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**WOMEN’S CLUB OF BRAMPTON**



**ANNUAL REPORTS**

**2013 - 2014**

**ANNUAL MEETING – May 20, 2014**

**Osso Bucco Ristorante**

**341 Main St. N., Brampton, Ontario L6X 3C7**



**A member of The Business and Professional Women’s Clubs of Ontario**

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**WE HONOUR OUR PAST PRESIDENTS**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Here we are with another year coming to a close. Once again I am so honoured to have been your President for the past year. It is a truly rewarding experience. I am so proud of our Club, our members and our Executive. The success of any organization begins with the leadership team. Many thanks to our Executive members who give their time and energy to ensure our Club is strong and active.

We had another exciting year of speakers who have discussed various topics and concerns that affect women on all levels. Thank you to Camilla Bignell for organizing our monthly speakers. We will be having our yearly Programs meeting on Tuesday, July 15 so please bring your suggestions to this meeting to ensure we have another wonderful year of exciting 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 again took the ‘Pink Hair Dare’ to raise awareness and to support Wellspring Chinguacousy. It is a very worthwhile cause and it is heartwarming to see the enthusiasm in our Club for this challenge!

In February, we had our International Candle Lighting Ceremony and our International Donation recipient, Canadian Women for Women Afghanistan was present. Our Club has supported this organization for many years and we are proud to continue to do so. 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.

At our March meeting, we celebrated our 67th Anniversary. This year a passage was read from 1948 by the then President, Margaret Van Alstyne and also an article aptly named ‘Our Club’ from member Bardie Kingshott. Our Club started in March 1947 with a meeting of 34 prospective members. As of April 2014, we had 54 members – the largest Club in Ontario. Thank you Karen Armstrong as Membership Chair for another outstanding job this year and thank you to all of our members that spread the word of BPW Brampton helping us grow our Club each year.

Also in March, we met Roxanne Williams of Sheridan College, the recipient of *The Paddy Silverthorne Business & Professional Women’s Bursary Award.* Roxanne received $1,000.00 from our Club towards her studies in Community and Justice. She hopes one day to become a Special Investigations Unit Detective.

We enjoy the monthly letters from Paddy which allows us to share her life from Vancouver, B.C. We wish her well in a speedy recovery from her hip replacement as nothing seems to slow down our Paddy!

Thank you to Sheila Walker, our Club Focus Editor and Photographer. Sheila has produced outstanding publications once again and we are proud to share these with our members and other clubs.

Congratulations to Kimberley and Jeff Cornish on the safe arrival of twins, Carter and Hayley (a new Young BPW!). We look forward to meeting them soon.

Remember as a BPW Brampton member, you have access to our very own website. Please invite friends to visit to show them what we are all about: [www.bpwbrampton.com.](http://www.bpwbrampton.com/)

Lastly, I would like to thank each and every Executive member and the Committee Chairs for their hard work, their enthusiasm and for their support to allow our BPW Brampton Club to enjoy a very successful year. A special thank you to both our Treasurer, Wendy Humphreys for a job that takes a lot of time and effort, and to my ‘Right Hand’, Barb Hore whose support is always very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Dowling

President

**PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

My main responsibility was to support and assist the President as required.

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.

My role additionally consisted of:

* Attending Executive and General Meetings of the Club
* Attending the Programs Planning Meeting in July
* Attending Programs and Events to support our Community Partners
* Co-chair of our Annual Golf Tournaments and two Euchre Tournaments
* Attending the Provincial Conference
* Attending the North Toronto Christmas Dinner
* Mentoring the Mississauga and Niagara Fall Clubs monthly
* Attending the Interim Place Walk with the Mississauga Club
* Attending the North Toronto Club’s June Social
* Attending the Niagara Falls Club Day in the Park Event
* Attending the Niagara Falls Christmas Tea

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank our many Club members who have been so kind and thoughtful to me during this past year while my family is dealing with my husband’s medical issues. I am very grateful for such wonderful friends.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hore

Immediate Past President

**Annual Reports 2013 – 2014**

**1ST VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: N/A 2nd VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

In my role as 2nd Vice President, I attended the monthly Executive meetings and I was encouraged to participate in the planning of our monthly meetings and euchre tournament. I participated in the planning for and offered my opinion on potential guest speakers.

