



Grands 'n' More Winnipeg

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Events:

Member Meeting

Thurs. April 4 7 pm

Riverview Community Centre

6th Annual Scrabble Fundraiser

Sat. April 13 1-3pm

St. Andrew's Church, 2700 Portage

Potluck Luncheon

Tues. April 16 12:00 Noon

St. Mary Magdalene Church,
3 St. Vital Road



MEMBER MEETING

We shared our March Member Meeting with Grannies Gone Global. Their hospitality was truly amazing, and you will read all about it in Deb's report. A grand time was had by all.

April is full of fun and exciting happenings. Our next Member Meeting is April 4 and will be led by Frances Molaro, Kim Taylor and Charlene Gustafson. They will be showing the film *City of Joy* in conjunction with a project study they are preparing for the evening. The Awareness team has also been asked to do a presentation at Temple Shalom on April 3. The Fundraising team will be accompanying them to display and sell our exceptional merchandise.

Scrabble For Africa will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall, 2700 Portage Ave. on April 13 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. This is probably one of the most entertaining events you will enjoy this year with lots of prizes, a raffle, tasty refreshments and, of course, Scrabble. We guarantee you great wins for a toonie a cheat. You can purchase raffle tickets for a simply beautiful baby quilt or a basket of wine or a gorgeous wall hanging. You really don't want to miss this event.

Then on April 16, Grands 'n' More Winnipeg members have been asked to join in on the Potluck luncheon at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 3 St. Vital Road. Our Awareness team will be on hand with an enlightening presentation and, as you know, the lunches at these events are always delicious.

That takes us into May and all the activities it will bring. Once again, we will be having our Mother's Day sale at Grant Park Mall. There is a Fundraising Luncheon being planned for May 29 and much, much more.

You will be hearing about all of this in the next newsletter.

Stay tuned.

Submitted by Barbara Linklater



On Thursday, March 7 a dozen members of Grands 'n' More Winnipeg ventured to share a meal and an art activity with the St. John's Grannies. We were warmly welcomed by the smiles of the North End grannies and enhanced by the smells of chili, fresh bannock and fry bread.



The new group teacher leaders, Tala Gammon and Jenikka Lumbera, introduced themselves and warmly welcomed us to St. John's. Deb Radi, on behalf of Grands 'n' More Winnipeg, thanked the group for their invitation to share a meal and do an art activity together. Nina invited the grannies to join us for our Scrabble Event in April as they have in past years. Hopefully they will make it again this year!

The St. John's grandmothers, anticipating our arrival, had been cooking since 4 pm, creating delicious varieties of chili ranging from mild to hot or vegetarian depending on your palate and preference. A special treat was the fry bread version of traditional bannock as well as traditional bannock. Dessert was chocolate cake and a special Pilipino banana treat supplied by Jenikka.



After dinner, we continued our conversations while Barb Linklater, with Donnie Fridfinnson, shared the crayoning activity with the group. Everyone embraced the art activity with enthusiasm creating frameable works of art. Barb also encouraged the grannies to do this as an art activity with their grandchildren - much to the delight of the women present.

As always, we enjoy the heart-warming conversations and connections with the North End grannies who are raising their grandchildren and, in some cases, great grandchildren! It is always fun to see familiar faces and to meet new members of their group and to share an evening of friendship and solidarity together.

Thank you to all who drove and attended our annual get together with the St. John's Grannies of Grannies Gone Global. Hopefully we will continue the tradition in 2020 with our group hosting the event.

Submitted by Deb Radi



From the Desk of the GRL

Last month, I informed you that the SLF would provide an opportunity for new members, and all members for that matter, to engage in conversation with the Grandmother Campaign Officers. The call would take place on the 3rd Monday of each month at 11:30 am CST.

Today, I would like to talk a little bit more regarding this opportunity and why you may enjoy it and wish to engage in conversation with members across Canada.



Interested in Joining the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign?

Monthly Campaign Information Calls give new members and those wanting to get involved an opportunity to learn more about the Campaign and ask questions. Join us!

Monday, March 18, 2018 12:30 pm EST

Send us a FB message or email campaign@stephenlewisfoundation.org for more information or to RSVP

It has been decided that each month the conversations will cover a theme. Please note the following direct from a recent GRL correspondence: April 18: Recruiting and retaining new members, an information and best practices/tips and tricks exchange.

May 16: Rejuvenating members - the fun, social and educational components to groups and the relationships you create within groups.

