### THE BLUENOSE BUGLE – MAY 2016 EDITION



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**Presidents Message** 



I sit here and reflect on that fact that two years have flown by, and that this will be my last President's message. It has been a great honor to be a part of this Association, my time on the Executive has been a great professional learning experience. If I look back to when I joined NSIWA, I think I always knew that I would one day be President. I watched Past Presidents before me take on the challenges of facilitating the Executive, and their passion and determination made me even more convinced, that it was worth the effort. I thank those wonderful women, for helping me over the past 2 years.

It was a great ride, and one that I will always take pride in, and I am so happy to be moving into the Past Presidents role....I look forward to working with Tamara Higgins our incoming NSIWA President. I know she will do a fantastic job!!

I wish the incoming NSIWA Executive good luck, I know you will all represent us well.

We hope to see you at our AGM and VIP night on May 18th, to see these lovely ladies take on their new roles on the Executive.

Yours in fellowship,

Lynne Gerhardt NSIWA President **Mission statement:** To preserve and enhance the value of our Member Associations through Education, Networking and to foster personal growth.



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#### CAIW PRESIDENT REPORT – MAY 2016

#### Going Forward.....Next Stop Convention 2016!

The CAIW 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is closing in and I look forward to seeing you all there! Please make sure your registrations are in as soon as possible, TIWA is working hard going in to the final stretch and their efforts are very much appreciated!

I had the pleasure of attending the local association Public Speaking Contests in Halifax, Nova Scotia and Moncton, New Brunswick this past March. Thoroughly enjoyed this and would like to acknowledge with thanks my advisor in making the trip with me; thank you Donna Brown!

I would also like to thank the members of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick's Associations for spending the time and making my trip that much more enjoyable! You both have a great group of members and everything you did was appreciated!

In April I was pleased to attend the Montreal Association reception and dinner, Panagiota Kalantzis was able to show me her office for our midterm meeting venue in January 2017; Madeleine Gravel did pick me up and take me back to the airport, thank you Madeleine! As I told Madeleine I will never ever complain again about road construction or potholes, Montreal has several road projects underway and clearly it is very challenging for commuters in that region.

Sadly I could not make it to Newfoundland and the tri conference typically held between Winnipeg, Brandon and Northwestern Ontario was not slated during my term. I can assure you that the incoming president will attend in her term 2016-2017.

From the Association visits I did make it clear that while we have seen growth over the past few years we still have some associations struggling. It is a changed world, everyone is quite busy both professionally and personally and the advent of the internet and social media has made it easier to avoid meeting in person. I would though point out that working professionals are missing out on the face to face contact, maintaining and renewing networking opportunities and your local association is a fit for that purpose.

Our employers really need to see the benefit of an employee in belonging to an association to extend a financial commitment for support. Growth is important to us for this very reason amongst others. Again I would reiterate, speak up, get involved and please communicate with your executive any suggestions you have at any time. Every association has a director for communication purposes. Please do not hesitate in approaching that member.

In the communication realm I will again touch upon feedback received from forum at the AGM last year. One of the questions asked; *Do you want to have a say in the AGM. Do you enjoy and understand the AGM. What could be done to improve the program?* 

Responses. 1. Brainstorming and Breakout Forum are excellent. 2. Ask for members input on Education in advance to choose speakers accordingly. 3. Directors don't do their jobs. 4. Revisit schedule of meetings. 5. Better explanation of what to expect. 6. Provide timetables of program in advance. 7. Pleased with editing of the Presidents reports on the lectern. 8. Memorial service, can we do it differently, ie. a screen for each decade. 9. Every convention should set up twitter, hashtag / FB page and advise members to use it. 10. Need to do something else at meet/greet, ie. Selfie scavenger hunt / selfie with newbie/mingling games.

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I have to say that the responses from forum which I have addressed in each newsletter has given me new ideas and there is a clear direction that social media avenues need to be pursued further. I feel forum is a worthwhile use of our time for the benefit of both the National and the local associations.

All ideas are welcome and are shared. I know TIWA is changing up things as far as reports and our program are concerned for convention. It is all well and fine for us to acknowledge ideas coming out of forum but we need to now see what we can implement to see what can work. Nothing ventured, nothing gained!!!

