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CFUW: ‘Women Helping Women’

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

Welcome to the 2020-2021 year of the CFUW Owen Sound and Area Club, and our 30th anniversary! It is a privilege to serve as your president. I look forward to the months ahead with a keen interest, enthusiasm, and optimism. CFUW’s “Women Helping Women” is our overriding theme for this anniversary year, and has been a hallmark for our volunteer club for over three decades. This collaboration for the good is evident throughout all facets of our club and is particularly important and appreciated during the challenges of a pandemic, as we each do our part to remain vigilant in our efforts to keep all our members safe in this challenging stage three of the pandemic plan.

I am fortunate to be able to work side by side (although on a Zoom computer screen) with an outstanding group of “Women Helping Women”. I warmly welcome the new members on our executive team, Patricia (Trisha) Hendrie, Vice-President, Secretary, Vivian McCaffrey, Lynda Chiotti, our Website Coordinator, and our new Newsletter Coordinator, Judy Beth Armstrong. Together with the experience of our returning members, Janet Glasspool, Past President, Styn Furness, Treasurer, Roberta Cuthbertson, Membership Chair, Donna Elliott, Scholarship Chair, and Lois Renner, Archives, we have a dynamic, creative, hard-working, and dedicated team of women leaders that will help make this a unique and successful year.

Along with these women, we have a group of energetic and organized Interest Group Coordinators who have creatively developed ways to keep their groups active, informative, and fun in a safe way in the months ahead. I am grateful to Judy Beth Armstrong, Brenda Bergen, Lynne Cox, Meran Farmer and her team, Trisha Hendrie, Shawna Macivor, Cynthia Porter, and Donna Phillips as well as all members in these groups, who keep them thriving. Read on to find out about the much anticipated and enjoyable activities coming up!

After the warm reception from our club to Janet’s personal phone calls to each of you during our social isolation period, our phone tree plan was developed under Kerina Elliott’s able leadership and implemented

by the executive team. This successful plan will continue to be one of several chosen ways to ensure we stay connected with all you in this unprecedented year.

In addition, we have established a Social Media Committee, which includes Lynda Chiotti, Trisha Hendrie, and Roberta Cuthbertson. This committee has met several times via Zoom over the past months to research and update our website and design our Facebook Page. Social media guidelines are being developed in consultation with our regional director Lori Ker, and the protection of privacy of our members will be adhered to through our policy revisions. Thank you to this committee, as well as to Donna Phillips and Loreen Cumming for forging the way and developing our website, and to Ruth Henderson for all she's tirelessly done to sustain our club. Pat McCoy, long-time and ever-so-gracious Newsletter Coordinator, who recently relinquished that role, deserves our special thanks and recognition.

In the past three decades of our club's history there have been admirable examples of the advocacy role we have played, both locally and internationally, a role led by bright and articulate leaders within our club. Perhaps this year, when many of us may be choosing to stay home rather than travel, this is an opportunity to reinvigorate our advocacy involvement to support other women in need. An idea to let percolate.

Our CFUW Owen Sound and Area Club exists because of the vision and work of our founding members, and we are grateful. It has grown and developed through the many remarkable contributions of "Women Helping Women" in our Owen Sound and Area Club over the past thirty years. That's "Women Helping Women" at its best!

Enjoy these summer days and stay well.
~ **Ann Magner, President**

PROGRAM

Last year the Program Committee members were feeling pretty smug and comfortable as we had a fantastic Program all set out for 2020 -2021. However, that program is now being reconsidered and adjusted as we are all feeling a little insecure about planning anything. We all want to get together, and with that said, we have planned that our **first general meeting will be held at the home of our Treasurer, Styn Furness on Wednesday, August 19th at 1:30 p.m.**

Styn has graciously agreed to host us at her farm for a gathering outside, for refreshments, socializing (at a distance!), meeting the new Executive, and updates on Interest Groups. Ann Magner, our new President will be there to welcome us all back to the Club.

Please bring a folding chair. A rain date is set for the next day, Thursday, same time, same place.

We understand if you are unable to join us due to health restrictions and concerns. For those who are able to attend, rest assured that every precaution will be taken to make this a comfortable and welcoming outing. Hope to see you there.

The remaining programs for the year will be considered carefully and individually. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

~ **Brenda Bergen & Meran Farmer, Program Committee Co-Chairs**

SCHOLARSHIP

This year our Club gave out four scholarships for \$1,000.00 each to the following schools:

Owen Sound District Secondary School
Peninsula Shores District Secondary School
St. Mary's High School
Georgian College, Owen Sound Campus.

