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# MANITOBA GRAM-A-GRAM



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## From the Desk of the GRL

### (Grandmothers *Regional Liaison*)

1) Preamble to Grandmother to Grandmother Campaign conference call write-up on file:

There is increasing interest, sharing and enjoyment from several regions east to west, across Canada, regarding the SLF initiated conference calls.

On August 15, 1920 at 11:30am the Grandmothers Campaign Call will feature:

#### 'USING SOCIAL MEDIA'

Learn how grandmothers' groups use Facebook to reach a wider audience and to promote fundraising ideas.

*(See p. 2 for an excerpt from the SLF for your ongoing awareness and involvement).*

2) Preamble to Fall Gathering Financial Report:

In April 2019 following the Fall Gathering on October 20, 2018 the Co-chairs of the Manitoba Region requested Grands 'n' More Winnipeg to maintain financial records on behalf of the MB Region. This request was taken and accepted by the Coordinating Committee of Grands 'n' More Winnipeg.

The Co-chairs of the Manitoba Region also decided that it was important to maintain 'seed money' to support expenses incurred by the MB Region in support of future events. Such expenses may include venue costs for future Fall Gatherings, honorariums for guest speakers, costs related to GRL travel (no billing has been presented for any GRL expenses to date). On hand, the MB Region has a balance of \$254.37.

*(See p. 2 for Financial Report).*

3) Closing comment:

It is our wish and desire that everybody take advantage of our precious summer months. While we are aware of fundraising events in the offing and all the busyness that this entails, remember to take time for yourselves, your families and your friends. Have a happy summer.

*Submitted by Cathie Hiller*

## Excerpt from SLF

### Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign Calls

The Grandmothers Campaign Team is hosting Campaign Calls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month as of April 2019. The calls are open to all members and groups as a way to share ideas, best practices, tips and tricks. To RSVP to these calls, please either email [campaign@stephenlewisfoundation.org](mailto:campaign@stephenlewisfoundation.org) or visit <http://grandmotherscampaign.org/get-involved/campaign-conference-calls/>

Based on the wonderful ideas brainstormed on the May GRL conference call, here is an updated proposed schedule for our Campaign Calls through the end of 2019.

**August 15** – Social Media - Facebook

**September 18** – Sponsorship and Grants

**October 17** – Presentations and Public Speaking

**November 21** – Recruitment

**December 21** – given that many groups will be winding down at this point for a break at the end of

the calendar year, perhaps this call could be an exchange of highlights from the fall and sneak peaks of what groups are looking forward to in the coming year.

In addition to these themes, additional ideas have been suggested, including:

- leadership capacity building
- group dynamics
- renewal cycle workshop

Perhaps we can explore opportunities to develop conference calls or workshop/webinar sessions to address these issues in addition to the monthly conference calls.

We continue to welcome your ideas for future topics; additional themes could include but are not limited to:

- Recruiting and engaging younger women to groups
- Building community partnerships
- Leadership structures and succession planning within groups
- Using technology: website, FB and online resources that groups use

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## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

### **MANITOBA REGION**

**AS AT JUNE 30, 2019**

	<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>EXPENSE</u></b>	<b><u>SENT TO S.L.F.</u></b>	<b><u>BALANCE</u></b>
Fall Gathering 2018	1,649.00	285.63	1,109.00	254.37
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,649.00</b>	<b>285.63</b>	<b>1,109.00</b>	<b>254.37</b>

*Submitted by Barb Fletcher*



## AROUND THE REGION

### Grandmothers Giving Portage La Prairie

The members of Grandmothers Giving have been very busy this spring. We held our annual Perennial Sale on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and an Annual Sale as part of the Peony Farmyard Sale on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Brenda Miller-Adams for organizing these events. Thanks also goes to the members of Fairholme Colony for once again providing Annuals and baked cinnamon buns.

Following the two plant sales another local Colony delivered some perennials to Brenda's home. She and another member of our group, Lois Peterson, decided to have a trunk sale at a local parking lot. As a result of the fast thinking by Brenda and Lois and the work and contributions of plants from members and our neighbouring Colonies Grandmothers Giving raised \$1924.95.

