# THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF BRAMPTON



# **ANNUAL REPORTS**

2023 - 2024

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS HELD IN PERSON AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS <u>AND</u> VIA ZOOM AS REQUIRED

GENERAL MEETINGS HELD IN PERSON AT FANZORELLI'S RESTAURANT & WINE BAR 50 QUEEN STREET WEST, BRAMPTON L6K 4H3

AND VIA ZOOM AS REQUIRED

Making a Difference – A Club for All Working Women.

The Business and Professional Women's Club of Brampton is an equality-seeking group toward the improvement of economic, employment and social conditions affecting women.





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#### WE HONOUR OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT: LINDA FORD

2023 – 2024 was full steam ahead!

BPW Brampton Celebrated our 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It is a testament to the solid history of our Club.

The Club and the Events have evolved but the basis for all that we do is still the same – Advocacy for Women and Supporting our Local Community Partners which include:

- Hope 24/7
- Victim Services of Peel
- Wellspring Chinguacousy Cancer Support
- Ste. Louise Outreach and Food Bank
- Honeychurch Women's Shelter

The Events are hard work and dedication by our Club, but the joy we bring as a result of the funds raised is immeasurable. While Government funding declines for most, or all, of our charitable organizations they rely more heavily on support from groups like our BPW Brampton.

BPW Brampton is part of an international organization with clubs in over 100 countries around the world.

BPW Canada priority issues for 2022 – 2024 include:

- Anti- Human Trafficking
- Reproductive Rights and Justice
- Women's Empowerment Principles

Mina Di Domenico continued to take the lead on Resolutions that support these priorities through both Provincial and Federal Resolutions.

We were also so lucky to have Rianna Ramesar Chair YBPW geared to women 18-35. These women are our future and so critically important to continue a great legacy.

As my term comes to a close after stepping in for a two-year term, I fondly reflect on all of the blessings of taking on this role:

- Collaborating with a dedicated and forward-thinking Executive Team
- An awesome (and growing) membership of engaged and supportive women
- An opportunity to lead, educate and support like minded women
- Personal growth and giving
- Accomplishments that allow us to give back to the community

But most importantly, I've always said that BPW Brampton is my heart. We are a best kept secret and we need to spread the word!!!
Respectfully submitted,
Linda Ford President

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INTERIM PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CAROL KOLLAR
No report.
Respectfully submitted,
Carol Kollar Interim Past President

#### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: ANGELA MCKINNON

As First Vice President, I would normally be stepping into the role as President. At this time, I am unable to fulfill this role due to family priorities. I appreciate the support and kind words from the Executive regarding my difficult decision. As many of you know, my daughter lost her husband two years ago and as a single widowed mother of two she relies heavily on the support of myself, my sister and really our whole family. I feel if I did take on the responsibilities of the President, I would not be able to fully commit the time and effort required. I look forward to continuing to be part of the club and affecting progress, growth and a stronger social presence in other ways within the club.

Here's to a great summer and I hope to see everyone at our June Golf Tournament and then back in September! Cheers Ladies!

Respectfully submitted,

Angela McKinnon First Vice President

#### SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: AMANDA GRAHAM-ROWE

It has been an honor to serve as BPW Brampton's Second Vice President this year. Despite my relatively short tenure, I've learned so much about our organization's impact and global reach. Here are some highlights:

#### **Learning and Connections:**

- Joining the Board allowed me to understand the breadth of our group's work worldwide.
- I've forged valuable friendships and had the privilege to give back to our community.

#### Reinstating the Bursary Program:

- Collaborating with our First Vice President, we worked to reinstate our bursary program.
- This initiative will directly benefit deserving individuals in our community.

#### **Fundraisers and Community Engagement:**

- I assisted our organizing committees in hosting our euchre & golf tournaments, and securing the venue for our 2025 provincial conference.
- These efforts contribute to our community's well-being.

#### **Looking Ahead:**

- 1. As we approach the 2024/25 term, I'm excited about our future endeavors.
- 2. Let's continue elevating the BPW experience together.

#### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: AMANDA GRAHAM-ROWE

As the Chair of International Affairs, my goal was to highlight the remarkable work being done by BPW Internationally to mentor and empower women across more than 100 countries on 5 continents.

#### **Decade of Action Continues**

This year marked another step forward in our Decade of Action. The Decade of Action calls for accelerating sustainable solutions to the world's most pressing challenges, including poverty, gender inequality, climate change, and financial disparities.

