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**DINNER & SPEAKER SERIES
MEETINGS HELD
THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**

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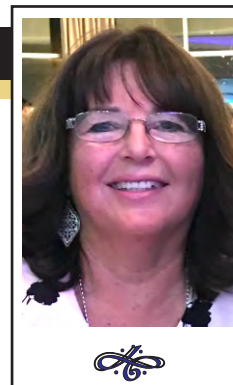
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Club Focus

FALL 2026

BPW Brampton Caledon President's Message

Linda Ford



September to me is always a time of renewal. Kids are back to school, parents are back to work, the season is changing – and the BPW Brampton Caledon kickoff meeting in September always offers a promise of renewal. Our kickoff meeting at The Brampton Flying Club had an engaging **speaker, local author Nicola Ross, renowned for her Loops and Lattes series of books. Great attendance – Great vibe!**

It was a busy summer for BPW Brampton Caledon. Mina, Iris and I had the pleasure of attending and representing our club at the **BPW Canada National Convention in Regina, Saskatchewan, from August 13 to 17.** We reconnected with longtime friends, made new connections from across the country, and participated in thoughtful discussions on issues affecting women, families, and communities. It was inspiring to see so many dedicated women working together toward positive change.

I also believe we accomplished a great deal. Several important **Resolutions** were presented, debated, and adopted. These Resolutions will now be developed into formal briefs and presented to the appropriate levels of government. Our hope is that these recommendations will ultimately become legislation and policy changes that result in meaningful action and improved outcomes for Canadians.

As we move ahead for our fall agenda, we have a great mix of programs coming. On **October 1st, we held our first "Ladies Who Lunch" at The Terra Cotta Inn.** A great opportunity for members and guests to engage in conversation on a more casual basis.

We hope you will continue to join and engage.





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BPW Programs Kim McDermott

We have another exciting year of programs planned for BPW Brampton Caledon, with a wonderful mix of learning, connection, hands-on experiences and fun. We'll be hearing from inspiring speakers, including environmental advocate and author Nicola Ross, learning practical self-defence skills, exploring fraud prevention and scams, and celebrating BPW International Night with our traditional candle-lighting ceremony. We'll also enjoy some hands-on

workshops, including candle-making and cooking, along with plenty of opportunities to simply get together, share a meal and enjoy each other's company.

This year is especially meaningful as we celebrate BPW Brampton Caledon's 80th anniversary. From our anniversary meeting and social to our Annual General Meeting, charity golf tournament and summer program planning social, there will be lots of opportunities to celebrate where we've come from while looking ahead to the future. I'm looking forward to another year of programs that bring our members together, spark conversation, introduce us to new ideas and, most importantly, reflect the spirit of our motto: **"We do good work."**

Save the Dates!

BPW Brampton Caledon Dates to Remember



SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Guest Speaker: Nicola Ross, 40 Days & 40 Hikes
Location: Brampton Flight Centre and Flying Club, 13691 McLaughlin Road, Cheltenham, ON L7C 3L7
Topic: A wonderful evening of networking, great food, an inspiring presentation by award-winning author and environmental advocate Nicola Ross.

OCTOBER 20, 2026

Guest Speaker: Carrie Leigh Percival from Brampton Academy of Martial Arts
Location: Bramalea Lions Hall, 45 Avondale Blvd., Brampton L6V 1H1
Topic: Self Defense and Safety for Women

NOVEMBER 17, 2026

Guest Speaker: Pot Luck and Rustic Chic Candle Making Event
Location: Brampton Flight Centre and Flying Club, 13691 McLaughlin Road, Cheltenham, ON L7C 3L7
Topic: Social Gathering

DECEMBER 15, 2026

Holiday Social Event: Turkey Dinner
Location: 1 Royce Avenue, Brampton, ON L6Y 1J4
Topic: Social Gathering
 Opportunity for Members and Guests to Give Donations to Ste. Louise Outreach & Food Bank of Food Items; Blankets; Personal Care Products, etc. As well, Secret Santa Game.

JANUARY 19, 2027

Guest Speaker: Mary Shkoury, Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario
Location: Brampton Flight Centre and Flying Club, 13691 McLaughlin Road, Cheltenham, ON L7C 3L7
Topic: Learn about the work of Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario, how to recognize the signs, and what we all can do to help create safer, stronger communities for our elder adults.

FEBRUARY 16, 2027: International Theme

Guest Speaker: Jocelyne Alexandre, Shelter Them
Location: TBD

- Topic:** International Theme Honouring all the BPW Clubs Throughout the World!
- Celebrating BPW International Night with our Traditional Candle Lighting Ceremony

MARCH 16, 2027:

Guest Speaker: Soup-Making Workshop, hosted by Lubna with Potluck Dinner
Location: Caledon Community Services – The Exchange, 55 Healey Rd, Caledon, ON L7E 5A2
Topic: Social Gathering

APRIL 20, 2027

Guest Speaker: Professional Athlete Speaker
Location: Keltic Rock Pub & Restaurant, 180 Sandalwood Pkwy E, Brampton, ON L6Z 4N2
Topic: Details to Follow!

