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## Message from the Leadership Team

Here it is halfway through June already! We have one final CFUW event before we break for the summer. I hope to see you all at the Blue Lake Picnic coming up at the end of this month.

On May 16th, CFUW Brantford held a very successful All Candidates Meeting. It was well attended and very informative. As it was so well organized, we were able to hear from 7 local candidates on a wide variety of issues. Nora F. was our skilled moderator for the evening, and many other CFUW members were involved in various duties. Thank you to Lynn H. and Brenda M. for their work in putting this evening together and coordinating our many volunteers.

This was the first time I have attended an All Candidates Meeting. I also picked up all the literature that the candidates made available. I found it fascinating to hear what they didn't say (as compared to their written literature) as much as to hear what they did say. The evening provided lively mealtime discussion at our house for the next few days.



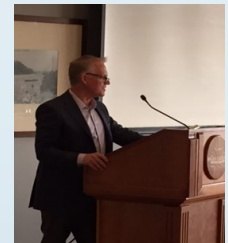
Enjoying social time before the AGM and banquet!

On May 23rd, members attended our AGM and banquet at the Brantford Golf and Country Club. We were introduced to a few of our scholarship winners and entertained by David MacLean, who spoke about "Our Home

and Miniature Land", a new tourist attraction set to open in Toronto in 2019. It looks like it will be well worth a visit in the future!

Davis MacLean, Engineer, who spoke at our AGM on "Our Home and Miniature Land".

Thank you to Bev G. and her committee for their work in putting the evening together.



Earlier in May, Denver H. and I attended the Ontario Council Conference and AGM held at the University of Ontario in Oshawa. There was a leadership workshop entitled "Bringing your club into the 21st century" which I was very interested in attending. Unfortunately, it was held on the Friday at 6:00 pm. As we couldn't leave Brantford until Denver finished work at 6:00 pm, we were unable to attend this one. However, as Denver used instagram to post about the Keynote speaker, and as CFUW Brantford saved the day for one of the workshop presenters (I provided both the adaptor and the computer as her presentation was incompatible with the technology of the university, and Denver became the AV technician, up at the front of the workshop allowing the presenter to project her video, turning on the speakers etc.), I realized that CFUW Brantford may be ahead of the crowd on this 21st Century stuff!

We did get to Oshawa in time for the lovely reception at the Robert McLaughlin Art Gallery. We were treated to an excellent vocal performance by a choir from one of the local high schools. They sang a great version of the "Log Driver's Waltz" which has long been one of my favourite Canadian folk songs. After the performance, we toured the gallery and enjoyed the exhibits.

There was one section about the appropriation of indigenous culture in advertising that was particularly provoking. The artist used collages and older print advertising to show product names that originally came from indigenous languages. To us, the word now means only "a big truck" or "a cigarette", and we don't even realize that it comes from another language and has another meaning.

On Saturday morning, we attended the AGM. It was interesting to hear what other clubs have done and are doing, particularly in the area of advocacy. After the meeting, we heard from the Keynote Speaker, Dr. Imogen R. Coe, who spoke on "Embedding Equity, Delivering Diversity, Saving Science". She was a very engaging speaker with powerful stories, statistics and images. She talked about how diversity drives creativity and leads to greater innovation which, in turn, leads to economic development. Canada, due to the make-up of our society, has great opportunity for diversity in science, but there are still road blocks. We need to examine our cultural biases and continue to work towards equity and inclusion. Her talk was the highlight of the conference for me.

After lunch, we attended 2 workshops. The first was by a forensic artist who has helped law enforcement solve numerous missing persons cases. The second was a tour of the wind tunnel facility of the university. Not only do they work with wind, but they can also create simulations of turbulence, rain, ice and sun, or any combination of these. The facilities are used in all kinds of interesting ways. For example, first responders learn to do CPR in a moving vehicle on a bumpy road, firefighters learn how to work in extreme weather conditions and tests are conducted to determine how working in such extreme conditions affects their decision making skills. It is a fascinating facility.