#### Global Partnership with UN Women

One of BPW International's significant achievements this term was the global partnership agreement (memorandum of understanding) signed with UN Women. This partnership is dedicated to promoting women's economic empowerment, aligning perfectly with Sustainable Development Goal SDG#5—achieving gender equality and empowering women and airls.

This strategic initiative includes establishing business incubators and start-up centers specifically tailored for female entrepreneurs. These centers will be managed by BPW clubs, and our members will serve as coaches, providing support in areas such as accounting, marketing, language skills, and interactions with financial institutions.

#### Kiva Project: Empowering Women Worldwide

This year, BPW Brampton embarked on a new initiative—the Kiva project. Through the Kiva organization, a non-profit organization, we expanded financial access to underserved communities. Our Kiva loans will target to assist women and girls in their Education and entrepreneurship.

BPW Brampton proudly selected and funded two loans through Kiva. By doing so, we contribute to the well-being of women internationally while positively impacting the communities they live in:

- 1. Nazava Water Filters (Indonesia): expanding the production and sales of water filters providing for safe drinking water essential for health and well-being.
- 2. Sustainable Artisan Development Project (Peru): providing training and support to artisans in Peru. By empowering artisans, we enhance their livelihoods and preserve cultural heritage.

Thank you for Member's support and dedication. Together, we continue to make a difference globally.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Graham-Rowe Second Vice President and International Affairs

# TREASURER & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REPORTS: PAT DOWLING

# BPW Brampton Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2024

ASSETS	40.050.00
RBC Chequing Account	16,852.08
Manulife Bank Savings Account	11,765.25
Petty Cash	50.00
Prepaid Expenses:	
Golf	2,000.00
2024 Provincial Conference	150.00
2024 November Euchre	7.40
Advance Membership Expenses	6.27
June Social	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	30,831.00
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
Prepaid Revenue:	
Golf	3,937.00
Membership	2,425.00
November Euchre	1,028.90
Progress Club Fundraiser - IN	770.00
Total Liabilities	8,160.90
EQUITY	
Retained Earnings	23,395.47
Net Income/Loss	-725.37
Total Equity	22,670.10
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	30,831.00

# BPW Brampton Profit and Loss Statement May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024

REVENUE		Revenue	Expense	Net
50/50	320.50			
Golf (Net)	10,811.06	29,710.00	18,898.94	10,811.06
Interest	331.08			
Membership (Net)	-116.05	5,045.10	5,161.15	-116.05
Dinner (Net)	-347.04		-347.04	
Meat/Cookie Drive (Net)	0.00	3,106.00	3,106.00	
Euchre (Net)	2,383.84	4,380.00	1,996.16	2,383.84
Membership Advertising (Net)	225.00			
June Social	330.80	605.00	274.20	330.80
Christmas Social (Net)	74.87	1,000.00	925.13	74.87
AGM (Net)	0.00	760.00	760.00	
Donations	438.50			
	14,452.56			
EXPENSES				
Bank Charges	241.96			
Conference	183.00	Provincial (	Conference-Z	Zoom
Donations	11,005.66			
Insurance	754.95			
Administration	226.00	Zoom Fees	3	
Fellowship	0.00			
Honourariums	300.00	Guest Spea	akers	
Website	1,466.36	Constant Con	tact, web hostin	g, Joomla Upgrade
Bursary	1,000.00			
Advertising	0.00			
	15,177.93			
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	-725.37			

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Dowling Treasurer

### RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT: BARBARA HORE

I took Minutes at our General in person Meetings, as well as, our Executive Meetings on Zoom. These were compiled and submitted for approval.

I want to express my thanks to Mina Di Domenico who took the Minutes for me when necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hore Recording Secretary

#### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT: PAT TIVERON

Hard to believe another year has passed during which I had the honour of being the Corresponding Secretary. I have enjoyed so much personalizing and sending out e-cards to Club Members, Members of other BPW Clubs and contacts of BPW Brampton for birthdays and other occasions.

What a wonderful way of sharing the warmth and caring of our Club that we have become known for due to the dynamic members that are always ready to assist another BPW Sister. I encourage anyone that wants to be part of the Team to step forward for this position. It makes you appreciate that our Club is only a small part of the entire BPW organization.

Sadly this will be my last year as a Member of BPW Brampton since I am moving to Calgary, Alberta at the end of April, 2024 to be with family and my twin sister, Barbara. I joined the Club 30 years ago and benefited not only professionally but personally making lifetime friends. BPW Brampton is stronger and better than it's ever been due to the tremendous strengths and caring of its members. I trust that it will continue to grow each year making a difference in our Community of Brampton. I have been honoured to be part of it.

