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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: FR. PAUL DEMUTH

It is becoming increasingly clear that Bay Area Community Council has reached a new milestone in its 25 year existence. Over the past two months I have met personally with the three groups that have been our sponsors. The Executive Committee has also met with Laurie Radke (Greater Green Bay Chamber), Robyn Davis (Brown County United Way) and Dennis Buehler (Greater Green Bay Community Foundation) to discern our future relationship with these groups as we — and they — move forward in helping to improve the greater Green Bay community in which we live and work. We concluded that the BACC should spread its wings and become an independent organization that shares deep thinking and strategic planning for the future of our community.

At the same time, we all agreed that that we should continue to share ideas and work together for the good of the community whenever our individual missions intersect. We are grateful for the moral and financial support and the logistical help that these groups have given us. We look forward to regular meetings with them in the future. Our upcoming report on last September's Community Summit will be an example of suggested areas of mutual interest and potential interaction.

The agenda of BACC this year will therefore concentrate not only on our organizational operations but also on very forward looking challenges:

- The forthcoming Community Summit Report to be made public in May will provide many areas where deep thinking and planning need to take place.
- We expect to introduce an organized, experimental trial that uses futuring strategies which can benefit businesses and nonprofits alike.

- We will develop a communications plan that provides a more visible presence of the BACC in the community.
- And ????, stay tuned!

The members of the Board of Directors of BACC represent so many sectors of our community. Corporately they will become a powerhouse of ideas and energy that will affirm and challenge many of the already engaged citizens of the Greater Green Bay Area. Where new collaborations are required or untried ideas need to be tested, we hope to be the catalyst to make it happen.

Thanks for your support and leadership in making our common home even more valued and forward looking.

SUMMARY OF THE JANUARY 11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Chancellor Gary Miller, University of Wisconsin Green Bay, and Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach offered a one hour update and question answering on STEM initiatives in greater Green Bay. The two leaders noted that community stakeholders have been bullish on STEM in greater Green Bay for a number of years and that the proposed STEM Impact Center at University of Wisconsin Green Bay will be a great asset to our community.

Michael Lukens and Dave Wegge described the current work of the BACC Futuring Committee. With the assistance of nationally known futurist Garry Golden, the keynote speaker at the Greater Green Bay 2017: Envisioning the Future summit, the BACC directors are planning activities and resources to help local organizations embrace future changes in our community.

Tom Schumacher updated the directors on the status of the report from the Greater Green Bay 2017: Envisioning the Future summit. The report will evolve around four threads from the summit: diversity, “pathways to success,” “community of choice,” and civic participation and leadership.

SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY 8 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Paul Demuth updated the Board on the decision by the Brown County United Way, Greater Green Bay Chamber, and Greater Green Bay Community Foundation to change their relationships with the BACC. The three organizations will continue to receive news from the BACC and participate in BACC activities on a case by case basis.

The Executive Committee and BACC chairs will meet for three hours of long range planning later this month to address several issues related to the changing environment in which the BACC operates.

Michael Lukens updated the Board on the work of the Futuring Committee of the BACC. The BACC hopes to solidify its relationship with nationally known futurist Garry Golden as the BACC moves forward to provide workshops and resources to help local companies and organizations.

Tom Schumacher reported on the progress of the written report from Greater Green Bay: 2017 Envisioning the Future. Board members should receive a draft of the summit report by March 1.



**KNOW YOUR BACC DIRECTOR: PATRICIA FINDER-STONE,
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER GREEN BAY**

Please describe something about yourself—where you were born, past and current professions and careers, how long you have lived in Brown County, and some of your favorite pass times.

I spent my early years in a small Wisconsin village of 395 people, and graduated from Platteville High School at age 16. Too young to enter nursing school, I spent two years working as a nursing assistant at St. Mary's Ringling Hospital in Baraboo.

I graduated with honors from Columbia School of Nursing in Milwaukee, practiced psychiatric nursing at Cook County Hospital (Illinois), and then experienced a great tour of active duty in the US Air Force Nurse Corps during the Korean War, serving in New York, Greenland, and Florida. Continuing in the AF Reserves after returning to civilian life, I married my husband, with whom I shared 43 years of happiness before his passing. We had four wonderful children, who are now scattered throughout the US. I continued my education, gaining my Bachelor of Science in Human Biology (gerontology emphasis) from UWGB, Master of Science in Education (Bioethics) from UW Madison, plus post-Master's study at Marquette and UW Oshkosh.

My husband's job as a school administrator in 1964 brought us to Ashwaubenon, but we moved to the De Pere area in the mid-eighties. My husband and I traveled extensively while he was still alive, and after his death, I have continued solo travel throughout the world from Greenland to Antarctica and many points between.

I have practiced my profession in many settings: staff nurse, head nurse, director of nurses in a long term care facility, hospice director, and nursing instructor at Bellin College and NWTTC. I actively participate in our community through such organizations as the American Cancer Society, De Pere Board of Health, League of Women Voters, Brown County ADRC, environmental groups, and veteran's activities. This involvement has broadened to address legislative activities that affect our health and wellbeing. Strongly nonpartisan, I have appreciated gubernatorial appointments from Governors Dreyfus, Thompson, McCollum, Doyle, and Walker.

Describe your relationship to the BACC—when did you start on the BACC, what are your hopes for the BACC, what personal gifts do you bring to the BACC mission?

Certainly a significant part of my life has been my involvement with BACC. I was appointed as a member of the organization in its second year; I am a past president. I have thoroughly enjoyed the open-ended discussions and deliberation that have taken place over the years. Our goals

encourage our search for knowledge, with an awareness that knowledge is never final. Our obligations to the future are appreciated and reflected in the conduct of our meetings.

What do you like most about life in Brown County?

It is indeed exciting to be a part of this community in its reasonable approach to promote a better community for all. I am especially grateful for the quality of service by so many of our elected officials.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Recent news stories, articles, books, videos, Websites or venues of interest to BACC supporters and newsletter readers, recommend by BACC staff and directors.

Invigorating Democracy and Public Work

St. Norbert College invites the public to “Invigorating Democracy and Public Work,” Feb. 23-24. The notion of “public work” derives from the community organizing philosophy of Harry Boyte, founder of Public Achievement and Senior Scholar in Public Work Philosophy at the Sabo Center for Democracy and Citizenship at Augsburg College. The public is invited to the February award presentation and lecture at no charge, as well as to the Feb. 24 one day conference, which begins the next morning. For more information, see <http://www.snc.edu/millercenter/events/conference.html>.

Give Big Green Bay coming to greater Green Bay

The Greater Green Bay Community Foundation is partnering with the Green Bay Packers Foundation to host the first community-wide, 24-hour giving day in Brown County, Feb. 27-28, noon-noon. Thirty-one community organizations will benefit. For more information, see <http://givebiggreenbay.org>.

Foundations announces Ethics in Business Awards

Foundations is proud to present the Ethics in Business (EIB) Awards, celebrating individuals, businesses, non-profits and youth who serve as role models for ethics in business. Nominations are due March 16, 2018. For more information, see <https://foundationsgb.org/ethics-business-awards/>.

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