



NWLC/WOMEN'S CAUCUS CAMPAIGN SCHOOL

HOLD THE DATE: MONDAY AUGUST 26, 2013

We are thrilled that women from across Canada will join us in Charlottetown, PEI (Delta Hotel Conference Centre - <https://www.deltahotels.com/Hotels/Delta-Prince-Edward>) for a full day of training, sharing and fun. The day will begin with a NWLC/Women's Caucus Campaign School for all potential candidates and anyone interested in supporting candidates - as Equal Voice proudly proclaims - "*Be Her or Support Her!*"

After a full day (9:00 am - 4:30pm) we will move to a Reception (5:00-7:00 p.m.) jointly sponsored by Women's Caucus and the National Women's Liberal Commission where all funds raised will go to our Judy LaMarsh Fund for women candidates.

Then a public Townhall will be held from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. where the Liberal Caucus will get to listen to people about their concerns and their solutions! We need your help to ensure that all those women who might be considering running in 2015 and all those who would support them as Campaign Managers, members of their team know that we need them to join us at the Delta Convention Centre, Charlottetown, PEI for the day in order to develop a NWLC manual and provide the tools to organize regional campaign schools.

All interested, please contact Lynne Steele on behalf of Liberal women's caucus

(steele6996@gmail.com). Space is limited so please book soon:

Campaign School: \$45.00

<http://events.liberal.ca/Event/federal-liberal-campaign-school-for-women.aspx?Lang=en&mi=A>

Judy Fund Reception: \$75.00 (\$45.00 for Laurier Club)

<http://events.liberal.ca/Event/judy-lamarsh-fund-raising-reception.aspx?Lang=en&mi=A>

Townhall: FREE

Your attendance: *Priceless*



If you would like to see more Liberal women elected to parliament, please consider donating to the Judy Fund for Liberal women candidates:

<https://action.liberal.ca/en/judylamarsh>

You can contribute monthly - \$10 or more makes a real difference.

If you contribute \$100 a month to the \$1200 annual maximum, you are automatically a Laurier club member as well. After the tax credit is factored in, donating this amount could cost you as little as \$47.92 a month

If you would like to host a Judy event, we have created an online toolkit: <http://nwlc-clfn.liberal.ca/blog/judy-event-toolkit/>. Contact Carlene Variyan cvariyan@gmail.com or Mary Pynenburg marypynenburg@me.com for the password.

CHARLOTTETOWN WOMEN'S LIBERAL CLUB



Elayne McLaine, Robert Ghiz, the late Helen Lawlor (one of the founding members of the Charlottetown LWC) and Past President Jean Tingley

The Charlottetown Liberal Women's Club (CLWC) is one of the oldest clubs of its kind in Canada. At the moment, it is also the only Liberal women's club on Prince Edward Island.

Established in 1952, the CLWC continues to meet four times each year. However, its 31 members actively participate in a number of Liberal sponsored events throughout the year – including, but not restricted to, the Premier's New Year Levee, the Premier's Summer Social, the Provincial Fall Fundraiser and the Leader's Dinner. The CLWC also conducts its own yearly fundraisers, with profits going to various charities -- in 2013, Anderson House, Upper Room Angels and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

In February 2013, the CLWC had the pleasure to meet with Senator Mobina Jaffer during her visit to PEI and to host the Honourable Janice Sherry as a guest speaker.

In August 2013, the CLWC is participating with the National Women's Liberal Commission, the Liberal Party of Canada's Women's Caucus and the PEI Coalition for Women in Government to host an all-party Campaign School and a "Judy" reception.

The President of the CLWC, Elayne McLaine, was recently appointed to the NLWC Executive – a position that Elayne shares with Diana Lariviere. As representatives for PEI, Elayne and Diana look forward to enhancing the profile of Liberal-focused women throughout the Island.



Justin Trudeau, Elayne McLaine, Elaine MacLean, and Robert Ghiz



The late Helen Lawlor (*one of the founding members of the Charlottetown LWC*), Robert Ghiz and Jenny Perry

THE OTTAWA-VANIER WOMEN'S LIBERAL ASSOCIATION



The Ottawa-Vanier Women's Liberal Association, located in the Ottawa-Vanier riding is an active association both with the provincial and federal ridings. We hold 4 - 5 events a year and an AGM.

