



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.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy spring! Finally, after a long, dreary winter, spring has arrived! I am hopeful that your Easter or Passover celebrations were both joyful and blessed.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, the national and provincial councils have focused much of their attention on preparations for their various Annual General Meetings and internal operational activities. However, much attention has also been directed towards establishing new resolutions.

This is a critical year for CFUW nationally, as we continue to address our financial relationship with GWI. Three motions have been put forth for our consideration and these will be voted on at the 2019 Winnipeg AGM. As an Executive, we are collecting further information and will assess. It is our intent to follow the direction of the Club and thus, we will be bringing forward these resolutions and associated information to you shortly. We will appreciate your insights and comments.

The Ontario Council will be finalizing the By-laws document. There were no specific amendments brought forward after distributing the revisions to all clubs. Approval, completed by vote at the AGM, will now be required to confirm/approve these revisions.

The provincial Council's AGM and conference is set for Friday and Saturday May 10-11th at the University of Toronto Faculty Club. Registration forms are available on-line. The keynote speaker is The Honourable Kathleen Wynne. Her presentation is expected to address our values and principles.

The afternoon sessions include presentations by Yalisha Ramsaroop - " Continuing Education in the Jane Finch Area" and Mary Jo Leddy- " Experiences of Refugee Women Through Education" and Rev. Dr. Carol Finlay - " After Prison: Women and Future Education". The Annual General Meeting will also be conducted. You are welcome to register and attend.

We will continue to keep you informed as further information becomes available.

Spring is a time of re-birth and for our Canadian CFUW clubs, we are also doing so!

Kerina Elliott, President

MEMBERSHIP

April has been a reasonably quiet month for membership, which has allowed me to spend some time in the past few days sorting out the membership box and ensuring that I have soft copies of files ready to pass onto the person who takes over as chair of membership for next year.

We do have one new member who joined in late March – this is Sylvie Cioran. Some of you may remember her from previous years when she was a member of the club, but please reach out if you meet her at our general meeting or an interest group.

I will not be at our next general meeting as care of my mother requires me to be in the UK for much of May, but Ellen Shearer should be ably managing the name tags and sign in sheets.

Judy Mapleson, Membership Chair

PROGRAM

We are looking forward to having Francesca Dobbin speak at St Andrew's Church Hall on Tuesday evening, May 14th at 7pm. Her topic is "What I Think". See you there!

In the future:

* Our AGM will be a lunch at Georgian College on Tuesday June 11th starting at 11:30 with social time.

The speaker will be our own VP Janet Glasspool and her topic is 'On Reflection'...of our amazing year.

* As well, keep Tuesday evening, October 15th open. Ted Barris has a new book and he will be presenting it at the Bayshore. Again at 7pm.

* And finally, the Program Committee is already hard at work on next year's program. Stay tuned!

Brenda Bergen, Program Chair

SCHOLARSHIP

For more information on CFUW Scholarship fund contact:

Donna Elliott, Scholarship Chair

WEBMASTERS REPORT

The Website Managers encourage you to review the website home page for current information.

www.cfuwomensound.com

Loreen and Donna

Please send updates for the Website and the Events Calendar to: **Donna Phillips and Loreen Cumming** at info@cfuwowensound.com

ARCHIVES

Please submit any information or pictures that you think should be kept to: **Lois Renner**

NEWSLETTER

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

Please send submissions for the Newsletter to the coordinator: **Pat McCoy**

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

BOOKCLUB 4th Monday of the Month

Choose your own mystery and be prepared to share a little about it.

This mysterious May meeting will be held on May 27th, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Donna Elliott. All CFUW members are welcome. If interested and not a book club member just contact Ruth Knapp or Donna Elliott for more information.

Ruth Knapp Coordinator Book Club

ISSUES GROUP 4th Thursday Afternoons

Scientists in School Charity and Program:

The Issues group listened to a presentation and undertook a follow-up discussion about an intriguing educational program for schools, community and families entitled "Scientists in School". This youth program is a structured, participatory, and fun-filled series of workshops where learned scientist work alongside teachers. The intent is to bring science to life mostly within the classroom and related science to the student's everyday lives. The topics are diverse ranging from astronomy, physics, chemistry, food science, computing biology, etc.

Beyond this, the overall goal of the Scientist in School programs is designed to spark, amongst youth, an interest in science, technology, engineering and math. This program was initially established 30 years ago and strengthened by Toronto based CFUW chapters. Today, over 9,000,000 young students have been involved in these workshops within the provinces of Ontario and Alberta.

The Issues group is very excited about the potential of assisting this Charity, in some way, in the future. It was decided to garner further details about the programs and investigate the potential ways to support them- funding, mentoring, etc. If appropriate, the group will bring these details and ideas to the Membership at large.

For further details review their website: www.scientistinschools.ca

We welcome your thoughts, questions and comments. Please direct these to Kerina.

Our next meeting will be a discussion to update on Truth and Reconciliation Issues.

Ruth Henderson/Donna Phillips- Issues Group Coordinators

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES - 3rd Tuesday Mornings

Please save Tuesday May 21st for an activity with the Healthy Lifestyle Group. We will be planning to get out on some part of the local Bruce trail which should be just full of spring flowers by then.

Everyone is welcome,
Please contact me if you would like to be part of this activity.

Loreen Cumming, Healthy Lifestyles Group Coordinator

GAMES GROUP - Note change to 1st FRIDAY of the month

Next games afternoon will be **Friday May 3/19** Hosted by Meran Farmer.

PLEASE LET HER KNOW IF YOU WILL ATTEND

Lois Renner, Coordinator

ART EXPLORER GROUP

Wednesday May 22, 1:30, Tom Thomson Art Gallery special art Talk and Tour exhibit: "The Dress", by artist Barbara Sprague. Followed by Talk and Tour by David Huff, curator of new exhibition "Planes, Trains and Automobiles".

Although no formal lunch plans are being made for gallery visit, we would appreciate knowing if you plan to attend the talks on May 22nd, at 1:30.

As well, as a show of appreciation, we make small donations to The TOM upon entry.

There may be an additional art event with Ellen Lewis, if plans work out.

Myrt Heinrich and Eleanor Huff Coordinators

YARN CLUB (knitwits) 2nd Wednesday of the month

If you are interested in joining this group contact Shawna

Shawna Macivor, Coordinator

Of Interest to Our Members

Please save the date for the upcoming documentary by Owen Sound poet/filmmaker Liz Zetlin and scientist Dr. John Anderson: "**Resilience: Transforming Our Community**" www.resilience.doc.info being premiered at the **Roxy Theatre, May 8 at 7pm**. "It is a different kind of climate change film - one that offers solutions to inspire action and encourage people to talk about climate impacts right here in Grey Bruce Counties."

Look for an email with more details about this important event soon. The public is invited - admission by donation. A time will be arranged following May 8th for all interested members to discuss this documentary.

