



Club Focus

FALL 2014



Pat Dowling
President
BPW Brampton

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President's Message

Pat Dowling

*W*elcome back BPW Brampton! Another Summer has come and gone and Fall is upon us.

Part of our **BPW mandate** is to make changes for women on all levels of Government – Municipal, Provincial, National and International. We participate in creating and supporting Resolutions that will be brought forward, debated and voted on to ensure that we continue to seek the improvement of economic, political, employment and

social conditions for women around the world. This year, we had three delegates attend Provincial Conference in Sudbury – **Linda Barker, Barb Hore and Indira Persaud**. We also had **Carol Kollar** attend as a delegate to the National Convention held in Saskatoon. As always, **Olga Gil**, our Resolutions Chair is looking for volunteers, and more importantly, ideas on what Resolutions the Brampton Club can submit for the upcoming Provincial Conference being held in Barrie in 2015. Please contact Olga to share your ideas and see how Resolutions are created.

Our District 3 Annual General Meeting is on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at La Scala Restaurant in Mississauga. Our own member, **Tammy Elliot** will be hosting a workshop and the guest speaker is Chris Fonseca, Mississauga City Councillor Ward 3. We hope you can attend this day. We have a wonderful **Programs schedule with Linda Barker at the helm** to ensure we have another informative year of speakers and topics of interest.

We are pleased to have a new home for our monthly meetings namely **Clinton's on Main** and are truly enjoying having our own room for our meetings. At our September meeting, we had a very special guest attend, **Paddy Silverthorne** all the way from B.C. It was such a joy to see her again and she was thrilled to be able to be part of one of our meetings after such a long time.

We had another successful **Charity Golf Tournament in June and with the support of Scotiabank's 'Bright Future Program' we raised \$13,456.00. Congratulations Brampton** on being such an amazing Club with so much heart, determination and dedication. **Our next event is our 15th Progressive Charity Euchre Night on Friday, November 7, 2014** at the Brampton Irish Centre. Open to guys and gals, it will be another great night out with proceeds going to Ste. Louise Outreach Centre & Food Bank.

This edition has a new section **'Member's Moments'** which is a forum to let members share personal and/or business triumphs with one another.

I am so honoured to serve as your President for another term and the upcoming year promises to be exciting!



Special Events 2014 Barb Hore


GOLF

 On Thursday, June 12th we had our 19th Annual Charity Golf event that was held at Caledon Golf Club. We had 79 golfers, 31 hole sponsors, an additional 19 dinners only and 7 trade table vendors. We had a wonderful day of golf and lots of fun. We enjoyed a great evening and with our raffle prizes and live auctions, we are pleased to announce that we raised \$8,456.00. In addition to this, Scotiabank presented an additional \$5,000.00 from their Bright Futures Program for a total of: \$13,456.00.

We have booked our next year's tournament for Thursday, June 11, 2015 at Caledon Golf Club.

Registration Forms will be available in early 2015

EUCHRE

 Next up is our 15th Charity Progressive Euchre Event on Friday, November 7, 2014 at The Irish Centre. We have tickets now available for sale and, as you know, this event gets sold out quickly. We only have room for 100 players, so please see Linda Barker for your tickets. This is open to guys and gals – anyone that loves to play euchre will have a great time. We need your regifts and donations for raffle and door prizes ... we are here with open arms! Whatever you can give us, please bring to the October meeting or contact Barb Hore or Pat Dowling for pick up.

We will also need help with food and will circulate a food list as usual. This is a wonderful event that helps our community and we ask that everyone contribute in some way to help us have another successful night.

The recipient of this event will be the Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel Food Bank – especially right before Christmas.


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Tickets are \$20.00 each (with no refunds available).

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

We start to play promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Provincial Report Barb Hore

 As the newly elected Vice President of Federation Promotions (Membership) for BPW Ontario, I am pleased to report that the Board has already had a meeting over the summer to start to summarize some of the issues and ideas that we will be putting forward this year.

