



The Business and Professional
Women's Club of Brampton

Club Focus



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Janet Brousseau
President
BPW Brampton

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President's Message Janet Brousseau



I wish you and yours all the very best for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2018!

All We had our annual Christmas Social on December 12th with an attendance of 22 ladies participating in a fun-filled evening.

Ste. Louise Food Bank received tremendous support from our donations. Our 'Gift Stealing' event was a roaring success! Thank you Charlene Borg for being our 'Elf' (I wanted to steal Charlene's red shoes, but she was wearing them)!

We had another successful Euchre Event on Friday, November 10th with the proceeds from this event donated to Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel & Food Bank. Pat Dowling and her Committee did an amazing job as usual and everyone who attended had a great time. The Brampton Beast were kind enough to donate box seats and the gentlemen that won them, gave them back to be auctioned off to raise more money. He also won first place and donated his winnings back, as well, to Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel & Food Bank.

Please join us for our next social event, the 22nd Progressive Charity Euchre Night on Friday, March 2, 2018 at the Glasgow Rangers Supporters Club Bramalea, 185 Advance Blvd., Unit 2, Brampton. Open to guys and gals, there is no doubt in my mind that it will be another amazing event. Get your tickets as soon as they become available as our November Event sold out in record time. June 13th will be our 23rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament to be held at The Caledon Golf Club.

Our amazing Programs Schedule continues on January 16, 2018 with Heather Scavetta, Psychic, Medium, owner of School of Miracles. Our February 22nd meeting, we have our International Night with the Candle Lighting Ceremony celebrated by all BPW Clubs around the world. We will have Women for Women Afghanistan selling their wares. We will also have Nasreen El Deen, Life Coach and World Traveller. Sandra Sharpe will be our guest speaker March 20th. For our April 17th meeting, the guest speaker will be Susan Crawford. Our Annual General Meeting and Elections will be held at our May 15th meeting.

Our Provincial Conference which is being hosted by BPW GTA District will take place the weekend of June 1st to June 3rd, 2018. More details will follow in our Spring Club Focus.

Mark down June 19th for our June Social. The details for this event will follow once we have everything finalized.

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 are the best!



Special Events Pat Dowling

GOLF



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 available in the Spring of 2018.



Our next **Charity Progressive Euchre Event will be held on Friday, March 2, 2018** at the Glasgow Rangers Club – Scottish Club and ticket sales will begin in January/18. We sold out for the last euchre event in 6 business days – let's see if we can do it in 5 business days!!! 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 Christmas items 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 21st Charity Progressive Euchre Event on Friday, November 10, 2017. It was held at the Scottish Centre and it was a huge success. We had 84 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 the support of our membership. It says a lot about our Club that our members continually step up to the challenge of participating – either in person or by their contributions. We as a Club should be very proud that we make such a difference in our community.

The recipient of this event was the Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel and Food Bank and we are very pleased to announce that we raised \$2,125.00 that evening.

Way to go Brampton Club!!!

Provincial Report Barb Hore



Just a reminder to the Club that the deadline for Resolutions to Heather Ellis should be completed by January 31st, 2018. If you need any assistance, please contact her ahead of time at teacheronthego@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Provincial Conference which will be hosted by the GTA Clubs. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Toronto Airport East which is the same venue that our Club used in 2016. The Committee is working very hard to ensure an informative and entertaining program. More details to follow as they become available.

All Clubs are being asked to send any pictures of BPW Events that they take to Laura Noble, our Editor so that she may use them in our Book of Reports or the website. Her email is laura@noblesoftware.com.

Our District 3 Golden Horseshoe will have a new Director, Nancy Broerse from the Niagara Falls Club. Her contact information is nancy@infodiva.ca.

Membership Corner

Linda Barker



I hope everyone has been enjoying the Holiday Season with friends and family, and we look forward to a continuation of another great year with BPW Brampton. Currently, we have 32 members.



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

Grettel Comas: "Oh my Gosh, these ladies know how to SPARKLE." Immense thanks to our wonderful members in the photo and some who are absent due to the time factor who visited Baci Gifts during its "Christmas-Sparkle OPEN HOUSE". They found jewellery, clothing, hats, yummy treats and gift baskets. What are you waiting for, I promise you Baci will have something unique for someone special on your list.

Opening Hours are Tuesday to Friday from 10:30 am to 7pm, and Saturday until 4 pm. I can't wait to see you, Ciao-Ciao!



Marlene George:
Happy Holidays!
Time for New Beginnings.

"This is a time for reflection as well as celebration. As you look back on the past year and all that has taken place in your life, remember each experience for the good that has come of it and for the knowledge you have gained. Remember the efforts you have made and the goals you have reached. Remember the love you have shared and the happiness you have brought. Remember the laughter, the joy, the hard work, and the tears. And as you reflect on the past year, also be thinking of the new one to come. Because most importantly, this is a time of new beginnings and the celebration of life." - Taylor Addison, Blue Mountain Arts, 1989

Members Awarded: The following members received their Recognition Certificates at our November meeting for various years of BPW Brampton Membership namely:

1. Janet Brousseau - 5 year pin
2. Lucy Oliveira - 15 year certificate
3. Karen Armstrong - 15 year certificate
4. Pat Dowling - 15 year certificate

Absent at meeting:

- Heidi Bryans - 10 year certificate
Snigdha Malik - 15 year certificate
Barb Hore - 15 year certificate



Our member and a
Community Partner,
Catherine Rivera,
receiving our donation
to Ste. Louise Outreach.



