



**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

January already!! The CFUW year is flying by! Our last General Meeting featured another great speaker, Brian Thompson, a staff photographer for the Expositor. He began by telling us that he believes that photography is always about telling stories. Then he showed us his photos and told us the story behind each one. We saw photos from his first assignment (covering a Women's Institute meeting) as well as fire scenes, aerial photos, sports teams, fashion shoots and children at play. He explained that he gets to go places and see things that the average person doesn't, and he tries to share this with others. For example, he has flown in the Lancaster Bomber and in an F18 fighter jet at the Brantford Air Show. He also tries to give people a different vantage point on a subject. He illustrated this with a photo of the construction of a new downtown building which he took from the top of a crane. I found his explanation of his photos of the protestors in Caledonia particularly interesting given our speaker in October and her discussion of media bias.

As Janet said in her thank you, in his photos, Brian really captured the humanity of the moment. Based on all the "oohs" and "aahs" as each new photo was displayed, I know we all appreciated his work.

This month we look forward to hearing from Lynn Leach who will be speaking about "Horticultural Therapy at the Stedman Community Hospice".

We once again thank the program team for continuing to provide us with such interesting speakers.

The book launch of Marsha's new book "Don't Tell the Enemy" will have taken place by the time you read this newsletter. A big thank you to Marsha for her donation to CFUW from the book sales, and also to the committee who helped organize the event.

Trivia Night is fast approaching. It will be held on Wednesday,

February 7th at the Dunsdon Legion. As this is our biggest fundraiser for the scholarship fund, I hope you are all busy assembling your teams and studying up on your trivia. I'm excited to participate this year, and my team ("PJ Party") is registered and ready for the challenge!

In news at the national level: CFUW National cannot pass a dues increase until their AGM, which does not take place in time to meet the deadline for payment to GWI. Thus, CFUW National has decided that the increase of \$8.40 in dues to GWI will be paid on a voluntary and confidential basis. Each member is free to make this decision completely independently. Details of how we are going to collect this voluntary payment will be coming to you shortly.

We will soon be calling for members to join the Nominations Committee or the Resolutions Committee. The Nominations Committee requires a minimum of 3 members and is responsible for presenting the slate of candidates for executive positions to the general membership. If there are multiple candidates, they will also oversee the voting process at the AGM in May. The Resolutions Committee will review and discuss the CFUW resolutions for this year. They will develop and present recommendations regarding the support, amendment or decline of these resolutions. This year's resolutions include an Increase in Affordable Housing for Seniors, Support for Youth Aging out of Care, Repeal of the Canada/US Safe Third Party Agreement, and Equal Access to Provincial Education Curricula for Women and Children Living in Closed Religious Communities. Please put some thought into giving your time to one, or both, of these committees.

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

News from National

GWI Updates:

For those who wish to voluntarily pay the GWI dues increase of \$8.40 you can do so by providing this sum to our Treasurer, who will keep note of who has paid. All funds collected will be forwarded to National, which will then transfer the funds to GWI.

Deadlines:

The call for nominations for the Board of Directors and Regional Directors for 2018-2020 is now open and the nomination forms can be found on the CFUW website. Position descriptions are also on the website. Nominations close February 28, 2018.

June 2018 AGM:

The June 23, 2018 AGM will be electronic due to costs (both the cost of running the event and the cost to individuals to attend) and lack of volunteers to host. The 2019 AGM will be hosted by the Winnipeg club, which is fitting as CFUW was formed in that city in 1919.

Advocacy:

Important upcoming dates related to advocacy are: January 15, 2018 to submit proposed draft resolutions; February 15, 2018 when the draft resolutions package will be forwarded to clubs; April 15, 2018 is last day for clubs to submit amendments to the resolutions; & May 15, 2018 is the deadline for emergency resolutions.

On December 22, 2017 CFUW signed a letter to the Prime Minister to take a strong stance at the June 2018 G7 meeting on the following issues: 1. Supporting refugees,

migrants & displaced peoples; 2. Climate change and its impact on poor and marginalized communities; 3. Ensuring the sexual and reproductive health of all people. CFUW has announced that MATCH is the global giving choice for 2018. It is an organization that partners with over 650 women's groups in 75 countries and provides funding to grass roots organizations.

CFUW will be sending a delegation to the Commission on the Status of Women which is being held in March 2018. The theme is Challenges and Opportunities in achieving gender equality and empowerment of rural women and girls. CFUW will be collecting data on members' perceptions of challenges and opportunities for rural women, as well as the experiences of members residing in rural areas. Please complete the survey if you would like to provide formation to CFUW respecting this topic.

History:

CFUW has contracted for the 100 year history of the organization to be written by Dr. Dianne Dodd, an historian who has worked to honour, and written about, women's role in history.

Continuing Education:

On February 1, 2018 at 4 pm there is a webinar titled: 150 Acts of Reconciliation. Those interested in this program contact Jenna Smith, cfuwgen@rogers.com to register.

