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**Vice-President - Patricia Hendrie**  
**Secretary - Vivian McCaffrey**  
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### **CFUW – Owen Sound & Area, celebrating 30 + years... 1990 – 2021**

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**

'WOMEN OF INFLUENCE'

Upon learning of our club's recent successes at the national level and in our advocacy work, Kerina Elliott, a past president of our Club and current Chair of our Scientists in School program on our executive board, called us 'women of influence'. She is so right! This is evident through the diligent work of CFUW Owen Sound & Area, aimed at making a positive difference in the lives of women, both in this challenging year, and into the future.

At the national level, our club's proposal received the support of 90% of voting delegates from opt out clubs across Canada! Read more about this unifying achievement in Vivian McCaffrey's 'Highlights'. This success is attributed to our ad hoc committee and executive team, and to the support of all our members throughout the year. Special gratitude is extended to Roberta Cuthbertson, who developed the adopted solution to this long-standing issue. The return of \$21.70 per capita to opt out clubs for their own advocacy work has been included in a line in National's budget, to be voted on at the AGM at the end of this month.

At the recent Ontario Council AGM, so graciously hosted by CFUW Orillia, our Club's support for CFUW St. Catharines' resolution on Human Trafficking Awareness, Prevention and Detection was registered through a vote, and clubs from across Ontario carried the resolution.

Our advocacy work on long-term care received the attention of the Honourable Minister Patty Hadju and her staff at the Strategic Policy Branch of Health Canada. Vivian McCaffrey, of our executive board, was instrumental in authoring

our letters or directing them to the appropriate politicians. In addition, Ontario Council's support was also key including the help of Judy Gay in Advocacy. Our newsletter coordinator, Judy Beth Armstrong, has included that response letter in this issue.

At our upcoming virtual Annual General Meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. you will have the opportunity to hear from your incoming president, Patricia (Trisha) Hendrie. Time and again Trisha, in her role as vice-president this year, has demonstrated that she is competent, analytical, thorough, hard working, forward-thinking & so very generous with her time, evident in the countless hours she has dedicated to our Club throughout the year. She has been instrumental in adapting and implementing our members' online survey to determine the criteria the women in our club hold to be important, and then she has worked with her team to ensure this important data drives our strategic plan for next year. Trisha has been an active and outspoken member of our ad hoc committee, responsible for our successful proposal at the national level. She is an energetic and creative interest group coordinator for both Women Who Wonder and our Games group. Along with Lynda Chiotti and Roberta Cuthbertson, she has been instrumental in providing the imperative technical support needed throughout this year to keep our club thriving. She has been present at the national level, in dialogue sessions and workshops, at the recent Ontario Council AGM, at the regional level in our hub meetings led by our regional director, Lori Ker and in all our meetings at both the general and executive level, including on our many active committees or interest groups. Without a doubt, Trisha is a woman of influence who will lead our Club in the best of ways into the future. Our Club is in good hands.

In conclusion I say kudos to all our 'women of influence' in CFUW Owen Sound & Area, including those women who began it all and founded our club 30 years ago, our current executive team and our interest group coordinators, the three decades of previous executive teams who led and inspired us, including all our past presidents, and finally, every woman who is, has been or will be a member of CFUW Owen Sound & Area (with special gratitude to our 'ambassador' Ruth Henderson, who has welcomed so many new members into our club for decades!). All of you are leaders and all of you are 'women of influence'

Stay well everyone. Enjoy your summer. Stay connected.

I look forward to 'seeing' you at our virtual AGM!

Warmest wishes,  
Ann

*~ Ann Magner, President*

## **EXECUTIVE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

*Members of our CFUW Executive meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.  
If you wish to make a presentation to the Executive, please contact President Ann Magner.*

### **Highlights of the June 1st, 2021 Executive Meeting**

At its last meeting of the 2020-21 fiscal year the Executive reviewed a number of items related to the Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for June 15, 2021. It will be the second AGM held under the pall and restrictions of the pandemic. Unlike last year, the upcoming AGM will not be held through e-mail but through the more interactive Zoom platform. Members will be receiving a complete AGM package later this week, which will include four motions drafted to support the Executive elections, the Financial Report and approval of the 2020 AGM Minutes. Voting will

be conducted at the AGM through an online poll in real time, (with a show of hands as an option) during the Zoom session.