Our role and mandate is to advocate and support the principles and philosophy of the Liberal Party of Canada, to support the initiatives of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission and the National Women's Liberal Commission; to promote and encourage women to become involved in the political process and, subsequently, to promote their election efforts; to discuss and develop policy, especially as it relates to and affects women; to participate in Liberal activities in Ottawa, particularly in the riding of Ottawa- Vanier; to host events promoting the education of women in politics; and to encourage women to vote in all elections.

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Examples of events:

March 8th 2013 - International Women's day

In celebration of the International Women's day on March 8th, the OVWLA organised an afternoon reception. Over 35 women of all walks of life were present. All were invited to speak about themselves and their path. It was a great afternoon of discussion, food and a bit of dancing !

End of year wine and cheese

The Ottawa-Vanier Women's Liberal Association celebrated the coming of summer on July 4th with a wine and cheese reception. All were welcome in this evening of good company, good conversation and good food.

Fall Chili cook off

Look forward to our annual Chili cook off contest. In this event, we invite the men to cook chili and open the voting to the community ! There will be activities for children. Last year, our federal MP - Mauril Bélanger won ! The date for this event will be announced shortly.



FEDERAL LIBERAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF OTTAWA (FLWCO)

This new club, open to all LPC women in Ottawa, is focused on supporting LPC and NWLC.

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The Club and its Executive are composed of Ottawa women from diverse backgrounds and age groups. The Club's mission is to provide opportunities for women to participate in all aspects of Federal political life and to demonstrate Liberal values in the Community. They intend to do so through policy development, fundraising, participation in political and community events to benefit women and build camaraderie.

Since its founding meeting on March 25, 2013, the Club has been busy building its foundation, continuing recruiting new LPC and Club members, setting priorities putting together an action plan for the first year, and establishing a Facebook page.

The Club's accomplishments to date include organizing, and co-hosting with NWLC and other Clubs in Ottawa, its first Judy LaMarsh Fundraising cocktail reception with our Leader, Justin Trudeau and LPC National Board of Directors. The event, held at the Novotel Hotel in Ottawa on June 14, raised about \$4000 net for the Judy LaMarsh Fund. The success of this first event, organized on short notice, highlighted the synergy that exists between Club members and their commitment to the Club's mission.

The Club thanks NWLC, especially Mary Pynenburg, and the Committee of the Judy LaMarsh Fund headed by Sheila Copps, for the opportunity to contribute to advancing the objectives of LPC women in politics.
- Catherine Bélanger



FLWCO organizers and special guests to the June 14, 2013

Judy LaMarsh Reception:

Back row, left to right: Shannon O'Connor (Director, FLWCO), Meagan Dalby (President, FLWCO), Jessie Pierre (Director, FLWCO), Valérie Gervais (Membership Chair, FLWCO), Lynn Brouillette (Treasurer FLWCO), Mary Pynenburg (President, NLWC). Front row, left to right: Dimple Tejuja (Director, FLWCO), Catherine Bélanger (Director, FLWCO), Sheila Copps (President, Judy LaMarsh Fund).

FEDERAL LIBERAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF OTTAWA (FLWCO)

The BGOS-WLC has had a busy few months since its official launch in November 2012. Our executive meets monthly and we have held three events - 2 for members only and one event to which the community was also invited.

Our focus has been on increasing our understanding of issues facing First Nations' women and their families both nationally and within our EDA in order that we can contribute in a positive way to the policies put forward by the Liberal Party. There is much work to be done. We have two first Nations communities in our riding – the Cape Croker and Saugeen Reserves. There are also a significant number of Aboriginal people living outside of these two communities as well as a Metis community without land that is scattered across the area. While the conditions locally are not as severe as those in places like Attawapiskat, certainly the same issues around treaty implementation and government policies that underpin those situations are also seriously impacting our area Aboriginal people.

