



THE POWER OF WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER

Owen Sound and Area Newsletter

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CFUW: The Power of Women Working Together

CFUW is a non-partisan, voluntary, self-funded organization with over 100 CFUW Clubs, located in every Province across Canada.

Since its' founding in 1919, CFUW has been working to improve the status of women, and to promote human rights, public education, social justice and peace.

It holds special consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC) and belongs to the Education Committee of the Canadian Commission to UNESCO.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to welcome everyone back to CFUW Owen Sound, and also to welcome new members to our Club. We had an especially nice Meet and Greet Tea in August and thanks goes to the Program Committee and Executive members for doing all the work and making it such a easy and lovely get-together.

We have a really interesting year ahead thanks to Brenda Bergen and the Program Committee: Rosemary McCann, Styn Furness, Sidney Misener, and Judy Campbell. Be sure to check out the program on the Website.

Our October meeting we will be hosting the Fall Gathering of the four Clubs in our District. We have a full day planned with a lovely luncheon at Harmony Centre. We would like to count on all our Members attending this event which will feature our past member, Helen Penfold as our main speaker. The Chair person for this event is Brenda Bergen and she will be giving you more information. You can download the Registration Form from the Website or come to our September meeting to pick up the form.

We would encourage you to bring a friend or two to one of our regular Meetings. We have a wonderful Club with many interest groups and as always, our mandate is to support Education, advocate on behalf of women and children in our Community. The Executive Committee will again be at work to provide you with updates and news surrounding issues at the National Club level, and also to make sure that we have an excellent year ahead. Thank you for being a part of this great Club.

Meran Farmer, President

MEMBERSHIP

It is with some trepidation that I step into the role of Membership Chair as following in Judy Thomson's footsteps is a somewhat daunting task! However, I hope I can keep members happily informed about who their fellow members are and help them to investigate new interest groups as their time and desires allow. So, Welcome to all new and returning members.

If you haven't already done so, please download a membership form from our website www.cfuwowensound.com (membership forms are found under the Members tab) and once completed submit your form and payment to Trish Searle (her contact details

are on the form). I'm updating the 2017-2018 membership list and as soon as the membership deadline of October 31st is passed (and possibly sooner) this will be available on the website. If you prefer to bring completed forms and payment to the September meeting, please bring it in an envelope as the setting will not be conducive to paper work, but I or Trish can collect them then, and process them at our leisure!

Our very successful August Garden Party hosted at Meran's home allowed us to add one new member Kathy Needham and expanded our membership numbers for the 2017-2018 year to 29. Kathy has recently moved from Sudbury where she was a member of CFUW, so please welcome her if you meet up with her at general meetings or interest groups. There were also several other people who took information home with them, so lets build on this momentum by talking to neighbours and friends about the variety of activities that our Club allows members to enjoy. Give them the CFUW business card or rack card and encourage them to explore our website and ask questions of interest group leaders. Also of course ask them to our September meeting where we learn about another group of women dedicated to community outreach -the Kemble Women's Institute who are celebrating their 130th Anniversary.

Judith Mapleson, Membership Chair judyed@rogers.com

PROGRAM

Greetings from your Program Committee and information about our meeting on Tuesday evening September 12th:

Please join us...

- * We will assemble for the first part of our meeting at the Women's Institute sculpture at the 'S' bends south of Kemble overlooking Georgian Bay.
- * Then we will move to the Kemble Church Hall for the main part of the meeting.
- * Our guest speaker will be Sunny Houlgrave, President of the Kemble WI.
- * This is their 130th anniversary and Sunny will share amazing stories and memorabilia with us.
- * Social time will follow.

IMPORTANT: We have organized to have a Martin's bus take us as a group to Kemble and back. We will meet in the parking lot across from the Legion, next to the mini-mall, and will leave from there at 6:45.

This will be a really interesting meeting...please join us!

CFUW Fall Gathering Saturday, October 21st:

As you know, our area Fall Gathering cfuwowensound.com/fall-gathering hosted by our club, will be our CFUW October meeting on Saturday the 21st.

Information about the day, including the program and a registration form is on our website.

We know that this will be an amazing day!

The cost is \$40.00.

Please plan to attend.

And bring your cheque books with you to our September meeting to register.

Brenda Bergen, Program Chair bbergen@rogers.com

SCHOLARSHIP

A total of \$5,500.00 in scholarships was awarded in 2016-2017 fiscal year. Congratulations Club members, this is the most we have ever given out in a single year.

Criteria:

Scholarships are awarded to female student(s) who are continuing their studies at a post secondary college or university to be awarded based on the student's need for financial assistance and on their level of academic merit. In the case of Georgian College the criteria is a scholarship will be given to female student(s) in their second year of post secondary study, to be awarded based on the student's need for financial assistance and on their level of academic merit.