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

A. International Women's Day- March 8, 2018 B. Earth Day- April 23, 2018

WHO ARE WE?

THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN IS A NATIONAL NON-PROFIT, NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO THE:

PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE

PROMOTION OF EDUCATION

IMPROVEMENT OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN & GIRLS

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN THE SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP

Did you know that....

The **Canadian Federation of University Women Brantford** (formerly known as the University Women's Club of Brantford) was formed in 1946 by approximately 40 local women university graduates who were seeking opportunities for lively and stimulating discussion. These aims and objectives remain, but the organization – which has approximately 80 members – has added greater focus on the community by actively supporting local cultural activities, by promoting social/political activism through the hosting of all-candidates nights and campaign schools for women and by awarding scholarships to young women pursuing post-secondary education.

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Dates and Schedules

World Awareness: Our first discussion of 2018 will be held next Wednesday, January 17th at the Tourism Centre, 9:30 - 11:00. The topic is North Korea and the discussion will be led by Margaret S. and Dian K.

Monday Evening Bridge will resume at Jane's on February 5th.

The Technology Interest Group had to cancel the first meeting of 2018 due to the weather. We plan to reschedule before the end of the month. Our topic will be on becoming familiar with and using Excel.

The Dining Out Group will meet at 12:00 noon on January 18th at Serenity - a charming little local store and cafe on Holme Street.

Exploring the art of cooking will meet in the January 17 with one group meeting at Barb S. and the other group at Lin F.

The next **Film Group** screening will be *Churchill* (not to be confused with *Darkest Hour*) on Thursday, January 18th at 6:15 p.m. at the Galaxy Theatre, Brantford.

International Women's Day

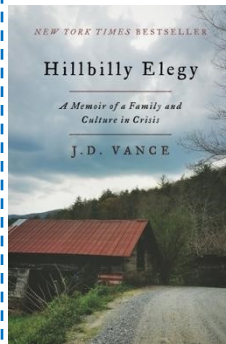
International Women's Day is held annually on **March 8th** to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.

It is also known as the United Nations (UN) Day for Women's Rights and International Peace. The theme of this year's International Women's Day is #PressforProgress. Now, more than ever, there's a strong call-to-action to press forward and progress gender parity. A strong call to motivate and unite friends, colleagues and whole communities to think, act and be gender inclusive. International Women's Day (IWD) has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD run by the Suffragettes in 1911. IWD belongs to all groups collectively everywhere.



News & Reviews

The Thursday Book Club this month read *Hillbilly Elogy* by J D Vance. The book is a memoir of a Yale trained lawyer who grew up in a poor white area in the USA. It outlines the difficulties he faced as he tried to escape his background. The New York Times listed it as a very important book to read to understand the Trump phenomena. Evaluation by our members was mixed. Some found it too American, while others thought it was a good portrayal of the struggles of a young man trying to succeed in a very difficult life situation.

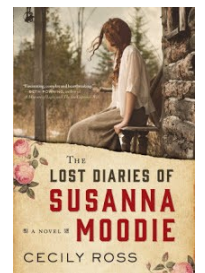


The Creative Cookery group met at the Brantford Golf and Country club for our annual Christmas Dinner.



Creative Cookery Group getting ready for wine and roast beef with Yorkshire Pudding!

The Monday Book Club reading selection for January is *THE LOST DIARIES OF SUSANNA MOODIE* by Cecily Ross. The life of a fierce female pioneer who struggled in the wilderness. Moodie's fabled life is examined afresh through the fictionalized contents of her diary (there is no evidence of any such diary), revealing even more intrigue about the existence of this formerly genteel Englishwoman whose toils and triumphs in the Canadian wilderness perhaps personify the concept of survival in this country better than any story told about our early days.



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

Thank You!

to Marsha Skrypuch for graciously donating proceeds from the sale of her book, "Don't Tell the Enemy" at her Book Launch January 15th at Braemar House School and thanks also to the committee who worked on setting up the Book Launch!



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• Special thanks are extended to Patti K. for hosting the "finger food" Christmas Potluck in December. Many of our members attended and had a lovely time. No matter how much she says it was nothing, we all know how much preparation and clean-up is involved. Thanks so much.

JANUARY

January General Meeting
January 24, 2018

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

Topic: Bringing Horticultural Therapy to Stedman Community Hospice

Speaker: Lynn Leach

Member News

Happy Birthday! A former long-time member, Doris Buckles is celebrating her 90th this month.



Wednesday, February 7, 2018

7:30 pm

DUNSDON LEGION

9 Toll Gate Road, Brantford

\$100/team of four - \$15 charitable receipt per person

Invite friends, relatives, co-workers!!

FOOD!! PRIZES!! FUN!!

Proceeds to CFUW Brantford Scholarship Fund

A registration form can be found at cfuwbrantford.org

Hospitality Team - January

Thank you to Joan Prior, Ellie Gloster, Marg Eisner, Gloria Smith and to Bev Golden for leading the team.



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