



Club Focus

WINTER 2013



Pat Dowling
President
BPW Brampton

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President's Message Pat Dowling

*H*appy New Year! I wish you and yours all the very best for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2013.

We had our annual Christmas Social on December 11, 2012 and it was a fun-filled evening. Ste. Louise Food Bank received tremendous support from our donations once again and the 'Gift Stealing' event was a roaring success!

At our Christmas Social, our membership voted in favour of having Police Chief Jennifer Evans an Honourary Member of BPW Brampton. It is wonderful for our Club to support another successful woman in a leadership role in our community. We will be inducting Chief Evans as soon as her schedule allows.

Olga Gil will be announcing our Club's Resolutions at our January meeting that we will be discussing and voting on in April. These Resolutions will help us make changes for women on all levels of Government: Municipal, Provincial, National and Internationally. Thank you to Olga and her Committee for all of their hard work.

In February, we will be participating in the Candle Lighting Ceremony which is an International Event that is celebrated by all BPW Clubs around the world.

Please join us for our next social event, the 12th Progressive Charity Euchre Night on Friday, March 1, 2013 at The Brampton Irish Centre. Open to guys and gals, it will be another great night out!

We have a wonderful Programs schedule with stimulating, inspiring and educational speakers. We hope that you join us each month to experience the variety of topics, good food and wonderful friendships.

Thank you to all of our members for making our Brampton Club such a vibrant organization. We have 51 members to date and we are still growing. Thank you for spreading the word of BPW Brampton, for bringing your friends to meetings and for increasing our presence in the community. To an outstanding group of ladies, you are the best!

Events 2013 Barb Hore

GOLF

We have booked our **18th Annual Charity Golf Tournament for Thursday, June 13, 2013.**

It will be held once again at the **Caledon Golf Club** and registration forms will be available in the Spring. We have room for 144 lady golfers. Spread the word and help us have a sold out, fun-filled day! We are also looking for hole sponsors for our event at a cost of \$100.00; it is great way to advertise your company and to support our community partners. Mark your calendars and see you on the greens!



EUCHRE

We just held our **11th Charity Progressive Euchre Event on Friday, November 16, 2012**



at The Irish Centre and it was a huge success! We had 84 players, Joker Poker, raffle prizes, good food and lots of fun. We are very pleased to announce that we raised \$2,000.00 that evening.

The recipient of this event was the Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel and Food Bank. Thank you to all of our members that donated food, gifts and their time to help with this event.

Our next **Progressive Euchre Event is Friday, March 1, 2013** and ticket sales will begin in January. We need prizes so please bring your re-gifts and donations to our next meeting.

District Three Annual General Meeting

Barb Hore



This year's District AGM was hosted by the Mississauga Club at LaScalla Restaurant on October 13, 2012.

There were 21 members present with all clubs in the District represented.

Carol Kollar facilitated a workshop on table etiquette and our guest speaker was Emanuela Heynick, the Pay Equity Commissioner for Ontario.

I was re-instated as the District Director for a second two year term. Linda Barker was also elected as Assistant District Director for the next two years.

My thanks to all of the clubs for their beautiful raffle baskets and other donated prizes. Also special thanks to Pat Dowling and Linda Barker for their help.

Next year's AGM will be hosted by the St. Catherines Club.



District Director's Report Barb Hore

NIAGARA FALLS: Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. They are busy at work planning and preparing for their Wellness Fair that will be held at a park at Niagara-on-the-Lake on August 24, 2013. A full day of health-related trade tables, treatments, entertainment and a great catered lunch for the admission price of \$45.00. There have been special arrangements made with one of the local hotels for a special rate for anyone wishing to stay and enjoy the many sights of this beautiful area.

ST. CATHERINES: Continue to meet monthly on the second Wednesday of every month. They are working very hard to attract new members.

HALTON (BURLINGTON/OAKVILLE): We have decided to continue on as Halton and District rather than give up the Halton charter and apply for a new Burlington/Oakville one. They meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Quality Inn Suites on Bronte Road in Oakville.

MISSISSAUGA: Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. They are hard at work planning our next Provincial Conference which will be held at the Delta Meadowvale Hotel on May 31st/June 1st and 2nd. They would be appreciative of any assistance from our members particularly in the area of sponsorship and prize donations.

BPW International Snigdha Malik

To all BPW sisters, following is an invitation to visit the BPW international Website from Freda Miriklis, International President 2011-2014 to take a few minutes and be informed of the great initiatives BPW is taking worldwide.

Welcome to the BPW International website at www.bpw-international.org to learn more about this exciting time to begin the new 2011-2014 triennium with a renewed focus on women in the economy and women in leadership, power and decision making roles.

BPW International was founded on the vision of achieving workplace equality, right to vote and equal pay. Eighty years on and the issues are still the same but the armory is different. Today, we are equipped with the vital piece that has been missing for decades – the business case.



I am delighted to lead this vibrant community of strong business and professional leaders. Since the launch of our triennium theme, Empowered Women Leading Business, BPW women are inspiring businesses, empowering communities and creating opportunities around the world. We will bring you regular insights into what and how our members are creating lasting change by leading the BPW International initiatives that are firmly in place.

There is no better time to join BPW International and bring the voice of women to business. BPW women are courageous women. Bold Women. We are Empowered Women Leading Business ... in the community, at all levels and from the top. Join us now!



Freda Miriklis
International President
2011-2014

Member Interview Sheila Walker

Michele Robinson

Michele is a Community Development Supervisor with the City of Brampton Recreation Department. Michele has worked for the City for 24 years full time and another 7 years part time prior to that. The City of Brampton definitely plays an important role in Michele's life.