Dr. Cynthia Wesley Esquimaux , Professor of Aboriginal Studies at U of T and nationally recognized expert on the major issues currently facing First Nations communities was our first speaker. Dr Carolyn Bennett, M.P. and critic for Aboriginal Affairs and Anne Marie Proulx, member of The Cape Croker Band Council and organizer for area “Idle No More” protests joined us for an evening in February. Both Dr. Esquimaux and Dr. Bennett and members of our executive were also able to visit our area First Nations communities during their time with us. In April, Laura Robinson - Author, Freelance-Journalist and former world - ranked Athlete, spoke to a gathering of about 70 WLC and community members. She has spent more than 20 years volunteering with the youth at Cape Croker - encouraging them to become active in sports such as cross

country skiing and cycling. She and her husband have also supported the program with donations of equipment. She has a national perspective as well - through her writing, she has developed ties to other First Nations' communities across the country.

We are now in the process of planning our first AGM for the early fall and of developing the programs and events for the next year. With municipal elections being scheduled for 2014 and the possibility for both Federal and Provincial elections in Ontario within the next 2 years, we hope to be able to offer a “campaign school” for women who are interested in becoming candidates or campaign workers at any level of the political process. This connects in with our goal of encouraging women to become more actively involved in politics. Both Nellie McLung and Agnes MacPhail were born in this riding and, while there has been strong representation at the municipal and school board level, we have been unable to elect a woman member at either the Provincial or Federal level since Agnes MacPhail was elected federally 90+ years ago!

We invite you to visit our website – liberalwomen.ca To contact us follow the links. It would be terrific to connect to other WLC in order to share ideas, etc.

- Pat Farrar, Chair pfarrar@sympatico.ca



BGOS WLC EXECUTIVE: (from left to right) Kaisha Thompson, Helen Penfold, Pat Farrar, Kathie Brown, Kimberly Love, Jaent Glasspool , Myrt Heinrich

GETTING STARTED IN DUFFERIN-CALEDON

Tuesday, July 9, 2013 was the Inaugural meeting and luncheon of the Dufferin-Caledon Liberal Women's Club at the home of Lynn Allan. Dr. Carolyn Bennett was our special guest. She spoke to us on a variety of topics, particularly, women in politics and how women are often the driving force in developing policies regarding families and health. Earlier in the morning, Dr. Bennett, accompanied by Danita Cramp, visited Dufferin Child and Family Services and Family Transition Place in Orangeville. A great time was had by all twenty-four attendees. One attendee summed it up the best, "inspiring". To date, we have signed up twelve members and several more expressed an interest in doing so and took their registration forms with them. Now the work begins to formalize Dufferin-Caledon Liberal Women's Club. We do have the enthusiasm and grit to do it!

- Beverly Dawkins, Dufferin Caledon
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STARTING A LIBERAL WOMEN'S CLUB

If you know of a group of Liberal women who might want to start a club, here's what to do: A club is formed when a group of at least 10 women Liberals hold a founding meeting, elect an interim executive and adopt a constitution or set of bylaws. To be recognized by the NWLC, a club must have at least 25 members; and,

- * hold an annual meeting for the purpose of electing an executive;
- * forward the club's original constitution/bylaws on formation and any amendments that might be made from time to time, to the manager of the NWLC;
- * forward to the NWLC manager annually: minutes of the club's annual general meeting and a list of both executive and membership. See <http://nwlc-clfn.liberal.ca/clubs> for more details.

SOUTHERN YORK REGION LIBERAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Southern York Region Women's Liberal Association represents three area ridings, Oak Ridges-Markham, Richmond Hill, and Thornhill. We have a growing membership with an eager and dedicated executive. Our intention is to advocate and support Liberal principles, to provide an active organization of women Liberals and to contribute to the development of provincial and federal policy as it relates to and affects women.

