchange that evening; details to come at the November meeting. We will also be collecting money at the November meeting to cover the cost of food at Pal Joey's. ☺

MEMBERSHIP- Gina Buselli

Thanks to all members for continuing to spread the word about the club and helping to recruit new ladies! Also, the deadline for ordering a new logo shirt has been extended to Thursday, November 5th. Order forms will be available at the November meeting. Thanks!

RECREATION – Nadia Perkins

Thank you to Pam & Palak for hosting the Halloween Parties.

A new member dinner will be planned soon. Also, I am looking into having a dinner and movie night out before the end of the year.

The Christmas Party will be held at Jill Lowe's house on Friday, December 11, 2015. Hope you can make it! Stay tuned for details...