



WINTER 2019



Indira Persaud
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BPW Brampton

President's Message Indira Persaud

A year of Mixed Emotions: It is December 2018 and another Christmas Season is upon us. As another year is coming to an end, it brings us two holidays Christmas and New Year's as we prepare to celebrate with family and friends. It is a time for gratitude, forgiveness and heartfelt words of appreciation for all the people in our lives that made the year very successful.

While we are sipping eggnog and our dinner table is prepared with our favourite holiday foods, we must be mindful for all those who may need a little compassion and goodwill. There is always room at the table for "one more" and "hope".

Whatever life challenges we as BPW sisters are experiencing, we must embrace it with courage and a strong fight. As BPW sisters one should never feel alone as there is great honour in sharing your life journey with a special someone.

First, I wish to thank all our members for embracing me as your President. As a Club sometimes we will agree to disagree but we will support one another in all our decisions as we genuinely have the Club's best interest at heart.

At our October General Meeting, we heard a heart wrenching presentation from Kelly Franklin of Farmtown Canada on the Anti-Human Trafficking Program. Disturbing news this is a growing epidemic of our young girls being trafficked in all our communities.

October 13th, Niagara Falls District Provincial Meeting at The Queens Charlotte Tea Room. The event was interactive and our guest speaker – Julie Rorison, Chief of Staff for City of St. Catherines a young dynamic feminist and her view point how young women are shaping today's society. She will be our guest speaker in September 2019.

On November 6th, our beloved Paddy Silverthorne passed at the age of 99. Paddy has been a member with BPW for 35 years and many members expressed their gratitude for her kindness and wisdom throughout the years. For the short time I have been with BPW – Paddy's letters were always funny and warm and it clearly showed at any age one can do anything. Paddy lived a vibrant and memorable life. She certainly was a trailblazer within her own right and our Club will truly be grateful.

November 9th, was our 23rd Progressive Euchre Event, another successful event in which we raised \$2,400 for Ste. Louise Food Bank. I wish to thank Camilla Bignell in organizing the food and assembling all the utensils for the day of event. Our next Progressive Euchre Event will be on March 1, 2019 and I am spreading the word now we will need volunteers for this event.

November 20th our five Community Partners updated our members on the financial impact of our Club donations - Hope 24/7, Ste. Louise Food Bank, Victim Services of Peel, Honeychurch – Salvation Army and Wellspring Chinguacousy. The Canadian Women for Women Afghanistan displayed their trade table and happy to report our BPW sisters did some shopping – before and after the meeting.

It was astonishing to hear from all our Community Partners, the growing complex needs in our community and their combined synergies to leverage resources for the greater good of their clients. The sad reality there was the under current of human trafficking victims they all serve; this was the first time this message was delivered by most of the agencies. In summary, I would like to see meaningful action in this area of human trafficking and supporting BPW Canada in delivering its mandate.

We will be ended the year on December 11th at our Christmas Social back by popular demand and the return of our Christmas Elf. Christmas Elf knows who has been naughty or nice this year. A great way to end the year with our "gift stealing" and just have fun!

Enclosing, I wish to thank the Executive and all our Members for all their hard work and commitment in making BPW an outstanding organization.

I look forward to 2019 with enthusiasm and a zest for living and should life challenges knock at my door – I will embrace those situations with a strong spirit, courage and grace.

See everyone in 2019!

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Special Events Pat Dowling

GOLF



All e have booked our **24th Annual Charity Golf Event for Wednesday, June 12, 2019.** It will be held once again at the Caledon Golf Club and we will have registrations available in the Spring of 2019.

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*O*ur next **Charity Progressive Euchre Event will be held on Friday, March 1, 2019** at the Glasgow Rangers Club – Scottish Club and ticket sales will begin in January 2019. We sold out for the last Euchre Event in 2 business days which is a new record! 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 23rd Charity Progressive Euchre Event on Friday, November 9, 2018. 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 \$2,400.00 that evening.

Way to go BPW Brampton!!!



