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**[CFUW – Owen Sound & Area](#), celebrating 30 + years... 1990 – 2022**

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**

Dear Members,

Welcome to the New Year! Like everyone else at this time of year we’re looking backwards and being grateful for all the wonder and joy that we experienced last year. We’re celebrating our relationships and wonderful experiences we’ve shared with us. We’re taking time to thank those who have helped us along the way. Simply put: we’re celebrating gratitude.

We’re particularly grateful for two of our members who have dedicated so much of their time and energy to our club, Kerina Elliot and Ann Magner. Both Kerina and Ann have stepped down from our executive committee due to personal commitments. Although they are no longer in an executive role, they are still very much a part of us. We want to wish them both well in their future endeavors, but we also want to tell them how very much we appreciate all their hard work and the love they have for our club.

Thank you, Kerina. Thank you, Ann.

As we look back with gratitude, we gain energy for what beckons us. We remind ourselves where we have been and where we want to go. We look forward with the knowledge that whatever comes, “We got this”. And we know that we will do it together!

Trisha

P.S. Here’s another little quiz, along with answers to December’s **Holiday Quiz**, page 10.

*~ Trisha Hendrie, President, CFUW Owen Sound and Area*

## **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 January 4, 2022 Executive Meeting**

The Executive met on the day the latest “lockdown protocol” issued by public health officials took effect. The Club has successfully offered programs and connected with members online throughout the pandemic. It will continue to work to support and engage members during this difficult period where social interaction is severely limited. You’ll be reading elsewhere in this newsletter about future program events and social media workshops designed to support members thrive in the online world on which we’re currently forced to rely.

The Executive regretfully accepted the resignation of past-president Ann Magner who has decided she needs more time to spend with her family, especially her granddaughter who lives south of the border. As previous past-president, Janet Glasspool has generously offered to step in to assume the duties assigned to that role for the duration of this Executive term. A couple of Executive members have indicated they will also be stepping down by the time of the Club’s Annual General Meeting, so the Club will be looking for members to step in to their positions. Bringing new members onto the Executive is an important vehicle for Club renewal and resilience.

The Christmas program event organized by Judy Beth Armstrong -- which included being hosted by The Artists’ Co-op, the Georgian Bay Centre for the Arts, and the Grey Gallery -- was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by those who were able to participate. It provided an exclusive opportunity for Club members to learn about these important Owen Sound arts venues and purchase gifts for the season. Those members who attended generously contributed to the Women’s Centre Grey Bruce, a gesture strongly appreciated by the centre.

At this month’s meeting, the Executive approved new policy developed by the Policy Committee led by Janet Glasspool. The policy entitled “Memorial Donations and Special Tributes” addresses how the Club acknowledges a member’s death or death of a loved one, as well as a member’s illness, loss or special success. While the Club has historically engaged in such practice, the means of communication and support have not always been consistent. The Club will broadly distribute the new policy so that members have a full understanding of the new guidelines. Members will, of course, be free to individually communicate condolences or support to sister club members as they wish.

Club members have been extremely generous this year in their contributions to the Education Fund, which supports both the Club scholarships and our support for the Scientists in School project. Next month, the Executive will be discussing the potential schools for this year’s scholarship.

The Club is still waiting to receive the GWI fee rebate from CFUW National. Once received, it will support the Scientists in School project. President Trisha Hendrie will be contacting Ontario Regional Director Lori Ker to discuss the best way to solicit a timely payment from the national organization.

*~ Vivian McCaffrey, Secretary*

## **TRIBUTES**

With the New Year comes many changes for us all. Let us hope for continued good health, happiness and prosperity for all our CFUW members. As we enter, 2022, the Executive of CFUW Owen Sound and Area wishes to make tributes to two wonderful women who have shown commitment and dedication to the administrative work of the club over the past few years and have chosen to retire from the club due to outside commitments with family.

### **Kerina Elliott**

Kerina served as President between 2018-2019 where she led revisions and updates to our CFUW Policy Manual. Kerina also participated as an active member of the Issues group and assisted with special Budget Meetings, especially around the GWI challenges.

