



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

I hope, I really hope, that by the time you are reading this, spring will finally have arrived because, as I write this, there is actually an ice storm (an **ICE** storm!!) predicted for the coming weekend.

However, even if the weather isn't optimal, we do have several events to look forward to in May. First there is the All Candidates Meeting happening on May 16th at North Park Collegiate. Lynn H., Diane M. and a team of volunteers are busy planning for this. What an excellent opportunity to promote our club in the community while providing a valuable and educational service.

The second May event is our annual AGM and banquet to be held May 23rd at the Brantford Golf and Country Club. The meal has been planned and the speaker has been booked. Tickets are already on sale and, if you haven't got one already, you can buy yours at the April General Meeting.

At the March General Meeting, Norah O. explained to the membership that we are seeking to fill the Membership Chair and the Social Committee Chair positions on the executive for next year. Since then, Norah has expressed an interest in co-chairing the Social Committee, but she would like to share this position. Please put some thought into volunteering for your club. If you would like more information about these positions, please contact me. I would love to answer your questions!

The recommendations of the Resolutions Committee were brought to the membership at the March General Meeting. At their recommendation, CFUW Brantford voted to support the resolutions for Fair and Non-Discriminatory Management of Refugees and Asylum Seekers, for Ending Youth Homelessness, and for Education to serve as a Vehicle for Social Justice for Vulnerable Children Living in Closed Religious Communities. Also at the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, and with the support of the Program Committee, it was decided by the Executive that next year's March

meeting would be given over to the discussion of resolutions. This will allow more members to be involved in the process. Also at the March General Meeting, I gave notice of several important motions being brought to a vote at the April Meeting. The first is known as the "Winnipeg Motion" and involves the setting of per capita dues so that individuals may choose whether they wish to be members of both CFUW and GWI, or just CFUW. The second motion is for a national dues increase of \$11. In order that all members who wish to speak will have an opportunity to do so, we will be following a timed discussion format. I will be re-sending information about these motions before the meeting. In this e-mail, I will also outline the discussion format decided on by the Executive. At the April Meeting, we will also be voting on three positions at the National level. For each of the positions of President, VP Membership and VP International Relations there are two candidates running. I will re-send the letters written by these candidates, and also send new information (their responses to a set series of questions) to help inform your vote. Please do due diligence by reading this material so that you can vote from a position of knowledge.

Heather Foss, our Regional Director, will be in attendance at our April Meeting and there will be an opportunity to ask her questions. These are important discussions and these decisions affect the future of CFUW and, therefore, the future of our club. Although this type of meeting isn't "fun", I hope you will make an effort to be there and be a part of the process.

Respectfully submitted by Penelope Jeffery, on behalf of the leadership team: Tish James and Patti Kunashko

National News

The resolutions committee meet and reviewed the three proposed resolutions for consideration at the CFUW Annual General Meeting (AGM) being: 1. Fair and Non-Discriminatory Management of Refugees and Asylum Seekers; 2. Ending Youth Homelessness; and, 3. Education to serve as a vehicle for social justice for vulnerable children living in closed religious communities. After much lively and enjoyable discussion it was agreed by the members of the committee that a motion be made at the general meeting recommending the club support all three. The candidate running for CFUW National positions have been announced. "Ask the Candidate" information can be accessed by CFUW members on the Member Resource site at www.cfuwadmin.org under Governance on the Nominations page.

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The CFUW AGM will take place electronically this year on Saturday, June 23, 2018. All AGM materials will be e mailed and posted on the public website under AGM2018. The proposed meeting standing rules will be emailed to delegates in an advisory note prior to the AGM, posted on the website and included in a conference booklet (which will be e mailed). Voting will take place on-line.

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You do not want to miss our speaker, David MacLean, who will introduce us to **Our Home and Miniature Land**, a major attraction to come in 2019, likely in Toronto. It will be a journey of discovery showcasing Canada's captivating vistas, landmarks and cityscapes from coast to coast to coast in miniature scale.

Go to www.miniatureland.ca to see for yourself what will be an experience for all ages that will entertain and educate. Also check out Hamburg, Germany's website, www.miniatur-wunderland.de to see the original model which had 1.3 million visitors last year.

Membership Renewal 2018 -2019

A Format Change

As a result of a motion from Scholarship Committee, the scholarship portions of the Membership Dues are increased by \$5 to \$15. Therefore, membership renewal dues are \$115.00. Please note that membership renewal forms have been sent out by email and you are being asked for TWO (2) signatures. As usual, one gives permission for your inclusion in photos taken at Club activities.

There is an additional space in which you agree to having your email address shared with CFUW National so that they can communicate directly with you. At this point in time, members either individually sign up with CFUW National to receive communications or our Club President forwards the National President's monthly newsletter and any other pertinent information is included in our Newsletter.

Membership renewal dues are payable by **MAY 23, 2018** and may be paid directly at the March or April General Meetings or at the AGM in May. The form and cheque can be mailed to Rhynda B at her home address or left in her house mailbox if you are in the area.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

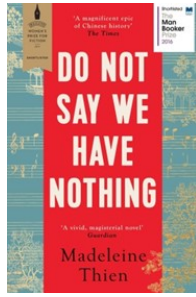
All Candidates Night

On the evening of May 16th, CFUW Brantford will be holding an **All Candidates Night** for the upcoming Provincial Election, June 7, 2018. We are pleased to report that Nora Fueten will, once again, be our moderator, that all candidates will be participating and that the event will be sponsored by the local chapter of RTO.

