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Message from the Leadership Team

The leadership article for our newsletter has been prepared this month by Patti K. and Tish J. who are happily “covering” for Penelope while she is enjoying a well- deserved holiday in Iceland. By the time Patti and Tish complete the responsibilities that Penelope fulfills so quietly and competently behind the scenes, they too may be in a bad need of a holiday!

It's been a wonderful summer and, with August coming to an end, we look forward to starting up our monthly meetings, our full slate of interest groups and once again joining in fellowship with all of our club members.

One of the highlights of the past summer was the first ever Virtual National AGM. On Saturday June 23rd, 2018 Janet R. hosted several club members at her home to watch the electronic National AGM proceedings as a group. This first ever Virtual AGM event was instituted as a cost saving measure. During a mid- day break, the group enjoyed a tasty lunch prepared by Janet and Mieke. Thank you to both women for your hospitality and the insights you offered at our gathering. All in all, it was an interesting exercise with Penelope serving as our club's proxy for voting purposes. There will be more AGM information forthcoming in September but some brief highlights are the re-election of Grace Hollett as our National President and the failure of both the Dues Increase motion and the Winnipeg motion (differentiated membership in CFUW and GWI) to achieve the necessary two thirds vote to be accepted.

A sincere “thank you” also goes out to Pat C. who once again hosted the Blue Lake picnic at her home on June 27th, 2018.

This event has become a very enjoyable summer tradition for our club. Although the weather outside this year was dreary, the pot luck dinner and the scintillating conversation inside were anything but dreary!



We would like to thank the Program Committee who have worked busily on our behalf to line up some awesome speakers for the upcoming year. They will announce the details at our first general meeting in September. This first meeting will be held at the Thorpe carriage house [on Wednesday September 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm](#). There is, however, a special event planned by the Program Committee for our membership at the new Laurier-YMCA on Colbourne Street [at 6:00 pm](#). It is a tour and information session. Everyone is welcome. After this special event, we will return to Thorpe's for the business portion of our meeting. If you will not be going on the tour, please go straight to Thorpes for [7:00 pm](#) where you can “catch up” with your fellow club members.

Please make note of an important change for our meetings for this upcoming year. As was voted on by club membership, our general meetings will now commence [at 7:00 pm](#). This is a half hour earlier than in previous years so please mark it on your calendar.

Our club benefits from very active and well supported interest groups. Thank you to the various interest group coordinators who have worked hard to prepare the itineraries for our 2018-2019 groups. Members will likely start to receive their group schedules very soon if not already. This upcoming year also offers the potential for a new Interest Group if there is sufficient interest - a “Games Night” Group! This will be discussed at our first meeting. So indeed it does look to be a great start to a very interesting year!

We look forward to seeing everyone [on September 26th](#).

Tish and Patti for the leadership team.



News from National

2018 AGM:

The 2018 AGM took place on June 23, 2018, electronically and 410 individuals partook via webcast.

The two issues that I discussed in the June 2018 update, being resolutions & amendments to the articles and by-laws were addressed at the AGM with the following outcome:

A. Resolutions-

1. The resolution with respect to Ending Youth Homelessness passed. It calls for the various levels of government to implement programs, and for the federal government to provide sufficient funding & support to 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 was passed. It urges government to provide resources to the refugee system, to increase the number of refugees and asylum seekers allowed to resettle in Canada and calls upon the federal government to suspend the Canada/US Safe Third Country Agreement; and,
3. The Equitable access to provincial curricula and social justice education for all children resolution passed. It calls for equality in access to provincial and territorial curricula and social justice education for all children.

B. The changes proposed to the articles and by-laws were passed. They mostly related to terms of office, but there was a worthy mention. Bylaw 15 was amended 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 amendments can find then on the CFUW national website.

The new national executive was put in place at the AGM. The names of the members of the national executive can be found on their website. Of note is a vacancy in the VP finance position.

The Winnipeg motion (whereby it was optional to pay GWI dues) was not passed in what was a close vote. Interestingly, the motion to increase CFUW fees also failed, so there is no money with which to pay any increase in GWI membership dues.

