



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'm writing this quickly as I get set to head off to the Ontario Council Conference and AGM in a few hours. This will be my first time in attendance at such an event and I will report back to you on my adventures in the next newsletter!

This has been a very busy few weeks for CFUW Brantford. At the last General Meeting, we handled a vote for 3 contested executive positions at the National level, voted on the important Winnipeg Motion and Dues Motion, and considered the Ontario Council Resolution. A lot of important business for one meeting! Thank you to all who read and considered the information sent out beforehand. It was a bit of a "tough slog" (as my mother would say).

Lynn H. and her committee are very busy preparing for the upcoming All Candidates Meeting. By the time you read this, the event will be over. I anticipate much success as so many members have volunteered and Lynn has managed to find jobs for everyone. Brenda M. has been handling the publicity in the newspaper. Hopefully you have seen the announcements in the past few editions. I'm looking forward to hearing the candidates speak and hoping the evening will help me in my decision as to who to vote for this time.

I am happy to announce that we now have a full slate of candidates for next year's executive. Norah O., chair of the Nominations Committee, will be presenting them to you at the upcoming AGM taking place after our Banquet at the Brantford Golf and Country Club.

At the Banquet, David MacLean will speak to us about "Our Home and Miniature Land". If you have visited the website link I sent out, you will probably be as intrigued as I am. I'm looking forward to some great pictures of the work and some interesting stories about its construction. Bob MacLean, David's father, will also be speaking to us briefly about the Safety Village.

As always, we can look forward to the opportunity for socializing in a beautiful environment and over a delicious meal.

Another great social event is planned for June as Pat C. has once again agreed to host our Summer Picnic and Potluck. Look for more details in this newsletter.

Although we are soon to break for the summer, plans are already underway for next year. The meeting schedule has been organized and the programme committee is already contacting potential guest speakers. You can expect to hear about this year's full line-up later in the summer. The Basketeers Initiative and Trivia Night Initiative have already received executive approval and you will be asked for your support for these at our AGM.

The National AGM is happening on Saturday, June 23rd from 11:30 to 4:30. There will be a lunch break from 1:20 - 2:30. For the first time, it is taking place electronically which means every member can attend if they wish. Registration information has been sent to you by email. Please remember that you must register before June 1st. If you are planning to attend as a group, one person will register online, and then send the names of the others in attendance by email.

And, finally, if you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible as Rhynda B. works very hard at this time of year "chasing" down anyone she hasn't heard from.

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

Community Events

Sunday May 27 at 3:00 pm Grand River Chorus presents Handel's Israel in Egypt in collaboration with Hamilton's Bach Egar Choir. Location: St. Pius Catholic Church, 9 Waverly Street. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the door.



Time to do some Spring Cleaning!

Denver Hilland is collecting craft supplies for the Boys and Girls Club of Brantford. Items most needed include: construction paper, glue sticks, scissors, pencil crayons, markers, crayons, tissue paper. However all craft materials are welcomed (wool, fabric etc.). You can give donations to Penelope Jeffery or Denver Hilland anytime - Banquet, walking group, Blue Lake Picnic etc.

Dates and Schedules

In May, the **Dining Out Group** will attend the Annual Banquet. In June, we will venture out to the Emporium in New Dundee to enjoy lunch at the cafe and a browse through the lovely clothing store attached to the cafe.

CFUW Brantford Annual General Meeting 2018

Date: May 23, 2018

Time: The Social will start at 4:45 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Brantford Golf and Country Club

What: Speaker is David MacLean, an engineer, who will be speaking on "Our Home and Miniature Land".

Tickets: Tickets are \$60.00 and are still available by contacting Bev G.

Annual Blue Lake Picnic at the home of Pat C.,

Date: Wednesday, June 27th

Where: 501 Blue Lake Road, R.R. #1, St. George

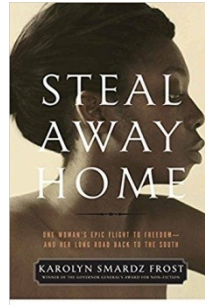
Time:

4:00 pm Swimming

6:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner

News & Reviews

The Monday Night Book Club met on the 14th of May at the home of Naomi K. to discuss STEAL AWAY HOME; ONE WOMAN'S EPIC FLIGHT TO FREEDOM, written by Canadian author Karolyn Frost. Discussion group leader was Barb P.



World Awareness Group: met on **Wednesday May 16th** from 9:30 till 11 in the Community Room of the **Brantford Police Station, 344 Elgin Street**. The topic for discussion was **Artificial Intelligence**. The discussion leaders were Georgia G., Pat C., Betty Anne W. and Diane M. Many thanks to Jennifer deA. for volunteering to act as the group's co-ordinator for 2018-19.

Some members of the World Awareness Group.



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

Walking Group in May



Book Review: The Monday evening book group met at Lynne McE.'s beautiful St. George's home on Wednesday 18 April (due to the ice storm). The three-generational novel, *Do Not Say We Have Nothing* by Madeleine Thien was a source of great discussion as well as interest, crossing the boundaries of Mao's Long March, the Cultural Revolution and the Tiananmen Square students' democracy protests with the ensuing crackdown. Language, meaning and interpretation underlie many of the strands of this remarkable novel, beginning with the title itself, which comes from the Internationale; it is translated slightly differently by each of the French, Russian, British, American and Chinese anthems. So, what exactly does it mean? It means...great discussion!

The Dining Out Group enjoyed lunch at West Plains Bistro in Burlington on April 10th. We recommend the food, ambiance, and service.... and of course the company was great!



Monday Night Bridge Group:



April 18 Exploring the Art of Cooking meetings. Lynn hosted a Sicilian Theme dinner and Betsy hosted an Austrian Theme dinner.



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



Thinking of You

It is with sadness that I share the news of the death of Marvin Daboll, husband of CFUW member Melodie Daboll. He passed away at home on Sunday, April 22.

Please let us know at cfuwbrantford@yahoo.ca 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 not want to miss anyone so your help is appreciated.

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Tickets: Tickets are \$60.00 and are still available by contacting Bev G. Be prepared to be enlightened about a major project, [Our Home and Miniature Land](#), now underway in Toronto. Most people have not yet heard of this ambitious vision and animated adventure that will capture the wonder of Canada for us all to see. We will have the General Superintendent of the Physical Plant, [David MacLean](#), as our speaker to guide us through the plans and progress to date. Be among the first to know! Go to www.miniatureland.ca to see for yourself. Also check out Hamburg, Germany's website, www.miniatur-wunderland.de to see the first model.

The business portion of the meeting occurs after the banquet and speaker and is scheduled to start at 8:00 p.m. All members who are not attending the banquet are invited to participate in the Annual General Meeting.

Save the Date:

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501 Blue Lake Road, R.R. #1, St. George
4:00 pm Swimming
6:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner
Please bring a chair, plate, cup, cutlery and a potluck dish of your choice.



Next General Meeting

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at Thorpe's Carriage House at 7:00 p.m.



Dynamic Women Can Make a Difference