



Grands 'n' More Winnipeg

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Events:

Member Meeting

Thurs. Feb.6 7 pm

Riverview Community Centre

90 Ashland Ave.

Boston Pizza Night

March 11 (tentative date)

1630 Kenaston Blvd.

Comedy Night

May 8

Charleswood United Church

4820 Roblin Blvd.

AFTA 6

September 13

St. Vital Shopping Centre



News from the Co-Chairs

The New Year is upon us! Our plan for three major fundraisers in 2020 is now an even more important focus.

Coming up first is a Boston Pizza Night tentatively scheduled for March 11 at the Kenaston location. Plans are that this endeavour will result in a donation to Grands 'n' More Winnipeg of \$1.00 for each pizza sold that night. All we have to do is advertise the event and have volunteers present to answer questions. We can use our placemats and have an awareness table too if there is room. We may be able to do this at other locations as well. Contact: Sharon Twilley.

Second is Comedy Night. The contract is signed for May 8 at Charleswood United Church. Some comedians will entertain (Lara Rae with Cara Lytwyn confirmed) and a celebrity MC to move things along. A Rainbow Auction (always fun) is also planned. Coming up soon are printing tickets, posters, advertising and selling tickets to this fun event. Contacts: Nina Logan and Heather Colquhoun.

Third on the fundraising agenda is Art From The Attic 2020. This AFTA will be our sixth year in a row! This year, for the first time, the venue is St. Vital Shopping Centre. The date is Sunday, September 13. We are fortunate to have great support from experienced St. Vital staff. But, as you know, this is a huge event requiring many volunteers. Planning is well underway; there will be many new and exciting volunteer opportunities. Contact: Jean Altemeyer. (cont. p.2)



In a bit of a holding pattern is the Warm Up to Winnipeg scarves donation project. The challenge for us is to find new opportunities for folks to buy the scarves for donations to refugee families in Winnipeg. It's worth the effort! Take a look at the Thank You card from Flora Aruna, Life Skills Services, MIIC - Welcome Place.

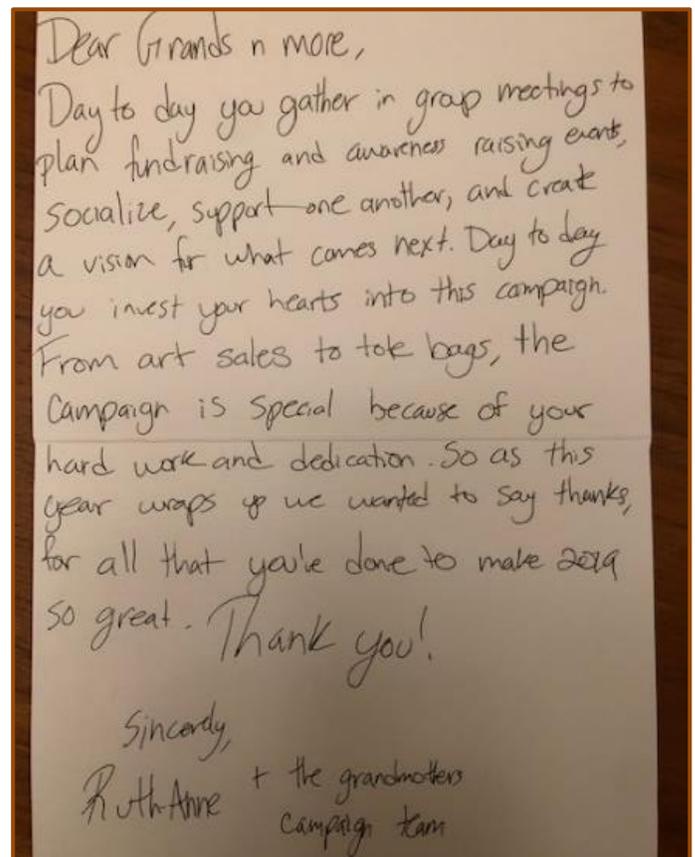
The Sewing Project is winding down with the sewers working on a small tote to use the remaining suede material. Left over cotton is being used to make mega bags for oversized iPhones. That will likely provide us with enough inventory for another year! And you never know - a new Sewing Coordinator might present herself.

