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MEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE

Fri. Sept. 6 7 pm

Riverview Community Centre.

The Member Meeting for Thurs. Sept. 5 has been moved to Friday Sept 6. This is due to advance Polling happening at the Community Club on Thursday. We know a Friday might be difficult for some of you and we tried, unsuccessfully, for several other dates. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Co-Chairs Donnie Fridfinnson and Barb Linklater

AFTA 5

Sun. Sept. 29 10:30am – 4:00pm
Norwood Community Centre
87 Walmer St.



Hello to you all. Here we are once again seeing August slip away and are reluctant to say Goodbye to summer. However, we 'Peggery' know a thing or two about the turning of the seasons. We are all aware that summer can last well into fall and haven't we learned to act accordingly? Our teams at Grands 'n' More Winnipeg are doing just that - enjoying every one of these beautiful summer days while planning and preparing for projects and events for the oncoming year.

AFTA volunteers have been busy cleaning, sorting and pricing the donations of art that have been steadily coming in throughout the summer. Pockit Self Storage, located on Burrows Ave., has generously donated the storage and workspace for us this year, and in addition are accepting art that is dropped off by the general public.

We are still looking for donations so if you find yourself with hangable art that you are no longer interested in keeping, please consider donating it to this great cause. An AFTA volunteer will arrange to either pick up the art or will let you know where to drop it off. Call (204) 270-8447.

Sunday, September 29, 10:30 am – 4:00 pm at Norwood Community Centre is the Art From the Attic sale date. Prints, paintings, drawings, framed fabric art, and more will be offered for sale. Mark your calendars!

Many of you have been inquiring about Grands 'n' More Winnipeg T-shirts. They have been ordered and, hopefully, will be available for our Membership Meeting in September.

And one more important item. If any of you have friends, family or acquaintances who you think might be interested in joining Grands 'n' More Winnipeg, please encourage them to do so. We are very proud of our members and hope to be able to recruit some fresh faces with fresh ideas.

Take Care.

Submitted by Barbara Linklater

SNIPPETS from the ANNUAL MEETING, June 6, 2019



Fundraising Report
Nina Logan



Stan Croall handing on Membership
Chair to Agnes Brydon



Financial Report
Barb Fletcher



Barb Linklater presenting honorarium
to Riverview CC



Photos by
Jean Sorko



Maggie Yeboah, president of
The Ghanaian Union of Manitoba Choir,
responds to presentation by Cathie Hiller



WHAT IS YOUR PASSION?

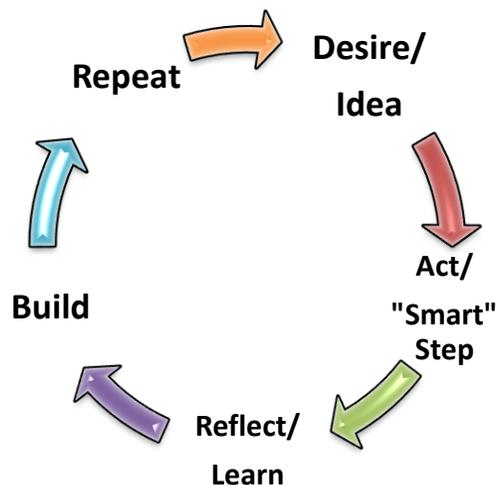
I think I'm the only person who could read an article in Paddling Magazine that summarized an impromptu canoe trip the writer organized and relate it back to the amazing work of Grands 'n' More Winnipeg members. The connect? Scott MacGregor, the article's author, is friends with a former writer and editor of Business Week, Paul Brown. Brown wrote an article in Forbes titled, "If You Want to be Successful, Don't Spend Too Much Time Planning: A Case Study." MacGregor drew from Brown's article to describe how his desire to spend the weekend paddling was successful. And as I read, I was saying to myself, 'these basic concepts describe why I think Grands 'n' More Winnipeg has been so successful'. Perhaps members can think of these concepts as we move into a new year, looking for new ideas for fundraising and raising awareness.

Brown contends that success begins with a few simple steps:

"1. Start with desire. You find/think of something you want. You don't need a lot of passion; you only need sufficient desire to get started". Isn't that how the Bag Project got started? or AFTA, Scrabble for Africa, It's OK to Rant, this Spring's luncheon at Riverview, shortbread sales, or Warm Up to Winnipeg? Not an exhaustive list for sure, but didn't somebody start these projects by saying, "What if we tried....."?

"2. Take a smart step as quickly as possible toward the goal. What's a smart step? It's one where you act quickly with the means at hand. What you know, who you know, and anything else that's available." AFTA was at risk of not happening this year, but once again our members turned their desire and passion into smart steps. Team leaders came forward, every possible lead was pursued, and the space we needed to get started was found. Then step by step, building on accumulative experience of past sales, we are on our way to another successful AFTA 5.

"3. Reflect and build on what you have learned from taking that step. You need to do that because every time you act reality changes."