As I reflect back on my second year with BPW Brampton, I am filled with a great sense of pride. I am very proud to be part of this group of Business Women who work collectively to improve the lives of women and families here in Brampton and around the world. I think it was awesome how all of our members worked together to organize and run a successful Golf Tournament in June which raised over $14,700. The proceeds of this event were used to support local grass root charities. I am grateful to BPW Brampton for giving me an opportunity to make a difference and to have a positive impact in my community.

**BURSARY REPORT**

The recipient of *The Paddy Silverthorne Business & Professional Women’s Bursary Award* was Roxanne Williams. Roxanne is a Community and Justice student attending Sheridan College, Davis Campus. It was an absolute pleasure and honour to connect with Roxanne who would like to become a Special Investigations Unit Detective. Roxanne was gracious and she expressed how much she enjoyed the night she spent with us at our March meeting. Even though Roxanne works three part-time jobs and volunteers at the Group Home in Hamilton where she was raised, she has expressed an interest in becoming a BPW member next year. Our group voted and agreed that we will offer to assist her though our mentorship program should she decide to join us next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Warner

2nd Vice President, and

Bursary Committee Chair

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

As Recording Secretary, I had the opportunity to learn about how far reaching the impact of BPW Brampton is on improving the lives of Women not just in Canada but around the World.

In addition, I was able to grasp the local, national and international structure of BPW and begin to really understand just how collaborative this organization truly is.

During the year, my responsibility was to record the Minutes of all Executive Meetings and General Meetings.

Respectively submitted,

Jo-Anne Watson

Recording Secretary

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

It is my pleasure to serve as Corresponding Secretary to BPW Brampton. My position is to update the Executive and members with information about all our Community Partners.

I continue to update members who may not have internet access with regular meetings along with quarterly Club Focus and Minutes of Meetings. I also participate with Golf and Euchre Fundraisers.

On a personal note, this is my first year serving on the Executive and I wish to thank the great leaders on the Executive in assisting me in this new role. I have developed great relationships with members and wish to continue to serve and embrace change and be a part of “something that is bigger than me”.

Thank you BPW for a great year and I look forward to serving many more years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Indira Persaud

Corresponding Secretary

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

Another great BPW Brampton term is coming to a close and, once again, our members never cease to amaze me! Each meeting, there was always a new face to greet as our membership continues to promote and highlight our supportive Club.

Our membership numbers have been consistent throughout the term with constant growth via inductions taking place even into the last meeting before our June social. Now that is impressive!

Each new member brings more diversity, knowledge and professionalism to our dynamic Chapter. As I come out to our monthly meetings and have the pleasure of inducting yet another new member, I often find myself glancing over taking note of all the new members and realizing their energy is contagious!

As Membership Chair, I have attended Executive Meetings and reported our membership numbers and noting additions. I have completed and forwarded our Form 100 and worked with BPW Brampton Executive to make certain that applications are processed and recorded in a timely manner. I have coordinated the Bio formats out to our new members for completion so their fellow members can learn about each of them. Lastly and most importantly, I have the pleasure accompanied by our President to induct our new members and bring them into our fold. That is the best part by far!

I want to express my sincere gratitude to each member for spreading the BPW word and look forward to more new faces next year. The June Social, the upcoming BPW Brampton Annual Golf Tournament, as well as, our future Euchre Tournaments provide great opportunities to share our Club and its mandate. I believe our Club has so much to offer on so many different levels. I urge you to lean in if the opportunity presents itself and shine in your own unique way ... whatever that might be.

In closing, it has been a pleasure working with such a supportive Executive. The organization, clarity and professionalism truly empower all of us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Armstrong

Membership Chair

**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 BPW 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

**PROGRAMS REPORT**

2013-2014 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 and engaging. Below is a brief summary of each month’s program:

**September, 2013:** Featuring speakers from five of our Community Partners including Walk With Me, A Human Trafficking Survivors Program; Salvation Army / Honeychurch (Women’s Shelter); Hope Place (Formerly the Sexual Assault / Rape Crisis Centre of Peel); Wellspring Chinguacousy Cancer Support Centre; St. Louise Outreach Centre & Food Bank.

