



The Business and Professional
Women's Club of Brampton

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FALL 2022



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BPW Brampton President's Message

Linda Ford

Hello BPW Brampton Members and Friends!



*L*ife is an echo, of time, events, and of course
possibilities that we put out there into the
universe.

Here we are in 2022 and I have taken on the role of Club President. It seems like it was just a blink of time ago and yet a lifetime ago when I was Club President from 2005 to 2007.

Where does the time go?

Who would have thought that we would be in the third year of a worldwide pandemic? Our Club has certainly been impacted and has had to pivot and evolve within the guidelines of the restrictions set upon us. Was Zoom a blessing or a torment for you? For me it was a way to connect but didn't provide the personal interaction that I love and that not only me, but so many people were used to.

It was absolutely a pleasure to have our first in person meeting for our September 2022 Annual General Meeting and General Meeting. Seeing everyone's enthusiasm and smiling faces warmed my heart. You are all good for my soul!

So where do we go from here? I see this year as a year for re-connecting. So many of our long-term members are back and we also welcomed many new members to our Club.

All of us working together towards our common goals is what makes BPW Brampton Great. We are often referred to as Brampton's best kept secret – well let's let the secret out and let them know "we do good work"!

This year we will see the return of some special fundraising events like our Progressive Charity Euchre Event.

We will have a food drive at our October General Meeting in honour of National Food Month. We welcome donations of non-perishable food for Ste. Louise Foodbank and Outreach Centre of Peel.

We will continue our advocacy through Resolutions. "Resolutions are the foundation of BPW. They help to increase our awareness and understanding of issues affecting women at a local, provincial, national and international scale."

We are also looking forward to getting together for our Holiday Social in person and continuing our tradition of supporting our community. We have so much to look forward to – and it will take all of us working together to accomplish our goals.





BPW BRAMPTON EXECUTIVE 2022-2023

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BPW Programs Snigdha Malik

Oh WELCOME to BPW Brampton Programs line up for 2022-2023.

We're looking forward to having the following line up of engaging Guest Speakers this year and hope that you will all "Save the Dates" in your calendars to join us to hear these Speakers.

Please take note of our Christmas Social Event taking place on December 13, 2022 with more details to follow.

Please feel free to invite a friend to join you for any of the following dates, to give them the opportunity to see what BPW Brampton has to offer.



Save the Dates!

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**BPW Brampton
Dates to Remember**



SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

Speaker: BPW Brampton Elections & Annual General Meeting
• Voting New Executive

OCTOBER 18, 2022

Speaker: Angel Massey-Singh, Marketing and Communications Leader at regional, national and global levels, working in both corporate and Not For Profit organizations.

Topic: The ABC's of Diversity Equity & Inclusion, What It Is, Why It's Important and What's In It for You!
• PLUS New Members Inductions

NOVEMBER 11, 2022

BPW Progressive Charity Euchre Event
The Scottish Centre (AKA Glasgow Rangers Supporters Club Bramalea)
185 Advance Blvd., Unit 2, Brampton L6T 4H9
905.458.7718

NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Speakers: BPW Community Partners
Topics: Our chosen Community Partners discuss how they impact the community and utilize the donation funds they receive from BPW Brampton.
Community Partners include:
Hope 24/7 – Carrie Campbell
Family Life Resource Centre,
Honeychurch – Melody Watson
Victim Services of Peel – Sarah Rogers
Wellspring Chinguacousy – Alex Smith
St. Louise Outreach Centre &
Food Bank – Catherine Rivera

DECEMBER 13, 2022 CHRISTMAS SOCIAL (2nd Tuesday of December)

More Information to Follow
• Opportunity for Members to Give Donations to Ste. Louise Outreach Centre & Food Bank of Food Items; Blankets; Personal Care Products, etc.

JANUARY 17, 2023

Speaker: Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, Ontario.
Topic: Women and Economic Empowerment

FEBRUARY 21, 2023: International Theme and Candle Lighting Ceremony

Speaker: Dawne Williams, North American/Caribbean Coordinator, BPW International
Topic: To Be Determined

• International Theme Honouring all the BPW Clubs Throughout the World!
• Celebrating BPW International Night with our Traditional Candle Lighting Ceremony

MARCH 21, 2023: BPW Brampton Anniversary Meeting

Speaker: To Be Determined
Topic: To Be Determined

APRIL 2023 - DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

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APRIL 18, 2023: Resolutions

Speaker: To Be Determined
Topic: To be Determined

MAY 16, 2023: BPW Brampton Elections

& Annual General Meeting
Topic: Come Out and Support BPW Brampton and Be Part in its Direction. Consider Being on the Executive!

JUNE 2023 - DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

The First Annual Janet Brousseau Ladies Charity Golf Tournament
More Details to Follow!

JUNE 20, 2023: June Social

Our Famous June Social – Location To Be Determined – Invite a Guest!