#### PAT'S PROCESS FOR SENDING OUT e-CARDS:

March 14, 2024 Recipient Name 4321 First Street Anytown, State ZIP

Dear Recipient Name,

To get started, just tap or click this placeholder text and begin typing. You can view and edit this document on your Mac, iPad, iPhone, or on iCloud.com. It's easy to edit text, change fonts, and add beautiful graphics. Use paragraph styles to get a consistent look throughout your document. For example, this paragraph uses Body style. You can change it in the Text tab of the Format controls. To add photos, movies, audio, and other objects, tap or click one of the buttons in the toolbar or drag and drop the objects onto the page.

Sincerely yours, Sender Name

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Tiveron Corresponding Secretary

#### MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT: BARBARA HORE

Once again, I would like to thank all of our Members who have invited a Guest to our meetings. Since we are still known as "a well kept secret", it is so important to introduce new women to our Club and make them aware of our purpose.

We will end this BPW year with 37 Members. As of the end of April, we have 19 renewals and three recent new Members.

We continue to honour our long-standing Members with a "Membership Recognition Award" as a means of thanking them for their dedication and accomplishments.

Also, we have implemented an interview in the Club Focus with a selected Member to allow our membership to get to know them better.

We are still the largest Club in Ontario and look forward to another very successful year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Hore Membership Chair

#### PROGRAMS REPORT: ANGELA McKINNON

It was my pleasure to serve as the Programs Chair again this year. It's one of my favourite positions on the Executive Board as you are very involved at the ground level in helping choose the Speakers for our Members. I am always a bit nervous when a Speaker begins speaking at our meeting as I always want them to speak on topics we are interested in, have them be knowledgeable and entertaining and have a positive impact on our Members. Our programs will wrap up with our June Social, one of my favourite events of the year when we look back at what we've accomplished and prepare for what's to come. We're fortunate to have our Social at Glen Eagle Golf Course. They've taken great care of us in the past. It's nice to see so many local women and non members join us to celebrate women in our community who make a difference and I'm hoping it's very well attended and a fun evening.

I've enjoyed being the Programs Chair this past year and even though we had a few hiccups with Speakers and the weather not cooperating, we had a great informative year with inspirational knowledgeable speakers.

I look forward to the next year becoming the President for the Club and also appreciate any input from Members to help organize our Speakers for the upcoming year.

Following is the line up of our meetings and details of Speakers.

#### **SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

Speaker: Joy Foster, Inspirational Speaker, Podcast Host, Singer and Recording Artist to name a few of this bold, dynamic women's skill set.

Topic: What do you see when you look in the mirror?

#### OCTOBER 17, 2023

Speaker: Dr. Bisleen Attli, ND is a Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Certified Naturopathic Doctor who has founded her own virtual clinic called The Mental Empowerment Centre Topic: From Menarche to Menopause: A Women's Guide to Optimizing Her Hormones.

#### NOVEMBER 21, 2023

Speakers: BPW Community Partners

Topics: This is a chance for our chosen Community Partners to discuss how they impact the community and utilize the donation funds they receive from BPW Brampton.

Community Partners include:

Hope 24/7 – Report from Carrie Campbell

Family Life Resource Centre, Honeychurch – Melody Watson

Victim Services of Peel – Sarah Rogers

Wellspring Chinguacousy - Kim McDermott

Ste. Louise Outreach Centre & Food Bank – Pearl Foldes.

**Board Vice President** 

DECEMBER 12, 2023 CHRISTMAS SOCIAL (2nd Tuesday of December)

Evening Hosted by BPW Brampton Member Iris Diegel & David Nava at their Home, Catered Dinner & Christmas Celebration!

Topics: To Be Determined

Opportunity for Members and Guests to Give Donations to: Ste. Louise Outreach Centre & Food Bank of Food Items; Blankets; Personal Care Products, etc.

#### JANUARY 16, 2024

Speakers: Sandra Sharpe, Certified Municipal Manager III, Qualified Mediator, Trained Facilitator, Government Relations, and Communications Professional, City of Caledon — AND —

Carrie Percival, Chair, Downtown Brampton Business Improvement Area (BIA), Owner of the Brampton Academy of Martial Arts, Downtown Brampton

Topic: Dissolution of Peel

FEBRUARY 20, 2024: International Theme Meeting

Speaker: Jill Knowles, CFP, CIM, CFDS – Senior Wealth Advisor, Portfolio Manager for Scotia Wealth Management; and, Jill will share her lifetime experience in Tanzania, Africa.

