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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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

This is the time of year when we are all reminded, regardless of your beliefs, to remember what matters most and to care for each other. I know this group of exceptional women already know those two things. So rather than write another reminder I leave you with this Holiday Quiz Challenge.

Happy Holidays, Everyone!

Trisha

~ Trisha Hendrie, President, CFUW Owen Sound and Area

1. What Christian group banned Christmas in Boston from 1659 to 1681?
2. Among Christians who lived in the East, when was Christmas originally celebrated?
3. Who was the first President to celebrate Hanukkah at the White House?
4. What jaunty Christmas carol written in 1739 was supposed to be accompanied by slow and somber music?
5. True or false There are about sixteen ways to spell the word Hanukkah.
6. What is the most popular meal for Christmas in Japan?
7. In what Central American country might you find yourself kicking off the holiday season by burning the devil on December 7th while sweeping your house?
8. According to the Bible in what season was Christ likely born?
9. In what part of the world is a double decker menorah used?
10. What entrepreneur was the first person to dress up as Santa in his department store and started the tradition of department store / mall Santas?

~ Watch for the answers in January 2022 newsletter ~

GREETINGS FROM OUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

**In response to the invitation to our Christmas Social, our CFUW Ontario Regional Director, Lori Ker, wrote:
“Thank you for the invite and I wish you and all the members a great event, a great holiday season and
all the very best in health and happiness for 2022. Take care, Lori”**

EXECUTIVE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

Highlights for the December 7, 2021 Executive Meeting

Ensuring the vitality and relevancy of the Club is an ongoing Executive concern. At the December meeting, Executive members were thrilled to be advised that Jan Leach and Cynthia Lemon have recently signed on as new members and quickly taken advantage of various Club activities. In the efforts to expand the membership base, the Executive also discussed ways to attract a younger demographic – women aged 40 to 60. Recent CFUW National surveys will inform the Executive’s work in this area.

Advocacy and community outreach are both integral to the Club’s mission and goals. President Trisha Hendrie will be taking the lead in involving interested members in establishing an Advocacy Committee and carrying out the Club’s advocacy work. Vice-President Anne Seymour and member Anne Dondertman have worked together as the Outreach Committee and, in consultation with individual members, have proposed five potential areas of focus for the Club’s outreach activities: The Reach Centre, the women’s shelter, immigrant and refugee families, Indigenous youth, and women’s entrepreneurship. The Club held a recent successful member event at The Reach Centre and the Executive has decided to make the centre the focus of the Club’s community outreach for the balance of the year. Information regarding future outreach priorities will be shared with members prior to the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

As reported in the highlights of the November meeting, the Executive has been considering adopting signature apparel for Club members to increase the Club’s community profile. Based on Lynda Chiotti’s compelling presentation on sustainable clothing, the Executive has decided to take no further action on the clothing issue but will look for other ways to profile Club participation at community events.

The latest phase in updating the Club’s important policy manual is complete. Led by Janet Glasspool, the Policy Committee has reviewed and updated existing policy, incorporated recent policies on social media and privacy, and added a new policy on member code of conduct into the revised manual. Members will be able to find the manual on the Club’s website and are encouraged to do so. The next step is to update the companion document that outlines the Club’s administrative procedures.

Following the resignation of Kerina Elliott, the Executive approved assigning responsibility for both the Scholarship Fund and the Scientists in School initiative to one Executive member. Kathy Needham, who has been the most recent steward of the Scholarship Fund, has generously agreed to add the responsibilities associated with Scientists in School to her Executive portfolio. Both programs require considerable expertise and time and the Executive is grateful to Kathy for her willingness to assume the extra 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 10th and 20th 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 30th 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.

Highlights of the year September 2001 – June 2002:

Sylvie Cioran did an amazing job as our President for another year. It was decided that various Club members would be asked to Chair the monthly meetings.

The first meeting took place on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, and was chaired by Judy Thomson. Sylvie offered thoughts of condolence and sympathy on the tragic events that took place in United States on this very morning. She commented that being together and being supportive is so important during such circumstances. That night, little did we comprehend the magnitude and impact of 911 and how that this event would ultimately change the world we live in.

