

# Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba, Inc. Newsletter



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## The Case for a National Public Inquiry Into The Causes and Frequency of Violence Against and Disappearances of Aboriginal Women in Canada – Marilyn McGonigal



On February 13, 2013, in Question Period in Parliament, NDP MPs Hon. Thomas Mulcair and Niki Ashton called for a national public inquiry into the murders and disappearances of Aboriginal women in Canada. This was triggered by the Human Rights Watch Report released that day calling for an investigation into the grossly disproportionate incidence of murders and disappearances of indigenous women as compared to all Canadian

women as well as serious revelations of allegations of RCMP members abusing indigenous women in Northern British Columbia. In the exchange, the government resisted the idea of an Inquiry apparently preferring to treat the matter as a police complaint to be referred to their complaint processes. The report in fact explains why indigenous women do not report police misconduct to the police! Simply put, they are afraid to! (See References for HRW Report.)

The next day Liberal MP Carolyn Bennett called for “a special committee (to) be appointed, with the mandate to conduct hearings on the critical matter of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada, and to propose solutions to address the root causes of violence against Indigenous women across the country”. This motion for a Parliamentary Committee was passed by all parties. It was stated that this committee was not intended to replace a Public Inquiry but to investigate and also to help determine the need for one. The Inquiry’s all-party participants are now selected and are to report to Parliament in February, 2014. (See Hansard Debates, February 13-14, 2013.)

Prime Minister Harper has not addressed the issue of missing Aboriginal women and cannot resolve this issue with his usual ‘law and order’ philosophy or any effective plan until the following fundamental questions are addressed:

- Who are the missing women? Where do they come from? What were their circumstances?
- Why are so many indigenous women living in Canada vulnerable to becoming murdered or missing women?

- Why hasn’t more been done to find the women, solve the crimes and prosecute perpetrators?
- What are the factors that tend to exacerbate the vulnerability of Aboriginal women? and
- What should be done to prevent or solve disappearances and provide adequate safety and security for indigenous women at risk?

The only step taken so far by the PM was to remove the most effective method yet deployed to begin the investigation. That tool identified hundreds of missing women in a program designed by the Native Women’s Association of Canada (NWAC) and funded for five years by the previous (Liberal) ruling party with \$5 million. Upon cancelling this highly successful ‘Sisters in Spirit’ program in 2010 in which nearly 600 missing or murdered aboriginal women and their stories were documented, \$10 million was allocated to the RCMP for its missing persons files. This was said to replace the NWAC missing and murdered aboriginal women investigation, placing responsibility back firmly with the police. Recent reports indicate that whatever the RCMP intends to do on this file with double the money is not up and running yet. RCMP have so far reportedly gathered or

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confirmed only a fraction of the number of missing indigenous women cases NWAC identified.

The suspicion is that this issue was supposed to disappear, like the missing women, without a trace! The rising numbers uncovered by Sisters in Spirit were truly an embarrassing issue for the government; it garnered heavy press and raised too many questions. NWAC was obliged under the terms of its reduced continuing funding to cease using the name 'Sisters in Spirit' (which had become almost household words) and to cease collecting the names. What does this tell you?

The Manitoba Coalition on Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women (MMAW), Aka 'Indigenous' women (MMIW), a committee of the Manitoba Assembly of First Nations, continues its efforts to solve their missing and murdered women cases, to support families, to conduct search, rescue or recovery missions when someone goes missing and to hold vigils and services to support families and their communities. Official formal support for their efforts is lacking in that they lack proper equipment and safety gear for searches, and perhaps could hamper investigations despite sincere efforts of both police and families to find, rescue or recover loved ones. Family and friends getting involved is the most natural response of a caring community and is commonly part of organized searches for missing loved ones. By all means police expertise and resources are essential to solving missing persons cases. Rather than discourage appropriate family participation, cooperative solutions must be found in the interests of all concerned, most of all the missing women.

Not surprisingly, it was without consultation or agreement with the aboriginal communities, particularly the women

involved and knowledgeable that Sisters in Spirit was discontinued. Women continue to suffer violence and disappear from their communities. AMC and the Coalition are calling for a National Public Inquiry which will require cooperation with all our governments and every police force. It is hoped the Parliamentary Inquiry will move this in the right direction – toward solutions or a Public Inquiry.

