



Club Focus



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Janet Brousseau
President
BPW Brampton

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President's Message Janet Brousseau

Please tell me where the last 3 years have gone. I can't believe that at our May General Meeting, I will be starting off as your President and finishing the meeting by moving on to my new chapter as your Immediate Past President. I am truly proud of our Club and the accomplishments that have been achieved. We have an astonishing group of ladies who make up our membership and I am very proud to be a member of BPW Brampton.

I would never have imagined 6 years ago when I joined BPW that I would become your President. I can still remember my first meeting as your President standing at the podium with Pat Dowling as Immediate Past President sitting right there in front of me, I am thinking holy cow, how am I going to fill her shoes. I can honestly say my knees were shaking and I was just a tad nervous. Next thing I knew, the meeting was finished and I looked at Pat and I received the nod of approval. Thank you from the bottom of my heart Pat for all your support and encouragement you have shown me over the last 3 years. Now I get to step into your shoes again and take on the role of Immediate Past President. Move over Pat, here I come.

I would like to personally thank each and every one of my amazing BPW Sisters for your support you have all shown me. It has been a great honour serving as your President, and I have so many special memories to take away with me and hopefully some words of wisdom to pass along to our incoming President Indira Persaud.

This past year as President hasn't been without sorrow; in December we lost our sweet Pearl McCabe. I would enjoy sitting with Pearl and listen to her stories, and I would always say to her, "*Pearl you should make your lemon squares and bring them as your gift for our December Secret Santa Meeting. I said can you imagine Pearl 30 plus ladies all fighting over your lemon squares. She slapped me on the arm and said, oh Janet you are too funny.*" I was serious, Pearl's lemon squares are amazing and I know who has her recipe so with any luck Pearl's lemon squares will make an appearance sometime soon. Rest in Peace Dear Sweet Pearl.

On March 25th, we were shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of our dear BPW Sister Linda Barker. I am truly at a loss for words. Linda was the Membership Chair when I joined BPW. I feel very privileged to have worked with Linda for the past 5 years on the Executive Committee. Memories, where to start; Linda had a smile and infectious laugh that you could not help but love. Linda would sit to the right of me at our Executive meetings and she would sometimes whisper in my ear. "*Don't sweat it, you got this under control.*" Linda made everyone feel at ease and welcomed when they came to a BPW Meeting. She was an amazing Membership Officer, Friend, Sister and Aunt. Thank you for the memories Linda, may you Rest in Peace and continue to smile down upon us.

In March, we celebrated our 71st Anniversary. We were also honoured to meet the recipient of The Paddy Silverthorne Business & Professional Women's Bursary Award – Ollivia Peon, who is in her second year of the Architectural Technology Program. Ollivia is an aspiring Architect.

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She notes that at Sheridan she is given the tools and experience she needs to better herself as a young adult and student. Although she is a woman in a non-traditional undergraduate program, she believes she is important and valuable to this field of work. Receiving The Paddy Silverthorne Business & Professional Women's Bursary Award pushes Ollivia to continue to excel in her studies.

April is our Resolutions meeting. We will not be presenting them at our meeting but instead we will be inviting all of those who are interested to join us on April 24th at the home of Pat Dowling. We will vote on the Resolutions and give the results to the Delegates that will be attending the Provincial Conference. BPW Provincial Conference will held June 1st to 3rd, 2018 and is being hosted by the GTA District (North Toronto, Durham and Bowmanville). This year's Conference is being held at The Holiday Inn Toronto Airport East, 600 Dixon Road in Mississauga. It would be nice to see as many of our members old and new come out and participate. The three delegates attending for Brampton are Indira Persaud, Khatidja Dandach and Janet Brousseau.

In May, we have our Annual General Meeting and your new Executive will be voted in. Please consider letting your name stand for a position on the Executive. It is a great way to have input and to take a more active role in your Club. It truly is a rewarding experience to be part of the BPW Executive.

Our June Social will be held this year again at the Terra Cotta Inn on June 19th, 2018. It will be a relaxing evening to enjoy a lovely venue and hopefully we will be able to enjoy cocktails on the patio before dinner. Another date to keep in mind for June is our Annual Golf Tournament to be held June 13th, 2018.

