

This year, delegates will have a chance to learn about and experience some of Nova Scotia's outstanding service initiatives. Attendees will choose one option from the following (first-come, first-served):

Service Inspiration Talks: Peace by Chocolate and Dress for Success

Peace by Chocolate

Peace by Chocolate is a Nova Scotian Chocolate business with a compelling story. "For more than 20 years we shipped our specialty treats all over the Middle East to countries like Yemen, Jordan and Lebanon.

Like much of our homeland, the Hadhad chocolate factory was destroyed in a bombing that forced our family to leave everything behind and flee to Lebanon.

For three years we found our home in a refugee camp with little opportunity or hope. Our lives had been forever altered and we dreamed of returning to the lives we love. When our family was invited into Canada and became full Canadian citizens our dreams came true. With the support of our new community Antigonish and the people of Nova Scotia we have rebuilt our chocolate company and are once again doing the work we love." (<https://www.peacebychocolate.ca/>)

Tareq from Peace By Chocolate will speak to Members about serving your community, Entrepreneurship and leadership, immigration and Canadian openness, and opportunities for everyone to succeed.

Dress for Success

The mission of **Dress for Success** is to promote the independence of economically disadvantaged women by providing work-appropriate attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. *Delegates are encouraged to pack a 'gently used' piece of business clothing for donation* to the Dress for Success program. Items in need include gently used women's business casual clothing: suit jackets, dress pants, dress shirts, or accessories such as gently used shoes, purses, and jewellery. A staff member from Dress for Success will discuss how their programs serve the community in a unique and important way.

Service Activities: Hope Blooms and Blood Donation

Hope Blooms- Plant a Seed, Harvest a Dream!

The mission of Hope Blooms is to empower at-risk youth to be actively engaged in building environments that directly impact the social determinants of health in their communities.

"Our tours give visitors an authentic experience of Hope Blooms with youth testimonials, a tour of the greenhouse and gardens, a history of where we started, a video of our 'Dragons Den' appearance and an opportunity to try and buy our dressings, the heart of our social enterprise to send youth to post-secondary education."- Hope Blooms staff member

Blood Donation

The *Life Bus* will be transporting up to 20 delegates who are wishing to 'Give the Gift of Life' by donating blood. Those donating blood will be back in time to join the other delegates for lunch.

Lunch will be a cold sandwich deli provided in the hotel with plenty of time to catch up with friends! In the afternoon, delegates will enjoy the annual Speak-Off.