And that brings my inaugural year to a close! In the fall, I will be doing some travelling (my long post-poned honeymoon). Tish and Patti will be taking over the reins for September and October. To that end, if you wish to communicate with or about CFUW, please make sure you are using the CFUW Brantford email address, and not my personal one.

If I don't see you at the picnic, I wish you a wonderful summer and will see you next fall!

*Respectfully submitted by Penelope Jeffery, on behalf of the leadership team.*

**The Scholarship Committee** is pleased to announce the following winners of Award A for 2018:

Mikayla Castagna (St. John's College)  
Sarah McCulloch (St. John's College)  
Jeriann Hsiao (BCI)  
Megan Manela (Assumption College)

One 2018 Award A scholarship has been dedicated to the memory of Wynn Harding, a long-time member of CFUW Brantford, who passed away earlier in 2018.

Two of our Scholarship Award A winners attended our AGM!



## News from National

The 2018 AGM will take place on June 23, 2018, electronically. Anyone who is interested in "attending" is able to do so. As previously stated by Penelope, you can watch with other members, or on your own. Please reference Penelope's email of May 29, 2018 for details.

There are two issues that will be discussed at the AGM which may be of interest to club members: Resolutions & Amendments to the articles and by-laws.

There have been some amendments to the resolutions since they were reviewed by the club. A short summary of the changes is as follows:

1. The resolution with respect to Ending Youth Homelessness has been broadened. The amendments while still urging various levels of government to implement programs, calls for the federal government to provide sufficient funding & support communities and organizations that have researched and developed strategies to address this issue;
2. The Fair and Non-Discriminatory Management of Refugees and Asylum Seekers resolution has been amended to call upon the federal government to take urgent action and to suspend (not repeal) the Canada/US Safe Third Country Agreement;
3. The Equitable access to provincial curricula and social justice education for all children resolution now includes a term that the appropriate level of government review discrepancies as between different jurisdictions in respect of home schooling programs in addition to the initial call for policy development and oversight.

The changes proposed to the articles and by-laws contain various proposed changes, mostly related to terms of office, but they are a worthy mention. There is a proposal that would amend Bylaw 15 such that dues shall be payable at the revised rate at the beginning of the CFUW fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the change was approved. The amendment is the addition of "at the beginning of". Anyone interested in reading all the proposed amendments can find them on the CFUW national website.

That is all for now and I wish you all a wonderful summer. See you in September. Betsy

## All Candidates Night - May 16, 2018

In February, we decided that with the Provincial Election approaching, we should, once again, run an All Candidates Night. Members needed no coaxing to sign up for the various jobs and, as usual, were very willing to take on whatever was assigned! We met once, as a group, and several members met at North Park to familiarize themselves with the venue.

As in the past, the most time-consuming part of organizing the All Candidates Night was getting the candidates to commit, but finally after many emails, it was done! The event, sponsored by RTO District 40, was well attended by CFUW members, RTO members and other members of the public and all candidates were present: Ken Burns (Green), Dave Wrobel (Independent), Ruby Toor (Liberal), Rob Ferguson (Libertarian), Alex Felsky (NDP), Nicholas Archer (None of the Above) and Willem Bouma (Progressive Conservative). Nora Fueten was, once again, our excellent Moderator.

Many members volunteered to help out in advance and on the night of the event, thus making each person's area of responsibility much smaller. The venue was booked, insurance arranged, a team formulated questions concerning topics of concern to CFUW and RTO, publicity was designed, the press notified, supplies were gathered, guests were greeted and the evening organized. The Gord Paynter Theatre at North Park Collegiate proved to be an excellent venue with its 200-seat capacity, excellent acoustics, comfortable seats, accessibility, generous parking and reasonable price. Principal Phil Midgley, a member of his staff and a student volunteer provided excellent support and assistance for the evening. Thank you notes of appreciation were sent afterwards to all involved.

