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February 10, 2015

Please submit items for the BPW Bowmanville Newsletter to Kris @
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DATES TO REMEMBER

**March 9-20, 2015 - Commission on the
Status of Women (CSW/59/Bejing+20)
United Nations, New York**

**May 22-24, 2015 - BPW Ontario – 69th
Provincial Conference hosted by BPW
Barrie**

**Aug. 7-8, 2015 - BPW Canada Annual
General Meeting and Symposium –
Women's Empowering Principles for the
prevention of Violence Against Women –
includes a Tour of the Canadian Museum
of Human Rights at the University of
Winnipeg**

January Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

6:00 PM Social Networking

6:30 PM Dinner

Members Cost: \$30.00

Non-Members: \$35.00 -

Location: Rose's Bistro

84 King St. W., Bowmanville

RSVP: Please confirm your reservation with

Roxy Barnes at 905-623-5327 before

Friday, January 23.

Guests Welcome!

Happy New Year - Welcome to 2015

January Programme

The Firehouse Youth Centre

programs for girls ages 11 – 13 years old

Chris Newman, Programme Co-coordinator

The Firehouse Youth Centre is an adult supervised drop-in recreational program open 3pm-8pm Tuesday-Friday offering sports, internet, snacks and the opportunity to meet new people. It is located at 132 Church St. in Bowmanville under the water tower.



President's Message

Happy New Year and welcome to BPW in 2015! We look forward to some very interesting programs and meetings. We are excited to present a Resolution at our Provincial Conference in Barrie. This is a **first** for our club! Thank you to Kris, Nancy and Sheila for getting this all organized. We will want to have a very good representation at Conference.

The new Municipal Council was sworn in and will be accepting applications for the voluntary boards in February. Mayor Adrian Foster and Council hosted their New Year's levee on Sunday afternoon. After greeting the Council members, Karen Cashin and I went to the Mary Jane Williams Archive Building to the New Year's Levee held by MPP Granville Anderson. While we were attending these, we met Kim Rudd who is the Federal Liberal nominee for the new riding of Northumberland-Peterborough South created from parts of our riding, i.e. Newcastle and Orono. Kim, a dynamic woman who lives in Cobourg, is very interested in BPW and hopes to attend one of our meetings. This would be a great opportunity as Eleanor, Karen, Carrie, Kris and even Corinna now reside in that riding. Kim's card reads, "Change is coming".

Congratulations to Corinna Traill who is seeking the nomination for the Federal Liberal seat here in Clarington. Erin O'Toole (Conservative) is our current MP. He was just promoted to the Cabinet post of Veteran's Affairs.

The Conservative attack ads are revving up. We know how effective those are. In fact, I have already had some of them quoted to me. Justin Trudeau is currently the same age that Stephan Harper was at the time he became Prime Minister. Harper had no experience as PM at that time either.

I hope to see everyone at our January meeting.

Judy Hagerman

Report on Speaker November 25, 2014

by Kris McDonald

Deanna Barnes described a dementia patient in a nursing home who was a retired OPP Officer. During times of stress, he would hold fellow residents in chokeholds, which were an automatic part of his police services training during his working years. Was this assault? Should the authorities be involved? This is a routine part of Deanna's daily workload. Since this patient could not be held criminally responsible because of his dementia, arrangements had to be made to put this man in a more protected nursing home environment and involve his family in trying to arrange for other care.

Deanna Barnes has worked for the Ontario Public Service for the last eight years as Victim Witness Services Worker in the Victim Witness Assistance Programme in the Ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario. In this capacity, she works closely with the Durham Regional Police and the Crown Counsel when family members of an accused become involved in violent situations. Seventy percent of her unit's caseload of 200 files are domestic situations involving spousal violence, child abuse and/or senior abuse. When she has a client, she advises witnesses of their rights and responsibilities in the individual court cases. She helps them to coordinate the individual services that are involved in the process, keeping them advised of their responsibilities with regard to court dates and in the details of housing, the health care system and elder care genre. She points out that the services that she offers are voluntary, so no individual is required to accept her services.

Deanna has a particular interest in the elder abuse area of her practice. Together with her Crown colleague, Michael Newell, Deanna developed and implemented a collaborative model called Aged HART (High Risk Assessment Target). Elders involved in abuse situations are most often women, of inadequate means, with limited housing options who are dependent on family members who have little interest in helping with their care. They are easy victims and particularly invisible in our society.

