



Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation

September 2015 Update

FROM THE PRESIDENT – Christy Kulczykzi

Welcome to the 2015-2016 BMCF year! We are going to have a great year, I just know it! Even though we didn't have a large meeting over the summer, many members have been working hard! Our Board of Directors and Committee Chairs have met a few times, planning this upcoming year. The Craft Show committee has been hard at work getting ready for this year's Craft Show on October 17th! A huge thank you goes out to everyone who has helped over the summer and it was great seeing some of you at our fun Rec. events as well.

Dues for this year are due at the first meeting on September 2nd at 7pm at the Batavia Library! We are hoping to add to our great membership this year so please feel free to spread the word about our club to neighbors and friends and bring them along to a meeting!

PRESIDENT ELECT – Nicole Boland

Welcome back everyone to another fantastic year of BMCF! I am excited for all the new faces and great things this year will bring! I am in the beginning stages of planning an additional fundraiser, with more information in the coming month(s). If your committee is in need of any additional help, please reach out and ask me. I'm happy to help wherever I can!

PAST PRESIDENT – Kendra Walker

Welcome Back, Moms! I am sure the start of school brought tears for all. Sadness for some, joy for others, or a combination of both. I hope you all enjoyed your summer and are ready to get back to work to help improve the lives of those in our community.

I will be putting together the Governance Committee for this year. This committee will be looking over the P&P and by-laws for any changes that need to be made in order to keep these updated. This committee consists of 5 members. Three people must be on the executive Board. I am one. The secretary historically is on this committee as well, so I only need one more BOD to volunteer. The other two members are from our general membership so please let me know if you are interested. Being chair of a committee does not preclude you. Neither does being a new member. Sometimes a fresh pair of eyes is helpful. My hope is to have the committee put together by the end of September.

Also as we get to talking about Craft Show, think if chairing this fundraiser is something you might be interested in doing. This is our biggest fundraiser and we cannot be supportive to our community on the same scale without it. If you have any questions ask Allison Wadle (who loved doing it so much this is her 2nd year as chair!) or Sarah Barrett. These two lovely ladies are our current Craft Show Chairs and having been working all summer to ensure this event is a success!

TREASURER – Eunice Turnbaugh

It is that time to pay your dues. As a reminder general membership is \$30 and auxiliary membership is \$25. We accept cash (with *submit payment* form) or check. If writing a check, save a tree and place dues or aux. dues in the memo area. I will have *submit payment* forms at the first meeting for those needing one.

PHILANTHROPIC – Christine Olsen

Thank you to everyone who donated to our summer Share and Care! Many clients and children of clients at Mutual Ground have benefited from the school supplies you donated. We also were able to provide 23 novice teachers in our district with \$20 gift certificates to the Chalkboard. Coming up next in September is our annual Winter Coat Drive. The coat drive will run from September 18th through October 2. We will be collection new or gently used coats, snow pants, snow suits, boots, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. at various locations throughout Batavia. I will need volunteers to be "bin

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

September 2 – General Meeting

September 18 - Oct 2 - Coat and Clothing Drive

October 4 – Coat Sort – 1 p.m.

October 7 – General Meeting (Brownie Bake off at 6:30 p.m.)

October 12 – Basket Wrapping Party – 6 p.m.

October 16 – Craft Show set-up

October 17 - Craft Show

October 24 – Batfest

queens" as well as help sort everything we collect. The sort will take place (tentatively) on Oct. 4 at 1 p.m.

Last, our Share and Care for September is helping out the Batavia Food Pantry. They are in need of baby cereal, soup (other than tomato), juice boxes, bar soap and facial tissues, as well as other items listed on their website: bataviafoodpantry.org. Please bring these items or cash to donate to the meeting on Wednesday.

Thank you for all you do!!!

