

BPW Brampton's Club FOCUS newsletter



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President's Message

It is hard to believe that this is our last publication for the 2011-2012 year. As there has been a change on the Board, I will be the Acting President until our elections in May.

Our Christmas Social was celebrated at the Brampton Irish Centre. We had our yearly 'Gift Stealing' game and it started the Christmas holidays on the right note.

In January we had our own Mayor Susan Fennell sharing her experiences on politics and her goals for our City. She is a vibrant person who loves our City and enjoys speaking about it. February was our International Night and Candle Lighting Ceremony to celebrate all our BPW sisters around the globe. We had Courtney Mooney share her experiences from a 4 month mission to Moldova with 'Word Made Flesh'.

On March 2, 2012 we held our 10th progressive euchre event. It was a roaring success and our proceeds of \$2,100.00 were donated to The Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centre of Peel. Please read more in our Events report. March 25, 2012 was the celebration of our BPW Brampton's 65th 'Sapphire' Anniversary. Carrie Andrews and her committee organized an outstanding event setting the bar ever so high - it will be a huge challenge to top this at our 70th Anniversary!

In April we will have Olga Gil present Resolutions for our Club to vote on at both the Provincial Conference and National Convention being held in London, ON from June 21st – June 24th. This is the back bone of BPW and what we stand for. It is imperative that we as an organization continue to lobby for the improvement of women around the world. Please take part in having your voice heard. We thank Olga for her continued dedication to this important role of BPW. May will bring our Annual General Meeting and Elections. Our very own Paddy Silverthorne is embarking on a new adventure in her life. She is moving to Vancouver, BC and with great reluctance we are seeing her leave our Club to do so. Many of us have said time and time again that 'We want to be just like Paddy when we grow up'. In this spirit, we will be gathering to **Celebrate Paddy Silverthorne** on Thursday May 10/12 at the Brampton Irish Centre and we hope that you can join us. Our 17th annual golf tournament will be on June 7/12 at Caledon Golf Club. We will be holding our June Social at the Spirit Tree Estate Cidery in Caledon and it will be a fun filled evening.

Many thanks again to Angel Massey-Singh for her superior job as our Club Focus Editor!

Wishing you the very best for a happy & relaxing summer!

Pat

Golf & Euchre Pat Dowling

Next up on our events calendar is the 17th annual charity golf tournament booked for Thursday June 7, 2012. The registrations forms have been sent out along with hole sponsorship forms and prize donation forms. Remember if you pay before May 1, 2012 you will be entered into a draw to have your day paid for. The price remains the same as last year and includes a boxed lunch too. We are the best deal out there for 9 holes of golf, lunch, dinner and a wonderful time. Once again we need your help in getting us golfers, hole sponsors and prizes.

Please help us make this year's golf tournament the best ever!

We held our 10th charity progressive euchre event on Friday March 2, 2012 at the Irish Centre. We were sold out once again with 100 tickets sold. A big thank you to all of our members who helped with ticket sales, raffle door prizes and food donations. We were very pleased to present a cheque in the amount of \$2,100 from the proceeds of that evening to Heather Coupey from The Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centre of Peel.

Please mark the date of Friday November 2, 2012 as the date for our 11th charity progressive euchre event benefitting Ste. Louise Outreach & Food Bank being held at the Irish Centre.

District Director's Report Barb Hore



Our new Mississauga Club chartered on February 27th with a celebration at LaScala Restaurant in Mississauga. Bonnie Crombie, a Mississauga Councillor was the guest speaker and we had many visitors from the outlying clubs present. The club chartered with 10 members, now have 13 and anticipate another 3 joining next month. Asha Singh, a Mississauga Realtor is the President of the new club.

By September, we hope to have a new Oakville/Burlington club as well. There has been a great deal of interest in a club in that area. This might well replace the Halton Club that has been faltering for a few years.



Niagara Falls/St. Catherines club continue to have regular and interesting meetings. Since they meet all summer, we will sit down and formulate a plan to try and increase membership in these two clubs. To date growth has been a bit slow.

I am happy to report that there will be representation at Provincial Conference/National Conventions from all clubs in our District this year.

Member Interview Sheila Walker



Kimberley Supper

CruiseShipCenters in Brampton, Part Owner & Manager in Charge
Young BPW Brampton Chair & Membership and Dinner Convener

Since 2005, Kimberley is actively a proud member of Young BPW Brampton and she feels honored to share a bit about herself with BPW Brampton.

Being a member of BPW Brampton has been a blast for Kimberley, as well as, a great learning experience. She enjoys sitting on the Executive Committee helping with various events and representing the YBPW in our Club. Kimberley looks forward to her future endeavours with BPW Brampton and promises to be an active member for many more years to come.

Personally, Kimberley is 33 years old born and raised in Brampton. She has an amazing and supportive family with a beautiful niece that blessed our family 5 years ago.

As a newlywed, she married on May 28th 2011 to the man of her dreams. They have been together for almost 5 years. It is funny how they met as they were "set up" by their Mothers and the famous quote, "mothers know best" ... it is so true.