The Royal Commission on the Status of Women, 1970, is still a landmark document for change for women in Canada. The Report of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry of Manitoba (The Justice System and Aboriginal People), 1991, regarding the deaths of Helen Betty Osborne and J. J. Harper, revealed systemic injustices and led to changes in the Justice System that would not have happened without it. The travesty of murdered and missing Aboriginal women deserves no less than a Public Inquiry or a Royal Commission if lives are to be saved and further tragedies prevented. In 2013 is it not time to pay the same attention to the most serious issue facing Aboriginal women and their families?

#### References:

Amnesty International Canada, December 2012: Matching International Commitments with National Action: A Human Rights Agenda for Canada. PDF report may accessed at: <http://www.amnesty.ca/research/reports/matching-international-commitments-with-national-action>  
Human Rights Watch February, 2013 Report: <http://www.hrw.org/sites/default/files/reports/canada0213webwcover.pdf>

**PRAIRIE WOMEN'S HEALTH**  
**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am saddened to make this last report from Prairie Women's Health Centre of Excellence. In May of last year we were advised that our federal contribution agreement would terminate this spring, and in November the Board of Directors concluded that the best option is for PWHCE to "dissolve with dignity". March 31, 2013 is our last day of formal operation. You will still be able to find our projects on our website: [www.pwhce.ca](http://www.pwhce.ca)

It has been a great privilege to work with the women and agencies who make up the Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba. We have had strong partnerships, and I personally have benefited greatly from the wisdom of so many of you. On behalf of the Board of Directors and our staff, I want to thank you for the strong, feminist voice that PCWM continues to have for the women in this province.

Best wishes,  
Margaret Haworth-Brockman  
Executive Director, Prairie Women's Health Centre of Excellence

## Resolutions Committee Report – Sally Thomas, Interim Committee Chair

The PCWM Resolution Committee met many times over the winter to look at three resolutions. The package has already been sent out and we hope that that you will carefully review them and be prepared to vote on them at the General Council Meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup>. We had many discussions about using a “plain language” format in the future.

The National Council of Women of Canada’s 2013 resolution package was reviewed on March 21, 2013. There was lively discussion and some good amendments were put forth.

### Voting Results On NCWC Resolution Package 2013

The following are the results of the voting on the NCWC Resolution Package 2013 that took place on March 21, 2013. If someone wishes more details please contact Sally at saladann@mts.net or 204.257.5064.

1. Facilitating Nutritious Food Choices – Defeated
2. Antibiotic Resistance In Animals Leads To Resistance IN HUMANS – Carried with an amendment
3. Proposals To Strengthen Health Care – Carried
4. Double Bunking And Overcrowding In Canadian Prison – Carried with amendments
5. Canada Pension Plan Drop-out Provision for Natural Caregivers – Carried with an amendment
6. Protection Of Temporary Foreign Workers’ Rights – Carried with an amendment
7. Employment Insurance Benefit Reform Regarding Tips And Gratuities – Carried with amendment
8. Early Diagnosis And Treatment Of Autism – Carried with amendment
9. Remove Displays Of Sweets And Candies From Counter Area At Check-Out Counters – Defeated
10. Bullying And Cyber Bullying National Prevention Strategy – Carried with an amendment

PU #1 Mental Health Strategy For Canada – Sent back

PU #2 National Accountability For Food Safety And Security – Carried with an amendment



Manitoba Association  
of Women's Shelters

Everyone has the right to  
live violence free

The Manitoba Association of Women’s Shelters (MAWS) which currently represents 9 shelters in Manitoba is pleased to welcome **Deena Brock**, their newly appointed Provincial Coordinator.

Deena enters the provincial coordinator position bringing with her an extensive background of project management in not for profit organizations and government sectors. The experience gained while working for Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments provides a working knowledge of the different levels of government structure and resources. Her work history includes coordinating and facilitating of pre-employment and life skills programming, employment counselling and business consulting plus two years as a volunteer with Victim Services. Front line involvement directly working with clients has allowed Deena to develop respect, empathy, understanding and appreciation of the process of growth.

