



**Thorpe Carriage House  
96 West Street  
Brantford, ON  
Meetings on Fourth  
Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**

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## Message from the Leadership Team

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a holiday season full of love and family and good food, and I wish you a 2019 filled with fun and adventure! 2019 is a big year for CFUW National - the 100th anniversary! You will hear all about our ideas at the next General Meeting.

We are up and running for the New Year with a new interest group. The "Games Group" met for the first time on January 3rd for a fun-filled and competitive afternoon of Scrabble. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Patti K for more information.

With a New Year comes our annual CFUW Trivia Night! This year, it will be on Wednesday, February 13th at the Dunsdon Legion. This is always our biggest fundraiser for the scholarship fund and the best way to support this club initiative is to put together a team and come out and play! If you haven't submitted your team to Lynn H yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you are still looking to join a team, or haven't got enough people for a full team, let Lynn know and she will do her best to help you complete your team. Also, if you have draw prizes or books to contribute, please bring them to the January General Meeting.

March will be here in no time and that brings us to the celebration of International Women's Day on Friday, March 8th. We have been invited to support an IWD event hosted by the Grandmothers to Grandmothers (Grand River Grannies) on Thursday, March 7th. Ilana Landsberg-Lewis will be the featured guest speaker. She is a labour and human rights lawyer, and also the executive director of Grandmothers to Grandmothers. The event will be "pay as you can" at the door. We will be able to provide more details closer to the date. Our club has also been invited to attend CFUW Cambridge's Annual International Women's Day Breakfast. It will be on Saturday, March 2nd, 2019 at The Galt Country Club from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Tickets are \$30 and the guest speaker will be Brenda Irving, a CBC sports journalist.

This month, we will be asking for volunteers for the

Nominations Committee, which requires a minimum of 3 members, and is responsible for presenting the slate of candidates for Executive positions to the general membership. If there are multiple candidates, they will also oversee the voting process at the AGM in May. The Chair of this Committee **must** come from the general membership; it cannot be a member of the Executive. Please be mindful that our club cannot operate without the time and energy of the members who volunteer to fill these necessary roles. Please put some thought into joining this committee. We will also be looking for members to fill various positions on next year's Executive and hope you will consider this as well.

This year, there are no proposed resolutions from CFUW National. Instead, they are inviting clubs to consider a list of key issues that they anticipate will appear on party platforms and in debates during the 2019 Federal Election. As a club, we are asked to provide feedback on what we consider to be the top five issues. From club input, CFUW National will choose the most relevant topics and develop backgrounders and talking points for each issue. Members and clubs will be able to use this information when they meet candidates or at All Candidates' Meetings. The list of topics for consideration can be found under News from National in this newsletter. As the deadline for us to submit our ideas is March 31, 2019, we will be devoting the March meeting to a discussion and prioritization of these issues. At that meeting, be ready for lively discussion and debate instead of a speaker! And, finally, a reminder that if you have community announcements or news that you would like to share with our membership, this newsletter is an excellent means of doing so. Either email your information ([cfuwbrantford@yahoo.ca](mailto:cfuwbrantford@yahoo.ca)) or give it directly to Marg E at one of our meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Penelope J for the leadership team:  
Tish J and Patti K.

## News from National

### *Montreal Massacre:*

December 6, 2018 was the 29th anniversary of the Ecole Polytechnique Massacre and it was recognized by CFUW National.

### *Status of Women Canada:*

On December 13, 2018 the Status of Women Canada became a department of the government of Canada and is no longer an agency within the Department of Heritage.

### *Resolutions in Action:*

In preparation for the upcoming 2019 election CFUW has asked clubs to consider a list of key issues and provide input as to which are the most pressing. CFUW National will then, based upon club input, develop updated backgrounders and talking points for eliciting candidate positions.

