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May Menu

Spinach salad w/fresh mango,
sugared almonds & balsamic
vinaigrette

Sweet & sour chicken/grilled
pineapple & peppers on basmati
rice

Carrot cake w/crème cheese
frosting – or –
Strawberry shortcake

May Meeting

Tuesday, May 23, 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, March 24, 2017

Guests Welcome

May Programme

BPW Bowmanville

Our Future

Our Direction



- **Annual General Meeting**
- **Reports and More**
- **Planning for Next Year**





BPW Ontario's 71st Conference
September 29 to October 1, 2017

Hosted by BPW Niagara Falls

Hilton Garden Inn: Niagara-on-the-Lake

BPW Ontario: Ours To Discover



Join Us

Celebrate the Power of Women
100 Years of Suffrage in Ontario
150 Years of Confederation in Canada
100 Years of Women's Advocacy with
BPW Niagara Falls

Full Conference: Early Bird - \$250, Valid until May 31, 2017, thereafter \$300.

For details: See BPW Ontario

<http://bpwontario.com/events/provincialconference.html>

Programme 2017

June 27, 2017

Summer Social

Summer Hiatus until

September 26 Meeting



Dates to Remember

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

Our April meeting was fabulous as we heard Sylvia Vanhaverbeck talk to us about the challenges and rewards in bringing a Syrian family to Newcastle. We heard from Lena and Ahmad and how they are coping so well - each of them is running a brand new business. Both Lena and Ahmad are entrepreneurs and such an asset to our community. When asked what they like most about Canada, Ahmad replied 'Everything, well especially that Canadians follow the rules when driving!' This is such an inspirational story.

We are also delighted to welcome at least three members from the Durham Club: Joanne Cox, Pat Keays and Valerie Mayers-Griffith. More may be following. Durham has made the painful decision to hand in their charter but several of their members are joining us and hopefully happy to do so. They will strengthen our Club.

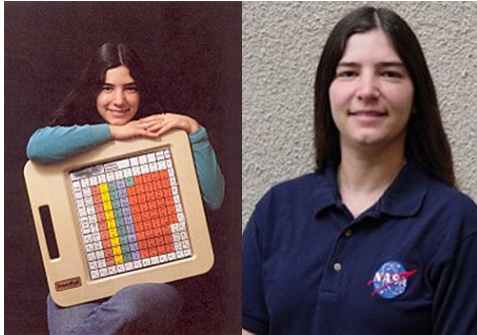
We were pleased to welcome Nancy home from her sojourn in the USA. She tells us that her trip was quite wonderful.

The end of April was the deadline for renewal of membership, so if you have not given Carrie your cheque yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Our May meeting is our annual meeting where we will hear reports from all committee chairs.

I hope to see everyone at our May meeting.

Judy Hagerman



Canadian Women Inventors

Rachel Zimmerman

Inventor of the Blissymbol Printer

Rachel Zimmerman was born in London, Ontario in 1972. She grew up an inquisitive young girl with a role model of a mother. Linda Zimmerman was the founder and president of her own software company and gave Rachel inspiration to enter the field of technology. She was a young girl that liked girl scouts and science.

The turning point in her life came when in the sixth grade, while researching Helen Keller and Braille; she stumbled across a book on Blissymbols. With the idea of a science fair coming soon, she dove into everything about the system Blissymbols, communication system for the severely disabled and decided to research other methods to improve its accessibility. It was then, at the science fair at the age of 12, that she created the Blissymbol printer.

This new device used a software program to enable those using Blissymbol language to “talk” to each other and perform all the other types of communication through the computer. Until then the user needed another person to translate the symbols they would point out. With the new printer, she developed a tap pad that enabled the person to simply touch the board and the software would do the translating, transmitting the output in the language of the user’s choice onto a computer screen. When she initially presented the concept at a science fair, it received a silver medal and she went on to compete in the World Exhibition of Achievement of Young Inventors. The Blissymbols printer also ended up winning a silver medal at the Canada-wide contest. Rachel Zimmerman, along with her forward-thinking invention, was showcased when they won a VTV Television Youth Achievement Award. Rachel continues her passion for the sciences.

Today Rachel works for NASA and still has the same concern for those who are not able-bodied. She is currently helping NASA mold their innovations to better fit the needs of disabled people. To this day she works on better forms of communications for the disabled. Below is an example of a tap-board used by those who are severely handicapped for communication thanks to Rachel Zimmerman.

Source: <https://maryellenhurley.wordpress.com/cultural-site-4/rachel-zimmerman-biography/>