Previous employment has taken Deena to the Northwest Territories, British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and now Manitoba. Deena brings her knowledge of social agencies from several provinces and first hand work experience in a women’s shelter. “I believe knowledge exchange is a key component for promoting forward momentum with positive outcomes. Information sharing allows us to move ahead more quickly, creating beneficial gains for our clients. I think in the end that’s what most people want, to help their clients create a better life for themselves. MAWS is the perfect venue to facilitate this process by providing support to Women’s Shelters,” stated Deena.

Please take a moment to look at the website [www.maws.mb.ca](http://www.maws.mb.ca) and check back occasionally as new information will be added, and don’t forget to “like” MAWS on Facebook. If you have any comments or suggestions please feel free to contact Deena at [deenacoordinator@maws.mb.ca](mailto:deenacoordinator@maws.mb.ca). MAWS is also registered with [Canadahelps.org](http://Canadahelps.org) if you would like to make a donation.



## PCWM High Tea Fundraiser – Maxine Balbon



The high tea in celebration of International Women's Day on March 3, 2013 at the Fort Garry Hotel was a resounding success with delicious food, wonderful entertainment, beautiful ambiance and prizes galore for the guests. The hats were spectacular with judges Jenny Gerbasi and Guy Comeo from the City of Winnipeg along with Mike Elliott from Elizabeth Fry Society doing the honors of selecting the best hats.

Bonnie Siemens welcomed the guests, introduced Her Honour Anita K. Lee who officially opened the tea, and introduced the emcee for the afternoon, Maurine Scurfield. Maurine introduced the PCWM President, Sharon Taylor for her comments, and then introduced Julien Vanderput, who played piano selections to everyone's enjoyment while the food and tea were served.

After everyone enjoyed the fancy sandwiches, scones and jams, dainties and tea, Doris Mae Oulton spoke on behalf of the Nellie McClung Foundation, of their work to

have the Nellie McClung statue erected and the scholarships they now present to young women seeking a caring profession. Peggy Barker's costume and reading of the Nellie McClung memoirs was wonderfully amusing and captured the full attention of all the guests. Peggy then closed the tea by thanking all those who took part.



A big thank you goes to Bonnie Warkentine for her time and work in designing and printing the invitations, the tickets, the programs and doing the table centerpieces. Thanks to the Fundraising Committee - Bonnie Siemens, Arlene Draffin Jones, Alberta Johnson, Shirley Walker and Peggy Barker for their work in making the tea the delightful event that it was.

A special thanks go to those who made donations to the tea:

Shirley Loewen

McKenzie Seeds

Aveda Institute Winnipeg

Fort Garry Hotel

Grower Direct Fresh Cut Flowers at 939 Portage Ave.

Common Sense Teahouse & Bakery

Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre

The UPS Store at 2855 Pembina Hwy.



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**United Nations Commission on the Status of Women – 57<sup>th</sup> session 852/ 784 735**  
Oral Statement, March 14, 2013

Read by Linda MacDonald on behalf of the  
Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW)  
and National Council of Women Canada (NCWC)

Thank you for this opportunity to appear before you. Many member states have reported progress in their efforts to end violence against women and girls, including a good number that have developed national action plans or strategies. However, many of these plans and strategies are not comprehensive or coordinated and are lacking sufficient human and financial resources to ensure their success. Still, there are several Member States who have yet to develop comprehensive and holistic national action plans, including our own country, Canada.

It is clear from what we have heard during this session, that much more must be done in all Member States to strengthen and enforce legal frameworks, improve access to justice, expand the collection of sex-disaggregated data, and most importantly enhance prevention efforts by addressing poverty, gender discrimination and inequality. Therefore, we wish to express our support for the recommendations presented in the Secretary-General's reports on *The Prevention of Violence against Women and Girls* and *Multisectoral Services and Responses for Women and Girls Subjected to Violence*. In particular, we wish to join in calling on all Member States to adopt and implement coordinated, comprehensive, and adequately resourced, multi-sectoral national action plans as means of preventing and responding to the continuum of violence against women and girls. In addition to the recommendations found in the Secretary General's reports, we urge member states to include:

- Distinct strategies to prevent and respond to **all forms of violence**, including torture by non-state actors and enforced prostitution, which are not specifically mentioned in the Secretary General's reports;
- Access to mental health programming and services for survivors and perpetrators of violence;
- Access to safe, accessible and affordable housing to ensure that women and girls are better able to avoid and escape violent living situations;

- Among the strategies to prevent and address violence against women in disproportionately affected communities, include women/persons who are lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, transsexual and/or queer. The Secretary General's reports do not specifically mention this community.
- Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), as part of the strategies to end violence against Indigenous women. In Canada, a disproportionate number of Indigenous women and girls have suffered violence, gone missing, or been murdered over the past three decades. Much of this violence is a reflection of the underlying conditions of poverty, racism and colonial history; the full implementation of the UNDRIP is an integral part of the solution.

