

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



ANNUAL REPORTS

2016 - 2017

ANNUAL MEETING – May 16, 2017

**Bramalea Lions Hall
45 Avondale Blvd., Brampton, Ontario L6T 1H1**



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WE HONOUR OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: JANET BROUSSEAU

I cannot believe that another year has come and gone and I am getting ready for another year as your Club President. I can still remember how nervous and overwhelmed I was back on September 15th, 2015 when I first stepped up to the podium as your new Club President. I can honestly say that I no longer feel nervous or overwhelmed, if I could only get my pronunciation of names correct I would be happy. I do hope I ran good meetings and did our Club proud as President; it has been another very rewarding experience. I attended The Golden Horseshoe Annual General Meeting on November 5th, 2016 that was held at La Scala Ristorante in Mississauga, where I updated the other clubs in our region of what we have been doing. It was nice to see a great turn out from our Brampton Club Members and have a visit with members of the other BPW Clubs.

We should be proud of our Club with a membership of 41; Linda Barker did a great job as our Membership Chair. I cannot say enough about Linda and the amazing job she did organizing the Provincial Conference held in May 2016 that BPW Brampton hosted. The many hours of time spent are unbelievable, Linda had a great Committee helping her and everything ran like a well-oiled machine. Everyone had a great time; we even had some young women crash our Friday Night Karaoke Night and came back on Saturday with 4 homemade pies they had purchased and donated to our prize table. Well done Linda and thank you once again for all your work, I really enjoy working with you.

Our June Social was held at the Terra Cotta Inn; it was a beautiful warm evening and we were able to sit outside to visit before we went inside to enjoy a great dinner. We have booked the Terra Cotta Inn again for our June Social to be held June 20th, 2017.

Pat Dowling is the Chair of our Special Events, which includes our 2 Euchre Tournaments and our June Golf Tournament. I want to thank Pat for all her hard work and you will see what amazing fundraising she has accomplished when you read her report.

We held our Programs Meeting in July (Thank you Pat for opening your home for our meeting) and Angela McKinnon was given a great amount of feedback from the members who were able to attend the meeting. Angela and I met to finalize the list of speakers, which I think everyone seemed to enjoy this year.

February 2017 was our International Candle Lighting Ceremony, and I would like to thank Snigdha Malik for organizing this special Ceremony. Unfortunately, Women for Women Afghanistan were unable to join us as they have in the past, but we will be seeing them during our 2017/2018 Season. Our Club has supported this organization for many years and we are proud to continue to do so. The "Lantern Fund" is the program which supports women teachers, and we were pleased to donate \$1,200.00 to pay the salary for 3 teachers for one year.

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We had the pleasure of meeting Baljit Bhamber of Sheridan College, the recipient of The Paddy Silverthorne Business & Professional Women's Bursary Award. Baljit received \$1,000.00 donated from our Club towards her studies in Police Enforcement. We once again will be offering the Paddy Silverthorne Business & Professional Women's Bursary Award to Sheridan College. March 2017 was our 70th Platinum Anniversary which we celebrated on May 7th with a luncheon held at La Scala Ristorante. We had a total of 65 women in attendance. Joining us were our BPW Sisters from Durham, Niagara Falls, Bowmanville, Cambridge, London, Barrie, Mississauga, Kitchener/Waterloo, Trenton and North Toronto. Representing BPW Ontario was Maide Yazar, representing BPW Canada was Karin Gorgerat. In addition, we had Sonia Sidhu the MP for Brampton South and her assistant Sharan Natt, and last but not least, we had Former Mayor Susan Fennell as our guest speaker. 2nd Vice Indira Persaud and her Committee did an amazing job of putting together a wonderful afternoon.

Provincial Conference will be hosted by Niagara Falls this year. As well, they will be celebrating their 100th Birthday. We have 3 Delegates attending namely Linda Barker, Indira Persaud and Janet Brousseau. I am very happy to say that we will have 2 Delegates attending the National Annual General Meeting being held in Moncton. Voting on our behalf will be Carol Kollar and Barb Hore.

I would like to thank my Executive for a wonderful year we had.

Past President and Special Events Chair – Pat Dowling
2nd Vice President and 70th Anniversary Chair – Indira Persaud
Treasurer - Wendy Humphreys
Recording Secretary – Karen Clouter
Corresponding Secretary – Karen Armstrong
Membership – Linda Barker
Programs – Angela McKinnon
Publicity & Public Relations, Club Focus Designer & Publisher – Sheila Walker
Resolutions – Camilla Bignell
Website Manager – Donna Sauve

In addition, to our BPW members, thank you ... what an amazing group of women you are. BPW Brampton is a well-recognized Club we can all be proud of.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Brousseau
President

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IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT: PAT DOWLING

I have been honoured to work with President Janet Brousseau this past year again. It is incredible how quickly time has gone by and another year is at its end. It has been my role to support Janet in every way possible and she has made my job very easy.