Donna Elliott, Scholarship Chair donnajelliott@rogers.com

WEBMASTERS

Click on cfuwowensound.com and you will find all the information you need about the many interesting programs and events our club has.

Click on cfuwowensound.com/members and you will find the contact information for each of our members. HOWEVER, because it is a private section, you will need to use the correct username and password that will be given to members.

Click on cfuwowensound.com/FALLGATHERING and you will find the form you need to register for the October 21st conference that our club is hosting for the other CFUW clubs in our regions. A brilliant program of guest speakers, panel discussions and refreshments has been arranged by our Fall Gathering Committee.

Email info@owensound.com anytime to leave us your suggestions and questions.

Website Managers,
Donna Phillips
Loreen Cumming

ARCHIVES

Please submit any information or pictures that you think should be kept to: Lois Renner loisannrenner@yahoo.ca

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is posted on the website: www.cfuwowensound.com

Please send submissions for the Newsletter to the coordinator: Pat McCoy at: rpmccoy50@gmail.com

Please note that it is CFUW policy that items in the newsletter should be related to CFUW information and events. Occasionally community events and information may be included if these relate to the CFUW mandate.

INTEREST GROUPS

BOOK CLUB 4th Monday of the Month - Note Time Change to 1:30pm

The Book Club reconvened August 28th with a relaxed 'what I read this summer' agenda. Back in June we selected our reading choices for the forthcoming 2017/2018 season. All members were emailed the schedule plus dates and host. Any member without a schedule should check their emails.

We are now meeting at 1:30 pm., throughout the year and as always on the 4th Monday of the month.

Just a reminder for our September meeting: there will be an opportunity to donate to the Alzheimer's chapter of Owen Sound. Receipts will be issued.

We have a great selection of books and topics this year and look forward to interesting discussions. New members always welcomed.

Nan Grey, Coordinator, (email on members site)

GARDENERS' INTEREST GROUP 3rd Tuesday afternoons

Our first meeting of the fall, Tuesday September 19, is still in the planning stages (yes, it's a mystery!)

New members are always welcome. Contact me if you would like a copy of the season's schedule and to be on the regular email list for the Gardeners' Group.

Judy Beth Armstrong, Coordinator (armstrong.judybeth@gmail.com)

ISSUES 4th Thursday Afternoons

The first meeting of the 2017-2018 year will take place on Thursday, Sept 28th at 1:30 pm at the home of Ruth Henderson.

Topic: "What's On Your Mind Right Now?" Open Forum. Bring a newspaper, pamphlet or magazine article to share. There are so many important issues that a lively discussion will take place, I am sure. Remember the bumper sticker -"If you are not outraged, you are not paying attention." As always, members and guests, are welcome to attend any or all discussions throughout the year. An email to the host re your attendance is appreciated

Ruth Henderson- Issues Group Coordinator ruthandbob@gmail.com

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES - 3rd Wednesday Morning of the month

The Healthy Lifestyle Interest Group has enjoyed a variety of activities, speakers and discussions over the past years. We meet on the third Wednesday morning of each month and usually enjoy an hour of gentle physical activity followed by some social time and then learning about some aspect of Healthy Lifestyle. This takes the form of a discussion, a visit to a facility or presentation by an invited speaker.

Please contact Loreen Cumming at loreencumming@gmail.com or 519 372 5120 if you would like your name added to the list. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday morning, September 20 is the date for the first Healthy Lifestyle gathering this fall. By popular request we are making arrangements for a return visit to the Coffin Ridge Winery. This will include a morning walk around the beautiful property, some wine tasting and the purchase of their lunch plate which includes breads, meats and cheeses. One plate is enough for two people to share at a cost of \$12.50 each.

Everyone is welcome so please send an email to Loreen if you would like to come to Coffin Ridge and/or have your name added to the mailing list.

Loreen Cumming Coordinator loreencumming@gmail.com

GAMES GROUP - 1st Wednesday of the month

The games group will meet at the home of Styn Furness on Sept 6th at 7pm.

Lois Renner, Coordinator loisannrenner@yahoo.ca

ART EXPLORER GROUP - variable dates

This group is still planning their events. Contact Eleanor if you would like to receive a schedule

Eleanor Huff huffomell@gmail.com

Chair

YARN CLUB (knitwits) second Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm

In contrast to all other groups CFUW members likely belong to, this one is entirely relaxing. Those who knit or would like to knit meet at Shawna Macivor's place for an afternoon of sitting, talking, knitting - in that order. The next meeting is September 13th starting at 1:30. Shawna's place is 400 Balmy Beach Road (about 10 minutes from Owen Sound). Anyone who knits (or would like to knit) is welcome to join us. Gentle coaching is available.

Shawna Macivor Shawna.macivor@gmail.com