



**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

What a rainy last couple of weeks we have had. I hope the weather is still allowing all of you to enjoy your interest groups. Several of our members have come down with colds and the flu and have unfortunately been unable to attend. This should serve as a reminder for all of us to get our flu shot. Most drug stores do not require an appointment so if you are going shopping or running errands stop in and get one. It doesn't take long and it will keep you healthy.

The winners of the Maple Arbor awards this year are Jeriann Hsiao who will receive \$500.00 and Olivia DeLeo who will receive \$250.00.

At our General meeting on October 24th, we were fortunate to listen to Rita Marie Hadley, the Executive Director of the Lansdowne Children's Centre. Rita Marie enlightened us on the wonderful work Lansdowne Children's Centre does for its clients and their families. I have lived in Brantford for 28 years and didn't realize how big an organization it was or all the great things they do for the children in our community. We are certainly blessed to have them. Thank you Joan H. for organizing the speaker! Several members were touched by the presentation and are allocating their Christmas community donation to them. If you sponsor an organization at Christmas, I know they would be most appreciative if you would considered them.



The Baskeeters are still collecting for the baskets they assemble for Nova Vita. If you haven't connected with anyone from your interest group to give a donation and still wish to do so please contact Barb P. or Lynn M. directly.

On October 18, a teleconference was held and Tish J. participated on our behalf. In brief, the National Negotiating Committee is set up to deal with the G.W.I. fee increase. They will meet again November 4th to discuss all the challenges they are encountering with G.W.I. The topic of sustainability was raised and the different governance models clubs used were shared. Most clubs are facing the same issues as ours is regarding attracting new members and getting women to run for positions within the club. A national website is being designed to attract a younger professional woman. Several action points such as integrating scholarship winners, attracting university/college women and the possibility of starting CFUW campus associations were all discussed.

Carol K. recently had heart surgery. Get well soon, Carol and hope to see you back in January!

Lastly, we are thrilled to announce another new first time grandmother. Congratulations to Nora L. and whose eldest daughter Candice gave birth to a baby boy on October 30th. He is healthy and weighed in at 5.96 pounds. Nora has gone out to Vancouver for three weeks to enjoy the new baby. We are all very happy for you Nora! If you require any information regarding the club finances or for fund reimbursement, please speak to me if it cannot wait until she returns.

Our next general meeting is November 28, at 7:00 p.m.

Patti Kunashko on behalf of the Leadership Team

News from National:

The 2018 CFUW Advocacy Survey:

I have reviewed this document, which sets out the results from responding clubs, respecting their interest and participation in Advocacy, as well as suggestions as to how to make Advocacy more effective. The following are some points of interest :

*66 clubs responded (including Brantford) --- clubs had an incredible range of sizes from under 24 members to over 249 members, with the largest number of clubs being in the 25-49 member range, followed by the 50 -74 member range;

*77% of those clubs that responded have advocacy or issues groups and of those clubs, 78% reported member and public education as a biggest part of their role;

*Clubs prioritize local issues over Provincial, Federal or International concerns with international concerns ranking last. *The majorities of clubs organize or participate in local community events. The most popular issues, on a local level for clubs, are Violence against Women and Education ; and,

*Last year 65% of clubs used the template letters that are included in the Advocacy package--- however, there is a noted concern that these materials are not as user friendly as they could be so they are being reviewed.

Advocacy:

The Fall Advocacy package has now been distributed to clubs and we will be discussing this matter in the advocacy committee. We will keep you advised. Betsy

Orange the World in 16 Days

This year, UN Women and partners around the world marked the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (25 November – 10 December) under the theme of 'Orange the World':

The UN initiative [#OrangeTheWorld](#) campaign focuses on ending violence against women and girls. Together with activists around the world, we're using the colour orange to call attention to the various forms of violence that prevent women and girls from reaching their full potential. If possible, please wear something orange to our November General Meeting.



#HearMeToo
END VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN
AND GIRLS

CFUW Scholarship Committee Report:

Award B winners for 2018 are: Jessica MacDonald who is enrolled in Westervelt College, Brantford and Patricia Ellis who is enrolled at Six Nations Polytechnic, Oshweken Campus. Both were awarded \$800.

Maple Arbor winners:

Highest Average: Jeriann Hsiao (98.6 %) BCI --- \$500.00; Second Highest Average: Olivia DiLeo (97.6%) BCI --- \$250.00

Donating to CFUW Brantford's Scholarship Fund

Have you considered making a tribute, memorial, or legacy gift to CFUW Brantford's Scholarship Fund? These gifts allow you to honour a friend or family member in a unique and meaningful way. This can be done by making a donation to celebrate a milestone occasion such as a birthday or retirement. Or, you could consider making a bequest in your will, or naming CFUW Brantford Scholarship Fund as a preferred charity in your obituary. Through these donations, you would be supporting female students entering post-secondary education, and recognizing the important role our scholarship and advocacy efforts play in the lives of young women living in Brantford and Brant County. Your donation will be recognized with a thank you card, and a separate card communicating your tribute to the individual you are honouring can be arranged. Each donation is eligible for a tax receipt.

Basketeer Programme for Nova Vita 2018-2019

Our club has contributed to this Christmas project for several years. Members have generously contributed to this with cash donations so that items can be purchased for kitchen themed baskets. Nova Vita has recommended that the basket's contents be worth between \$275.00 and \$300.00. We have chosen to purchase more expensive items such as a toaster, a set of dishes, frying pan, cutlery, pots and pans, drinking glasses etc., leaving less expensive items such as plastic storage containers to the discretion of the recipients. We will shop for the contents of the basket(s) at Home Hardware on King George Road, where we will receive a 15% discount on all our purchases.

