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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: FR. PAUL DEMUTH

We are pleased to present to you, our readers, [Greater Green Bay: Envisioning the Future Report to the Community](#). Rooted in both the 2016 Brown County LIFE Study and the 2017 Envisioning the Future Conference held last September, the report recommends what actions can be taken to enhance our future. **Download the report at <http://bit.ly/2IxEWvU>. You may also email office@bayareacommunitycouncil.org for a paper copy.** Individuals may also email office@bayareacommunitycouncil.org to

schedule a presentation on the report to groups in the community.

Congratulations to the entire BACC Board of Directors who approved this report and to all the participants in the conference whose ideas made this report possible. We are especially grateful to reports writers and editors Tom Schumacher, Nan Nelson, Martha Ahrendt and Jamie Lynch.

Please take time to read the Executive Summary and the entire report. In it you will find ways to establish our area as a Community of Choice, stake out Pathways to Success for individuals, realize the value of Diversity and energize Civic Participation and Leadership. There are 20 specific recommendations for improvements in these four areas.

This Report to the Community does not suggest how and by whom the recommendations should be accomplished. This is up to you and the organizations and groups in the community who are best able to implement these recommendations.

So, "have at it," friends! Let's continue to grow the greater Green Bay area into the best future we can create.



KNOW YOUR BACC DIRECTOR: TOM HINZ

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 was born and raised in Merrill, Wisconsin. After I finished high school, I joined the Army. The military was good for me, as it allowed me to mature and give me confidence to see a future I didn't see while in high school; I spent approximately 18 months in Vietnam and Thailand (1962-1963). Shortly after leaving the Army I arrived in Green Bay and began my law enforcement career. It started after I was enticed by another usher at a Packer game (he happened to be a Green Bay Police Department sergeant). I spent 31 years in GBPD, rising through the ranks to Assistant Chief; for a time, I was interim chief. While still at the GBPS, I ran as a write-in candidate for Brown County Sheriff and was elected to that position in 1997. I was re-elected once and retired in 2003. I began a teaching career in the criminal justice program at NWTC, but returned to government service in 2007, serving as Brown County Executive until 2011.

I have an Associate degree in political science from the FBI Academy and a Bachelor's degree from University of Wisconsin Green Bay.

I have been married to my wonderful wife, Ursula Bertrand-Hinz, for over 20 years. I have two wonderful daughters, four great stepchildren, and three grandchildren. For a hobbies, I enjoy jogging (I ran the Boston Marathon in 1984), photography, and volunteering in our great community.

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?

I've been a member of the BACC for about seven years. What I really enjoy about the BACC is being part of a think tank in which a group of diverse people gather to improvements in the quality of life in the greater Green Bay Area. My varied life experience--law enforcement, government administration, and military service—provides a unique view of our community. Hopefully, I can bring some perspectives that are somewhat different than others.

What do you like most about life in Brown County?

I've said this many times, "I would not want to live anyplace else than where I am now." The greater Green Bay area (Brown County) is a wonderful place to live and raise a family, but we need to remain focused on the future. Then, we will retain the brightest and the best while giving those less fortunate the opportunity for a bright future. The BACC helps fill the pot holes and keeps the road to the future easier to travel!

SUMMARY OF MAY 10, 2018 BACC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Directors discussed presentations to enhance community understanding of its community report, *Greater Green Bay: Envisioning the Future Report to the Community*. The report, based on the *2016 LIFE Study* and “[Greater Green Bay 2017: Envisioning the Future Report to the Community](http://bit.ly/2IxEWvU)” summit is available at <http://bit.ly/2IxEWvU> . Contact Steve Herro, office@bayareacommunitycouncil.org, for information about the report, including a presentation on the content to your community group.

Directors also discussed a revamped process for director education. For the rest of the year, community experts on work, learning, health care, government, religion and faith, diversity, and transportation will be invited to present to the directors on their field through the lens of community change.

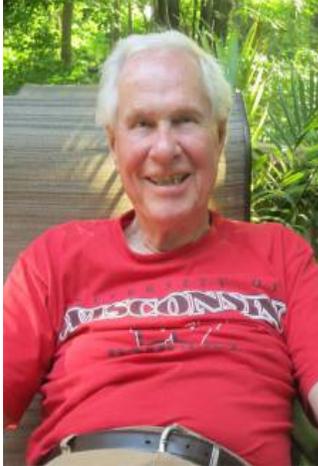
Directors approved an initiative to collaborate with Garry Golden, nationally acclaimed futurist, and Green Bay area pilot organizations on a futuring workshop and professional consultation between Golden and the pilot organizations.

BACC Director Natalie Bomstad, Executive Director of LIVE54218, described her organization GROW Project, particularly how it relates to the BACC’s priority on change and futuring in the community.

BACC DIRECTORS AND STAFF SALUTE THE LATE REV. GEORGE KREMPIN AND HARRY MAIER

Rev. George Krempin (1935-2018) was a beloved Lutheran pastor and community leader in Green Bay. In addition to his service as Board member of the BACC, he served on the Interfaith Seaman's Ministry and was involved in the Ecumenical Center (current Mauthe Center, housed at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay). He was a board member of Family Services Association of Brown County, Lutheran Social Services, the Brown County Ad Hoc Committee on the Mental Health Center, and the Pamiro Opera Company. He also served on the ethics committee of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. After retiring from parish ministry in 2000, he worked as a chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital in Green Bay, was an active member of Ascension Lutheran Church and enjoyed golf, travel and many lively gatherings with his family and retired pastor friends.

