



Moncton Business & Professional Women's Club



The Moncton Business & Professional Women's Club is part of the Canadian Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs as well as a member of the International Federation of BPW clubs. We are a group whose mandate is the improvement of economic, political, employment and social conditions for women.

In Moncton, we hold monthly dinner meetings from September to June, with interesting and topical keynote speakers. We sponsor an annual health conference on issues of concern for women (you may have attended our *Focus on You: A conference for women who do too much* conference in spring of 2004!), as well as occasional Professional Development activities. We also award annual bursaries to young women in the Greater Moncton area. Here are some reasons to join Moncton BPW.

- **Women's Issues – Advocacy and Awareness**
 - Access to current information on issues affecting women.
 - Shaping, lobbying and influencing the world around us through resolutions, letters and briefs to government at all levels of the organization.
- **Supportive Networking & Lasting Friendships**
 - A chance to network with business and professional women at club meetings and events, provincial conferences, national conventions and international congresses.
 - Sharing, mentoring and learning from a diverse membership.
 - BPW members become not only useful business contacts but also good friends!
- **Professional/Leadership Development and Career Advancement**
 - Develop leadership skills by participating in club activities and serving in a range of capacities (local club executive, provincial, national and international boards, committees and ad hoc initiatives at all levels).
 - Guest speakers at monthly meetings provide information and contacts relevant to business and professional women in today's world.
- **Financial benefits**
 - Save \$5 on your meal at monthly meetings.
 - Admittance to our annual Health Conference is free for members, a saving of \$25.
 - Get member's price on all Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce activities.
 - Your membership fee may be tax deductible!
 - Promote yourself/your business through our Moncton BPW business card "board."

Membership costs \$65/year, payable May 1st. The price drops in January to \$32.50 for the remainder of the season. There is also a one-time initiation fee of \$15, to cover the cost of a name badge, handbook and membership pin. Our regular meetings are the first Wednesday of each month, starting at 6pm. Guests are always welcome. For more information, contact any member of the executive (see page 4).

Moncton BPW – Winter 2005 Line-up of Guest Speakers

February 2nd – February is International Month for BPW Clubs around the world. Karen Dempsey, Vice-President of the National Council of Women of Canada, will be speaking about the work of the International Council of Women in defending human rights for women internationally. BPW and the National Council are partners in the 5-0 project (www.project-five-o.org/), which supports vocational training for women and girls in developing countries. We will also have our annual candle lighting ceremony.

March 2nd – Cindy Hewitt of Hillsborough Fashions will be speaking about *Dressing for Success*. Cindy will also be presenting a fashion show for the member's enjoyment.

April 6th – Michelle Geldhart of PEERS Moncton will discuss the issues surrounding prostitution, its effects on women, the growing problem in Moncton and the resources that her organization can offer to women working in the sex trade. As a former prostitute, Michelle has great insight to offer on this topic.

May 4th – We'll have our annual "Members Forum" where members have a chance to discuss their club – what they like, what they'd like to change. We will also have a brief Annual General Meeting and election of officers for the coming year.

June 1st – Potluck dinner, starting at 6pm as usual, at Sue Calhoun's house in Shediac. An event not to be missed!

Member News...

A big welcome to new members! A reminder that as a member of Moncton BPW, you get member prices at Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce activities. Don't forget to put some business cards in our BPW "Board." And for all new members who haven't sent in their bio, do it now! Don't miss this opportunity to market yourself!

- **Sandra Landers** was born in Waltham, Massachusetts, and moved to Moncton, in 1977. She graduated from the University of New Brunswick (1992) with a Bachelor in Education (Major Business Marketing), and became Marketing Manager for a major housing developer. She was Executive Director of Junior Achievement from 1993-1998. She established the first NB Business Hall of Fame, and JA programs grew over 400%. Sandra taught in School District #2 for almost four years, and now owns her own business, Don Cherry's Sports Grill. She is planning a major renovation for June 2006. Sandra has been married to Graham for eight years, and has three children (Alicia 6, Nicholas 5 and Brianna 3). Sandra is on Moncton BPW's Bursary Committee.
- **Joanne Rolfe-Cogger's** passion is in "helping people to improve their quality of life." She is a trained psycho-spiritual therapist, child and youth care worker and family support worker. Through her practice at the YWCA, she assists people in dealing with individual, relationship and family conflict situations. She specializes in co-dependency, family of origin and inner child work. She teaches self-improvement and parenting courses as well as facilitating a weekly co-dependency support group. She is the volunteer coordinator for Turning Points Center- a centre for single and young parents that supports them in completing grade 12 and post secondary education. Her "free" time is spent enjoying her 17 month old daughter, Mia, husband Dan, and reading, art,

exercising and studying to gain a deeper spiritual awareness. She brings to the community her commitment to helping people heal their lives.

- **Bethany Thorne-Dykstra** grew up in Havelock, NB, and graduated from UNB Fredericton with a Bachelor of Education Degree in 1984. She also graduated from the two-year N.B. Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program in 2000. Bethany supply taught for four years in the Havelock, Petitcodiac and Salisbury Public Schools (K-12), and has been a full-time dairy farmer and "work-at-home mom" for the past 20 years. The farm is a family business that involves the whole family including husband Reint-Jan (Ryan) and their four boys (John-Wiebe, 18; Gerald-Dwight, 16; Marten-Dan, 14; and Bradley-Reint, 12). Bethany ran as the Liberal candidate for the Petitcodiac Riding in the 2003 provincial election, and is currently President of the Petitcodiac District Liberal Riding.

* Long time BPW member **Maureen Craig McIntosh** retired in 2004 from the NB Department of Health after 29 years. The first 17 years, she worked with The Moncton Hospital and for the last 11 years has been with the Department of Health and Wellness. She is now working full time in her company, Moncton Reality Therapy Consultants, offering specialized training in the concepts of Choice Theory, Reality Therapy and Lead Management as well as seminars, private counseling and consulting.

* **Sheelagh Greek** is very excited to announce that her son Jeff and his wife Suzanne are expecting their first child, due in July. The happy couple lives in Ottawa. Congratulations, grandma!

* **Christine Cooper** has left her teaching job at Big Cove, and returned to Connecticut to care for her aging mother. For anyone wanting to send her greetings, her coordinates are as follows: 14 Green Street, Milford CT 06460 or phone 203-878-5263. I'm sure she'll be looking for a BPW club to join there. Good luck, Christine!

Mark this date! As you know, BPW Canada launched an Awareness-Advocacy-Action campaign at its biennial convention in Regina this summer. This program is designed to make BPW more effective as "the voice of working women" and help local clubs "create public opinion by making your opinion public." As part of this campaign, BPW Moncton will be meeting with Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe MP **Claudette Bradshaw** on Monday, January 24th, starting at noon at Don Cherry's Bar and Grill in the Champlain Place mall. The objective of the meeting is to give BPW members an opportunity to meet their MP, and to give Mrs Bradshaw some feedback on the Prime Minister's Task Force on Women Entrepreneurs. BPW Canada passed a resolution at convention this summer, endorsing the recommendations of this report and urging the federal government to begin implementation. BPW Provincial President **Sue Calhoun** is organizing this meeting. Please confirm your attendance with her.

If you have an accomplishment/appointment/event that you would like to share with Club members, please send your information to Sue Calhoun at scalhoun@nbnet.nb.ca a few days before the next meeting.

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