



THE POWER OF WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER

Owen Sound and Area Newsletter

JUNE 2019

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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

It is with utmost respect that I write this final message to membership.

For the Club, it has been a very successful year. We have partnered with many organizations and social service groups and have contributed to the community at large. Our plays - Everlasting Fire and Dickens' Christmas Carol have strengthened our scholarship funds while the Ted Barris evening entertained and educated many. I am confident that Janet's presentation at our AGM will speak in more detail about the achievements of our entire Program year.

On the personal side, this year has been one filled with new challenges as I have garnered a better understanding of the workings of our CFUW club and the Councils. It has been a very rewarding experience. I have appreciated the assistance and work of the Executive as they have worked diligently and effectively. We have accomplished a great deal. I am especially pleased with the Executive's completion of the policy and procedural review and the new Privacy guidelines.

The National organization has some exciting times ahead with 100th celebrations while simultaneously they are negotiating CFUW's contentious relationship to GWI. We will be able to communicate to you further when details become available later this summer. The Executive appreciates your recent support of their decisions regarding the financial National Motions that will be put forth at the Winnipeg AGM. This support provides the platform for our representatives to vote effectively. We are ten recipients of many award s this year and we are honoured to have both a Notable Women - Judy Thompson and Saga Award - Miriam Cady Winners.

For planning purposes, please be advised that in 2020, the National AGM will be held in Ottawa while the Provincial AGM will be held in Orillia.

Thank you to the Executive for their assistance and support. Thank you to the Membership for welcoming me and allowing me to serve in this leadership role. But, more importantly, thank you for your friendship.

Respectfully,

PS: I look forward to seeing you at the AGM...June 11th!

Kerina Elliott, President

MEMBERSHIP

As we move towards our AGM this year it is my pleasure to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer season and to hope that you have enjoyed your membership of CFUW Owen Sound this year. We look forward to welcoming you back for next year. As mentioned in previous newsletters I am having to resign as membership chair as I find myself with too many commitments to family members around the world (I'm currently typing this in the UK!!), but I am delighted that Roberta Cuthbertson is taking over the membership chair position and I'm sure she will be able to keep everything well organized and you all informed as to appropriate forms to complete to renew your membership and when we have new members.

I would like to thank Ellen Shearer who has continued to keep track of name tags and sign-in sheets for our general meetings and she has offered to continue in this role with the new membership chair.

To all the Interest Group leaders I would also like to thank you for helping our Club welcome new members, and keep existing members up to date with activities. The planning for interest groups and keeping track of who can attend is a time consuming activity and I'm sure all our members appreciate your efforts.

Thank you to all members who have supported me and made my job easier for the past two years. If you are interested in a more detailed summary of the years activities please refer to the membership chair annual report. I hope to be back in Canada for a few weeks, which should allow me to attend the AGM, I hope to see some of you there.

Judy Mapleson, Membership Chair

PROGRAM

What an amazing speaker Francesca Dobbin was at our May meeting! And what important information about the United Way she shared. The club gave a \$100.00 donation and hope we can do more in the future.

Now we are looking forward to our AGM in June with the introduction of the new Executive, an 'On Reflection' message from VP Janet Glasspool, an outline of next year's Program and of course, social and lunch festivities. For our AGM, please note the changes listed:

IMPORTANT - VENUE CHANGE FOR THE JUNE 11th CFUW AGM:

The venue for our AGM has been unavoidably changed.
SAME DAY AND TIME (Tuesday June 11, 2019) BUT A DIFFERENT PLACE

☆ We will be having our AGM at the Best Western - Inn on the Bay NOT Georgian College:

- ° Welcome and Social: 11:30 - 12:15
- ° Lunch: 12:15
- ° Meeting to follow lunch

☆ Cost is \$25.00 (Please bring cash or a cheque as we will be collecting at the door and giving one cheque to Best Western.)

☆ Parking is easy!

☆ Please let Brenda Bergen know if you have any dietary restrictions by June 7th.

bbergen@rogers.com

☆ This will be a lovely end to our year. Please come.

