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The BACC newsletter is edited by [Steve Herro](#), BACC Executive Assistant



President's message, Tom Schumacher

Welcome Steve Herro

Before I get into my thoughts for the month, it is my pleasure to announce that Steve Herro has joined BACC as our Executive Assistant. A member of St. Norbert Abbey since 1983, he brings a wealth of community connections in addition to having served in professional positions at St. Norbert College, the Diocese of Green Bay and Catholic Charities USA. His connections include the Brown County United Way Community Access Resource Impact Council, Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition, and Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity. He facilitated several Brown County Diversity Circles, participates in Gathered in Faith Together (GIFT) and is a current member of the St. Norbert College Board of Trustees. He joined in producing "Do You Know Your Neighbor?" and the BACC's own "Connecting our Community." His Abbey ministries include the Seventh Generation Interfaith Coalition for Responsible Investing, the Norbertine Volunteer Community Advisory Committee, as well as supervision of the Abbey's composting and 18 raised vegetable beds (!). Steve enjoys reading works of history, current affairs/politics, sports, ecology, and theology, playing tennis, bicycling,

board games; and visiting family and friends.

The Power of Unity

United we stand, divided we fall – Aesop

Quotations from the ancient Greeks, the Bible (Mark 3:25) and American Revolution all point to the importance and power of unity. It's a nearly universal truth, whether in sports, family, commerce or community. As we approach our nation's Independence Day, we would do well to remember that our Founding Fathers gave us the gift of uniting the states of America into one free nation, overcoming many religious, social and cultural differences in the process. As much as uniting may seem like a lost art, I recently encountered three examples of unity worth noting.

500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

On May 31, Bishop Gerald Mansholt of the East Central Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin invited Bishop David Ricken of the Green Bay Catholic Diocese to address its annual assembly in Green Bay. Bishop Mansholt noted the fruits of more than 50 years of dialogue between Lutherans and Roman Catholics, which are bringing closer the reality of the gift of unity. This couldn't have happened 100 years ago.

NEW Manufacturing Alliance receives national recognition

On June 14th the NEW Manufacturing Alliance was recognized for outstanding work in Talent Management by global research and consulting firm Frost & Sullivan's Manufacturing Leadership Council. The Alliance was formed June 6, 2006 by 12 original members who realized the power of uniting to train and develop manufacturing talent to deal with their common labor challenges. This top award, in one of twelve manufacturing leadership categories, places the NEW Manufacturing Alliance in the company of fellow 2017 winners IBM, Peterbilt, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics and Lexmark.

UWGB Engineering School moves one step closer

Building on the united efforts of UW-Green Bay Chancellor Gary Miller, Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and the many businesses and other organizations, including BACC, who voiced their support, a new engineering school for UW-Green Bay was approved as part of the overall UW System budget by the state legislature's Joint Finance Committee.

United We Stand

As you encounter differences in your daily life, which are pretty easy these days, I encourage you to think about the power of unity that these examples demonstrate. Do what is in your power to reach out and bridge the gap to unite. Have a happy and safe Independence Day as we celebrate our United States of America!

Summary of June BACC Board Meeting



Planning continues for the September 29-30 “Envisioning the Future” community summit. Planners have selected a logo, produced a background paper to explain the summit, and are finalizing a keynote speaker and other facilitators. “Envisioning the Future” will help our community implement the LIFE Study.

Members described their impression of *Estamos Aquí*, a new display at Neville Public Museum. *Estamos Aquí* features personal stories and artifacts from many Latino families living in Northeast Wisconsin. This bilingual exhibit celebrates the diverse cultures and traditions that have endured emigration from across Latin America. The BACC is a financial supporter of the display and will have a thorough tour of it at its July 2017 meeting.

Board members benefitted from a presentation of four members of the Governing Board of the Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition, Robyn Davis, Dave Pietenpol, Robin Kuklinski, Karen Michaels. They described the state of transitional housing in Brown County. Panelists were also asked about the best means to count men, women, and children facing homelessness in our community.

Know your BACC Director, Mohammed Bey



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 am a native of Chicago. Prior to starting my career in higher education in 2006, I worked in the private sector – in particular, manufacturing. I gained a lot of transferable knowledge from those experiences including managing teams, different aspects of leadership, and valuing diversity. From the moment I arrived in higher education, I have found myself being transformed by the relationships I have formed with students, faculty, staff, and community members. My experiences in higher education range from working in admissions (educating students and parents on the process for applying to college) to working in academic affairs with faculty and administration on creating inclusive in the classroom environments. In 2014, I moved back to Wisconsin after spending a few years working at a university out in Hamden, Connecticut. I am now employed at NWTC as their Director of Diversity and Inclusion (which is when I moved to Brown County).

I do have a lot of personal interests (swimming, golfing, hiking, reading, public speaking, traveling, etc.). However, outside of work, my family gets nearly all of my attention. I have four Beys kids that are either running or scoring on soccer fields, competing in dance competitions, or crawling and climbing on furniture. So, I'm a little busy!

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 joined the BACC in 2015 and sit on its Nominating Committee. My hope for the BACC is that we continue to forecast social issues that could and will have a significant footprint in our community. I hope that organizations and individuals who reside in Brown County find value in the information that is shared by the council and head the call to action.

What do you like most about life in Brown County?

The overall quality of life. Not just for me, but for my family. I also really enjoy working at NWTC and connecting with the communities we serve.

News you can use

Recent articles, videos, Websites of interest to BACC supporters and newsletter readers, recommend by BACC staff and directors

Friedman, Thomas L. "[A Road Trip Through Rusting and Rising America](#)," New York Times, May 24, 2017.

Kirwin, Hope. "[Wisconsin Ranks In Bottom Half Of States For Children's Health](#)," Wisconsin Public Radio, June 9, 2017.

Wallenfang, Maureen. "[Documentary aims to give a voice to Fox River](#)," *Appleton Post Crescent*, June 9, 2017. [Teasers](#) for *Fox-2-O*

Save the Date

This new feature alerts readers to upcoming area events of interest to business, education, and nonprofit leaders in the Brown County community.

2017 Community Health Needs Assessment

8 am-noon, October 17; Lambeau Field

A presentation and utilization of current data as they relate to select community health initiatives. For more information, contact [Anna Destree](#) or [Deborah Armbruster](#), darmbruster@mail.depere.org.