Presently living in Mississauga, however, Kimberley is still a Bramptonian at heart.

Kimberley considers herself fortunate with her career over the past 10 years. Her Dad opened up CruiseShipCenters in Brampton September 2001, and she started with him right from day one as a Travel Consultant, building her career and growing her business. Ten years later with two Brampton locations, Kimberley is part owner and manager in charge at their newest location and with a fantastic team of consultants planning and booking dream vacations primarily on cruises and all-inclusive resorts, working very hard to build a strong presence in Brampton. They are proud to be known as the #1 choice for cruise vacations. Kimberley enjoys her career so much that it feels more like a hobby than work to her. She considers herself as fortunate with this career path as it has allowed the freedom to travel and explore this magnificent world in which we live. One major highlight is she "ticked" her top destination from her bucket list when she and her husband, Jeff went to Bora Bora for their Honeymoon last year. They enjoyed an over water bungalow in Bora Bora, then a Cruise from Tahiti around the Islands. Kimberley describes this experience as truly priceless!

Thank you for taking the time to get to know her!

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of staying informed about the club!**

65th Anniversary Carrie Andrews

On Sunday, March 25, 2012, we celebrated our Chapter's 65th anniversary with a High Tea at Nine 18 Restaurant. It was a great success with over 70 attendees. Everyone got into the spirit of the afternoon wearing party hats or fascinators. We had a wonderful afternoon socializing and sharing stories. Thank you to our many sponsors and donors whose contributions helped make the event an even greater success. A special thanks to Kyle Seeback and Empowered Brand Marketing for being our "Azure" sponsors.



Programs Carrie Andrews

2011-2012 has been a busy year with many interesting speakers and events. Although our year is almost over, we still have a few more programs coming up. In April, Olga Gil will lead our Resolutions discussion and in May, we are holding our Annual General Meeting and elections. We'll wrap up the year in June with our June Social.

This year's June Social will be held on Tuesday, June 19th at Spirit Tree Estate Cidery. This food lover's destination cidery is located in Caledon and housed in an award winning straw bale building. Opening just for us on this evening, we'll be treated to dinner and a cider tasting while overlooking the orchard and surrounding Caledon hills. A wood-fired oven bakery and farm shop is available on the premises for anyone who'd like to take home some treats. We hope you join us for a relaxing evening in the country. A car pool will be arranged for anyone who needs a ride.

BPW International Snigdha Malik

Message from -
Freda Miriklis
BPW International
President

The BPW Executive Board met last week in Melbourne, Australia, for the first time this triennium to discuss strategy and actions relating to our triennial theme: Empowered Women Leading Business. Last week your executive were empowered BPW executives leading from the top!

I am pleased to say that BPW International is leading the way in advocacy for women by empowering them through international initiatives such as the Women's Empowerment Principles, Equal Pay Day, Commonwealth Business Women and the work around Women Entrepreneurs and Trade. New tools and resources will be made available shortly to assist federations and clubs in meeting the requirements of the BPW Policy led initiatives. This is an exciting time in our history to be apart of the BPW vision!

Your executive reiterate the importance of the 2nd Women Entrepreneurship and Trade Survey which is currently open to all members to complete. To determine which sectors will be represented later this year at the Global Platform for Action on Sourcing from Women Vendors, it is important that all members running Women Owned Businesses complete this survey.

While this is an opportunity for our members in developing, least developed and transitional economies to sell to multi-national corporations, it also provides opportunities for our Women Owned Businesses in the developed economies to participate as buyers.

This survey will allow us to empower members at the grassroots level by providing access to new and exciting markets and business opportunities. We have extended the deadline so please [complete the survey online now!](#) It will only take a few minutes and you could receive positive returns for your business!

Let me conclude quoting the words of former Secretary General Kofi Annan:
"There is no tool for development more effective than the empowerment of women".

Paddy Silverthorne Pat Dowling

As many of you know, Paddy Silverthorne is moving to BC once her home sells here in Brampton. Since the timing is unknown we want to make sure that we have a celebration for Paddy before she leaves. We are holding a get-together on Thursday May 10, 2012 at the Brampton Irish Centre from 5:30 pm onwards. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm (everyone will order individually from the menu). This is open to spouses and friends – a chance for us all to give our good wishes to Paddy. More information was sent out in a flyer – we hope you can join us.

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Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.
~Doug Larson

Your 2011-2012 Executive

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Dates to Remember

MAY 10th
Celebrating Paddy Silverthorne, Brampton Irish Centre

APRIL 17th
Resolutions Meeting

MAY 15th
AGM & Elections

JUNE 7th
17th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Caledon Country Club

JUNE 19th
Social, Spirit Tree Estate Cidery – Caledon

JUNE 21th-24th
BPW Provincial Conference & National Convention, London, ON

NOV 2nd
11th Progressive Charity Euchre Event, Brampton Irish Centre

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