



**Thorpe Carriage House
96 West Street
Brantford, ON
Meetings on Fourth
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.**

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Message from the Leadership Team

As I sit down at my computer to write this, Thanksgiving weekend has just passed by. And what a beautiful Thanksgiving weekend it was! We have been blessed this year with incredible fall days of warmth and sunshine.

CFUW Brantford is well underway for another year. Our interest groups are up and running, and participation remains strong. Our speaker series began at the September General Meeting with Sarah Grittani and "Tick Talk". We can expect an equally interesting evening in October when Jodi-Lynn Waddilove joins us to speak on "Indigenous Education". The Basketeers and Trivia Night initiatives are both underway. We look forward to another successful year of supporting the women of Nova Vita as they begin their new lives, and another fun evening of raising money for the CFUW Scholarship Fund.

Planning has begun on other CFUW Brantford events such as the December Pot Luck Dinner and the Spring Banquet. Stay tuned for details of these events!

At the September General Meeting, CFUW voted to give our club's input on the proposed amendment to the GWI dues increase. Our votes will be used, along with the votes from all other CFUW clubs, to determine how the board will cast its 10 votes in the upcoming GWI vote. More information on the outcome of this amendment should be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Over the past few months, Mieke and Janet have been hard at work on setting up CFUW Brantford's "Dropbox". For those of you unfamiliar with dropbox, it is like a virtual file cabinet. It is a great way to safely store one's documents on the internet so that other people, with permission, can have access to them. The setting up of our dropbox has required many hours of collecting, collating and organizing documents. It is a great resource for the current executive and will continue to be a

resource for future executives. It is also a great way to archive documents from previous years. And it reduces paper!

In addition to setting up our dropbox, Janet and Mieke ran tutorials last week to teach the members of the executive how to use this valuable tool. A big THANK YOU to them both for this huge undertaking!

The executive has also begun discussions on the use of Social Media to promote our club. We already have a Facebook page and a website and a Twitter account. We are discussing ways to make these more accessible, more inviting and more informative to the public. At the same time, we are also considering issues of privacy for our members. Stay tuned for more information as we continue discussions on these topics. (In the meantime, why not check out our Facebook page and like a few photos!)

I would like to end off this article on a more personal note. As some of you know, last month my husband was involved in a fairly serious motorcycle accident while riding with his friends in Pennsylvania. At the very last minute, I had to call on some members of CFUW to take over for me at the September General Meeting. Without a second's hesitation, Mieke and Janet stepped up and handled the GWI vote for me. I would like to thank them, and also thank the members who supported me with texts and emails. This Thanksgiving, I am thankful for the support of the wonderful group of women that is CFUW Brantford! (He will be fine, by the way - a full recovery is anticipated.)

Respectfully submitted by Penelope Jeffery for the leadership team: Tish James and Patti Kunashko.

October General Meeting

October 25, 2017

Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

Topic: Indigenous Education

Speaker: Jodi-Lynn Waddilove

CFUW Brantford Membership cards

Membership cards were available for all members at the September general meeting. Your membership card entitles you to discounts at the following companies: The Personal Home and Auto Group Insurer, UPS, Lenovo, InterCall, Avis, Avis/Budget, and Via Rail. Please call them directly to find out about their offers. If you did not receive your membership card, it will be placed in your name tag and can be picked up at the next general meeting.

Ontario CFUW

The e-newsletter from Ontario Council, Dates & Data, has expanded its mail out capabilities. In the past they were limited to sending out this newsletter (sent out 6 times annually) to club presidents and asking it to be forwarded. It is now being made available to all members. If you would like to receive this e-newsletter, please contact Teresa Habs, Communications Chair, at tahabs@sympatico.ca.

Please check out the CFUW website. Thanks to Marsha, our webmaster, for updating the site.

Also, please go to Facebook and look at the CFUW Facebook page. We need to "Like" it and "Share" it. That way, more people will know about our club! Thanks to Mary P for posting and refreshing the Facebook page.