After many months of internal deliberation and consultation by our ad hoc committee, as well as outreach and collaboration with other CFUW clubs from within our region and across southern Ontario, President Ann Magner proudly reported that **our Club's motion** regarding the per capita GWI fees paid to CFUW National **was supported by 90% of voting delegates from opt out clubs across Canada**. The intent of the motion is to return the per capital GWI fees to opt out clubs for use to support their own advocacy work. This outcome will be considered when CFUW National compiles its upcoming budget to be presented for approval at their AGM on June 25, 2021. In addition, on June 19, 2021, CFUW National is offering a "Reading Financial Statements and This Year's Budget" workshop to assist members across the country prepare for the upcoming budget vote. Our club will be represented at this workshop. The pandemic has not stood in the way of the Club continuing to evolve as a vibrant and relevant organization. An important initiative this year has been the establishment of a strategic planning group to review the Club's operations. Vice-President Trisha Hendrie leads this group. She presented a number of outcomes of the team's work to the Executive, including a detailed calendar to guide and track Club events and activities as well as a plan to heighten the focus of the Club's advocacy work.

~ *Vivian McCaffrey, Secretary*

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES' REPORTS

### ARCHIVES

#### *From the Desk of the Archivist...*

For the past 30 years, our Club historians and archivists have collected Newsletters, Program Brochures, Annual Reports and files of Special Events. The Club's history has been well documented and shared with you before, particularly at our 10<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries. Our thanks go to Donna Phillips, Judy Thomson and Jan Middleton for keeping our history alive. It now seems appropriate to share with you, especially newer members, some of the highlights of this treasure trove of information as we celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> year.

Here is a glimpse into what our Club members have accomplished, and the dedicated women who have helped us grow and evolve... 30 years later. This month we focus on 1995 – 1997:

**1995 - 1996:** The President was Mariella Vigneux, Cathy Brown, VP, Jane Hendrie, Secretary, Loreen Cumming, Treasurer. The meetings were held at Lee Manor at 7:30 PM That year we had 56 paid members. Our Club was 6 years old. At this time, CFUW National had approximately 10,750 members! Resolutions included: Antipersonnel Landmines, Proliferation of Gambling, and Restoration of a Ministry for Women's Equality.

**Program** highlights from that year included a presentation by the OPP on Women Travelling Alone and a joint presentation our Club and Division St. by Terry Trzeczak who had attended the Beijing Conference on Women. Brian Meehan (Director of the TTAG) spoke at our AGM, about Women Artists in the Tom Thomson Permanent Collection.

**Interest Groups:** A major addition to the Club was the establishment of two new Interest Groups, 'The Community Service Committee'. This committee saw a need for a Community Kitchen Project lead by Judy Thomson, and a School Used Clothing Project lead by Ernestine McKenna. A Banner Club was also established to design and create a Banner for our Club. The Banner was then displayed at the Annual General Meeting. (We still have it!) Book Club, Luncheon Club, and Jaunters and the newly formed Garden Group continued to be very active.

**Scholarships:** Two \$300 Scholarships were awarded to 2 students, one at Georgian College and one at St. Mary's. Judy Thomson was the Scholarship Chair, along with Jan Middleton and Norah Egener. Official Tax Receipts were issued to donors.

**Advocacy** projects included letters written to the local newspaper concerning the Gun Control Debate. Letters were also sent to our then Head Office in Winnipeg concerning the Canadian Unity Issue.

**1996 – 1997:** Catherine Brown was President, and Noreen Little, VP and Program Chair, and Jane Hendrie became the Book Club Chair. The meetings continued to be held at Lee Manor.

**Program Highlights:** Critiquing Art with Judy Thomson at the Gallery; Financial Planning; The Importance of Outdoor Education with Peter Middleton (Peter fell ill, so Jan spoke in his place!); Promotion of Women's Health; and The Healthy Diet with author and Club member, Margaret Howard. AGM dinner was held at the Day's Inn.