JULY 19, 2023: Programs Meeting 2022-2023.

Your suggestions for Speakers for Next Season are welcome. Please contact Programs Chair to add your voice.

- October is Women's History Month
- October is Small Business Month
- October 13, 2022: Virtual BPW Provincial Conference & Annual General Meeting, Golden Horseshoe
- October 16, 2022: World Food Day
- March 8, 2023: International Women's Day
- August 2023: BPW Canada Convention



Special Events Pat Dowling



We are pleased to collaborate once again with the

Canadian Progress Club for the Meat/Seafood Drive.

Orders are open until October 21, 2022 with pick-up on October 27, 2022 at Turner Fenton High School in Brampton.

Please pass onto your friends and family as this is a great way to stock your freezer for the winter months and enjoy restaurant quality food along with supporting our Community Partners once again.

Next up is our **27th Progressive Charity Euchre Event on Friday, November 11, 2022** at the Glasgow Rangers Supporters Club Bramalea (The Scottish Centre).

We have only 2 tickets left at this time. We are in need of your re-gifts and donations for our raffle prizes so please bring to our October meeting or let us know to arrange for pick-up. We also need help with food so please contact Indira Persaud who with her team is heading up this portion of the evening.

This is a wonderful event that helps our community and we ask that everyone contribute in some way to help us have another successful night. The recipient of this event will be the Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel Food Bank – who need our support especially right before Christmas. Doors open at 6:30 pm and we start to play promptly at 7:30 pm.

We will also be looking at participating in the **Christmas Cookie Drive alongside the Canadian Progress Club** with more details to follow in November.

Humane Society

The Human Society is always in need of old towels, bed sheets, blankets. etc. used for the comfort of cats and dogs in their care. Please drop off donations of these items to the following Brampton location:

**475 Chrysler Drive
Brampton, ON L6S 6G3
(905) 458-5800**



World Food Day:

Sunday, October 16, 2022 Indira Persaud



World Food Day is a day of action dedicated to tackling global

hunger. One of the most celebrated day in the United Nations calendar. It's an annual celebration in the honour of the Food and Agriculture Organization launched by the United Nations in 1945. It is one of the UN Sustainable Development

Goal - # 2 Zero Hunger. Zero Hunger is based on three dimensions economic, social, and environmental. Zero Hunger aims to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture by 2030.

Decades of decline in the world UN is not on track in achieving Zero Hunger by 2030.

Some estimates indicate by 2050 approximately 2.6 billion people globally will suffer from food insecurity. Largely due to man-made conflicts, climate change, economic downturn and COVID measures.

Significant changes of the global food and agriculture system UN recommends:

- Meet the needs of the vulnerable population;
- Social protection of food programs;
- Keep global food trade going;
- Keep domestic food supply chain going;
- Support small farms.

In summary, it calls on all countries to build better food systems more resilient and robust so they can withstand volatility, climate shocks and deliver sustainable food for all and decent livelihoods for food workers.

BPW Brampton is raising the awareness on food insecurity by highlighting the great work Ste. Louise Food Bank does in our community. At our next General Meeting in October 2022 our members will be donating food items to Ste Louise Food Bank. Our Club also we donating proceeds from our November 11 2022 Progressive Euchre Event to Ste Louise Food Bank.

BPW Brampton is challenging all clubs in Ontario to mobilize with their local food bank on October 16 2022 to raise local awareness of food insecurity and answer the basic call to humanity everyone should have access to FOOD.



BPW Brampton Member Moments

Pat Wepf

Celebrating 40 years as a Member of BPW Brampton. Pat's Certificate of Recognition was awarded at our September Meeting 2018.

Pat Tiveron

Celebrating 25 years as a Member of BPW Brampton. Pat's Certificate of Recognition was awarded at our September Meeting 2018.

Photo from Left to Right:

Barbara Hore, Pat Tiveron, Pat Wepf, Indira Persaud



BPW Brampton Members Awarded

The following members received their Recognition Certificate at our September meeting for various years of BPW Brampton Membership namely:

Photo from Left to Right:

Tracey Marshall - 25 years

Karen Armstrong - 20 years

Snigdha Malik - 20 years

Lucy Oliveira - 20 years

Linda Ford - 20 years

Barbara Hore - 20 years

Pat Dowling - 20 years

Dittie Voegele - 35 years

Suzanne Roy - 30 years (absent)



Congratulations

Ladies!



Focus on Member

Susan Fennell Sheila Walker



The longest serving Mayor and first woman Mayor of the City of Brampton was most known for her energy, smile, genuine affection and devotion for the citizens she served. Susan was often referred to as the People's Mayor, attending not only to her Council, administrative and economic development responsibilities, but also tirelessly supporting countless people, organizations, seniors, community groups, faith groups, sports and arts groups. Her positive energy was always put to work boosting Brampton. As Mayor, Susan has many numerous accolades while in office.

