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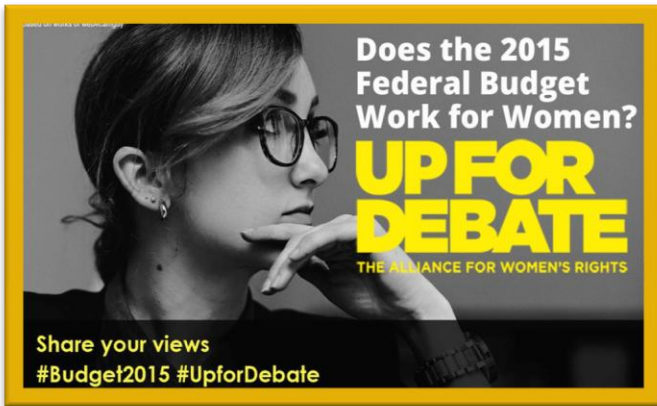
BPW Canada Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba



Prime Minister Stephen Harper sent an **85th Anniversary** Message to BPW Canada and congratulated members for their advocacy on behalf of women. You can download this message and read it at <http://bpwcanada.com/en/advocacy/bpw-advocacy.html>

Honorable Minister Erna Braun, Provincial Minister for Labour and Immigration for Manitoba attended as keynote speaker at the dinner and banquet. She praised the work of BPW Canada and recognized the importance of women's contributions to our overall economy and society.

Municipal Counsellors Jenny Gerbasi and Cindy Gilroy were also in attendance to build on our theme of **“Empowering Women in our Changing World”**. BPW Canada was the first NGO to take advantage of a workshop led by Professor Marilou McPhedran at the **Canadian Museum of Human Rights** to strengthen its civic engagement to address violence against women.



Up For Debate has conducted one-on-one interviews with party leaders. These will be made available the week of **September 21st** on their website www.upfordebate.ca/

BPW Canada has joined Up For Debate which is an alliance of 175 organizations representing over 4 million people to raise awareness about women's rights in the lead up to the **2015 Federal Election**.

BPW Canada 2016 Convention Planning is Underway

We will be marking a Canadian Milestone

The Centennial Year of Women's Suffrage



BPW Calgary is looking forward to hosting the delegates at the **2016 National Convention** to be held in Calgary Alberta on August 13th & 14th. President Colleen Allan (2nd from the right) was in Calgary to share the national vision, reflect on the history and plan for the future of the organization.



October is **Women's History Month** and the theme this year is *"Her Story, Our Story: Celebrating Canadian Women"*. It is a time to pay tribute to the achievements and contributions of women and girls. BPW Saskatoon does this through the **Athena Awards & the Leadership Symposium**.

This year, the featured speakers include Martha Mayhood Hertz, Founder of Athena International; and Jenny Gulamani-Abdulla, First Vice President of The Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women.

Athena was a greek goddess of wisdom, intelligence and reason. This day is spent uniting experienced and emerging leaders with the motto **"Women Helping Women"**. Share how your club does the same!!

Call Out For Resolutions

Deadline is February 1, 2016

Log into the Members' Area on our website to view BPW Canada priorities and how to prepare and submit resolutions

The **North American Regional Congress** will be held in the Cayman Islands on November 5th to 8th, 2015. Highlights include:

1. Welcome Reception at the Governor's Mansion
2. A Special Gala Dinner with Sir Patrick Stewart of Star Trek
3. BPWI 85th Anniversary Celebration Banquet
4. Young BPW Meeting & Night Out
5. Pre & Post Meeting Tours

Accommodation, registration details and agendas are available on the national and international websites.

Note: Canadians are not required to obtain a visa.

Upcoming Events and Initiatives in 2015/2016

November: International Day For the Elimination of Violence Against Women

January: Nominations for BPW Canada Leadership Awards

February: Candlelighting Ceremonies at clubs across Canada

March 8th: International Women's Day

March 18th: Equal Pay Day (National)

A "Save the Date" poster for the 2015 BPW International North American & Caribbean Regional Congress. The top half features a photograph of a sailboat on a turquoise beach under a blue sky. Below the photo, the text reads: "SAVE THE DATE", "2015 BPW International", "North American & Caribbean Regional Congress", "November 6 to 8, 2015 | The Westin Grand Cayman Seven Mile Beach Resort & Spa", and "For more information connect with us on Facebook at: Facebook.com/BPWGrandCayman". A section titled "Cayman Islands' Attractions:" lists various features like Seven Mile Beach, National Gallery, and Camana Bay. At the bottom, there are logos for BPW International, BPW Canada, and the Cayman Islands.

BPW in ACTION



Top (left to right): Doris Hall, WEPs Representative; Bessie Hironimus, Regional Coordinator; Sheila Crook, UN Global Champion. **Middle (left to right):** Cara Cote, Immediate past president; Colleen Allan, President; Jenny Gulamani-Abdulla, First Vice President; **Bottom (left to right):** Linda Davis, VP for Resolutions; Shannon McEwing, VP, Federation Promotions; Karin Gorgerat, Treasurer; Jeanne Martinson, Provincial President for Saskatchewan; Karen Burwash, Provincial President for Manitoba.

Part-Time Job Opportunity:

BPW Canada seeks an **Administrative Assistant**. Responsibilities include responding to queries from the national website, sorting and directing concerns to board members, preparing and distributing agendas and minutes, update website and membership database, backing up files, attend and coordinate web conference calls, and provide board support as needed. Email your resume and salary expectations to president@bpwcanada.com