

**THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
WOMEN'S CLUB OF BRAMPTON**



ANNUAL REPORTS
2015 - 2016

ANNUAL MEETING – May 17, 2016

Clinton's on Main Restaurant
190 Main Street South, Brampton, Ontario L6W 2E2



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WE HONOUR OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: JANET BROUSSEAU

After our Elections in May 2015, I became 1st Vice President and Cynthia Warner became our President whom I was to mentor under for the next 2 years. Then it would be my time to step into her shoes as President. Cynthia had put in for a transfer to the Scotiabank Bracebridge Branch. Cynthia called me in July on a Friday Night and said little buddy I have great news I got my transfer; I will be moving the end of August. The sad news is that I have to leave BPW Brampton, so I guess as 1st Vice President, I believe you are going to be asked to step up to President. Cynthia said I have not called Pat yet but I will on Monday, so that gave me all weekend to prepare my response for Pat, my reply was going to be " I don't think I am ready to fill your shoes yet Pat but give me another year and I think I could do it. " Well that conversation did not go as planned. Pat said hi Janet I guess you heard about Cynthia, congratulations on becoming the BPW Brampton President for the coming year. Pat is very convincing; what could I say? No did not work, so here I am as your President for the 2015-2016 Year. I was nervous, overwhelmed and excited all at the same time. Pat assured me that I would be fine and she would be there for me and so would the rest of the Membership and the Executive. I cannot thank Pat Dowling enough for her mentoring and her help every month making sure that I was prepared and ready to run our Monthly Meetings. I hope I did our Club proud as President; it has been a very rewarding experience.

I am so proud of our Club! We have an amazing Membership 46 strong, and Linda Barker you did a great job with Membership, as well as, being very involved in organizing our Provincial Conference being held in May. I cannot thank the Executive enough for their encouragement and their time and energy they have given to ensure our Club remains strong and active. Before I continue, I would like to thank each and every one of you, our Members and my Executive for the support and encouragement I received. THANK YOU, YOU GIRLS ARE THE BEST.

Our June Social held at the Terra Cotta Inn was a very relaxing evening spent with good friends and a very enjoyable meal. I look forward to returning to The Terra Cotta Inn again this June for our Social.

Angela McKinnon did an amazing job of organizing our monthly guest speakers. September started with an update from our Community Partners reporting to us on how the monies we donated to them were used to help them. We had MPP Harinder Malhi who is the assistant to the Minister responsible for Women's issues at the Ontario Parliament Level join us to share her concerns and issues at our October Meeting. Our motivational Speaker in November, Sandra Dawes gave us some amazing insights and keys to achieving our goals. Everyone had a great time at our December Social and thank you Heidi Bryans aka Santa's Elf for making the Secret Santa Game a blast, a great time was had by all. Pearl, I still think you should make your Lemon Squares as a Secret Santa Gift. There definitely would be some serious fighting over your amazing squares.

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In January, BPW Brampton once again took the "Pink Hair Dare" to raise awareness and to support Wellspring Chinguacousy Cancer Support Centre. Also, we also had our very own Dr. Oksana Sawiak speak about how Dentistry affects your health.

For February, we had our International Candle Lighting Ceremony (thank you Snigdha Malik for organizing this special Ceremony). We also had our International Donation recipient, Canadian Women for Women Afghanistan present. Our Club has supported this organization for many years and we are proud to continue. The "Lantern Fund" is the program that supports women teachers, and we were pleased to donate \$800.00 to pay the salary for two teachers for one year. We also had Melissa Ronald as our guest speaker to share her travels with us to far off places along with her upcoming adventures.

Our 69th Anniversary was celebrated at our March Meeting. Our Club was started in March 1947 with a meeting of 34 prospective members; the recording secretary was Alzie Sinclair. The guest speaker for the night was Mrs. Edna McLean, I read her report that was a very interesting and informative talk on Venereal Diseases. Thank you Pat, I should have pre-read what you gave me. We have definitely come a long way with present day issues discussed at our monthly meetings. Also in March, we had the pleasure of meeting Shauna Jones of Sheridan College, the recipient of The Paddy Silverthorne Business & Professional Women's Bursary Award. Shauna received \$1,000.00 donated from our Club towards her studies in business. We will once again be offering the Paddy Silverthorne Business & Professional Women's Bursary Award to Sheridan College.

