BPW Bowmanville Bulletin
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Advocacy is the act of supporting, promoting or arguing in favour of a cause, policy, idea, or group. It's about using your voice — individually or collectively — to influence decisions, raise awareness, or create change. This is what BPW is all about! Let's continue our work and focus in 2026 to continue to make this world a better place for women, girls and their families!

September Meeting

The September meeting was cancelled because many of our Executive were out of the country. Lots of travel news to be shared when we get together!

From the President – Pamela Cooper



Welcome back! It has been an extended summer for BPW Bowmanville, with many of us travelling, and those at home so very busy, that we now find ourselves in October for our first meeting. There is sure to be a lot of conversation when we are finally all together!

I mentioned previously that I would like us to support resolutions recently passed, but I would also like us to take advantage of offerings from local, provincial, national, and international clubs. My emails are full of opportunities, many attainable from the comfort of our own homes through virtual presentations. I hope newer members (myself included) will explore these and perhaps ask a veteran member to join them to add their understanding to the experience.

On a personal note, I recently did a deep dive on Durham Region's waste collection. I knew that our recycle/recapture facility was one of the best, if not the best, in North America and I realized that there was a lot more that I could be recycling and composting. I have given my husband (feel the eye roll) and myself a goal of throwing out one grocery bag or less of garbage in one month – that's grocery bag, not large garbage bag. I think it's doable as long as I don't do any major clean outs. I'll let you know how it goes.

Here is a video about the operation of the Durham York Energy Centre:
https://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca/education-and-resources/virtual-tourvideos/

Honouring the Extraordinary Doris Hall

It was with great sadness and shock that BPW learned about the passing of Doris Hall, only weeks after she attended the BPW Canada National Convention in Regina.

Our own Sheila Crook was a dear friend of Doris for 35 years and spoke at her memorial service on September 26. Their friendship was forged through BPW, a clear demonstration of the power of this organization to form strong lifelong connections between women. As Sheila said, “This sisterhood would carry us through the ups and downs of life. We would celebrate a lifetime of continued education, career endeavours and misadventures, and most importantly, the milestones of our families.”

A member of BPW London since 1987, Doris served as Club President in 1989, BPW Ontario President in 2000, and BPW Canada President in 2010. She later became BPW Canada’s first Women’s Empowerment Chair. She co-founded the Canadian Coalition to Empower Women and supported women’s equality initiatives across Canada and internationally. She also served the London community through the Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition and the CNIB.



The three musketeers, from left, Doris Hall, Karin Gorgerat & Sheila Crook at the National Convention in September

Doris was known for her generous spirit, and her willingness to step up, listen, learn and lend a hand. She was an integral part of her family, community and BPW. We can all learn from her example.

Member Spotlight: Tina Jordan

As I conclude my two years as President of BPW Bowmanville, my heart is full of gratitude for the incredible women who have stood with me. When I first joined BPW Bowmanville in 2022, I was seeking a community of women who were committed to advocacy, leadership, and meaningful impact. I found exactly that — and so much more. From the moment I stepped into my first meeting, I knew I had found a place where women lift one another, challenge one another, and stand together with purpose.



A special thanks to our executive team, who has been the backbone of our club's success. Together, we have championed education, equity, advocacy, and community engagement with purpose and pride.

From our 75th Anniversary Celebration to advancing our "Women in Municipal Politics" resolution, from delivering meaningful education on Black History Month and Land Acknowledgements to participating in national BPW advocacy events, we have lived our mission boldly. Our work across the Sustainable Development Goals reflects who we are: a club committed to lifting women, strengthening communities, and shaping a more equitable future.

It is with honour that I pass the baton to Pamela Cooper. I know she will lead with the same passion, integrity, and commitment that defines BPW Bowmanville. Thank you all for your unwavering support, your energy, and your sisterhood. We have accomplished so much — and the future remains bright.

Upcoming BPW (and Other Important) Events

Coffee Chats with the BPW Ontario President, Anne Harvey
Second Saturday of the month, 9am to 10am, All BPW Ontario members welcome.
Next coffee chat is on **November 14**. Register once at:
https://us.list-manage.com/156nbFqxXhU?e=69d1347bd0&c2id=a8948d370b835c5f93e6dcd1a8dc33fd

Ontario Municipal Election
The next municipal election will be held **Monday, October 26, 2026**. Our local government makes decisions that affect us on a daily basis. Be sure to vote! It's easy and can be done online from October 16-26 with your voter card and Pin.
Our own BPW member Corinna Traill is running for re-election in Ward 3 in Clarington.

Our October Meeting

BPW Bowmanville's next meeting is on **Tuesday, October 27 at Barb's house.** Member attendees, please e-transfer $25.00 to BPW Bowmanville through Treasurer Val using email address treasurer@bpwbowmanville.com.

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