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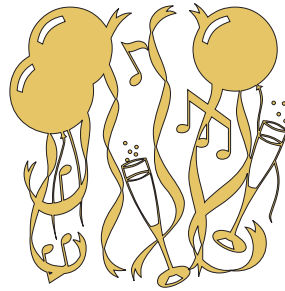


WINTER 2021



Lynne Taylor
President
BPW Brampton

President's Message Lynne Taylor



HINDSIGHT IS 2020 MOVING FORWARD

*H*appy New Year!! I hope you all managed to enjoy a healthy and safe holiday time. No one could have prepared us for what 2020 brought and so many of us couldn't wait to say goodbye to it, with the kick of a big boot, but 2020 was also a year of special events for people too, such as weddings, the birth of a new grandchild, a

new job, a new house and the importance of these events should not be diminished by the year in which they occurred. So, congratulations to all of those who experienced these or any other positive and enjoyable event(s) this past year.

As the saying goes "hindsight is 20/20" or is that "2020"? What has our club and I as your President come out of 2020 with? Well, when I started my Presidency with this club during 2020, I was worried that I was going to see a club with a rich 74-year history fold on my watch as a result of COVID, however if anything, it's been the opposite. Our club has shown adaptability and resiliency, with the continuance of our monthly meetings and hosting guest speakers virtually through Zoom, continued growth in our membership, with the induction of two new members at our November meeting, continued engagement with our community partners, promotion of our club and it's advocacy for the betterment of women through our social media, and the list goes on.

I'm also very lucky to work with a dedicated and experienced team of executive members, who have truly risen to the challenges that this past year has given us as a club and without whose support, I would not be able to fulfill my role as President. It's been and continues to be a team effort.

As we move forward into 2021, we are pushing ahead with our plans to engage our provincial and municipal government with the implementation of our BPW Brampton resolution, passed with 100% approval at Provincial Conference this year, along with reviewing where we can be innovative in our efforts to promote the good work that BPW Brampton does in so many areas, but with less resources this year.

We are also at a pivotal time for review of our organization as a whole and we are working with BPW Ontario and other provincial clubs to re-assess how we can come out of the past year stronger than ever, and continue to effectively address the issues and needs of women both locally and internationally, which has been one of, if not the hardest group hit by COVID.

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage any current and/or new members to reach out to myself or any of the executive team with any suggestions or ideas that fosters our mandate to continue advocating for the betterment of women and children.

Thank you for your continued support through your membership and I look forward to moving forward into 2021 with the same tenacity, strength and innovation that saw us through 2020.

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Special Events Pat Dowling



Our next Charity Progressive Euchre Event has been booked for Friday, March 5, 2021 at the Glasgow Rangers Club Scottish Club. We will revisit this at the beginning of 2021 to see if we can in fact hold this event.

GOLF

We have also booked our 25th Annual Charity Golf Event and our 1st Janet Brousseau Memorial Golf Tournament for Wednesday, June 9, 2021. It will be held once again at the Caledon Golf Club and we will have registrations available in the Spring of 2021 contingent on Covid.



Unfortunately with the second wave of Covid upon us we are only booking these events at this time with confirmation to be determined.

We do hope that we can hold one or both of these events with baited breath and we will keep you informed.

Stay safe and well in the meantime.



Humane Society



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BPW Provincial Report Barb Hore

In October 24th, our District Golden Horseshoe and the South-West District enjoyed a joint District Meeting. There were 19 members from the two districts attending.

As the position of District Director is a two year term, both districts had to elect a District Director. Nancy Broerse from Niagara Falls was acclaimed for another two years as the Golden Horseshoe District Director which encompasses Brampton, Niagara Falls and St. Catharines.



Barb Hore was acclaimed the District Director for the South-West District which includes London, Cambridge and Kitchener/Waterloo.

Brampton Club will host next year's district meeting in October for Golden Horseshoe and Kitchener will host for the South-West District.

Norma Yau from the London club did an outstanding workshop on the Sustainable Development Goals.

Joan Minnery, a motivational speaker, comedian and singer entertained us with some songs that she had written. She will also be entertaining us at our Christmas Social this year.

From the Ontario Board, we had our first meeting with the new executive in place. The main discussion topic was that of the 2021 Provincial Conference which was to be hosted by the Barrie Club. Unfortunately, due to Covid, the conference will be virtual this coming year with the Barrie club hosting instead in 2022. Under consideration at this time is the feasibility of alternating a virtual conference one year and a live one on election years. Brampton Club was scheduled to host in 2022 but this will not happen. It will either be in 2023 or 2024 depending on the Board's decision.

The other issue of great concern that was discussed was that of insurance. Currently we have in place D & O Insurance which covers all Board members and all executive members of our clubs. We are still working on liability insurance which will be necessary once we are able to open up to live meetings and events.

The surveys completed by the clubs were reviewed at a meeting of the Ontario Board and all Ontario Presidents. It is interesting to note that 80% of our clubs are meeting on Zoom.