We will be having our yearly Programs Meeting in July. Once details of this meeting have been decided, a notice will be sent out to the membership. Please come to this meeting and share your ideas on topics and guest speakers you would like to add to our monthly meetings.

Once again, I have to say it has been an amazing journey for me these past 3 years and I look forward to see what my next term has in store for me. I would like to thank each and every member and especially my Executive, for making my role as President so enjoyable. Thank you to all of our members for making our Brampton Club such a vibrant organization. Thank you for spreading the word of BPW Brampton – for bringing your friends to meetings and for increasing our presence in the community.

To an outstanding group of ladies,

you truly are the best!

Special Events Pat Dowling

GOLF



Oh

We have booked our **23rd Annual Charity Golf Event for**

Wednesday, June 13, 2018. It will be held once again at the Caledon Golf Club and we will have registrations now available. We would love to see 144 lady golfers and 36 hole sponsors so please help us to reach these numbers! We do need prizes and live auction items so please bring to our April and May meetings or call me to arrange pick-up of items.



– Scottish Club and ticket sales will begin in September/18. We are needing raffle prizes once again so we are looking for any re-gifts or bargain shopping deals that you can donate to us. So if you get any birthday, Mother's Day items etc. that you would like to re-gift – we are here with open arms! Let me know and we will arrange for pick up.

As you know, we just held our 22nd charity progressive euchre event on Friday March 2, 2018. It was held at the Scottish Centre and it was a huge success. We had 80 players, Joker Poker, raffle prizes, good food and lots of fun. We want to thank all of our members that donated food, gifts and their time to help with this event. We cannot be successful at these fundraisers without our members continually stepping up to the challenge of participating – either in person or by their contributions. Way to go ladies!

The recipient of this event was Hope 24/7 formerly the Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centre of Peel.

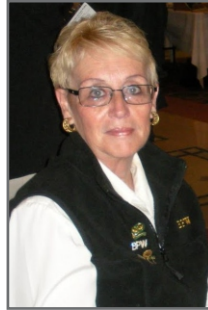
We are very pleased to announce that our club raised \$2,100.00 that evening. Chantal Audet – a Prevention & Outreach Worker from Hope 24/7 received this donation at our March General Meeting.



Our next **Charity Progressive Euchre Event will be held on Friday November 9, 2018** at the Glasgow Rangers Club

Provincial Report Barb Hore

Just a reminder to those members who have not yet completed their membership surveys to please do so. This information is going to be reviewed by the BPW Ontario Membership Committee and could be used to make some changes or additions to programs that will in fact attract new members and assist in the retention of current members. My thanks to those of you who have already completed them.



BPW Club Presidents will also be soon receiving a notice about some funding that will be made available to cover the cost of Conference registration for deserving members. We will be asking each President to talk with their Executive and make their suggestions. A form will be supplied outlining the criteria required to qualify.

If you have not already done so, please register for Provincial Conference and make your hotel reservation as soon as possible. All information is available on the BPW Ontario website.

Membership Corner Pamela Moore

I hope everyone has been enjoying Spring, it will be nice to have some warmer weather!

Currently we have 31 members and we are presently collecting renewals for 2018-2019.

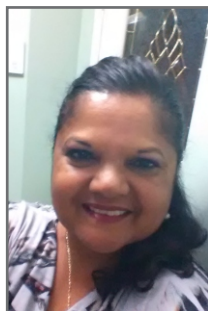
We hope to see many of you back for the new year and we are very excited to be welcoming 4 new members to BPW Brampton. Glad you have joined us: Lisa Smith, Susan Fennell, Elena Crupi, and Hope 24/7.



BPW Programs Indira Persaud

Dates to Remember

Please review the list of details on Page 6 of the Club Focus to mark your calendars for upcoming events and meetings.



Member's Moments

Pat Dowling: On Wednesday January 10, 2018 at 5:47 pm I became a grandmother for the fourth time (my goodness!!) to Hayden Perry Dowling weighing in at 6 pounds, 13 ounces. Harley is terribly excited to be a big sister.