**Advocacy:** A Resolution was developed and presented to Bill Murdock, MPP. It proposed that the Owen Sound CFUW strongly urges the Government of Ontario to ban the availability of Video Lottery Terminals and Casinos. And to recognize the inappropriateness of planning future revenues on various forms of gambling such as Video Lottery Terminals and licensed Casinos.

The **Community Kitchen** group's role was to receive input and facilitate organization, contacts and publicity.

**"Community Involvement"** was established with the purpose of liaising with other local community groups. Louise Ramsey headed up this initiative for our Club involvement in the community, e.g., Cancer Society, Hospital, LEAF - Persons Day Breakfast. **A Food Drive** was also initiated by Ellen Crymble. The **Clothing x Change** was set up to provide children with good quality used clothing, run by Ernestine McKenna and Louise Ramsey.

**Scholarships:** Two \$300. scholarships were awarded to students, one recipient was Laura Edwards, the daughter of our member, Pat Edwards from West Hill and a young woman from Georgian College.

These were just highlights from these especially busy and productive years.

*~ Meran Farmer, Archivist*

## **MEMBERSHIP**

For the coming membership year, we have made some changes to our membership registration form and have added the ability to e-transfer your dues and donations. We are also creating a complete form for new members, which will include the new member information form. The new registration form will be emailed out to our membership next week.

All members will still be required to fill out the 2 page form. However, you do not need to mail it in with a cheque if you prefer to e-transfer the total dues and donation. For those wishing to use e-transfer, you can fill in the membership form, scan and email it to Roberta at: [roberta.cuthbertson18@gmail.com](mailto:roberta.cuthbertson18@gmail.com). As in the past, for those mailing cheques and/or registration forms please send them to our treasurer, Styn Furness, 143242 Superior Street, Owen Sound ON N4K 5N8.

Our club can now accept e-transfers. When sending the e-transfer from your bank, you will use the email [finance@cfuwowensound.com](mailto:finance@cfuwowensound.com) and then you are asked to create a question and answer for the recipient (our club). We ask that you write in the question: Organization and the answer will be "CFUW" (all caps). Styn Furness, our treasurer will be accepting the e-transfers and cheques.

Here are some of the changes we have made to the **first** page of the new registration form:

- Added in the e-transfer information
- A reminder of Roberta's email for those who wish to email her their registration form
- Re-named the Scholarship Fund donations to Education Fund donations

We have made some significant changes to the **second** page as well:

- those who wish to change the description of their background in the current directory can use this space to write in what they would like to see, keeping in mind the limited space and about 3 lines per member.
- a new section has been added for members to indicate what areas of Club Community Involvement they are willing to participate in.
- the sharing of information and pictures section has been condensed and into two sections and simplified.

*~ Roberta Cuthbertson, Membership Chair*



# VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY JUNE 15, 2021**

**10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M., VIA ZOOM**

10:00 A.M - 11:00 A.M. - GUEST SPEAKER

11:00 A.M - 12:00 A.M. - BUSINESS MEETING

## GUEST SPEAKER:

**MR. STUART REID:** Executive Director of Community Foundation Grey Bruce

**LOCAL KNOWLEDGE FOR LOCAL IMPACT:**

**AN INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GREY BRUCE**

**STUART REID** has over 30 years experience as a senior manager in the not-for-profit sector. He joined Community Foundation Grey Bruce as Executive Director in 2016 after serving four years as Director of Rodman Hall Art Centre at Brock University in St. Catherines. From 2001 to 2009, Stuart was Director/Curator of the Tom Thomson Art Gallery in Owen Sound and is a former president of the Ontario Association of Art Galleries. Reid is an award-winning writer, and author of a long list of essays and exhibition catalogues.

A Zoom invitation link will be sent just prior to our AGM meeting.

We look forward to 'seeing' all our members for our AGM 2021!

## **PROGRAM**

*General Meetings are held **via zoom** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month; usually at 10 a.m.*

For our May program, we were enlightened by a Zoom presentation on MAID by Melissa Thomson and Julie Campbell from the GBRHC.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** will be our Annual General Meeting (see poster for details), via Zoom, with special Guest Speaker, Stuart Reid. The business meeting will follow, with Annual Reports and the Nominations Committee Report for the new slate of Officers and Executive to be approved.