Kerina will be remembered as a fierce advocate for equity in education as she initiated an important club advocacy project when she made a detailed and dynamic presentation about the Scientists in School program.

The Scientists in School program provides curriculum-aligned workshops, which were designed to support the STEM curricula (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), as well as to encourage the development of crucial 21<sup>st</sup> century global competency skills like critical thinking, creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork.

Kerina's enthusiasm and presentation to our club sparked great interest among members, and a desire to support this worthy project.

Once Kerina received support for this educational partnership between CFUW Owen Sound and Area and Scientists in the Schools, she led the way to make this project a reality and remained in regular communication with the Scientists in School organization. A series of workshops were provided at Alexandra Community School in Owen Sound. Principal Dan Russell wrote to the Scientists in School organization and said, "We love Scientists in School workshops here at Alexandra! The school is delighted to be receiving workshops from CFUW."

Kerina has retired from our CFUW club this fall, but her legacy of supporting education for students remains a high priority for all of us and will continue to be supported by our organization. Many thanks to Kerina for her advocacy, enthusiasm, and dedication to the goals of CFUW. We wish Kerina the very best as she continues on her path.



## **TRIBUTES, continued**

### **Ann Magner**



Ann served as president this past year 2020-2021. Ann demonstrated inspiring leadership during her tenure with our Owen Sound and Area Club. She gained the trust and respect of our members, particularly members of the Executive, who witnessed at close hand her calm, thoughtful leadership during a very difficult time during the COVID pandemic.

Ann was busy with Club activities, but she was always willing to take on any task. Even when faced with the challenges of a pandemic, when in-person meetings and gatherings were not possible, Ann skillfully managed Club business, promoted new initiatives, and kept members well-informed of actions taken at the local, regional, provincial, and national levels. Ann's reports in each newsletter were exceptionally informative.

Ann was an active participant in interest groups, as well as a member of the Program Committee. Her friendly, engaging personality and genuine interest in each member's well-being shone through at every encounter. Her leadership skill is demonstrated by her willingness to listen to everyone's opinions, recognize each contribution, negotiate, and develop a collaborative plan.

Ann has kept our club strong, enhanced our work locally, and made our club known as a positive force far beyond our borders as she reached out to other sister clubs in our region and across Ontario in an unprecedented way to encourage joint efforts, particularly in addressing the issues related to our club's decision to be excluded from paying Graduate Women International dues.

Our Owen Sound and Area Club is proud of Ann's teamwork in having our club's proposal related to these GWI funds enthusiastically supported in a poll of the opt-out Clubs taken on May 17, 2021 in preparation for the budget vote that passed at the CFUW National AGM held on June 25, 2021.

Ann's warmth, strength, and energy have been a uniting force for our Club. She has worked diligently to enhance our traditions of collaboration with our CFUW partners and fostered connections within the community. Ann has decided to retire at this time, yet her work will continue onward. We sincerely thank Ann for her contributions and her dedication to the club. We offer Ann our best wishes on her future endeavours.

*~ Members of the Executive Committee*

## **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.*

#### **Highlights of the year 2002 – 2003:**

Donna Phillips was our President in 2002 – 2003, the start of the second decade of OS CFUW. Donna had quite an exceptional Executive team to work with: Anne Kirkland, Vice; Helen Penfold, Secretary; Jane Hendrie, Treasurer; Mim Cady, Membership; and Historical Advisor, Judy Thomson. That summer, Donna represented our Club by attending the National AGM in Richmond BC.

Four Interest Groups were comprised of Book Club: Jane Hendrie; Issues: Donna Phillips; Garden Club and Jaunters: Jan Middleton. By October, we had 37 paid members and by mid-February 2003, there were 49 members.