GWI:

Just prior to the AGM there was correspondence from GWI to CFUW National, to which National responded. For those who wish to read the correspondence it was attached to an email dated June 15, 2018 from the CFUW Board. In a nutshell GWI, in its letter indicates the CFUW must pay its dues and that GWI earns those dues via advocacy efforts which benefit CFUW. In its response CFUW indicates that it does not need to pay the dues if by doing so the organization is placed at risk and that many of the actions for which GWI takes credit in its

correspondence were actually CFUW activities. So this issue continues and we will have to see how it plays out in light of the vote at the AGM not to increase fees.

AGM 2019:

Before we know it the 2019 AGM will be upon us. For those considering attending, reservations can now be made at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg using the code 10w4ny. It was in Winnipeg in 1919 that the representatives of the University Women's Clubs of Canada meet to organize the CFUW so it is certainly fitting that next years' AGM be held there.

CFUW Advocacy Updates:

There are three updates in respect of CFUW advocacy. The first is that CFUW submitted a brief on gun control (Bill C-71) to the standing committee on Public Safety and National Security. This issue is certainly topical given the plethora of gun violence that has plagued, in particular, Toronto this summer. CFUW also submitted a brief to the Standing Committee on justice and human rights respecting the issue of human trafficking.

On August 3, 2018 CFUW submitted a brief to the House Standing Committee on Finance ahead of the 2019 budget highlighting the need for bolder commitments and targeted policies to end violence against women, ensure access to universal child care, close the gender pay gap and ensure safe and adequate housing.

Individual actions:

The Government of Canada has opened online questionnaire and consultation portals for those interested in sharing experiences or ideas respecting pharma-care. For those who would like to participate there is a link in the Club Action Newsletter of July 26, 2018. The deadline is September 28, 2018.

For those who would like to sign a petition sponsored by Peter Julian, MP to support the removal of the barriers to high risk youth receiving government benefits the link is in the Club Action Newsletter on July 28, 2018.

International:

The CFUW for international fundraising project for 2019 is in support of "Promoting Justice for Women in Antioqua, Columbia".

Interesting October Global Dates:

October 5---World Teachers Day; October 11---International Day of the Girl Child;; October 15--International Day of Rural Women; October 24---United Nations Day

INTEREST GROUPS

News & Reviews

Monday Evening Book Club -

Monday evening book group enjoyed lunch at Diwan and a tour of the Fatimatids Exhibition at the Aga Khan Centre in June.

The group, lead by Susan B. had a very good discussion of the book *Brother* by David Chariandy in September.



Biking Interest Group:

Fun over the summer!



Food With Thought Interest Group:

The group had its first dinner of the year on Sept 10th. A good time was had by all at Pat C's, even in the rain.



The Walking Group: A few hearty souls met each Tuesday at 9am all summer, through heat and humidity to share good conversation and exercise. Our goal was to find shady trails and so it was quite an adventure, including an encounter with wild turkeys, and discovering alternate routes close to much loved trails! Marsha + Tish



Thursday Evening Book Group: We discussed *Precious Cargo* by Craig Davidson. *Precious Cargo* is a non-fiction Canadian memoir. The author is a twenty seven year old writer who finds himself in need of a job to supplement his writer's income. He takes a job as a bus driver for the Calgary school board. Craig is assigned to a bus for students with special needs. He quickly becomes very attached to many of the students on his route. His memoir describes his experiences transporting his students during the school year. It is a very touching memoir filled with thought provoking reflections and is often light- hearted despite its serious content. Both groups took a vote on a one to five scale with five being the highest score. Our group had four members who gave a four and five rating. Three other members voted two and three. The other Thursday book group pod vote had the same results. Margot K.

Dates and Schedules

The CFUW Advocacy Committee will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 25th at 7p.m. at Penelope's home. Any interested members are welcome to attend.