Topic: Jill went on a trip of a lifetime to Tanzania, Africa, which included a Mount Kilimanjaro climb and a significant coaching and volunteer component. The volunteer component supported The Dare Women's Foundation, to build a shelter in Arusha and help empower women with starting their own businesses to support themselves. Jill describes her incredible journey about empowerment, transformation, supporting women, as well as personal growth and leadership.

International Theme Honouring BPW Clubs Worldwide

Celebrating BPW International Night with our Traditional Candle Lighting Ceremony

#### MARCH 19, 2024: BPW Brampton 77th Anniversary Meeting

Speaker: Dr. Justine Blainey-Broker is a Chiropractor, a wife, a mother of two and a warrior for health and wellness. She is an active community volunteer, working with Excelsiors Lacrosse and Brampton Women's Hockey. Dr. Blainey-Broker is also a popular motivational speaker at schools, York University, local businesses and charities. She believes that everyone deserves a healthcare team that focuses on prevention, optimal health and open communication.

Topic: The Aging Brain and How to Keep It Healthy!

APRIL 16, 2024: Resolutions Speaker: Mina Di Domenico

Topic: Given the timing of when Resolutions are ready, there will be two "virtual" meetings for 2024. Mina will present the results from April 16th Focus on Provincial Resolutions submitted by Clubs across the Province, and May 7th Focus on Federal Resolutions submitted by Clubs across Canada.

MAY 21, 2024: BPW Brampton Elections & Annual General Meeting

Speaker: Linda Ford, BPW Brampton President

Topic: Elections & Annual General Meeting. Come Out and Support BPW Brampton and Be

Part in its Direction. Consider Being on the Executive!

JUNE 4, 2024: June Social Our Famous June Social - Invite a Guest! Location and More Information to Follow!

Respectfully submitted,

Angela McKinnon Programs Chair

#### PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT: SHEILA WALKER

Thank you for the opportunity to fulfill responsibilities as BPW Brampton's Publicity and Public Relations Chair for the 2023-2024 season. It has been my pleasure and I am proud to continue working with such an amazing group of women who share the same interests to support our community partners and many activities for BPW Brampton.

As well as Publicity and Public Relations Chair, I am also Designer/Publisher for the Club publications namely Club Focus Newsletter with three issues each year. Also on the Administration responsibilities for the Club, I organize, publish and keep up to date the Membership Directory, BPW Brampton Annual Reports, and other forms used throughout the season to promote our events.

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. Continuing 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 include the Golf Event and Euchre Event contacts which is updated and/or revised as required so that all correspondence is by Constant Contact and in agreeance with privacy regulations.
- Creating and emailing Meeting Notices, Agendas, Minutes and Treasurer Report for Executive and General Meetings. Communicating with members by emails on behalf of the President and other members of the Executive when required. Traditionally, I assist as Volunteer Floater where required at our Fundraising Events.
- I have taken on the responsibility of Dinner Convenor accepting RSVPs for our meetings and organizing set up and confirming number of attendees with the restaurant.

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ooking forward to continued success with our great Club!	

Respectively submitted,

Sheila Walker
Publicity and Public Relations

# YOUNG BPW: RIANNA RAMESAR

As part of my role as Young BPW, I made efforts to connect with various Young BPW members, including Yasmin Knight, BPW UK, Kelsy Gill, BPW Ontario, and Beatriz Bayazkabian, BPW Buenos Aires.

I reached out to BPW Canada's First Vice President regarding commencing a Google Classroom to assist YBPW members with information on training in lobbying procedures, parliamentary procedures, negotiating skills, contributing to future YBPW newsletters, and other resources that will encourage learning and growth.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

I participated in the BPW Brampton Resolutions Committee with Mina Di Domenico. This year, I assisted the committee by editing the Club By-Laws and Regulations.

The committee partnered with the Victim Services of Peel Sarah Rogers and Bonnie Levine on three provincial resolutions, including Funding for bail court notification to victim services agencies, expanding Funding to Increase Options for Women who are Victims of Violence to Live Safely in Their Community, and Funding Programs on Preventing and Dealing with Gender-Based Violence for the Immigrant Community.

For BPW Canada, a federal resolution was submitted on the Prioritization and Inclusion of Femicide in the Criminal Code. At the April and May Resolutions meetings, I assisted with presenting the provincial and national resolutions.