Although a few of our meetings that year were held at the old Union Gas Building, we met at the Billy Bishop Airport lounge a few times and also at the Legion. We enjoyed 3 dinner meetings that year at Georgian College. As usual our Program was varied and informative starting off with an evening with Tim Nicholls Harrison who talked about the Adult Learning Centre at the Library. In October, a Panel discussion, moderated by Myrt Heinrich, was held concerning CFUW Resolutions, their impact; lobbying politicians, and Advocacy. Loreen and Doug Cumming presented a talk about their 3 Years in Columbia; Children and Gambling by Bettilyn Berglund; Children in Care by Executive Director of Children's Aid Society, Sydney Misener. In March, our speaker was children's author and Club member, Karleen Bradford. Our Christmas social was held at the Butchart Estate Bed and Breakfast hosted by member Marsha Barrow. The AGM in May was held at the Backstreet Café in Meaford.

An enormously successful evening with author and activist, Sally Armstrong was held in November. "Almost 200 guests were captivated by her account of her experiences in Afghanistan. The event raised \$4,500 for our Scholarship fund". Her presentation established a very positive promotion of our Club in the Community. Club members were diligent in their efforts to volunteer to help make this such a successful event.

Two Scholarships were awarded -- to students from West Hill SS and Georgian College. Founding member Norah Egner was awarded a Honourary Life Membership for her years of outstanding dedication and service to the Club.

Donations were made to the Women's Centre and monies raised by 2 Pot Luck dinners were given to assist hiring of a teacher in Afghanistan. Advocacy letters were written to local politicians concerning Gun Control and the use of pesticides. The Resolutions for that year included: Public funding of Public Education; Legal Aid; Stem Cell Research and Federally Sentenced Women (changing Prison Culture). The Gardening Group was working on a booklet called Green Garden Remedies. This booklet became enormously popular and was reprinted many times over the years for distribution in our Club. Sylvie Cioran once again, on our behalf, approached the OS City Council to discuss the banning of cosmetic pesticides.

All in all, it was a standout year of worthy accomplishments. Great work, Donna et al!

***~ Meran Farmer, Archivist***

## **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](mailto:armstrong.judybeth@gmail.com) before the end of each month, for distribution to members within 2-3 days following an Executive Meeting.

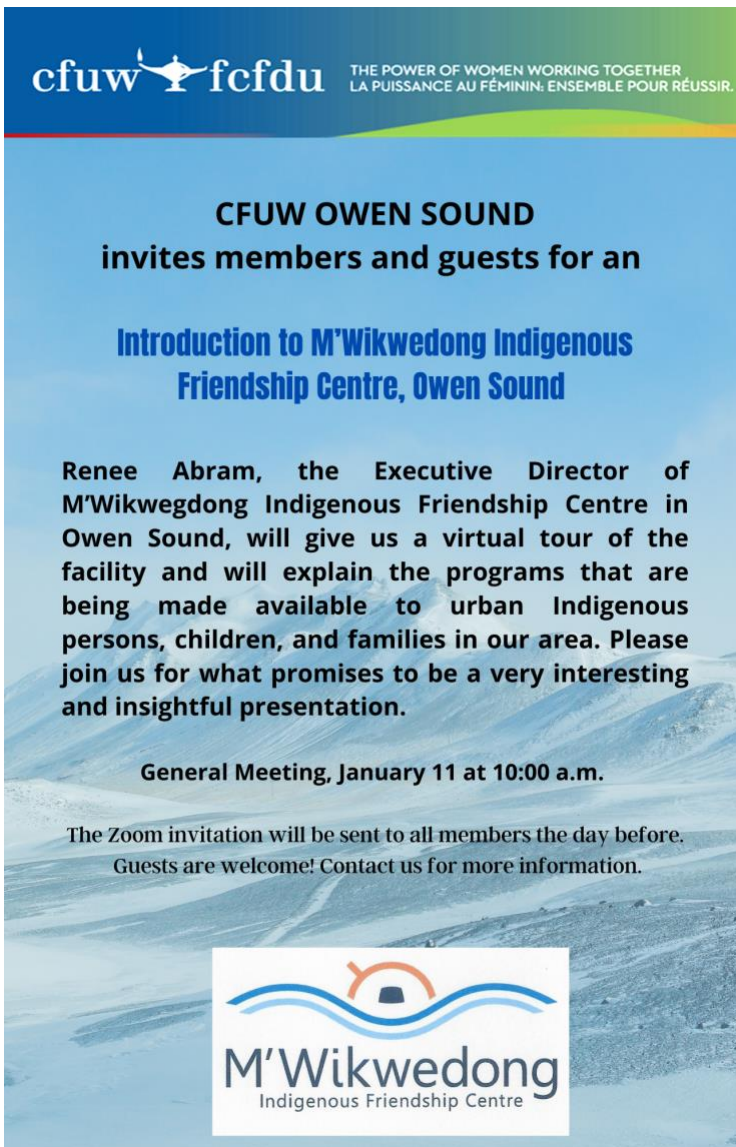
*Please note that it is CFUW - Owen Sound policy that:*


