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May Dinner Menu

Garden Salad

*Baked Garlic Ginger
Filet of Salmon*

Rice Pilaf

*Green Beans Almandine
Various Dessert Selections*

May Meeting Tuesday, May 24, 2016

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

krismcdonald.bpw@gmail.com before

Friday, May 20, 2016

Guests Welcome

May Programme

Canadian Business Women
Growing Economic Force
Annual General Meeting
Reports of Committee Chairs
(enclosed with your Bulletin)
Election of New Executive

BPW Bowmanville Programme 2016

Tues., June 28 **Year-end Summer Social**
Location to be determined



Dates To Remember

May 27 - 29, 2016
BPW Ontario's
70th Provincial Conference 2016
Holiday Inn Toronto Airport East,
600 Dixon Road, Toronto
BPW Brampton Hosts

August 12-14, 2016
BPW Canada National Convention
at Clarion Hotel and Conference
Centre, Calgary, Alberta

Women's Empowerment Community Event
BPW Bowmanville - October 25th, 2015

2017 – BPW International Congress -
Cairo, Egypt

Ascent of Women by Sally Armstrong



"From Africa to Asia to the Americas, it turns out that women are the key to ending poverty, violence, and conflict. In *Ascent of Women*, award-winning humanitarian and journalist Sally Armstrong shows us why women and girls are the way forward. She tells the dramatic and empowering stories of the leading women who are making change happen, from Nobel Prize winners to little girls suing for justice, revealing the stunning courage, tenacity and wit they are using to alter the status quo. Armstrong, who has been on the frontlines in Bosnia, Afghanistan, Africa, Asia and the Middle East covering war and human rights stories for decades, is the perfect person to bring us these voices from the barricades, inspiring and brave."

Recommended by Carrie Andrews

President's Message

Once again our Resolutions meeting discussing the Provincial Resolutions was fabulous. Nancy, Sheila and Kris all contributed so much. We selected our delegates, Nancy and Carrie, and alternates, Barb and Judy. Provincial Conference will be the last weekend in May.

We will be discussing the National Resolutions at our May meeting.

It was good to see Mel Bono in attendance even with her broken ankle. She tells us this is the 5th time she has broken it!!

Each committee chair is asked to submit her report to Bulletin Editor, Kris McDonald by May 17 for inclusion in the May Bulletin.

Kris tells us that she has received nominations for some of the positions on the Executive, so this is a good thing.

Sheila Crook asks us to get in touch with the women we know and invite them to be part of our Women's Empowerment Event on Tuesday, October 25th. Sheila has also gone over our bylaws. We will be reviewing these very soon as well.

Some Books which might interest you.

1. Malala Yousafzai, *I Am Malala*. This is a truly inspirational story and a must read for girls and women.
2. Sarah Blake, *The Postmistress*. This is a story which is set during the wartime year of 1940 to 1941 alternating between the events in the London Blitz and the lives of people in an isolated village in Cape Cod. It is a riveting story.

I hope to see all of you at our May meeting.

Judy Hagerman

A look at a more of the many "firsts" for Canadian women



Charlotte Whitton

Charlotte Whitton founded the Canadian Welfare Council and was the first woman mayor of a major Canadian City, Ottawa, when this picture was taken in 1951 (courtesy Library and Archives Canada/PA-

121981).

"Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily this is not difficult."

Charlotte Whitton, social worker, politician, feminist (b at Renfrew ON 8 Mar 1896; d at Ottawa 25 Jan 1975). Whitton was one of this century's most colourful and controversial women. Pugnacious and energetic, she is best remembered as Ottawa's flamboyant and outspoken mayor during the 1950s and 1960s. Her more significant accomplishments, however, occurred during her earlier career as the director and driving force behind the Canadian Council on Child Welfare (later the Canadian Welfare Council and the [Canadian Council on Social Development](#)) from 1920 to 1941. Whitton joined the fledgling council after a brilliant academic career at Queen's during WWI. In the 1920s she crusaded relentlessly for professional standards in the care of juvenile immigrants and neglected and dependent children. During the Depression, she became a key adviser on federal unemployment relief policy. An arch social conservative, however, Whitton's opposition to more liberal spending on the unemployed in the 1930s placed her increasingly on the margins of Canadian [Social Work](#).

After resigning from the Welfare Council in 1941, Whitton championed women's equality in politics and the workplace. However, her views on women, as on the [Welfare State](#), were contradictory. She opposed more liberal divorce laws and criticized married women who worked. Elected as a controller to Ottawa's municipal council in 1950, Whitton became the first woman mayor of a major Canadian city in 1951. She was re-elected mayor in 1952 and 1954, and again in 1960 and 1962. Defeated in 1964, Whitton continued as an alderman until her retirement from politics in 1972. Her tenure as mayor was notable chiefly for her stormy verbal and, in one celebrated instance, physical battles with hostile male colleagues.