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PRAIRIE REGION UPDATE

The Prairie Region Update is intended to keep grandmothers groups across the Prairies connected to each other and informed about the SLF Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.

NEWS FROM THE SLF

News from the March Grandmothers Regional Liaison Teleconference

As mentioned last month, the GRLs will be participating in a 3-day retreat next month in Toronto. *Sustainability Conversations: Moving with Strength into the Next 10 Years*, is going to be the primary focus of conversations that will include SLF staff and Ilana Landsberg-Lewis. [We encourage all groups to complete the SURVEY recently sent to you by Asmita so we can integrate your voices into the conversation.](#)

Beds Without Breakfast is going international! Members of a granny group in England within easy reach of London are offering their homes as part of the program. As always, donations go to the Foundation. Please check online for the latest updated list as homes are regularly added, including a former 4* B&B on the Petawawa River (ON) and a cottage in Muskoka (ON). For additional information, contact Linda @ lindataberner@yahoo.ca.

Ida Nambeya, a long-time consultant for the SLF and former field representative, will be in Canada from the last week of March through April, followed by two South African grandmothers, *Mama Darlina Tywana* and *Eunice Mangwane*. Their schedules will take them to various speaking commitments as well as regional gatherings.



If you would like *Grandmothers Campaign T-shirts*, black with a white campaign logo, the deadline for ordering is April 17. Shirts are \$23 each; this includes postage when a minimum of 3 shirts are ordered. See the Campaign site for photo and size details. For more information, contact Linda @ lindataberner@yahoo.ca.

NEWS FROM OUR PRAIRIE REGION

Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers Prince Albert

Arioso and Friends
 10th ANNUAL CONCERT
 IN SUPPORT OF
 GRANDMOTHERS 4 GRANDMOTHERS

Celebrate
 -Canada's 150th Birthday
 -10th Anniversary of PA Grandmother 4 Grandmothers
 -10th Annual Arioso Concert

Sunday, April 2
7:30 PM

PLAZA 88
888 Central Avenue
 (former location of PA Co-Op)

\$20.00 for adults and \$10 for students

Granny Cookies Available For Sale Pre-show and at Intermission

Tickets Available at
Beth's Yarn & Needlecraft Boutique
 909A Central Ave
 (306) 764-6910

and at **Canadian Tire**

Proceeds from the concert help grassroots groups in Africa support grandmothers' immediate needs

In Prince Albert, we are gearing up for our 10th Anniversary “Arioso and Friends” concert on Sunday, April 2, starting at 7:30pm. We are incredibly excited as the concerts have always been a sellout and are our major fundraiser each year. But this year marks the 10th anniversary of Arioso and also the 10th of G4G Prince Albert, as well as the 10th for the Grandmothers Campaign at the SLF. We have so much to celebrate!!

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students at Plaza88 on Central Ave. Anyone wanting tickets can get them at Canadian Tire in Prince Albert or from members. If you are in the area, do join us. It will be fabulous!!

Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers Regina

Our Spring Fundraiser



Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers Regina presents **SWING INTO SPRING with ROSIE & THE RIVETERS**

Saturday, May 13, 2017
 Queensbury Convention Centre, Evraz Place

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Cash Bar Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
 Show Time 8:00 p.m.
 Silent Auction Raffle Merchandise

Tickets \$75, available in advance only, online here
 or from 306-781-2946, 306-789-4109, or g4gregina@sasktel.net

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Grands 'n' More, Winnipeg



Friday, March 10 at the historic Knox United Church, The Institute for International Women's Right, Manitoba (IIWR-MB) held an event titled, "***Sisters Walking Together***" to mark International Women's Day. It was a bitterly cold night but many hardy souls came to show their solidarity for this event. Bev Suek and Thelma Hanson attended on behalf of Grands 'n' More. Although space was tight we were able to set our display table with brochures and power point pictorial of GnM's solidarity with grandmothers in Africa. Of course, there were Lifesaver candies on the table as well. Mary Scott was walking by and reached out to take one and was told: "GnM are lifesavers to the grandmothers in Africa". She stopped, and replied with utmost sincerity: "Yes, you are!"

The evening was packed with messages from dignitaries from the provincial and federal level, Indigenous prayers and songs, amazing theatre from refugee women and messages from the IIWR-MB. Two groups were selected to be the recipients of the silver collection from the evening: Welcome Place, and Families First. Welcome Place is the organization tasked with greeting and helping newcomers to Canada settle and find their place in Winnipeg. Families First is a foundation that is building Awareness and support for the families of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Of course, there was food. Amazing food from all over the world, just like the many souls that came out to the event. Thanks to the volunteers who prepared and donated.

As is often the case, Awareness attends these events with the intention to raise awareness about GnM but instead we attend and bear witness to the solidarity of sisters walking together, each organization with their own focus but with the same passion, dedication and hope. Hope that our work will make a difference.

G4G Moose Jaw

G4G Moose Jaw is humming with activity, which is perfect because it is warming up!

On April 8th, from 1-3:30, we are having a Strawberry Shortcake Tea, Bake & Craft (Ugandan necklaces, bracelets and wallets) sale at St. Andrew's United Church, 60 Athabasca St. E. "Buy your Easter baking and Mother's Day gifts in the foyer while helping others at the same time."

On April 29th, we've rented a table to sell crafts and baking at the Cosmo Centre Trade & Craft show.

We are gearing up for a fundraising raffle, and currently have \$320.00 in prizes donated by local businesses. Tickets go on sale later this spring, with a late autumn draw. Details to follow at a later date.



Monthly meetings are held @ 1:30 on the last Monday of the month at the St. Aidan Anglican Church, 124 – 1st Ave. New members are welcome! Contact Marilyn [306- 693-3848](tel:306-693-3848) or Elaine [306-693-4496](tel:306-693-4496) for additional info.

Please let us know of any events your group is holding, or has held recently, and we'll post it here. Disclaimer: we try to get the information accurate – but please be sure to check with the local group before you venture out to an event in case there are any errors or changes.

If you would like more information on any of this material, please do let us know. We are here to support you and your groups with information sharing and connections, so please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

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