

BPW BOWMANVILLE

Empowered Women Leading Business & Positive Change

In Our Community & Around the World...



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Professional
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February Menu

Creamy Garden Broccoli soup
topped with cheddar

Baked Salmon with garlic ginger
glaze, lemon basmati rice and
green beans almandine

Fresh fruit salad w/whipped cream
~or~

Warm Apple Crumble with French
vanilla ice cream

February Meeting Tuesday, February 28, 2017

6:00 PM Social Networking

6:30 PM Dinner

Members: \$30.00

Non-Members: \$35.00

Location – Birch Bistro & Lounge

84 King St. W, Bowmanville

RSVP: Please confirm your reservation
with any dietary restrictions

to Kris McDonald at

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Friday, February 24, 2017

Guests Welcome

February Programme

1. International Candle Lighting Ceremony

2. BPW Bowmanville Members speak on roles of

- BPW Ontario
- BPW Canada
- BPW International





BPW Bowmanville Programme 2017

March 28, 2017

**Empowering our Girls
for the Future**

April 25, 2017

**Women's Journey to Equality
Sylvia Vanhaverbeke
& Sponsored Guests**

May 23, 2017

**Our Future, Our Direction
AGM, Elections, Reports and More**

June 27, 2017

Summer Social



Dates to Remember

March 8, 2017

International Women's Day

March 13-24, 2017

**United Nations Commission
on the Status of Women - CSW61
United Nations Headquarters,
New York City**

September 29 –October 1, 2017

**BPW Ontario 71st Provincial Conference
BPW Niagara Falls - Host Club**

August 11-13, 2017

**BPW Canada AGM
BPW Greater Moncton Host Club**

October 23-27, 2017

**BPW International Congress
Cairo Egypt**

President's Message

What a wonderful meeting we had in January. Christine Elliot was a most gracious and generous speaker. She recounted so many of her experiences in politics. Christine encourages women to be involved in political activities. Christine's current position as the Ombudsman for Patient Care in Ontario is so very important. Perhaps we could consider supporting her work with a resolution on Mental Health.

We were thrilled to have so many guests including our Ontario President, Maide Yazur, and Teresa Hawash from North Toronto. Barb Hore, BPW Ontario VP came from Brampton; Joanne Cox and Kim Beatty came from the Durham Club. We welcomed Karen Fisher and Catherine Taylor both friends of Karen Cashin. My friends Dixie Jones and Connie McIlwain were also pleased to attend and we welcomed them all.

It was great to present Women's Empowerment Certificates to Lisa Chapman from Natural Touch Therapies, to Teresa Hawash from Total Home & Health Care Services and to our own Kris McDonald from Disability Consulting.

Our February meeting will include our Candle Lighting Ceremony which is a mainstay of our February International Meeting. Some of our existing members will provide more details about the structure of BPW at the provincial, national and international levels.

Five new members will be inducted into BPW Bowmanville: Karen Cashin, Suzanne Land, Karen Slater and Tracy Fielding. Unfortunately Linda Kent will not be able to attend. It has been a long time since we have inducted any new members, so this is very exciting.

I hope to see everyone at our February meeting.

Judy Hagerman



BPW International Candle Lighting Ceremony

On February 28 BPW Bowmanville will come together to participate in a special tribute to one of the world's most influential organizations, the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, which unites women around the world. Although its members speak in many languages and live in countries with differing traditions they share the same determination of purpose.

More than 80 years ago, Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips from the U.S.A. founded BPW. A few years later she conceived the idea of the Candle Lighting Ceremony. As BPW members perform this ceremony, we will evoke historical memories, the many accomplishments and celebrate today's achievements. The candles symbolize the ambitions and endeavors of dedicated women in every country around the world.

BPW International is a dynamic and powerful organization of world importance. Public opinion and legislation in many countries have been influenced by its work. It has broadened our horizons and skills. It has increased our rights and our opportunities and it has expanded our service to one another and to the community. As our voice at the United Nations Organization, it presents to that world body information and opinions obtained from our Affiliates worldwide. It enjoys Category 1, Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. It has Consultative Status with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Board of the United Nations Children's Fund and the International Labor Office. It has the same Consultative Status with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and the Council of Europe and other specialized agencies.

With this year's Candle Lighting Ceremony, we will be celebrating the accomplishments of our sister BPW members around the world. By lighting each candle, we will pledge our support to their advocacy and efforts for a better life not only in the more than 100 countries where BPW members will be lighting the same candles, but also throughout the whole world.

Together, we will make a difference!

(Excerpted from BPW International Candle Lighting Ceremony 2015)

Trudeau, Trump launch joint initiative to support women in the workforce



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and U.S. President Donald Trump participated in a roundtable discussion about women in the workforce Monday, showing the rising policy influence of the first daughter who has stressed her commitment to issues like child care.

The two countries launched a new task force called the United States Canada Council for the Advancement of

Women Business Leaders-Female Entrepreneurs. Trudeau's office reached out to discuss working on a joint effort, noting that this was seen as an area of shared interest between both leaders.

Ivanka Trump, who has been a vocal advocate for policies benefiting working women, was involved in recruiting participants and setting the agenda for the meeting and will attend, the official said. Ivanka Trump stressed the importance of maternity leave and child care on the campaign trail, and has recently been meeting with business leaders to discuss those issues. The White House official said that Trump's economic agenda will include a "focus on ensuring women enter and stay in the work force and addressing barriers facing female entrepreneurs." The official requested anonymity to provide details in advance of the meeting.

Advancing women has been a clear priority for Trudeau. In late 2015, he drew attention for naming a Cabinet that was 50 per cent women, saying that he chose a group that "looks like Canada." Trump did not promise to appoint a gender-balanced cabinet and has named a smaller number of women and minorities to top jobs.

"Our team reached out and suggested as it is an important part of the prime minister's agenda and of our economic growth plan," a Canadian official said. "It seemed like a natural fit given their commitments in their platform as well." The official requested anonymity to discuss the meeting in advance.

Trump has offered a childcare plan and has signalled an interest in working on those issues.

The business round table will be part of an itinerary that includes a bilateral meeting and a working lunch. The visit is crucial for Canada, which relies heavily on the United States for trade. Trump has said he wants to discuss his plan to overhaul the North American Free Trade Agreement, which involves the United States, Canada and Mexico. There are fears Canada could unintentionally be sideswiped as Trump negotiates with Mexico.

Female executives from the United States and Canada are expected for the round table, including General Electric Canada CEO Elyse Allan, TransAlta Corp. CEO Dawn Farrell, Linamar Corp. CEO Linda Hasenfratz, T&T Supermarket Inc. Tina Lee and Schnitzer Steel Industries CEO Tamara Lundgren.

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