



# Grands 'n' More Winnipeg

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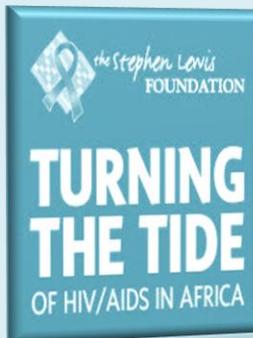
**Events:**

**Member Meeting**

Thurs. Oct. 28 7 - 9pm

Riverview Community Centre

90 Ashland



Articles for the newsletter are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.



### News from the Co-Chairs

**Where From Here?**

Thanks to all who have responded to our survey. The return rate is good so far, but if you haven't responded yet, please do so! Your views are necessary to plan our way forward.

If Grands 'n' More Winnipeg is to thrive we need more of you to step up and say, "I'm in!" Without your involvement and active participation in the fundraising activities that can be launched, our efforts for African grandmothers will not be very successful. The needs in these communities are still very great.

Please feel free to email your suggestions and concerns at any time. My email address is [frang.204@gmail.com](mailto:frang.204@gmail.com).

*Submitted by Fran Gropp, Co-chair*

Co-chair: vacant



NOTICE: There will be a members' meeting on Thursday, October 28 at RVCC from 7:00 on to 9:00 pm.

All attendees must be double vaccinated and wear masks unless eating or drinking.

## ART FROM THE ATTIC INAUGURAL AUCTION

Our first ever on-line AFTA auction is completed. We had a total of 197 bids (some from folks 'competing' over a piece and/or bidding on several items). Some real battles were waged, with one piece opening at \$20 and finally sold for \$250. Some bids were edged out by last-minute swoop ins. Final bids ranged from \$10 to \$450. Such bidding battles means the African grandmothers will benefit that much more.

When contacted about the pickup arrangements, one successful bidder wrote, "This auction was great fun and the art pieces very impressive. You should have more annual auctions." This sentiment was echoed by other bidders as they picked up their purchases.

NOTE: Due to an Assiniboine Credit Union grant, the free storage space from Pockit, and the proceeds from the raffle, EVERY DOLLAR SPENT ON THE ART will go to the SLF (with the exception of credit card processing fees).

Out of the 53 pieces in the auction, 50 received a bid. There was an average of 3.7 bids per piece, with the average price per piece of \$70.04.

**Total amount bid - \$3712.**

The successful bidders will collect their art either from Donnie, Sharon T., or Jean, depending on 1) how they are paying and/or 2) where they live.



Once all the purchased pieces have been picked up, we will review what remains in our storage locker at Pockit and decide what to take to Centre Flavie-Laurent and what to keep until next year - or, until a decision is made about what next for AFTA. Several members have offered to store such 'left-overs'.

A huge thanks to the organizers, sorters, cleaners, photographers and everyone else who worked on this new venture. As well, any form of an AFTA event cannot happen without people who donate items, our buyers, and efforts by our members to promote the auction to their contacts.

**This online auction was an example of members applying (or acquiring) skill sets to raise funds for the Grandmothers-to-Grandmothers Campaign, despite the challenges of COVID. It demonstrates that the Coordinating Committee is open to new member-led initiatives.**

*Submitted by Jean Altemeyer*

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AFTA RAFFLE 2021 (2020)!

In February 2020, the AFTA 2020 raffle was launched! And then the pandemic hit! So the AFTA raffle team pivoted (*our new favorite pandemic word*) and extended the raffle sales until September 26, 2021 when we held the final draw! Due to Donnie's ingenuity we sold raffle tickets on line to support pandemic protocols and did quite well with this sales option. Jean led the charge for summer and fall 2021 sales at



St. Norbert Market, Lord Roberts' Farmers' Market & St. Vital Centre by recruiting volunteers who schlepped the prizes to showcase them! Thank you to the member volunteers who helped with these sales venues promoting the African Grandmothers and Grands 'n' More Winnipeg.

All in all, our AFTA 2021 (2020) raffle ticket sales totalled **\$2,678.61** and donations totalled **\$93.00**.

We completely sold out of the 3 for \$5 ticket books and had quite a few of the \$2 ticket books sold. Should the AFTA raffle happen again in the future, we should consider having more 3 for \$5 books available as they are our top sellers! Winnipeggers do love a deal!!



Grands 'n' More Winnipeg members who came out for the draw: Enid Butler, Barb Fletcher, Donnie Fridfinnson, Denis Fletcher, Deb Radi, Carol Hibbert, Jean Altemeyer, Eleanor Moore

## Congratulations go out to our WINNERS!

**First Prize – Stained Glass Panel:** Bonita Wiens – Ticket number: 0329

**Second Prize – Ceramic Platter:** Susan Munro – Ticket number: 1010

**Third Prize – Queen size Quilt:** Diane Beresford – Ticket number: 0009

Here is the delightful comment from the quilt winner:

*It is absolutely beautiful! My son has just moved and he loves it so much, he's lobbying me to give it to him for Christmas along with a set of crimson sheets! I'm resisting ... D.*

Thank you to all of our members, their families and friends, and our community who made our marathon raffle such a success, despite the pandemic! Nothing keeps our members down as we support the African grandmothers who show resilience each and every day!

*Submitted by the AFTA Raffle Team: Deb Radi, Donnie Fridfinnson, Jean Altemeyer*



**Eleanor Moore making the draws.**



**Bonita Wiens, First place winner**

**The raffle and  
Art From the Attic  
sponsors: Pockit  
Storage on Burrows  
and Assiniboine  
Credit Union.**



Photos by Donnie Fridfinnson

## GRL Report: October 2021

1. A reminder about the Town Hall meeting with Meg French on Thursday October 21 at 11:30 CDT. Meg is the new Executive Director of the Foundation, and will be prepared to talk about the vision, strategic direction and goals for the organization's next few years.

To register, e-mail: [campaign@stephenlewisfoundation.org](mailto:campaign@stephenlewisfoundation.org)

After you register, you will receive a Zoom link. The "chat" function in Zoom will be used to take questions and comments from participants.

2. Just to update you on the work of the committee and sub-committees working on recruitment, diversity/inclusion, member retention/sustainability, and tools and templates: Some of the sub-committees met once or twice over the summer, and have produced interim reports which I can share (to the extent they were in writing) if anyone is interested. Meetings continue through the fall. The committee includes members from across the country, and it is really heartening to see the shared commitment to the ongoing success of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.

3. Several of the GRL's (yours truly included) confessed to shedding more than a few tears while watching the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration presentation on October 6 ("Hand in Hand"), describing it as very moving, inspirational and informative. It really worked for me to strengthen the sense of connection to the African grandmothers. If you were unable to watch live on October 6, elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a way to link to the YouTube video now available, which is the recorded version.

Submitted by Sharon Twilley [twilleys@gmail.com](mailto:twilleys@gmail.com)



Thank you to everyone who registered and joined us for Hand in Hand: Celebrating 15 Years of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign!

[Here's where you can access and watch a full recording of the celebration.](#)

Learn more about the [Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign](#) and [help support grandmother-led responses](#) to HIV and AIDS in communities across sub-Saharan Africa.

In Solidarity,

The Stephen Lewis Foundation