Deanna clearly enjoys the give and take of the challenging situations in her chosen profession. It is clear that her mother, our own Roxy Barnes, is proud of the work that Deanna performs in the field of elder abuse, a field of Roxy's firm interest. The presentation was interesting and inspiring. Thank you Deanna.

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BPW Bowmanville 2015 Programme

Tues, Feb, 24 – Girl Talk Empowerment Day, Make Your Mark Enterprises Inc., *Katie Zeppieri*, founder, speaks on her company and her events

Tues, March 24 – Women in Politics
Christine Elliott MPP – to be confirmed

Tues, April 28 – Provincial & National Resolutions Discussion – *Sheila Crook, Resolutions Chair*

Tues, May 26 – BPW Bowmanville AGM – Members Only – Reports – Election of Officers

Tues, June 24 – Gourmet Social – Location to be announced

Within the BPW Bowmanville Family:

Happy Birthday

Barb Hicks - February 8

Nancy Barnes - February 28

From BPW Canada

On Monday December 1, 2014, the Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action (FAFIA) officially launched its **Campaign of Solidarity with Aboriginal Women** at www.fafia-afai.org/solidarity-campaign.

What You Can Do:

Visit the [Campaign of Solidarity website](http://www.fafia-afai.org/solidarity-campaign) to learn about FAFIA and NWAC's work at the CEDAW and IACHR and share this information widely!

We hope you will stand in solidarity with Canada's Aboriginal women and girls once the reports are released, and share information about this campaign with your contacts!

From BPW Ontario

BPW Ontario is sponsoring a membership drive for the first three months of 2015! The club who has the highest number of fully registered and paid NEW members between **January 1st and March 31st** will receive **one fully paid Provincial Conference registration (value of \$275)!**

The attached PowerPoint presentations (identical content...just different Microsoft versions for your convenience) provides insights and tips on how to attract new members. Feel free to share this presentation with your members at your next meeting, or forward it directly to them to read at their leisure.

Good luck in the membership drive!

Regards,
Sharon Doran
BPWO Secretary

*Message sent on behalf of Barb Wetmore,
BPWO President*

(Editor's note: see President Judy Hagerman's e-mail message of Jan. 5, 2015 for copies of PowerPoint presentations)



Women's Empowerment Gaining Traction

by Sheila Crook

In support of the growing body of evidence that continues to drive the business case for Women's Empowerment, BPW Canada has spearheaded the establishment of the Canadian Coalition for Women's Empowerment. The Coalition's efforts will advance equality between men and women; boys and girls; recognizing it is essential to build strong economies, establish more stable and just societies and improve the quality of life for women, men, families and communities. As you are aware, BPW Canada was an early adopter and advocate for the Women's Empowerment Principles introduced by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and the United Nations Global Compact. The WEPs seven steps provide companies, government and civil society a set of principles to empower women in the workplace, market place and community.

Following discussions with the UN Women and UN Global Compact Women's Empowerment Team in late 2014, it was determined that BPW Canada would accelerate, through the Canadian Coalition, our broadened approach that extends beyond the UN WEPs focus on large corporations to include small business owners, civil society organizations and government representative across our nation. The coalition will refer to the seven Women's Empowerment Principles as a general framework as we begin our work to engage a diverse group of stakeholders in signing the Canadian Coalition for Women's Empowerment statement of support.

How you can help:

BPW Bowmanville is compiling a list of potential signatories in our neighbouring communities. Carrie Andrews, Melanie Bono and Sheila Crook have completed the Women's Empowerment training and are keen to begin. Members are asked to send the names and contact information of any businesses, small, medium or large, any governmental representatives at the local, provincial and national level, any other civil society community organizations and any business or labour associations so that we can develop our implementation strategy. Please know that any club members who would like to learn more about women's empowerment or who might like to be involved in our outreach activities contact sheila@smcperformanceplus.com and we will be happy to include you in our activities.

To learn more about women's empowerment, check out the [Women's Empowerment page](#) on our club website or on the [BPW Canada Website](#) and explore the [Women's Economic Empowerment Knowledge Gateway](#).