Brenda Bergen, Program Chair

SCHOLARSHIP

For more information on CFUW Scholarship fund contact:

Donna Elliott, Scholarship Chair

WEBMASTERS REPORT

We are pleased with the efficient service offered by our provider Have1.com. Our executive has approved the continued connection with this business.

In keeping with the recent development and approval of our club's Privacy Policy, the membership tab on the website has been discontinued.

We welcome any suggestions for improvement in the management of our Website from any of our members.

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

www.cfuwowensound.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

In the month of May, the book club took on "Choose your own mystery" and met May 27th at Rosemary McCann's for some intriguing sharing. Some of us really enjoy this genre and it was great to hear about other possibilities for future reads.

The June meeting is June 24th at the home of Ruth Knapp and all members are asked to come with suggestions for the next year's reading list. It would be beneficial if they have read the book...A vote will take place, led by Jane Hendrie. All CFUW members are always welcome to attend.

Ruth Knapp Coordinator Book Club

ISSUES GROUP 4th Thursday Afternoons

CFUW Issues Meeting **Wednesday, June 26, 1:30 pm**

Sandwich Platter and Chatter to plan 2019-2020

Host: Donna Phillips

Kindly let Donna P know you are coming

(We all bring a sandwich then share)

Ruth Henderson/Donna Phillips- Issues Group Coordinators

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES - 3rd Tuesday Mornings

The next hike will be on Tuesday June 18, 2019 at Greystone Trails on Grey Road 1 up towards Big Bay. Enjoy groomed trails and a 3-4 km hike. Meet 10 am at Roberta Cuthbertson's (504363 Grey Road 1, near Big Bay), bring a picnic lunch and everyone is welcome back to Roberta's after. Contact Roberta to confirm your attendance or to get more information.

Loreen Cumming, Healthy Lifestyles Group Coordinator

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

The next games day will be June 7/19 at 1:30pm, hosted by Roberta Cuthbertson

PLEASE LET HER KNOW IF YOU WILL ATTEND

As she lives near Big Bay some of you will want to car pool, let me know if you need a ride--

Lois Renner, Coordinator

ART EXPLORER GROUP

Our First May event, was at the Tom Thomson Gallery, with Port Elgin Artist Barbara Sprague who shared her intriguing exploration of her wedding dress and female family members' history which became woven into the fabric of her sketches and unique new version of her dress, in her exhibit The Dress. On the same afternoon, David Huff, acting Director, shared his curated exhibit, Planes, Trains, Airplanes, showing of a variety of art pieces from The TOM's vault. Within his presentation of transport inventions and their positive impact, the issue of climate change creation could not be ignored, as underlined by Burtynsky photographs.

Do talk with any attending member, as seen in the pictures in the Interest Group Gallery, for further details.

Our second event on May 28th at Ellen and Gary Lewis' home, was actually an early June one, since Ellen and Gary are in the throes of an imminent move. Ellen shared her journey in art, as an art history major graduate, teacher of

art in high schools, co-ordinator/manager of the La Cloche Country Art School and her multi-media art. A tour and social time followed. This event concluded our art exploration from September to June. We will reconvene again on September 27th, the details of which will follow from our new chair Cynthia Porter. Eleanor and I thank all Art Explorers for input and assistance with our program, and for being such an important part along the way. Appreciation goes out to Kim Skene and David Huff of The TOM for their ongoing support of our exploration. It has been an enlightening journey. Two remaining events of interest in June:

June 9, art history movie Van Gogh, Galaxy Owen Sound, check for time
June 1 and 16, Ginkgofootprints, Annan, where we toured and explored Chinese brush work with Emily, is having a garden open house featuring early and later peonies and other perennials- cost \$3. Check their website for details
And directions.

If you wish to be removed off our email list, or, if you wish to add your name to our list please let me know.

Happy Summer

Myrt Heinrich and Eleanor Huff Coordinators

YARN CLUB (knitwits) 2nd Wednesday of the month

Hello to all CFUW members who knit (or crochet or needlepoint, etc). Our next gathering is **Wednesday June 13th, 2019** at 1:30pm at Shawna Macivor's place. Address is in the members handout. If you are planning to attend, please let Shawna know in advance.

Shawna Macivor, Coordinator