We received some letters from Paddy updating us about her busy social life and about her family. Life in Vancouver, British Columbia is treating Paddy well. We all look forward to hearing from Paddy, she sounds like quite a special lady.

I did not have the chance to get to know Olga Gil who lost her battle with cancer this past year, but the memories I have heard from our members about Olga are amazing. Olga had been a faithful member since 1986. May you Rest in Peace, Olga, and look down upon us and smile that we are still the biggest Club in our District. Camilla Bignell, you are doing an amazing job and I know I speak on behalf of the entire membership when I say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking over where Olga left off. Camilla, thank you very much for bringing the Resolutions to our April meeting for us to vote on. I look forward to Brampton bringing some Resolutions to the table.

Thank you Sheila Walker, our Club Focus Editor and Photographer. Sheila you have once again produced outstanding publications that we are very proud to share with our members and other clubs. Thank you as well, Sheila for emailing the notice of meetings for me and not getting upset with me when I get right down to the wire just like this report is.

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A reminder to our membership that you have access to our very own website www.brampton.com. Please invite your friends to check it out so they can see what BPW Brampton stands for. Encourage your friends to come to a meeting, I know I am grateful that I was invited to attend and see what BPW was all about. After attending my first Provincial Conference hosted by the Barrie Club last May, I was hooked. The passion that BPW expresses cannot be put into words.

Thank you Barb Hore for being our Recording Secretary for all our monthly Minutes, and Wendy Humphreys as always you keep us on budget as our Treasurer. Thank you Karen Armstrong for being our Corresponding Secretary. We would not have our dinner if not for our organized Dinner Convener Heidi Bryans. Thank you so much for all you do!

Our Past President Pat Dowling will be hosting our 2016 - 2017 Programs Meeting on July 12, 2016. We are looking forward to having another wonderful year of guests lined up when we reconvene in September 2016.

Once again, thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your encouragement and help that each and every one of you provided to me this past year. What an amazing group of ladies BPW Brampton has.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Brousseau
President

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IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT: PAT DOWLING

It has been my pleasure working with our new President Janet Brousseau. It has been my role to support Janet in every way possible to help her transition into her new position. Though Janet moved through the ranks much quicker than was expected, she has proven to be an amazing President and has made my job very easy.

It has been my pleasure working with Linda Barker and her Committee to help organize the upcoming 70th BPW Provincial Conference.

My love of organizing events has continued with our two Progressive Euchre Charity Events and our annual Ladies Charity Golf Tournament.

The Call for Nominations and subsequent follow-up to confirm that members are willing to let their name stand was also my responsibility along with the actual election process during our Annual Meeting in May.

BPW Brampton is a wonderful group of ladies. Having been a member for over 14 years now and having served on the Executive in various positions has truly enriched my life in so many ways.

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 Janet Brousseau and the entire Executive for another memorable year.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Dowling
Immediate Past President

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1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: ANGELA MCKINNON

As 1st Vice President and Programs Chair, I have combined both my reports published under the Programs Chair Report.

Please refer to my Programs Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela McKinnon
First Vice President

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2nd VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: N/A

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RECORDING SECRETARY: BARB HORE

It has been my pleasure to act as the Recording Secretary for the Club this past year. My duties included taking Minutes at all Executive and all General Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Hore
Recording Secretary

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: KAREN ARMSTRONG

This is my first year serving as Corresponding Secretary for BPW Brampton. I have continued to update our Executives with information about our Community Partners and regular local publications we have received. I also have corresponded with our fellow members with respect to messages and greetings when requested to do so by our President. At our monthly meetings, I have the opportunity to share correspondence with our members and convey all thank you cards we have received.

I continue to provide our members who may not have internet access or be able to attend regular dinner meetings with Meeting Agendas and Minutes of our Meetings, as well as, Treasurer Reports.

