

# Brecksville Women's Club Newsletter



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## President's Message

This past year was a very successful one that culminated in an elegant luncheon at our annual meeting in May. Thanks to Elizabeth Hagen and Becky Stary, our trustees, for planning such a lovely event. I wish to thank them, the board, and you for the Macy's gift card I received that day. I applied it toward the purchase of a wallet I had wanted; that wallet is now a frequent reminder of your kindness to me.

Several weeks ago, an attorney and a Merrill Lynch representative informed me that Olga Mural, who was a member of BWC from 1975 to 1997, had died on May 30, 2008, and in her trust, left the club a bequest of \$5000.00. Mrs. Mural's estate is not yet settled, but I wanted you to know that her generous gift to BWC is forthcoming. I have asked Joan Spohn to chair a committee making recommendations for the disbursement of this bequest.

At the April meeting, a collection of monies was taken among some members of BWC. Because this collection was unauthorized, the board directed that these monies should be returned to the donors. If you contributed to this collection and have not yet received a refund, please contact me.

Finally, I am pleased to report some of the activities of the 2008-2009 board. Its members have worked diligently this summer. Accompanying this newsletter is a draft of the revised bylaws to be discussed at the September meeting. This revision was prepared by a committee chaired by Doris Toth. Please review this draft carefully and bring it and your copy of the 2007-2008 yearbook to the meeting. No additional copies of either document will be available at that time.

At the first board meeting this summer, several informal discussion groups were formed. I asked each group to respond to three questions: 1.) What did you like about BWC last year? 2.) What didn't you like? 3.) What recommendations can you make to improve BWC? The groups' responses were extremely helpful. The board will discuss them further and make some formal recommendations, but we would like to implement several immediately.

One group suggested celebrating members' birthdays. Through the efforts of Jackie Dross and Becky Stary, Hospitality chairs, and Millie Pastor, Programs chair, we will begin the year with a very special birthday party. The attached invitation provides more information. I hope each of you will plan to attend this special event.

The board agreed that late seating at the general meetings has presented several problems. Because of this, I am asking each of you to plan to arrive at the meetings by 11:00 am so that serving can begin promptly at 11:30. The board asks that no seats be saved after 11:15 so that the greeters can efficiently assist members in finding seats. Your cooperation is needed and appreciated so that the meetings can be concluded by 1:10pm and the programs begin promptly at 11:15pm.

Thanks are also due to Helen Ciolkevich and the ladies who served refreshments after Brecksville's Memorial Day parade. As Mayor Hruby wrote in a letter of appreciation, BWC's support demonstrated our commitment to this community and recognition of those who serve our country.

In September, 2009 the BWC will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of its founding. To recognize this special occasion, a Founders' Day luncheon is planned for the April, 2009 general meeting.

Several other special events are planned for this year including a Mardi Gras-themed luncheon, a fall train trip, Christmas party at Blue Canyon, a fall card party, and a spring trip to Amish country in addition to the excellent outings planned by BBL and Antiquers. I hope you will participate in them during this coming year.

Thanks are due in great measure to the 2008-2009 board. We have met twice and at each meeting, I have been impressed by the cooperation and dedication of these ladies. Their unselfish work is evident in all they have accomplished to date. But their efforts must be supplemented by the members if BWC is to thrive. Please support the club's fundraisers and plan to attend as many meetings and club events as possible this year. It is indeed rare for an organization like ours to mark its sixtieth anniversary. We owe much to the ladies who founded BWC and to those who have been members for twenty five years or more. It is now our responsibility to see that BWC succeeds as it begins its seventh decade of service.

**Rosanne Marek**

### Antiquers –Gerry Dewaele

Our first Antiquers trip will be to the Cleveland Art Museum to view the Faberge-Tiffany-Lalique exhibit on Wednesday, October 22, 2008. This exhibit was first presented at the 1900 Paris World's Fair. There are 300 objects in the exhibit including Tiffany windows, Faberge eggs, Lalique glass, and butterflies and fireflies set with Cartier jewels. Since we have several BWC members who are members of the Art Museum, admission will be free. After visiting the exhibit we will lunch at Trattoria's in Little Italy. We will depart St. Basil's at 9:45 am. Call Gerry Dewaele at 440-546-0376 for reservations.

### Programs – Millie Pastor

Scott Brotherton, a top-notch impressionist, who won our hearts at two previous events, will return due to popular demand at our September 23, 2008 meeting at 1:15. Scott will entertain us by singing songs made famous by Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis JR., Johnny Cash and others.

“Memories are made of this.....”

### North Coast Behavioral Center – Dorothy Szymanski

Monday, November 3, 2008

February 2, 2009

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### Fall Fundraiser – Cecile Clarenbach

Yes, we will have our annual Card Party/Social fundraiser. It will be held at St. Michael's Woodside on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 from 10:30 am to 3 pm.



We will again have a Country Store, Bake sale, Chinese raffle, 50/50 and General raffle with the books going to each and every member. I would like to suggest that if you are not artsy, how about bringing snack plates, napkins, candles, place cards, all geared to Thanksgiving. The same for Christmas, including ornaments, decorations, etc. We are also requesting that you donate some of your old cookbooks that we can sell in the store. Of course, all you talented gals can start knitting, painting, making jewelry and whatever sells well in our store. As for the baked goods, we suggest that again we think ahead to Thanksgiving and quick breads made of pumpkin and raisins, double wrapped in plastic so they can go right into the freezer for the holiday. You have always made many delicious items. We will count on them again. Also suggested is to bring in jams, jelly, green pepper jelly-- anything that can be used for the holiday.

