BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

BRAMPTON



**BPW Brampton**

ANNUAL REPORTS

2012 - 2013

ANNUAL MEETING – May 21, 2013

**Osso Bucco Ristorante**

**341 Main St. N.**

**Brampton, Ontario**

**L6X 3C7**

 

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**Business and Professional Women Brampton 2012 - 2013**

**President’s Report**

Another year has come and gone and it has been a truly amazing experience. I am so proud of our Club and honoured to be at the helm of such a dynamic group of ladies. The success of any organization begins with the leadership team. Our thanks to the executive members who give their time and energy to ensure our Club remains strong and active. A special thank you to Linda Barker for wearing two hats again this year – Recording Secretary and Publicity & Public Relations.

We had a wonderful year of speakers who have educated us on various topics and concerns that affect women on all levels. Thank you to Carrie Andrews for organizing our monthly speakers. We will be having our yearly Programs meeting on Tuesday July 9th so please bring your suggestions to this meeting to ensure we have another great year of topics.

BPW is committed to making changes for women through all levels of Government – Municipal, Provincial, National and Internationally. To this end we thank Olga Gil for her continued dedication to preparing Resolutions for our Club and for discussing those Resolutions brought forth by the other Clubs across Ontario and Canada. These Resolutions ensure that our voices are heard and that we, as BPW Brampton members, help make a difference in the lives of women.

In September BPW Brampton members took the ‘Pink Hair Dare’ to raise awareness and to support Wellspring Chinguacousy. Many members took part in this campaign and wore their Pink Hair pieces for the month of October. We will be participating once again in this campaign in the fall.

In February we held our International Candle Lighting Ceremony and we had Maggie Hayes of ‘We Care with Underwear’ as our guest speaker. The Club was so inspired by her organization that we are once again challenging members to donate underwear or personal hygiene items at our upcoming June Social. Also our members participated in a ‘Pennies for Ste. Louise Drive’ – asking members to donate any pennies they had since the penny is now officially out of circulation. We will be presenting a donation to Ste. Louise for $150.00 at our May meeting. Thank you to Virginia Tamblyn and Cynthia Warner for helping to collect and compile this donation.

At our March meeting we celebrated our 66th Anniversary. One of our founding members – Florence Sturgeon had made up a scrapbook detailing our Club’s history from 1949 – 1953. A ‘Toast to our Club’ from the Annual General Meeting of 1949-1950 was read. The first meeting occurred on March 27, 1947 with 34 prospective members. As of April 2013 we have 56 members – one of the largest clubs in Ontario. Thank you Karen Armstrong as Membership chair for an outstanding job this year and thank you to all of our members that spread the word of BPW Brampton and help us grow each year.

In March we inducted Police Chief Jennifer Evans as a Honourary Member of BPW Brampton. It is exciting to have another high profile woman as a member of our Club. The Police Chief joins our other Honourary Member, Mayor Susan Fennell. We also unanimously voted on the name of our Bursary being given to Sheridan College: **The Paddy Silverthorne Business & Professional Women’s Bursary Award**. We enjoy the monthly letters from Paddy which allows us to share her life and for her to still be a part of our club across the miles from Vancouver B.C.

Thank you to Sheila Walker our Club Focus Editor and photographer. Sheila has taken our publication to another level and has done a wonderful job. We have received numerous compliments from other Clubs and we are proud of this.

Remember as a BPW Brampton member you have access to our very own website. Please invite friends to have a look at it to show them what we are all about: www.bpwbrampton.com

Lastly I would like to thank each and every Executive member and committee chairs for their hard work, their enthusiasm and for their support to allow our BPW Brampton Club to enjoy another very successful year. A special thank you not only to our Treasurer, Wendy Humphreys – a job that takes a lot of time and effort but also to my ‘Right Hand’ – Barb Hore whose support is always appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Dowling

President

**Business and Professional Women Brampton 2012 – 2013**

**PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

My main responsibility was to support and assist the President whenever necessary.

The Call for Nominations and the subsequent follow-up to confirm that members are willing to let their name stand is also my responsibility along with the actual election process during our Annual Meeting in May. Due to a death of a family member, I was unable to perform the actual election process but I do thank Carol Kollar for standing in for me.