**October, 2013:** Leslie Harper Wells is a descendant of people that came to Canada during the Underground Railroad Era. She started Niagara Bound Tours in 2004 and it has now become a calling for her and is always pleased to tell the story of her ancestors and the story of others who survived and made Canada their home. In Niagara Bound Tours’ ninth year, over 1,000 people will have been on the tour this year which is just the tip of the iceberg of people Lezlie hopes to reach in the future. For a bit of trivia, Lezlie’s late mother was a Past President of BPW Fort Erie many years back.

**November, 2013:** Police Chief Jennifer Evans discussed Bullying in the workplace, Seniors, schools and our community. What to look for, How we the public can help what is being done to prevent it and deal with it, as well as, future plans for prevention.

**December, 2013:** Our Christmas Social was held at Osso Bucco with a sit down dinner. Once again, we played the gift exchange/steal game which was a roaring success! Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel received tremendous support from our donations once again.

**January, 2014:** Get Real, Follow Your Own Authenticity Track With Patti LovettReid. Patti is the host of The Patti Lovett-Reid Show on CTV News Channel. She is a Certified Financial Planner and co-author of several national best-selling books and was awarded with an honorary degree in applied Studies from Humber

College in June 2010. The Financial Planners Standards Council recognized Lovett-Reid with the 2009 Donald J Johnston Award for her outstanding contribution to the profession of financial planning in Canada. She received 2007 Canada’s Most Powerful Women: Top 100 award in the Trailblazers and Trendsetters Category.

**February, 2014:** International Night was celebrated with our candle lighting ceremony followed by a presentation by our very own member, Dittie Voegele about volunteering abroad. Dittie presented her recent experience in Africa. In her experience of volunteering abroad, you really don’t know what you will be doing until you get there.

**March, 2014:** Martha Hall Findlay was our March speaker about Women in Politics. Martha discussed how she got involved in politics; her

recommendations to those women who might be volunteering or working that may have a desire to affect change but not know how to go about getting started in politics.

**April, 2014:** Olga Gil, our Resolutions Chair, presented the Resolutions that our

Club and others in the Province will be discussing at Provincial Conference and

National Convention. In addition to being a long term BPW Brampton Member,

Olga is a Past President of BPW Toronto and a former member of BPW

Edmonton. Olga’s extensive background in research and legislation make her a very valuable asset as our Resolution’s Chair.

**May, 2014:** Annual General Meeting and Elections for upcoming 2014-2015 Executive.

**June, 2014:** Our June Social will be held at Liaison College Brampton in Brampton. We will be entertained by forming teams, along with a Chef, to make a portion of the dinner. It will be a fun evening with some cooking tips, some laughs and great food.

Respectfully submitted,

Camilla Bignell

Programs Chair

**PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

It has been my pleasure to act as BPW Brampton’s Publicity and Public Relations Chair 2013-2014 season.

My role consisted mainly of:

* Maintaining and updating the 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.

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

* Attending Provincial Conference
* Assisting with the two fundraising Euchre Tournaments
* Attended BPW Golf Tournament

As always I am proud to be part of such a wonderful Club with such an amazing group of women.

Respectively submitted,

Linda Barker

Publicity and Public Relations Chair

**RESOLUTIONS CHAIR REPORT**

This year possible Resolutions were discussed informally with individual members of the Club. It was decided, there was not enough backup data to submit any Resolutions to either BPW Ontario or BPW Canada.

A proposed By-law Change that would make the position of Secretary an appointed one was submitted to BPW Canada.