To summarize:

- We will see some changes in the number of delegates that each Club will be able to send to Provincial Conference.
- Since our Brampton Club has confirmed that we will host the 2016 Provincial Conference, we will be responsible for the Friday night entertainment and snacks at the 2015 Conference. We should be striking a Conference Committee soon. If you would like to assist us, please contact Pat Dowling or myself. It really is not a lot of work if everyone pitches in.
- Corporate memberships are under consideration.
- There will be changes in the membership award process.
- A revitalization fund has been set up to assist smaller clubs in Ontario to host events in order to raise their profile in their respective communities.
- I would encourage all of you to attend our Annual General District Meeting which is being held at La Scala Restaurant in Mississauga on October 25. Our district includes Brampton, Mississauga, Niagara Falls and St. Catharines. Come out and meet other members of our district.

Carrie Andrews Pat Dowling



As many of you know, Carrie and Lindsay Andrews moved to Cobourg leaving behind the Brampton community that they knew and loved. Carrie did continue to attend our meetings whenever possible. However, as much as she loves BPW Brampton, the drive to attend meetings especially in the winter

does not seem like a good long term plan. So with that in mind and with a heavy heart, Carrie has transferred her BPW membership from Brampton to the Bowmanville Club. We will miss her dearly and wish her all the very best in the Bowmanville club. On the upside, we will be seeing her at conference!





BPW International Snigdha Malik

Meet Our New President for BPW International, President's Message to the International Board

First of all, I would like to thank the XXVIII International Assembly for your participation on the democratic process that elected me as your President and elected remarkable Executive members. I am honored and excited at the prospect of leading our membership of Business and Professional Women through a new era in our organization. This is a crucial time in the lives of women around the world. We have brought up societal awareness of our position and our goals. We will now work in claiming our well deserved space in society, in the business world, and in the professions. BPW International is an element of change and improvement. We are an established global network of leaders in our own right.

As we start this new Triennium, it is our goal to Make a Difference Through Leadership and Action. I strongly believe that what makes BPW so special is its members. If we join our efforts and work as a team and with our partner organizations in the initiatives, programs and projects, that we have and in those that may come before us, not only will we be empowering our own members, but all women in general. It is through our common action that we will see the results of our work.

BPW International with its network of National Federations, Affiliate Clubs and its members in 100 countries around the globe is in the best

position to show the world our true empowerment of women through our actions. In this triennium we will build on the work and accomplishments gained during previous trienniums and through our common efforts we will be leaders who take action. Leadership is the best tool to empower women in all phases of our lives, in the workplace, in society and under the law, and we need to prepare ourselves so we can improve our performance at all levels. We need to take action with sustainable programs, working on campaigns, highlighting issues, becoming women in decision-making roles and anywhere that women need the self-confidence to lead. Leadership is not just about being a CEO, a President or Chair, it is about motivating, inspiring, providing support, mentoring, and action. BPW has the tools needed to empower our members.

I call on our BPW leaders, affiliates and members in general to join in our efforts to reach our objectives and those of our predecessors. BPW was built by strong, hardworking pioneers who led us by example and who, through their efforts, improved the lives of women throughout the world. It is my commitment to work shoulder to shoulder with our members, "keeping our roots, building our future." Together, we will be Making A Difference Through Leadership And Action.



Dr. Yasmin Darwich, President, BPW International 2014-2017



News from BPW Resolutions Olga Gil

Resolutions passed at a Provincial Conference or National Convention often contain directives to urge the provincial or federal governments and/or as appropriate specific ministries to take some sort of action. These directives outlined in the approved resolution Therefore It Be Resolved statements are consolidated into a written brief for submission to the various government ministries, and leaders of the opposition parties. A copy of the brief is circulated to Club Presidents for use at the local and/or provincial levels, i.e. for issuing press releases, and/or arranging meetings with their community-

based Member of Provincial Parliament representatives, (MPP), or Members of Federal Parliament (MP).

