



**Thorpe Carriage House
96 West Street
Brantford, ON
Meetings on Fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Doors Open at 7:00**

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Message from the Leadership Team

Happy November! We've passed through the colourful fall celebrations. Now it's full speed ahead to Christmas! I hope everyone will be able to join us for our Holiday Potluck Dinner. This year, Patti has generously agreed to open her home for this festive occasion on Tuesday, December 12th. I enjoyed this event very much last year as I was new to the club, and was able to meet and chat with many different women and the food was excellent! I look forward to seeing you there!

This year, we currently have four initiatives on the go. Barb and Lynne are collecting money for the Basketeers initiative. They will then go on a fun shopping trip to Home Hardware, who has proven to be very supportive in the past. The filled baskets are then given to women leaving Nova Vita, Ganohkwasra or Ojistoh House, as they set up their new homes and transition into violence free lives.

Two of our initiatives are new this year. Colette proposed that we nominate "Kids Can Fly Brantford" for the CFUW Library Award. This \$4000 grant was created to promote literacy and learning by supporting innovative approaches, encouraging community involvement and advocating for the Canadian library system. "Kids Can Fly Brantford" is a registered charity that supports early child development and parenting, and raises money and public awareness about the importance of early learning and parenting. Some of their programs include "Roots of Empathy" (an anti-bullying program within elementary schools), "Launch Pad" (an early learning and parenting centre), "Parachute Program" (for mothers facing challenges after birth), "Imagination Library" (a program that promotes early literacy). The winner of this award will be chosen and announced in 2018.

Our second new initiative is a book launch. Marsha's book "Don't Tell the Enemy" is to be published on December 26th. CFUW Brantford will be hosting the Brantford launch of this book early in the New Year. The book is based on a true story of a mother and daughter who hid three Jewish friends under their kitchen floor during the Holocaust. At the launch, Marsha will talk about her book, sign copies and answer questions. She will donate \$2.70 from each book sold to CFUW

Brantford. A committee is currently at work securing a venue for this event. Stay tuned for more details.

Our final initiative is Trivia Night. Lynn, Brenda, Dian and Colette are busy planning this fun-filled event. While the main aim is to raise money for the Scholarship Fund, it is also an enjoyable social evening and raises the profile of CFUW locally. Start putting your team together and mark your calendars for February 14th, 2018.

At October's General Meeting, we heard from a very dynamic speaker, Jodie-Lynn Waddilove, a lawyer who has served as legal counsel for the Ministry of the Attorney General for ten years and is presently serving as Senior Legal Counsel on the Independent Street Checks Review with Justice Tulloch. Her talk, entitled "Indigenous Peoples in Ontario and Canada: A discussion about historical and contemporary issues from an Anishinaabe Woman's perspective" took us through various topics including understanding of terminology such as Aboriginal, First Nations, etc., Aboriginal cultures in Ontario, and issues facing Aboriginal cultures today. She spoke of her early life on the reserve, the difficulties of education for indigenous children, what it means to be a "Status Indian", the Indian Act, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and media bias. She ended with the message that "we need to be uncomfortable if we're going to have real conversations and make a change". In her thank you, Mieke admitted that while we were uncomfortable, she had left us with the challenge to continue to ask "why is that?".

Nationally, CFUW has recently joined IAW. The International Alliance of Women is an international NGO with 41 member organizations, involved in the promotion of women's human rights, equality and the empowerment of women. There continues to be controversy about GWI. For further information about this, please read Betsy's article. In ending this month, the leadership team would like to thank you all for your support this fall, as we learned the ropes and adjusted to our new roles within CFUW Brantford.

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

News from National

GWI dues increase update:

CFUW has sent out a FAQ sheet respecting the GWI dues increase and issues arising out of same. The information can be obtained in its entirety on the CFUW National website. CFUW also released the outcome of the survey. I have summarized the two documents below.

The survey results were to aid the delegates as to how local clubs wanted the National delegates to vote at the 32nd General Assembly which took place on October 23 & 24, 2017. The vote was electronic and the outcome was not known as of the drafting of this article but may be known as of the date of this publication.