Additionally:

- I attended executive and general Brampton club meetings

- I attended the program planning meeting in July

- I organized the District 3 Annual General Meeting

- I attended functions to support our community partners – Walk-With-Me Gala/ Women for Women Afghanistan fund raiser/ Buddy’s N Bows euchre tournament/ Sexual Assault Peel Rape Crisis Centre fundraiser.

- Assisted with our golf tournament and two euchre tournaments

- Attended Provincial Conference/National Convention

- Attended the North Toronto Christmas dinner with Carol Kollar

- Visited Anne Felesko at her St. Catherine’s nursing home with Pearl McCabe and Pat Dowling.

It has been another wonderful BPW year and I look forward to many more.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hore

Immediate Past President

**Business and Professional Women Brampton 2012 – 2013**

**First Vice President’s Report**

This year has been busy with a full program roster, special events and special projects being undertaken. One special project was the re-establishment of a bursary program with Sheridan College. The Bursary Committee, which I was part of, created *The Paddy Silverthorne Business & Professional Women’s Bursary Award.* The program will begin in 2013 providing a $1,000.00 bursary to a female student in a non-traditional program. The Committee recommended, and the club unanimously supported, the naming of the bursary in honour of Paddy Silverthorne, a Brampton Club lifetime member.

I had the pleasure of representing our club at the Provincial and National Conference in June, 2012 in London, ON. It was a great experience to meet BPW members from across the country. It truly is amazing to see the stretch of BPW not only across Canada but internationally as well.

In addition to the above, I attended executive meetings as well as acted as Programs Chair. It has been a pleasure to serve on the executive and take an active role in many of the activities of our club. I want to thank the members for their support and all those who worked with me throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Andrews

First Vice President

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**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

What an exciting year it’s been for our club!

• Our club celebrated its 66th anniversary.

• We inducted Police Chief Jennifer Evans as an honorary member.

• Our club created a $1,000.00 Bursary for Sheridan College, appropriately named *The Paddy Silverthorne Business & Professional Women’s Bursary Award* to recognize the many contributions that Paddy continues to make to our club, even though she now resides in BC.

• We received a book of memories created between 1947 & 1953 by founding member Florence Sturgeon. Her daughter donated it to the club upon Florence’s death and will be treasured by all for capturing special moments of the past for our club.

On a personal note, I was fortunate enough to attend the Provincial Conference & National Convention in London, ON and was a voting delegate for our club. This is something that I have become passionate about as our voice is necessary to set precedence; ultimately, changing or creating laws that help to improve the lives of women and their families locally, provincially, nationally and internationally. I have been fortunate enough to learn through BPW that it all starts with one voice!

This remarkable year is a result of the many amazing women who are and have been a part of our club and continue to contribute to its success. I am deeply honored to be a part of this fantastic organization and am proud to help by continuing to do what I can to speak for and empower women worldwide.

Our organization’s vitality is due to the extraordinary executive and many hands that have enabled our events to continue to be such a success. It has been a real pleasure working with this year’s executive! The variety and depth of our events continues to provide “life learning” moments, that is unprecedented. Thank you to all who continue to help make my experience a positive one with your friendship and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

Camilla Bignell

Second Vice President

**Business and Professional Women Brampton 2012 - 2013**

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

It has been my pleasure to act as BPW Brampton’s Recording Secretary for the 2012-2013 Season. This role is a very good way to continue to learn about BPW and it is exciting being part of such a great group of ladies.

During the year my responsibility was to record minutes of all Executive meetings and General meetings.

Some of the other club activities I participated in this season were:

: Attended the District AGM held in Mississauga

: Attended Provincial Conference & National Convention in London, ON

: Volunteer at Charity Progressive Euchre Events

Special thanks to our Club and the Executive for a great year.

Respectively submitted,

Linda Barker

Recording Secretary

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**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

As this is my second year as Corresponding Secretary for BPW Brampton, I have continued to update our Executives with information about our Community Partners and the regular (local) publications.