We will be taking a summer break in July and will resume activities in August with an in-person get-together afternoon at Styn Furness's farm. We will certainly all look forward to that. The Program Committee has already begun to formulate next year's program and should have that ready to present at our August meeting.

We would like to sincerely thank the hardworking members of our Program planning committee, Jan Chamberlain, Judy Beth Armstrong, Styn Furness, Ann Magner and Roberta Cuthbertson.

**Annual General Meeting: June 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 am.** *Watch for the Zoom link which was included in your AGM package, AND will be sent to each member the day before.*

*Your Program Planning Committee welcomes NEW committee members and YOUR ideas for compelling programs for 2021 – 2022. Pass along your ideas to Brenda and Meran.*

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

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

While we haven't officially met in a couple of months, we have created a Zoom Speaker Information form that can be used as a reference for speakers who are going to be presenting on Zoom going forward. We have received permission from some of our more recent speakers to record their presentations and the links to these recordings have been sent out to members within a day of the actual presentation. We have created a YouTube channel where these recordings can be viewed but you must use the link to access them. Most speakers only want their presentations up for a month, so we go through and take those down according to their wishes.

Our club has so many wonderful activities and has a great deal of information we could share, (such as book lists, Ted talks, artists, etc.) all of which would be beneficial for our entire club. We ask that you assist us in developing our content. The strength of our Facebook presence is only as strong and beneficial as its contents. For those who have information to share on our Public Facebook page, content can be sent to Lynda, Trisha or Roberta.

<https://www.facebook.com/cfuwowensound> We currently have 23 members in the private Facebook group, but would like to see more members. We hope to use this more as a communication tool to members going forward. If you have a Facebook account, please consider signing up at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/oscfuwprivategroup>.

**We're continuing with our weekly coffee (happy) hour, Tuesdays from 4-5 through the summer!** A zoom invitation is sent to each member, so join us for some interesting and lively conversations, or to ask questions and "practise" your zoom skills.

*~ Roberta Cuthbertson, Social Media Committee Chair*



## **NEWSLETTER**

This Newsletter is posted on the website: [www.cfuwomensound.com](http://www.cfuwomensound.com) and emailed directly to members. Please send contributions for the Newsletter to the editor/coordinator: **Judy Beth Armstrong** [armstrong.judybeth@gmail.com](mailto:armstrong.judybeth@gmail.com) before the end of each month, for distribution to members within 2-3 days following an Executive Meeting.

*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 and interest groups.*

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## **INTEREST GROUPS**

### **ART EXPLORERS GROUP**

Sadly, some exciting events I had lined up for June have been cancelled or postponed because of the recent Provincial government announcement. However, here is an outdoor event that hasn't been cancelled! We will meet for the annual garden tour "**Among the Peonies**" (Ginkgo Footprints, 303283 Side Road 33, RR # 1 in Annan) on Saturday, **June 19th** - for directions go to: [www.ginkgofootprints.com](http://www.ginkgofootprints.com). As well as Emily Bi's beautiful garden with over 250 peony varieties, her art cards and delicate floral paintings are available for sale. **Let me know if you would like to meet there at 1:00 p.m. for a physically distanced outdoor event.**

**Grey Gallery** showcases a garden-themed exhibition "Dawn to Nature" with artists Vera Dernovsek, Raquell Yang, Iris Lucas, Sarah McComb Turbitt, Emily Bi, Elaine Doy, Patti Waterfield and Lorne Wagman - it will definitely be worth seeing!

Also, **Grey Gallery and GingerPress** are organizing **ArtWalk** (Maryann Thomas writes: "*Remember ArtWalk? The annual award-winning one-day collaboration of downtown galleries and artists? The one we had to postpone last year? Well, we're back! Eight downtown venues will be celebrating local artistic excellence on Saturday June 26 from 10 til 4. Details on this self-guided, no-charge event will follow but, for now, be sure to bookmark the day. [maryann@gingerpress.com](mailto:maryann@gingerpress.com)") and "**Urban Sketchers**", a plein air art competition as part of ArtWalk on **Saturday June 26**. Check out [www.greygallery.ca](http://www.greygallery.ca) for details and if you would like to participate as an artist. These are not Art Explorers group events due to current restrictions.*

Happy exploring in June - art and flowers, and fingers crossed that we're seeing the light at the end of this long pandemic tunnel.