COMMUNICATIONS – Kathy Evangelista

Welcome back! The website is rip-roaring ready to go! Please make sure that you register as a user online if you have not already done so. To do this, go to *Member Login*, then click on *Join Us*. You will fill out some information, submit, wait, and then you will receive an email stating that you are activated. I have to do this manually, so give me about 24 hours to get to it or simply email or text me and I will get it done sooner. There are some new features on our website such as the calendar feature which lists all of our events and the location WITH A MAP! ☺ We also have meeting minutes, updates, the tax exempt letter, as well as a host of other things accessible online. Explore it, enjoy it! Think of anything else that would be good? Let Kathy know and we'll make it happen!

Please make sure that you are a member of our private Facebook page as well. Contact me if you haven't been invited yet.

My job also includes sending out press releases and doing some advertising for our events. If you have any creative ideas or suggestions for getting the word out, I would love to hear them. If you need letterhead or envelopes, contact your committee chair or see me.

WAYS AND MEANS – Deanna Modaff

The committee members have met and we are currently in the process of reaching out to possible sponsors. We have already contacted our past platinum and gold sponsors. Please keep in mind that anyone can be a sponsor. Our family members and friends can always make a donation to support our club :) It is a tax write-off!

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Michele Anderson

I hope everyone had a great summer! Many of you were busy helping out at our summer community relations events. Diaper Derby was a bit rainy, but the families that participated had a good time and we gathered some contact information from potential members. Thank you to all who came out to help at this event. Thanks also to those that volunteered to help out at the Art in Your Eye Festival in August. Volunteering at Art in Your Eye is one event that fulfills your yearly community relations requirement. The other events that fulfill this requirement include working the Access Toy Drive in December and helping out with sign up at the library's Summer Reading Program in June. If you helped at the library this past June, that fulfilled your requirement for last year, not the current year.



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We have more exciting events coming up! BMCF, in conjunction with Funway, will once again lead the Batfest Parade from the library to the riverwalk on October 24. The library will host a story time at 11:30 a.m. to be followed by the parade at 11:50. Note, this is different than the originally planned time that I had shared with many of you. Due to the construction on Houston Street, there is still potential for the parade location to change in the next few weeks. I'll be sure to keep you posted. Joann Zillman from the library did share that despite a highly attended Batfest last year, there were considerably less participants at story time and in the parade due to the absence of our club members and families. Hopefully many of you will plan to participate this year and will help marshal the parade on its route from the library to the riverwalk. Please come decked out in your BMCF gear or a Halloween costume if you wish.

Plans for Brownie Bake Off are also in the works. The Brownie Bake Off, held to garner attention for our annual craft show and bake sale, will take place here at the library from 6:30-7:00 just before our October general meeting. We need volunteers to enter their potentially prize winning brownies in the contest. We also need helpers who can arrive early that night at 6:00 to help set up, welcome the judges, and help serve up brownies and milk. Please sign up to enter your brownies in the contest or to help out at the event that evening. I will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting on Wednesday and some guidelines for our brownie bakers.

MEMBERSHIP – Gina Buselli

We have been seeking new members over the summer with an open house, library display, and information flyers at local events! We will be gathering opinions regarding club logo T-shirts and/or other clothing at the September meeting. Thanks!

HOSTESS – Kristie Diebold and Samantha Jackson

Thank you Auxiliary for providing snacks for our first meeting of the year! We will have a sign-up sheet for snacks for the next couple of meetings, please consider bringing an item. We hope our snack themes may inspire you. Please take note of name tags at the back of the room, please grab one so everyone can put faces to names. We are looking for members to sign up for topics they would like to talk about or topics they might like to hear about. Please give it some thought and we would be happy to hear from you. Member spotlight will return this year. We did this a couple of years back and many really enjoyed it. Looking forward to a fun year!

BUNCO – Jill Lowe & Palak Coleman

We are excited to get started on planning for Bunco. Stay tuned for details!

ARTS & CRAFT SHOW – Allison Wadle and Sarah Barrett

Thank you to all the committee chairs who have been busy this summer planning for the upcoming **30th Annual Autumn Arts and Craft Show**. They all deserve a HUGE pat on the back! They are all ROCK STARS!