I continue to provide our members, who may not have internet access or be able to attend our regular dinner meetings, with the quarterly Club Focus and meeting minutes.

I continue to run the 50/50 draw at our dinner meetings, which offsets the cost of the speaker’s dinner.

I continue to work with the Golf, Special Events Committee and the Program Committees.

It is my great privilege to assist Ste. Louise Outreach Food Bank with the regular food drives we do at our Christmas social and euchre tournaments.

Thank you again for another great year.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Tamblyn

Corresponding Secretary

**Business and Professional Women Brampton 2012 – 2013**

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

It has been my distinct pleasure and honour holding the position of Membership Chair this past year.

I have been given the great opportunity to meet our new members as well as reconnect with our existing members. This is a delight for me as I truly enjoy connecting with our new members and finding out how they found their way to BPW Brampton. Such interesting paths each of our new ladies have taken and from such diverse backgrounds.

Membership has been very busy this year with new introductions taking place almost each dinner meeting. I think eventually we will be reserving the entire restaurant! Last count we are sitting at 56 members!

In closing, I want to extend my gratitude to my fellow executive members who continuously have supported me with this role. Most importantly, thank you to my fellow members that help our club grow and thrive by bringing out guests to each monthly meetings. This action alone speaks volumes as to what we are truly all about, women reaching out to each other and offering fellowship and kindness. What a dynamic group of women!

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Armstrong

Membership Chair

**Business and Professional Women Brampton 2012 - 2013**

**YOUNG BPW**

It has been an honour to sit on the Executive Board and represent YBPW in the Brampton Chapter for another year.

Young Business and Professional Women are BPW members who are 35 years or younger. The purpose of Young PBW is to develop interest for potential young members and make BPW in general meaningful, so that they are engaged.

Young BPW seeks to encourage young women to learn about the organization, embrace its objectives, and become active, valuable members of BPW.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberley Cornish

Young BPW

**Business and Professional Women Brampton 2012 – 2013**

**PROGRAMS REPORT**

2012-2013 has again been a busy year with many interesting programs and speakers. Our goal was to have a variety of topics that covered social and political issues as well as some fun. I think we did that and I hope members found them informative as well as engaging. Below is a brief summary of each month’s program:

September, 2012: Susan Steer introduced us to Operation Springboard, a community based social agency helping those at risk and vulnerable in our communities. Susan walked us through the Community Learning HUB program, a digital program utilizing state of the art Smartboard technology to help youth at risk and clients with developmental disabilities.

October, 2012: Dr. Pierre Beaumier, CanAlt Health Laboratories shared research findings on what hair mineral analysis tells us about our health including the impact of stress, dental fillings, diabetes and minerals absorbed in the body. He provided an overview of optimum health foods that can help minimize some of the negative effects.

November, 2012: Timea Nagy, Creator of ‘Walk with Me’ provided us with an update on the legislative changes and the on-going challenges her organization faces as they strive to educate and assist victims of human trafficking.

December, 2012: Our Christmas Social was held at Osso Bucco and included a sit down dinner. Once again we played the gift exchange/steal game which was fun as always. We supported Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel with a food drive.

January, 2013: Detective Richard (Rick) Hawes of the Peel Regional Police gave us an overview of Peel’s model of response to domestic violence and spoke about some of the unique issues surrounding incidents of cultural/honour violence.

February, 2013: International Night was celebrated with our candle lighting ceremony followed by a presentation by Maggie Hayes, founder of ‘We Care with Underwear’. Maggie shared her story of how she came to organize a grass roots initiative supporting the femininity and dignity of women in Haiti and Zimbabwe. Through collecting and distributing underwear and feminine hygiene products to teaching women how to make underwear, Maggie has demonstrated what can be done with very little and is a true inspiration to us all.

March, 2013: Eeleah Cummins, Director and Cynthia, an Outreach Co-ordinator spoke to us about My Life Centre, a Mississauga based organization providing free and confidential services to young women who need support for low self-esteem, body image issues, loneliness, post abortion stress, a crisis pregnancy, and/or unhealthy relationships.

