

# Barrington Junior Women's Club

## Message from the President. . .

"Simple Elegance" was a huge success and BJWC raised over \$42k! This is fantastic. Special thanks to the Fashion Show Committee Chairs: Diana Brady, Sarah Cuthbertson, and Susan Laudick for leading a great team of women to pull off this incredible event! The committee worked long and hard to make this an enjoyable day! Thanks to all

BJWC members who supported this event.

Our next big activity is our December general meeting and our Giving Tree Dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd at the Barrington Country Bistro in the Foundry. If you haven't signed up and paid to attend, please do so as soon as possible. The committee has to get their final num-

bers to the restaurant! Please go to our website at [www.bjwc.org](http://www.bjwc.org) for more information. Thank you to all club members who so graciously took all of the Giving Tree ornaments this year for the needy families. Please bring your wrapped gifts to the Giving Tree dinner.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
- Wendy Bower, President

### Mark Your Calendars!

<b>December Meeting and Giving Tree Dinner</b>	<b>Dec. 2nd</b>
<b>Giving Day is coming up soon!</b>	<b>Dec. 13th</b>
<b>Next BJWC General Meeting</b>	<b>Feb. 3rd</b>

### A Bit of News...

\* WINGS made over \$5000 through their participation in our "Simple Elegance" Fashion Show Boutique!

## Mini Loaf Mixer Update

Thanks to Claire Miller for hosting the New Member Mini Loaf Mixer. Everyone who attended had a great time and learned how to make our infamous mini-loaves! Christine Danforth handed out goodie bags to the new mem-

bers which included a box of banana bread mix, mini loaf tins, a BJWC ornament, a hospice rubber duckie, and some information about Safety Town. And if you missed the meeting, please know that we are still in need of more mini-loaves for the

senior's holiday party the second week in December. So throw in a few loaves when you are baking this holiday week. Drop off your loaves at Janet Magee's home, or bring them to the Giving Tree Dinner on December 2nd.

## Kids on the Block is IN DEMAND!

Kids on the Block puppet troupe kicked off the school year in October with a show on bullying at Roslyn. The Kids did two more shows on bullying for the second grade classes at Lines on Nov. 19. They'll be back on the road in early December to perform for 75 children in the third grades classes at Sunny Hill. Kids on the Block continues to work at educating the children in District 220 on the importance of acceptance. Thank you to new member Kathy Lurz for stepping up to help us with this committee. She is an amazing addition. Ruth Wilcox-Moser and Beth Sheffer

## Community Service Update

If you haven't yet signed up for community service we have several options available. Please contact Tricia Davis or Tracy Seagren to sign up now. Please visit our website [www.bjwc.org](http://www.bjwc.org) and click on the related link for available dates for each opportunity.

**Reading at Sunny Hill Elementary School:** Volunteer to read to children on Thursdays from 10am to 12pm. On the web-

site click on "elementary reading" for available dates.

**Meals with Wheels:** Volunteer to deliver hot meals to local senior citizens at their home for lunch. BJWC provides three workers to deliver meals on the 2nd Tuesday and the 30th of each month (11:00am-1:00 pm) year-round. *NOTE: We need one volunteer for December 9th and two volunteers for December 30th.*

**Wings:** Work in the thrift shop in nearby Palatine for WINGS (Women in Need Growing

Stronger). Much of the work involves sorting, pricing, and displaying items for the store. Proceeds of the shop go to help support programs for abused women and their children as they make a new life for themselves. Volunteering can be scheduled for weekdays or weekends as it fits your schedule.

**Barrington Giving Day:** Volunteers are needed the week of December 8-13 to sort toys, deliver toys, set up and work the event.

## Hearts and Flowers

Please join me in welcoming 4 new babies this month.

Heather and Mark Vitale welcomed son Mitchell on October 20th. He was welcomed home by big brothers Michael and Matthew.

Nicole and Eric Higgins welcomed son Kevin

on October 27th. He was welcomed by big sisters Margaret and Kathleen.

Shirley and Adam Nelson welcomed daughter Lily on October 29th. Mom and baby are doing great!

Melissa and Matt Marquis welcomed daughter Katherine on

November 13th. Katherine was welcomed home by big brother Matthew and big sisters Emma and Ellie.

Congratulations to all of the families and we look forward to meeting the new additions in the near future!

-Kim Lee

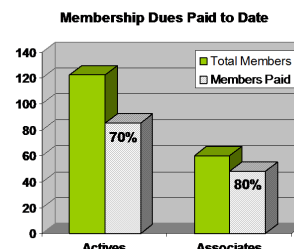
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## Dues are OVER DUE!

