



The Business and Professional Women's Club of Brampton

Club Focus

FALL 2021



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until Further Notice.

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BPW Brampton President's Message

Lynne Taylor

Welcome Back!



I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and continue to enjoy the wonderful days of Fall that are now upon us. As we embark on a new year for BPW Brampton, we are reaching out to our members and asking the following questions:

1. What goals would you like to see BPW Brampton accomplish this year?
2. What are your own personal goals as a BPW Brampton member?
3. How do you want to be engaged with the club?

The Executive Committee has been working on a 3-year Business Plan and has identified a list of priorities for this year, which will give opportunities for members to become involved in a way that works best for them and still contributes to the goals BPW Brampton has set out to achieve.

"Engagement" is the theme and expectation of members for this year. It's not about how much, but where and when a member can become engaged, which can be achieved by some of the following examples:

1. Answering the questions posed above via email to lynne.taylor@rogers.com ;
2. Attending monthly meetings, sub-committee meetings and/or ad hoc round table meetings.
3. Introducing and/or bringing a friend to one of our monthly meetings.
4. Connecting the club to resources such as potential speakers for one of our meetings, or to a student volunteer with an interest in web design and/or social media.
5. Do you know a woman owned and operated small business that we could promote in our social media? and/or
6. Joining a sub-committee (i.e. Resolutions, Fundraising, Social Media, Mentorship, or Programs).

The next year is going to present many opportunities for members both current and new, for personal growth, as well as opportunities to contribute their own talent, experience, knowledge, and/or relevant connections they have to the club and its members. There really is no telling where we can take our club when we all commit to becoming engaged!

Looking forward to an **engaging** year ahead!





BPW BRAMPTON EXECUTIVE 2021-2022

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BPW Programs Geraldine Esemzie

Oh WELCOME to BPW Brampton Programs line up for 2021-2022.

We're looking forward to having the following line up of engaging Guest Speakers this year and hope that you will all "Save the Date" in your calendars to join us to hear (and see) these Speakers.

Please take note of our Christmas Social Event taking place on December 14, 2021 with more details to follow regarding the entertainment.

Please feel free to invite a friend to join you for any of the following dates, to give them the opportunity to see what **BPW Brampton** has to offer.



Save the Dates!

**BPW Brampton
Dates to Remember**



SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Speaker: BPW Brampton Executive Committee
Topic: 2021-2024 Business Plan

OCTOBER 19, 2021

Speaker: Cari Gangaram
Certified Fitness Instructor
Topic: everyBODY Fitness with Cari, Health at Every Size, Cari teaches full time virtual group fitness classes.

NOVEMBER 5, 2021

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

NOVEMBER 16, 2021

Speakers: BPW Community Partners
Topics: Each Community Partner will be allowed 10-15 minutes to speak about how BPW Brampton's Donation has assisted their agency in delivering services to their clients.
Community Partners include:
Hope 24/7 – Lisa McDonald
Honeychurch – Wendy Butler
Victim Services of Peel – Rubina Leahy
Wellspring Chinguacousy – Alex Smith
Ste. Louise Food Bank – Catherine Rivera

DECEMBER 14, 2021 CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

(2nd Tuesday of December)
Speaker: Details to Follow
Topics: Entertainment will include Salvation Army Band or Jada a talented Saxophonist; Trivia; Online Auction for Fundraising, Singing, Fun!

JANUARY 18, 2022

Speaker: Lynne Golding, Healthcare Lawyer, Partner at Fasken and Bestselling and Award Winning Author of "Beneath the Alders"
Topic: Inspiration behind Beneath the Alders Series.

FEBRUARY 15, 2022: International Theme and Candle Lighting Ceremony

Speaker: Chief Deryn Rizzi, Mississauga Fire Chief and First Female Fire Chief in Mississauga
Topic: Journey to First Fire Chief and Lessons Learned

- International Theme Honouring all the BPW Clubs Throughout the World!
- Celebrating BPW International Night with our Traditional Candle Lighting Ceremony

MARCH 4, 2022

BPW Progressive Charity Euchre Event
The Scottish Centre (AKA Glasgow Rangers
Supporters Club Bramalea)
185 Advance Blvd., Unit 2, Brampton L6T 4H9
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MARCH 15, 2022: BPW Brampton Anniversary Meeting

Speaker: Marilyn Rafael, Liberal MMP Candidate
Topic: 40 Under 40 Young Entrepreneurs, Young Leaders. Marilyn will reflect on the Political Landscape for Young Female Leaders.