Finally, we further urge Member States to:

- Make the elimination of violence against women a priority for international development programming and assistance, including contributing to the UN Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women; and
- Implement and provide action plans for UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and related resolutions on women, peace and security in conflict-affected settings.

In closing we commend Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon for bringing together governments, the UN system and key stakeholders to address violence against women and girls through the UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign. The launch of the Secretary-General's 2009 database on violence against women has helped Member States and civil society advocates to share information, assess and respond to the global epidemic of violence against women and girls. We urge the United Nations will continue to play a leadership role through this important campaign and other initiatives beyond 2015.

## Blow to the Early Learning and Child Care Workforce – Maxine Balbon



### The Child Care Human Resources Sector Council closes due to funding cut.

The Child Care Human Resource Sector Council is a pan-Canadian organization dedicated to moving forward on human resources issues in the child care sector. It was formally established in 2003 and brought together National partners and other sector representatives to help develop a confident, knowledgeable, skilled and respected workforce valued for its contribution to early childhood education and care.

As of March 2013, sector councils will no longer receive operating funds from the federal government (Human Resource Skills Development Sector Council Program). As it is not possible to continue the CCHRSC without compromising the standards and calibre of work produced, the CCHRSC Board has made the difficult decision to dissolve the organization. This is a great loss for early learning and child care in Canada. The CCHRSC was the hub for information on HR issues in Early Childhood Education, most recently the revised Occupational Standards, and the void will be felt across Canada. The *You Bet We Still Care* survey was conducted by the CCHRSC in 2012 in order to gather data on the ECEC workforce. Survey findings were helpful to develop recommendations to improve HR practices. The council's work contributed to increased recognition of the ECEC workforce and its critical importance to providing quality programs to children and their families.

## “THE PRICE IS WRONG! ” Awareness campaign on Food (In)Security in the North – Gisele Saurette-Roch

Given that Food security has been an issue with which Councils of Women have been struggling over the years, I thought members would be interested in this new campaign I became aware of on April 1<sup>st</sup> - this April Fool's Day. I only wish it were a joke!

“THE PRICE IS WRONG” GAME SHOW was hosted at Neechi Commons at lunch-time on April 1<sup>st</sup>, hosted by a newly formed group by the same name. Their e-mail is: nonviolentsocialchange@gmail.com. They had prepared a variety of baskets of food presented by a lovely gowned hostess. A debonair mustached host asked 3 pairs of contestants how much they believed the food basket to cost up North, for example, on reserves. Between rounds, the audience heard testimonials from former Northern residents as to their personal struggles to feed themselves and their children. Tina Keeper was one of the guest speakers who challenged audience members to write their federal and provincial elected representatives to do something to make food more affordable for families living in the North and in remote areas. “It is time to declare the right to affordable food as a basic human right. How is it alcohol is relatively the same price all over the province? Is food not more important than alcohol for families?”

A comparison of the food baskets with the Southern and Northern values the items can be bought for follows. I personally would find it impossible to feed my children healthy food at the prices paid in the North.

	North	South
<b>Essentials</b>		
Flour	\$46.99	\$14.02
Sugar	\$18.39	\$5.69
Eggs	\$6.15	\$2.99
Salt	\$4.85	\$1.59
Margarine	28.79	\$9.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$105.07</b>	<b>\$33.86</b>
<b>Frozen dinner</b>		
Frozen vegetables	\$9.32	\$4.33
Chicken fingers (4 kg)	\$85.58	\$50.00
Concentrate Juice	\$11.29	\$1.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$106.19</b>	<b>\$55.88</b>
<b>Breakfast</b>		
Coffee	\$34.99	\$11.98
Bananas	\$6.30	\$1.45
Yogurt (16)	\$26.40	\$7.99
Nutrigrain bars	\$16.19	\$4.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$83.88</b>	<b>\$25.61</b>
<b>Snack</b>		
White bread	\$5.69	\$1.89
Jam	\$16.89	\$4.19
Peanut butter	\$17.69	\$14.68
Milk (2L)	\$11.99	\$2.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$52.26</b>	<b>\$23.49</b>