October 11th was the "International Day of the Girl Child"

On December 19, 2011, United Nations General Assembly adopted [Resolution 66/170](#) to declare October 11th as the International Day of the Girl Child, to recognize girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world. The International Day of the Girl Child focuses attention on the need to address the challenges girls face and to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfilment of their human rights. Take a look at the CFUW Brantford Facebook page for some of our pictures.

News from National

October is Women's History Month. To celebrate you are able to read about members who have engaged in advocacy for women CFUW Influential Women.

For those members who would like to engage in continuing education there are two upcoming webinars. One is about the FundScript fundraising model, which some clubs have successfully utilized. The other is dealing with Biteable, both accessing the CFUW account, as well as training on how to utilize this tool to develop videos. If interested contact Jenna Smith at cfuwgen@rogers.com.

Again, for those with a yearning for learning the "MOOC" on line learning is an option first brought to your attention last month, MOOC's are offered by major universities around the world. Course material being offered includes:

1. Indigenous Canada;
2. Understanding Violence Against Women; and

3. Women in Leadership, Inspiring Change.

CFUW itself, or via sister organizations, has:

1. Called on the Canadian government to adopt the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons;
2. Called for the end of violence against the Rohingya population in Myanmar;
3. Welcomed the announcement by the Canadian Government of funding for Gender Equality; and
4. Encouraged clubs to advocate for child care.

CFUW National also reminded members of its Charitable Trust, a national program that provides fellowship awards to women engaged in advanced study and research.

Women who have received fellowships are profiled at <http://cfuwcharitabletrust.ca>.

Finally, for those who enjoy train travel, remember to ask for the 5% discount. You will need to show your CFUW membership card & photo I. D. to pick up your tickets, and use the following booking code: 811167.

Scholarship Committee:

Congratulations to the 2017 Recipients of the **Agnes Hodge Award**: Victoria Lumax (BCI) and Natasha Hill (NP) **Maple Arbor Award**: The top award goes to Rita Sallumi from Assumption College with a 99.0% average ; and the student with the second highest average is Rebecca Young from St. John's College with a 97.71. % average.

Dates and Schedules

Thursday Evening Book Club will be reading "The Paris Secret" by Karen Swan in November.

Along a cobbled Paris street is an apartment thick with dust, full of art treasures abandoned for 70 years. Flora, a fine art agent, is hired to research the provenance of the art for the Vermeil family. Inspired by an incident a few years ago this story is family drama, twists and turns mystery with a bit of romance thrown in. It evokes the atmosphere of Paris, but travels to Antibes, Vienna and London. It's a great book to curl up with.

Monday Evening Book Club will be reading "Medicine Walk" by Richard Wagamese

He is a Canadian Indigenous writer who died recently at age 61. His work is clear, lucid and gripping, written with "insight and compassion". A novel about love, friendship, courage, and the idea that the land has within it powers of healing. One of his other novels is Indian Horse.

Creative Cookery - November 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Hosts: Gloria (Group A) & Joan (Group B)

Dining Out - Nov 27th at 1 pm for lunch at One Duke, 1 Duke, Hamilton, 905-540-3853

Film Group - Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. *OBIT*, Galaxy Cinemas

Technology Interest Group: We plan to meet later in October when our discussion will be on Facebook. Mary P will be leading the group for this discussion. A date has not yet been determined. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Janet.

Walking Interest Group meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. Upcoming trails:

Oct.24-Gilkinson-drive up Mt. Pleasant St., turn left at Lion's Park sign, park on the road near 1st wooden trail sign on the right.

Oct.31-D'Aubney Creek- park near Scotia Bank in the Sobey's Plaza. We will cross the street to the paved trail near the creek.