BPW Brampton hosted the 70th BPW Provincial Conference at the end of May 2016 and I enjoyed working with Linda Barker and her Committee.

The Call for Nominations and the 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.

My love of organizing events has continued with our two progressive euchre charity events and our annual ladies charity golf tournament.

Some of the other activities I participated in during the year were: attending the Programs Meeting; attending our Golden Horseshoe Annual General Meeting; participating at the BPW Toronto North's Annual Christmas Dinner Fundraiser to name a few.

It has also been my pleasure working with Indira Persaud and her Committee to help organize the 70th Platinum Anniversary Ladies Luncheon that was held on May 7, 2017. The committee has done a wonderful job for the celebration of this milestone of our club's history.

BPW Brampton is a wonderful group of ladies. Having been a member for over 15 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 amazing year.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Dowling
Immediate Past President

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1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: N/A

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2nd VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: INDIRA PERSAUD

I cannot believe another year has passed and I am still asking the same question – where does the time go? The answer, time flies when you are having fun! This is what BPW has been this year for me. My role is slowly evolving; I try to help where I am needed. My significant role has been organizing our 70th Platinum Anniversary Luncheon – May 7 2017 at La Scala Restaurant with Janet Brousseau. Our committee has been extremely hard working, committed and always came prepared to meetings to share their ideas. Celebrating our 70th is a crowning achievement and as we celebrate it reminds me how much work we still need to do in advancing women's rights and economic situations.

I thank all members in supporting me in attending Conference in Niagara Falls – Sept 2017. This privilege gives me the opportunity to learn more from seasoned women from across Ontario and bring back the passion and insight to our Club.

I once again thank all the members for their support, encouragement and smiles for another great year.

Respectfully submitted,

Indira Persaud
2nd Vice President

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RECORDING SECRETARY: KAREN CLOUTER

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,

Karen Clouter
Recording Secretary

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: KAREN ARMSTRONG

This is my second 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.

This position on the Executive this year 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 want to thank the members of our Club for the opportunity to serve on the Executive over the last two years as Corresponding Secretary. I would encourage all members that have not had the opportunity to serve at this level to consider participating on the board or find an area within the Club that you have an interest in. We have a great Club and I am grateful to be part of BPW Brampton.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Armstrong
Corresponding Secretary

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: LINDA BARKER

I have enjoyed my two years as Membership Chair and the time has passed so quickly.

I enjoy meeting guests at our meetings and although that slowed down a bit this season with the unexpected changes in venue, I believe that we will be back strong in the fall and once again see an increase in our guest attendance as this definitely gives potential members a better understanding of what BPW is about and a chance to meet some of our members.

We do have a few members we have to say goodbye to this season who are embarking on new adventures and new locations they will be moving on with but the best of luck to you as you will definitely missed.

For me it was an active year with:

Attending the Monthly Dinner Meetings

Attending the Executive Meetings

Attending District AGM

Volunteering with the Charity Euchre Tournaments

Attending the Brampton Charity Golf Tournament

Co-Chair of the 70th Annual Ontario Provincial Conference hosted by BPW Brampton

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 an amazing year being the programs director for BPW. Thank you to all the members of the Executive and our group at large who have helped shaped our speakers this year and made it such a memorable year.

In September, our community partners shared with us where the funds go from our charity events and how they help in a local level in our community. We had the pleasure of having Kathy Brett speak to us regarding the amazing organization that is Habitat for Humanity in October. In November, Julia Katsivo spoke to us about finding our passion as women and not being afraid to reach for the things we want in life. Charlene Borg was kind enough to be our Christmas Elf and even gave each one of us our Christmas elf names, some which cannot be shared in this newsletter and we had a ball choosing the best ugliest Christmas sweaters. Special mention goes to Camilla Bignell & Janet Brousseau who both took the challenge to heart and had amazing outfits for our social. In January, we had a great talk from Brenda Alderdice who owns Downsizing Diva in Caledon about letting go of the "stuff " we do not really need! February was our International Women's Candle Lighting Ceremony, as well as, a great talk from former member Kimberley Cornish about cruising on the big ships accompanied by wonderful photos. At our recent March meeting, we had the pleasure of hearing JoAnne Flewelling, CEO and Interim President of William Osler Health speak about the reopening of the Peel Memorial Hospital site. Still to come, are our Resolutions, AGM and Elections. In May, we will be celebrating our Club's 70th Platinum Anniversary with a special luncheon organized by Indira Persaud and other Executive members. It's shaping up to be an event you will not want to miss!

To finish off our year, we have our June Social held again at the Terra Cotta Inn. I am looking forward to a repeat of last year where we enjoyed cocktails on the covered patio and a fabulous meal.

It has been a pleasure being a part of this hard working Executive and thank you again to everyone who helped with potential speakers. If you would like to assist with next year's lineup, we will again have a meeting in July to determine speakers for 2017-2018. Come out and join us and have your voices heard.

In the meantime, enjoy your upcoming summer with friends and family.