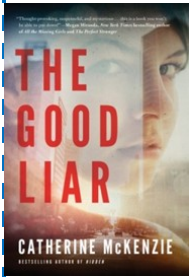
Thanks to Jenny D. for collecting the October contributions. To date, we have collected a total of \$291.00, and this will nicely cover the cost of the first basket. We would like to donate at least two baskets, and optimistically, even a third. Please consider donating to this project at our November general meeting on Wednesday, the 28th, as we will purchase items the next day so that the baskets can be delivered to Nova Vita on Saturday morning, December 1st. From there, the baskets will be delivered to the clients of Nova Vita to set up their new households and celebrate a new beginning in their lives. Sincerely, Lynne M. and Barb P.

News & Reviews Dates and Schedules

The Dining Out Group went to Mattson's on Locke St S in Hamilton for dinner on Tuesday Oct. 30th for a lovely dinner! Lin F. arranged a fabulous private room for us but unfortunately she was ill and could not join us. So we all gave her a toast at the beginning of our meal to thank her for making such wonderful arrangements for us.



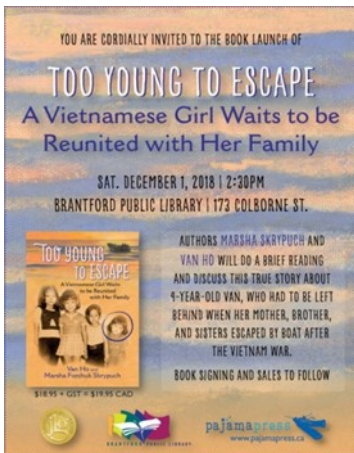
Creative Cooking Interest Group: Betsy C. and Tish J. hosted a Moroccan Theme dinner on October 17th.



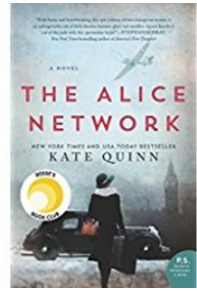
Thursday Evening Book Club-Nov.1, 2018 Group 1: A&B
Review of "The Good Liar" by Catherine McKenzie
This novel gave our group a lot of scope for discussion focussing around the reason for keeping so many secrets and the long lasting feelings of guilt. Joyce M.

World Awareness: a few dedicated members met to discuss a wide ranging number of topics in October.

Book Launch:
You are invited to a Book Launch of "Too Young to Escape" written by Marsha S. at Brantford Public Library on December 1st at 2:00 p.m.



The Monday Night Book Group will be discussing **The Alice Network**, written by Kate Quinn. The discussion will be led by Lynda S., and our hostess will be Barb M.. We will be meeting on Monday, the 19th of November at 7:00p.m.

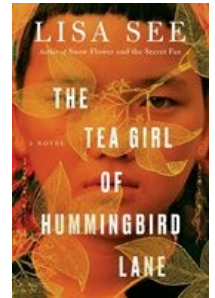


World Awareness Interest Group: The November meeting at the Police Station on Wednesday 21st will look at Girls and Mental Health with Carol, Naomi and Lynda.

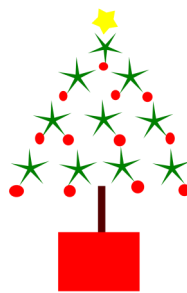
Creative Cooking Interest Group will meet on November 21st and will be hosted by Barb M. and Barb S.

Walking Group: In December, the group will walk along East River Road on Dec 4th. and then on the trail behind Glenhyrst on Dec 11th.

Thursday Book Club: In December we will be discussing **The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane**, by Lisa See



The Monday Evening Bridge will reconvene at the home of Jane B. on Monday December 3 at 7 pm. Thanks for Margaret S. for hosting in November.



CFUW Christmas Potluck: Appetizers and Desserts

When: December 12th at 5:30 p.m.

Where: At the home of Dian K.

Members are asked to contribute \$3 - \$5 for the cost of renting cutlery and dishes.

Please RSVP by November 28th, to the Doodle Poll, to be sent out soon.

Community Events

Grand River Grannies are holding an important and informative Panel Discussion (with health and legal professionals) on HIV/AIDS "Stop the Stigma" at The Wilfrid Laurier University Academic Centre on Wednesday November 28, 6:00-8:00pm. This event is sponsored by the Grand River Grannies, The HIV/AIDS Network of Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk and WLU. All are welcome.

On Friday November 30th, a Vigil will take place at 10am at the Wilfred Laurier University Academic Centre to mark World AIDS Day. This is the first of its kind in Brantford, and it will be followed by the traditional Grandmothers Campaign Red Scarves distribution downtown. All are welcome.

Where: Station Coffee House and Gallery (at the Train Station) 5 Wadsworth Street Brantford, ON N3T 3V5

2018-2019 EXECUTIVE

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

- Tish James, Penelope Jeffery
- & Patti Kunashko

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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 **2018-2019**

Congratulations to Nora L. whose eldest daughter Candice gave birth to a baby boy on October 30th.



Congratulations to Lin F. on becoming a grandmother not once but twice in October, welcoming Asher on October 11th and Colten on October 28th.

November General Meeting:

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Date: November 28, 2018

Speaker: Brenda Blancher, Director of Education for Grand Erie District School Board

Topic: "General Issues in Education with a Focus on Girls"



SUCCESS for Every Student

Wear something Orange to our November General Meeting

Hospitality Team - November

Thank-you to the Hospitality Team for setting up the room, bringing treats, and cleaning up afterwards. The

Hospitality Team for November is Lynn H., Karen I., Roma M., Lynne M., and Nora O. for leading the team.



Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 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



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