It has been a pleasure to serve BPW Brampton over this past year. This year, I will be attending as one of our delegates at our upcoming BPW Ontario Conference and look forward to taking in that experience.

This position on the Executive has reinforced my belief that BPW Brampton is truly a great Club and remains full of positive energy. We continue to not only support each other but also reach out and deliver to our neighbouring organizations.

I am grateful for the chance to correspond on your behalf and look forward to another year supporting BPW Brampton.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Armstrong
Corresponding Secretary

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: LINDA BARKER

It is difficult to believe another season is winding down, as it seems like it just started. It has been a busy season with:

- Attending the Monthly General Meetings
- Attending the Executive Meetings
- Attending the District 3 AGM
- Attending Barrie General Meeting
- Volunteering with the Charity Euchre Tournaments
- Attending the Brampton Charity Golf Tournament
- Attended the 69th Annual Ontario Provincial Conference in Barrie
- Currently Co-Chair of the 70th Annual Ontario Provincial Conference hosted by BPW Brampton

I enjoy all aspects of Membership especially meeting guests at meetings and inducting new members into our Club. I would like to say a special thank you to all the members who have brought guests to our meetings so they have an opportunity to meet our members and understand a bit of what BPW is about as BPW is about our members. We are ending the season 46 members strong.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Barker
Membership Chair

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YOUNG BPW: N/A

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PROGRAMS REPORT: ANGELA MCKINNON

It has been a great pleasure and a wonderful learning experience being part of the Executive Committee and serving as your Program Director and 1st Vice President for the past term. I will be stepping down from the position of 1st Vice President due to family commitments and a major change in my lifestyle. My husband has recently sold his business and we are planning to spend more time in a sunny local!

As your Programs Director, I would like to thank the wonderful mentoring I have received from the current Executive over the past term. It takes many hands and a passion for our Club to help plan a Provincial Conference and also an interesting line up of speakers. There was a wonderful variety of speakers over the past year and we try very hard at our annual planning meeting to bring speakers that have topics relevant to our current members. We invite any members to submit suggestions regarding any speakers or topics that they would like to see in the upcoming year.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

Speakers: Update from our Community Partners

Topic: Each partner will reported on what they have done with the money raised by BPW Brampton and donated to them.

OCTOBER 20

Speaker: MPP Harinder Malhi

Topic: Got Questions? MPP Malhi answered concerns regarding women's issues in Ontario as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister responsible for Women's Issues.

NOVEMBER 17

Motivational Speaker: Sandra Dawes

Topic: Sandra spoke of the 5 keys to achieve your goals and making them a reality.

DECEMBER 8

Christmas Social & Secret Santa

JANUARY 19, 2016

Speaker: Dr. Oksana Sawiak

Topic: Dr. Oksana shared how Dentistry affects your health.

FEBRUARY 16

Speaker: Melissa Ronald

Topic: "Fernweh" – Melissa shared her travelling and volunteerism while abroad.

Also:

- Celebrating BPW International Night & Candle Lighting Ceremony.
- Women for Afghanistan handmade items available for purchase.

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MARCH 15

Speaker: Linda Ford

Topic: Breaking barriers, Linda shared her experiences and secrets to success.

APRIL 19

Speaker: Camilla Bignell

Topic: Help shape issues relevant to women in society. Resolutions with Camilla and her Team.

MAY 17

Topic: Help keep our organization strong. Annual General Meeting & Elections.

MAY 27-29

Provincial Conference hosted by BPW Brampton, Holiday Inn Toronto Airport East

JUNE 15

21st Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Caledon Golf Club

JUNE 21

BPW Brampton Social, Terra Cotta Inn

JULY 12

2016-2017 Programs Meeting

We have two final meetings before the end of the term, one being our Elections. I hope that our Membership will step up to help Janet and the rest of her Team carry our organization forward. Our last meeting is the June Social being held at the Terra Cotta Inn again this year. I encourage everyone to bring a friend, a colleague, a daughter, or a special woman in your life that might be interested in joining our organization. We have recently had 1 or 2 clubs that have folded due to lack of members.