~ **Cynthia Porter, Coordinator**

### **BOOK CLUB - 4th Monday of the Month**

We meet online at 1:30 on the fourth Monday of each month. All CFUW members are welcome to join us.

Book club met online on May 31st to discuss Jane Urquhart's *The Underpainter*. The talk was led by Eleanor Huff, who was able to explain some of the technicalities of the painting method described. Next meeting, **June 28th**, the club will consider *Apeirogon*, by Colum McCann. Jane Hendrie will be the presenter.

Anyone wishing to join the book club is welcome to contact either Trish Hendrie or Lynne Cox.

~ **Lynne Cox, Coordinator**

### **GAMES GROUP - 1st Friday of the Month at 1:30 pm and 3rd Friday of the Month at 7:00 pm**

Games group meets monthly (twice a month during COVID) to play a variety of card and board games. We have been very successful in continuing our gaming on zoom. Several games such as Tribonds, Code Names, and Just One are amenable to being played on zoom. A Zoom invite will be sent to all current members of the Games interest group a few days prior to the meeting. If you would like to join the Games interest group to receive invites and updates please contact Trisha Hendrie [[solafyre@yahoo.com](mailto:solafyre@yahoo.com) 519-778-2052]. Our next meeting is on **June 4th, at 1:30 pm.**

*~ Trisha Hendrie, Coordinator*

### **GARDENERS GROUP**

Echoing Cynthia Porter's invitation to Art Explorers, gardeners may wish to visit "**Among the Peonies**" (Ginkgo Footprints, 303283 Side Road 33, RR # 1 in Annan) on **Saturday, June 19th** - for directions go to: [www.ginkgofootprints.com](http://www.ginkgofootprints.com). As well as Emily Bi's beautiful garden with over 250 peony varieties, her art cards and delicate floral paintings are available for sale.

*~ Judy Beth Armstrong, Coordinator*

### **HEALTHY LIFESTYLES**

With May being yet another 'lock-down' month, we were not able to get out as a group at all. I'm glad to hear that many of you have been outside walking in this nice spring weather. I'm looking forward, like all of you, to resuming our activities this summer. A Zoom lecture made available to you in May by the Georgian Bluffs Climate Action Team on *Learning More about Ticks* was extremely interesting if not a little terrifying!

On **June 16, at 10 AM**, we will be out for a hike/walk ... somewhere! You will be notified of details, so save the date.

We will continue to do Healthy Lifestyles activities throughout the summer, so if anyone would like to co-ordinate a meeting with a speaker or a hike/walk someplace, your assistance would be very gratefully accepted. Please feel free to contact me at: [meranjoan@gmail.com](mailto:meranjoan@gmail.com)

Roberta Cuthbertson has volunteered to organize an activity in September and Donna Elliot has suggested that we walk the Pottawatomi Village Trail near Jones Falls. I certainly appreciate hearing from you on your ideas and suggestions.

*~ Meran Farmer, Coordinator*

### **WOMEN WHO WONDER (WWW) – 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.**

Women Who Wonder or WWW for short provides a path for intellectual exploration and discussion in a relaxed and fun environment. The goal of WWW is to provide an additional avenue for member engagement through opportunities for social interactions and continuing education. The group uses educational videos for discussion in the same way that a book club reads a book and then discusses it with the book club. WWW specifically focuses on providing opportunities to touch on multiple topics. This is an exploratory group rather than a deep dive or advocacy group. If you would like to join the WWW group to receive invites and updates, please contact Trisha Hendrie [[solafyre@yahoo.com](mailto:solafyre@yahoo.com) 519-778-2052].

Our topic for **June 9th at 7:00 pm** will be Water. Should rivers and lakes have the same rights as humans? Should we have a global water tracking system?