Candidates will have the opportunity to give opening and closing statements and prepared responses to three questions sent to them in advance of the evening. Questions from the audience will be summarized by a panel and will be posed by Nora. The number of questions will depend upon the time available. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to meet the candidates in person and pick up campaign literature so that you can make a more informed decision. The event will be held in the mini-theatre at North Park Collegiate from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30. Please park on the north side of North Park (student lot) and enter by the doors closest to the parking lot. See you there!

Dates and Schedules

Monday Night Book Group will meet on Monday, April 16th at 7:00 P.M. to discuss *Do Not Say We Have Nothing* written by Madeleine Thien. The group will be meeting at the home of Lynne M. in St. George.



Monday Evening Bridge will continue at Jane's, 21 Chestnut, until further notice following the sudden death of Marion C's husband Don. His occasional presence at the CFUW Bridge Table was amusing! He will be missed!

The Technology Interest Group will be meeting at the end of April. We will be planning for next year. In addition, we will be looking at desktop publishing with a focus on Microsoft Publisher. The final meeting time has not been set, as yet. If interested, contact Janet R. for details.

Walking Group April/May Schedule:

April 17-Papple Road-travel on Colborne St. East which becomes highway #53. Turn left at Papple Road then drive a short distance to where the trail starts on the right.

April 24-Gilkinson St.-go along Colborne St.W and turn onto Mt. Pleasant St. At the sign that says "to Rotary Centre", turn left and park near the first wooden trail sign on the right.

May 1- Hardy Road- Drive on Hardy Road and go past the Brantford Golf and Country Club and shortly you'll see parking area on the right. Cross the road, go on the trail down to the river.

May 8- App's Mill-Travel on Rest Acres Road then turn West onto Robinson Road. Park in the Nature Centre which is on the left. We will be going to the Acorn Café at Five Oaks Retreat on Bethel Road for lunch.

May 15-Glen Morris- Go across from the library to Forbes St. follow road to the parking lot on the right. Walk to the right.

May 22- East River Road-drive to Paris. Go along Green Lane, turn left onto Willow St. Parking is on the right nearby.

May 29-Glenhyrst-Park at the Coach House. Walk to the trail then walk to the left towards Wilkes' Dam.



Many thanks to the Interest group contacts and participants who provided news and pictures for the newsletter.

This is our members connection to what is happening in the club. When many contribute it makes putting together a newsletter much easier.

News & Reviews

The Food with Thought Group met at Marg S's on April 9th. Six of us had a wonderful potluck meal and talked for 4 hours...very relaxing. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome. We take turns in members' homes once a month, the second Monday of the month, for wonderful food and lots of laughs on and mostly off a topic that we choose to discuss.

World Awareness Interest Group met on April 18th to discuss **The Rise of Populism**. The May 16th meeting will be at the Brantford Police Station community room. The topic will be **Artificial Intelligence**.

Thursday Book club recently read and discussed, "They Left Us Everything" by Plum Johnson.

This is a delightful memoir full of humour and sentimentality. After their elderly parents die, Plum and her 3 brothers must sell the beloved 23 room family home. She weaves her mother and father's story through items and letters found in the house. It leaves us with the question...do you leave everything for your children to unravel or do you declutter and sift through things now?



The Tuesday morning Walking Group on April 3rd!



The Dining Out Group enjoyed lunch in Burlington at West Plains Bistro on April 10th. The restaurant was lovely, thanks to friendly service and sumptuous food for every pallet. In May, we will attend the CFUW Brantford Annual Banquet. Our finale will be a luncheon on Friday, June 15th at The Emporium in New Dundee, a wonderful little dining room that is attached to a fashionable clothing store complete with a fashion consultant - Mark - who is the go-to person for some of our members when we need that special something.



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



Welcome: New Member

Welcome to Denver Hilland who joined CFUW Brantford in March. Look for her information in the updated Membership Directory for 2018-2019 which will be sent out after all renewal forms have been processed.

Jenny and Assajee de Alwis are delighted to announce that their fifth grandchild, and fourth granddaughter, Neve Beatrix de Alwis Wiramanaden, was born on April 7th in Guelph.



We were sad to learn of the death of Donald Currie, husband of CFUW member Marion Currie for 65 years. He passed away on March 26th.



April

April General Meeting

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

Topic: Our Library in the 21st Century

Speaker: Kathryn Goodhue, the Head Librarian at the Brantford Public Library

A new experience



Hospitality Team - April



Thank-you to Ellie G., Pat C., Marla M., Kay R., Leslie L., and to Bev G. for leading the team.

Community Events

Grand River Grannies invite you to a tea and a historic house tour, Yates Castle, 15 Wynarden Court, Saturday June 9th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
R.S.V.P. 519-750-4250

Bike for Hospice: A ride to support Stedman Community Hospice, Sunday May 6th at 9:00 a.m. Please join us for a 17 km ride along both sides of the Grand River. Register at www.stedmanhike.ca

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