Sheila Walker: On Tuesday January 9, 2018, I became a grandmother for the second time welcoming Reid Kendrick Walker. Reid is baby brother to dear Hanen. Check out that photo; Happy faces all around!



Linda Barker in Memoriam Janet Brousseau



Linda Barker

February 18, 2018 to March 25, 2018

Linda made her home in Mississauga for over 40 years and enjoyed working with the community in a variety of ways. She spent over 15 years in the staffing industry matching candidates with suitable jobs with a focus on building long term relationships with clients and candidates. This type of employment coupled with BPW activities gave Linda the satisfaction of giving back to the community.



Linda was a member of BPW Brampton for 10 years and was involved in various roles on the Executive including Membership, Recording Secretary, Programs, Publicity and Public Relations. Linda also participated in most of BPW Brampton's fundraising projects. Linda recently volunteered for BPW's 2016 Conference Committee.

Spending personal time with family and friends, Linda enjoyed many walks with her small but mighty dog, Charlie.

Linda took much pleasure being part of BPW Brampton having the opportunity to meet and work with such a wonderful group of ladies at BPW Brampton and the other Clubs in Ontario. Linda valued the friendships that came from being part of our Club.

Linda had a beautiful, warm smile that would light up the room when she entered. She will be dearly missed by all of us at BPW Brampton.

BPW Canada Resolutions Nelia Skilich

We are holding a separate meeting to go through the Resolutions for our upcoming Provincial Conference so that our delegates know how to vote on behalf of our Club.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April, 24, 2018 at the home of Pat Dowling: 4 Northumberland Place in Brampton. Please rsvp to Pat of your attendance: pat.dowling@mtgarc.ca.



BPW Community Partner and New Club Member Chantal Audet

Compassion, Transformation and Excellence are three words to best describe the work we do at Hope 24/7. We provide trauma informed crisis intervention for people who are impacted by Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence. This is provided through our Clinical Services and Enhanced Wellness Program which is a harm reduction case management service.

We also offer Prevention and Outreach programs to the community to help prevent violence through Our Youth Our Future programming which is a school based program. As well, we offer services through Hope On-Site, an outreach program that provides safety planning, coping and resiliency workshops to community agencies and organizations.

If you would like to know more about our organization, please check out our website at www.hope247.ca, follow us on Instagram @[hope247.ca](https://www.instagram.com/hope247.ca) or give us a call at 905.792.0821.



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Humane Society

The Human Society is always in need of old towels, bed sheets, blankets, etc. used for the comfort of cats and dogs in their care. Please drop off donations of these items to the following Brampton location:



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(Williams Pkwy East & Chrysler Drive) - (905) 458-5800

BPW International Sheila Walker



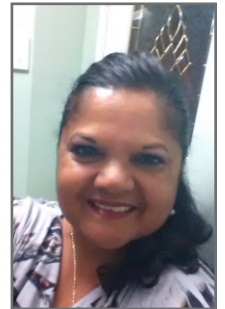
International Meeting is one of my favourites to attend. The meeting is busy and excitement fills the room with chatter and catching up with our friends and visitors. As well, we visit with our International Sisters through the Candle Lighting Ceremony. Snigdha Malik orchestrates the ceremony beautifully, and each country is announced and we embraced all BPW Members around the world. Janet Brousseau read a wonderful experience shared by five members in May 1949 who attended a weekend at the International Banquet celebration of the London B&PWC on April 23 and 24 of that year. The message is too long to include here in our Club Focus with limited space; however, we are all welcome to read it, just let Janet know you wish like to do so and she will make it available.

I'd like to write The International Collect we all recited out loud and shared together at our February meeting.

Keep us O Lord from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word and deed. Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self-seeking. May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice. Let us take time for all things: make us grow calm, serene and gentle. Teach us to put into action our better impulses straightforward and unafraid. Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are one. And may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all, and O Lord God let us not forget to be kind.