### *The topics are:*

1. The economy -pay equity, women in non-traditional occupations, universal children, parental leave, poverty, housing;
2. Pharmacare;
3. Environment & climate change;
4. Elections & election reform;
5. Indigenous issues-missing and murdered women, education

6. Immigration;
7. Women's issues.

### *CFUW Book Naming Contest:*

A history of CFUW is in the works so if you can think of a snappy or catchy title there will be a contest to name the book. Details will be announced at a later date.

### *GWI:*

GWI has indicated willingness to negotiate with CFUW to try and iron out the differences between the two organizations.

### *Organizational issues:*

The governance committee is looking at policy on filling vacancies and ensuring the provisions of governing documents are met in the face of board and regional director vacancies.

### *100th Anniversary AGM:*

Planning continues and a list of tours will be available sometime this month.

### *Membership:*

Nationally 516 members were lost from 2017 to 2018.

## **WHO ARE WE?**

THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN IS A NATIONAL NON-PROFIT, NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO THE:

PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE

PROMOTION OF EDUCATION

IMPROVEMENT OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN & GIRLS

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN THE SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP

Did you know that....

The **Canadian Federation of University Women Brantford** (formerly known as the University Women's Club of Brantford) was formed in 1946 by approximately 40 local women university graduates who were seeking opportunities for lively and stimulating discussion. These aims and objectives remain, but the organization – which has approximately 80 members – has added greater focus on the community by actively supporting local cultural activities, by promoting social/political activism through the hosting of all-candidates nights and campaign schools for women and by awarding scholarships to young women pursuing post-secondary education.

**Visit CFUW Brantford's Facebook Page and click LIKE.**

## **Community Events:**

### **Hula for Hunger Event: A Party to Support the Brantford Food Bank!**

Date: Saturday Feb 9<sup>th</sup>

Location: Brantford Golf and Country Club

Time: 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Appetizers and Treats, Cash Bar, Silent Auction, and Fabulous Prizes [For Tickets Contact: HulaForHunger@rogers.com](mailto:HulaForHunger@rogers.com)

### **Young Artists' Recital**

Friday February 8, 2019, 7:30 pm

**Sanderson Centre: Featuring Kendra Perras - piano, Isabella Lauer - voice The BCI Jazz Band, pianist Jayden Hsiao, vocalist Jessica Dawdy piano duet with Charlotte La Pointe & Willem Klunder.**

**Adult: \$20 Student: \$5 Children: (Grade 8 and under) Free!**

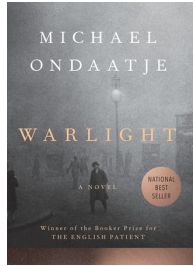
Third Concert in the Canadian Artists Series

Presented by Brantford Music Club



## Dates and Schedules

**Monday Night Book Club:** We will be meeting to discuss the novel **WARLIGHT** written by Michael Ondaatje. Our meeting will be on Monday, January 21st @ 7:00 P.M. The hostess will be Barb P. and discussion leader will be Linda S.

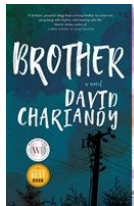


**Games Interest Group:** We meet at 1:15 the first and third Thursday of the month. Dian will host the next game of her choice on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**The World Awareness Group** will meet at the Visitor Centre on Wednesday 16th January at 9:30am. Bev and Naomi will be talking about "Diet in the World of Climate Change".

**Afternoon Bridge Group:** We just want everyone to know that the Afternoon Bridge Group #6 is alive and 'kicking up the cards'. We sport two tables every third Monday of the month ... Recently, Marg S. played host when first place was won by Bea C., second was Brenda M. and Low was Joan P. With boasting rights, two of our members are the oldest active CFUW members. APPLAUSE for Elizabeth C. and Bea C. Along with the eight regulars, we are fortunate to have five spares. At our February meet, when Elizabeth is hosting at Charlotte Villa, we hope to have three tables to accommodate our spares. This idea is now in discussion.

