



Rose's Bistro
84 King St W.
Bowmanville, ON
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Dates To Remember

October 11, 2015 – International Day of the Girl Child - UN Theme “The Power of the Adolescent Girl – Vision for 2030

October 28, 2015 – Metro Toronto District Meeting
- 3 Steps Up Coffee House, 605 Brock Street N., Whitby

November 6 - 8, 2015 - North American Regional Congress in Cayman Islands

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”

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

October Meeting Tuesday, October 27, 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, October 23, 2015

Guests Welcome

October Programme Tuesday, October 27 , 2015

➤ **Women's History Month
Honouring Flora MacDonald
1926 - 2015**

➤ **Municipal Happenings
Mayor Adrian Foster
Clarington Township**



The Creation of Women's History Month in Canada

Back in 1992, the Government of Canada designated October as Women's History Month in Canada after a successful lobbying campaign initiated by Lyn Gough in Victoria, British Columbia. The project leaders were Lyn Gough, Katherine (Kay) Armstrong, and Kathy Blasco. Lyn Gough is a historian and author of a book about pioneers in the Women's Temperance Movement. Kay Armstrong was a recipient of the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case, and Kathy Blasco was a schoolteacher. Other Victoria women involved in the campaign were Sylvia Bagshaw, Catherine Draper and Avis Rasmussen.

The Victoria women led a movement, which sought the establishment of a Women's History Month in Canada to encourage greater appreciation of the notable contributions of women to Canadian history. October was selected because it was on October 18th, 1929 that Canadian women were first declared legally considered as 'persons', and therefore eligible to join the Senate of Canada.

<http://www.heroines.ca/celebrate/historymonth.html>

President's Message

October is Women's History Month. This year is also the 87th Anniversary of the *Person's Case*, when women were recognized in law as "persons". BPW Canada presented a plaque to the Canadian Government in 1938 commemorating this monumental achievement for Canadian women. The plaque naming the *Famous Five* hangs outside the Senate Chamber in Parliament in Ottawa.

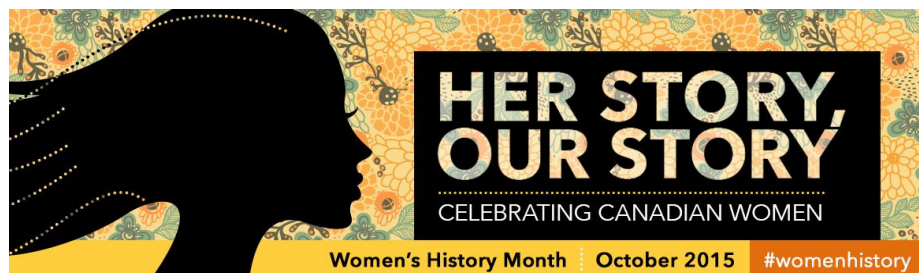
Equal Voice tells us that there are 473 female candidates running for the five main parties in this election. That is 33% of the candidates. The United Nations says that a critical mass of at least 30% women is needed before legislatures produce public policy representing women's concerns and before political institutions begin to change the way they do business. It will be interesting to see how many women Canadians elect on October 19.

I am writing this missive several days before Election Day. Most experts think it is too early to make any accurate predictions on the results. The Bloc, Conservative, Liberal, NDP, Green and other party leaders are seriously campaigning all over Canada in the final days of this marathon election. We will all be up watching results late into the night on October 19. I encourage each of you to exercise your right to vote for your candidate of choice.

October is also Canadian Library Month. We are invited to the grand re-opening of the Courtice Branch of the Clarington Public Library on Saturday, October 24. The new branch is lovely with more than double its previous space.

Judy Hagerman

Celebrate Women's History Month



The Theme for 2015

Her Story, Our Story: Celebrating Canadian Women

October is Women's History Month in Canada. It is a time for Canadians to celebrate the achievements of women and girls as trailblazers throughout our history. It is also an opportunity for Canadians to learn about the important contributions of women and girls over time to our society and quality of life.

The theme for Women's History Month 2015 is "Her Story, Our Story: Celebrating Canadian Women". This theme highlights the outstanding achievements of women who have shaped the nation in which we live; as pioneers taking the first bold steps into the unknown, as innovators accelerating progress, and as activists at the vanguard of social change. Canada's history is rich with examples of women who have made a difference in the world and all Canadians can benefit from getting to know their stories.

<http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/commemoration/whm-mhf/index-en.html>

International Day of the Girl



The United Nations has declared October 11 as

International Day of the Girl Child

"The Power of the Adolescent Girl"

UN Theme — Vision for 2030

Canada led the international community in adopting this day, along with the support of Plan Canada. This day makes a difference in the lives of girls and young women as citizens and as powerful voices of change in their families, their communities and their nations.

In addition, the Government of Canada has made it a priority to improve the health of mothers, newborns and children in developing countries and to reduce the number of preventable deaths.

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BPW Bowmanville Programme 2015

- Tues., Oct. 27 Women's History Month
Honouring Flora MacDonald 1926-2015
Municipal Happenings - Mayor Adrian Foster
- Tues., Nov. 24 Women's Health and Dis-Ease - Carrie Andrews
Intro to the Mind/Body Connection
Power of our thoughts to support healing.
- Tues., Dec. 8 Spirit of Giving - Holiday Social
A donation to a local organization
supporting women in need

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- Tues., Jan. 26 Making a Difference - Granville Anderson, MPP
Developing a Provincial Strategy for Fetal
Alcohol Spectrum Disorder *{to be confirmed}*
- Tues., Feb. 23 International Candle Lighting Ceremony
Black History Month
23 Historical Black Canadians You Should Know
- Tues., Mar. 22 Women's Empowerment Principles
Equality Means Business
Strategic Partnerships for Positive Change
- Tues., Apr. 26 Positive Change through Resolution Building
Sheila Crook, Resolutions Chair
- Tues., May 24 Canadian Business Women
A Growing Economic Force
AGM / Reports / Elections
- Tues., June 28 Year-end Summer Social
Location to be determined