Nov.7- Mohawk Chapel-meet at main parking lot next to chapel and group will decide to walk on dyke or cross road (Mohawk St) and walk to the right towards Lock's Road + Forest Road

World Awareness Interest Group- meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

A Planning Meeting was held in September to discuss the topics and discussion leaders for the year. List of topics are: Land Claim Resolutions, Drug Issues (Fentanyl), North Korea, Animals: Are they much different from us, Education of Women and Girls, Resurgence of Populism, Artificial Intelligence. Please contact Carol if you would like further information about this Interest Group. **October topic:** Land Claim Resolution

News & Reviews

Walking Group: Three of us made it for a walk: myself, Colette and Naomi. We decided to take the new walk that starts out at Mohawk Chapel, goes towards Lock's road, but veers to the right before our usual trail. It was quite lovely. Lots of birds.

Here are some pics:



Thursday Evening Book Club - In October, the Thursday evening book club read *City of Friends* by Joanna Trollope. This is the author's twentieth novel and this one is contemporary and topical as it deals with the role female support and friendship plays in sustaining us. As the story develops, Stacy, Gaby, Melissa and Beth show how women balance work and family life while maintaining relationships. The book was considered a pleasant read that provided a variety of issues for discussion.

Monday Evening Book Club - On October 16, the Monday night book club talked about *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. Discussion leader was Norah and Linda provided the venue and the refreshments. This book was an interesting story of eight generations of two sisters, Effia and Esi, born in different villages. One sister sold into slavery, the other married to an Englishman living a life of comfort, and how their descendants coped with difficult issues in their parallel lives. Highly recommended, it would be a great movie or miniseries.

Dining Out - at King West Bistro, Dundas



World Awareness - The group met on October 19 to discuss what should we as Canadians be doing about the Syrian Refugee Crisis. The Canadian Immigration policy & its impact on the refugee crisis – as well as other displaced populations of the world., was also considered. Lakshmi Hangalur, certified Immigration Consultant, joined us to provide some background information and an explanation of how the immigration/refugee system actually works, including the changes that have occurred in the past few years.

Creative Cookery -



2017-2018 EXECUTIVE

LEADERSHIP TEAM: Tish James,
Penelope Jeffery, Patti Kunashko

SECRETARY: Dian Kuzyk

TREASURER: Nora Leung

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- Advocacy:** Elizabeth Capitano
- Communications:** Marg Eisner
- Interest Groups:** Jane Binkley
- Membership:** Rhynda Bulson
- Programme:** Committee
- Scholarship:** Lynne Duncombe, Marla Merritt, Colette Wilson
- Social:** Bev Golden

Community Events

“God, Icebergs and Lawren Harris: The influence of religion on the work of Lawren Harris”

Nov 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Speakers: Ruth Lefler, a local historian and The Reverend Dr. Ken Morgan, a local author

Location: First Baptist Church, 70 West St.

The Elora Singers under the direction of Noel Edison

The critically-acclaimed Elora Singers will present a beautiful concert celebrating Canada, the Festive Season and their absolute love of choral music.

Sunday, November 26, 2017 beginning at 3:30 pm.

Adult: \$30 Student: \$10 Children (Grade 8 & under): FREE

For tickets please contact Lynn



Hospitality Team - October



Thank you to Ellie Gloster, Norah O’Leary, Diane Morgan, Carol Kent, Betsy Capitano and to Bev Golden for leading the team.

Please let Marg Eisner know at if there is any event or circumstance that our members are experiencing, joyous or otherwise, which needs to be shared in the newsletter. We would hate to miss anyone so your help is appreciated.



Our condolences to Barb Scott who lost her brother recently.

Trivia Night Prizes

Wanted: New items which could be used for Trivia Night Door or Draw Prizes. Please bring to the next meeting and give to Lynn!!

For information on CFUW:

www.cfuwbrantford.org

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Nova Vita 9th Annual Basketeer Program

We are collecting financial donations for the Basketeer Program. This program helps abused women, living at Nova Vita, to set up new households, as many leave their homes with nothing. If you would like to make a donation, please see Barb Perry or Lynn McEwen at the next general meeting.



Dynamic Women Can Make a Difference