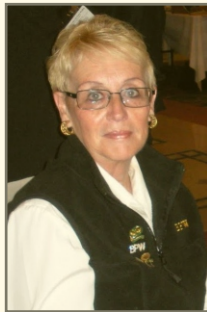
BPW Membership Corner Barb Hore

A very warm welcome to yet, another new Member. Geraldine

Esemezie is a senior technology professional with 17 years experience in her field.

With her very strong focus on women's empowerment and community service, she will be an excellent addition to our club. We all benefit in different ways from belonging to not only our own club but from the interaction with other Provincial clubs and other Canadian clubs which are even more accessible now virtually.

Our current membership is at 40. I encourage our members to continue to support our club by inviting friends, family or co-worker to attend one of our virtual meetings. It is a great way to see what we are all about without leaving home.



BPW Programs Indira Persaud

It has been an active online format for Programs this year. We are ending the year with a great speaker Elvira Hooper talking about "Living your best life and cultivating the Spirit of Giving". Joan Minnery will delight us with her incredible Christmas songs and ending the evening with Ritu Neb our Bollywood Dancer.



Our opening act in January will be Tracey Pepe, Owner of The Scented L'Air. For the cold winter month of February, we will celebrate BPW International Night with our Traditional Candle Lighting Ceremony. Also, our young BPW Brampton Member Nataliia Soroko will present speaking about Emirati Women and the Western Mindset.

In March, we have two future leaders, Olivia Stockmann, serving an intern to the United Nations Secretariat Headquarters, and Sandeep Gill, an Event Planner who had to pivot her business during the pandemic.

As we move to wrap up our year, Alex Hopkins, First Vice President and Resolutions Chair will present to our Club in April, our current and future Resolutions.

In May, we wrap up with our BPW Annual General Meeting and Elections.

In June, hopefully we can put the pandemic behind us with our planned Golfing and our Social at Terra Cotta.

Young BPW / Social Media Report

Zainab Williams

This year has been a year for many adjustments in terms of how to continue to stay connected with our fellow BPW sisters without the engaging monthly meetings.

Our adjustments during the pandemic have been to find a way to stay connected with our members and technology has played a key role. BPW Brampton adjusted by conducting Executive meetings online to continue to build the initial momentum in the Club's membership, volunteering and strategic partnership plans.

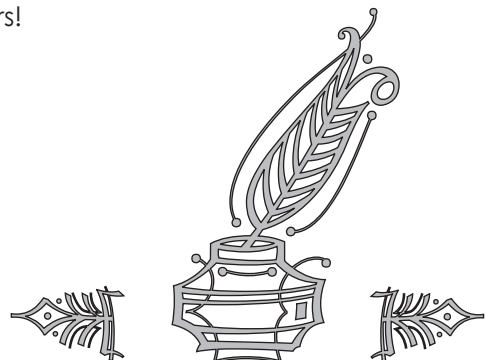
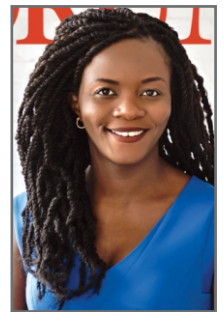
BPW Brampton will continue to fundraise for multiple non-profit organizations and to provide relevant meetings to build awareness on the initiatives that are being spearheaded by various community stakeholders such as the food drive and supporting the anti-human trafficking task force that is being spearheaded by Constable Joy Brown. We will continue to post relevant content and also shine a spotlight to the community partners who are at the forefront of various initiatives making a difference.

Mentorship is crucial to ensure the survival and growth of the group. As a result, we will be implementing mentorship opportunities for long standing members to be matched with mentees in order to pave the way for succession planning.

I encourage all of you to think about taking on a role on the Executive or taking part on any of our committees. You will not only get a better understanding of what BPW has to offer but the friendships that you forge will be unforgettable.

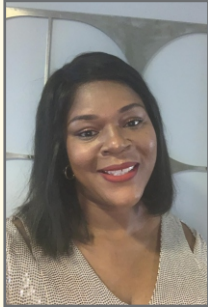
My thanks to our President Lynne Taylor and the entire Executive for being a great group of women who are making a difference while juggling multiple responsibilities.

Cheers!



BPW Member Feature

Geraldine Esemezie Sheila Walker



Geraldine is a high-performing, result-oriented Service and Operations Management Inspirational Leader with expertise in developing, building, implementing, and optimizing Service and Operations Management strategies and processes to maximize business results in

Technology space. She has been married for 22 years to Andrew and they have three adorable kids.

Geraldine is a life coach, diversity and inclusivity advocate and leader, actively providing community support, love and fun wherever she finds herself as she loves filling her space with the power of love, positivity and high energy. She has a strong passion for supporting women, sharing her stories, hearing their stories and empowering them. She believes we should all make mental health a priority and always be there to provide support on this.