I look forward to the coming year and continuing to be part of this great group over the next term and wish everyone a wonderful fun-in-the-sun and safe Summer!

Respectfully submitted,

Angela McKinnon
Programs Chair

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PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS: SHEILA WALKER

Thank you for the opportunity to act as BPW Brampton's Publicity and Public Relations Chair for the 2015-2016 Season. It has been my pleasure and I am proud to work with such an amazing group of women who share the same interests in working with our beneficial community activities.

My role is really a blend of duties for Publicity and Public Relations Chair, and also, Designer / Publisher for such documents as Club Focus, Member Directory, Provincial Conference materials, Annual Reports for the optimum result of communication for the Club. These are two separate roles, however. My duties consisted mainly of:

- This Season, our Club undertook to evolve to the use of Constant Contact as our means of distribution to members, community, etc. for communication of our many events throughout the season and to align the Club with the necessary email privacy regulations. To this end, I researched, trained, set up the new system, and then introduced the new program in March 2016.
- Maintaining and updating the distribution email lists for membership, media and prospects/guests for all email distribution.
- Creating and mailing meeting notices, agendas and minutes for General and Executive meetings. Communicating with members with emails from the President and other members of the Executive.
- Promoting meetings and Events with the local media.
- Designer / Publisher various documents as mentioned above.

Some of the activities I participated in during the year were:

- Attended Programs Meeting to assist in organizing the 2016-2017 Season
- Assisting as Volunteer Floater at the two fundraising Euchre Tournaments
- Assisting as Volunteer Floater at the BPW Golf Tournament
- Attended BPW Annual General Meeting District 3, October 25, 2015
- Attended BPW Toronto Annual Christmas Dinner Fundraiser; December 2, 2015
- Attended BPW Provincial Conference Meetings to assist in organizing Event; Hosting a Trade Table at the Event; May 27-29, 2016

Looking forward to our continued success with our great Club!

Respectively submitted,

Sheila Walker
Publicity and Public Relations Chair

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RESOLUTIONS CHAIR REPORT: CAMILLA BIGNELL

This year Olga Gil was sadly missed. Although we informally discussed possible Resolutions, it was determined that we did not have enough backup data to submit any Resolutions to either BPW Ontario or BPW Canada.

Our Resolutions Committee has two ideas that have come from this past year of "getting our feet wet". We intend to research and pursue the following in 2016 - 2017:

- Water fluoridation
- Sexual offender patients in long term care facilities

Special thanks to Dr. Oksana Sawiak, Rhonda Paris, Khatidja Dandach and Julia Katsivo for their ideas and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Camilla Bignell
Resolutions Chair

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GOLF/EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS REPORTS: PAT DOWLING

GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Thursday June 11, 2015 BPW Brampton hosted its 20th Annual Ladies Charity Golf Tournament at Caledon Golf and Country Club. We had 92 golfers, an additional 14 dinners only and 6 trade table vendors. It was a great day to be on the greens. We raised \$7,530.00 and with Scotiabank's 'Bright Futures Program' we had an additional \$5,000.00 for a total of \$12,530.00. A portion of the proceeds going to: Salvation Army – Honey Church (Women's Shelter), Victim Services of Peel, Wellspring Chinguacousy Cancer Support Centre and Ste. Louise Outreach Centre & Food Bank. Our sincere thanks go to our 34 hole sponsors, our Corporate Sponsors, the numerous gift and prize donors and to all of our supporters. The cheques were presented to our community partners at our September General Meeting. A special thanks to Linda Ford as our Live Auctioneer and to our entire golf committee.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS

On Friday November 13, 2015 we held our 17th Progressive Charity Euchre Tournament at the Glasgow Rangers Supporters Club Bramalea. We had 84 players, Joker Poker, raffle prizes, good food and lots of fun. We raised \$2,000.00 for Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel and Food Bank plus a donation from Scotiabank's 'Bright Futures Program' of \$2,000.00 for a total of \$4,000.00 that evening. The cheque was presented to Catherine Rivera at our November General Meeting.