MAY, 2027: BPW Brampton Caledon

80th Anniversary Gala
Location: TBD
Topic: Details to follow!

MAY, 2027: Virtual via Zoom

BPW Brampton Caledon Annual General Meeting & Elections.
Come Out and Support BPW Brampton Caledon; Be Part of Club Direction; Consider the Executive!

JUNE 14, 2027

29th Annual Ladies Charity Golf Tournament:
Fundraiser
Location: Glen Eagle Golf Club, 15731 Regional Rd. 50, Caledon, ON L7E 3H9
More Details to Follow!

JULY 8, 2027

Social & 2027/28 Program Planning Event:
Location: 1 Royce Avenue, Brampton, ON L6Y 1J4
More Details to Follow!

Dates to Remember

- **NOVEMBER 7, 2026:** BPW Montreal 100th Anniversary Celebration, Montreal, Quebec
- **June 19, 2027:** 2027 BPW Ontario Conference and Annual General Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, 500 York Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake * BPW Niagara Falls is celebrating 110 years!
- **End of 2027:** BPW International Congress, Fortaleza, Brazil
- **2030:** BPW Canada's 100th Anniversary Convention hosted by BPW Brampton Caledon
- **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH:** October
- **SMALL BUSINESS MONTH:** October
- **MONDAY, MARCH 8:** International Women's Day
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16:** World Food Day



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE Cecilia Letourneau

Our membership currently stands at 41 Members and we are aiming to grow to 60 members in the coming year.

We are delighted to welcome our newest Members. We sincerely hope that their time with us will be meaningful and enriching.

CALEDON COMMUNITY SERVICES THANK YOU LETTER Pat Dowling



Dear Linda, Pat and all our friends at BPW, Thank you again for your wonderful generosity, and for such a warm welcome last night.

BPW doesn't just do good work, you have superpowers too! And now you're putting those superpowers to work for your Caledon neighbours.

Your gift will touch, quite literally, hundreds of lives right here in our community. Children, families and seniors who may be going through a difficult time and simply need a hand up.

Thanks to you, there will be more nutritious food on tables, more full cupboards and a little less worry.

We're so grateful (and inspired!) to have BPW in our corner. Thank you for caring and for showing up for Caledon. I can't wait to welcome you back to CCS soon and show you your kindness in action. Warmly,

Mariia Kupriianova, MBA, CFRE
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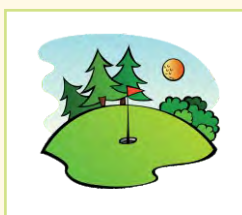
SPECIAL EVENTS

Pat Dowling

On Monday, June 15, 2026 we held our **28th Annual Charity Ladies Golf Tournament** at Glen Eagle Golf Course.

It was a lovely day with 90 golfers, 118 ladies for dinner, table vendors, hole and corporate sponsors along with many volunteers.

We were very fortunate to have **Scotiabank participate once again with their Scotiabank Team Community Program** sponsored by the **Bovaird & Mountnash branch** who donated **\$3,000.00** to our event.



We are very pleased to announce that our club raised \$17,829.00 and with Scotia's donation we raised a total of \$20,829.00!! A new record!

Our community partners for this event were Caledon Community Services, Revive and Salvation Army – Honeychurch (Women's Shelter).

We once again participated in the **Fall Meat/Seafood Drive** and will also join the **Christmas Cookie Drive** alongside the **Canadian Progress Club** with our recipient being Ste. Louise Foodbank.

We have also collaborated with **Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon for Bingo**. We have raised a total of **\$22,789.00** so far and will be disbursing \$11,000.00 in the next month to worthy community partners.

We are also set to join the **Canadian Progress Club's Bingo shifts** and will have more information on this shortly. If you are interested in becoming a Bingo volunteer (with just 2 hour shifts once or twice a year) please let me know as the more the merrier.





BPW Resolutions, By-Laws & Public Affairs Update

Mina Di Domenico

Money Matters: Different Ways to Make a Difference

There are many ways to support the work and spirit of BPW Brampton Caledon. Whether you want to help one of our community partners, strengthen the day-to-day operations of our club, or introduce a prospective member to BPW, your contribution can make a difference.

Support Our Community Partners and Receive a Tax Receipt

Looking for a way to give back to our community while receiving a charitable tax receipt?