Of special note is this warm, handwritten Thank You message from Ruth-Anne and the Stephen Lewis Foundation staff.

As always the message speaks directly to the projects we are working on and the 'investment' of our hearts to the cause.

Although we don't do it for the thanks, it feels good, doesn't it?

Submitted by Fran Gropp and Donnie Fridfinnson



Note from the GRL Sharon Twilley

I have already taken up too much ink in the Gram-A-Gram so will keep this very short.

There are a number of telephone Campaign Conference Calls coming up which are open to Grandmothers group members. SLF staff set the agenda and offer information, with time for discussion.

Feb. 20: Online Fundraising webinar (tutorial)

March 19: Campaign Messaging for Communications

April 16: Donor Stewardship

May 21: Engaging Youth.

Summaries of previous calls are available on the Campaign website: <http://grandmotherscampaign.org/>

To participate, email campaign@stephenlewisfoundation.org a day or so ahead for instructions.

Warm Up to Winnipeg is Winding Down

About 10 of us met early in January to discuss how to proceed with WUW. This project started about 10 years ago. However, given the (eventual) winding-down of the bag project – whose sales provided us with the most chances to get scarves donated - and the lack of upcoming events/sales opportunities in these winter months, we explored options. Do we continue as we have, or give all the inventory away, or maybe offer them for sale (buyers would keep the scarves), thus bring WUW to a close.

As we still have over 100 scarves ‘warming’ Jean’s office floor, we would like to get as many as possible donated to Welcome Place, and send as much money as possible to the SLF. We settled on a plan to end this project:

- Some folks donated scarves the day we met.
- Folks who were at the meeting are promoting WUW to their networks (e-mail, Facebook, Instagram, in person, at gatherings of other groups they belong to, etc.).
- The request for scarf donations is posted on the website, and in this item you are reading. DO, please, contact Jean to donate scarves (jeanaltemeyer@shaw.ca).
- Scarves will be available for donation at the Feb. Member Meeting.
- For scarves still in our inventory by mid-February, Jean will contact the makers of those items to see if they wish to have the item(s) returned to them, and they can do what they wish with them.

Submitted by Jean Altemeyer



From L to R: Jo Millard, Sharon Twilley, Barbara-Ann Bryant-Anstie, Marg Unruh, Bonnie Makodanski, Barb Fletcher, Claudia Kuryk-Serray, Val Ross, Geri Lowe, Jean Altemeyer

Member Meeting December 5, 2019

Our guest at the meeting was Shauna Fay of Nine Circles Clinic. The health service clinic called Nine Circles is located on Broadway Avenue, between Gordon Bell High and Thompson Funeral Home, across the street from Nygaard Fashions.



Sharon Twilley, Shauna Fay, Frances Molaro

‘Harm Reduction’ lies at the foundation of their services for S.T.B.B.I. We knew that S.T. stands for Sexually Transmitted and Thelma Hanson knew that B.B. stands for Blood-Borne: Chlamydia, Syphilis, Hepatitis C and HIV Infections.

For Winnipeg’s population two clinics, Nine Circles and a specific clinic at Health Sciences Centre, test for and treat these types of disease. Approximately 600 people are served by each. In Brandon the clinic is named for its location on 7th Street. Live Video Link is available to health stations in other areas of the province.

Shauna asked us to NOT link the abbreviations HIV and AIDS. The aim of treatment for HIV is to prevent HIV infection from becoming AIDS.

We are referred to www.ninecircles.ca to explore all the programs and services to prevent and treat these infections.

Submitted by Frances Molaro



FUND RAISING

At our last Member Meeting, we had another very successful Shortbread sale. Vera and her husband, Horst Rosolowich, were once again baking their delightful shortbread cookies for our members to buy. In addition to the pre-orders, there were extra dozens for those who missed their chance the first time. Almost 50 dozen cookies were made and sold with the proceeds going to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. We are so blessed to have these two kind elves who make our holidays a little tastier and support the Grandmothers and their grandchildren in sub-Saharan Africa.