April, 2013: Olga Gil, our Resolutions Chair, presented the resolutions that our club and others in the Province will be discussing at Provincial Conference. Our club has put forward a resolutions urging the Provincial government to make funds available to social agencies for education on the prevention and handling of domestic abuse. We also put forward a resolution urging the Canadian government to develop a long-term funded plan based on a cost-shared model for provincially delivered rent supplement programs so that low-income households in co-op and non-profit housing are protected when Federal operating agreements end.

May, 2013: AGM and Elections

June, 2013: Once again our June Social will be held at Spirit Tree Estate Cidery. We will be entertained with cider and bread tastings followed by dinner. We are supporting ‘We Care with Underwear’ and asking members to bring underwear and other items to support Maggie Hayes in her efforts to help women in crisis areas.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Andrews

Programs Chair

**Business and Professional Women Brampton 2012-2013**

**PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

In addition to my role of Recording Secretary for BPW Brampton I stepped in when our Publicity and Public Relations Chair had to step down for personal reasons.

During this season my duties included:

* Maintaining and updating membership list, media lists and prospect/guests lists for all relevant mailings.
* Creating and mailing meeting notices, agendas and minutes for General and Executive meetings as required. Communicating with members with emails from the President and other members of the Executive as required.
* Promoting meetings and events with the local media.

As always I am proud to be part of such a wonderful club.

Respectively submitted,

Linda Barker

Publicity and Public Relations Chair

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**Fellowship Chairperson Report**

Where has this year gone? Too fast for me!

Happy to report that there has not been too many sad events, and life has gone on as usual. We all have our own life events, and whether or not we talk about them is a personal matter. Should I have missed an event in any member’s life please accept my apologies.

Approximately, 12 cards and notes were sent out between May 15, 2012 and April 8th, 2013. Any expenses incurred I gladly donate to my beloved Brampton BPW Club.

Sincerely,

Paddy Silverthorne

Fellowship Chairperson

**Business and Professional Women Brampton 2012 - 2013**

#### **RESOLUTIONS CHAIR REPORT**

The Committee, consisting of myself and Jean Edwards, with input from Camilla Bignell and Snigdha Malik. There was one for BPW Ontario and one for BPW Canada:

BPW Ontario:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BPW Ontario urge the Government of Ontario make funds available to social agencies working with immigrant communities for education on the prevention and handling of domestic abuse.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that BPW Ontario reaffirms the following resolutions:

1. Resolution 100.41.2 – Wife Assault – Research, Public Awareness & Education – 1982/07, Sec. c) and d), ensuring that the concerns of immigrant women are addressed:

c) to encourage school boards to include the subject of wife assault in appropriate curricula for students and in the professional development of staff; and

d) to ensure that school boards in Ontario implement existing Ministry of Education policies on sex-role stereotyping.

BPW Canada:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT BPW Canada urge the Government of Canada to develop a long-term funded plan based on a cost-shared model for provincially delivered rent supplement programs so that low-income households in co-op and non-profit housing are protected when federal operating agreements end.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT BPW Canada urge the Government of Canada to guarantee that existing federal funding for housing assistance is maintained.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT BPW reaffirms Resolution 1990-10: Shelters for Women in need, as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CFBPWC urges the Government of Canada to make ongoing financial commitments to the provincial governments in order to:

 2. Promote the construction and/or acquisition of safe affordable housing for women in need.

Respectfully submitted,

Olga Gil

Resolutions Chair

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**Golf/Euchre Tournaments Report**

On Thursday June 7, 2012 BPW Brampton hosted its 17th Annual Ladies Charity Golf Tournament at Caledon Golf and Country Club. We had 92 golfers plus 13 for dinner only and it was a great day to be on the greens. We raised 7,300.00 with a portion of the proceeds going to: Salvation Army – Honey Church (Women’s Shelter), ‘Walk with Me’-a Human Trafficking Survivors Program and the Buddys ‘N Bows Foundation. Our sincere thanks go to our 23 hole sponsors, our Corporate Sponsors, the numerous gift and prize donors and to all of our supporters. A special thanks to Linda Ford as our Live Auctioneer and to our golf committee.