THE JOINT REPLACEMENT GROUP consists of a number of members who have been through this type of surgery. When facing this ordeal, they found it immensely helpful to talk to someone who had been through it, getting really valuable information, support and tips in terms of preparing for the surgery, learning what to expect and managing the rehabilitation stages afterwards. For this reason, the group feels it would like to be available to those members of the club who are going to have J.R. Surgery. If you have a close family member or friend facing it, we will be happy to give you the information to pass on. Please do not hesitate to contact Janet K. for further information or a discussion with regard to setting up a meeting with one or more members who have experienced the same surgery that you or a close one is facing.

The Technology Interest Group will hold its first session on Friday, September 28. The topic for the first session is **"Everything You Wanted to Know about Working on Computers but Were Afraid to Ask!"** Group members are gathering all those questions they think about when working on the computer, tablet or smart phone...no matter how trivial they think they might be. We will try to answer these questions over the coming year. Please contact Janet R. for further information if you are interested in attending.

BASKETEER PROGRAMME

This year the club will again be contributing to this very worthy project to benefit the clients of Nova Vita. These gift baskets, both for the kitchen or bathroom, contain items of about \$300.00 in value, and are delivered to the clients as they set up a new household in the first week of December. Lynne McEwen and Barb Perry will be co-ordinating this, and would greatly appreciate the support of club members. Please consider a cash donation to be given to Lynne or Barb at the General Meeting of September, October, or November. Each year, the club receives a charitable discount at the King George Road Home Hardware, and we do our selection of items in the last week of November. The baskets are then delivered to the recipients shortly thereafter by Nova Vita volunteers. Thank you for giving this request your thoughtful consideration.

Member News

Marsha Skrypuch's book, *Adrift at Sea: A Vietnamese Boy's Story of Survival*, has won the Golden Oak Award, an Ontario readers' choice award selected by adult literacy learners. Here's a picture of her with Tuan Ho, whose escape after the Vietnam war is recounted in the book.



2018-2019 EXECUTIVE

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

- 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:** Bev Osborn
- **Program:** Anne Martin
- **Scholarship:** Lynne Duncombe, Lorraine Lawrence & Colette Wilson
- **Social:** Norah O'Leary

Community Events

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

MAYORAL CANDIDATES NIGHT

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30)

NORTH PARK COLLEGIATE

mini-theatre

Moderator: Nora Fueten

Please attend and invite your friends!

Co-sponsored by CFUW Brantford and RTO District 40

St. Andrew's Church:

Kitchen Celidh: A Down East Kitchen Party.

Friday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Food, music and fun to raise money for the Soup for the Soul program.

Brantford Music Club:

Anagnoson & Kinton - Piano Duo

October 12, 7:30 p.m.

Sanderson Centre



September General Meeting September 26, 2018

6:00 p.m. Tour of new Laurier-YMCA facility (meet at Water Street entrance)

Speaker: Pat Kitchen, General Manger

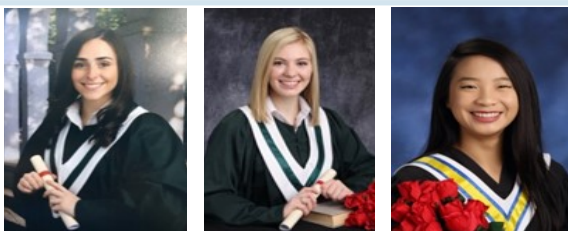
7:00 p.m. Doors open to Thorpe's

8:00 p.m. Business meeting followed by Refreshments

Anne Hodge Award Winners 2018

Victoria Lume (BCI) and Molly Morison (NPC)

Award A Scholarship Winners 2018



Mikayla Castagna(SJC), Sarah McCullough(SJC), Jerriann Hsiao(BCI) and Megan Mamela (AC) No picture available



Thinking of you.....

Doris Buckles, a long-time former member of CFUW Brantford, passed away on Saturday, August 11. Doris will be remembered fondly by all of our members but especially by our Bridge Players Interest Group.

Anne M's brother Rob Zurrer, passed away August 18th in White Rock, BC. He was one month short of his 65th birthday.

Hospitality Team - September

Thank you to Ellie G., Bev O., Marg S., and to Nora O. for leading the team.



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