Grandmothers Giving once again held a very successful Virtual Walk to support the Stride to Turn the Tide Campaign. Several members asked for pledged online pledges and others received donations directly. Linda Sigurdson chaired this event and due to her efforts and the efforts of the members who participated the group raised approximately \$2400.00.

In addition to chairing the Stride to Turn the Tide Campaign, Linda Sigurdson has been acting as Co-Chair for Grandmothers Giving, as well as introducing a new fund-raising option of a 50/50 draw. She has been chairing this event and I am pleased to announce that as of the end of June, we have only about two books of tickets left. Our group decided to start small this year. However, due to the success of this venture, I believe we will hold other draws. The winning ticket will be pulled on September 16, 2019 at the Family Resource Centre in Portage la Prairie. Thank you to Linda for all she has taken on this year.

Our upcoming fundraising events are the annual BBQs held with the support of the Portage Co-op. Illona Fund is organizing the first BBQ to be held on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> and Peggy Mitchell is organizing the

second BBQ to be held on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are charging \$5.00 for a Hot dog meal and \$6.00 for a Smokie or Hamburger meal. Each meal includes one of these items as well as a bag of chips and a drink. We look forward to serving people during the lunch hour on those dates.

It is with some regret that Grandmothers Giving has decided not to hold a Fall Dinner this year. We have sadly lost some of our key helpers with the passing of Bernice Maxwell and the resignation of several other original members. We felt it was too great a task for the remaining members to take on at this time. Therefore, we will be discussing other options for events.

I would also like to take this time to thank Grands 'n' More Winnipeg for hosting such a wonderful Spring Luncheon on May 29<sup>th</sup> at Riverwood Square Retirement Living. Tina Lequier, Emily Wall, Linda Muirhead and I attended and were delighted with the food and entertainment.

*Submitted by Kathy Wightman - Co-Chair*



Grandmothers Giving

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In co-operation with  
Portage Co-op Food Store

## BARBEQUE

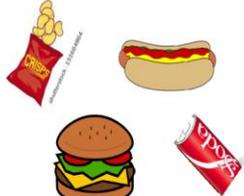
DATE: Friday, July 5, 2019

TIME: 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Portage Co-op Food Store  
Saskatchewan Ave W.  
Hot dog meal \$5.00  
Hamburger or Smokie meal \$6.00



Proceeds donated to:



## Grands On The Red Selkirk

Grands On the Red continues to grow and is considering fundraising options.

Recently we received a wonderful donation of Bling from one of our crafters. As a group we are considering how best to present and offer this wonderful gift for sale.

Our Fall Potluck Supper, nut free, is scheduled for 5:30pm Friday, September 27, 2019 at Selkirk United Church. Tickets are \$10. each.

(Cathie Hiller has several Potluck tickets (10) in her possession. Three are already sold. Please contact Cathie at [wpggrannies@gmail.com](mailto:wpggrannies@gmail.com) if you would like to attend and support this fundraising event).

Winter plans are formulating. We are looking for opportunities to network and educate in our area.

*Submitted by Kay Shewfelt Boyd*

### **POTLUCK SUPPER**

Friday, Sept. 27, 2019

5:30 to 8:00 PM - Supper at 6:30

*Grands on the Red*



\$10.00 Plus bring a nut free potluck item

50/50 draw - Craft Sale - Door Prizes

Our AGM was pleased to host the Ghanaian Union Choir. Their joyful music had us on our feet dancing and singing and laughing. What an exceptional treat for all of us.



On June 26<sup>th</sup> a group made the Trek to Treherne, to share a meal, and explore the surrounding community with Grannies Go2gether. Another group set up a table for awareness and sales at the Urban Retreat Garden Tour.

Of course, most of you know about *Art from the Attic*. Well, AFTA 5 is well into production now. Art is being collected, refurbished and priced by our wonderful volunteers. If you have any Art pieces that you would like to find a new home for... AFTA 5 is your answer. Our contact phone number is 204 270-8447, or email: [gnmAFTA@gmail.com](mailto:gnmAFTA@gmail.com). The sale is Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019 from 10:30 am-4:00pm at the Norwood Community Centre, 87 Walmer Street. MC/VISA/ cash or cheque will be accepted.

Please try to keep that date open for yourselves. You won't be disappointed.

We at Grands 'n' More Winnipeg wish all of you Happy Summer Days.