For all his accomplishments, Pastor Krempin's greatest gift was his heart for people. He genuinely cared about everyone and treated everyone with the same kindness and dignity, from the most distinguished CEO to the most down-and-out. As a young church friend once wrote: "Everyone who knows Pastor George loves him a lot. Just as he makes me feel special to God, he makes me feel special to him, too." As both pastor and friend, he walked alongside countless people during their life's greatest joys and deepest sorrows.



[Harry Maier](#), 1927-2017, was a beloved member of the greater Green Bay community. He served on the BACC Board of Directors, 2003-2009. Following his sudden death on April 25, 2018, past and present BACC directors and staff testified on his behalf:

I, too, had a high regard for Harry and his leadership and contributions in so many arenas. He was both a gracious and strong leader who had deep understanding of our community and a vision of the future that we seek. He was greatly respected by everyone, even and especially, when there was controversy....Judy Crain

I agree, Harry was a wonderful gentleman and public servant. I talked to him in the last couple months and he was humble as always -- noting that his days on this earth were limited; but his smile and wits were as great as ever. May he rest in peace....Paul Demuth

Harry, I will remember you as a good friend over the ages: lots of fun curling with our kids, stimulating political discussions, attending our daughter's wedding in D.C., parties at the Lodge on Keyes Lake, but most recently, the Founder's Day dinner as you sat at our table in such good spirits as we remembered the "old days." I shall miss your wisdom and great sense of humor. I know that Mark will welcome you to "curl above the clouds."...Patricia Finder-Stone

...he always had great perspective on people and their contributions. He seemed to know everybody...and everything! When I wanted to know how something was going, I'd see Harry and ask him! His absence truly creates a void....Phil Hauck

Harry Maier personally more positively touched more lives than any person I have ever known....I have been struggling to adequately describe what Harry meant to me, his family, and the greater Green Bay community. I finally pieced together "a greater role model I knew none."....Steve Herro

I never knew Harry when he was on the BACC, but I had many contacts with him over the years in some of his many volunteer roles. Harry always had a positive attitude and was a problem solver. I never heard anyone speak negative of Harry, ever the few who might disagree with his position. Harry left a positive legacy that many might choose to follow. He left the campground better than what he found it....Tom Hinz

...I had the pleasure of heading up a committee that voted Harry the individual category winner in an annual Ethics in Business contest. His life and accomplishments came clearly into focus. He earned that award. He was a friend, more cordial and jovial than almost anyone I know. He always had a smile and some real interest in you and what you were doing. We need more friends and citizens like Harry....Randall Lawton

Harry was the best down to earth person and citizen role model I ever knew and worked with in Green Bay. We worked together, along with Dave Wegge and a St. Norbert student, on the BACC's study on the transportation needs of low-income residents in Green Bay. I remember clearly the noon hours when Eileen, Harry and I conducted interviews for the study with residents after they finished their lunch at the Salvation Army. Harry always had time for others and his interests and ability to provide leadership for the community was unmatched from writing another article for The Business News, founding the Curling Club, the Redevelopment Authority, and his love of St. Norbert College....David Littig

With Harry as Business Editor at the Press-Gazette at the same time I was working at the Chamber, we spent a lot of time at the same meetings and discussed a lot of current events and people in the community. Business leaders had an extraordinary amount of respect for and trust in Harry because he was always so careful to be accurate and thorough. One of the treasures he left the community was the collection of business histories he composed for the Betsy Foley history Green Bay: Gateway to the Great Waterway. It was the Chamber's gift to the community in 1984, the 350th anniversary of the Jean Nicolet landing. Those business histories were a great snapshot of the companies that built Green Bay at a time when many were still locally-owned....Nan Nelson

Harry was a true gentleman. Always present in the moment with whomever he was with. Great listener. Warm soul. A true inspiration. Generous to a fault. True friend. Servant leader. A sad day, but we are all richer for having known Harry, being blessed by his presence in our lives and sharing in the legacy he has left our community....Tom Schumacher

...I once asked Harry why he was so busy in retirement. "I don't build birdhouses," he said in explanation. Good thing. If Harry had built birdhouses, there would be so many in Green Bay that you would not be able to see the sky....Bob Woessner

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. Also community events of interest to BACC supporters

Bollier, Jeff. "[Green Bay, Brown County tourism spending up 5.1 percent to \\$1.1 billion in 2017](#)," *Green Bay Press Gazette*, May 8, 2018.

Quirnbach, Chuck. "[Foxconn Announces 'Smart City, Smart Future' Competition](#)," Wisconsin Public Radio, May 10, 2018.

Schmid, John. "[Momentum building in Marquette president's call to tackle trauma epidemic in Milwaukee](#)," *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, April 24, 2018.

For information on addressing trauma in the Green Bay community, contact office@bayareacommunitycouncil.org for the documents "Summary of Trauma-Informed Care Efforts, 2012-2018," and "Community Trainings and Tools Resource Library." Documents were published by Brown County United Way.