WWW will be taking a hiatus during the month of July. We'll return in August with our first meeting of the year on **August 11th, 2021**

~ *Trisha Hendrie, Coordinator*

### **YARN CLUB (Knitwits) 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month**

Our June meeting will be held **online on Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup>**, unless the temperature is above 20 degrees! In which case, the Knitwits will gather on Shawna's deck at Balmy Beach. In person or on zoom, the meeting will start at 1:30pm. The link notice (and/or weather forecast) will be sent out to all current Knitwit members a few days ahead.

This is a very casual group that enjoys chatting with other women. All crafters (not just knitters) are welcome. If you would like to join, or have any questions, please e-mail Shawna Macivor at: [Shawna.macivor@gmail.com](mailto:Shawna.macivor@gmail.com)

~ *Shawna Macivor, Coordinator*

### **OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS...**

***Our advocacy work on long-term care received the attention of the Honourable Minister Patty Hadju and her staff at the Strategic Policy Branch of Health Canada. Vivian McCaffrey, of our executive board, was instrumental in authoring our letters or directing them to the appropriate politicians. Here is the response from the Honourable Minister Hadju's office...***

Dear Ms. Magner:

Thank you for your correspondence of December 14, 2020, to the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, on whose behalf we are responding. We appreciate you taking the time to write and share your concerns regarding long-term care, and apologize for the delay in our response.

First, we would like to thank you and the CFUW Owen Sound & Area for all the work you do to advocate for status of woman, human rights, public education, and social justice.

As you know, COVID-19 has resulted in heart-breaking tragedies in long-term care facilities and nursing homes across the country – over-worked staff, under-staffed residences, and grieving families. Although long-term care falls under provincial and territorial jurisdiction, in light of COVID-19, the federal government is working collaboratively with provinces and territories to protect vulnerable Canadians in long-term care.

In the 2020 Fall Economic Statement, the Government committed to establishing a new Safe Long-term Care Fund that will provide up to \$1 billion to help the provinces and territories protect people living and working in long-term care. Provinces and territories will be able to use this funding to undertake a range of activities, including carrying out infection prevention and control readiness assessments, making improvements to ventilation and hiring additional staff or topping up wages. Discussions are currently underway with provinces and territories to flow this funding.

The Government is also committing \$38.5 million over two years to support training up to 4,000 personal support worker interns through an accelerated 6-week online training program combined with a 4-month work placement, to address acute labour shortages in long-term care and home care. In addition to this, up to \$3 billion in federal funding has been provided to provinces and territories to support increased wages of low-income essential workers, which can include front-line workers in hospitals and long-term care facilities.

Additional funding commitments were made to support infection prevention and control measures in long-term care, including \$1 million to engage with third parties to help identify resources to conduct readiness assessments in long-term care facilities and support training on infection prevention and control. For more information, please visit: <https://budget.gc.ca/fes-eea/2020/home-accueil-en.html>.

The Government of Canada is also supporting long-term care in other ways:

· The Public Health Agency of Canada has published guidance to support the care of residents in long-term care facilities, as well as for infection prevention and control in long-term care, assisted-living facilities, and home care. This guidance was developed with the National Advisory Committee on Infection Prevention and Control and endorsed by the Pan-Canadian Special Advisory Committee. The guidance recognizes the contribution of families, caregivers and friends, and the need to balance meeting the physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual needs of residents with the risk of introduction and transmission of COVID-19. For more information about these documents go to:

- o [Infection prevention and control for COVID-19: Interim guidance for long term care homes](#)
- o [Interim guidance: Care of residents in long term care homes during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

In collaboration with partners, the Health Canada-funded Healthcare Excellence Canada (formerly the Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement and Canadian Patient Safety Institute) has launched an initiative to spread promising practices in preventing and mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on long-term care and retirement homes. With an additional \$6.4 million from the Fall Economic Statement, the LTC+ initiative will expand to support up to 1,000 facilities across Canada. The goal is to better position participating facilities to prevent and manage any future outbreaks.

The federal government has also helped provinces and territories to fight outbreaks in long-term care facilities by providing personal protective equipment, (PPE), contact tracing, rapid testing and vaccines.