We have initiated a most successful and well-attended Speaker/Dinner series, "*Thinking Out Loud!*". In April 2012, Dr. Jane Philpott, Markham Stouffville Hospital, who is the founder of the "*Give a Day to World AIDS*" movement spoke of "*Inspiring Women I Have Known*". In late May, **The Women in Politics Making the Difference** event was held. The stellar guest speakers included the Hon. Carolyn Bennett, MP, the Hon. Judy Sgro, MP, and the Hon. Kathleen Wynne, MPP. It was a lively and engaging evening led by a dynamic panel of inspirational political women dealing with issues of today. There was ample opportunity for the audience to ask questions. The third event

featured Michelle Farrell (lawyer & former OPP officer) speaking on "*Stopping Violence Against Women*". The discussion was passionate with several moving stories being shared. Then on May 16, 2013, SYRLWA held the fourth in our series when we were honoured to have the Hon. Stephane Dion MP with us speaking on International Climate Change Negotiations. Forty people (men & women, Liberals and others) enjoyed the dinner at the Shiraz Restaurant in Richmond Hill and kept the discussion going long after Mr. Dion had finished his talk. These events are not fundraisers but rather a way of engaging people in discussing interesting policy issues. The charge for the dinners covers our costs. The location rotates between Richmond Hill, Thornhill and Oak Ridges-Markham Riding sites and, we will now be adding the Markham Riding as well. Plans are now being developed for the Fall/Winter seasons with possible topics including the Senate, civil liberties and aboriginal affairs. Details will come within a couple of months – so stay tuned.

- Nancy Cutler, President SYRLWA
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WHERE THERE IS A WILL, THERE IS A WAY

Judy is in my will! Is she in yours?

Unfortunately there's only one way legitimate way to get around the Election Canada donation limit - posthumously! Most of us have trouble talking about death and dying. It's going to happen to all of us, and as a family doctor, I was always relieved when the

family was well aware of the patient's wishes. So I have my 'funeral' on my blackberry, my organ donor wishes registered online, my 'living will' questionnaire filled out in the important resource 'Let Me Decide' by Willie Molloy, and our lawyer has our recently updated wills in his safekeeping.

In talking to Mary Pynenburg about planned giving for The Judy LaMarsh Fund, I mentioned that at Women's College Hospital, they held a wonderful 'High Tea

' - hats and gloves and all - for all those who had declared that Women's College in their will. I think the Women's Commission may well reserve their 'special' events for raising real money in real time, but there maybe some value in using the NWLC website to raise awareness by challenging our friends and supporters to join us on-line in a viral campaign to put 'Judy' in our wills.

So here goes. Just do it and then let us know so we can thank you and boast about you too! - Carolyn Bennett, MP

MOVING MOUNTAINS, WOMEN AND MEN!

In the wee hours after midnight, the intrepid Caprice Barbour hopped into her Smart Car and drove from the West Coast and across the Rocky Mountains looking for questions from women in Alberta. Yes, questions because the NWLC is looking for questions to include in their manual, "*From Supporter to Activist*". What she found was a group of eager participants, including one great guy who came to support women in politics. We had a great mix from those new and excited and others with more experience and varying degrees of enthusiasm. As an interesting and somewhat troubling aside, a significant percentage of those in attendance expressed strong feelings of being disenfranchised from their EDA's. So as Mary Pynenburg has often said, there are many ways into the Liberal Party of Canada and we hope they feel the Women's Commission door is always open to them.



The questions and answers will be available shortly and please watch for another workshop after the summer.

Thanks to those who came and shared their disappointments and their dreams as we strive to make the Women's Commission and the Party more inclusive and effective. And, of course, thanks to Caprice for coming to Calgary to facilitate the workshop.

- Jade Boldt

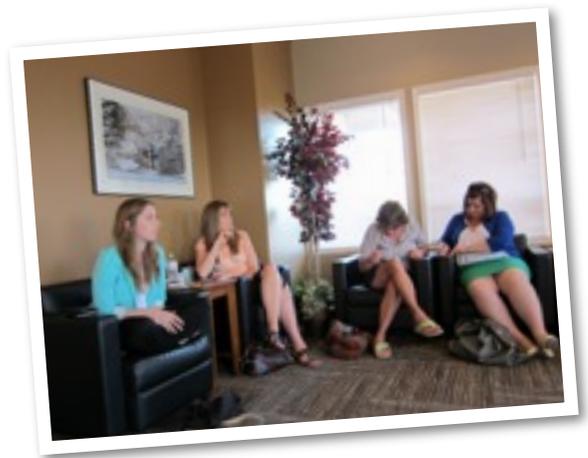
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Fortified with beverages and light refreshments, we introduced ourselves and explained how we got involved in politics and the Liberal Party then tackled the following workshop questions:

1. What role does the policy development process play?
2. How do we recruit women candidates?
3. How do I run for a nomination?