Please make sure that you have marked the dates in your calendars:

- Monday, 12th – Basket Wrapping night
- Fri, Oct 16th – set up
- Sat, Oct 17th – 30th ANNUAL AUTUMN ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW 2015

If you have conflicts that require you to work specific times please contact Sarah or Allison, IN WRITING, on or before September 19th as we are already looking at the scheduling assignments and need to have the schedule finalized before the October meeting.

If you or someone you know has anything to donate to the raffles please let

Jill Lowe know. We all know people who sell “stuff”... Please reach out and get those donations. And please don't forget... we also need little stuff too... Water bottles, key chains, hats, blankets, etc. We are also in need of baskets and wrapping supplies so if you have any you are willing to donate, please bring to the Sept. or Oct. meeting. We will start selling 50/50 raffle tickets - \$20 apiece and we have a total of 200 to sell. Each member is responsible for selling one ticket or can trade off for baking so someone else can sell it. Our goal is to have 175 sold by the day of the event. You can get tickets from Pam Kent at the Sept. meeting. The Basket Wrapping Party is set for Monday 10/12 at 6:00pm at Angel Jensen's house (1725 South Court). There will be a sign up that will be passed around at the Sept. meeting.

Please start thinking about what you like to bake. We will be handing out the sign up for bake sale items at the September meeting and again at the October meeting. We can't have a successful sale without the support of our member bakers. And Holly will now be coming up to give you further information on bake sale and your baking opportunities! ☺

We are still accepting applications so please invite any vendors and/or crafters that you know or see at other events. Please make sure that you LIKE and SHARE the Craft Show FaceBook page. You can also refer any vendors or crafters to the website, as the application is posted there. We have business cards with the show information that you can pick up from Heather. At the October meeting, we will have the posters and other flyers ready to go for you all to help distribute. Also be sure to remind friends and family to come and shop the show!

We are getting new lawn signs this year... REAL lawn signs... So we will be sending around a sign-up sheet for that at the October meeting. We will also be sending around the resource list at the September meeting and again at the October meeting. Please sign up for what you can tonight, or take a look at what you may be able to sign up for at the October meeting. Do you have any baskets that you want to donate??? Do you have any tables that we can use??? PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE!!!

RECREATION – Nadia Perkins

I'm looking forward to planning some fun rec. events this year to help all of us get to know each other a bit better while having fun. If anyone has any specific ideas or events they would like to do this year please let me know and I'll see if I can make them happen.

The Kick-Off Party date and location will be determined this week. I'm sticking with the Football theme, so feel free to wear some of your favorite football gear. It will be BYOB and a small dish to pass. In the past, there has also been an accessory exchange, so feel free to bring any purses, scarves, jewelry, etc. to exchange if you wish. An Evite will go out later this week, so be on the lookout.

There will also be a sign-up sheet to attempt a monthly playdate. We will try to organize one weekday date and one weekend date per month. Please let me know if you are willing to host.

I'm looking for hosts for the Halloween parties please. The Couples Halloween Party will be on Saturday, October 24th. Kids' Halloween Party will be Tues. Oct. 27th, Wed. Oct. 28th, or Thurs. Oct. 29th.

Please feel free to ask me any questions or give any suggestions. Thanks in advance for helping this be a really fun year! Nadia
(nadia0312@yahoo.com or (630) 890-2364)



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FLOWER FUND - Pam Kent

The summer has been quite busy. We have welcomed Baby Hirschauer in June and Baby Coleman in August. We are awaiting the arrival of Baby Marotta in September and Baby Drouin/Wakefield in November - be on the lookout for an announcements. We've had a child with a broken ankle and another with ear tube removal. Lots and lots of moms with children going into kindergarten - gift bags were put together for all those moms!! Remember, if you hear of someone who is in need of Flower Fund services (a little gift or a meal), let me know. I'm looking forward to a great year!

HISTORIAN – Naomi Krodel

Please take pictures at any BMCF events that you attend and share them with me for our year-end scrapbook. You can send pictures to me at naomijeankrodel@yahoo.com Thank you!