- *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*

## **PROGRAM**

*General Meetings are held **usually** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month.*



**cfuw**  **fcfdu** THE POWER OF WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER  
LA PUISSANCE AU FÉMININ, ENSEMBLE POUR RÉUSSIR.


**CFUW OWEN SOUND**  
**invites members and guests for an**

**Introduction to M'Wikwedong Indigenous Friendship Centre, Owen Sound**

Renee Abram, the Executive Director of M'Wikwedong Indigenous Friendship Centre in Owen Sound, will give us a virtual tour of the facility and will explain the programs that are being made available to urban Indigenous persons, children, and families in our area. Please join us for what promises to be a very interesting and insightful presentation.

**General Meeting, January 11 at 10:00 a.m.**

The Zoom invitation will be sent to all members the day before.  
Guests are welcome! Contact us for more information.

  
**M'Wikwedong**  
Indigenous Friendship Centre

**January 11 at 10:00 a.m. ~ Introduction to M'Wikwedong Indigenous Friendship Centre via Zoom**

Renee Abram, the Executive Director of [M'Wikwedong Indigenous Friendship Centre](#) in Owen Sound, will give us a virtual tour of the facility and will explain the programs that are being made available to urban Indigenous persons, children and families in our area.

Especially with the very recent news about the federal government reaching a settlement with First Nations partners, all of us want/need to know more about our local indigenous neighbours.

Please join us, beginning at 9:45 a.m., for what promises to be a very interesting and insightful presentation.

A business meeting will be held following the presentation, and all members are encouraged to attend.

*The Zoom invitation will be sent to all members the day before.*

## **PROGRAM, continued**

**2022** will be filled with a varied and exciting program line-up, though topics may change. Put these dates on your calendar and watch for further details.

**February 8 at 10:00 a.m.** ~ Long Term Care Update – with **Natalie Mehra**, *via Zoom*

**March 8 at 10:00 a.m.** ~ **Dennis Makowetsky**, author of *Can You Hear Me in the Back?* reflects on 15 years as a tour manager.

**April 12 at 10:00 a.m.** ~ **Lynda Chiotti** presents a thought-provoking talk on sustainable fabric and clothing *via Zoom*

**April 22 at 10 a.m.** ~ **A SPECIAL EARTH DAY PANEL**, *via Zoom. Details to be announced...*

**May 10 at 10 a.m.** ~ **Jason Cranny**, Owen Sound Police Services, talks about Safety and Wellness

**June 14 at 10 a.m.** ~ **AGM Magical Mystery Bus Tour**. Watch for details.

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

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Our committee met earlier this week and talked about how we can increase the reach of our public Facebook page. Tagging other organizations when we have events has been successful so far, so we will focus more on this. This would include posting basic speaker information ahead of the general meetings so that those who may be interested in participating at a meeting can contact our organization.

Again, we would like to encourage all members who use Facebook to join our Private Facebook Group by going to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/oscfuwprivategroup>

It would appear that we are going to be meeting online for the foreseeable future so we are in the planning stages of offering two workshops via zoom in the coming months. The first one would be a workshop focused on using more features in zoom. This would interest members who want to learn more about the difference between using zoom via their browser vs the zoom app, sharing their screen, hosting a meeting (security and other features) and more. A second workshop in the planning would be a follow up on the presentation by Christopher Hendrie back in September concerning internet and Facebook security.