Provincial Report Barb Hore



*A*lthough I missed her presentation at our Club, I have heard Kelly Franklin, Project Lead for Farmhouse Canada/Courage For Freedom speak on a few occasions at some of our other BPW Ontario Clubs, as well as, at Provincial Conference 2018. There can be no doubt about the passion and dedication that this lady has to fight Human Trafficking. One of the ways that we can help (suggested at a recent BPWO Board Meeting) would be by a donation from each Club that is able to in the amount of \$250.00. I would ask our Executive to put this on our agenda for our next Executive meeting and give it serious consideration. This is becoming a desperate situation and many of us with young female children or grandchildren must recognize the danger that these criminals pose to all young girls.

Our next Provincial Conference will be hosted by the Kitchener Waterloo BPW Club on May 31st to June 2nd, 2019. Registration Forms will be available early in the New Year.

Work is already underway on the 2020 Provincial Conference which is being hosted by the London BPW Club at the Ivy Spencer Conference Centre. The dates for this will be May 29th to 31st.

Membership Corner Pat Dowling

BPW Brampton has a current membership of 40 with the recent induction of our 3 newest members: Wellspring Chinguacousy; Victim Services of Peel, and Honeychurch Family Life Resource Centre.

We welcome you to invite your friends to join us and grow our membership.

We are an amazing group of ladies; let's spread the word and not have the Club be the best kept secret in Brampton!



BPW Programs Angela McKinnon

All e continue to have an excellent line-up of speakers for our members. Please review the Dates to Remember details on Page 6 of the Club Focus to mark your calendars for upcoming events and meetings.

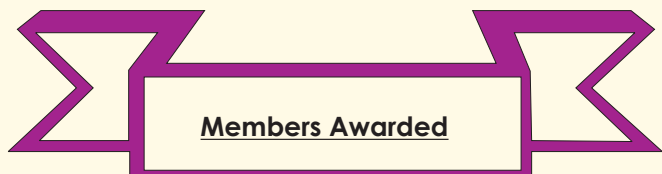
Please submit your welcomed suggestions for speakers for next season 2019-2020!



Member's Moments

Pat Dowling:

A new adventure awaits!!! Barry and I are so excited to announce that we have bought a cottage on Conestogo Lake near the town of Drayton this past November. We sold our property and trailer and now have a lovely cottage on a lake for us to begin the next chapter of our family adventures. We are looking forward to more kayaking, hiking, reading by the dock and bird watching! Remember to enjoy the small things in life ... time does go by too quickly!!



The following members received their Recognition Certificate at our September meeting for various years of BPW Brampton Membership namely:

Angela McKinnon - 5 years
Sheila Walker - 15 years
Marlene George - 15 years
Pat Prez - 20 years
Carol Kollar - 25 years
Dittie Voegele - 30 years
Paddy Silverthorne - 35 years



BPW Project ONroute

Heather Ellis, BPW Ontario

Dear BPW Brampton sisters,

Oh We want to thank you for your amazing support so far for the Project ONroute. We are making history with Farmtown Canada/Courage for Freedom with this project. Key Project dates to put in your calendars:

February 22, 2019 (sign up to e-invite or personally attend MPP's office) – Shhhhhhh: if you are going to see your MPP before this date, please don't tell them about the project – it is a surprise.

July 30, 2019 (sign up to attend an ONroute location at 9:30 a.m. sharp).

We are continuing to fundraise for the project. The fundraising model: 1-9-99 was created by a survivor. The "1" refers to the individual who makes a \$25 donation. Then that individual reaches out to "9" of her contacts and they donate \$25. Then each of this "9" reach out to "9" of their contacts and they donate and viola, we have "99" donations. Each donation of \$25 or more receives a tax receipt. This is how simple the model is. BPW Ontario's website now has a designated section for our Anti-Human Sex Trafficking initiative under "Advocacy". Here is the link:

<https://bpwontario.com/advocacy/anti-human-sex-trafficking-awareness.html#donations> where you will find information on how to donate. Please make sure you include BPW in the information or memo line.

There are several key roles which we need people to help us with. The list will be on the Members' side of the BPW Ontario website by Dec. 5th. Please review the roles and let us know if you, a friend, or a family member can help asap. Remember many hands make for light work.