Role of Social Media and New Political Activism Indira Persaud

Not to long ago as a young woman I was picketing in front of Parliament for women's rights. We travelled by local transit with our cardboard signs and our method of communication was the telephone and paper signs posted on hydro polls.



Fast forward it is 2018 and the internet and social media has been considered the social experiment of the 20th century. It is shaping how we manage our time, galvanize to change public opinion, mobilize activists and even shape public policy. As of late social networks have become outlets for proliferating ill-informed political opinions and misguided thoughts. We are seeing the rise in populism which is sweeping our political landscape and is encouraging divided opinions on how we should live in a civilized society.

In the past I have written about Universal Rights – the idea of universal rights – rights shared by all citizens, regardless of nationality, creed, wealth or geography – has a powerful grip on the way people feel about justice and political climate.

I do not think you will be hard pressed to say – some change is in the distant horizon. We are seeing marches around the world, Women's Marches, Climate Change, Indigenous Rights for Justice, Black Lives Matter all organized almost entirely on social media. For better or worse, social media has become the tool for political movements globally to demonstrate the divide in economics, social or environmental. People are mad, and social media has become a promising way for them to connect with others who are mad too—and then actually do something about it. There is a caution to all of this – one must ask them what kind of world do we want to live in? Are we prepared to filter information and make informed decisions? How will our opinions influence our moral compass? With all the instant information and public opinions are we still prepared to do hard work to keep our values and morals in protecting our universal rights as human beings?



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Highlighting Upcoming Labour Law
Changes Both on Employer and
Employee.

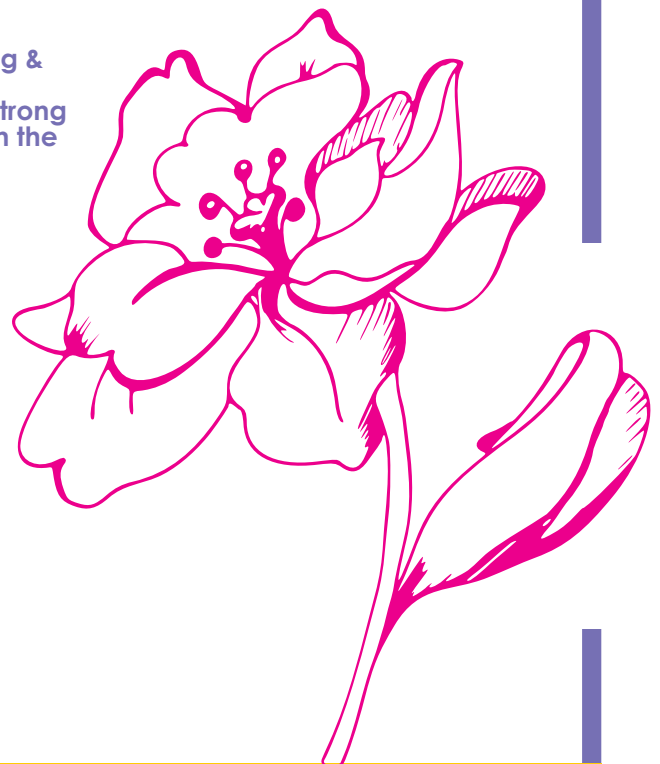
MAY 15
Topic: Annual General Meeting &
Elections.
Help Keep BPW Organization Strong
by Sharing Your Participation in the
Evening's Events.

JUNE 1-3
BPW Provincial Conference
Hosted by BPW GTA District

JUNE 13
23rd Annual Charity Golf
Tournament
Caledon Golf Club

JUNE 19
BPW June Social; Details TBD

JULY 10
2018-2019 Programs Meeting





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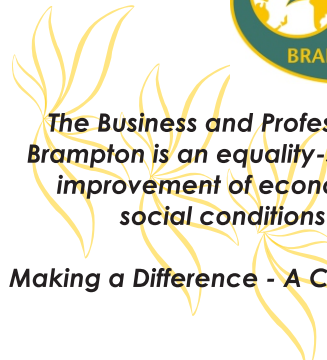
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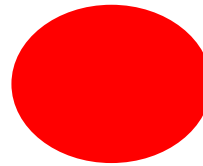


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