Shortbread cookies for sale

Also at our December meeting, Angela Lamboo, the Origami Owl Jewellery lady, held the second of three sales to raise money for SLF through the Laurel Garvie Memorial Fundraiser. Angela did a home party as well as a sale at St. Andrew's church. She took no commission, donating her time and energy to this very just cause. As a result, \$825.00 will be sent to SLF.

Thank you very much to Angela and all those who participated in the sales.

Our next upcoming event is "Comedy Night". This will take place on the evening of Friday, May 8, 2020 at the Charleswood United Church. Our committee has met twice now and things seem to be falling into place very well. We have lined up 4 comedians who will donate their time to make us laugh. It will be a family friendly show, so consider inviting friends and family to this show. Tickets make a lovely Mother's Day Gift. We hope to have a large Rainbow Auction, so we will need your help. Please consider donating new items which can be used to create the prize packages. Possible Themes include - Chocolate

Lovers- Just for Pets- Kitchen Cravings- Ladies Only- For the Guys- Weekend Fun- From Africa with Love- Warm and Cozy- BBQ Season- Wine Lovers and more. Starting in February, you can bring items to the meeting and give them to Nina who is collecting for the event. There will be a 50/50 draw and AFTA ticket sales as well. We still need three more volunteers, so check the date on your calendars and please be ready when asked.

Submitted by Nina Logan and Pat van Herksen



Photos
by
Jean
Sorko



Origami Owl Jewellery Sale

Our sincere condolences go out to Geri Lowe on the passing of her husband Montie, on January 15, 2020. Our thoughts are also with Marg Unruh and Geri's entire family.

A Celebration of Life reception will be held at the First Unitarian Universalist Church on Monday, January 27 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a tribute at 2:30 p.m.

Donations to the Kidney Foundation of Canada, in Montie's memory, are appreciated.

This Year's AFTA Raffle is Ready to Launch!

Our aim is to have the raffle tickets ready for members to take at the February Member Meeting to begin selling to support and promote AFTA 6.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. We hope that you will take many books to sell out our AFTA raffle! We will also have a promotional photo poster ready as well for those members who would like to show the prizes to their ticket purchasers. We are excited about the quality of the art themed prizes that have been generously donated by various artists this year.

Our **first prize** is a stained glass installation which has been created especially for Grands 'n' More Winnipeg by Gerri Weigeldt. Canning and quilting, traditional Canadian crafts, are represented in this piece where she has cleverly incorporated old Canadian glass canning lids among the quilt-like pieces of stained glass.

Our **second prize** is a ceramic platter created by Veronica Gillis who is a Fine Arts graduate from the University of Manitoba, majoring in ceramics.

Our **third prize** is a queen-sized black/white/red quilt created by Sue Hudson, our resident quilt donor. Grands 'n' More Winnipeg has been the recipient of many of Sue's beautiful quilts and this one is no exception!

Come out to our February meeting to see the beauty of these generous donations!

Can't make the meeting but still want to sell tickets - contact Deb Radi by email dradi@mymts.net or by phone (204) 254-1889 and we will get tickets to you!

Submitted by Deb Radi, Raffle Coordinator, with Donnie Fridfinnson & Jean Altemeyer, AFTA 6 Coordinators



AFTA 2020 RAFFLE PRIZES

Ticket Price:

\$2 each or 3 for \$5



FIRST PRIZE

Stained Glass Panel (19" x 19.5")

Created by: Gerri Weigeldt

Canning and quilting, traditional Canadian crafts, are represented in this piece. The artist has cleverly incorporated old Canadian glass canning lids among the quilt-like pieces of stained glass.



SECOND PRIZE

Ceramic Platter (16.75")

Created by: Veronica Gillis

Veronica Gillis is a Fine Arts graduate from the University of Manitoba, majoring in Ceramics. She is currently on maternity leave from teaching art and can be contacted at veronica.gillis@gmail.com.



THIRD PRIZE

Queen-Size Quilt (Approx. 66" x 66")

*Created by: Sue Hudson
Quilted by: Heidi Awender*

Heidi Awender, of *Endless Sky Quiltworks*, enjoys the creativity that long arm quilting provides, and the challenge each beautifully designed quilt offers. She can be contacted at: esq@mts.net; 204-322-5181; or 204-461-0020.

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