Thank you again for all you do for women and girls!!
Cheers and have a great holiday season,

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Humane Society: The Humane 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:

**475 Chrysler Drive, Brampton, ON L6S 6G3
(Williams Pkwy East & Chrysler Drive) - (905) 458-5800**

Agnes Paddy Silverthorne Pat Dowling



Paddy passed away peacefully at Totem Lodge, Sechelt, British Columbia on November 6th, 2018 in her 99th year. Born **Agnes Theresa Thomson** in Dublin, Ireland in 1920; she never lost her deep love of her Irish heritage. In 1943, she married Robert Silverthorne and they enjoyed the following 63 years together until he passed away in 2006.

Always loved and remembered by her sisters Maureen (Mississauga) and Joan (Cambridge, UK), children Deirdre (Martin), Roger (Dale), grandchildren Jeremy (Carley), Shannon (John), Tara, Andrew (Julie) and great grandchildren Delphine, Thomson, Jones and Stevie, nephew David (Ellen), niece Maureen, as well as, family and friends in Canada and abroad.

Paddy's positive outlook and her tastefully glamorous style was her trademark throughout her long life as was her love of entertaining, theatre, classical music, sewing, bridge, travelling and the essential martini before dinner. For many years Paddy was the receptionist at American Motors in Brampton and a founding member of their recreation club. In retirement, she became a lifelong member of the Business and Professional Women's Club in Brampton. In 2012, she took up residence in Sechelt on the Sunshine Coast to be near her children and grandchildren. While there she became active in the local "Chair Actors" group where she made wonderful friends.

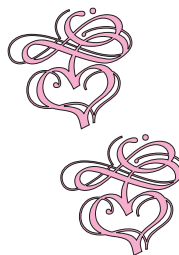
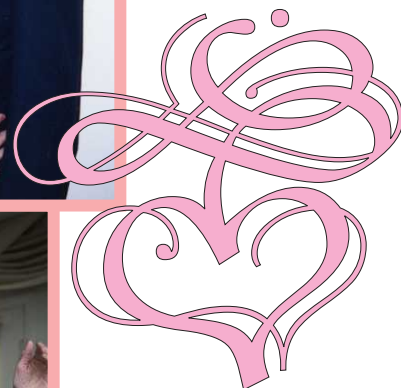
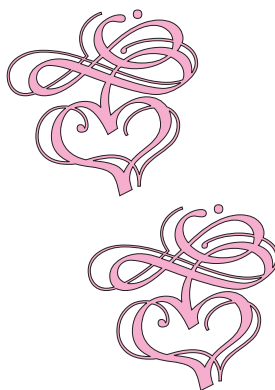
The family wishes to thank all those who cared for Paddy in her final days including all the staff at Totem Lodge, Dr. Belgraver and Rev Clarence Li for their love, compassion and kindness.

No service by request. Family celebrations of her life will be held in British Columbia and Ontario at a future date. Should friends wish to make a donation in Paddy's name, please consider St. Hilda's Anglican Church restoration fund, PO box 302, Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A0, or a charity of your choice.

Following is a feature excerpt of Dear Paddy from BPW Brampton's 60th Anniversary:

Paddy Silverthorne 1993

Paddy was born in Dublin, Ireland where she lived until her mother died in 1936. She and her two sisters were sent to a convent school where they finished their education. Paddy, the eldest then went to live with her father in Scotland. At the outbreak of World War II, she was conscripted and sent on a crash course in engineering after which she was sent to work in England for the duration of the War. It was there, she met and married her husband Bob. Deirdre was born there. After the War, they moved to Canada. They made a short return to England and then back to Canada to stay. Paddy went to work at American Motors (now Chrysler) as a receptionist for 22 ½ years. She continued to work for Chrysler on a part time basis in an interactive way. Paddy joined the Brampton BPW in 1983 and is instrumental in the Club's success. She has chaired several Committees and currently holds our History and Fellowship Chair. She was the Club's President from 1987 to 1989. Paddy is a tireless worker. Her wit and charm have endeared her to every member.