Question 1: The motion being tabled was for an increase in two installments over the first two years being paid – \$20.70 (the current fee) paid on January 1, 2018 and 2019 with the remaining \$8.40 due by June 30. This was supported by 56% and not approved by 44%. As a result of the survey National delegates will be voting to support an increase in keeping with this motion. With this option, fee's will increase yearly in accordance to the country's Gross National Income and Human Development Index as calculated on July 1 of each year;

Question 2: Do you support any per capita dues increase? 57 % did not approve while 43% voted to approve.

Question 3: This is the original fee increase which is an increase of dues over a 3 year period from 2017 to 2019 to \$ 48.30 CDN. This is the original fee increase and will stand if the motion (as set out in option 1) does not /did not pass. 73% voted to not approve with just 275 voting to approve.

Any increase will take effect until 2019-2020 fiscal year .The next AGM is in June 2018 -- to amend or remove the GWI clause from the Bylaws of GFUW National a Notice of Motion must be sent to Clubs at least 120 days in advance of the AGM. Also, GWI still not agreeing to a full forensic audit: instead agreeing to a "voluntary limited statutory audit" (whatever that is).

Resolutions passed at the 2017 AGM:

There were two resolutions passed: 1. The Right to Safe, Clean, Accessible and Affordable Drinking Water and Sanitation on First Nations Reserves in Canada; and 2. Universal Pharmacare.

Excursions:

The Waterloo Regional Museum has an exhibit running until January 7, 2018: "Trailblazing- Women in Canada since 1867".

Activism:

Starting November 25, 2017 (The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to December 10, 2017 (International Human Right's Day) is the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence Campaign. In the middle, on December 6, 2017, is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women.

National has started a new project related to Sexual Assault on Campus and continues with its Child Care Campaign. Should you wish to learn more about these projects and campaigns please access the National website.

News from National –addendum

Since News from National was drafted there has been a flurry of activity, and a brief update is as follows:

1. The results of the 32nd General Assembly electronic vote have been received. The motion (as set out in Question 1) was passed, as was the budget and change of auditor motion.
2. A Lawyers Letter was sent by CFUW to GWI which set out the following:
 - a. The vote was unconstitutional due to the electronic voting method used and the lack of debate. The letter indicates that the process in the Constitution of GWI was not followed;
 - b. CFUW in its letter to GWI indicates that the proposed, limited audit of GWI is unconstitutional and would require the amendment of the constitution which sets out a more extensive audit requirement. CFUW requested various financial disclosures be made by GWI & it proceed with a proper audit.
3. A Lawyers opinion was received by CFUW about its fiduciary obligations related to the GWI fee increase. In a nut shell it indicates that while a member of GWI it must abide by its obligations to GWI, including forwarding dues collected for GWI. However, CFUW cannot place the financial stability of CFUW at risk. Therefore, if the GWI fee increase cannot be collected by CFUW (i.e. not passed at the annual meeting or clubs simply refuse to pay that portion of the fee) CFUW cannot pay out of its own funds if such action places the financial health of CFUW at risk.

News from Regional

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.

Dates and Schedules News & Reviews

Monday Afternoon Book Club: Next meeting on Monday November 13, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Marion N.

The Dining Out Group will be going to One Duke on Nov 27th for lunch. One Duke (both the name of the restaurant and its address) is in Hamilton, just off James Street near St Jo's hospital was well known as a jazz bar for many years, and is now an Oyster Bar and restaurant.

The Monday Night Book Group has changed its meeting date to Wednesday, December 13th (from the 11th, as this was a conflict with our Christmas Potluck). The group will meet at the home of Barb P. at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the novel MEDICINE WALK written by Richard Wagamese.

Exploring the art of cooking Our annual Christmas December dinner will be at the Brantford Golf and Country Club on December 20 at 6 pm organized by Nora L.

World Awareness Group: will next meet on January 17th to discuss North Korea.

Thursday Night Book Club: On December 7th, the book that will be discussed is: "The Women in the Castle" by Jessica Shattuck. It is set at the end of World War 2, in a crumbling Bavarian castle that once played host to all of German high society. It is a powerful and beautifully written story of three widows whose lives and fates become intertwined.

Walking Group: In December, the group will walk along East River Road on Dec 5th. and then on the trail behind Glenhyrst on Dec 12th.