Michele is an honours graduate of Humber College in the Recreation Leadership and Arena Management programs. She grew up in "Bramalea" and currently lives in Downtown Brampton with her partner, Gil and their dog, Finn. Michele's parents and brother still live in Bramalea. She has lived in Brampton for 44 years and loves to be out in the community meeting new people bringing more life and connectivity to the people of the City of Brampton.

BPW Service Pins Awards

Karen Armstrong

Congratulations **Louise Sclisizzi**

who received her **35 Year BPW Service Pin and Certificate** at our November meeting.



BPW Service Certificate

Pat Dowling

On October 25th Pearl McCabe, Barb Hore and myself visited long time BPW member, **Anne Felesko** at her nursing home in St. Catherines to present her with her 55 Year Service Certificate from BPW Canada.

Anne, who is now into her early 90's seemed very happy to see us, particularly Pearl whom she had known for over forty years. They had met when Anne was the property manager in Pearl's apartment building, the one in which Pearl still resides.

Anne came to Brampton in 1967 from Kirkland Lake and was a very active BPW Brampton member serving in many executive positions including that of Club President from 1970 to 1972.

Most notably, Anne will be remembered for preparing and delivering a petition to the Brampton Town Council in 1968 which resulted in the Municipality of Brampton implementing the Franchise Extension Act which allowed Brampton women to vote.

She attended numerous Provincial Conferences and was a mentor to many new members. She worked tirelessly to promote our club's growth and in the promotion of our BPW mandate.

Membership Growing

Karen Armstrong

Our Club is growing leaps and bounds in membership and rumour has it, we have more new members joining after the holidays!!!

Please welcome

Leah Robinson * Michele Robinson



Programs Carrie Andrews

Please review the Dates to Remember list of details on Page 5 of the Club Focus to mark your calendars for upcoming events and meetings.



Resolutions Olga Gil

The Resolutions Committee received four ideas for possible Resolutions for 2013. Two have been researched and withdrawn.

- 1** Diabetes: Provision of free needles for insulin injection to be provided to those over 65. An annual grant of \$170 is available from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Assistive Devices Program for those over 65 who use insulin on a daily basis. This is to cover the cost of needles and syringes.
- 2** Treatment of prisoners with mental problems: The inquest into Ashley Smith's death has revealed that prisoners are sometimes treated inhumanely. The inquest will be making recommendations on changes. It has been decided to wait until these are published and then support, reject, etc. as we see fit. This will make the topic one for next year. Two other topics are being explored for resolutions:
- 3** Provincial: Domestic violence in the immigrant and new Canadian community.
- 4** Nationally: Operating agreements between Co-operative Housing Federations and the federal government.
Tune-in, in January.



Community Partners Virginia Tamblyn



BUDDYS 'n BOWS FOUNDATION

*A*s president and founder of the **BUDDYS 'n BOWS FOUNDATION**, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the BPW Brampton Chapter for their continued support of our organization as a community partner. We have celebrated our **5th Anniversary in 2012** and the BPW has been a constant support, with volunteers and cash donations from golf tournaments.

We have been able, in the last year, to expand our CARING COMPANION PROGRAM at the Brampton Civic Hospital's Pediatrics Department to the Etobicoke Hospital Pediatrics Department as well. We made an additional donation of \$6,000.00 to top up the annual budget for these programs, which is \$18,000.00, and administered by the Osler Foundation.

Also, we have been busy with establishing a program within the Long Term Care facility of the hospital which provides a "HEALING THROUGH RHYTHM" program using therapeutic drumming. The monthly sessions of therapeutic drumming encourage patients recuperating from a fall or fracture or neurological conditions such as a stroke or multiple sclerosis (MS) to participate in an activity that will help with their physical stamina, motor function and coordination. We have provided a \$2,800.00 donation for a year's commitment of this program which we intend to expand into other areas of senior care in our community.

We continue to run euchre tournaments and currently planning a major fundraiser in May 2013. We are in the process of organizing a Car Rally / BBQ for May 5th, 2013. Details to follow. Also, a euchre tournament is planned for Sunday, January 20th, 2013 at Spot One. We would love to see you out for this event.

Again, we are stronger for your support of our efforts. **Thank you!**

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2013 Dates to Remember

JANUARY 15

*Detective Richard Hawes, The Police Response to
Domestic Violence and the Challenges of Cultural Violence*

FEBRUARY 19, INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Maggie Hayes, We Care With Underwear

MARCH 1

Progressive Euchre Event, The Irish Centre

MARCH 19

Eleah Cummins, My Life Centre

APRIL 16

Resolutions

MAY 21

AGM & Elections

JUNE 13

18th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Caledon Golf Club

JUNE 18

Social, Details to be Confirmed

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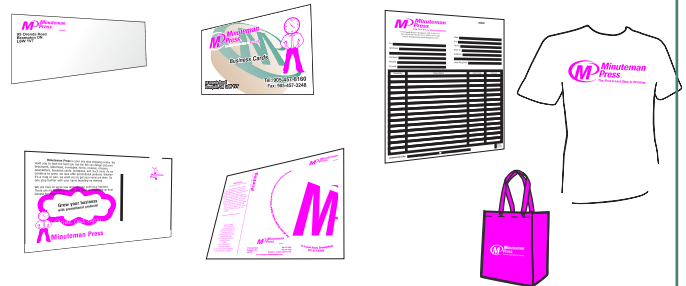


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