## Réseau Action Femmes Marches On – Blandine Pascale Ngo Tona

March was a very busy month for the volunteer board. Of course the International Women's Day was the focus of considerable time and energy. After a hiatus of two years, the board members decided to resume the Réseau action femmes Prix Réseau Awards Bunch celebrating the achievements of francophone women who have made a significant contribution to the francophone community.

The recipients of this 23rd edition of the Prix Réseau included Sophie Gaulin, the editor of the weekly newspaper, La Liberté, which is celebrating its 100 anniversary. The weekly is a jewel of the francophone community which always improving, initiating new partnerships and projects, meriting the team several national awards every year. Bintou Sacko, a Malian newcomer herself, has headed Accueil francophone, the francophone "Welcome Place" for nearly 10 years. She is also a great innovator, providing a broad range of services to the clients to promote the newcomers' integration into our community. She too nurtures many partnerships as a young volunteer at the Entre-temps des franco-manitobaines, the second stage shelter for her generosity and commitment to the organization and its clients. A novelty for us this year was the nomination of a group as a recipient. The fourth award was given to le Groupe des femmes francophones du Centre de ressources pour familles militaires. Over twenty members of the group attended, with their partners and their children, they were so moved to be recognized. It was a bittersweet moment given they were notified of the imminent closing of this particular resource centre for military families among others across the country. The community was very generous in donating prizes or funding to make it a memorable event. We decided to promote the NCWC Celebrating Women series by featuring the prints for sale.

Another initiative that we featured was the first Réseau action femmes Writing Contest for girls from grades 9-12. The texts submitted on the theme "What is the role of

young francophone women in 2013?" were very moving, such that we will put nine honorary mentions on our website and potentially publish them. They reflected the diversity of young women in Manitoba today- newcomers, urban and rural young women from across the province. The winners were Anie Brémault, 14, from Labroquerie (MB) , Véronica Lilke, 17, also from Labroquerie and Maryse Goli, 16, from Windsor Park Collegiate. We are committed to pursuing this initiative.

Réseau action femmes was also one of the four community organizations, along with Accueil Francophone, ETFM - L'Entre-temps des franco-manitobaines, Centre de santé, who organized a special celebration of International Women's Day for newcomer women and their families. The program included three presentations on themes promoting "Family Harmony" The first was Catherine Biaya originally from the Congo, who presented the concept of "Life-mapping" showing how we make decisions to take us closer to our goals rather than divert us from our hopes and dreams, recommending that we do well to take on a learner approach to life versus a judger/blamer attitude. Next Stephanie Rouet from ETFM talked about everyone's right to safe environment and provided a list of resources available to all who live in Manitoba. The third presentation by France Adam was on relaxation techniques which are useful to use by one and all. We were entertained by two groups of young African dancers after a wonderful meal. All these young people and the male partners also benefitted from the information to enhance family harmony, for a total of 68 guests.

Réseau action femmes continues to feature a monthly column in La Liberté as well as an hour program at CKXL Envol 91 the francophone community radio, the first Tuesday of the month from 10-11 am. RAF is proud to be involved with numerous partnerships on a variety of projects. Please stay tuned.





## NOTE IMPORTANT CHANGES TO AGM

### — PCWM AGM IS POSTPONED —

**A General Council Meeting of PCWM** will be held  
 May 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm registration, 6:00 pm dinner  
 at St. Mary's Road United Church, 613 St. Mary's Road  
 Admission: \$20 and Membership Renewals  
**All members and guests welcome.**

#### May 30 Agenda:

- \* Dinner and speaker Marie Bodnar (see bio below)
- \* President's interim Report on strategic planning process
  - \* Treasurer's Report
  - \* Consider 3 new policy resolutions

and

**The 2013 PCWM AGM**  
**Is postponed to September 19<sup>th</sup> (evening)**  
**DETAILS TO COME**

#### AGM Agenda will include:

- \* President's final report on Strategic Planning Process  
 undertaken in April, May and June
  - \* consider proposed new directions
  - \* financial statements and up-date
    - \* election of board
    - \* Annual Report (print)

Note: At the April Board meeting it was decided to ask the present board to remain in office through the strategic planning process which began April 12 and will continue at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> board meeting and thereafter until the September AGM. The board members all agreed and we anticipate presenting an action plan to the membership in September.