BPW Brampton Caledon has partnered with Charitable Impact Foundation to make it easy to support eligible charitable organizations connected to our community initiatives.

It takes just a couple of minutes. Visit the Fundraisers & Tax Receipts section of our website, follow the Charitable Impact link, enter your information and payment details, and your charitable tax receipt will be emailed directly to you.

It's an easy way to extend BPW's impact beyond our club and support organizations doing important work in our community.

Give back. Support our community. Receive a tax receipt.

Supporting the Club Behind the Scenes

Our members make BPW Brampton Caledon possible—but membership dues alone don't fund the day-to-day operation of our local club.

Our membership fees support our provincial, national and international BPW affiliations, connecting us to a much larger network and giving our members opportunities and a voice beyond our local community.

At the same time, there are costs involved in keeping our local club active and connected: banking and financial administration, speaker honoraria, communications and advertising, our website, and essential tools such as Zoom, Constant Contact and QuickBooks.

Members and friends who would like to help can make a voluntary contribution to our Operations Fund.

Every contribution—whatever the amount—helps us continue creating opportunities for women to learn, lead, advocate and connect.

Can't Make a Meeting? Pay It Forward!

Here's another way to make a difference.

If you can't attend an upcoming meeting, consider contributing toward inviting a prospective member to attend in your place.

Your absence could become someone else's introduction to BPW.

You could give another woman the opportunity to meet our members, hear an inspiring speaker, make new connections and experience firsthand what BPW Brampton Caledon has to offer. One invitation may even lead to our next new member!

Want to Help?

Contributions to the Operations Fund or toward a Prospective Member can be made by e-transfer to treasurer@bpwbrampton.com.

Use Operations as the security answer and indicate "Operations Fund" or "Prospective Member" in the message field.

Two different ways to give. One shared goal: strengthening our club and our community.

Please note:

Charitable donations made through Charitable Impact are separate from contributions made directly to BPW Brampton Caledon. Eligible donations through Charitable Impact receive a charitable tax receipt.

BPW Brampton Caledon is not a registered charity and cannot issue charitable tax receipts for contributions made directly to the club.





BPW Resolutions

Dawn Tracz
Second Vice President



his year, I'm pleased to be part of the BPW Brampton Caledon Resolutions Committee and to be

collaborating with Mina Di Domenico on a Resolution addressing the historic forced adoption practices that affected thousands of unmarried mothers and their children in Canada.

For decades, particularly from the 1940s through the early 1980s, many unmarried women and girls faced enormous social and institutional pressure to surrender their babies for adoption. They faced being disowned by their family and many institutions would only offer shelter if the woman agreed to relinquish their child. Their ability to provide free and informed consent was compromised by fear, coercion, misinformation, isolation and unequal power relationships.

The impact did not end with the adoption. Mothers, adoptees and families have lived with the consequences for decades, including grief, shame, trauma, unanswered questions and many have kept quiet about their questions grief as a result of shame and the traumatic experiences surrounding the birth of their child.

Our proposed Resolution asks BPW Canada to advocate for recognition and redress of this history, including a formal federal apology, preservation of historical records, funding for trauma-informed supports, further research and improved access to records and counselling.

At its heart, this is a women's equality and human rights issue, it's about reproductive autonomy, informed consent and ensuring that the experiences of women whose voices were unheard are acknowledged.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to collaborate on this important Resolution and look forward to sharing more as it moves through the Resolutions process at our October meeting.

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN 2026

Provincial Conference & National Convention



BPW ONTARIO PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

- 1 Improving Timely Access to Women's Health Screening and Diagnostic Testing in Ontario.
- 2 Gender Equity in Artificial Intelligence for Women in Ontario.
- 3 Reaffirm Resolution 2024-06: Moving to a Free Prescription Contraceptive Plan in Ontario.
- 4 The Province of Ontario Must Declare Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic.
- 5 Encouraging Women's Participation and Leadership in Municipal Politics.



BPW CANADA NATIONAL CONVENTION

- 1 Closing Persistent Pay Gaps for Women in Canada
- 2 Implementing Stronger Digital Laws to Regulate Social Media Platforms
- 3 Closing the Gaps in Canada's Response to Image-Based Sexual Abuse
- 4 Adding Non-State Torture to the Criminal Code of Canada
- 5 Ending Human Trafficking in Canada: From Strategy to Accountability
- 6 Ensuring Dignity and Choice Through Advance Requests for Medical Assistance in Dying

COMMENDATIONS PASSED

- 1 Timea Nagy.
- 2 Canadian Coalition of Women in Engineering, Science, Trades and Technology (CCWESTT).

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The Human Society is always in need of old towels, bed sheets, blankets, etc. used for the comfort of cats and dogs in their care. Please drop off donations of these items to the following locations:



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Caledon Animal Shelter:

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