

## Please Join Us!



**Roses Bistro**  
84 King St. West  
Bowmanville,  
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### March Meeting

**Tuesday, March 25, 2014**

**6:00 PM Social Networking**

**6:30 PM Dinner**

**Cost: \$30.00 - Members**

**\$35.00 - Non-Members**

**Location: Rose's Bistro**

**84 King St., Bowmanville**

***RSVP: Please confirm your reservation with  
Roxy Barnes at 905-623-5327 before  
Thursday, March 20***

**Guests Welcome!**

### ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

**March 10-21, 2014:** 58<sup>th</sup> United Nations  
Commission on the Status of Women in NYC.

**June 7-9, 2014:** BPW Ontario Provincial  
Conference in Sudbury, Ontario. ***Early Bird  
Registration Deadline has been extended to April  
15.*** Check out the [conference website](#) for further  
details.

**July 26, 27, 2014:** BPW Canada 44<sup>th</sup> National  
convention in Saskatoon. BPW Canada [conference  
website](#) has details.

**May 3, 2014:** Gala on the Green – Grandmothers  
of Port Perry – HIV/Aids event, see attached flyer.

### **March Programme Details**

**Guest Speaker: Amy England**

**Regional and City Councillor – Oshawa**

**Topic: “My Journey in Politics”**

In January, Durham Children's Aid Society investigated Councillor English after an anonymous complaint was filed because she brought her 6-week-old daughter, Amelia to Council meetings to breast feed. Amy will provide us with details of this and other interesting experiences in her political career.



## Report on the Speaker - February 2014

By Barb Hicks

Keira Royle, a grade 12 student from Bowmanville Central High School spoke to the members of BPW Bowmanville at our February meeting. Keira volunteered at the Love and Care Orphanage in Madurai, India in the summer of 2013. Projects Abroad, a group of orphanages established in 1992 by Dr. Peter Stowe, operates this charity.

Once Keira was accepted as a volunteer, she needed to raise the funds to travel to India. She decided to fundraise through various activities at her school and was successful in raising \$3000 of the required \$5000 plus airfare. Her parents paid the remainder of her travel expenses.

Keira had never flown on a plane so was both excited and nervous upon her departure. When she arrived the 40-degree temperature and the extreme poverty were readily evident, but the beauty and splendor of the lush kaleidoscope of India charmed her. She arrived in a very crowded India with terrible housing and extreme poverty where she witnessed children begging for food. This made her angry that such conditions could exist when in Canada we have so much. She spoke of the culture: traditional saris for women, henna markings for ceremonies, Hindu religion, beautiful temples, and very spicy foods.

At the Love and Care Orphanage, the children were very welcoming to the volunteers who came mainly from Europe and North America. There were approximately 200 children ranging in age from newborns to 20 years, all housed in dormitories of 50 per room. The children had few worldly belongings, but smiled continuously and were grateful for everything that the newcomers gave them. The volunteers painted various rooms of the orphanage, decorating the rooms with the national flags of each of the volunteers and other artwork. Teaching the children was another duty of the volunteers. There were no desks or chairs in the classrooms, 3 pencils among 30 students and limited play equipment.

Keira's time in Madurai was very enlightening. She witnessed the effects of poverty; the amount of violence against women; child labour; human trafficking for the promise of a new life; the high cost of healthcare; poor sanitation; malnutrition and forced child marriage. Her vision for the future for the children would be empowerment, awareness, and education.

Since arriving home Keira has started a 'Clean your Closet' campaign to collect clothing, hygiene items, and school supplies for the orphanage. Her group has received over 1000 donations and now is fundraising to cover the cost of shipping these items to the Love and Care Orphanage. Nancy Barnes thanked Keira for her inspiring talk and presented her with a cheque for \$200 towards the fund raising goal. Keira is an amazing young woman!

### ***BPW MEMBER NEWS***

Judy and Robert Hagerman have returned from a sojourn in sunny Florida.



## President's Message

As we celebrated another International Women's Day, it was encouraging to learn that the Oshawa Municipal Airport hosted *Girls Flying Girls* where dozens of women from across Durham and the GTA came to learn about careers in aviation. The enthusiasm from these women and their hosts, the First Canadian Ninety-Nines, took place just days after an offensive sexist note was left for a female Westjet pilot saying "the flight deck of an airliner is no place for a woman". We have all seen this kind of outdated attitude at various times and about all kinds of careers. In one of the last traditionally male-dominated fields such as aviation, a workshop like *Girls Flying Girls* sends a strong message. To quote *Clarington This Week* - "It was precisely the idea of encouraging women to consider exploring the opportunities available to them in aviation that appealed to so many women who took part."

While my husband, Robt, and I escaped to Florida for a week of sun, relaxation, and serious beach walking, Barb, Roxy, Corinna, and Nancy were busy getting things in order for our March meeting. Thank you to all the team.

The March program is shaping up nicely. The nomination of Corinna Traill for BPW Ontario Leadership Awards will be ready on time for submission. The issue of the BPW sign at both ends of Bowmanville is under control. Perhaps I should go away more often.

Thank you Kris for publishing another month of our *Bowmanville Bulletin*.

*Judy Hagerman*

*Judy Hagerman - Editor,*

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Please submit items for the BPW Bowmanville Newsletter to Judy @ [judyrobt@durham.net](mailto:judyrobt@durham.net)



# BPW BOWMANVILLE

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## Gala on the Greens

### Spring Luncheon

Saturday May 3, 10am - 3pm  
At the Royal Ashburn Golf Club

995 Myrtle Rd. W., Ashburn

Ticket information:

[suebradley599@gmail.com](mailto:suebradley599@gmail.com)

Tickets \$75 available at

**Royal LePage Realtors**  
**Queen Street.**

**Coldwell Bankers Realty**

**Food Basic Plaza**

With Guest Speaker

**ARUNA PAPP**

Author of Unworthy Creature speaking on

(The Grandmother Who Changed My Life -

She was the wind beneath my wings.)



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