~ **Roberta Cuthbertson**, *Social Media Committee 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*

## 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

On **Monday January 17 at 2:00 p.m.** Art Explorers will listen to a panel of art experts (two women art curators from the National Art Gallery in Canberra, Australia and MoMA in New York, as well as a renowned Australian feminist writer, journalist and activist) in an Art Talk celebrating women artists and a 2020 exhibition “Know my Name” in Australia.

I will send the zoom link out a few days beforehand. If you are not an Art Explorer but would like to join us for this event then please let me know and I'll send you the link.

*~ Cynthia Porter, Coordinator*

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

We met in person in early December to discuss a number of poems, and what they meant to us. This was a first for our group, and we were all delighted by the lively talk.

On January 24th we will be meeting once again on Zoom to consider Edward Rutherford's novel, *China*. Eleanor Huff will be leading the discussion.

*~ 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 (currently no more than 5 indoors) games days. We know our members have been double vaccinated 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 vaccinated.

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 Games Days will be on **January 7<sup>th</sup> and January 21, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.**

*~ Trisha Hendrie, Coordinator*



## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

It's a NEW year and time to get out and enjoy this wintery weather. Currently, we may meet outdoors in groups of no more than 10; if there are more than ten people interested in a particular outing, we can split up into more than one group. Watch for an invitation to get active on Wednesday, January 12.

If YOU have an idea for a walk you'd like to lead in person, OR a healthy lifestyles-related topic we could pursue via Zoom, please email me: [meranjoan@gmail.com](mailto:meranjoan@gmail.com). We welcome any member who is interested in joining us.

~ *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](mailto:solafyre@yahoo.com) 519-778-2052]. Our next meeting will be on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. We will discuss why online games and things like Dungeons and Dragons are actually good for your grandkids and adults too!

~ *Trisha Hendrie, Coordinator*

## YARN CLUB (Knitwits) 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:Shawna.macivor@gmail.com).

~ *Shawna Macivor, Coordinator*

## OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS:

### **Bluewater Association for Lifelong Learning: BALL presents...**

[Inspiring Women in Science](#), Thursdays beginning January 13 through to February 24, 2022, 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon; **online only**. *Of special note, this BALL series includes: Local scientist Dr. Sonja Ostertag (January 13), and Dr Anne Innis Dagg, "The Giraffe Lady" (February 10).*

### ***Beyond 94: Truth and Reconciliation in Canada***

This website was launched in March 2018 and is regularly updated by CBC News to reflect the government's progress on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action.

A few years ago, our club's Issues Group researched and presented an overview to our members of the findings of The Truth and Reconciliation Commission. We know that many of our members continue to be interested in this "work in progress".

## January 2022 Quiz

What do each set of three words have in common? For example, marigold, mustard, and canary would have “yellow” in common.

1. Instant-Hidden-Candid
2. Steel-Balance-Laser
3. String-Wax-Lima
4. Florist-furniture store-obstetrician
5. Africa-Little Red Riding Hood- matador
6. Rain-wind-carbon
7. Highway-catcher-astrologer
8. Head-tail-cross
9. Ford Motor company-Nebraska-US \$5 Bills
10. Bicycle tire – toothpaste – chemistry lab