Federate Members are requested to submit 2012-13 Annual Reports by **June 1, 2013** to: [pcwm@mts.net](mailto:pcwm@mts.net)

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**Marie Bodnar** will be graduating from the University of Winnipeg in Fall 2013 with her degree in Human Rights. In 2010 and 2012 she travelled with Christian Peacemaker Teams to the West Bank, and Iraqi- Kurdistan to job shadow full time team members, meet local organizations whose focus is on nonviolent social change and to take part in daily actions meant to undo oppression and racism. While in these areas, Marie participated in demonstrations and press conferences that highlighted injustices common in those areas such as housing demolitions, land rights and security issues.

In 2012 she travelled to Egypt and took part in the demonstrations and celebrations in Tahrir Square and met with young people involved with the 2011 uprising when the President finally resigned. Most recently, Marie returned from Afghanistan where she met with local women who are focused on creating jobs for families, educating women and children and focusing on development that is sustainable and will not in the future have to rely on foreign aid to continue.

She is currently involved with a local group, Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan, which is focused on raising awareness of the issue of education for young women in that country, raising money for teachers and teacher training in Kabul. Marie hopes to have numerous opportunities to share her experiences in schools and with groups of young women.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To **Lucille Bart, Executive Director of Artbeat Studio and PCWM Member**, on being nominated for the 2013 YMWA-YWCA Women of Distinction Awards! The 37th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Gala Dinner will take place on May 1st at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

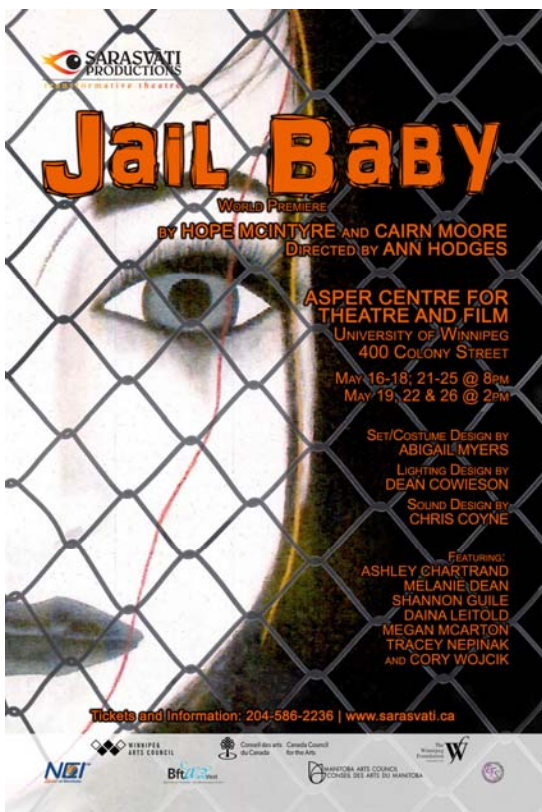
<http://www.ymcaywca.mb.ca/wod.html>

## Celebrating Women



7th Celebrating Women Gala and Fundraiser  
Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm  
at the Viscount Gort Hotel, 1670 Portage Avenue

The PCWM would like to invite everyone to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrating Women Gala and fundraiser. This event is to honour and celebrate the work and contribution of individuals and a federate organization. It will feature entertainment by the jazz band "Nightfall," good food, door prizes, a Rainbow Auction and the Celebrating Women boutique. The fundraising committee would appreciate donations of a theme basket for the Rainbow auction or favor bag gifts by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013.



Sarasvati Productions presents:

## Jail Baby

By Hope McIntyre and Cairn Moore

May 16-26, 2013

University of Winnipeg Asper Centre for Theatre and Film

After years of working with the Elizabeth Fry Society, conducting research and facilitating drama sessions with incarcerated women we are excited to share the resulting script with audiences. *Jail Baby* will be making its world premiere this upcoming May! In this powerful new play, hilarious parody is interspersed with the harsh reality of the cycle of incarceration. This striking new play was workshopped at FemFest in 2011 and received overwhelming support. We will also be hosting panels after selected performances in order to hear from former offenders, community organizations, victims' groups and those who work in the system.