Please note our CBL / Handbook is being reworked at the moment, should anyone require a copy of the existing format please contact me.

In closing I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at convention and again, email me or call me at any time, your executive is here to answer your questions and concerns.

Best Regards,

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### 2015-2016 NSIWA ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
September 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2015	Executive Meeting	Travelers Canada
September 11th, 2014	21st Annual Golf Tournament	Chester Golf Course
September 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	General Meeting	Ramada Dartmouth
September 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Cancer Crusade Canteen	Springfield Lake Lower
		Sackville (IINS softball)
October 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Executive Meeting	Travelers Canada
October 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	General Meeting	Ramada Dartmouth
November 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Executive Meeting	Travelers Canada
November 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	General Meeting	Ramada Dartmouth
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2015	Executive Meeting	Travelers Canada
December 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Christmas Auction & Basket	Ramada Dartmouth
	Draw	
January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Executive Meeting	Travelers Canada
January 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	General Meeting	Ramada Dartmouth
February 3 <sup>10</sup> , 2016	Executive Meeting	Travelers Canada
February 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	ANNUAL WINE & CHEESE	Marriott Halifax
February 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2016 February 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 February 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	General Meeting	Ramada Dartmouth
March 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2016	Executive Meeting	Travelers Canada
March 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	General Meeting & Public	Ramada Dartmouth
	Speaking Contest	
April 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Executive Meeting	Travelers Canada
April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	General Meeting	Ramada Dartmouth
May 4 <sup>th</sup> . 2016	Executive Meeting	Travelers Canada
May 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 June 8 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	AGM & VIP Night	Ramada Dartmouth
June 8 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	CAIW 50 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & AGM	Toronto

# NSIWA AGM & VIP NIGHT – MAY $18^{TH}$ , 2016

5pm Reception – 6pm Dinner Ramada - Dartmouth

\$50 per person (3 course meal)

Please join us for our Annual AGM & VIP night...bring a friend, co-worker or employer...it's an evening to showcase all that NSIWA has to offer..We hope to see you there!!!

Entertainment – Daniel Burke

Please RSVP to Tracey Stuart before Noon, Friday, May 13th, 2016. <u>tstuart501@yahoo.com</u> or 902-431-0305 Please advise of any dietary concerns or limitations.

Please note, the Permanent List is NOT in effect

**MAY BIRTHDAYS!!!** 

JUNE BIRTHDAYS!!!

J. Charles Foster 3rd Marlene Landry 4th Kelly Burgher 9th Amy Lane 15th Sherry Young 22nd John Rhuland 25th Annie Martin 26th

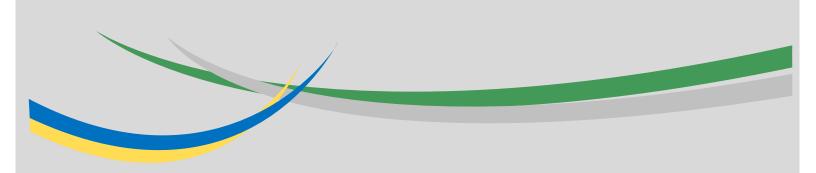
Sandra Cox 3rd Brian Merrick 5th Barbara Bradshaw 10th Shelley Landry 12th Yvonne Jennings 12th Keith Barrie 16th Judith DeYoung 18th Erin Comeau 19th Roslyn Kozak 20th Denise Russell 22nd Melissa LeBlanc 29th

### JULY BIRTHDAYS!!!

Pieter Heydenrych 1st Gary Salkus 4th Colleen Farrell 4th Laura Langille 6th Adele Mitchell 15th Penny Dude 17th Jillian Kean 22nd Devon Rockwell 25th Steven Barnett 29th Natalia Richard 31st Robin Harris 31st

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!!!

Leslie Campbell 13th Briana Donnelly 15th Sylvie Gerbasi 16th



# Canac Insura 50th A

# Canadian Association of Insurance Women

# 50th Annual Convention

# Power of the Past, Voice of the Future

June 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> , 2016



Hosted by Toronto Insurance Women's Association

2016 TORONTO CAIW / ACFA

# Welcome to Toronto

# Dining

Dining options are vast and many to choose from. Just steps from the Hyatt Regency both east and west on King Street you will find several established eateries. Whether you are looking for a quiet dinner at a local



bistro or a few drinks with friends at a local pub you can find it all here in our downtown core.