As would be expected, things unfolded very differently this year as there were no convocation/award ceremonies. However, we did receive a very nice email from St. Mary's High School which included a video of their 'virtual graduation'. The recipient of the CFUW Scholarship was Jessica Akiwenzie of Neyaashiinigmiing. We also received communication from Peninsula Shores regretting that there would be no commencement ceremony but that they hoped to hold one on the Fall.

The Judy Thomson Award at Georgian College is for a student going into her second year of study. This year the award will be presented to a mature Indigenous woman studying Marine Technology-Navigation.

As you know we have an Endowed Scholarship Fund that is held and managed by the Community Foundation Grey Bruce. The current capital is approximately \$32,000.00. This year the payout on the earned income was \$940.00. The balance in the bank, after paying out \$4,000.00 in scholarships is \$1,739.80.

The fiscal year for the scholarships fund is September to August and I will be filing the annual return to CRA early in September.

~ **Donna Elliott, Scholarship Coordinator**

WEBSITE

With the assistance of our website provider, I requested a backup of all media files on the site (photos and documents) and then deleted numerous older files to ensure that we do not overrun the storage space allowed on our account. The recently revised membership form is now available on the site (www.cfuwowensound.com)

Planned revisions to the site, with the help of the social media committee, will include a statement of our purpose on the home page and a more user-friendly events page. In addition, once the Facebook page is created, we will have a link to it on the site.

~ **Lynda Chiotti, Website Coordinator**

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 new coordinator: **Judy Beth Armstrong.**

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

Please know that all CFUW members are most welcome to attend.

Since April the Book Club has been meeting via Zoom, with approximately two-thirds normal attendance. We plan to continue in this way through the autumn, with high hopes of resuming in-person meetings in the new year. Our next meeting will be held August 24, and our topic will be Summer Reading. If other CFUW members wish to join us, they should contact Trisha Hendrie, who will henceforth issue the Zoom invitation. Our thanks to Judy Keeling for arranging the last four meetings.

~ **Lynne Cox, Coordinator**

ISSUES GROUP - 4th Thursday Afternoons

The Issues Group would like to convene a Zoom meeting in August to discuss "Silver Linings of COVID Times". Please let Donna Phillips know, by August 10th, if you are interested in participating.

~ **Ruth Henderson & Donna Phillips, Coordinators**

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES - 3rd Wednesday

AUGUST 26 Wednesday 10 AM: Shannon Weitendorf will lead us on a walk along the Tom Thomson Trail from the Bayshore Arena, followed by refreshments at Bishop's Landing for those interested. We will park and gather at the Arena parking lot closest to the hotel, at the water's edge. All members are welcome. Please advise Shannon if you plan to attend.

For hiking trails, please wear appropriate footwear and clothing, and bring poles if you have them.

~ **Meran Farmer, Coordinator**

GAMES GROUP - 1st Friday of the month

Games Group generally meets on the first Friday of the month, with 8-10 participants hosted in one member's home. Due to the present restrictions, we have had to get a little inventive. Our first meeting since February was held July 24th as "Social Distancing Backyard Charades" and was a great success! Our next meeting will follow the same format on August 7th at the home (backyard) of Styn Furness.

Please contact Lois Renner if you would like to join us.

Further meetings will be planned month to month as restrictions and weather allow.

Keep well everyone!

~ **Lois Renner, Coordinator**

ART EXPLORERS GROUP

On Tuesday August 11th, 10:30 a.m. at Grey Gallery, 883 2nd Avenue East, Owen Sound, Art Explorers and CFUW members have an opportunity to attend a private viewing of an art exhibition by four amazing artists: Vera Dernovsek (painter), Lorne Wagman (painter), Wesley Bates (wood engraver) and Raquell Yang (mural artist). Social distancing is possible with small groups and masks are required. The artists attending will talk about their work within the large gallery space and in the exciting new Grey Garden. Refreshments will be provided.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet local artists whose works are in Canadian and International private and public collections.

Everyone is welcome. Please let Cynthia Porter know if you plan to attend.

~ **Cynthia Porter, Coordinator**

GARDENERS' GROUP

Although our Gardeners' Group hasn't met for quite some time, we always said that when something of interest in the world of gardens came up, we would put out the word, so I suggested that we take in the **Island View Drive/Kemble area Garden Tour, Saturday, August 8, 2020.**

**Unfortunately, I just learned that this garden tour is NOW SOLD OUT!
ONLY THOSE WITH PASSES PURCHASED IN ADVANCE MAY ATTEND.**

So, let's think of something else to bring our Gardeners' Group together once again... let me know of any ideas you have and we'll try to follow through.

~ **Judy Beth Armstrong, Coordinator**