By November of that year, we had 34 paid members. A dinner meeting was held at Georgian College. Two other dinner meetings were held at Georgian College in March and May 2002. The programs for that year included an interesting variety of subjects: Roxy Theatre, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking, Escarpment Centre Ontario.

In April, the Issues group presented the CFUW Resolutions. The Issues Group took this a few steps further and wrote letters to the local MPP, MP, and the City Council to express concerns about the cosmetic use of Pesticides. City Council agreed in principle to restrict the cosmetic use of pesticides on public and private properties!

Two Scholarships of \$300 were awarded to students at West Hill and 2nd Year Nursing at Georgian College.

Our Newsletter was now being distributed by a "new process" ... Email!! A few members did not have Email and therefore the Newsletter continued to be sent to them by Snail Mail. Other firsts: distribution in the community of our new Brochure, and the introduction of a Luncheon for New Members in February 2002.

The Book Club had 15 active members who read and discussed *Chocolat* by Joanne Harris; *No Logo* by Naomi Klein, *Black Tie and Tails* by Arthur Black; *No Great Mischief* by Alistair McLeod and books by Carol Shields.

This year also marked the awarding of Life Membership to Norah Egner, a forward-thinking, hardworking and dedicated founding member of our Club.

A donation of \$300. was given to the Women's Centre (Grey Bruce).

I hope that you are enjoying this trip down memory lane. I know that I've certainly loved plowing through the boxes of archives and finding out all the wonderful things that the Club members have accomplished over the years. It really makes me proud to be a member of CFUW, and I hope that new members will see what this great group of women is all about... working together, dedication, lifelong learning, service, and best of all: friendship and support. I will be happy to continue to do this piece in the coming year. Have a wonderful Christmas holiday and Happy New Year.

~ Meran Farmer, Archivist

MEMBERSHIP

We have two new members who have joined us in the past month for a total membership of 51. Please welcome Cynthia Lemon and Jan Leach. Cynthia has participated in our weekly coffee hours already and Jan has come out to games group and art explorers. Here is a bit more information about these two dynamic new members.

Cynthia Lemon grew up in Owen Sound, graduating from the old OSCVI. She studied at UWO, earning an Honours BA in French Language followed by a Masters of Education at U of T. She is recently retired. During her working career she was a teacher, a local and provincial teachers' union leader, school and Board leader. She served for one term as a municipal councillor. Her interests include politics, reading, gardening and walking.

Jan Leach grew up in Beachville, Ontario (just southwest of Woodstock). She graduated from Sault College in Forestry. After graduation, she moved to Kapuskasing with her future husband, where she worked for the Ministry of Natural Resources, raised two sons and then managed a video store. They retired to Owen Sound in 2018. She is a long-time volunteer/ executive member for the Kapuskasing Nordic Ski Club as well as fund raising for various organizations in that area.

~ Roberta Cuthbertson, Membership Coordinator

NEWSLETTER

This monthly Newsletter is posted on the [CFUW - Owen Sound & Area](#) website and emailed directly to members. Please send contributions for the Newsletter to the editor/coordinator: **Judy Beth Armstrong** 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 - Owen Sound 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, and that*
- *unless a member specifically gives permission, a member's personal information will not appear in the newsletter. For this information members should go to their copy of the Members' Directory.*

~ Judy Beth Armstrong, Newsletter Coordinator

WEBSITE

The CFUW Owen Sound and Area website needs a little care and attention from time to time, but it is not an onerous commitment. If you'd like to know what that involves and possibly take on the role of website co-ordinator eventually - no pressure! - just ask. I'd be happy to advise and coach our next co-ordinator over the next six months.

~ Lynda Chiotti, Website Coordinator

PROGRAM

General Meetings are held **usually** on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.