- Kit Kat Italian Bar & Grill 297 King Street West
- Marcel's Bistro 315 King Street West
- Luma 350 King Street West
- Patria 478 King Street West
- Buca 604 King Street West



# Welcome to Toronto

# Sites and Sounds



Thinking of taking in a show? Consider one of the 4 Mirvish Theaters and any one of the many stage productions that can been enjoyed in our Theater District

The Royal Ontario Museum is a great place to get lost in various historical and cultural exhibits. The many gallery and exhibits showcase international art pieces and artifacts from Egypt to China as well as Great Britain



There are many attractions and sights to enjoy while visiting Toronto, above are just a few of the many. We urge you to visit the following site for further information: http://wwwi.toronto.ca/wps/portal/ contentonly? vgnextoid=o6508b7a29891410VgnVCM1000 o071d6of89RCRD



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# Shopping



With a striking glass galleria and iconic "Flight Stop" geese, CF Toronto Eaton Centre is a celebrated Canadian landmark. Home to over 235 best-in-class retailers, restaurants and services in the heart of downtown, TEC is the city's premier urban shopping location.

Cross over into the world of Bloor-Yorkville - the ultimate fusion of historic charm and modern seduction. We are Toronto's most celebrated neighbourhood of style and culture offering a unique blend of designer boutiques, fashionable restaurants, plush hotels and world class galleries... 700 in all



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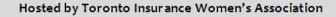
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It's one of the world's great markets – each merchant a square on a lively and authentic patch quilt. The mothers, sons, fathers and daughters whose hard work and passion for food and their craft make up the collective story of the Market. You're here, and part of the story. There's so much to see, taste and discover

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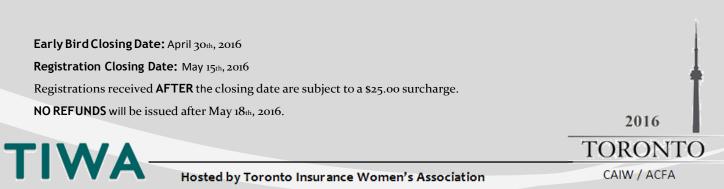
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#### **Details:**

Please advise of any needs that require extra care such as food allergies, vegetarian meals, etc.:

#### **Registration Fees** (please check all that apply):

Full Registration	June 8th to 12th, 2016 Inclusive				\$ 325.00
Thursday June 9th , 2016	Fun Night				\$ 100.00
	Exhibitor's Booth (Includes 1 Full Registration)				\$ 1,000.00
Friday June 10th, 2016	Education Day - full day (Including Lunch) & Exhibitor's Reception			\$ 125.00	
	-	Credit Required?	Yes	No	
		Accreditation Certificate Required?	Yes	No	
	Education Day (half day - lunch not Included)				\$ 100.00
		Credit Required?	Yes	No	
		Accreditation Certificate Required?	Yes	No	
Saturday June 11th, 2016	Final Banquet				\$ 275.00
Sunday June 12th, 2016	Do you plan to attend Farewell Brunch?		Yes	No	
	Total Registration Fee:			\$	



#### CONGRATULATIONS!!! PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNER REBECCA BURKE – R SANDRA COX – L – Runner up

Both ladies did an AMAZING job!!







### NSIWA CANCER CRUSADE 50/50 DRAW

### MAY 18, 2016

The NSIWA Cancer Crusade will be holding a 50/50 draw at the AGM on May  $18^{th}$  at the Ramada Dartmouth

All proceeds will go to the Nova Scotia Cancer Society to fund Breast Cancer Research

Tickets will be given out at the April General meeting

The Nominations Committee have purposed the following members as the incoming Executive for the 2016/2017 & 2017/2018 Term

Past President	Lynne Gerhardt
President	Tamara Higgins
1st Vice President	Paula Creelman
2nd Vice President	Brenda Vautour
Treasurer	Roslyn Kozak, CIP, CAIB
Secretary	Diana Vardy

Directors:

Leslie Campbell CIP, CAIB Hons

Annie Martin CIP

Joyce Jennings

#### NOVA SCOTIA INSURANCE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2015 – 2016

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1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

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