APRIL 19, 2022: Resolutions

Speaker: Alexandra Hopkins, BPW Brampton First Vice President and Resolutions Team
Topic: Issues Facing Women and Future Resolutions. Make an Impact for the Issues Facing Today's Women ... All Members Welcome to Join Us!

MAY 17, 2022: Annual General Meeting & Elections

Topic: Annual General Meeting and Elections. Come Out and Support BPW Brampton and Be Part in its Direction. Consider Being on the Executive!

JUNE 8, 2022

The First Annual Janet Brousseau Ladies Charity Golf Tournament, and Celebrating BPW Brampton's 25th Anniversary! Details to Follow!

JUNE 21, 2022: June Social

Our Famous June Social at The Terra Cotta Inn, Caledon! Invite a Guest!

JUNE 19, 2022: Programs Meeting 2022-2023

Your suggestions for Speakers for Next Season are welcome! Please contact Programs Chair to add your voice

- October is Women's History Month
- October is Small Business Month
- October 13, 2021: Virtual BPW Provincial Conference and Annual General Meeting, Golden Horseshoe
- October 16, 2021: World Food Day
- March 8, 2022: International Women's Day
- Tuesday, July 12, 2022:
- August 2022: BPW Canada Convention

Special Events Pat Dowling

We had great success from our first **Meats & Seafood Fundraiser**

that was partnered with the Canadian Progress Club. We raised \$1,000.00 from this event. This allowed us to donate \$500.00 each to support our Community Partners, namely Victim Services of Peel and Honeychurch.



Due to COVID we have unfortunately had to postpone our **November Charity Progressive Eucre Event to Friday, March 4, 2022.**

We have partnered up again with the Canadian Progress Club for our second **Meats & Seafood Fundraiser Event that is open until October 22, 2021.** Please help us support our Community Partners who are so desperately in need during these strenuous times. Pass onto your friends and family – a great way to stock up your freezer for the winter months with exceptional quality of products from Macgregors Meat & Seafood Ltd.

We are also looking forward to having a **Cookie Fundraiser in time for Christmas – a wonderful way to support Ste. Louise Foodbank** at that time of year.



Our next **Charity Golf Tournament will be Wednesday, June 8, 2022.**

Any suggestions on other fundraising events that we can participate in during COVID, please let us know. We would love to be able to donate more monies to our well-deserved community partners.

Stay safe!

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:

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



BPW Provincial Update

Lynne Taylor



BPW Ontario co-hosted with the Golden-Horseshoe District and South-West District a very engaging Annual General Meeting with Guest Speaker, Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, Ph.D. on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

The **BPW Ontario Board and Club Presidents' Joint Meeting will be taking place on Monday, October 18, 2021** where the 90th Anniversary of BPW St. Catherines will be acknowledged and celebrated, together with discussions and updates on the initiatives that BPW Ontario continues to progress on, such as the mentoring project, diversity and inclusion, marketing strategy and communication needs of our clubs.

VIRTUAL AGM via ZOOM
co-hosted by Golden Horseshoe District & South-West District

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021
7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Participate from the safety of your own home via ZOOM

guest speaker
Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, Ph.D.
She is a former Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) at Lakehead University, Thunder Bay where she is now the Indigenous Chair on Truth and Reconciliation. She held the Nexen Chair in Aboriginal Leadership at the Banff Centre in Alberta for four years, and is a faculty member on Right Relations and Wise Practices, a former Advisory Member of the Mental Health Commission of Canada, and a former member of the Board of Healthy Minds Canada and a current board member for Teach for Canada.

~ DOOR PRIZES drawn throughout the meeting ~
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WINNER MUST BE PRESENT FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING

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BPW Brampton Club Focus

BPW Members Corner **Grettel Comas**



I am wishing you had a great Thanksgiving Celebration and continue to keep smiling, nice and safe!

I am thankful to announce that our membership has been able to maintain strong. This year we count with the presence of 35 ladies joining our club, even though we are missing valuable members. I am confident that together we are going to get back not just the lovely ladies we had before, but new members as well! Especially because we have such great speakers programmed in our monthly meetings and a lot of fun involved in the upcoming events. It makes even more sense to invite your family members, friends, neighbours and colleagues to join you for a couple of hours.

For now, the meetings continue to be virtual. However, this is still a great way to socialize. Don't be shy, invite the person of your choice to join you for a cup of tea, coffee or a "dirty martini" and have fun, being motivated and get informed of what we do in our meetings and the number of good deeds that comes out of it.

I can't wait for the "in person" meetings to see you back again. In the meantime, enjoy your present moment, be the best version of yourself today and tomorrow, keep healthy my dear friends.