November's general meeting was held **IN PERSON** on Tuesday, November 9th at the **REACH Centre** [369 8th Street East, Owen Sound], **7 to 9 p.m.** The **REACH Centre Grey-Bruce** is a self-funded charity that provides programs to youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. More than 40 club members and their guests attended and were treated to a tour of the new facility, a presentation by Executive Director, Jennifer Miller, and a private shopping opportunity in their boutique featuring handmade items by their program participants just in time for the holidays. Delicious cookies, made on site by REACH participants, were served. Special thanks to Jan Chamberlain for organizing this very successful and informative event for us. **Please note that the REACH Centre is open to the public, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday for shopping in the boutique and to place orders for cookies.**

REACH Centre Staff & Participants (top photo); CFUW members at REACH Centre (bottom photos)



PROGRAM, continued

Our **December general meeting took the form of a “moveable Christmas Social”**, as close to 30 members strolled from venue to venue in downtown Owen Sound's winter wonderland for our Christmas Social, or as Shawna Macivor dubbed it, our "Christmas Arts Ramble", this past Tuesday evening, December 7th.

Words of special thanks and warm appreciation go to Jana Miller, [Artists' Co-op](#); Morag Budgeon, [Georgian Bay Centre for the Arts](#); and our member Anne Dondertman, [Grey Gallery](#) who opened their doors especially for us. It was such a treat for us to learn first-hand about each unique space, explore and shop and have their venues all to ourselves! It certainly looked as though many of our members took full advantage of those shopping opportunities.

At Grey Gallery, we were treated to festive refreshments with local connections... mulled sweet [apple cider from Thornbury](#) and a variety of delicious homemade cookies from [REACH](#) (orders accepted!), with thanks to providers Jan Chamberlain, Styn Furness, Brenda Bergen and Meran Farmer of our Program Committee. And it was especially delightful to see works by “our very own” Cynthia Porter, in the company of a few other fellow-artists, on display.

CFUW members shop at Artists' Co-op with Manager Jana Miller behind counter



CFUW members at GBArts with Co-Founder Morag Budgeon

PROGRAM, continued

CFUW members at Grey Gallery with owner Anne Dondertman



Basket with some of our Club members' donations for The Women's Centre.

As part of our Christmas Social and Club Outreach this year, our CFUW Executive recommended that members consider making individual donations to the [Women's Centre Grey Bruce](#). Our members were/are so very generous with donations of gifts, gift cards (for gas, Shoppers Drug Mart, groceries, etc.) and money (online, direct and cheques in the basket at Grey Gallery) for the [Women's Centre Grey Bruce](#) and the women and children in its care. Warmest thanks go out to our members for your generosity, compassion and care.

2022 will be filled with a varied and exciting program line-up. Starting off on **January 11** we will be holding a Zoom meeting at 10:00 a.m. with Renee Abram, the Executive Director M'Wikwegdon Indigenous Friendship Centre in Owen Sound. This should be a very interesting and insightful event as Ms. Abram will be giving us a virtual tour and will explain the programs that are being made available to urban Indigenous persons, children and families in our area. ***Put this date on your calendar: January 11, 2022 at 10 AM on Zoom. An invitation will be sent out to you shortly before that date.***

The Program Committee would like to extend to you the very best wishes for the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

~ Brenda Bergen & Meran Farmer, Program Committee Co-Coordinators

SOCIAL MEDIA

The main focus of our committee this year continues to be to post more content to our Facebook private group and public page to let others know who we are and what we do.

If you have any photos of club events, interest groups, etc., please email them to Ruth Henderson: ruthhenderson500@gmail.com and she will forward them to our committee.

Again, we would like to encourage all of our members to join our [CFUW – Owen Sound Private Facebook Group](#) which will be posting much more information this coming year, including club events and interest group activities. For those who are currently in the private group, please feel free to share and post more content. Our committee members, listed below, can also share suitable posts from the private group on our Public Facebook page.

Roberta: roberta.cuthbertson18@gmail.com

Trisha: solafyre@yahoo.com

Lynda: lynda@chiotti.com

Donna Phillips: donnagord@icloud.com

~ *Roberta Cuthbertson, Social Media Committee Coordinator*

INTEREST GROUPS

Please note, from our [CFUW By-Laws](#), 2.3: Membership in interest groups shall be open only to members in good standing. Guests are welcome to attend either two (2) general Club meetings or two (2) interest group meetings per year.

