



Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation

October 2016 Update

FROM THE PRESIDENT – Nicole Boland

It's officially Autumn, the time of year for cooler days, football and everything pumpkin - which also means the annual Craft Show! Hopefully everyone has started to think about what they are going to bake and marked off their calendars to work Friday, Oct 14th for set up and Saturday, Oct 15th for the actual Craft Show. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and allows us to give back so much to those families & children in need. Gabby, Maura and their committees have been hard at work and done an AWESOME job so far and I know I'm excited to see it all come together. There will be plenty of information to cover at the meeting so please be ready to learn about your responsibilities for Craft Show.

Reminder, Brownie Bake Off will be held before the meeting at 6:30pm. Come by early to assist and mingle with dignitaries of Batavia.

PRESIDENT ELECT – Holly Miller

Welcome to the fun and crazy October meeting!

PAST PRESIDENT – Christy Kulczycki

I'm looking forward to another fantastic Craft Show! We appreciate everyone's help and work during this - our biggest fundraiser of the year! Please let me know if you are interested in being one of our Craft Show chairs for next year!

PHILANTHROPIC – Christine Olsen & Christina Marotta

This month's Care & Share benefits CHIP-IN Batavia with donations of new and gently used Halloween costumes for kids. We will also be accepting coats and winter gear (hats, mittens, scarves, etc.) for the upcoming Coat Drive. This year's Coat Drive happens October 17-28. Consider helping to sort coats at the conclusion of the drive on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at Christina Marotta's house at 8 p.m. (Many hands make light work!)

Next month our Care & Share donations will help the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry with Thanksgiving dinner items. (Their current needs can be found at <http://bataviafoodpantry.org>) We will also be partnering with Batavia United Way again for our Christmas Families program. Make some room in your November calendar to go shopping because we've committed to buying for up to 45 kids! If you are interested and able to make a personal gift toward the families of those children, it would make the holidays even brighter for many of our Batavia neighbors. Thank you!

WAYS AND MEANS – Deanna Modaff

We are still accepting new sponsors in and will take them at any time throughout the year. Please do not forget to send friends and family to our website to make a donation to our wonderful organization.

TREASURER – Samantha Jackson

Please get all of the craft show checks to me as soon as possible. Also, reminder membership dues are due! \$30 for membership or \$25 for auxiliary. Thanks!

COMMUNICATIONS – Kathy Evangelista

Welcome new members! If you haven't already done so, please make sure to register on our website. Please see me if you have any questions. As always, if you know of any venue for advertising or if you need envelopes or stationary, please see me. We also have general business cards available if you would like some (for use when requesting donations, when talking about our club, or when promoting our fundraisers).

BUNCO – Sarah Barrett, Heather Engelhart, Julie Surina

We have a date and location confirmed. Please save the date and start spreading the word about this event. Bunco will take place Saturday,

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

October 5 - General Meeting, 7 pm, Library

October 5 – Brownie Bake-Off 6:30 pm, Library

October 10 – Basket Wrapping Party, 6 p.m., Kristin Geherl's house

October 14 – Craft Show Set up

October 15 - Craft Show

October 17 – 28 – Winter Coat & Clothing Drive

October 22 – Bat Fest

October ? – Couples Halloween Party

October 28 – Kids Halloween Party, 10am, Holly Miller's house

November 1 – Coat Sort, 8 p.m., Christina Marotta's house

November 2 – General Meeting, 7 pm, Library

February 25th at the Moose Lodge in Batavia. We are currently working on a new logo and theme, as well as food options. More details to come but please start talking to folks about this great event! Thanks!

CRAFT SHOW – Maura Hirschauer & Gabby Loboda

The 31st Annual Autumn Craft and Vendor Show will be exactly 10 days away from our October 5th meeting!!! ARE YOU READY TO ROCK?!?!?!?

1. Please know that Craft Show 2016 is going to be as FUN as you make it! It is going to be AWESOME! But please do make sure that you come with a smile on your face and a great attitude in your heart. The Craft Show is an incredibly successful fundraiser for our club. All of your hard work, early rising, problem solving, and gracious smiles go towards the end goal of helping women and children in our community. It is going to be an AMAZING day!!!

2. Opportunity for FUN Schedule will be passed around and also emailed out. Everyone is required to work both Friday night and Saturday. We have accommodated the requests that we received to the best of our abilities. Please know that if something has come up, and you are now not able to work the shifts that you've been assigned, you are required to find yourself a replacement. We truly APPRECIATE the sacrifices you have made to be with us at Craft Show. Again, it is going to be an AMAZING day!