## Answers to December’s Holiday Quiz

1. What Christian group banned Christmas in Boston from 1659 to 1681?  
*a. From 1659-1681 the Puritans banned celebrating Christmas.*
2. Among Christians who lived in the East, when was Christmas originally celebrated?  
*a. On or near January 7<sup>th</sup>. The change from the Julian to Gregorian calendar in 1582 created this difference.*
3. Who was the first President to celebrate Hanukkah at the White House?  
*a. In 2001 George W. Bush became the first President to celebrate Hanukkah in the White House. It has been celebrated at the White House every year since then.*
4. What jaunty Christmas carol written in 1739 was supposed to be accompanied by slow and somber music?  
*a. Hark the Herald Angels Sing was written by Charles Wesley. It was sung slow and somber for approximately 100 years.*
5. True or false There are about sixteen ways to spell the word Hanukkah?  
*a. True. Most references say about 16, but the Oxford English Dictionary actually lists 24. Technically if you answered false you would still be correct.*
6. What is the most popular meal for Christmas in Japan?  
*a. Chicken. And specifically, Kentucky Fried Chicken. According to the BBC 3.6 million Japanese people eat KFC for Christmas.*
7. In what Central American country might you find yourself kicking off the holiday season by burning the devil on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> while sweeping your house?  
*a. Guatemala. Currently it is meant to coincide with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.*
8. According to the bible in what season was Christ likely born?  
*a. The bible does not mention what season Christ was born. The only clues suggest that it was actually a springtime birth based on the presence of shepherds. It is believed that Christians chose December in order to replace pagan holidays held during that month.*
9. In what part of the world is a double decker menorah used?  
*a. Alsace, France. Their menorahs use 16 candles instead of 8 so that both father and son could light each of the 8 candles at the same time.*
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?  
*a. James Edgar in 1890. His department store was in Brockton Mass*

## CHRISTMAS DONATIONS TO THE WOMEN'S CENTRE – THANK YOU!

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. Here is a letter of thanks from The Women's Centre that they asked me to share with you.



THE  
WOMEN'S CENTRE  
GREY BRUCE

# BEST WISHES FOR 2022

As we ring in the new year, I wanted to send a quick **thank you for your support in 2021**. Although the holidays were impacted by the latest variant, I sincerely hope that you were able to **safely spend time with your loved ones** and are **feeling refreshed and ready for 2022**.

As a **loyal supporter** of The Women's Centre, you may know that we are marking our **40th anniversary** this year. What began as a **four-bedroom apartment**, staffed by two employees and a handful of volunteers, has **transitioned** into a **twenty-bed shelter** where 30 staff provide 24/7 crisis support. Further, we introduced housing units complete with programming to **help women safely return to the community**. While our facilities have changed, our **commitment to supporting women and children who are fleeing violence**, has remained the same.

We're pleased to be embarking on new adventures this year, including **partnerships with community agencies** that provide complementary services, the **addition** of four Second Stage units for single women, and an expanded **anti-human trafficking youth program**.

Your gift last year helped build a strong foundation for the year ahead. **Thank you** again for your **past support** in **helping** us **provide a safer place** for women and children.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2022,

Heather Sheldrick  
Executive Director

P.S. As a **next step**, I encourage you to join **The Alliance**, a group of donors who have **pledged a monthly gift** in their dedication to ending gender-based violence. These steady and **predictable donations** allow us to plan **future programs** and projects, while ensuring that current **needs are being met**.

The Women's Centre Grey Bruce  
2048 A 9th Avenue East  
Owen Sound, ON N4K 3H2

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE**  
*As approved by the Executive at its meeting January 4, 2022:*

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**MEMORIAL DONATIONS AND SPECIAL TRIBUTES**

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**1. PURPOSE**

CFUW Owen Sound and Area is sadly impacted as a Club when a member or member's partner dies. The Club is committed to expressing its sincere sympathy in appropriate ways, including making a memorial donation. The Club also recognizes and supports members who are experiencing serious illness or personal loss, and celebrates with those who have achieved special success or recognition.

**2. GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- 2.1. The Club recognizes that appropriate guidelines are required to ensure that when a gift or other form of support is made to a Club member, it is done with sensitivity and in a consistent manner throughout the organization.
- 2.2. Advance planning is necessary to enable the Club to respond effectively to a death, illness, or serious loss, as well as to a member's success.
- 2.3. All Club members must be made aware of this procedure to ensure clear understanding of the guidelines and the goal of consistent practice.

