

January, 2020

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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 was proud to see our CFUW club so well represented at the December 6 vigil held at Georgian College in Owen Sound in honour of the 1989 École Polytechnique massacre victims. The event was hosted by Violence Prevention Grey Bruce, The Women's Centre, Women's House Serving Bruce Grey, Georgian College, M'Wikwedong, The United Way, and the Men's Program. In a very moving ceremony, fourteen young women from the college and Owen Sound District Secondary School held the names and photos of the victims and each placed a white rose in a basket to form a bouquet.

Our executive committee recently invited our members to respond, either orally or in writing, to questions about the length and format of the CFUW newsletter. Most suggestions were to combine a brief notice of coming events with a welcoming narrative about club news. Here are some examples of the feedback received:

- The menu on the CFUW homepage already has an "events calendar". There seems to be duplication between it and the newsletter. Could we just have the events calendar (actually used!) and the short story-focused newsletter several times a year?

- I, unfortunately, cannot get to as many meetings as I would like. The newsletter format lets me catch up with what members, and the organization as a whole, are doing. I like the combination of bullet points and narrative. It's important that each report is followed by the name and email address of a contact person, so follow-up questions are easy!
- It is important to have a welcoming and lively newsletter on our CFUW website so that women searching for an interesting group to join will be able to see what CFUW has to offer.

Janet Glasspool, President

Program

What a lovely festive evening at the Artists' Co-op for our December meeting! Close to 40 of our members enjoyed Morag's presentation, Birgit's pastries, an opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts and time with friends.

After a January and February break we look forward to our next meeting on Tuesday, March 10th: Intersections With Wood with Stephen Hogbin. This will be at 10:00 at his Wood Gallery and Studio on the corner of 3rd Ave and 10th Street East.

Brenda Bergen, Meran Farmer
Co Chairs Program

Our Christmas Donation

At our meeting at the Artist's Co-op, we collected approximately \$285.00 and gave it to Melanie Knapp who will be using that money for the the women of the Comfort and Care Project in conjunction with the Family & Patient Advisory Council at the GBRHC.

Melanie wrote us a note:

"To CFUW

Thanks for your friendly support of the patients visiting the mental health floor this time of year.

It will make many people smile to get gifts at Christmas.

Thanks so much , Melanie"

As always, our members are extremely thoughtful and generous. Meran

Scholarship

I am happy to report that the membership donated more than \$3,100.00 to the Scholarship Fund this year. Congratulations Folks! This is the largest amount donated by the membership in any given year. It is thrilling to see such support for our Scholarship Fund. The schools and young women who receive these awards are very grateful and it is fulfilling to know that we have contributed to their further education.....thus advancing opportunities for women. Well done!

As well, I will be sending out the tax receipts so keep your eye on the mail.

Happy holidays and stay well.
Donna Elliot

Webmaster's Report

Donna Phillips and Loreen Cumming jointly look after the website

Archives

Please send anything you think should be archived to Lois Renner.

Newsletter

Please send any submissions for the newsletter to Ruth Henderson, who is temporarily filling in for Pat McCoy.

Interest Groups

Book Club

Intriguing reads, delicious food and great discussions! This sums up the last few months of 2019. Our December gathering had each member share memories of a favourite childhood read. We discovered that many of us had loved the same books and passed this love on to our offspring.

We are excited to report that the Book Club raised \$160.00 for the Alzheimer Society earlier in the fall and Jane Hendrie shared their thank you letter.

Book Club will meet on January 27th at the home of Jane Hendrie. The designated book is *The Clockmaker's Daughter*, by Kate Morton and Ellen Shearer is presenting. All CFUW members are invited.

Ruth Knapp Coordinator Book Club

Issues Group

Wed, Jan 22 at 1:30 would be the next planned Issues Group meeting but if held, will be called spontaneously closer to the date depending on who is available and not travelling.

Ruth Henderson, Coordinator Issues Group

Healthy Lifestyle

We plan to start off the New Year with a visit to the Kokomo Wellness and Spiritual Hub in downtown Owen Sound. Ann Magner will be co-ordinating this event on Tuesday morning January 21st. Be sure to put this on your calendar as it will be a fun activity to cast off the January blahs. Ann will give us more details closer to the date. All members are certainly

welcome to participate and you can have your name put on our list by emailing me :
meranjoan@gmail.com
Have a Happy New Year!

Meran Farmer and Ann Magner, January Coordinator of Healthy Lifestyle Group

Yarn Group (Knitwits)

Hello to all CFUW members who knit (or crochet or needlepoint, etc). Beginner and experienced yarners are welcome. Our first gathering in the New Year will be **Wednesday January 8th** (yes, the second Wednesday) at 1:30pm at Shawna Macivor's place. Address is in the members' handout. If you are planning to attend, please let Shawna know a few days ahead.

Shawna Macivor
Coordinator Yarn Group

Art Explorers

On Dec 3rd, at the Artists' Co-op, during the CFUW Christmas festivities, Janet asked Art Explorer, Anne D, to talk briefly about their downtown art gallery. At Grey Gallery, the openings are always a combination of eclectic art, stimulating conversations and delicious food!

I would also like to thank Myrt for continuing the events for Art Explorers while I'm away for the winter. She has a number of interesting events coming up so do check the newsletter and save the date January 15th 10:30 at the TOM for the first Art Explorer event in 2020!

Thank you for your enthusiasm about the trips we had this Fall. We have had fun exploring galleries and artists studios and there's always good times getting to know each better other during our lunches together.

Wishing you all the very best for the Christmas season and the New Year.

CynthiaPorter
Myrt Heinrich Coordinator, January until April 16, 2020

Games Group

The next games gathering will be Jan 10, 2020 at 1:30, Kindly hosted by Trisha Hendrie. Please let her know if you plan to attend.

Lois Renner, Coordinator