3. The resource list is being passed around again this meeting. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT IT AGAIN. We really need help in this area, so if you have anything that you can spare for the day, please sign up. We appreciate any items from the list that you can spare. Craft Show truly can't happen without help from all of us.

4. Basket wrapping party is on Monday, October 10th, at 6pm at Kristin's house, 398 Bradford Circle. It's going to be lots of fun and we will need all the help we can get! Again, we are need of BASKETS and also WRAPPING SUPPLIES. So, bring those baskets and wrapping supplies and join us for a glass of wine and some fun on Monday night.

5. Please sign up with us if you are interested in putting a lawn sign in your yard. Melissa has them here TONIGHT! These are the same reusable signs we had last year. They do not go out until the week of Craft Show, and you will need to bring them back to the November meeting. Our wood signs and banners have gone up around town!!! SO EXCITED! Have you seen them? If you have, please do not hesitate to take a picture (not when you are driving of course) and share them on your own personal Facebook page so that any and all of your friends can see it!

6. The set-up/map has changed from the last few years. We have moved the Bake Sale into the Cafetorium. We are also keeping crafters and vendors mostly separate. Due to the space in the Cafetorium a few



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vendors will need to be in the gym, but we are hoping to make this as quiet and easy as possible. Please don't forget to look over our CODE ADAM plan. And then on Friday, during set-up, please make sure that you check with the Point Person where you are working to find out what doors you are responsible for throughout the day. If you are working at different areas throughout the day, please check in with each point person.

7. 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!!!! PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE POSTING TO YOUR FACEBOOK PAGE, ASKING YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, NEARBY STRANGERS.... ☺ Please see Angel at the meeting to get your tickets. All members are required to sell one ticket but ENCOURAGED to sell more. You can drop sold tickets and money off to Angel as late as set up on Friday night.

8. Unfortunately, our great pumpkin idea never came to fruition. We were unable to secure a pumpkin vendor despite our best efforts. We have made note in the binder to hopefully ensure greater success next year.

Please let us know if you any questions. We are so excited for Craft Show! Looking forward to an AMAZING event!

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Eunice Turnbaugh

Thank you to everyone who baked brownies or helped organize and run this year's Brownie Bake Off. The winning brownies will be featured at the Craft Show Bake Sale on October 15th.

Batfest is on October 22th. Story time at the library begins at 11:30 a.m., and we are scheduled to help marshal the parade from the library to the Riverwalk starting at 11:50 a.m. We need to get as many Mothers' Club participants for story time and the parade as possible. I will be putting out a sign up genius for volunteers. Bring your kiddos and dress in your BMCF attire or a fun costume. Looking forward to seeing you there!

MEMBERSHIP – Jill Lowe

Spiritwear orders have shipped. I may have them ready to hand out at the October meeting. If not, I will hand them out the night of Craft Show set-up.

Please welcome new members Jess Bland, Tonya Cook, Raquel Konopacki and Elizabeth Larson - we are so excited to have them in the Club! We have a few more potential members that I am still following up with that were not able to make it to the September meeting. Hopefully, we will see some new faces at our meeting this month. The January date for our next Open House will be finalized this week. Please help to continue to talk about our club and help recruit new members. Thank you for all of your help!

HISTORIAN – Kelly DeMaria

Keep the newspaper clippings, pictures, etc. coming!

HOSTESS – Palak Coleman & Gina Buselli

We could use a few more donations for the share & care prizes. Also, don't forget to bring money to the November meeting to pay for the food at our Pal Joey's meeting in December.

FLOWER FUND – Angel Jensen

If you know anyone who is in need of meals (or if you are), please send me an email and let me know!

RECREATION – Naomi Krodel & Kat Maggio

Upcoming events:

Storks Movie: Moms & kids event Columbus Day weekend- date TBD at Wed meeting, watch Facebook & email for details.

Couples Halloween Party is still looking for a hostess (and date TBD by hostess)!

Oct 28 - Kids Halloween Party - 10am at Holly Miller's home, please bring \$2 per child and a snack to share, Evite has been sent

Nov 14 - After Bedtime Pallet Sign Craft - 7-9:30pm at Miranda Skonie's home, \$25-35 depending on design.

Dec 6 -Volunteer Opportunity with Feed My Starving Children - 6-7:30pm, kids ages 5+ & adults.

- Grades K-2: 1 student to 1 adult*
- Grades 3-6: 3 students to 1 adult
- Grades 7-9: 4 students to 1 adult
- Grades 10-12: 5 students to 1 adult

Date TBD - Holiday Party at Jill Lowe's house