You may be pleased to learn that the Health Standards Organization and CSA Group are launching a process to help address those issues in long-term care facilities. Their work with governments, stakeholders, and Canadians to develop national standards will help inform ongoing discussions with provinces and territories on improving the quality of life of seniors in long-term care. I would encourage you to follow this link to provide your input into the development of the standards: <https://longtermcaresstandards.ca/your-input>.

To protect seniors across Canada and build on this work, Budget 2021 proposes to provide \$3 billion over five years, starting in 2022-23, to Health Canada to support provinces and territories in ensuring standards for long-term care are applied and permanent changes are made. To keep seniors safe and improve their quality of life, the federal government will work collaboratively with provinces and territories, to ensure seniors and those in care live in safe and dignified conditions.

COVID-19 has exposed a number of issues and challenges in the way we care for seniors in Canada. With an aging population, increasing rates of chronic disease and cost pressures tied to new drugs and technologies, our health system must adapt if it is to deliver better care and better outcomes at a cost that is affordable.

That is why the Government of Canada is providing \$6 billion over ten years for provinces and territories to improve access to home and community care services, including palliative care. Although funding is not specifically targeted to facility-based long-term care, this investment is expected to help more Canadians receive the care and services they need so that they may remain at home longer, and also allow the provinces and territories to optimize the home and long-term care resources at their disposal. Details of the bilateral agreements, including how federal funding will be spent, can be found on Health Canada's website at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/corporate/transparency/health-agreements/shared-health-priorities.html>.

It may interest you to know that the Canada Health Act (CHA) requires that medically necessary hospital and physician services be covered by publicly funded provincial and territorial health insurance plans. Thus, care provided in hospitals or by doctors, including all medically necessary care provided at home or in long-term care by physicians, is already insured under the Act. Non-medical care provided in long-term care is not covered under the CHA, but is publicly insured to various extents in every jurisdiction.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on the state of elder care in Canada and potential solutions. The Government will carefully consider all suggestions made by Canadians, as next steps are determined on these critical issues.

Seniors deserve to be safe, respected and live in dignity. The federal government continues to work in collaboration with provinces and territories to take any action it can to support seniors, and increase resilience of long-term care facilities in order to prevent and mitigate challenges, such as COVID-19.

If you have questions about the information provided in this reply, please contact Sharon Harper, Director General of the Health Care Programs and Policy Directorate, Strategic Policy Branch, at [hc.spb-dgps.sc@canada.ca](mailto:hc.spb-dgps.sc@canada.ca).

Thank you again for writing. We hope this information has been helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Strategic Policy Branch  
Health Canada

**CFUW – OWEN SOUND**  
**CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**  
*print this page to keep by your calendar*

**JUNE 2021**

- 1 - Executive Meeting, 10 a.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom
- 1 - Tuesday Coffee Hour, 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Roberta Cuthbertson
- 2 - Deadline for submissions to June Newsletter. Email to Judy Beth Armstrong.
- 4 - Games Group, 1:30 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie
- 9 - Knit Wits, 1:30 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Shawna Macivor
- 9 - Women Who Wonder, 7 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie
- 8 - Tuesday Coffee Hour, 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Roberta Cuthbertson
- 15 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 10 am – 12 noon. Virtual meeting with Guest Speaker Stuart Reid, followed by business meeting (election of officers, etc.) Your Zoom invitation will be emailed the day before.**
- 15 - Tuesday Coffee Hour, 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Roberta Cuthbertson
- 16 – Healthy Lifestyles, 10 a.m. Walk – to be determined. Contact Meran Farmer.
- 18 - Games Group, 7 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 19 – Art Explorers, 1 p.m. "Among the Peonies" at Ginkgo Footprints. Contact Cynthia Porter
- 22 - Tuesday Coffee Hour, 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie
- 26 – *ArtWalk & Urban Sketchers*, 10 to 4, downtown Owen Sound
- 28 - Book Club, 1:30 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Lynne Cox.
- 29 - Tuesday Coffee Hour, 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie

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- 6 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 13 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 20 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 21 - Executive & Program Planning Meeting, in-person!!**
- 26 - Deadline for submissions to August Newsletter. Email to Judy Beth Armstrong.
- 27 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.

*Watch for more activities and events in the NEXT Newsletter*