**3. PROCEDURES**

**Deaths:**

- 3.1. The Club strives to mark sad occasions with dignity and compassion, and to assist in the healing process by supporting those affected.
- 3.2. Following approval of the family concerned, the president or designate will send a standard message to all Club members that provides a sensitive announcement of the death. The message will include the following information:
  - a) name of the deceased and relation to the Club member (in the case of a partner);
  - b) name and location of the funeral home or other location, if applicable; and
  - c) dates and times of visitation and date and time of the funeral or memorial service, if applicable and as available.
- 3.3. CFUW Owen Sound and Area will send, in the Club's name, a financial contribution in memory of the deceased to one of the following, as approved by the family:
  - a) a registered charity, research association, or specified school;
  - b) a contribution to a scholarship fund in the name of the deceased; or
  - c) a memorial recognition suggested by the family that supports the goals of the Club, e.g.; tree planting, books for a public or school library.
- 3.4. It is the responsibility of the past president or designate to arrange for this tribute as follows:

## **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE, continued**

- a) The amount of the donation shall be sixty (60) dollars;
  - b) The president and treasurer will be notified of the name of the member or member's partner, and the name and complete mailing address of the charity or organization to which the donation has been made.
  - c) All Club members will be informed about the donation and how funds were directed.
- 3.5. Members of the Club are encouraged to provide direct support to the bereaved member or family in the form of cards, email messages, phone calls, and visits. It is important to demonstrate caring without overwhelming the bereaved person or creating stressful expectations for responses.
- 3.6. Members of a Club interest group may decide to provide support beyond that offered by the Club as a whole to a member who attended that group and who has been bereaved. The interest group should give careful consideration to establishing a consistent process to support all group members in the same situation with a similar level of support. It must be clear that the gift is from the interest group, not the Club as a whole, and the president of the Club must be notified.

### **Illness, Injury, Loss, Success**

- 3.7. The past president of the Club will act as the benevolence contact with outreach and cards to members experiencing an illness, injury, loss, or special success, and act on behalf of the Club, as required.
- 3.8. In the event of serious illness or injury, a card in the name of the Club, and a visit or phone call as appropriate will be provided to support the Club member.
- 3.9. In the case of loss or success, the Club will recognize the member with an appropriate card signed in the name of the Club. In the case of success, a recognition of the member's achievement will be reported in the Club newsletter.
- 3.10. Members of the Club will be informed about these circumstances, and are encouraged to provide direct support to the member in the form of cards, email messages, phone calls, and visits.
- 3.11. Members of a Club interest group may decide to provide support beyond that offered by the Club as a whole to a member who attended that group and who is ill or has been injured. The interest group should give careful consideration to establishing a consistent process to support all group members in the same situation with a similar level of support. It must be clear that the gift is from the interest group, not the Club as a whole, and the president of the Club must be notified.

### **REFERENCES:**

Policy GOV-02 Mission and Goals

Policy GOV-03 Role of the Executive Committee

## 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 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.*

**CFUW – OWEN SOUND**  
**CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**  
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**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'Wikwegdong Indigenous Friendship Centre, O.S. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Link will be emailed to all members the day 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

13 – Healthy Lifestyles – Contact Meran Farmer for details.

17 – Art Explorers, 2 p.m. Panel of art experts – by zoom. 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

**FEBRUARY 2022**

**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.

3 - Deadline for submissions to February Newsletter. Email to Judy Beth Armstrong.

4 - Games Group, 1:30 p.m. Contact Trisha Hendrie

**8 - GENERAL MEETING, 10 a.m. - Long Term Care Update – with Natalie Mehra. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Link will be emailed to all members the day before.**

8 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Roberta Cuthbertson.

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

15 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Roberta Cuthbertson.

18 - Games Group, 1:30 p.m. Contact Trisha Hendrie

22 - Tuesday Coffee Hour – 4 – 5 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Roberta Cuthbertson.

23 - Women Who Wonder, 7 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Trisha Hendrie

28 - Book Club, 1:30 p.m. Virtual meeting by Zoom. Contact Lynne Cox.

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