

Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers Regina

Newsletter
February 2017



SPRING CLEANING



Has the warm weather this month got you in the mood for spring sorting and cleaning? G4G Regina has two great opportunities for you to practise 3 of the Rs: Reduce (the clutter in your home), Repurpose (fabric and yarn), and Recycle (accessories.)

FABRIC AND YARN SALE

Bring your unused fabric and yarn to St. James United Church, 4506 Sherwood Drive on any of the following days: February 18 and 25, March 4 and 11 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

We are preparing for a Yarn and Fabric sale on March 25th.



ACCESSORIES SWAP NIGHT

Time for fun, Grandmothers! The Membership Committee will be hosting an 'Accessories Swap Night' for you, complete with refreshments, during the first part of the March meeting.

Bring your gently used accessories including belts, scarves, jewellery, wallets and purses to the March G4G meeting. You'll be able to choose anything you love that is "new to you", and take it home to enjoy. Anything that is left over will be donated to Dress for Success.



EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY

21 – G4G Meeting

MARCH

21 – G4G Meeting

25 – Fabric & Yarn Sale

APRIL

18 – G4G Meeting

MAY

13 – Swing into Spring

18 – G4G Meeting

JUNE

20 – G4G Meeting

JULY

No meeting

AUGUST

15 – G4G Meeting

SEPTEMBER

16 – Art from the Attic

19 – G4G Meeting

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We fundraise for the Stephen Lewis Foundation to support African grandmothers who are raising a generation of children orphaned by AIDS.

SWING INTO SPRING WITH ROSIE & THE RIVETERS

There will be a few new features associated with our annual spring fundraiser this year. Instead of the usual guest speakers, we'll be enjoying the talented vocals of 'Rosie & The Riveters'.

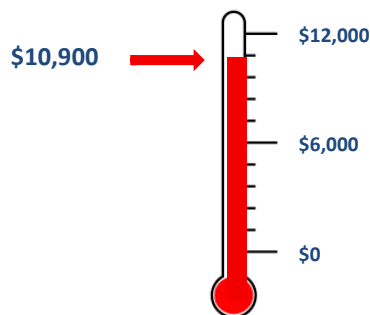


The silent auction committee is not planning to collect items to assemble into themed baskets. Instead, they are asking for volunteers who will create baskets ready to be wrapped by the silent auction committee. Please let us know (g4gregina@sasktel.net) if you are interested in one of the following:

- ✚ Baby – *Janet Bailey has already committed to this one!*
- ✚ Children's
- ✚ Canada 150
- ✚ Mother's Day Champagne – *Arlene Frolick is willing to donate the champagne*
- ✚ Spa

Tickets for the event will be available in the usual way by contacting G4G, or online. Either way, tickets are priced at \$75, with children's prices as follows: 0-5 years old – complimentary; 6-11 years old – 50% discount; 12 + – Full price.

The Sponsorship Committee has been working very hard to secure sponsorship for this year's event. Here's where things stand at publication time:



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mary Wallace and Susan Whittick, Co-chairs

Danni Boyd, Secretary

Marion Tudor and Jan Stirr, Co-Treasurers

Susan Holmes, Communication

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Sheila Fahlman, Education

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Linda Mann, Membership

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Merchandise - vacant

Gail Greenberg, Sponsorship

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STANDING COMMITTEES

Communication

Susan Holmes, Chair

Nola Ayers

Janet Bailey

Sheila Fahlman

Cathy Kirby-Tapp

Jane Newton

Violet Smotra-Cook

Education

Sheila Fahlman, Chair

Catherine Arthur-MacDonald

Sheila McKague

Mavis Olesen

Lorraine Scott

Bev Zizzy

Membership

Linda Mann, Chair

Ethia Brown

Sharon David

Arlene Frolick

Laureen Graham

Barb Quine

Nancy Thue

Merchandise

Chair - vacant

Judy Cormier

Els Wilms

Sponsorship

Gail Greenberg, Chair

Danni Boyd

Bette Craig

Barb Quine

T-SHIRTS

Part of our brand is those bright green t-shirts we wear at some of our events. If you are volunteering the day of the Fabric & Yarn Sale, and need a shirt, please contact Ethia Brown at n.ebrown@sasktel.net . For just \$20, you'll be easy to identify... and it's always nice to have members in their green shirts!



SUCCESSION PLANNING

We have four people whose terms end in June 2017. Co-Chairs Mary Wallace and Susan Whittick; Co-Treasurer Marion Tudor, and Sponsorship Coordinator Gail Greenberg. They are ready to pass on the baton, so please consider volunteering for, or nominating someone for, one of the following positions:

1. Co-Chairs: There are two members considering taking this on – watch for news!
2. Co-Treasurer: We need a Co-Treasurer to join Jan Stirr, current co-treasurer
3. Sponsorship Coordinator: Need a Coordinator
4. Merchandise: Need a Coordinator



AN EMERGING CRISIS: THE CHILD & YOUTH TREATMENT GAP

When it comes to HIV & AIDS statistics, the numbers having to do with young people are the most frightening of all. Today, AIDS is the leading cause of adolescent death in Africa, where a shocking 26 new HIV infections occur among 15-19 year olds each hour—7 in 10 of them among girls. And while children account for just 5% of people living with HIV, they represented 10% of all AIDS-related deaths in 2015. To make matters worse, less than half of HIV-positive children currently have access to treatment. Access, however, is only half the battle.

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For the full article on this topic, please check out the

<http://stephenlewisfoundation.org/news-resources/grassroots-newsletter/fall-2016/2>