I participated with the BPW Canada Reproductive Rights and Justice Committee (RRaJ) and the BPW Canada and BPW Ontario Advocacy Committees.

I participated as a mentee in the MentorCity Mentorship Program, which is part of BPW Ontario. I hope to transition to a mentor one day.

My first year has been busy, however, I have learned and experienced so much.

Respectfully submitted,

Rianna Ramesar Young BPW

#### RESOLUTIONS/BY-LAWS/PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT: MINA DI DOMENICO

It has been a pleasure serving as BPW Brampton's Resolutions, By-laws, and Public Affairs. In addition to leading our club with resolutions and by-laws, I have participated in the BPW Ontario and BPW Canada advocacy committees.

#### **BY-LAWS & REGULATIONS**

The Brampton Club bylaws and regulations were reviewed, discussed, and updated twice. The first time in November 2023 and in December 2023 signed by BPW Canada and adopted. The second update took place in May to incorporate a new club name change. These important documents are now posted on the club's website. Gender-neutral language was incorporated, as well as ensuring accountabilities were documented for each role. Many thanks to Rianna Ramesar for editing and the club members who provided input.

#### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

My role with Public Affairs included submitting articles to the Brampton and BPW Ontario newsletters and making announcements at Executive and General meetings.

#### **BPW ONTARIO**

<u>Club Resolutions:</u> This year Resolutions Committee partnered with Victim Servies of Peel Sarah Rogers and Bonnie Lavine on three provincial resolutions:

- Funding for bail court notification to victim services agencies
- Expansion of Funding to Increase Options for Women who are Victims of Violence to Live Safely in Their Community
- Funding Programs on Preventing and Dealing with Gender Based Violence for the Immigrant Community

As part of the BPW Ontario Resolutions Committee, I created a new Ontario resolution template to assist members in creating resolutions and submitted a recommendation to streamline the resolution club feedback form. Both the template and feedback form were adopted.

<u>MentorCity Mentorship Program</u>: I continue to mentor a Young BPW and participate with other members throughout Ontario in the mentorship program.

Women Strengthening Women series: I participated in several events.

I attended the Radical Wellness Conference hosted by BPW London.

#### **BPW CANADA FOCUS**

On the national level, I continue to represent the club with the Advocacy & Resolutions Committee.

<u>Club Resolution</u>: The Resolutions Committee submitted a federal resolution on the Prioritization and Inclusion of Femicide in the Criminal Code.

As part of the BPW Canada Advocacy Committee, I made several recommendations to improve the overall process. I also created and made recommendations for a federal resolution template and improved the resolution and bylaw feedback forms. Both the template and feedback forms were adopted.

I participated and contributed to the Reproductive Rights and Justice RRaJ Committee. Several meetings took place this year. I will be chairing the June meeting on reproductive rights.

<u>Membership</u>: I'm currently partnering with the BPW Canada Membership Committee to develop a new online membership registration and reporting process (English/French).

#### **BPW INTERNATIONAL**

In 2023, the BPW Brampton Resolution Committee submitted a resolution to BPW Canada on Women's Access to Health Services and Education through Technology. This resolution is now being submitted to the BPW International organization. The details highlight information from CSW67 on Digital and Health Equity, The World's Health Organization, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The international congress is taking place in St. Kitts from November 17-20, 2024 and the BPW Canada delegates are to present.

#### **UN NGO-CSW68**

I had the honour of participating in BPW Canada's delegation to the UN Counsel on the Status of Women CSW68 in New York City. This year's event was a combination of in-person and virtual sessions. I made a recommendation to streamline the delegate reporting process, which the Vice President of CSW adopted. A formal report on my observations was submitted, and I drafted the BPW Canada Summary Report and completed the Delegate Book of Records on behalf of BPW Canada.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to Rianna Ramesar for serving on the Resolutions Committee and to the BPW Brampton members for their contributions to the club's Resolutions, By-laws, and Regulations. Your support has enabled me to make a difference.

Respectfully submitted,

Mina Di Domenico Resolutions / By-Laws / Public Affairs

#### WEBSITE / SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIR REPORT: MINA DI DOMENICO

#### WEBSITE

The BPW Brampton website underwent a major upgrade this year. I led the upgrade, streamlining tabs and pages, rewriting content, adding new pages and headers, and partnering with the Charitable Impact Foundation to allow members to receive tax receipts for fundraising events.