BPW Brampton
Christmas Social
Photo Gallery



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2019 Dates to Remember

JANUARY 15, 2019

Speaker-Topic: **Entrepreneurs Nigh!** Know someone who fits this category? Extend an invitation to this not to be missed event. A return to one of our most popular events from last year and a jammed pack evening of amazing speakers! The following dynamic ladies and our Speakers for tonight are the Brampton Board of Trade 40 under 40 recipients:

1. Shauna-Kay Jones, a past bursary recipient and we knew she was destined for great things! She is currently developing a tool to support autism individuals.
2. Dr. Pearl Mehra-Shah, the creator of Brampton's first luxury wellness facility.
3. Dwania Peel, the driving force behind the Canadian Small Business Women's group that offers small business advice to women through their website and blog.
4. Aly Tyghter, a tireless advocate for mental health and blogger who brought Mommy Connections to Brampton and Caledon, a safe space for moms dealing with isolation to connect.

FEBRUARY 19

Speaker-Topic: Come Celebrate International Women's Night with Us! Our Speaker Chris Beth Cowie has travelled and worked extensively overseas. She will share her experiences with us.
* Celebrating BPW International Night with our Traditional Candle Lighting Ceremony
* Canadian Women for Women Afghanistan Handmade Items Available for Purchase

MARCH 1

23rd 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 19

Speaker-Topic: Financial Wellness for Women ... Need help making sure you can look at your credit card bill with both eyes at the same time? We welcome Lianne Kim from Think Big Sales Consulting. With over 15 years in sales, she will help us keep more of our hard earned cash!

APRIL 15

Speaker-Topic: Make an impact in the issues facing today's women ... join us at our Resolutions Meeting!

MAY 21

Speaker-Topic: Annual General Meeting & Elections. Come out and support your Club and be a part in its direction, be a part of the Executive! Free wine ... okay that's not true but still a great night!

MAY 31-JUNE 2, 2019

BPW Ontario's 73rd Provincial Conference: Hosted by BPW Kitchener-Waterloo Club to be held at the Holiday Inn, Kitchener-Waterloo Conference Centre on Fairway Road, Kitchener. Further details will follow when available.

JUNE 12

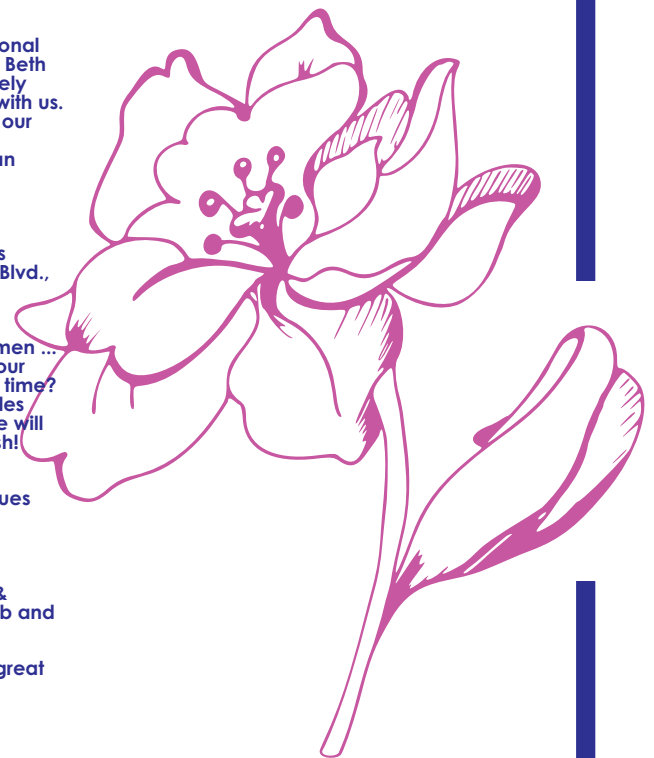
24th Annual Charity Golf Tournament
Caledon Golf Club

JUNE 18

Speaker-Topic: Our famous June Social! Invite a guest or two! We are also going to honour women within our Club with our first ever Summer Sizzling Awards! Find out how to get on the list.

ACTIVELY AT OUR 2018-2019 BUSINESS MEETINGS

2019-2020 Programs: Your suggestions for Speakers for our next season are welcome. Please watch for our "SUGGESTION BOX" available at our monthly business meetings to add your voice.





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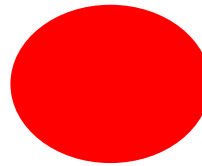
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