

# BPW BOWMANVILLE

Empowered Women Leading Business & Positive Change

*In Our Community & Around the World...*



Business  
&  
Professional  
Women



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84 King St W.  
Bowmanville, ON  
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## December Meeting

**Tuesday, December 8, 2015**

**6:00 PM Social Networking**

**6:30 PM Dinner**

**Members: \$30.00**

**Non-Members: \$35.00**

**Location: to be determined**

**RSVP: Please confirm your  
reservation with**

**Roxy Barnes at 905-623-5327 before**

**Saturday, December 5, 2015**

**Guests Welcome**

## December Programme

**Tuesday, December 8, 2015**

**Spirit of Giving  
Holiday Social**

**Donation to  
Women in Need**

## November Meeting

**Tuesday, November 24, 2015**

**6:00 PM Social Networking**

**6:30 PM Dinner**

**Members: \$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, November 20, 2015**

**Guests Welcome**

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## November Programme

**Tuesday, November 24, 2015**

**Women's Health  
and Dis-Ease  
by Carrie Evans**

**Intro to the Mind/Body  
Connection and Power  
of our Thoughts  
to Support Healing**



## Dates To Remember

March 8, 2016 – International Women's Day

March 14-24, 2016 U.N. Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60) New York, NY – Priority Theme – “Women's Empowerment and its Link to Sustainable Development” – Review Theme – “The Elimination and Prevention of All Forms of Violence Against Women and Girls”

April 7 2016 – Equal Pay Day

May 27 - 29, 2016 - BPW Ontario's 70th Provincial Conference 2016 - BPW Brampton Hosts

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

2017 – BPW International Congress -  
Cairo, Egypt

## BPW Bowmanville Programme 2016

- Tues., Jan. 26 **Making A Difference -**  
**Granville Anderson, MPP**  
Fetal Alcohol Strategy for ON
- Tues. Feb. 23 **Black History Month**  
23 Historical Black Canadians  
You Should Know  
Int'l Candle Lighting Ceremony
- Tues. Mar. 22 **Women's Empowerment Princ.**  
**Sheila Crook**  
Equality Means Business  
Partnerships for Positive Change
- Tues. Apr. 26 **Resolutions Workshop**  
Change thru Resolution Building  
Nancy Barnes, Programme Chair
- Tues., May 24 **Canadian Business Women**  
A Growing Economic Force  
AGM / Reports / Election
- Tues., June 28 **Year-end Summer Social**  
Location to be determined

## President's Message

The federal election is over and to many people, a Liberal Majority came as quite a surprise. However, now that the new Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau and his Cabinet were sworn in, we see that as promised half the cabinet is women. This is a hopeful sign. It was fascinating to watch the ceremony in which for the first time the public attended on the Governor General's grounds. People came from all over Canada to see this new Government and this new approach. It certainly helped that the weather was spectacular, warm and sunny on November 4.

Here in Durham, we were disappointed that our candidate, Corinna Traill was defeated but Corinna certainly gave the Conservatives a good run. Next door, we were thrilled to see Kim Rudd elected. To the west of us, Celina Caesar-Chavannes won her seat, and in Sheila and Sandy's riding of Peterborough-Kawartha, an amazing young woman Maryam Monsef not only won her riding but is also the Minister of Democratic Institutions in the Trudeau Cabinet.

Maryam was born in Afghanistan. At age 11, she escaped that war torn country with her mother and sister, eventually coming to Canada and settling in Peterborough. Co-recipient of the YMCA's Peace Medallion, Maryam is widely recognized as one of Peterborough's most influential people. She represented her city in 2013 at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. A passionate volunteer, she has sat on the boards and committees of several high-profile organizations. Maryam is the Vice-President of the YWCA of Peterborough and Halliburton Board of Directors. She is the former director of the Ontario Public Interest Research Group, and the New Canadians Centre – a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting immigrants, refugees, and other newcomers in the Peterborough and Northumberland regions. Maryam is the co-founder of the Red Pashmina Campaign, a grassroots initiative she started while at Trent University. To date, they have successfully raised over \$150,000 to help support women in Afghanistan.”

It has been such a wonderfully warm and sunny fall this year so it seems incredible that Christmas is merely five weeks away.

*Judy Hagerman*

**Within the BPW Bowmanville Family:**

**Birthday Greetings**

**Melanie Bono on December 11**

**Roxy Barnes on December 20**

**November 25 – December 10****International Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence**

A staggering one in three women have experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetime—a pandemic of global proportions. Unlike an illness, however, perpetrators and even entire societies choose to commit violence—and can choose to stop. Violence is not inevitable – it can be prevented. But it's not as straightforward as eradicating a virus. There is no vaccine, medication or cure. And there is no one single reason for why it happens.



As such, prevention strategies should be holistic, with multiple interventions undertaken in parallel in order to have long-lasting and permanent effects. Many sectors, actors and stakeholders need to be engaged. More evidence is emerging on what interventions work to prevent violence—from community mobilization to change social norms, to comprehensive school interventions targeting staff and pupils, to economic empowerment and income supplements coupled with gender equality training.

Prevention is the 2015 theme of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on 25 November and of the UNiTE to End Violence against Women Campaign's 16 days call for action. This year, at the official commemoration at UN Headquarters in New York, the first UN Framework on Preventing Violence against Women will be launched and discussed (ECOSOC Chamber; 10 a.m.–12 noon). This document stems from the collaboration of seven UN entities: UN Women, ILO, OHCHR, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA and WHO. The framework develops a common understanding for the UN System, policymakers and other stakeholders on preventing violence against women and provides a theory of change to underpin action.

**16 days to “Orange the world”**

From 25 November through 10 December, Human Rights Day, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence aim to raise public awareness and mobilizing people everywhere to bring about change. This year, the UN Secretary-General's UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign invites you to “**Orange the world**,” using the colour designated by the UNiTE campaign to symbolize a brighter future without violence. Organize events to orange streets, schools and landmarks! Read our Toolkit ; See our poster.

Events this year have already included: a benefit concert for the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women set against an orange stage at Carnegie Hall in New York, and the lighting of the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands. Orange events are planned in more than 70 countries around the world ahead of and throughout the 16 days. They will include the orange lighting of major landmarks like Niagara Falls (Canada/USA), the European Commission building (Belgium), the archeological ruins at Petra (Jordan), the Christ the Redeemer Statue in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), and the Palais de Justice (Democratic Republic of the Congo). Other events planned range from the ‘oranging’ of bus stops in Timor-Leste, to marathons in Venezuela, to spontaneous orange flash mobs in Indonesia.

Source: <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/end-violence-against-women#sthash.9IMjVQxz.dpuf>.