

# Brecksville Women's Club Newsletter



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## President- Mary Ann Baum

Hi ladies, as I sit here writing this article, I cannot believe how fast the time goes. It seems like we just got started with our year and soon it will be coming to a close. The club resumes with a board meeting in August and the year will begin in September with the celebration of our 70th year as a club. It was great to see Marion at the past presidents' luncheon. As I have said before she is one of the founders, and the last living one.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Marge Reising and JoAnn Schentur for stepping up to the plate and taking on the responsibility of the nominating committee. This is no easy task, when you make phone calls to able-bodied women and they tell you no they do not want to do anything. It becomes very discouraging. This last year of my term has been very challenging to say the least. I have never been in a club that is all about giving back to the community with such poor support. It seems like the same people offer their services year after year.

With that being said, I would encourage you to please support Connie, as our fashion show is coming upon us very soon. We would certainly like this to be a very successful and special event, since this is our 70th year as a club as I mentioned before. Therefore, ladies please sell your raffle tickets, and try to bring a friend so we will have a great turnout. Also, if you have not gotten any donations try at least to get a door prize or a monetary donation. If you do want to give monetary donations please give them to me and I will take care of them. Since Carol is handling money for reservations and the grand raffle, it is easy to get overwhelmed.

Ladies, remember to mark your calendars for the March luncheon. **It is not the fourth Tuesday, March 26. It is the fourth Monday which is the 25th of March.**

So ladies if you do get a call from our two lovely ladies that stepped up to the plate for taking the nominating positions please reply with a friendly YES!!!!!!!!!!.

## Second Vice President – Elaine Connelly

The program speaker for the **Monday, March 25, 2019** General Meeting is Anne Victory, Director of Education, Collaborative to End Human Trafficking and Edgardo Padin, Staff Member.

This organization has received a BWC donation annually over the last few years. Human trafficking is today's practice of slavery. It is involuntary servitude and it is happening today around the world,

across the United States, and in Ohio, highest in Toledo and Columbus. Those subjected to the crime are exploited through forced labor and commercial sex for another's financial gain. Victims include children and adults, men and women, and U.S. citizens as well as foreign-born individuals. As of January 2018, the State of Ohio ranks fourth in the nation for human trafficking. In a recent report from the Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, more than 300 people in the state were victims of sex trafficking, about 25 were trafficked for hard labor, and another eight were trafficked for both purposes. The Collaborative to End Human Trafficking in Northeast Ohio supports the fundamental human right to freedom by educating and advocating for the prevention and abolition of human trafficking while connecting services on behalf of trafficked persons.

### 3rd VP – Connie Anselmo

Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon Saturday April 6 Carrie Cerino's

A shout out to the members who have helped so far to provide donations and raffle items for the Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon at Carrie Cerino's. The luncheon will be held in the bigger room at the back of the restaurant. Fashions will be demonstrated by Francesca's of South Park. Our club is receiving quite a bit of local publicity for the event. The vendor tables are almost all reserved and will offer unique merchandise. Now we just need to fill the tables at Carrie Cerinos! Please contact Carol if you have not already done so for reservations for yourself and your friends!

Cash prizes for the Grand Raffle are 1st \$200 2nd \$100 and 3rd \$50. Purchasing raffle tickets provides an opportunity to win and help the club and the community. Any members who were unable to join us at the February luncheon and pick up Grand Raffle Tickets to buy or sell in advance can still help us out with the ticket pre-sale. To date: half of our membership have already sold or bought nearly half of the raffle tickets. This is a great start and thank-you so much to all who have participated.

Please contact Carol Telischak at [ctelis@aol.com](mailto:ctelis@aol.com) or call her at 440-829-9574 to participate in the Grand Raffle. Let Carol know how many ticket booklets you would like @ \$5 each and she will mail them to you. It should be easy to sell them to your friends since the prizes this year are for cash. You can then send Carol a check made out to the BWC or pay for the tickets at the Monday March 25 meeting. Our club membership may be smaller than in the past, but we can still be MIGHTY and fully fund our scholarship and donation goal of raising \$6,000 this year if we all pitch in to help in our fund raising efforts. Looking forward to having an enjoyable and profitable event.

Please contact Carol Telischak or myself about volunteering before or during the event. A lot of the work has already been computerized and set up. Please try to do your part to help our promising high school students and charitable organizations. Attached is the flyer and donation request form. Please contact me if you have any questions about the business donors already contacted.

Thank you!

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*Afghan Project – Linda Adams*

Attention: At the present time, we must put our project “Warm Up America” on hold. Pat Catan’s is not accepting our 7” x 9” rectangles. I’m working on finding a place to donate what we have on hand (200 pieces). To date, we have donated 120 afghans.

I want to thank all of you for the donations of yarn and for your time crocheting the rectangles over the years. I will keep you updated on a new project. If you have any questions call me at 440-736-7341.

*BBL – Ellie Brucken, Kathy Bolon*

On March 12, at 11:30 am we will meet at Hidden Backyard (formerly Tonite, Tonite) 7375 Royalton Ed. (Route 82), North Royalton. April BBL to be announced later.

RSVP: Ellie Brucken 440-526-6595 or Kathy Bolon 440-838-1471.

*Bridge – Liz Hagen, Sherry Petkovsek*

The bridge group will meet March 7 and April 4 at 10:00 am. at The Coffee Club. Call Liz at 440-886-6471 or Sherry at 440-740-1040 for more information.

January Winners:                    1st place: Sherry Petkovsek                    2nd place: Barb Began

*Hospitality – Gretchen Mates and Mary Jane Opatrny*

Meeting:                    **MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019** Lunch served PROMPTLY at 11:30 am  
Menu:                    Pork cutlet/gravy, oven roasted red skins, corn, salad, chocolate tuxedo truffle

The cost of the luncheon is **\$22**, exact cash or check \*\*\* Fish is always available as a substitute for the entrée. **Reservations are due by March 18.** Call **Gretchen Mates** 440-526-6481 to confirm your place. Cancellations must be made three business days before the meeting.

*Membership – Sandy Roth, Rose Pesche*

Membership booklets mailed to those members who did not pick them up. If you did not receive one contact Sandy Roth 440-570-0474.

Please add to your membership booklet our new returning member, and Past President, Annette Gorris, 10160 Echo Hill Dr., Brecksville, OH 44141