

NDCW

NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Established 1918

November 8 @ 8 pm

Topic: Criminalization of HIV
A joint program with
Positive Living Niagara

Speaker: Cecile Kazatchkine
Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal
Network

December 13 @ 11:30

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Join us for a free luncheon
at the Library 11:30 - 1:30.
Please feel free to donate a
gift basket for our Raffle.

Topic: Migrant Workers

Speakers: Rev. Javier Arias
St. Alban's Anglican Church,
Beamsville and Jackie
Barrett-Greene, Niagara
Migrant Workers Interest
Group

January 10 @ 8 pm

Topic: Homelessness

Speaker Panel: Bethlehem
Place, YWCA, Niagara Falls
Community Health Centre,
Community Care RentSmart

"Working for the benefit of women, families, individuals & community since 1918"

Greetings to our Federated Group and Individual Members!

I'm pleased to report that Fall is proving to be a very busy and productive time for NDCW, starting with excellent speakers, good attendance and high interest in our first two public meetings.

September's program, "Human Trafficking in Canada", featured a well-versed panel of Staff Sergeant Shawn Clarkson and Detective Sergeant Chris Lemaich of the Niagara Regional Police; Suzanne Mason, Public Education Coordinator, Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre; and Positive Living's friend Leona, whose life experience and subsequent social action to help protect young women, moved us all.

Our October speaker, Darren Thomas, a lecturer at Wilfred Laurier University, gave an exceptional talk to a rapt audience on, as he noted earlier, *"The intent of the Indian Act, its role in the settlement process of Canada and how and why we must collectively as Indigenous and Allied peoples work toward a vision of equity, justice and fairness in Canada."*

On November 8th, thanks to our Social Justice Convenor Sarah Burtch, we're very much looking forward to an NDCW - Positive Living joint community forum, "HIV & Criminalization" and a screening of the film *Positive Women: Exposure to Injustice*, led by facilitator Cecile Kazatchkine of the Canada HIV/AIDS Legal Network.

Hope to see you soon,
Gracia Janes
President



WHAT'S NEW?

New Meeting Times!

Starting in November, our Business Meetings will start at 7:15 pm and the Public Speakers Forum starts at 8 pm.

Where?

Meetings are held in the Mills Room at the St. Catharines Centennial Library, 54 Church Street, St. Catharines.

#RedScarfNiagara

Positive Living Niagara is looking for knitters to help with their Red Scarf Project by knitting or crocheting a red scarf for AIDS Awareness Week. They have plenty of red yarn to go around, so if you'd like to help, please contact Wendy at wmatthews@positivelivingniagara.com

Christmas to Remember

Drop into Fairview Mall Nov. 17 - Dec 8 to enjoy May Court Club's fabulous Christmas display and enter their draw for lovely Christmas decor.



NDCW Board Members, Naheed Qureshi and Ann Porter Bonilla, attended the YWCA Niagara Leadership Summit for Women at Brock University on October 28th.



2017-2018 Proposed Resolutions

To vote on "in principle" at our November 8th meeting

National

1. National School Food Program
2. Update: Female Genital Mutilation
3. Update: Long-term Stewardship of Nuclear Waste
4. Update: Sewage Treatment / Wastewater Facilities

Provincial

1. Organic Regulation in Ontario
2. Fragrance Free Policy for Schools & Child Care Facilities
3. Update: Alcohol Promotion and Protection of Children from Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Child Development Delays

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