Just a reminder.... if you haven't paid your Membership Dues yet, bring your checkbook to the December Meeting! Membership dues are **\$60 for Actives** and **\$55 for Associates**. Please submit your dues to **Lynn Douglas** at the **December Meeting**, or snail mail to her address in the directory. Payment is

accepted in the form of cash or check. Please keep in mind our Dues go to ensure we have the funds for Club to function smoothly. These costs go to supporting our infrastructure and networking tools to stay connected to each other, as well as our community. This comes in the form of our enhanced web-site, our

annual directory, meeting facilities, accommodations, membership services, operating fees for voice mail boxes, insurance and taxes. Things we don't always think about, but certainly necessary for us to function. Thank you for continuing to be a part of our mission to make a real difference in our community!



## A Special Thanks

We'd like to extend our "THANKS" to all of the High School and Middle School volunteers who helped to make the Fashion Show a big success. We especially appreciate the assistance from so many of

our members who "offered up" their young for the event. This year's group of helpers was especially prompt, energetic and helpful. It is a wonderful blessing to come from a com-

munity where helping others is a cornerstone of character development. Thanks again to all who helped.

-Chris Geiger and Marilyn Kallimanes

## An Automation Sensation!

This year, we attempted a huge challenge: to automate the Fall Fashion Show check-in and check-out process. Being a smaller organization, it would have been nearly impossible for us to justify purchasing what's called "off-the-shelf" software to do so. Instead, being the resourceful women we are here at Juniors, we decided to build it ourselves! The result: automation sensation! The home-grown software allowed us to provide lists of silent auction winners, by table number, for our guests, Express Check-Out receipts, itemized receipts for all event winnings for guests to use for tax purposes, reports to quickly pull silent auction items for winners during the show and

more. Ultimately, it provided our guests with a better check-out experience. Internally, it helped us track and reconcile our event numbers easier and faster! We now have a free and reusable software package we can pull-out from year to year, event to event. The true benefit of implementing a new facet such as this is the ultimate strengthening of our brand: BJWC. And as any of you marketing gurus out there know, there is great value in doing so. A value perception of such an experience creates an awareness within our guest audience, associating BJWC with professionalism and modern savvy. Those are the perceptions that help keep our contributors re-

turning to our events!

Certainly, something like this is not created in a vacuum. There were a handful of talented women helping design and implement this new software. I'd like to sincerely thank Wendy Bower, Carrie Carr, Lynn Douglas, Lynsey Kroft, Susan Laudick, Sandy Schafer and Jennifer Vinson for their contribution, commitment and support of this development. Without their collaboration, we would not have been able to bring this to our organization. As for me? Well, I'm just glad it's over!

-Michele Rath Fall Ways & Means Committee (adjunct)

"If you want to lift yourself up,  
lift up someone else."

-Booker T

Washington

## Simply Elegant Cookbooks

### Cookbooks are in!

They turned out great and are flying out the door.

We have 399 recipes in the book- all from you juniors so thanks once

again! If you would like to reserve more than one copy please email me at [Jessica.Paxton@cbexchange.com](mailto:Jessica.Paxton@cbexchange.com) to have them put on hold. They are \$20 a book and will be on sale at the De-

cember General Meeting on December 2nd at the Barrington Country Bistro.

- Jessica Paxton- Geib Community Outreach

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[www.BJWC.org](http://www.BJWC.org)

Never doubt that a small group of  
committed people can change the  
world. Indeed it is the only thing  
that ever has. - Margaret Mead



### **Please Join us - Giving Tree Dinner**

Don't miss the fun! The annual Giving Tree Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:30 at the Barrington Country Bistro.

This BJWC tradition gives us a chance to share the holidays with friends and to help make someone else's Christmas a bit nicer. The committee wishes to thank everyone who so generously helped us by taking an ornament from the Giving Tree. Please remember that we need to get your gifts back by December 4th. Please wrap them and securely tape the

ornament you took on the package. You may drop your packages off in the box on Courtney Nisbet's porch at 140 W Russell Street in the village or at Teresa Krueger's house at 25575 Oak Creek Circle, North Barrington if you are up north. You may also bring your gifts to the dinner. Please help us out by getting your gifts back as soon as possible so that we can sort them and make arrangements to get them to the families. Registrations for the Giving Tree dinner were due November 26th. We may be able to accommo-

date a limited number of late reservations so please call us if you are still interested in coming. However, we will need to get your payment prior to your reservation being confirmed.

Payments can be mailed in advanced or given to any Giving Tree Committee member. Our committee includes: Tracy Karambelas, Janet Bresch, Michelle Evans, Courtney Nisbet, Lara Berry, Rochelle Colella, Suzie Gourdie and Teresa Krueger.

