



Happy  
Holidays!

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## Message from the Leadership Team

Hello CFUW Brantford friends! I had a most wonderful summer and fall of adventures with family and friends, so I took a complete break from my work with CFUW. I was most fortunate to be able to do this as Tish and Patti agreed to take over the helm for a few months. So, my first task here is to thank them for giving me a few months of delightful freedom! Just a few nights ago, our Christmas Social was a resounding success! Over 40 members attended and had a wonderful evening of delicious food and lively conversation. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank Dian for opening up her lovely home to us. Thanks to the talents of Tish, who helped Dian prepare for the event, Dian's home was beautifully decorated for the party. As in past years, new members have received personal invitations to the party. Thanks to Janet Rubas for her creative talents as many members, myself included, have commented on how welcome these invitations made us feel in our first year with the club. In addition to all the treats supplied by the party guests, a thank you goes to Colette who contributed the delicious punch.

Another big thank you goes out to Barb P. and Lynne M. for once again spearheading the Basketeers initiative. On our behalf, these two wonderful women collect the money, bargain-hunt for the best deals, do the shopping, and then put together and deliver the baskets. They put a lot of thought into the contents of the basket, and then a lot of effort into

making our donated money go as far as possible. Thank you for being our ambassadors within the community.

This fall, the Advocacy Committee has been looking into various ways that our club can be more active in terms of advocacy. To this end, a letter writing campaign has been organized around the adopted resolutions of CFUW National. These resolutions include *Fair and Non-Discriminatory Management of Refugees and Asylum Seekers*, *Ending Youth Homelessness* and *Equitable Access to Provincial Curricula and Social Justice Education*. The Advocacy Committee is sending letters on behalf of our club to our M.P.s and M.P.P.s, and providing template letters to any member who wishes to send her own letters. Thank you to Betsy for her preparation of these letters.

In January, we have a new interest group starting up. The *Games Group* has plans to meet every two weeks for a few hours of *Scrabble* or *Mah Jong* or *Euchre*, or whatever they choose to play! If you are interested in some friendly competition, get in touch with Patti for more details.

And that's all for me this month! I wish you and your family a wonderful few weeks full of love, laughter, twinkling lights and great food. See you all in the New Year!

Penelope J. on behalf of the Leadership Team: Tish J. and Patti K.



## News from National

### CFUW's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary AGM 2019 in Winnipeg

The Official opening of the AGM will be at 5 pm Thursday, August 15, 2019 and will be followed by a day titled Celebrating CFUW's History and Future. The business meeting will commence mid-afternoon Friday August 16, 2019 and will continue into Saturday August 17, 2019 until approximately 4:00 p.m. Friday night there will be a gala banquet.

### CFUW's 2020 AGM

CFUW is looking for a club to host this event, which will be a face-to face AGM.

### Future AGM's

CFUW has determined that Face to face AGM's will occur in 2020, 2022, & 2024 and so on. There will be electronic AGM's in 2021, 2023, & 2025 and every other year thereafter.

### Awards

Each local club, to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CFUW, will give an Anniversary Sage Award to its longest serving current member. National will distribute a toolkit to local clubs.

### CFUW and GWI

These two organizations are currently in negotiation to try to work out their differences.

### Advocacy:

To support the 2018 CFUW resolutions, letters shall be forwarded to appropriate elected representatives by the club. For those who wish to support these resolutions in their individual capacity you are encouraged to forward a letter to our elected representatives and the Advocacy committee has put together such a letter for those who are interested in doing so. The resolutions deal with the following issues: Fair and Non-Discriminatory Management of Refugee and Asylum Seekers; Ending youth Homelessness; & Equitable Access to Provincial Curricula and Society Justice Education for all Children.

### 16 Days of Activism Campaign

From November 25, 2018 through to December 10, 2018 the 16 Days of Activism campaign will be held, which calls for the elimination of gender-based violence. Various clubs are hosting events and vigils and should you wish more information it can be found at WIIS Canada's 16 Day Calendar.

## CFUW Brantford Mature Student Trust Award B for 2018:

CFUW's Award B is offered to women in Brantford and Brant County who show commitment to changing their lives through a return to education as well as volunteering or work. This year, two young women were awarded \$800 each to help them achieve success.

Jessica MacDonald (left in photo) is enrolled in Westervelt College in the Developmental Service Worker Program. She has been working as a co-op student in order to complete the placement hours to graduate. Her skill in assisting those with developmental disabilities has already led to a job offer in her field. Patricia Ellis (right in photo) has been accepted as a full time student in the Skilled Trades Program at Six Nations Polytechnic. She is enrolled in the We Are Welders program where her goal is to graduate and obtain full time employment. Through her community involvement and temporary fulltime work, she has overcome many barriers and is on the road to success.