- Susan delivered the first new recreation facilities in over a decade including The Brampton Soccer Centre, Cassie Campbell Community Centre, Gore Meadows Community Centre, Brampton Seniors Flowercity Centre, and insisted on the upgrade and renovation of many existing Recreation Centres.
- Susan's great respect for the Arts and Culture in Brampton resulted in her leading Council to approve and build a Performing Arts Centre known as the Rose Theatre regarded as one of the finest stages in the Province.
- Susan focussed on attracting jobs bringing major employers to Brampton Air Canada Global Operations Centre, Canon Canada and Medtronics. Brampton was recognized as an Employer of Choice.
- Through an expanded public garden program, Susan saw Brampton's Flower Town heritage restored making a significant commitment to its ongoing maintenance through participation in the international Communities in Bloom Program resulting in Brampton being recognized as an International Champion.
- Brampton was also recognized as an International Safe Community by the World Health Organization in 2007 and 2012. Only 10 cities in North America achieve this accreditation.
- Under Susan's leadership, Brampton saw an unprecedented 25+ properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, a 100% increase over the previous 20 years. Susan was instrumental in stopping the sale and demolition of the Chisholm Estate, Alderlea, Brampton's most significant historic residential building and purchase Alderlea and it was fully restored. The Estate is now a premier meeting and event facility in historic Downtown.
- Susan has been recognized for her dedication and involvement in Brampton with the Canada 125 Medal, and both the Queen Elizabeth II Gold and Diamond Jubilee Medals being honoured by Scouts Canada with the Lord Baden Powell Medal. The Rotary Club made Susan a Paul Harris Fellow; She was awarded the Zonta Club Woman of Achievement.
- Susan has been inducted into the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame for her dedication to Women's Hockey development at the Olympic Senior level. Susan founded the National Women's Hockey League and invited Governor General Adrienne Clarkson to name the Championship Cup, The Clarkson Cup as Governor General Lord Stanley did for the men's hockey many years before.
- Susan is a member of Ladies Auxiliary of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 15 and is a member to our Club, Brampton Business and Professional Women's Club.
- Susan continues to be a much sought after public speaker. Representing Canada at a special Government Communication study at Harvard University and at the Microsoft Annual Convention in Atlanta.
- In recognition of Susan's dedication and achievements, Brampton City Council renamed the Sportsplex to the Susan Fennell Sportsplex, housing 4 hockey rinks, a library, pool and Centre for Youth.
- Personally, Susan has been married to her husband John for 45 years. Susan was born in Montreal, has two adult sons, Michael and Joseph and is a new very proud Grandma. Susan and John continue to live in Brampton close to Susan's brother Don Biefer.

BPW Brampton New Member Feature and Resolutions

Mina Di Domenico



After a 9-year BPW pause, I have joined the BPW Brampton Club. Since February, I have been engaged with several BPW activities including:

- United Nations Commission on the Status of Women: Prepared and attended the 66th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women as a BPW Canada Delegate. I partnered with Linda Rice on the process and submitted a report of the sessions I attended.
- CCEW Canadian Coalition to Empower Women: Partnering with Sheila Crook and Doris Hall, I completed the government GBA + training, obtained my certificate, and attended the first Canadian session in August. I continue to participate in BPW Canada/CCEW meetings.
- BPW Canada Convention: In August, I attended the convention as a Brampton club observer with long time member Patricia Prez.

BPW History

From 1990-2012, I was a member of BPW Toronto and held many roles including:

- Elected Club President twice 1994-1996 and again from 2010-2012
- Led numerous provincial and national delegations on behalf of BPW Toronto
- Represented Young BPW Canada in 1993 at the International Congress in Nagoya, Japan
- Attended the 1996 European Conference in Vienna, Austria
- Involved, led club resolutions from 1990-2012. My resolutions mentors were Liz Neville, Olga Gil, Henrietta Green, and Jean Lowery.

Resolution Focus: Equitable and accountable AI
We now live in a world where AI governs access to information, opportunity, and freedom. However, AI systems can perpetuate sexism, racism, ageism, ableism, and other harmful forms discrimination, therefore, presenting significant threats to our society – from healthcare to economic opportunity, to our criminal justice system. Our resolutions need to target government policy makers, corporations, and equip communities to mitigate AI harms and biases.

Mina Di Domenico, is semi-retired and the owner of EGD Consulting Group Inc. She has several years experience in global system implementations related to HR functions, specifically in managing large, long-term projects for corporations.

When not working, she a lifelong learner, traveler, volunteer, who likes to dance and spend time with family and friends.





BPW Brampton 2022

75th Anniversary & June Social Event



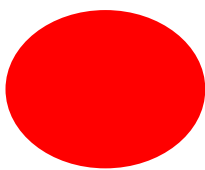
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