

December 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.

President's Message

An effective organization is always open to changing its structures and processes. The CFUW Executive Committee has been discussing ways to enhance our internal communications. We are experimenting with a newsletter format that is reduced in length, and that provides a quick, efficient way to share invitations to upcoming meetings and interest group activities. We value input from our members about our communications.

- Do you feel the newsletter provides valuable information?
- Do you prefer this reduced length?
- Do you feel the website provides valuable information?

Please respond with suggestions/comments to info@cfuwowensound.com

Janet Glasspool, President

Update re Scientists in Schools

Please accept the following as an update to the Scientist in School Project for actions taken since the presentation provided at our General meeting in September.

One of the presentation's goals was to search out whether our club's participation in this form of Youth Project, in addition to our participation Scholarship funding program, existed. The Scientist in School Presentation was well received with the resulting action of establishing a small committee to evaluate this proposal further and to elicit possible partners to assist in the execution of a youth STEM program- especially one which focuses on enticing young women into the worlds of Science, Technology , Science and Engineering. During our discussions, we expanded our review to consider a program in STEAM - similar to the science focused program but also includes a commitment to study the Arts.

We are presently presenting our first phase recommendations and associated budget to the Executive for their endorsement and approval. We anticipate that we can inform you shortly of our detailed next steps.

Please feel free to make contact with me if you should have any questions, comments or thoughts about participating with this exciting project!

Respectfully,
Kerina on Behalf of the STEM/ STEAM Committee.

Program

A reminder to everyone of our 'Festive Gathering' December meeting on Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:00 at the Artists' Co-op!

Come and Enjoy:

- * Morag Budgeon outlining their New Venture
- * fabulous shopping
- * yummy desserts and coffee
- * and, of course, socializing with good friends

See you there. Brenda

Program Report

We're pleased to report that we had an excellent meeting in November at the Library. Dr. Alison Leonard gave an extraordinary talk on The Vikings. She enlightened us with her amazing visual presentation of Viking exhibits, maps, and historical information. We welcomed a good number of visitors who came out to hear her speak. There was a short business meeting after the social time. Thank you to all who attended.

Donations

Please note that at our December meeting at the Artists Co-op on **DECEMBER 3rd** we will be providing a donation box for voluntary cash donations to be given to Melanie Knapp, who volunteers at the GBRH Centre in the Mental Health Unit. For the past two years, our Club has generously supplied Melanie with a variety of goods for the women patients in the Unit. This year, we're asking for cash donations so that Melanie can buy what she feels they need most. We thank you for your generosity.

We wish you all the best of the Season and a Happy New Year. Meran
Brenda Bergen, Meran Farmer
Co Chairs Program

Membership

The welcome afternoon for new CFUW members took place on Tuesday, Nov 26 and seemed to be enjoyed by all who attended. We certainly did not need dinner that night!

Scholarship

Thank you for your generous support to the Scholarship Fund.

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. Thank you to Lynda Chiotti for assisting with some technical issues re the newsletter this month.

Interest Groups

Book Club

Well, November's novel, "Tangerine" by Christine Mangan, definitely caught me by surprise! It turns out that someone who lives in Tangiers can be called a Tangerine. Who knew? It was certainly full of suspense.

December's gathering is at 1:-30, December 16th at my home (Ruth Knapp) .Each person is asked to bring a SMALL plate of desserts to share. This month we are rereading a favourite book from childhood and are asked to share briefly with the group. All CFUW members are most welcome to attend.

Issues Group

The December meeting of Issues is cancelled because of the holidays. January 22 is the next scheduled date at present. That will be confirmed in the January newsletter.

Ruth Henderson
Co-ordinator Issues Group

Healthy Lifestyle

Hello Ladies. At our last meeting we all had a wonderful get together and hike much thanks to Judy Beth. Shannon will be our leader this coming meeting and has provided details below for our outing. Put this on your calendar and we hope to see everyone out. Meran
Tuesday, December 17:

We will meet at the parking lot next to the Order of Good Cheer outdoor skating rink near the Harrison Park Inn restaurant at 10:00 a.m. for a walk on the mostly paved trails between the restaurant, the entrance to the park, Weavers Creek and around the mile drive, if the trail is clear of ice and snow. The walk will be approximately one hour in duration, after which we will gather for warmth and refreshments in the restaurant. Dress for the weather and bring your poles if you wish. Wear good footwear for winter walking! Shannon will lead the walk and if anyone feels the weather conditions are right and they are keen to snowshoe, please phone Shannon a few days in advance of the date and let her know so that she can plan accordingly (519-372-1136). If there is interest in snowshoeing we may split into 2 groups but will decide on a meeting time at the Inn. Please email or phone Shannon to let her know if you will be attending. Please check your email the morning of in case we have to cancel the walk due to inclement weather. In that case we could still meet at the Inn for refreshments if there is interest. Looking forward to seeing as many as can make it in this busy season!

Shannon Weitendorf leader for December

Yarn Group (Knitwits)

Hello to all CFUW members who knit (or crochet or needlepoint, etc). Beginner and experienced yarners are welcome. The British term 'yarner' refers to someone who is a yarn spinner, or who tells yarns or stories. Knitting is conducive to both! Our next gathering is **Wednesday December 11, 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 a few days ahead.

Shawna Macivor
Coordinator Yarn Group

Art Explorers

There is no Art Explorers group event in December. We will be joining the CFUW "Festive Gathering" at The Artists Co-op. on December 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Don't forget to support local artists at the many art galleries in Owen Sound for unique gifts.

Myrt Heinrich will be coordinator until April 16, 2020
CynthiaPorter
Art Explorers Co-ordinator

Games Group

Next games afternoon will be Fri. Dec. 6 @1:30 pm hosted by a new CFUW member Trisha Hendrie. Please let Trisha or Lois know if you will be attending! Contact Lois if you will be needing a ride.

Lois Renner