## Nova Vita Basketeer Donations 2018: Three Kitchen Themed Baskets

Many appreciative thanks to all members who so generously contributed to this year's campaign. We have shopped at the King George Road Home Hardware and have carefully chosen items in a cost-saving manner by selecting in-store specials, through price comparison to obtain the best quality articles, and by receiving a fifteen percent reduction on our other purchases. As in other years, we have focused on the purchase of more costly and serviceable items, leaving the recipients to buy less expensive items as plastic storage containers.

The following is a list of the items contained in each kitchen themed basket: a frying pan, drinking glasses, a 4 piece set of Pyrex Baking Dishes, kitchen timer, tea towels, dish cloths, paring knife, spatula, serving pieces (set of 2), Pyrex measuring cup, toaster, set of dishes, set of cutlery, electric mixer, tea kettle, saucepan and can opener. All of these gifts were

enclosed in a very sturdy tote box, along with a card expressing the club's very best wishes for the future of the recipients.

*Message from Joanna Skinner @ Nova Vita: Thank you so much ---I will be sure to distribute one of each of your baskets to each shelter. Truly amazing---CFUW's support is greatly appreciated. We now are only a few baskets from our goal (of 75 baskets).*

Submitted by Lynne M. and Barb P. Basketeers Committee 2018



## INTEREST GROUPS

### News & Reviews

A delicious dinner was enjoyed by **"Exploring the Art of Cooking" (Group A)**, on Wednesday, Nov. 21st, in St. George, hosted by Barb M. The people in the picture are Joan H., Tish J., Gloria S., Marg S., Natalie P., and Lynn H.



**The Dining Out Group** enjoyed a tasty lunch and stimulating conversation at The Aberdeen Tavern in Hamilton on Nov 19th.

**The Monday Night Book Club** met to discuss the novel "The Alice Network" by Kate Quinn. The group agreed that the historical facts regarding the women spies of WW1 made the novel an interesting and entertaining read. The novel also led to more research on the women involved in this dangerous and often unrewarded work. The novel wove together the story of a young socialite in 1947 who, while searching for her beloved cousin who was lost during the war, encounters one of the women who acted as a spy and through her story is able to piece together the misfortunes of war. Lynda S.

**The Thursday Book Club** read and discussed Lisa See's novel "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane". The book, set in 20<sup>th</sup> Century China, is a tale about tea, about family and identity, about mother daughter relationships, and about the story of a society (the Akha, a Chinese ethnic minority) confronted with the forces of modernity. The author relies upon the concept of "no coincidence, no story" to successfully link these various aspects. Lisa See, a fifth generation Chinese American herself, examines what it means to be Chinese and the stresses of belonging to two cultures. She has deeply researched both the global tea trade and skilfully describes through her characters the affect of history and politics on the lives of those who grew and sold tea.

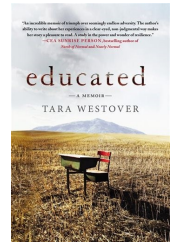
Both groups agreed that this novel deserves the label "recommended reading". (You will have to read the book to get more of the story details...enjoy, Rhynda)

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, following a brisk walk along the Grand River, the 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. **Tuesday Walking Groups** enjoyed their coffee at Wincey Mill's in Paris.



### Dates & Schedules

**The Monday Night Book Club** will be meeting at the home of Lynne McEwen, on Monday, the 10th of December, @ 7:00. We will be discussing Educated written by Tara Westover. Our group discussion leader will be Norah O.



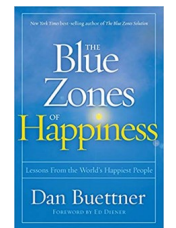
**Dining Out Group** will meet on January 24th for dinner at the On the Lam Restaurant in Brantford.

#### Games Afternoon Interest Group!

Starting January 3rd 2019, a small group will be meeting every other Thursday afternoon at 1:30 for 2 hours to play cards or scrabble or whatever the hostess organizes. The venue will be by one of the group members in their home on a sign up (rotational) basis. If you would like to join the group please contact Patti K.

**Creative Cooking Group** will be dining out for Christmas at the Brantford Golf and Country Club on Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday Evening Book Club:** January's Book selection is: "The Blue Zones of Happiness" by Dan Buettner.



#### Hope You Feel Better Soon!

Carol K. and Betty Anne W. who are both recovering from surgery.

**Trivia Night – 2019**  
**Wednesday, February 13, 2019 –**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Dunsdon Legion**  
**Entry fee: \$100/team**  
**Cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### Trivia Night – 2019 Needed!!

Do you have any NEW items which you would gladly donate as prizes for Trivia Night? If yes, and you think that they would be appropriate, please bring them to the **Christmas Pot Luck** or to the **January General Meeting**. You can also leave them on the porch at **17 Chestnut Avenue!!** (Lynn H's house)

#### January General Meeting:

Doors open at 6:45 p.m.  
 Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m.  
 Date: January 23, 2019  
 Speaker: Joanne Lewis, Executive Director, Brant Community Foundation (BCF)  
 Joanne will speak to us about foundations in general and about our community's foundation, the organizations it supports and how you can be involved.