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BPW Community Support Lucy Oliveira

TCC Office Supplies

A generous and resourceful community office supplies company donates 40 backpacks filled with school supplies donated to Resource Family Services. Twenty backpacks for boys and Twenty backpacks for girls were the thankful recipients. Just in time for back to school.

BPW Brampton has received support from TCC Office Supplies in the past. Thank you to Joe Oliveira and Doug Whillans!!!



BPW Brampton Resolutions Alexandra Hopkins



With the new BPW year upon us, what a great opportunity it is to reflect on where we've been, and where we want to be going. Our Club Focus offers us a wonderful space to share in all of our hard work, and understand the importance of what's ahead.

Brampton's Resolutions Committee has had a successful summer with high hopes for the year ahead. Having been invited to speak to Brampton's Community Safety Advisory Committee and Brampton's Committee of Council on our Resolution to increase options for victims of gender-based violence to live safely in their community, we are delighted to share we received full support from Committee Members, and are awaiting a letter of support from Mayor Brown. We have made strong connections with a number of City Councillors and look forward to maintaining these partnerships.

With the support of the City of Brampton, we were further invited to submit our Resolution to Peel Regional Council seeking their consideration and endorsement. We also received full support from the Region, and look forward to advocating on this topic in the upcoming reviews of the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

With this support, we are able to call two Resolutions officially **resolved**.

This year will focus on pushing ahead on our open Resolution directed to the Provincial government, as well as working to maintain the partnerships established and continue advocating for this cause to be considered at the city and regional levels.

I'm proud of our Resolutions Committee and all its members. Through working as a team and bringing together our diverse experiences and strengths, we have been able to tap into the best of us.

I would like to take a moment to thank Councillor Williams, Councillor Santos, and Councillor Downey for their support in having our Resolution heard! We look forward to continuing to work with these great community leaders.



BPW Brampton From the Archives Pat Dowling

The following article is from the BPW Brampton Archives (70 years ago).

Our Archivist, Pat Dowling has chosen this article and to share that it is interesting to note the now Club Focus was originally called, "Club Chatter". An excerpt from the April 1951 issue will relate to all of us as we continue with the same interests now as in April 1951 to reaffirm, as Members, why we are part of this amazing Club.

As well, in March 1951 BPW Brampton celebrated their 4th Anniversary!



"CLUB CHATTER"

BPW Brampton, April 1951

"WHAT THE CLUB HAS MEANT TO ME"

... Norah Orr (who joined our club this year):

To me the Brampton Business and Professional Women's Club means a sense of belonging to a group. It creates an opportunity to meet new friends in a pleasant atmosphere. Through the Brampton B&PWC I have heard many worthwhile speakers giving current topics. Also, I have absorbed good training by observing and participating in a well-organized club. My one regret is that I did not join this club sooner.

... Florence Armstrong (who joined during our second year):

Joining the club in the second year I have found it a privilege and an opportunity to attend the meetings and share in the fellowship of other members. During the years which I have been a member we have had many outstanding speakers which one would not have had the privilege of hearing if it had not been made possible by the B&PW Club. The club has had some special teas, etc. which will always leave a pleasant memory in our minds – The Golden Slipper Tea, The Creed Luncheon, and our last International Dinner with a very impressive candle-lighting service. I think we should all be very thankful that we live in a country where we can attend a club such as we have in Brampton.

*A goodly thing it is to meet in friendship's circle bright;
Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet,
Or dims the radiant light.
No unkind word our lips shall pass;
No envy sour the mind;
But each shall seek the common weal;
The good of all mankind.*

... Florence Chinn (one of our charter members)

To be a small link in the chain of one-third of a million women those objectives are, in part, to promote the interests, the high standards of service, and friendly relations among B&PW's in 19 free countries in the world;

To be a slightly larger link in the chain of 12,000 women in Canada who have the same objectives, and who are also continually on the alert to improve the status of women;

To be again a link with the 3,000 women in Ontario who represent the active, thinking minds of our province - who as recently as last month succeeded in getting the Ontario Legislature to introduce and pass the Bill "Fair Remuneration for Female Employees";

And most of all, to be part of the local B&PW's – 70 women who in four years have become a well-knit group, recognized in the community as capable women interested in community activities and local improvements. To be one of a group of women who work together in friendship and co-operation ... To experience a new source of pleasure at the smile or the greeting of a fellow member whenever we meet.

All this is mine because I am a Brampton B&PW.



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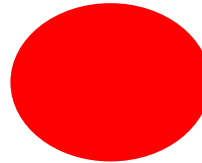
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