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 2016-2017 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 community activities resulting in another successful year for BPW Brampton.

As well as Publicity and Public Relations Chair, I am also Designer/Publisher for Club publications namely Club Focus Newsletter, Membership Directory, BPW Brampton's 70th Platinum Anniversary promotion and materials, BPW Brampton Annual Reports for the Club.

As Publicity and Public Relations Chair, my duties include mainly:

- Constant Contact communication and management. Our Club continues to use Constant Contact as our means of communication to members and community for our many events throughout the season aligning the Club with the necessary email privacy regulations. I continued with this system which I set up and implemented for the Club beginning in March 2016.
- Maintaining and updating the distribution email lists for optimum communication. As well, our distribution lists for all events now include Golf and Euchre has been input so that all correspondence is made by Constant Contact and in agreeance with privacy regulations.
- Creating and emailing meeting notices, agendas and minutes for Executive and General Meetings. Communicating with members by emails on behalf of the President and other members of the Executive when required.
- Promoting meetings and Events with the local media.

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

- Attended Programs Meeting to assist in organizing Speakers for 2016-2017 season.
- Assisted as Volunteer Floater at the two fundraising Euchre Tournaments.
- Assisted as Volunteer Floater for set up and photography at the BPW Golf Tournament.
- Attended BPW Annual General Meeting District 3, November 5, 2016.
- Committee Member for our 70th Platinum Anniversary Celebration.

Looking forward to continued success with our great Club!

Respectively submitted,

Sheila Walker
Publicity and Public Relations

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RESOLUTIONS CHAIR REPORT: CAMILLA BIGNELL

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 the Committee for their ideas and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Camilla Bignell
Resolutions Chair

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GOLF/EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS REPORTS: PAT DOWLING

GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday June 15, 2016, BPW Brampton hosted its 21st Annual Ladies Charity Golf Tournament at Caledon Golf and Country Club. We had 87 golfers, an additional 21 dinners only and 7 trade table vendors. It was a great day to be on the greens. We raised \$9,750.00 and with Scotiabank's 'Bright Futures Program', we had an additional \$5,000.00 for a total of \$14,750.00. A portion of the proceeds going to: Salvation Army – Honey Church (Women's Shelter), Victim Services of Peel and Wellspring Chinguacousy Cancer Support Centre. Our sincere thanks go to our 39 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 Janet Brousseau as our Live Auctioneer and to our entire golf committee.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS

On Friday November 11, 2016, we held our 19th 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. Since Scotiabank was not able to assist that night due to the bank holiday, we had a motion to add \$1,000.00 to the funds raised that night from the proceeds of our golf tournament for a total donation of \$3,000.00. The cheque was presented to Catherine Rivera at our November General Meeting.

On Friday March 3, 2017, the 20th 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 \$3,000.00 from Scotiabank's Bright Futures Program which has now been rebranded as the 'Scotiabank Team Community Program' for a grand total of \$5,000.00. Our recipient was Hope 24/7 (Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centre of Peel). The cheque was presented to Julia Catalano, a Prevention & Outreach Worker from Hope 24/7 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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Balance Sheet
as of April 30, 2017

ASSETS

RBC Chequing Account	22,874.00
Manulife Bank Savings Account	10,754.00
Petty Cash	50.00
Mentoring Program Cash Reserve	1,928.00
Prepaid Expenses:	
Golf	2,710.00
70th Anniversary	220.00
Membership	4.00
2017 Provincial Conference	750.00
June Social	200.00
Euchre	200.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00
	<u>39,690.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Prepaid Revenue:	
Golf	4,395.00
70th Anniversary	2,190.00
Membership	585.00
Mentoring Program	1,928.00
Total Liabilities	9,098.00
EQUITY	
	26,413.00
Retained Earnings	
Net Income/Loss	4,179.00
Total Equity	30,592.00
	<u>39,690.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

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Profit and Loss Statement
May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017

REVENUE		Revenue	Expense	Net
50/50	499.00			
Golf (Net)	9,669.00	21,286.25	11,617.05	9,669.20
Interest	84.00			
Membership (Net)	242.00	5,145.00	4,903.39	241.61
Dinner (Net)	59.00	9,007.00	8,947.57	59.43
Euchre (Net)	4,492.00	5,955.00	1,463.14	4,491.86
Membership	470.00	475.00	5.54	469.46
Advertising (Net)				
2016 Provincial Conference (Net)	2,652.00	23,379.00	20,726.83	2,652.17
Donations	0.00			
	18,167.00			
EXPENSES				
Bank Charges	288.00			
Conference	1,330.00	Provincial & National		
Donations	9,200.00			
Insurance	277.00			
Administration	114.00	Printing Club Focus		
Fellowship	26.00			
Honourariums	500.00	Guest Speakers		
Website	1,253.00	including Constant Contact		
Bursary	1,000.00			
Advertising	0.00			
	13,988.00			
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	4,179.00			

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 Balpataky
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.