On Friday March 4, 2016 the 18th Progressive Charity Euchre tournament was held once again at the Glasgow Rangers Supporters Club Bramalea. We had 80 players and we raised \$2,000.00 plus \$2,000.00 from Scotiabank's 'Bright Futures Program' for a grand total of \$4,000.00. Our recipient was Hope 24/7 (Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centre of Peel). The cheque was presented to Amanda Dynes at our March General Meeting. A special thanks to Linda Barker for ticket sales and Camilla Bignell for organizing the food for both of these evenings.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Dowling
Events Chair

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TREASURER'S REPORTS: WENDY HUMPHREYS

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Profit and Loss Statement
May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016

REVENUE		Revenue	Expense	Net
50/50	559.00			
Golf (Net)	7,535.00	20,355.00	12,820.09	7,534.91
Interest	94.00			
Membership (Net)	201.00	5,420.00	5,219.41	200.59
Dinner (Net)	294.00	10,744.84	10,450.73	294.11
Euchre (Net)	4,287.00	5,845.00	1,558.10	4,286.90
Membership Advertising (Net)	392.00	395.00	3.28	391.72
Donations	300.00			
	<u>13,662.00</u>			
EXPENSES				
Bank Charges	254.00			
Conference	1,661.00	Provincial & National		
Donations	7,900.00			
Insurance	287.00			
Administration	82.00	printing club focus		
Fellowship	45.00			
Honourariums	500.00	Guest Speakers		
Website	371.00	constant contact		
Bursary	1,000.00			
Advertising	0.00			
	<u>12,100.00</u>			
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	1,562.00			

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Balance Sheet
as of April 30, 2016

ASSETS

RBC Chequing Account	21,015.00
Manulife Bank Savings Account	10,670.00
Petty Cash	50.00
Mentoring Program Cash Reserve	1,928.00
Prepaid Expenses (Golf)	500.00
Prepaid Expenses (Prov Conf)	675.00
Prepaid Expenses (2016 Prov Conf)	3,200.00
Prepaid Expenses (June Social)	200.00
Prepaid Expenses (Euchre)	200.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00

TOTAL ASSETS 38,438.00

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Prepaid Revenue:	
2016 Conference	9,177.00
Golf	485.00
Membership	435.00
Mentoring Program	1,928.00

Total Liabilities 12,025.00

EQUITY

Retained Earnings	24,851.00
Net Income/Loss	1,562.00

Total Equity 26,413.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 38,438.00

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Humphreys
Treasurer

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1947-49	Margaret Van Alstyne (McLean)*
1949-50	Audrey Robinson (Brendle)*
1950-52	Lilas Trout *
1952-54	Florence Chin *
1954-55	Elizabeth Birss*
1955-56	Jean Wilson (Lansdell) *
1956-57	Eleanor MacDonald *
1957-58	Irene Abbott *
1958-60	Jessie Black (Evans)*
1960-62	Greta Capps *
1962-64	Gladys McBride *
1964-66	Isabel McMullen *
1966-68	Dena Heather *
1968-70	Mary Lock *
1970-72	Ann Felesko *
1972-74	Mary Lester
1974	Margaret MacKenzie
1974-76	Helen Kirk
1976-79	Hannah Yarronton*
1979-80	Louise Sclisizzi
1980-81	Gladys Martin *
1981-82	Barbara Dunning*
1982-83	Wilma Taras
1983-84	Pat Whitford
1984-85	Pat Whitmore
1985-87	Mary Andrews *
1987-89	Paddy Silverthorne
1989-91	Dittie Voegele (Hay)
1991-92	Helen Armstrong
1992-94	Carol Edestrand
1994-95	Darla Campbell
1995-97	Carol Kollar
1997-99	Doris Smith
1999-2001	Tracey Marshall
2001-03	Susanne Balpatak
2003-05	Irma Dafoe
2005-07	Linda Ford
2007-09	Snigda Malik
2009-11	Barbara Hore
2011	Heather Moogk
2012-2015	Pat Dowling
2016	Janet Brousseau

* Deceased and respectfully remembered.