

# BPW BOWMANVILLE

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## January Meeting Tuesday January 22. 2019

**5:30 - 6:00 Arrival/social**

**6:00 - 6:30 Business Meeting**

**6:30 - 7:15 Dinner**

**7:15 - 8:00 Speaker**

**8:00 - 8:10 Wrap Up/Conclude**

**Members: \$30.00**

**Non-Members: \$35.00**

**Location – Birch Bistro & Lounge**

**84 King St. W, Bowmanville**

**Please RSVP by Friday Jan. 19, 2019**

**to Kris McDonald at**

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**Guests Welcome**



**The Birch Bistro & Lounge**

**84 King St W.**

**Bowmanville ON L1C 1R4**

**(905) 419-0491**

**[www.BirchBistroandLounge](http://www.BirchBistroandLounge)**

### January Menu

**First course:**

**Creamy garden broccoli soup topped with cheddar cheese**

**Second course:**

**Baked chicken breast topped with baby spinach, mushrooms & feta, served with garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables**

**Third course:**

**Berry sorbet with fresh fruit**

**~or~**

**Warm apple crisp square with whipped cream**

## January Programme

**Her Journey – Women Strong**

**Linda McOrmond,  
Paralegal**

**Town of Whitby**



## **BPW Bowmanville Program 2018 -2019 Theme: Speak Up – Speak Out**

**February 26, 2019**

### **HER JOURNEY- In The Legal System**

Nancy MacDonald, Retired  
Asst. Crown Attorney, Oshawa.

### **BPW International Candle Lighting Ceremony**

**March 26, 2019**

### **HER JOURNEY – In Religion and More**

Rev. Deb Foster  
Minister St. Mark United Church.

**April 23, 2019**

### **UN WOMEN WE-EMPOWER INITIATIVE – UNIFIED VOICES & PURPOSEFUL ACTION**

Stephanie Dei,  
UN Women We-Empower  
National Coordinator – Canada  
(TBA)

**May 28, 2019**

### **AGM, Reports & Provincial Resolutions**

Carrie Andrews, 1<sup>st</sup> VP

**June 19, 2019**

### **SUMMER SOCIAL (TBA)**

## **President's Message**

*Happy New Year! Welcome to BPW in 2019! Where does the time go?? I hope everyone had a good Christmas and an enjoyable holiday.*

*Now that it is January, all activities are starting again.*

*Our January program features Linda McOrmond who is a paralegal in the Town of Whitby. Her topic is Her Journey – Women Strong.*

*This year, 2019, we will be starting our meeting at 6:00 pm not 6:30 PM. We will conduct our business meeting for half an hour, have our dinner at 6:30, and then our guest speaker will begin after dinner. **Please mark 5:30 as the social time and 6:00 as the start of the meeting on Tuesday January 22.***

*Looking back on previous January messages, I see that two years ago we welcomed Christine Elliot as our speaker. Oh how things have changed. Christine gave up her job as ombudsman for patient care and is now in Cabinet, even though we don't hear her voice.*

*I've just finished reading Michelle Obama's delightful book, Becoming, and would recommend it to everyone. What an inspirational life story. How sad that so many of the wonderful programs Michelle started may be cut. However, we can take heart as the Democrats have taken control of the House of Representatives. The youngest member, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, (Democrat, NY) who was interviewed on 60 Minutes does give us hope.*

*Here in Clarington, the new Council is starting its work. Selection of Board members took place earlier this month. We will wait to see who is appointed to the many boards.*

*I hope to see everyone at our January meeting.*



## Coming Events

**February 22, 2019**

**Canada –  
Human Trafficking  
Awareness Day**

**March 8, 2019**

**UN International Women's Day**

**March ?, 2019**

**BPW International Leaders' Summit  
New York City**

**March 11-22, 2019**

**United Nations Commission on the  
Status of Women - CSW63  
UN Headquarters, New York City**

**April, 2019**

**Equal Pay Day (Date to be determined)**

**May 31 - June 2, 2019**

**BPW Ontario Conference  
"Create a Ripple"**

**Holiday Inn Kitchener Waterloo, Ontario  
Hosted by BPW KW**

**July 30, 2019**

**World Day against Trafficking in  
Persons**

**August ?, 2019**

**BPW Canada AGM  
Montreal, Quebec**

**2020 (DATE TBD)**

**BPW Canada Convention  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**

**August 21-26, 2020**

**BPW International Congress  
Theme: "Empowering Women to  
Realize  
Sustainable Goals"  
Orlando Florida**

*Judy Hagerman*

## Meeting Times Change Notice

As discussed at the Executive Meeting in December, the scheduling of our dinner, program, and departure for home proceed more smoothly we are commencing with a new time/format for our January meeting:

### **The new Time/Format will be:**

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## FundScrip Fundraising Update

The Launch of our FundScrip Program was a resounding success. At the November 22, 2018 meeting over a thousand dollars of Gift Cards were purchased by members to begin this new financing initiative. We have made **\$107.74**

so far from our purchases. **Congratulations ladies!**

Additional Gift Cards can be purchased for pickup at the February meeting at this month's meeting.

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Renee Mathias  
Fundraising Chair

## Canadian Women of Consequence

### Angelina Napolitano

(1882 – 1932)



The trial of Angelina Napolitano for the axe murder of her husband as he slept would turn a spotlight on domestic violence in turn-of-the-century Canada and on the plight of immigrant women in particular. It would expose deep biases in the court system, instigate an emotional debate on capital punishment and trigger a public outcry the likes of which has rarely been seen by Canadian judicial officials.

It would give suffragettes a glimpse of their collective power — and presage the determined fight that women would wage for the next century to win equal rights in Canada's courtrooms, workplaces and legislatures.

The Napolitano were immigrants from Italy and lived in Sault Ste. Marie, ON. They had four children. The Napolitano marriage was abusive. Pietro had attacked his wife with a pocket knife in 1911, for which he was arrested and tried, but given a commuted sentence. Angelina was visibly scarred from the attack.

Pietro Napolitano had ordered his seven months pregnant wife to participate in prostitution to afford the family the money to buy a house. On Easter Sunday 16 April 1911, Angelina hit her sleeping husband about the head and neck with an axe, killing him.

She was the first woman in Canada to use the battered woman defence in a murder trial.

Napolitano was found guilty, and although the jury recommended clemency, she was sentenced to death. After an international outcry, however, the Canadian federal cabinet eventually commuted her sentence to life imprisonment. She served 11 years before being paroled.

In 2005, the story of Napolitano's marriage and dramatic trial was turned into an award-winning independent film, ***Looking for Angelina***, which is used in many instances to assist children in opening up with counsellors to discuss parental abuse situations.

**Source:** [http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/napolitano\\_angelina\\_15E.html](http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/napolitano_angelina_15E.html)