ART EXPLORERS GROUP

We were pleased to have Judy Thomson give a zoom talk on "Modern Trends in the 20th Century" on **Friday November 19**. Many of you joined then, and/or viewed the recording of that presentation and sent appreciative comments in emails to her. We are privileged to have access to Judy Thomson's extensive knowledge about art history for our Art Explorers group. Thank you again, Judy.

We had a well-attended private guided tour and interesting talk by Heather McLeese at the Tom Thomson Art Gallery of the exhibition "Swimming at the Edge of Utopia" by Kristine Moran on Friday December 3rd. If you haven't seen it or the other exhibition "Facing It" do take time to drop into the gallery. "Swimming ..." is on until January 8, 2022 and "Facing It" is on til January 15, 2022. While you're there, support the TOM by purchasing a 2022 calendar showing works by Tom Thomson from the gallery collection or one of their mugs or many books.

Our next Art Explorers event will be via Zoom on **January 17 at 2:00 p.m.** Details will be provided in the New Year. Meanwhile, relax, indulge a little, enjoy your traditions and perhaps create some special memories - we can all do that!

~ *Cynthia Porter, Coordinator*

BOOK CLUB – Usually meets the *4th Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m.*

Book club will be meeting on **Monday, December 13th** at Meran Farmer's house. This month our topic is poetry, an unusual departure for the group.

For our midwinter meetings, in January and February, we will revert to Zoom.

~ *Lynne Cox, Coordinator*

GAMES GROUP - *1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 1:30 p.m.*

Games group meets twice a month, during the day, to play a variety of card and board games. We are currently attempting to have small in-person games days. We know our members have been doubled vaxxed and since there is little chance we'll play Twister, we are able to follow the same rules that restaurants are currently following. Our only request is that you do not bring a guest unless you are absolutely positive that they have been double vaxxed.

If you would like to join the Games interest group to receive invites and updates, please contact Trisha Hendrie [solafyre@yahoo.com 519-778-2052]. Our next Games Days will be on **January 7th, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.**

~ *Trisha Hendrie, Coordinator*

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Weather issues have prevented us from doing any outdoor activities, but we hope to back on track in the New Year. We welcome any member who is interested in joining us. Please email me: meranjoan@gmail.com
Wishing everyone Happy Holidays.

~ *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 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 519-778-2052].

~ *Trisha Hendrie, Coordinator*

YARN CLUB (Knitwits) 2nd Wednesday of the month

Our Knitwits group meets monthly (the second Wednesday) starting at 1:30pm. Until further notice all meetings are online. The zoom link is sent out a few days ahead to the Knitwits membership list.

All yarn crafters (not just knitters) are welcome. If you would like to join, or have any questions, please e-mail me at: Shawna.macivor@gmail.com.

~ *Shawna Macivor, Coordinator*

Remembering... Elizabeth Mullens, 1926 – 2021.

We fondly remember Elizabeth who was an enthusiastic, intelligent, gracious participatory member of our CFUW club and our Gardeners Group ever since she and Ted moved to Owen Sound in their “active retirement”, and up until quite recently. On behalf of all of us, Vice President Anne Seymour sent a card of condolence to Elizabeth’s family.

OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS:

Bluewater Association for Lifelong Learning: BALL presents...

[*Inspiring Women in Science*](#), Thursdays beginning January 13 through to February 24, 2022

Of special note, this BALL series includes: *The Giraffe Lady*

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022

Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: Bayshore Community Centre and live broadcast as a Zoom Webinar

In 1956, before anyone, man or woman had made such a trip, 23-year-old Canadian biologist, Anne Innis Dagg, made an unprecedented solo journey to South Africa to become the first person in the world to study giraffes in the wild. When she returned home a year later armed with ground-breaking research, the insurmountable barriers she faced as a female scientist proved much harder to overcome.

