**THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL**

**WOMEN’S CLUB OF BRAMPTON**

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**ANNUAL REPORTS**

**2014 - 2015**

**ANNUAL MEETING – May 19, 2015**

**Clinton’s on Main Restaurant**

**190 Main Street South, Brampton, Ontario L6W 2E2**

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

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**WE HONOUR OUR PAST PRESIDENTS**

**President’s Report**

Another year has come and gone and this is my last President’s report. How quickly have three and a half years gone by! I have been so honoured to have been your President and it has been an amazing and rewarding experience. I am so very 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 Linda Barker for doing an outstanding job of organizing our monthly speakers. We will be having our yearly Programs meeting on Tuesday, July 14th, 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, various clubs prepare Resolutions that are debated and voted on at both Provincial and National levels. This year, we thank Camilla Bignell for standing in for Olga Gil and running our Resolutions meeting in April. 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 once again took the ‘Pink Hair Dare’ to raise awareness and to support Wellspring Chinguacousy Cancer Support Centre.

In February we had our International Candle Lighting Ceremony and we 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 to do so. The ‘Lantern Fund’ is the program that supports women teachers and we were pleased to donate $1,200.00 to pay the salary for three teachers for one year.

At our March meeting we celebrated our 68th Anniversary. This year a report was read from 1947 by President Margaret Van Alstyne on a meeting held with the then BPW Oakville Club to hear fellow BPW Britain member Nancy Anderson speak on the times of war and her experiences. Our club started in March 1947 with a meeting of 34 prospective members and as of April 2015 we had 50 members – the largest club in Ontario. Thank you again to 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 and help us grow our Club each year.

Also in March we met Danielle Cletus of Sheridan College, the recipient of *The Paddy Silverthorne Business & Professional Women’s Bursary Award.* Danielle received $1,000.00 from our club towards her studies and expenses in Athletic Therapy.

We enjoy the monthly letters and pictures from Paddy which allows us to share her life from Vancouver B.C.

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.

Olga Gil has been a faithful member of BPW since 1986. Olga has been our leader and mentor for Resolutions for many years now and she has handed the torch to Camilla Bignell. Olga is now in palliative care having been stricken with lung cancer. Our hearts and thoughts go out to Olga and her family.

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](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 another successful year. A special thank you to both our Treasurer, Wendy Humphreys who does an amazing job at keeping our costs in line, and to Barb Hore, our immediate Past President 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 necessary.

Additionally:

* Call for Nominations and the follow up to confirm that members are willing to let their name stand for a position on the Executive
* Conducted the actual election process
* Attended all Club meetings and Executive meetings
* Organized and chaired the District 3 Annual General Meeting in the absence of a District Director
* Assisted with the Golf Tournament
* Assisted with our two Euchre Tournaments
* In my new role as Vice President BPW Ontario Federation Promotions, I have visited all of the clubs in our District and also many of the clubs in other Ontario Districts

My special thanks to President Pat Dowling, our Executive and all of our wonderful Brampton members who have been so very kind and supportive of me throughout this difficult year.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hore

Immediate Past President

**1st Vice President’s Report**

In my role as First Vice President, I attended the monthly executive meetings. I was encouraged to participate in the planning of our monthly meetings, golf tournament and euchre nights. I also was involved with the selection and gave my opinion on potential guest speakers.

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. This year I helped with preparation and attended the two successful Euchre events which with the help and generosity of our members we were able to raise $4000.00 for our Community Partners plus another $4,000.00 from the Scotiabank’s Bright Futures Program. I have also been involved with planning and fundraising for the annual golf tournament, the event raised over $8000 plus an additional $5,000.00 from Scotiabank’s Bright Futures Program.

Our club is successful because of the excellent teamwork of all our members, the executive and the leadership of our current President Pat Dowling. I appreciate the encouragement of all the BPW members as I prepare to step in as President; I look forward to the coming year and wish you all a great summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Warner

First Vice President

**2nd VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

As a new member to the executive and starting off as 2nd Vice President I had no idea what to expect. I enjoyed my year and I am glad that I was introduced to the BPW Organization. It is a wonderful organization and I look forward to continuing to be part of BPW.

During the past year I have been involved in the following:

* Attended most Executive Meetings
* Attended the Programs Planning Meeting in July (arranged to have Elizabeth Cunningham from Blue Willow speak at our March Meeting)
* Attended the Annual Golf Tournament and helped out where needed
* Attended our Business Dinner Meetings
* Helped with the March Euchre Tournament
* I am also sitting on the committee for the Conference we are hosting in May 2016
* I will be attending Conference in May 2015 as a delegate for our club

**BURSARY REPORT**

The recipient of the *Paddy Silverthorne Business and Professional Women’s Bursary Award* was Danielle Cletus. Danielle is a 23 year old student and was born in the Port of Spain Trinidad and moved to Canada when she was just a little over the age of 1. Danielle graduated in 2013 from the McMaster Kinesiology Honours program and is currently in her 3rd year of studies at Sheridan College for Athletic Therapy. Danielle studies at Sheridan in Brampton and as part of her program her hands on training is in Oshawa, she was very honoured to have been chosen as this year’s recipient. Danielle has expressed interest in our organization and I have invited her to attend our June Social. I hope Danielle will be able to join us and become part of our organization.