When certain materials for bags became hard to source or too expensive, new bags and unique products were designed and put into production. When AFTA customers complained about having to wait in line in the cold and wet, the following year a sponsor for canopies was found. Grands 'n' More Winnipeg members are pros at adapting and finding new ways to make things work better.

"4. Repeat. Act. Learn. Build. Repeat. This is what defeats uncertainty.... providing that you actually start and try to make your idea a reality."

To help get good ideas started, Grands 'n' More Winnipeg developed a Project Guideline that is available to any member wanting to propose a new project.

So, this fall, will Grands 'n' More Winnipeg take on a new project (or two)? Will we branch out into new areas? At our first member meeting this fall, we hope to explore new ideas and everyone's input will be important. Perhaps you have a desire to put an idea into action!

Submitted by Donnie Fridfinnson

This is an opportunity to purchase a maroon Grands 'n' More Winnipeg T-Shirt.

If you had indicated wanting to get a T-shirt earlier in the year, please re-confirm now to make sure you don't get missed.

Please indicate your size. Sizes available are: **S M L XL XXL**

Let me know if you want to purchase a shirt. **COST \$20.00**

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PLANT SALE

at the September Member Meeting

For those who have been at our September meetings, you may recall that for the past two Septembers house plants were 'on offer'. It's happening again. There will be many pots, and a variety of plants to choose from.

They are not priced, but the hope/expectation is that you donate what you wish. All the funds go to the SLF.

There will be LOTS of spider plants, of varying sizes. Also, aloe vera, assorted ivies, eyelash begonia, a couple of jade plants and two whose names I don't know/remember - one has little white flowers, the other one has dark reddish leaves and small purple flowers.

This is a good way to add to – or begin – your houseplant collection, as we head into fall and winter. Plus, it supports the African Grandmothers. I will include "Care Instructions" with each plant.

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Submitted by Jean Altemeyer

Folklorama African Pavilion

Perhaps not all members know that the African Pavilion of Folklorama offers Grands 'n' More Winnipeg a free table to promote Awareness. (no sales). We also pass out AFTA cards.

Thanks to the people who have volunteered several hours of an evening in recent years: Agnes, Barbara Ann, Charlene, Claudia, Deb, Diane, Dorothy, Frances, Jacky, Jo, Ken, Kim, Liz, Modou, Pat, René, Sharon, Shirley, Stella, Sue



Charleen Gustafson at the Awareness Table
Photo by Deb Radi

Submitted by Frances Molaro

GRL Report:

A) Ruth-Anne Seburn is the new Manitoba Region Grandmothers Campaign Officer at the Stephen Lewis Foundation. On the August 6, 2019 GRL conference call, Ruth-Anne was introduced to all of the GRLs and in particular to the various Regions with whom she will have involvement. She hails from Winnipeg. Ruth-Anne has studied in the areas of International and Policy Development. I hope to provide a more personal and complete introduction of Ruth-Anne in the September Gram-a-Gram.

We say adieu to Asmita Persaud and wish her well as she commences her maternity leave. We are most appreciative of the support and encouragement Asmita provided to our Manitoba Region over the past two years. She will take on a new role with the SLF upon her return to work.

B) Grands on the Red will be holding a Potluck Supper at the United Church, 202 McLean Avenue, Selkirk MB on September 27, 2019. I have 8 tickets remaining to sell. Please contact me at wpggrannies@gmail.com in order to support our newest grandmother group in their fundraising endeavours. \$10 and bring a dish.

POTLUCK SUPPER
Friday, Sept. 27, 2019
5:30 to 8:00 PM - Supper at 6:30

Grands on the Red
Selkirk, Manitoba



\$10.00 Plus bring a nut free potluck item
50/50 draw - Craft Sale - Door Prizes

Submitted by Cathie Hiller

Many of us in Grands 'n' More Winnipeg know Modou Sall, one of our members. The good news for Modou is that he has found work. The bad news for us is that he had to move to Ottawa. We thank him for volunteering his time and energy to Grands 'n' More Winnipeg. We wish him the best of luck for the future.

Excerpts from the Granny Bulletin: August 2019

August is an important month for the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign. It marks the anniversary of the Campaign's launch back in 2006. It was 13 years ago this week that 100 African grandmothers and 200 Canadian grandmothers gathered together in Toronto, creating the blueprint for a grandmother-led social justice movement.

In just 13 years, grandmothers groups have collectively raised over \$33 million dollars. This mind-boggling achievement was possible because of countless hours of collaborative work, thousands of fundraisers, and the passion and solidarity of Campaign members that inspires support for your work. This is what you meant when you said, "We will not rest until they can rest," and based on the number of events that have already been planned for Fall 2019, the momentum of the Campaign continues to surge forward.



Canadian and African grandmothers read the Toronto Statement.
Photo by Scott Morgan

We are dedicated to finding ways to make it clear that Africa's grandmothers hold a place in our hearts and in our thoughts not just today, but each day. We are acutely conscious of the enormous debt owed to a generation of women who spent their youth freeing Africa, their middle age reviving it, and their older lives sustaining it. We will not rest until they can rest.

Toronto Statement, 13 August 2006

