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January Menu

Caesar salad with bacon, croutons and
freshly grated parmesan cheese

Chicken Parmigianino with cappellini
tossed in a tomato and garlic ragu,
served with seasonal vegetables

Fresh fruit salad with whipped cream
~or~
selection of desserts in our display
fridge

January Meeting Tuesday, January 24, 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, January 20, 2017

Guests Welcome

January Programme

Christine Elliot

New Ontario Patient

Ombudsman Designate

Women in Politics

What Does It Take?



**BPW Bowmanville
Programme 2017**

February 28, 2017
BPW International
Candle-Lighting Celebration

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

Happy New Year and welcome to BPW in 2017! Once again we look forward to another year of interesting programs. We are especially fortunate to have Christine Elliot speak at our meeting on January 24. Christine has had a most impressive career. I am so looking forward to hearing about her new challenge.

At our December meeting we were having such a good time we neglected to make our annual donation to a local charity. We didn't talk about where we wanted to donate. As we contemplate so much need around us, a very specific situation came to my attention.

Just before New Years, I received a phone call from a woman, Shawna, who was in dire straits, living at the Liberty motel with 3 children under the age of 5 and a dog. It was quite a convoluted story, but she called here as Robert's name and phone number were on the answering machine at Trinity United Church. Since Robt is Chair of Council his name was there 'in case there were any emergencies'. Well! What to do??

Robt called the Salvation Army who stepped up right away. After several conversations between us, the SA took some toys to the children, gave a Wal-Mart gift card and paid for another week for Shawna and family to stay on at the motel. The SA also contacted the John Howard Society. Shawna looked for and found an apartment in Oshawa and the JHS paid her first and last month's rent. So this is all good.

However the following day, Shawna called here again to say she was out of diapers, wipes, and milk. By this time it was after 5.00 pm on Friday December 30. Robt and I went to Shoppers and purchased the diapers, wipes and milk. I threw in a few apples and some juice boxes. We headed to the motel to deliver these items. As skeptical as we were, Shawna was most appreciative for the supplies and the children attacked the apples. Fresh produce had been in short supply.

Both the SA and the JHS are set up to help in these circumstances but I was certainly impressed with both of them. I would be happy to donate to the SA again, but it will be a club decision.

Hope to see everyone at our January meeting.

Judy Hagerman



The new face of the Canadian \$10 bill

Civil rights pioneer Viola Desmond, a black woman, will be immortalized on Canada's \$10 bill. When the new banknotes enter circulation in 2018, Desmond will be the first woman who is not a Royal to have her face featured on Canadian currency.



Desmond was a beautician, owner of Vi's Studio of Beauty Culture in Halifax And a beauty school for black women. 'My life's mission is to be a hairdresser, to Be the beauty consultant for all the black women, any black woman that comes to me, and to teach them, teach them to do what I do, so I can send them out in Nova Scotia or wherever they want to go and work with the black population,' " Ms. Robson said.

Called the "Rosa Parks of Canada," Desmond defied the colour barrier at a New Glasgow, N.S. movie house in 1946. On Nov. 8, 1946, trying to see a movie in New Glasgow's Roseland Theatre, she was told that, because she was black, she would only be allowed to sit in the balcony.

Refusing to bow to segregation, the 32-year-old Desmond took a seat on the main floor of the theatre, normally reserved for whites and refused to move. Desmond was arrested and spent the night in jail, then she was charged the following day with attempting to defraud the provincial government, for failing to pay the one-penny tax on ground-floor seats. A judge fined her \$20 and ordered her to pay an additional \$6 in court costs.

In the months after the incident, Desmond fought to have her charge reversed. Her case was taken as high as the Nova Scotia Supreme Court, and, ultimately, her appeal was dismissed in 1947. She died in 1965 at age 50.

In 2010, Desmond was granted a posthumous pardon by then-Lt.-Gov. Mayann Francis and a public apology from then-premier Darrell Dexter.