

NDCW

NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Established 1918

September 12 @ 7 pm

Topic: Women in Niagara Politics Forum with Debbie Zimmerman as Moderator. Speakers: We have invited all 21 women who are candidates for Mayor and Regional Councillor to speak and participate in questions.

October 10 @ 8 pm

Topic: Protecting the Great Lakes
Speaker: John Jackson, Great Lakes Expert and former President of Great Lakes United.

November 14 @ 8 pm

Topic: Is Niagara Ready for Legal Cannabis? Speakers: Patrick Robson and Bill MacDonald of Niagara College and Barbara Wiens of the Town of Pelham.

December 12 @ 11:30 am

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Join us for a free luncheon at the Library 11:30 - 1:30.

Donations of Gift Baskets are much appreciated fundraisers.

Topic: Community Living of Grimsby Lincoln & West Lincoln
Speaker: France Vaillancourt, Executive Director.

Dear Members,

It was an incredible spring and summer for our Niagara District Council of Women, featuring excellent programs on issues of importance to our community and exciting events to celebrate our 100th year. A poster display for our AGM was put together by Mary Potter, myself, Ann Porter Bonilla and Brock U volunteer Teresa Galbraith. It featured our founder Mary Malcolmson and presidents from the late 1970s to the present. This was also the focus of a June display at the St. Catharines Central Library arranged by Sophie Lakis.

A highlight of our celebrations was a spring outreach letter which was successful in engaging 9 new federated group members and individual members, most of whom joined us at the AGM. St. Catharines Mayor, Walter Sendzic, and MPP Jim Bradley brought congratulations from the City of St. Catharines and the Premier and we received a letter of praise from former MPP Cindy Forster. In late April, we gathered at Malcolmson Eco-Park to plant a City tree to honour Mary Malcolmson and then finished our celebrations off with the organization of the very successful 125th AGM for the National Council of Women of Canada June 8-10 at Niagara College. (These activities and photos are documented at www.ndcw.ca).

Your Board of Directors has planned an exciting range of programs for the 2018-2019 year that highlights important areas for the council: Women in Niagara Politics; Protecting the Great Lakes; Is Niagara Ready for Legal Cannabis; Community Living of Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln; Precarious Employment; How Schools Deal with Equity Issues; Resolutions and Women in Leadership.

We look forward to joining you there!

Gracia Janes, NDCW President



WHAT'S NEW?

Meeting Times!

Our Business Meetings start at 7:15 pm and the Public Speakers Forums begin at 8 pm.

Where?

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

Resolution Time!

It's Resolution Time and our voices need to be heard. Please call Gracia if you have an idea and our Resolutions Committee will help you put it together to send to NCWC or PCWO for voting next April and June.

Leadership Summit for Women

The Niagara Leadership Summit for Women is a full-day conference presented by YWCA Niagara on Saturday October 27 @ 9 am. For details, visit www.niagaralsw.ca

3rd Annual Spotlight Gala

The Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre Niagara is holding their Gala event on October 18 @ 6:30. For more information please visit www.kristenfrenchcacn.org



National Council of Women of Canada AGM Banquet at Benchmark Restaurant, Niagara College. Laura Donatelli NDCW, Mr. Pepper, Sheila Pepper of Ottawa, Mary Potter NDCW, Sheila Perry of Ottawa, Mr. Rose, NCWC President Sandra Cohen-Rose of Montreal, Ann Porter Bonilla NDCW.



New 2018 Policies & Updates

NCWC NATIONAL RESOLUTIONS

1. Women & Precarious Employment / Non-Standard Work- Adopted
2. Citizenship Education for New Canadians- Adopted
3. Citizenship for Immigrants and Refugees- Adopted
4. Reconciling with Canada's Aboriginal Peoples-Adopted
5. National School Food Program-Defeated-sent back for rewrite

Updates

1. Eliminating Indian Act Discrimination-Adopted
2. Female Genital Mutilation-Adopted
3. Sewage Treatment / Wastewater Facilities-Adopted
4. Long-Term Stewardship of Nuclear Waste-Adopted
5. Ending Administrative Segregation/Solitary Confinement in Canadian Prisons-Adopted

Emerging Issues Resolution

1. Gangs and Guns - Adopted and letter sent to government

PCWO PROVINCIAL RESOLUTIONS

1. Fragrance Free Policy for Schools & Child Care Facilities -Adopted
2. Organic Regulation in Ontario-Adopted
3. The Impact of Precarious Employment /Non-Standardized Work on Women-Adopted

Updates

1. Alcohol Promotion and Protection of Children from Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Child Development Delays

Reiteration

2015.1 UP Cessation of the Use of Segregation in Ontario Correctional Institutions

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