June 20: Fundraising: ideas exchange, tips and tricks. Fundraising catalogue as a resource. Maybe queue up a group or two that have successfully applied for grants to also talk about grants as a way to support their fundraising and awareness raising - we could do this as a separate call if there was a lot of interest.

July 18: Engaging youth – finding opportunities for awareness raising and fundraising with young people. (Should the summer months not be optimal for a call, another date could be considered.)

Please contact Asmita Persaud at the SLF regarding your intention to participate. Her email is:

apersaud@stephenlewisfoundation.org

Conference call: 1-888-884-4538,

Guest Code: 3443606#

Submitted by Cathie Hiller

Scrabble For Africa



In the five years we have been doing the Scrabble Fundraiser, we have raised \$34,612.84. That is an average of \$6922.00 per year, but it is actually more because we made enough money the first year to buy all the Scrabble games we use. This is a major fundraiser and we want it to be successful, so please make an effort to come out and play and bring others with you.

We have volunteers for every position. We have Scrabble prizes. Raffle tickets are being sold. Now we need PLAYERS for our Fundraiser. Only 14 registered at the time of this newsletter (only 4 Grands 'n' More Winnipeg members!!!!). Please sign up and get your family and friends to participate.

At the next Member Meeting on Thursday, April 4, please bring any sold raffle tickets and money. Books of tickets will be available and can be sold up until the Scrabble Fundraiser on April 13. We now have 3 bottles of wine for our Wine Basket prize and could use a few more. Prizes can also be brought to the Member Meeting.

This may be the last Scrabble fundraiser. We need your support.

Submitted by Nina Logan, Deb Radi and Pat van Herksen



AFTA 5

On February 28, several members attended a meeting to discuss and take on those leadership roles required to get the ball rolling for an AFTA 5. However, and this is a big HOWEVER, AFTA 5 is contingent on finding storage space to receive, sort, price, and store donated artworks. While we have several possible leads, there are no bites yet. Thank you to all of those who are actively looking into possible locations. If you have any ideas, please get in touch with Heather Colquhoun or Donnie Fridfinnson.

Submitted by Barbara Linklater

Volunteers Needed

It's spring and invitations for sales and presentations arise more frequently. We need a few volunteers to staff Awareness tables on these occasions.

Contact: Frances Molaro francescam@mymts.net or Kim Taylor ktaylor1@hotmail.com



Photo by Alexis MacDonald

City of Joy

Stephen Lewis Foundation is one of many funders of the "City of Joy" in Bukavu, D.R.C. It is about a community of women healing mind and body after suffering sexual violence.

- On Netflix there is a full length documentary. Look under documentaries, then "City of Joy"

- On YouTube as "City of Joy" you can see the official trailer of the documentary.

At the April 4 Member Meeting we will watch a segment.

One of the *Areas of Work* of the S.L.F. is Sexual Violence vs. Women and Girls and HIV/AIDS.

SLF is also a funder of the *African Institute for Integrated Responses to Violence Against Women and Girls and HIV/AIDS* abbreviated as A.I.R.

<http://airforafrica.org/>

Grannies Go2gether (Treherne, Rathwell, Holland) Announce a Special Event for the interest of members in the Manitoba Region

The Grannies Go2gether group have invited an area resident, Linda Jonk, to show slides and speak about her recent trip to Africa. Just after Christmas, Linda, her husband Tim and their family including the four African children that they adopted some years ago travelled to Africa to visit the families and communities of their adoptive children. In her presentation, Linda hopes to illustrate the rich heritage and culture of Africa and to share her images, her experiences and her ongoing desire for the support of the African people as they develop their own health care and education.

Our group welcomes this opportunity to educate those who attend about the Stephen Lewis Foundation and to hi-lite the efforts of our small group to raise funds in support of African grandmothers. Anyone who is interested in the work of Grannies Go2gether is most welcome to join us in our local efforts.

All are welcome to join us at Treherne United Church on Thursday, April 4 at 2p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Rex and Shirley Tate



Grands'n'More

Winnipeg

invites you to a

Potluck Luncheon

Video

***2 Grandmothers' Stories
with Stephen Lewis***

**Tuesday, April 16, 2019
12:00 noon**

**St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church
3 St. Vital Road**

Tickets: \$10.00 each plus a Potluck item

For tickets, contact: Barb (204) 257-7511 or barbfletcher@shaw.ca

Proceeds go to the Grandmothers to
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Stephen Lewis Foundation