On Friday November 16, 2012 we held our 11th Progressive Charity Euchre Tournament at the Brampton Irish Centre. We had 86 players and it was a fun evening once again. We raised $2,000.00 for Ste. Louise Outreach Centre and Food Bank. The cheques from both the golf tournament and November euchre tournament were presented at our November General Meeting.

On Friday March 01, 2013 – the 12th Progressive Charity Euchre tournament was held at the Brampton Irish Centre. We had 88 tickets sold and we raised $2,300.00 for the ‘Walk with Me’ – A Human Trafficking Survivors Program. The cheque was presented to Timea Nagy at our March General Meeting. A special thanks to Linda Barker for ticket sales and Jean Edwards for organizing the food for these evenings.

Events like the golf and euchre tournaments would not be possible without a lot of hard work and support from our membership and our community. It truly is a joy organizing these charity benefits and working with such wonderful ladies. Thank you for being such an amazing Club Brampton!

Next up on our calendar of events is our 18th Annual Golf Tournament being held on Thursday June 13, 2013 at Caledon Golf & Country Club and our 13th Progressive Charity Euchre Event on November 1, 2013 at the Brampton Irish Centre. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Hore

Events Chair

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| **BPW Brampton** |
| **Balance Sheet** |
| **as of April 30, 2013** |
|  |  |  |
| ASSETS |  |  |
|  | RBC Chequing Account | 10,097.00 |
|  | Manulife Bank Savings Account | 10,314.00 |
|  | Petty Cash | 50.00 |
|  | Mentoring Program Cash Reserve | 1,928.00 |
|  | Prepaid Expenses (Golf) | 500.00 |
|  | Prepaid Expenses (Prov Conf) | 910.00 |
|  | Prepaid June Social | 210.00 |
|  | Accounts Receivable | 0.00 |
|  |  |  |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 24,009.00 |
|  |  |  |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY |  |
|  | LIABILITIES |  |
|  | Prepaid Revenue: |  |
|  | Membership | 875.00 |
|  | Golf  | 115.00 |
|  | Mentoring Program | 1,928.00 |
|  |  |  |
|  | Total Liabilities | 2,918.00 |
|  |  |  |
|  | EQUITY |  |
|  | Retained Earnings | 22,137.00 |
|  | Net Income/Loss | -1,046.00 |
|  |  |  |
|  | Total Equity | 21,091.00 |
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| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 24,009.00 |
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| **BPW Brampton** |  |  |  |  |
| **Profit and Loss Statement** |  |  |  |  |
| **May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013** |  |  |  |  |
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| REVENUE |  |  |  | Revenue | Expense | Net |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50/50 |  |  | 539.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Golf (Net) |  |  | 7,324.00 |  | 18,525.00 | 11,201.00 | 7,324.00 |
| Interest |  |  | 146.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Membership (Net) |  | 520.00 |  | 5,440.00 | 4,920.00 | 520.00 |
| Dinner (Net) |  | 1,009.00 |  | 10,125.00 | 9,116.00 | 1,009.00 |
| Euchre (Net) |  | 4,342.00 |  | 5,762.00 | 1,420.00 | 4,342.00 |
| Membership Advertising | 323.00 |  | 325.00 | 2.00 | 323.00 |
| Donations |  |  | 100.00 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 14,303.00 |  |  |  |  |
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| EXPENSES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank Charges |  | 276.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Visa Charges |  | 201.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Conference |  | 1,956.00 |  | Provincial & National |  |
| Donations |  |  | 9,850.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Insurance |  |  | 1,129.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Memberships |  | 333.00 |  | Brampton Board of Trade |
| Administration |  | 311.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Honourariums |  | 600.00 |  | Dinner Speakers |  |
| Website |  |  | 531.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Auditor Fees |  | 162.00 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 15,349.00 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NET PROFIT (LOSS) | (1,046.00) |  |  |  |  |
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**WE HONOUR OUR PAST PRESIDENTS**

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 Barb Hore

2011 Heather Moogk

2012- Pat Dowling

\* Deceased and respectfully remembered.