Monday Night Bridge; The next Bridge get together will be held on Monday December 4 at Marg S's @ 44 Devon. The group agreed to change the January Bridge to January 8th, hopefully at Jane's.

Nova Vita 9th Annual Basketeer Program: The Basketeer Programme has received \$440.00 towards the purchase of gift baskets to be given to clients of Nova Vita, who are setting up their new homes. We would like to purchase items for kitchen baskets, as we did last year. It was specified that each basket would be worth \$300.00, so more donations would be appreciated prior to our shopping date in late November. If you would like to contribute, could you please give your donation to Lynne M. or Barb P. at the November 22nd General Meeting. Your support would be greatly appreciated. This programme give hope to those women who often left their homes with very little, and are now in the process of starting anew.

The **Technology Group** met on Nov 1st. hosted by Mary P. to discuss Social Media, particularly Facebook. The group of nine was small, but enthusiastic to both share knowledge and learn from each other.

Thursday night book club: *The Paris Secret* is the story of stolen Nazi art found in a Paris apartment. It was inspired by a true incident in 2013. Most of us enjoyed the book as a light romantic read but with the twists and turns of a mystery that makes it more than just chic lit. Karen Swan, the author was a fashion journalist before she became a fiction writer so there is more than enough fashion detail in the book. However the discussion centred on the interesting ethical questions raised in the book. We agreed that is was a good light summer read.

Monday afternoon book club: Comments from Marion W: I read quite a few good books at the cottage this summer. I enjoyed Shattered: Inside Hilary Clinton's Doomed Campaign. It's based on interviews with her campaign staff. I also read a biography of Alfred Hitchcock by Peter Ackroyd. And a biography of Angela Merkel. I really enjoy history and biography.

The Dining-out Group enjoyed great food and friendly service at King West Bistro in Dundas in October.



Exploring the Art of Cooking was hosted by Joan H and Gloria S on November 15.

World Awareness Group: met on November 15th to discuss Fentanyl and other drug issues

Monday Night Bridge met on November 6 in spite of missing the hospitality and leadership of Jane B., who is recovering from knee replacement surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Day Trippers:

On Sunday, October 29, several members of the Day Trippers enjoyed a Fashion Show, tea and treats at The New Dundee Emporium in Petersburg. This is an annual event with money raised going to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Waterloo Region. An enjoyable way to spend a Sunday afternoon!



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

The Elora Singers under the direction of Noel Edison

If you're looking for an enjoyable way to spend a Sunday afternoon, look no further. On November 26th, the critically-acclaimed Elora Singers, under the direction of Noel Edison, will be performing at The Sanderson Centre. They will present a beautiful concert celebrating Canada, the Festive Season and their absolute love of choral music. If you are interested in attending, contact Lynn or call the Sanderson Centre Box Office at 519-758-8090.

News of members:



Thinking about you! Wynn H. is in hospital. We hope she feels better soon.

Jane B. who is recovering from surgery.

Happy Birthday! Marion C. is celebrating her 90th on November 11.

Hospitality Team - November

Thank you to Georgia Guy, Marg Simpson, Colette Wilson, Joan Jacquemain, Bev Osborn, and to Bev Golden for leading the team.



November General Meeting

November 22, 2017

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

Topic: Be a BIG fish in a small pond

Speaker: Brian Thompson

Trivia Night – 2018

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.

Dunsdon Legion

Entry fee: \$100/team

Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Door prizes & Draw prizes

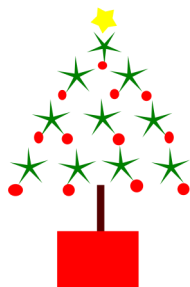
Refreshments

Lots of FUN!!!!

All funds raised go to our Scholarship Fund.

REGISTER SOON!!!

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!!



CFUW Christmas Potluck

When: Tuesday, December 12, 2017

5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Home of Patti K.

35 St Andrews Dr. Brantford, ON

Please bring a contribution to the potluck and \$5 for the cost of renting cutlery and dishes. BYOB

Please RSVP to CFUWBrantford@yahoo.ca by November 24th.



Dynamic Women Can Make a Difference