#### New Pages to the website:

- Avenues of Advocacy Tab
  - Access to provincial and federal briefs.
  - o International page with new video featured.
  - o UN's Sustainable Development Goals
  - o KIVA page highlighting the club's latest micro-funding projects
- Events Calendar tab includes club, provincial, national, and international events
- Fund Raising tab:
  - o Partnership with the Progress Club and fund-raising drives
  - o new feature to obtain tax receipts
- Bursary Page directing interested candidates to the application website
- Featured business page highlighting local business contacts
- Past President page
- In Memoriam page
- Members Area Tab
  - o By-laws and Regulations page
  - Members' Directory with print function
  - Resolutions Reference Library
  - Bursary Reference Library

#### Improved Pages:

- Enhanced the Links and Resources page to include additional information
- Improved the Photo Gallery with albums of events

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Work is in progress to improve BPW Brampton's social media sites. This includes partnering with a marketing expert to develop effective strategies for Facebook (META), Twitter, and Instagram. Many thanks to members who provided feedback throughout the implementation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mina Di Domenico Resolutions Chair

#### SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIR REPORT: PAT DOWLING

After 3 long years, we were so excited to have held our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Charity Golf Tournament in honour of Janet Brousseau on Monday, June 19, 2023. It was a new venue at Glen Eagle Golf Course and we had a record 108 golfers and a total of 140 ladies for dinner. Along with Scotiabank's Team Community Program, we were able to support Honeychurch, Wellspring Chinguacousy Cancer Support Centre and Victim Services of Peel with a donation of \$3,000.00 to each community partner.

On Friday, November 10, 2023 we held our 29<sup>th</sup> Progressive Euchre Charity Event at the Scottish Centre. We had 72 players and we raised \$2,200.00 for Ste. Louise Foodbank.

Our Fall 2023 Meat Drive held in conjunction with the Canadian Progress Club raised \$1,000.00 for Ste. Louise Food Bank.

Our Christmas 2023 Cookie Drive raised in total \$5,000.00 due to a large donation on behalf of the Canadian Progress Club to Ste. Louise Foodbank. We are very grateful to the Canadian Progress Club to allow us to join in with their fund raisers to make such powerful impacts on our community partners.

Unfortunately due to poor ticket sales, we have postponed our April Progressive Charity Euchre Night to Friday, November 15, 2024. We will be changing the format to serve only dessert and coffee/tea with a lower ticket price to have another sold out event.

We had a successful Spring 2024 Meat Drive however we have no final numbers at this time.

Once again a big thank you to both our Membership and to the Canadian Progress Club. Without everyone stepping up with volunteering time, money, prizes and ideas, we would not be able to make a difference in the lives of the women and families in our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Dowling Special Events Chair

# **WE HONOUR OUR PAST PRESIDENTS**

1947-49	Margaret Van Alstyne (McLean) *	1982-83	Wilma Taras
1949-50	Audrey Robinson (Brendle) *	1983-84	Pat Whitford
1950-52	Lilas Trout *	1984-85	Pat Whitmore
1952-54	Florence Chin *	1985-87	Mary Andrews *
1954-55	Elizabeth Birss *	1987-89	Paddy Silverthorne *
1955-56	Jean Wilson (Lansdell) *	1989-91	Dittie Voegele (Hay)
1956-57	Eleanor MacDonald *	1991-92	Helen Armstrong
1957-58	Irene Abbott *	1992-94	Carol Edestrand
1958-60	Jessie Black (Evans) *	1994-95	Darla Campbell
1960-62	Greta Capps *	1995-97	Carol Kollar
1962-64	Gladys McBride *	1997-99	Doris Smith
1964-66	Isabel McMullen *	1999-2001	Tracey Marshall
1966-68	Dena Heather *	2001-03	Susanne Balpataky
1968-70	Mary Lock *	2003-05	Irma Dafoe
1970-72	Ann Felesko *	2005-07	Linda Ford
1972-74	Mary Lester	2007-09	Snigda Malik
1974	Margaret MacKenzie	2009-11	Barbara Hore
1974-76	Helen Kirk	2011	Heather Moogk
1976-79	Hannah Yarronton *	2012-2015	Pat Dowling -
1979-80	Louise Sclisizzi	2015-2018	Janet Brousseau *
1980-81	Gladys Martin *	2018-2020	Indira Persaud
1981-82	Barbara Dunning *	2020-2022	Lynne Taylor
		2022-2025	Linda Ford
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<sup>\*</sup> Deceased and Respectfully Remembered.