Respectfully Submitted

Janet E Brousseau

2nd Vice President, and

Bursary Committee Chair

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

It has been my privilege over the last year to be part of the Executive Board as the Recording Secretary.

I originally joined the BPW Brampton Chapter because I wanted to be involved with an organization that made a difference in my local community.

During the past year as Recording Secretary, I have learned about the inner workings of a club of our size and have also learned about the organization at the Provincial, National and International levels.

It has been my responsibility to record minutes from the Executive meetings and the general meetings in a format outlined by the recording secretaries before me.

I have to say when I originally volunteered I really didn’t know what I was getting myself into, but it has been a very positive and rewarding experience working with the executive members as a team.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela McKinnon

Recording Secretary

**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 minutes of our meetings.

It is a pleasure to serve BPW in all other fundraising initiatives. In June 2014 I attended my first BPW Conference in Sudbury and it was a great learning and enriching experience to be a part of such an important organization that thrives for excellence in the betterment of women.

I look forward in a long term relationship with BPW and once again thank you for another great year!

Respectfully submitted,

Indira Persaud

Corresponding Secretary

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

As Membership Chair I have had the pleasure of inducting new members to BPW Brampton as well as greeting new guests that come out to our meetings.

I have prepared new member packages as well as reported service pins inventory and other information required by our President.

I have attended monthly executive meetings and reported our total membership numbers including honorary, lifetime and new members.

Prior to each member being inducted I have collected their new membership application as well as a BIO for presentation to our club. At the end of our year I follow up with existing members to confirm renewal applications have been received as well as payment has been made and forwarded to our Treasurer.

I have contributed to our monthly BPW Focus newsletter from a membership standpoint.

This year we have remained even with new members joining throughout the year. We currently remain at 50 members strong!

As always I want to express my sincere gratitude to all our members that invite new guests out to our club. Your enthusiasm and dedication to our chapter is what makes BPW Brampton the dynamic club it truly is.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Armstrong

Membership Chair

**YOUNG BPW: N/A**

**PROGRAMS REPORT**

It has been a pleasure working with a great team of women on the Executive for BPW Brampton and getting to know our members better over the last 12 months.

During the 2014-2015 Season we had a variety of interesting speakers covering a variety of topics and hope our members agree that they were engaging and informative. During the summer we have a planning meeting and members can submit suggestions and topics for speakers and with the input of many it definitely makes putting the season together much easier and a lot of fun. Our lineup for this season is as follows:

SEPTEMBER: Peel Police Officer Gillian Martin – discussing Street Connection, Crime Prevention, and women in Policing.

OCTOBER: 5 of our community partners provided an update on the organizations – Honeychurch Women’s Shelter, Walk with Me, Wellspring Chinguacousy, Ste. Louise Outreach & Foodbank, and 24/7 Hope. Also had Wellspring Chinguacousy onsite promoting their fundraising event “the pink hair dare”.

NOVEMBER: Amber Dowling – TV Critic, Editor and Vice President of The North American Television Critics Association with an interactive discussion regarding her experiences with “the rich and famous”

DECEMBER: Christmas Social which included dinner, caroling, and traditional “gift stealing game”.

JANUARY: Nikola Boadway – Personal Trainer discussing Health and Fitness and giving us all something to think about starting out a new year.

FEBRUARY: International Night and Candle Lighting ceremony followed by 2 students discussing their Ecuador Study Abroad. Women for Women Afghanistan were also present with their trade table of goods made by the Afghanistan women as part of their fundraising program.

MARCH: Interactive Panel discussion which included CCAC, Blue Willow Consulting for Seniors, and Wes Jackson a local lawyer speaking about living wills, power of attorney, etc.

APRIL: Will be our Resolutions meeting with Camilla Bignell taking the lead to explain this year’s resolutions so the members can vote so the delegates will be prepared to vote on behalf of the members at Provincial Conference.

MAY: AGM and Elections

JUNE: Summer Social being held at the Terra Cotta Inn.

Some of the activities with BPW that I participated in during the past year are:

* Attended Provincial Conference in Sudbury
* Attended the S.E. District AGM in Ottawa
* Attended District 3 – Peel Halton District AGM
* Volunteer for the two Euchre Fundraising Tournaments
* Attended the Brampton Charity Golf Tournament

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Barker

Programs Chair

**PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Thank you for the opportunity to act as BPW Brampton’s Publicity and Public Relations Chair for the 2014-2015 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.

My role consisted mainly of:

* 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.
* Club Focus Designer and Publisher (in addition and unrelated role for Publicity and Public Relations Chair)
* BPW Brampton Annual Reports (in addition and unrelated role for Publicity and Public Relations Chair)

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

* Assisting as volunteer floater at the two fundraising Euchre Tournaments
* Assisting as volunteer floater at the BPW Golf Tournament

Looking forward to our continued success with our great Club!