Thank you to the members of the team: Lynne D., Marg E., Lin F., Nora F., Bev G., Lynn H., Denver H., Karen I., Tish James, Penelope J., Patti K., Carol K., Leslie L., Nora L., Brenda M., Anne M., Diane M., Norah O'L., Janet R., Catherine S., Mieke S., Marg S., Lynda S. and Colette W. What a team!! Despite an uninvited videographer and an unwelcome visitor, the evening was a success and we were very pleased with the attendance and with the candidates.

Lynn



## INTEREST GROUPS

### Thursday Evening Book Club Selections for 2018-2019

September: **Precious Cargo** by Craig Davidson

October: **Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine** by Gail Honeyman

November: **The Good Liar** by Catherine McKenzie

December: **The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane**, by Lisa See

January: **The Blue Zones of Happiness** by Dan Buettner

February: **Brother** by David Chariandry

March: **Boys in the Boat** by Daniel James Brown

April: **Beartown** by Fredrik Backman

May: **Born a Crime** by Trevor Noah

### Walking a Golf Ball Interest Group



### Biking Interest Group

The CFUW biking group on June 4<sup>th</sup> crossing the Grand River. Left to right: Anne M., Linda S., Evelyn P., Penelope J., and Karen I. behind the camera. Bikers are meeting Monday mornings at 9:30 at various off road trails.



Contact Karen to be added to our trail destinations.

**The Dining Out Group** had their final outing of the 2017-18 season on June 15th at the Emporium Restaurant and Tea Room in New Dundee. Members enjoyed browsing in the lovely boutique before and after lunch, their meals and conversation were excellent, and fun was had by all as they discussed Dining Out choices for next year.



**The Walking Group** finished off their Spring Schedule enjoying "low tea" at Glenhyrst.



## 2017-2018 EXECUTIVE

### LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Tish James, Penelope Jeffery  
& Patti Kunashko

SECRETARY: Dian Kuzyk

TREASURER: Nora Leung

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Advocacy: Betsy Capitano

Communications: Marg Eisner

Interest Groups: Jane Binkley

Membership: Rhynda Bulson

Programme: Committee

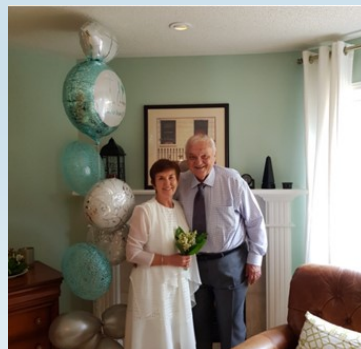
Scholarship: Lynne Duncombe,  
Marla Merritt & Collete Wilson

Social: Bev Golden



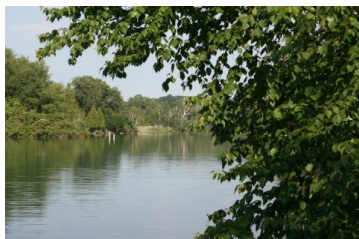
### Congratulations!

Tish and Hank eloped to Burlington on June 1, 2018! Tish says, "After twenty years together, I am finally now an " honest woman".



We send our condolences to Sandra Hughes on the death of her father, Harry Wilkes. Harry was 93 years old. Our thoughts are with you.

### Annual Blue Lake Picnic June 27, 2017



Swimming and conversation from 4:00—6:00 followed by a Pot Luck Dinner (and more conversation) beginning at 6:00. **Please bring:** a Pot Luck dish, plate and cutlery, perhaps some wine, lawn chair and a bathing suit and towel for a dip in the lake. Thank you, Pat, for opening your home to us once again.

**DIRECTIONS:** Go north on Highway 24. Turn left onto Blue Lake Rd. Follow for 3 km until you come to an open wrought iron gate on the north side at number 501. . Enter and follow the driveway. Where the drive splits, follow the centre drive to the white house.

**Have a safe and enjoyable summer. See you at the next General Meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup>!**



In celebration of their length of membership in the club, the following members were awarded with a certificate acknowledging them at our Annual General Meeting. The recipients included:

- 25 years – Marian Weir
- 35 years – Margaret SimpSon
- 40 years – Jane Binkley, Jean Ling
- 45 years – Pat Clemons



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