FRIENDS OF JUDY BROWN GIVE TO THE JUDY FUND

Editor's Note: *The North Shore Women's Liberal Club in BC conducts an annual trivia night, among other events. It typically donates to community causes such as a bursary at Capilano Community College as well as to the Judy LaMarsh Fund for women candidates. It recently donated \$800 in memory of one of its past presidents, Judy Brown, to the Judy Fund.*

If you would like to donate to the Judy Fund in memory of someone who has meant a lot to you, or your group, please contact Sheila Copps sheila@sheilacopps.ca or Mary Pynenburg marypynenburg@me.com so we can ensure that your donation receives appropriate recognition.

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Judy Brown passed away on September 23, 2011. Judy shared many interests. She committed herself wholly and made many life long friends along her journey. Her interests included helping others especially through Canada India Village Aid and many other groups, politics at the federal, provincial and municipal levels; Music, Arts and Education groups including the Vancouver Community Music School, the Vancouver Playhouse, the New Music Society, the Bach Choir, and Highland United Church Choir, Capilano University and many more; the Trial Lawyers Association of BC where she worked for many

years, and the Heron Rocks Cooperative on Hornby Island. Judy's strength, courage, energy, enthusiasm, love of life and her generosity of spirit were an inspiration and gift to the people and animals whose lives she touched. She continues to be dearly missed. Judy was born in Vancouver on May 25, 1937. She attended Kerrisdale School, York House School and UBC from which she received a BA in 1959. She lived most her life in Vancouver with a 5 year stay in Nelson BC. Judy is survived by her children Malcolm (Lisa) of Brampton, Ontario, Sarah Forward of Vancouver and Roger (Renate) of Sydney, Australia, and her beloved grandchildren Lewis and Lucia Forward and James and Sophie Brown. She is survived by her sister Jane Slater (Mark) and many other relatives in Canada, South Africa and around the world. She leaves behind many friends, many of whom have shared her life since school days.

A memorial service was held at Sunday October 9th 2011 at Highland United Church in Edgemont Village in North Vancouver followed by a celebration of Judy's life at Canyon House in North Vancouver.

LEGACY GIVING

Legacy Gift donors are laying the foundation for future generations of Canadians. They are leaving a legacy that will grow the Liberal movement, promoting Liberal values across the country. Liberal Legacy Giving provides committed Liberals with the opportunity to leave the Party a donation in their Will.

There is no limit to the amount you are allowed to give a federal political party in your Will. Liberal Legacy Giving is not restricted to dollar limits as is the case with regular annual contributions during your lifetime. See <http://www.liberal.ca/legacy-giving> for more details.

NEPEAN WOMEN'S LIBERAL ASSOCIATION

The past year has been a busy one for the Nepean Women's Liberal Association. My annual report reflected the many activities and events that the NWLA has supported and organised. I hope you enjoy reading about our work on behalf of Liberal women. In addition to our constant communication with our membership, our board was busy with efforts to strengthen our organisation that included:

- ✓ Support for women liberal candidates
- ✓ Review and update of membership lists
- ✓ Review and update of financial reporting
- ✓ Public engagement and visibility
- ✓ Development of an organizational plan

We believe in operating our organisation as effectively and efficiently as possible while remaining true to our mandate.

NWLA provides as a support group to our community as well as women candidates. We could not do that without the commitment of our volunteers, including my own board members. Thank you.

I would also like to thank our fellow Ottawa area women's clubs - Carleton Mississippi Mills Liberal Women's Association and Ottawa-Vanier Women's Liberal Association for their unvarying support and continued effort for our collective cause.

To those who are not involved, please consider signing up as an active member to one of the largest Liberal women's clubs in the country. For those who are an active member, we value your contribution to the party and appreciate the time we spend together.



- Neha Shukla
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Donation from Nepean Women's Liberal Association to the Judy LaMarsh Fund accepted by Carlene Variyan, VP Ontario, NWLC

CONTACT US:

Do you have an article, or photos, or notices of upcoming events about women in politics?

Mary Pynenburg, President

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