

Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers Regina

Newsletter
September 2017



ART FROM THE ATTIC

With great relief and satisfaction, it is a pleasure to bid adieu to AFTA #5 until next autumn (although we will continue to sell art on the SNAC on-line auction this fall and next spring.) It takes a tremendous, collective and collaborative effort to mount this annual fundraiser, however Regina and the surrounding community continue to display solid support of G4G and AFTA as both donors and customers. As long as the dollars flow in – close to \$19,000 so far – AFTA may very well become our signature fundraiser! Members' recommendations enhance so many aspects of the way we execute AFTA and year by year, the favorable feedback we receive from customers grows. A new coordinator is needed for next year's event, so please consider taking on this position. It will require hard work, however with innumerable resources on file as guidance, "we've got your back!"

Here's some feedback from happy customers:

- *Thank you G4G! Great job again! Making art available to new owners who will appreciate it while supporting important humanitarian work. Wow! Everyone wins. Very well organized and pleasant, helpful volunteers. Great. Looking forward to next year!*
- *Extremely well organized! The balloons really made it easy to identify the price ranges! Well done!*
- *Good layout, logical sorting criteria, efficient volunteers, fine publicity, and exemplary community engagement. Merci a toutes, thank you all.*



Gail Greenberg
Coordinator
AFTA Sale Day 2017



EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER

- 16 – Art from the Attic
- 19 – G4G Meeting

OCTOBER

- 17 – G4G Meeting
- 26 – Book Launch

NOVEMBER

- 5 – Scrabble
- 21 – G4G Meeting

DECEMBER

- No meeting
- 14 – Seasonal Social

JANUARY

- 16 – G4G Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 20 – G4G Meeting

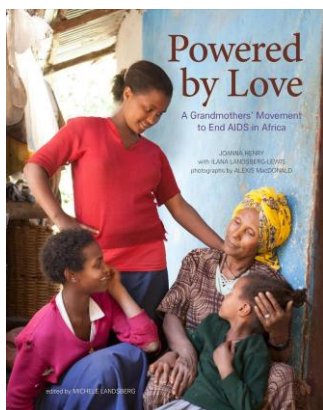
MARCH

- 20 – 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.

“POWERED BY LOVE” BOOK LAUNCH



Thursday, October 26
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
University of Regina
Room # tba



This event for members and friends affords the opportunity for you to meet two African Grandmothers, a staff member from one of the community-based organizations, and staff from the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Watch your in-box for further information!

INNOVATIONS GROUP

Discussion points: Must do...Explore for the Future...Maybe, Someday...No!

Thank you, members, for your many and varied suggestions! On August 30th, on Danni's deck with fresh air and wine, ideas flowed and we discussed a few we felt needed to be looked at seriously. These were brought forward to the general membership at the September meeting.

- ✓ **Art Chair Auction:** Imagine old wooden chairs, decorated by professional and amateur artists (talented G4G members included), auctioned at a special event next spring. Watch for more info!



Members in attendance at the September meeting clearly were enthusiastic about pursuing plans for this unique event. If you'd like to be part of the planning team, please be in touch with us at g4gregina@sasktel.net.

- ✓ **Books & Breakfast:** Three or four times a year, hold a breakfast and hear from homegrown Saskatchewan authors (membership to discuss this further at a later date.)
- ✓ **Coffee Safari:** G4G members and friends meet for coffee (no agenda, no fundraising, no RSVP). First Friday of each month. Next stop on the Coffee Safari is at **Roots Kitchen & Bar inside Orange Tree Village on Friday, October 6th, between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.** (come and go if you wish.) 4000 James Hill Road in Harbour Landing.



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Sponsorship

Chair - vacant

Be
part
of it!

There's room for you. Get involved on a committee. Just contact Gail or Rosanne for more information.

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SCRABBLE AND MORE



After eight years of Scrabble fun, it's time to "refresh" our annual event. A planning team has been formed, and ideas have been swirling around!



We're going to expand the game choices beyond Scrabble. This year Cribbage and Trivial Pursuit will be added. Refreshment options will be new and interesting! And we're considering some different decorating options. Despite the changes, this will still be a pledge-based fundraiser, with prizes and draws.



Please watch for the poster, and updated information, to appear in your mail box in the very near future!

THE BOOKSHELF

One idea that came forward at the August Innovations Group conversation was to share favourite book titles, by way of this newsletter. If there's a good book you've read recently, please send along the title, author, and whether it's fiction or non-fiction. Every month, we hope to publish at least one title in each category. So, curl up in your favourite chair, and enjoy!

Fiction:

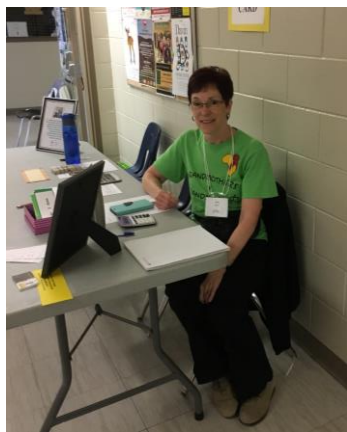
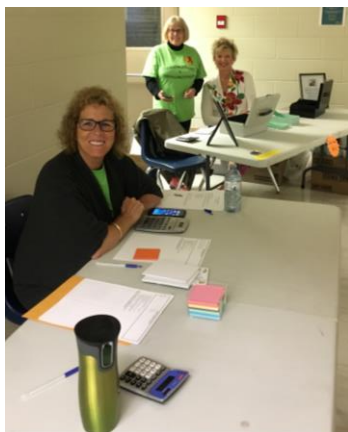
The Stone Carvers by Jane Urquhart



Non-Fiction:

Nothing to envy: ordinary lives in North Korea, by Barbara Demick

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AFRICAN AND CANADIAN GRANDMOTHERS CONNECT

"It is very, very, very amazing to see how community driven interventions can make miracles. We have a saying in a local language that he who puts on the shoes knows what pinches most and I use that philosophy. The grannies may have problems; the communities may have problems, but they must be the ones to change to make situations better."

- Justine Ojambo, co-founder
Phoebe Education Fund for Orphans
An SLF partner since 2006

PROGRAMMES

We are deeply committed to getting the majority of our revenue to the community-based organizations with which we work. Between 2003 and June 2016 the Stephen Lewis Foundation disbursed and committed a cumulative \$97.9 million in programme spending, including direct support to over 1,400 initiatives with 300 grassroots organizations in 15 African countries. This represents over 83% of total expenditures over the past thirteen years.

http://stephenlewisfoundation.org/assets/files/SLFYearInReview2016_Web_FINAL2.pdf

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