The luncheon cost will remain at \$20 and we are planning on 200 attending. For those of you who are BWC members and haven't attended thinking you don't play bridge, so why attend? Why, my good club sisters, please reconsider, for we are all in the business of raising money and giving it to our worthy students to go on to college and to the needy around us. Please ask friends, neighbors and come sit at tables just to have fun shopping, eating and most of all helping us reach our philanthropic budget. We on the committee, who will be working for 4 months on this event, will be forever grateful. I urge everyone to start filling bridge and social tables now. Joyce Avey will be in charge of reservations so give her the numbers of tables and your checks starting at our September meeting. If you are planning on being out of town for our October meeting, please give your donations to a committee member and also reservations and check so you can be counted on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be more info and the full menu in our October newsletter. I will no doubt be giving it to you verbally at the September meeting. See you then.

A reminder that if you would prefer to mail your raffle stubs and check please send to Brecksville Womens Club, PO Box 41407, Brecksville 44141 or bring them to the September meeting and give them to Rita Morris. She will also have more books in the event that your non-member friends would care to purchase some. The prices are all tempting.

### Hospitality - Jackie Dross and Becky Stary

Tuesday, September, 23, 2008 Meeting

Doors open at 11:00 am

Please be seated by 11:15 am

Lunch will be served promptly at 11:30 am

MENU: See attached Birthday Party Flyer for Details

The cost of the luncheon is \$15 per person and, ladies, remember if you make a reservation, you are responsible for paying. We accept checks made out to BWC. If you pay with cash, please have the exact amount in an envelope with your name on it. If you have a dietary restriction, please let me know when you make your reservation. If you wish to attend only the meeting, arrive at 12:30 pm. You must call if only attending the meeting so seating will be available. Non-members who wish to hear the speaker or entertainment only, must also call in a reservation. They should arrive by 12:45 pm and will be charged \$5.00. Reservations and cancellations are due by **September 16, 2008**. Call Becky Stary at 440-885-0104. I have an answering machine and will call you back to confirm your reservation.



Telephone Committee – Marion Schuckert

A special "Thank You" to the following BWC members who have graciously accepted to serve on the Telephone Committee for the 2008-2009 club year:

Ann Amata  
Dolores Boff  
Lillian Duray  
Evelyn Krawczonek  
Nora Murphy

Eileen Blanch  
Eleanor Brucken  
Margaret Fraley  
Janet Liskovec  
Gerri Ruppel  
Mary Kay Zimmerman

Julia Breining  
Rose Demko  
Victoria Hunt  
Faith McAllister  
Loretta Thrasher

### Bridge – Nancy Dowding and Betty Lenny

Bridge 101 welcomes new and interested members. The group plays at the Human Services Center on the first Thursday of the month, beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>. Substitutes are always needed, and we hope you will call Betty Lenny (440-526-5897) or Nancy Dowding (440-526-7288) to join this group—such a good deal!

### Membership - Ann Papesh and Marge Reising

Welcome back to the 2008-2009 BWC year. If you have not paid your 2008-2009 dues, please send your check, made payable to BWC for \$35.00 in the enclosed addressed envelope. We want to thank Carol Martin for providing these envelopes to us. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join our club.

### Fall Special Events – Elizabeth Hagen and Barbara Soucek

Come join us for a train ride on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad through the Cuyahoga Valley National Park to Peninsula, Ohio. You will re-board the bus and stop at the Hartville Flea Market for shopping. We will have lunch at the Hartville Kitchen with a choice of Chicken, Roast Beef, or Ham. Our next stop will be Harry London Chocolates for a tour and samples. Then we will visit the William McKinley Presidential Library and Museum in Canton. We will depart from St. Basil's parking lot on Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 8:00 am. The total cost for this adventure will be \$70. Expected arrival back in Brecksville is 5:30 pm. Please make your reservation by September 9, 2008 by calling Elizabeth Hagen 440-886-6471. Send check to Elizabeth Hagen, payable to BWC. See attached flyer for details.



### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

9/16	BWC Board Meeting	10/9	Fall Trip
9/23	BWC General Meeting	10/22	Antiquers
10/1	Bridge	11/11	Fall Cardparty/social

**Check out our new website for recent photos and updates:  
[www.brecksvillewomensclub.com](http://www.brecksvillewomensclub.com)**

## **Brecksville Women's Club**

### **Christmas Luncheon**

Thursday, December 11, 2008



8960 Wilcox Drive, Twinsburg, OH 44087  
330-963-4821

Cash Bar Non-Alcoholic Punch, Cheese, Fruit, Cracker tray  
Cocktails 11 am. Lunch 12 pm  
\$25.00 per person

MENU

- 1.) Pan-seared Beef medallions
- 2.) Pretzel-crusted Trout
- 3.) Chicken Cordon Bleu

All entrees served with House Salad, Red-skin potatoes, seasonal vegetables, rolls, beverage service and Blue Canyon Chocolate Bombe`  
Order your chosen entrée while salad is being served.

Limited Seating – Plan early!

Reservations will be taken at the September and October meetings.

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Deadline November 27, 2008

Please send checks (payable to BWC) and reservations to:

Joyce Avey  
1226 Sunflower Oval  
Broadview Hts., OH 44147

OR

Brenda Garvin  
10601 Tanager Trail  
Brecksville, OH 44141

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the members that will be seated at your table . (Tables of 8)