*Submitted by Barb Linklater*

## Grands 'n' More Winnipeg

Hello friends. Here we are, once again, at the end of another very busy and fruitful year. I am sure that all the grand members working for the Stephen Lewis foundation in Manitoba are looking forward to a relaxing and re-creation-al summer.

I am pleased to tell you that for their part, Grands 'n' More Winnipeg is grateful to be able to say that, from 2007 to date, they have sent exactly \$585,018.15 to the SLF. This is such an encouraging and uplifting fact for us all but it is not the only mark of success we have been given. Our members have worked diligently and consistently all winter and into the summer raising Awareness for African Grandmothers and continue to do so.



## Sharing with Grandmothers Winnipeg

On Saturday, June 8, members of the Sharing with Grandmothers group and a few Grandmothers lined up their cars in the parking lot of Messiah Lutheran Church in Westwood and threw open their trunks. That's about all the prep it takes to set up this garage sale from the trunks of our cars. Some goods were arranged around the cars as well. The previous evening's rain had stopped and the sun came out in time for a steady stream of treasure seekers to check out the sale. Some people were drawn in out of curiosity as to what a "trunk" sale is.

(We did sell one actual trunk!)

There were lots of visiting and opportunities to talk about the Grandmothers Campaign. We had copies of *Grassroots* to give shoppers for more information.

Later in the morning, when the rain began to sprinkle and there were fewer customers in sight, it was time to pack up. Again, clean-up is a quick and easy job as each person is responsible to repack their trunks with any leftover items and head on their way. A quick and easy fundraiser!

*Submitted by Diane Ward*



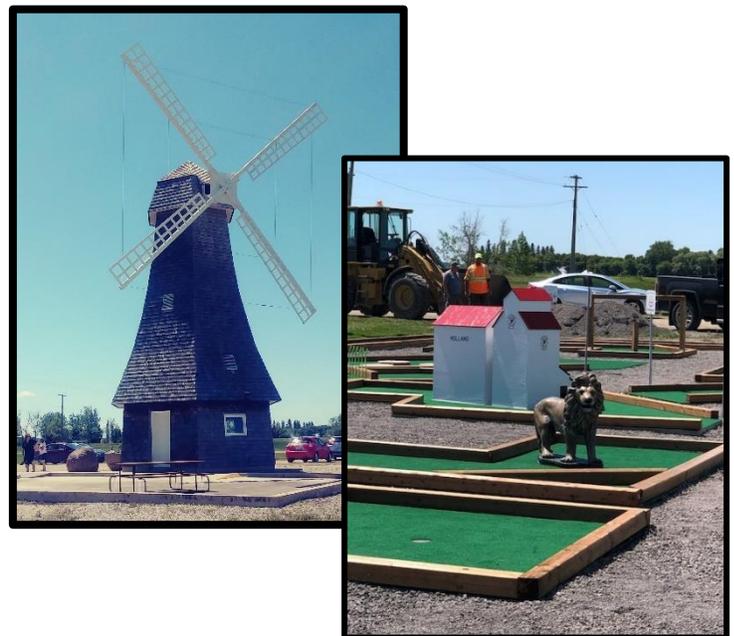
## Grannies Go2gether (Treherne, Rathwell, Holland)

On June 26, our group hosted eleven members of Grands 'n' More Winnipeg.

Our first stop was the Treherne Friendship Centre where a delicious lunch was served by the Senior Meal program.



Then a quick stop at the Treherne bakery so that everyone could stock up on some special goodies.



Before 2pm we headed down the road to Holland. Our first stop was the park off the highway which features a very large windmill and a recently completed miniature golf course.

Moving on from there, we dropped in for a tour of the new United Church. What a beautiful spot to sit awhile in some comfortable pews. The former church on that site was struck by lightning and burned in 2015.



Our final stop was the Art Gallery/Boutique on the main street of Holland. The exhibit was called Christmas in July, a display of quilts by the local quilters group. The staff there served some refreshing iced tea as we shopped for treasures in the boutique.



From there we walked the block to meet our guide at the Emmanuel Anglican church, a designated municipal Heritage Site. This beautiful little church with exquisite stained-glass windows was built in 1894.



And then it was on our way home after a very pleasant day in June.

Until next year.

*Submitted by Shirley Tate, Nancy Smart, Sandra Rex*



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