Geraldine is greatly inspired by all the amazing community work being accomplished by members of the BPW organization and she is very delighted to have joined the group in November 2020. She looks forward to actively participating and providing great support to upcoming BPW initiatives as we continue to make our community a better place for women and their families.



BPW Friends of Christmas Past

Sheila Walker

Remembering our Friends of Christmas Past who represent heartwarming memories about

 **Faith**

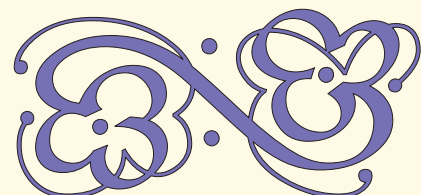
 **Hope**

 **Kindness**

which we thankfully vow to continue with their unique influence and inspiration.

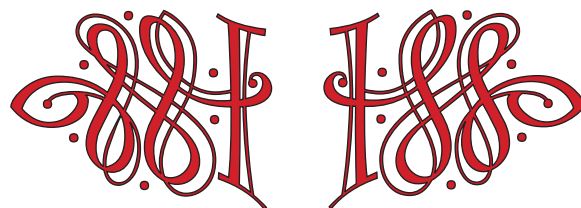
BPW Sisters

Linda Barker
Marcia Barhydt
Janet Brousseau
Anne Felesko
Olga Gil
Pamela Moore
Pearl McCabe
Paddy Silverthorne





BPW Brampton
Christmas Social
Virtual Photo Gallery



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Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER 9, 2020
Programs Meeting for 2020-2021.
Meeting held on Zoom.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020
CANCELLED: BPW Brampton General Meeting.
Executive held practice run on Zoom in
preparation for October 20 General Meeting.

OCTOBER 20, 2020
Speaker: Constable Joy Brown,
Peel Regional Police
Topic: Peel Human Trafficking Service Providers
Committee and its meaningful involvement in
Peel and the Greater Toronto Area with its work in
Human Trafficking.

NOVEMBER 13, 2020
CANCELLED: 27th 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 17, 2020
Speakers are BPW Community Partners including:
Hope 24/7 – Lisa McDonald
Honeychurch – Wendy Butler
Victim Services of Peel – Debbie Lupton
Wellspring Chinguacousy – Alex Smith
Ste. Louise Food Bank – Catherine Rivera
Topic: 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.

DECEMBER 8, 2020 (2nd Tuesday of December)
Speaker: To Be Determined
Topic: The Spirit of Giving in Uncertain Times
Our Club is also discussing a meaningful get
together to celebrate Christmas in a socially
responsible outside gathering. Also, we are
considering a financial donation and/or
sponsoring a family for Christmas.

JANUARY 19, 2021
Speaker: Tracy Pepe, Owner of The Scented L'Air
29 Queen Street East, Brampton
Topic: How the Nose Knows

FEBRUARY 16, 2021
Speaker: Natalia Soroko, as one of the newest
members of our Club, Natalia is a Young
Traveller, Entrepreneur who has served the United
Nations and lived in Dubai will speak about
Women's International Issues and Women's Rights
through her own lived experiences.
Topic: Intercultural Successful Women in the
Middle East. Emirati Women. Difference between
Emirati and Western Mindset.

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

MARCH 5, 2021
26th 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 16, 2021
Speaker: Olivia Stockmann, serving an intern to
the United Nations Secretariat Headquarters.
Topic: She will give an overview of Women and
Leadership from the United Nations Perspective.
- AND -

Speaker: Sandeep Gill, an event planner with
Lumos Events who had to pivot her business
during the pandemic.
Topic: She will speak about how she had to pivot
her business during the pandemic.

APRIL 20, 2021
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 18, 2021
Topic: Annual General Meeting & Elections.
Come Out and Support Your Club and Be a Part in
Its Direction, Consider Being on the Executive!

JUNE 9, 2021
The First Annual Janet Brousseau Ladies Charity
Golf Tournament and Celebrating BPW
Brampton's 25th Anniversary
Caledon Golf Club, More Details to Follow!

JUNE 15, 2021
Our Famous June Social at The Terra Cotta Inn,
Caledon! Invite a Guest or Two!

JULY 13, 2021
Programs Meeting for 2021-2022.
Your suggestions for Speakers for Next Season are
welcome. Please contact Programs Chair to add
your voice.

MAY 2021: BPW 75th Provincial Conference,
Barrie

TBD 2021: BPW Canada Convention, Ottawa

OCTOBER: Women's History Month

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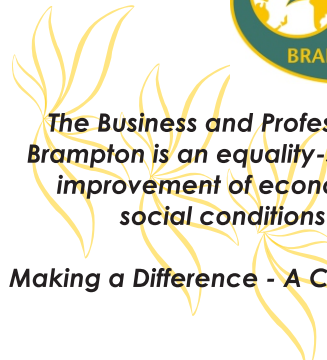
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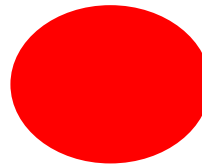
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