For three decades, Dr. Dagg was absent from the giraffe world until 2010 when she was sought out by giraffologists and not just brought back into the fold, but finally celebrated for her work. While toting her memoir recounting her seminal journey, *Pursuing Giraffe: A 1950s Adventure*, Anne caught the attention of filmmaker Alison Reid which resulted in the award-winning feature documentary [*The Woman Who Loves Giraffes*](#).

Please join Dr Dagg and her daughter Mary to share details about the film, giraffes, Anne’s life and what’s happening now.

One week prior to the lecture, the movie will be made available to all members (who have purchased a ticket) via an email which will include the link and password to the film. The email will be sent on Wednesday, February 2nd. Viewers will be able to watch the movie as many times as they like but will be asked not to share the link to anyone else. The password to see the movie will expire on Thursday, February 10th.

After watching the movie, viewers can send their questions to [“mary@anneinnisdaggfoundation.org”](mailto:mary@anneinnisdaggfoundation.org) so they can be addressed during the presentation.

Both Dr. Dagg and Mary Dagg will be presenting live at the Bayshore.

IN-PERSON MEETINGS: CFUW POLICY

While COVID-19 continues to be a public health concern, Owen Sound and Area CFUW will follow the health and safety protocols established by the provincial and local health authorities. As the Club begins to hold in-person meetings, it sets out the following requirements:

- Members who are feeling ill, have a family member or contact who is ill, or are awaiting the results of a COVID test, must not attend any in-person meeting or event.
- Face coverings and six-foot social distancing are mandatory for members who are not fully vaccinated as they place themselves and others at risk in any in-person gathering.
- Members who have chosen not to be fully vaccinated must notify the meeting or interest group leader ahead of time for any indoor gathering. This will allow the leader, in consultation with the executive committee, to make informed decisions about the level of risk and necessary safety precautions. Consistency of practice is essential when dealing with a potential liability issue for the Club. Safety precautions may include, but are not limited to, wearing of masks, social distancing, completion of a provincial screening questionnaire, change of venue, or holding a virtual meeting instead.

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

DECEMBER 2021

- 3 - Art Explorers, 10:45 at the Tom Thomson Art Gallery. Contact Cynthia Porter.
- 7 - Executive Meeting**, 10 a.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom
- 7 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 7 – GENERAL MEETING/CHRISTMAS SOCIAL, 7 – 9 P.M. - IN PERSON, DOWNTOWN OWEN SOUND & GREY GALLERY.**
- 8 - Knit Wits, 1:30 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Shawna Macivor
- 9 - Deadline for submissions to December Newsletter. Email to Judy Beth Armstrong.
- 13 - Book Club, 1:30 p.m. In person meeting. Contact Lynne Cox.
- 14 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 21 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
- 28 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 31 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

JANUARY 2022

- 1 – NEW YEAR’S DAY, 2022**
- 4 - Executive Meeting**, 10 a.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom
- 4 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 6 - Deadline for submissions to January Newsletter. Email to Judy Beth Armstrong.
- 7 - Games Group, 1:30 p.m. In-person meeting. Location TBD. Contact Trisha Hendrie
- 11 - GENERAL MEETING, 10 a.m. Renee Abram, Executive Director M’Wikwegdon Indigenous Friendship Centre, O.S. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Link will be emailed to all members a day or two before.**
- 11 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 12 - Knit Wits, 1:30 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Shawna Macivor
- 12 - Women Who Wonder, 7 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie
- 17 – Art Explorers, 2 p.m. TBA. Contact Cynthia Porter.
- 18 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 21 - Games Group, 1:30 p.m. In-person meeting. Location TBD. Contact Trisha Hendrie
- 24 - Book Club, 1:30 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Lynne Cox.
- 25 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie.
- 26 - Women Who Wonder, 7 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie

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

CFUW Land Acknowledgement

We want to acknowledge that this place where we come together is within the ancestral and traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Nation: the people of the Three Fires known as the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi Nations. We give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen and the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, now known as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation as the traditional keepers of this land.