Special thanks to Camilla Bignell, Jean Edwards, Indira Persaud and Pat Tiveron for their ideas and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Olga Gil

Resolutions Chair

**GOLF/EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS REPORTS**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

On Thursday June 13, 2013, BPW Brampton hosted its 18th Annual Ladies Charity Golf Tournament at Caledon Golf and Country Club. We had 102 golfers, an additional 24 dinners only and 10 trade table vendors. It was a great day to be on the greens. We raised $9,700.00 and with Scotiabank’s ‘Bright Futures Program’ we had an additional $5,000.00 for a total of $14,700.00. A portion of the proceeds going to: Salvation Army – Honey Church (Women’s Shelter), Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centre of Peel (Hope Place) and Wellspring Chinguacousy Cancer Support Centre. Our sincere thanks go to our 31 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 Golf Committee.

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS**

On Friday November 1, 2013, we held our 13th Progressive Charity Euchre Tournament at The Brampton Irish Centre. We had 80 players and it was a fun evening once again. We raised $1,750.00 for Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel and Food Bank plus a donation from Scotiabank’s ‘Bright Futures Program’ of $1,000.00 for a total of $2,750.00 that evening. The cheque was presented to Catherine Rivera at our November General Meeting.

On Friday March 7, 2014, the 14th Progressive Charity Euchre tournament was held again at The Brampton Irish Centre. We had 84 players and we raised $1,800.00 plus $1,000.00 from Scotiabank’s ‘Bright Futures Program’ for a grand total of $2,800.00. Our recipient was Hope Place (Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centre of Peel). The cheque was presented to Orville Edwards 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.

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 19th Annual Golf Tournament being held on Thursday June 12, 2014 at Caledon Golf & Country Club and our 15th Progressive Charity Euchre Event on November 7, 2014 at The Brampton Irish Centre. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hore

Events Chair

**TREASURER’S REPORTS**

**BPW BRAMPTON**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS OF APRIL 30, 2014**

ASSETS

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| RBC Chequing Account  | 10,303.00  |
| Manulife Bank Savings Account  | 10,449.00  |
| Petty Cash  | 50.00  |
| Mentoring Program Cash Reserve  | 1,928.00  |
| Prepaid Expenses (Golf)  | 500.00  |
| Prepaid Expenses (Prov Conf)  | 1,200.00  |
| Accounts Receivable  | 0.00  |

TOTAL ASSETS 24,430.00

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| --- | --- |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY LIABILITIES Prepaid Revenue:  |  |
| Membership  | 390.00  |
| Golf  | 220.00  |
| Mentoring Program  | 1,928.00  |

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| Total Liabilities EQUITY  | 2,538.00  |
| Retained Earnings  | 21,091.00  |
| Net Income/Loss  | 801.00  |

Total Equity 21,892.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 24,430.00

**BPW BRAMPTON**

**PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT**

**MAY 1, 2013 TO APRIL 30, 2014**

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| REVENUE  |  | Revenue Expense Net  |
| 50/50  | 462.50  |  |
| Golf (Net)  | 9,803.10  | 23,976.05 14,172.95 9,803.10  |
| Interest  | 134.89  |  |
| Membership (Net)  | 617.10  | 5,695.00 5,077.90 617.10  |
| Dinner (Net)  | 287.56  | 10,070.00 9,782.44 287.56  |
| Euchre (Net)  | 4,408.16  | 5,828.80 1,420.64 4,408.16  |
| Membership Advertising  | 232.46  | 235.00 2.54 232.46  |

Donations 

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| --- | --- | --- |
| EXPENSES  |  |  |
| Bank Charges  | 259.73  |  |
| Visa Charges  | 200.64  |  |
| Conference  | 1,410.24  | Provincial  |
| Donations  | 9,850.00  |  |
| Insurance  | 134.31  |  |
| Memberships  | 333.01  | Brampton Board of Trade  |
| Administration  | 484.98  | Office Supplies & Name Badges  |
| Honourariums  | 400.00  | Guest Speakers  |
| Website  | 937.34  |  |
| Auditor Fees  | 135.00  |  |

Bursary 

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| --- | --- |
| NET PROFIT (LOSS)  | 800.52  |

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Humphreys

Treasurer

**WE HONOUR OUR PAST PRESIDENTS**

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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  |
| 2012-2014  |   | Pat Dowling  |

\* Deceased and respectfully remembered.