



BPW Abbotsford

Happy New Year!



Today we welcome **Brenda Gillette**, the Executive Director of the Society for Community Living in Chilliwack.

CLBC helps adults with developmental disabilities and their families achieve goals and live the life they want.

Ms Gillette was one of the recipients of the

2011 WOW Community Living BC Awards. This award is for outstanding contributions to community inclusion and full citizenship for individuals supported by the community living sector.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 16: 4:45 pm. Executive meeting. All members are invited to attend.

February 8: Kamal Dhillon, author of *Black & Blue Sari*

May 9th: 2012 Woman

of the Year Awards banquet.

June 2nd & 3rd: Provincial BPW Conference in Penticton.

June 21 to 24th: BPW Canada Convention in London, Ontario.

We encourage as many as our members as possible to attend these great events.



Executive 2011/2012

President: Joanne Chartrand

Vice-President: Maggie Reimer

Secretary: Maria Mach

Treasurer: Betty Tyson & Deborah Irwin

Past President: Connie Friesen

- Interested in helping with our major project, the **Woman of the Year Awards?** The committee is being formed and we could use more members from Abbotsford, to join with our Mission sisters in organizing this fantastic event.

- Do you know any women who have made a **noteworthy contribution** to the communities of Abbotsford or Mission? Must have been a resident of Abbotsford or Mission for at least 3 years and have not been nominated in the past 2 years for this prestigious award. Check out the website for more details and the nomination papers. www.bpwabbotsford.ca.

Need help with this process? Just ask Connie Friesen for further directions (conniefriesenbpw@gmail.com).

- Every member of our club has an opportunity to **present their business**, charity, etc. at a public meeting. You can speak for 2 minutes. In exchange, you will donate a basket of goodies/certificate, etc. worth \$50. This basket will be raffled off at \$5 per ticket and the proceeds will go to subsidize our annual membership dues.

NEW

All **members** of BPW Abbotsford have the Opportunity to advertise their business in our newsletter for FREE.

Just send your business-card-sized ad via e-mail to conniefriesenbpw@gmail.com and your ad will become part of the next newsletters.

More benefits for your membership fees.

We welcome you to join our club, even if you cannot attend every meeting. You would be supporting our vision.

Since our financial year runs from May to April, the fees for the remainder of this "year" are reduced.

Did You Know?



That Roberta Bondar was a past member of BPW and was a patron of BPW Canada?

www.bpwabbotsford.ca
www.bpwcanada.ca

Resolutions

The **resolution process** for BPW is a grass-roots initiative. It is the local clubs that create the resolution, present this resolution at either the provincial or national AGMs/conventions. Once the delegates have discussed and passed this resolution, it will then be included with other accepted resolutions in a brief to be sent to the elected officials. A resolution of international concern will be presented to the BPW International Congress.

- Wish you could work with a group on Resolutions to advocate for changes in government policies and provincial and federal laws? Then you should be talking to **Joanne Chartrand**. You can make a difference!

The **Business and Professional Women's clubs** develop the professional and leadership potential of women through education, awareness, advocacy and mentoring within a supportive network.

Interested? BPW Abbotsford holds its regular luncheon meetings every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Check out the website at www.bpwabbotsford.ca for more information and contact numbers.



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