Tickets and updates on our panels can be found on our website: [www.sarasvati.ca](http://www.sarasvati.ca)

## PCWM Calendar of Events | April to July 2013

### Board Meetings

Begin at 5:30 pm, Room 212 (Kitchen) at SMD unless otherwise indicated

Thursdays – May 2 in Room 212 | June 20 in Room 203 (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE.)

### General Council Meeting (see announcement on page 9)

Thursday, May 30 | 5:00 pm registration | \$20 plus membership renewals | Dinner 6:00 pm | St. Mary's Road United Church, 613 St. Mary's Road

### Annual General Meeting (see announcement on page 9)

Postponed to Thursday, September 19 | 6:30 pm | Location TBA

### Celebrating Women Gala (see advertisement on page 10)

Tuesday, July 9 | 7:00 pm | Viscount Gort Hotel

## Community Information

### IIWR

A year ago the UN Women—Winnipeg Chapter was dissolved by the Canadian National Committee of UN Women. The Manitoba women involved have re-organized to continue Manitoba women's work "Local to Global" registered as "The Institute for International Women's Rights—Manitoba Inc". The inaugural meeting was held on April 8th at 54 West Gate. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 28 at 7 pm at 54 West Gate.

### Ka Ni Kanichihk Inc. – Those Who Lead | 12th Annual 2013 Keeping the Fires Burning

Thursday, June 20th | Winnipeg Convention Centre | Grand Entry begins at 5:30 pm  
Tickets \$125 | Contact 204.953.5820 or kfb@kanikanichihk.ca

### MATCH Manitoba | Annual General Meeting

Monday, April 29th 5:30 pm | Wolseley Family Place, 691 Wolseley Avenue | Winnipeg  
Panel: Working Together to End Gender Violence | With representatives from Resource Assistance for Youth, Canada World Youth, and Wolseley Family Place  
For more information contact: Helen 204.895.8108 or whettles@mts.net

### UNPAC

After hosting three successful Pathmakers groups in rural Manitoba, UNPAC is pleased to announce that plans are in the works to offer three one-day workshops in Western Manitoba. These events will offer women in leadership opportunities to connect with one another and to develop practical skills for empowering participation in their communities. Workshops are in the planning stages with probable locations in Roblin, McCreary, and Minnedosa and dates yet to be determined in late April and May. If you are a woman in leadership of any kind and would like to find out more about participating, send us an email at: inquiries@unpac.ca

### Women's Health Clinic | Save the date—May 28th – "In Full Bloom Sowing Seeds for Life Long Health"

Come and go reception 5:30-7:30 pm | Winnipeg Art Gallery | Tickets \$25 (\$10 for students)  
Contact Laurie Helgason at 204.504.4988 or email: laurie\_helgason@shaw.ca



## Membership Renewal – Maxine Balbon

Membership fees for 2013-2014 are due as of April 1, 2013. Please fill out the form provided and send it along with your cheque to: PCWM, 204-825 Sherbrook Street, Winnipeg, MB R1A 1M5

Membership to PCWM offers an opportunity to have your issues of concern brought before the government in the form of a brief, free educational programs, and a newsletter four times a year.



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Thank you for your interest in the Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba, Inc. It is now time to renew your membership for the upcoming year. This membership year runs from April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014. To renew your membership, please follow the steps outlined below:

- 1) Fill out the form below.
- 2) Send the completed form, along with a cheque payable to **The Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba, Inc.** to:  
 PCWM – Membership Chair  
 204 – 825 Sherbrook Street  
 Winnipeg, MB R3A 1M5

### Membership Form – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Please indicate whether you are applying to be an **Individual** or **Federate** member:

**Individual** member - Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Federate** member – Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federate Phone # and E-mail (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

May we send newsletters, articles and notices by e-mail? Yes  No

May we share your contact information with the PCWM membership? Yes  No

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Please check applicable amount:

Federate Members (April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014): \$40.00  
 Individual Members (April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014): \$20.00

Would you like a receipt for this payment? Yes  No

**\*\*\*Please make your cheque payable to the Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba, Inc and send it along with your membership form.**

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