BPW International

Linda Davis, 1st Vice President, BPW Canada



BPW International Congress took place in Cairo Egypt from October 23 until 27, 2017. Our agenda was ambitious with:

- Monday:** Regional Meetings, Pre-Congress Board Meeting & Opening Ceremonies
- Tuesday:** Plenary Speakers and Workshops
- Wednesday:** Workshops, Business Sessions (Reports), Gala Dinner
- Thursday:** Business Sessions (Constitutional Amendments, Reports)
- Friday:** Business Sessions (Resolutions, Elections, Budget) followed by the Post-Congress Board Meeting

On Monday, members attended their regional meetings followed by information sessions about the proposed resolutions and constitutional changes. Later representatives from each country attended the pre-congress board meeting. On Monday evening, everyone attended the Opening Ceremonies and President's Dinner at the Giza Plateau located at the foot of the pyramids in front of the Sphinx. Entertainment included music, renowned opera singers and a historic sound and light show recounting the building of the pyramids.

On Tuesday, members attended plenary sessions about Realizing Sustainable Development Goals, Women Leadership in Ancient Egypt and the Economic Empowerment of Women. In the afternoon members attended a number of workshops.

On Wednesday, members attended plenary sessions about Advancing women through STEM, BPW Making a Difference through Leadership and Action and Trade, Financial Inclusion, procurement policies for Women Enterprises. In the afternoon observers attended a number of workshops while delegates attended the business session. Minutes and Board reports were presented. In the evening, everyone attended the Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony at the Citadel. Entertainment included music, an opera singer, cultural dancing and individual entertainers in the crowd. BPW Ontario received the Power to Make a Difference third place award for Excellent Advocacy for Women. Awarded because of our direct involvement with the Ontario Minister of Labour in the Gender Wage Gap Steering Committee and the Working Group appointed to follow-up on the recommendations submitted.

On Thursday, after several panel discussions and workshops, we heard Board reports and worked on the Constitutional changes. Of the seven proposed amendment's, five were approved. Meetings went late and were followed by, the Friends and Fellows Dinner and the Young BPW Girls Night Out-Nile Dinner Cruise.

On Friday, BPW International Board Elections were followed by the resolutions. All eleven resolutions were approved. The meeting ran late and was followed by approval of the budget and the Post-Congress Board Meeting for the Affiliates.

Over 800 women attended from every Region of BPW International. The evening events were spectacular and a true celebration of our work. Business was conducted smoothly considering the enormous size of this event and the many languages and barriers to understanding. Translation was available but all business sessions were conducted in English as most presenters preferred to speak English.

On a personal note, I was honoured to Chair the Resolutions portion of the Congress and present at one of the workshops as well as facilitate the resolutions workshop. I was thrilled to reconnect with many women I had previously met and happy to get to know so many, many more. I was extremely proud of our BPW Canada delegation and the lasting impression I am sure each and every member made on our BPW sisters around the world. I explored Egypt and their rich and beautiful history and had many new and wonderful adventures. This Congress will forever live in my memory.

BPW Canada Resolutions

Nelia Skilich

When BPW was first started the main purpose of BPW and its various chapters was to bring awareness to Women's rights and to ensure that we as a collective could make a change as to how women were perceived within the community. We want to be treated as equals and have our voices heard as a collective.



This was done through collectively bringing issues to the forefront of where we were not being treated with the same respect and with having the same rights as men.

As Resolutions Chair, I would like to bring our focus back to what we do and try to make a change by providing new resolutions and revisiting old ones that have not been dealt with.

As mentioned in our previous business meeting I am looking to our club members to bring forth ideas and issues that still linger and prevent us from being treated as equals within our community and our country and I invite all of you to contact me with any issues you think we can make a change with and create a resolution from.

We have also changed the way we will vote on resolutions and instead of having a full general meeting devoted to resolutions to review these, we will be having a separate meeting outside of our April general meeting. I ask that everyone that is interested in resolutions, interested in making a change for women to please attend this meeting so that your delegates can vote on your behalf.

If you would like to review any past resolutions – either on a provincial level or a national level that have been either put into effect or have not fully passed yet, please go to the BPW Ontario or BPW Canada websites.

I look forward to hearing back from you and hopefully will be able to answer any of your questions and make a change.

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**

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Women Working for Women

Dinner Location:

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2018 Dates to Remember

JANUARY 16

Speaker: Heather Scavetta, Psychic, Medium, Owner of School of Miracles.
Topic: Let's Start the Year With a Different Insight!

FEBRUARY 20

Speaker: Nasreen El Deen, Life Coach & World Traveller.
Topic: Nasreen will be speaking on her travels and her unique perspective on women's international role in business.
* Celebrating BPW International Night With Our Traditional Candle Lighting Ceremony.
* Women for Women Afghanistan Handmade Items Available for Purchase.

MARCH 2

22nd Progressive Charity Euchre Event, The Scottish Centre (AKA Glasgow Rangers Supporters Club Bramalea), 185 Advance Blvd., Unit 2, Brampton L6T 4H9 905.458.7718

MARCH 20

Speaker: Sandra Sharpe – Executive Assistant to Allan Thompson – Town of Caledon.
Topic: Leadership, Mentoring and Role Models.
* Invitation to Sheridan Bursary students.
Great opportunity to bring your daughter or niece. Subsidize meal for young invitees.

APRIL 17

Speaker: Susan Crawford, Crawford Chondon & Partners, LLP.
Topic: Employment Law, 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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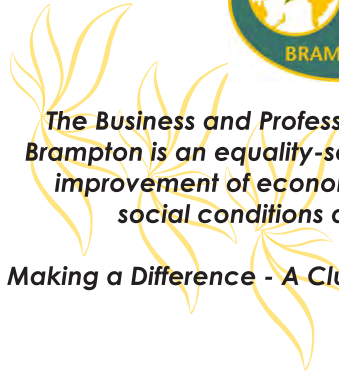
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