Opportunities to meet with the ministries affected by the resolutions enclosed in the brief are requested/granted. These meetings provide a further opportunity to strengthen our relationships with decision makers and to reinforce how and why we feel our resolutions should be implemented. A report of these meetings and correspondence is communicated to the membership through emails, routine mailings, annual reports and the website.



Membership Corner Karen Armstrong



*W*elcome back BPW Brampton Members! I hope everyone had a fantastic summer and was able to spend time with their families.

The Fall is upon us now and we have lined up some great dinner meetings for our membership. I hope you are able to join us and possibly bring out a friend or guest to one of our meetings.

It is because of your enthusiasm in our Club that it is truly a great one.

Let's make this an amazing year!

Recent Highlights on a Member:

Linda Ford Sheila Walker



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Focus on a Member:

Angela McKinnon Sheila Walker



*A*ngela McKinnon is your Property Stylist Expert. Angela offers more than 15 years of styling expertise working with both homeowners and licensed real estate professionals. She has both an innate and elegant sense of style combined with an extensive background in the business. She has completed a number of courses and programs, conducted by industry leading professionals

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Member's Moments to Share

Pat Dowling

Pat Wepf: Pat became a first time Great-Grandmother of a beautiful baby girl named Leah, born in August.

Linda Ford: I've been named to Canada's W100 list of Female Entrepreneurs. Ranked #49 in Canada.

Pat Dowling: On July 19, 2014 (my husband Barry's birthday), I became a grandmother for the first time. Proud parents Shane and Cheryl announced the safe arrival of Miss Riley Sandra Dowling weighing in at 7 lbs. 4 oz. at 11:56 a.m.

Tammy Elliott: I pulled together an amazing team for my Leadership Forum for Business Women in Caledon.

Sonja Embree: Sonja will be moving to Ecuador in January 2015 to take a teaching position for a two-year term.

Karen Armstrong: Karen survived the long awaited kitchen renovation this summer - Yahoo!

Programs Linda Barker

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



Community Partners Sheila Walker

October Meeting

October speakers will include a group of our community partners. Each speaker will update the Club on current activities within their organization. Partners include:

Honeychurch Women's Shelter, Marilyn Field
Walk with Me, Timea Nagy
Wellspring Chinguacousy, Maria Taylor
St. Louise Foodbank, Catherine Rivera
Hope Place, Laura Zilney

Wellspring Chinguacousy will be onsite for their Pink Hair Dare Campaign.



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:

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2014-2015 Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER 16

PC Gillian Martin, Peel Regional Police
Street Connection, Crime Prevention
and Women in Policing

OCTOBER 21

Update on our Community Partners, and
Wellspring Chinguacousy Pink Hair Dare

OCTOBER 25

District 3 Annual General Meeting,
La Scala Restaurant, Mississauga

NOVEMBER 7

15th Progressive Charity Euchre Event,
Brampton Irish Centre

NOVEMBER 18

Amber Dowling, TV Critic,
Editor and Vice President of
Television Critics Association

DECEMBER 9

Christmas Social at Clinton's on Main

JANUARY 20, 2015

Nikola Broadway, Personal Trainer,
Health and Fitness

FEBRUARY 17

International Night and Candle Lighting
Ceremony; 3 Students Experience with
Equador Study Abroad and Women
Afghanistan Trade Table

MARCH 6

16th Progressive Charity Euchre Event,
Brampton Irish Centre

MARCH 17

Interactive Panel Discussion with CCAC,
Liz Cunningham from Blue Willow
Consulting for Seniors on Transitioning
and Wesley Jackson, Lawyer on
Living Wills, Power of Attorney

APRIL 21

Olga Gil, Resolutions Meeting

MAY 19

Annual General Meeting
& Elections

MAY 22-24

Provincial Conference
Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston, Ontario

JUNE 11

20th Annual Charity Golf Tournament,
Caledon Country Club

JUNE 16

Social, Details to be Confirmed

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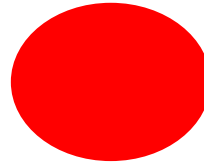
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