Respectively submitted,

Sheila Walker

Publicity and Public Relations Chair

#### **RESOLUTIONS CHAIR REPORT**

For the first time in many years, Olga Gil was unable to work on Resolutions due to her health.

Camilla Bignell stepped up to the plate for our club and presented the Resolutions to be debated and voted on at Provincial Conference and the National AGM.

Camilla has worked with Olga over the years and though this was her first Resolutions meeting, she did a fine job and we know that Olga would be proud.

We look forward to Camilla continuing to carry the torch on behalf of Olga.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Dowling

President

On behalf of Olga Gil

Resolutions Chair

**Golf/Euchre Tournaments ReportS**

**Golf Tournament**

On Thursday June 12, 2014 BPW Brampton hosted its 19th Annual Ladies Charity Golf Tournament at Caledon Golf and Country Club. We had 79 golfers, an additional 19 dinners only and 7 trade table vendors. It was a great day to be on the greens. We raised 8,456.00 and with Scotiabank’s ‘Bright Futures Program’ we had an additional $5,000.00 for a total of $13,456.00. A portion of the proceeds going to: Salvation Army – Honey Church (Women’s Shelter), Walk with Me (A Human Trafficking Survivors Program) 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 October General Meeting. A special thanks to Linda Ford as our Live Auctioneer and to our entire golf committee.

**Euchre Tournaments**

On Friday November 7, 2014 we held our 15th Progressive Charity Euchre Tournament at the Brampton Irish Centre. We had 92 players and it was a fun evening once again. 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 6, 2015 the 16th Progressive Charity Euchre tournament was held at our new location – the Glasgow Rangers Supporters Club Bramalea. We had 84 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 24/7 Hope (Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centre of Peel). The cheque was presented to Laura Zilney at our April 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,

Barbara Hore

Events Chair

**TREASURER’S REPORTS**

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| **BPW BRAMPTON****BALANCE SHEET****AS OF APRIL 30, 2015**

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| ASSETS |  |  |
|  | RBC Chequing Account | 9,356.00 |
|  | Manulife Bank Savings Account | 10,576.00 |
|  | Petty Cash | 50.00 |
|  | Mentoring Program Cash Reserve | 1,928.00 |
|  | Prepaid Expenses (Golf) | 500.00 |
|  | Prepaid Expenses (Prov Conf) | 1,025.00 |
|  | Prepaid Expenses (2016 Prov Conf) | 3,200.00 |
|  | Prepaid Expensed (June Social) | 200.00 |
|  | Prepaid Expenses (Euchre) | 200.00 |
|  | Accounts Receivable | 0.00 |
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| TOTAL ASSETS | 27,035.00 |
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| LIABILITIES & EQUITY |  |
|  | LIABILITIES |  |
|  | Prepaid Revenue: |  |
|  | Membership (Net) | 256.00 |
|  | Mentoring Program | 1,928.00 |
|  |  |  |
|  | Total Liabilities | 2,184.00 |
|  |  |  |
|  | EQUITY |  |
|  | Retained Earnings | 21,892.00 |
|  | Net Income/Loss | 2,959.00 |
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|  | Total Equity | 24,851.00 |
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| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 27,035.00 |
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| **BPW BRAMPTON****PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT****MAY 1, 2014 TO APRIL 30, 2015** |
| REVENUE |  |  |  | Revenue | Expense | Net |
| 50/50 |  |  | 473.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Golf (Net) |  | 8,465.00 |  | 19,474.00 | 11,009.00 | 8,465.00 |
| Interest |  |  | 127.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Membership (Net) |  | 609.00 |  | 6,030.00 | 5,421.00 | 609.00 |
| Dinner (Net) |  | 489.00 |  | 9,745.00 | 9,256.00 | 489.00 |
| Euchre (Net) |  | 4,457.00 |  | 6,014.00 | 1,557.00 | 4,457.00 |
| Membership Advertising (Net) | 333.00 |  | 335.00 | 2.00 | 333.00 |
| BPW T-Shirts (Net) |  | 1.00 |  | 424.00 | 423.00 | 1.00 |
| Donations |  | 100.00 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 15,054.00 |  |  |  |  |
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| EXPENSES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank Charges |  | 250.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Visa Charges |  | 134.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Conference |  | 1,923.00 |  | Provincial & National |
| Donations |  | 7,700.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Insurance |  |  | 230.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Memberships |  | 0.00 |  | Brampton Board of Trade |
| Administration |  | 61.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Honourariums |  | 435.00 |  | Guest Speakers |  |
| Website |  |  | 254.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Auditor Fees |  | 108.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Bursary |  |  | 1,000.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Advertising |  | 0.00 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 12,095.00 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NET PROFIT (LOSS) | 2959.00 |  |  |  |  |

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Humphreys

Treasurer

**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 Barbara Hore

2011 Heather Moogk

2012-2015 Pat Dowling

\* Deceased and respectfully remembered.