**Thursday Evening Book Club** will be discussing the book "Brother" by David Chartrand on February 7<sup>th</sup>.



**\*Interest Group Contact Persons:** Would you please, at your next group gathering, solicit consensus for next year meetings, times, dates, locations (if known or TBA) and the names of your contact person(s) for your specific group. This will facilitate the development of our Interest Groups Registration Forms for 2019-2020. Please forward this information by email to Jane B.

### 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>

Door prizes & Draw prizes & Refreshments

Lots of FUN!!!!

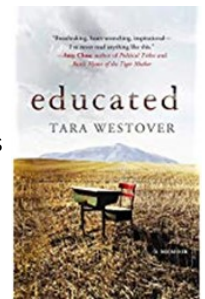
All funds raised go to our Scholarship Fund.

## News & Reviews

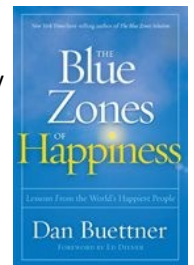
**The Creative Cookery group** met at the Brantford Golf and Country club for our annual Christmas Dinner.



**Monday Night Book Club:** On the evening of December 10th Lynne M opened her beautifully decorated home for the Monday night book group. The book of the evening was Tara Westover's "Educated", a memoir of sorts of how Tara was home schooled because her religious family did not believe in formal education. Discussion leader was Norah O. Lively conversation was held and delicious treats were enjoyed. Norah O



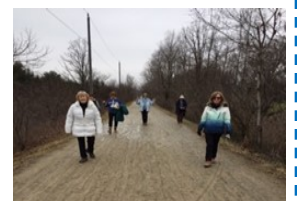
**The Thursday Night Book Club**, hosted by Margot K and Suzanne M, discussed "The Blue Zones of Happiness" by Dan Buettner on January 3rd. The author reveals through extensive research why three countries, Costa Rica, Denmark, and Singapore seem to have the world's most satisfied, healthy, and thriving people. The book portrays inspiring individuals who embody the three strands of happiness - pleasure, purpose and pride - that deliver contentment and fulfillment to their lives. Our book club members completed a test to evaluate their individual happiness score and the book suggested ideas to enhance their life. Although the book was non-fiction and at times, repetitive, most agreed that it was informative and an interesting read. Dian K



**The Games Interest group** had their first afternoon get together on January 3rd at Patti K's house. The ladies played a couple of competitive game of scrabble. It was filled with some good words and lots of laughs! It was a wonderful way to spend a cold afternoon!



**Walking Interest Group Jan 8<sup>th</sup>:** First time out together in 2019. Beautiful warm day walking along the Grand River behind Glenhyrst.



## 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

# Thank You!

Special thanks are extended to Dian K. for hosting the "finger food" Christmas Potluck in December. Many of our members attended and had a lovely time. We all know how much preparation and clean-up is involved. Thanks so much.

Kindness is alive and well in CFUW-Brantford. Many thanks to all the members who have encouraged me in my recovery with their cards, notes, phone calls, visits -- *and food*. I am very grateful for your support and good wishes. Carol K.

## Member News



Our Sympathy is extended to Barbara S. on the death of her husband Robert on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Funeral service was held on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at Fairview United Church.

Our Sympathy is also extended to Natalie P. on the death of her sister, Genia Olender, on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Funeral service was held Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Take a Look!

"Stolen Girl" by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch. Published on Jan 3, 2019 A companion to MAKING BOMBS FOR HITLER and THE WAR BELOW, this novel follows a Ukrainian girl who was kidnapped as a child to be raised by a Nazi family. <https://youtu.be/mRWYmfeevWU>

### SAVE THE DATE - Evening of March 7, 2019

In celebration of **International Women's Day**, the Brantford chapter of Grandmothers to Grandmothers aka The Grand River Grannies are hosting speaker Ilana Landsberg-Lewis. Ms. Lewis is a labour and human rights lawyer and the executive director of Grandmothers to Grandmothers, an organization under the umbrella of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Time and location to be announced.....so let us show our support for this amazing event and save the date.



**General Meeting**  
January 23, 2019

**Doors open at 6:45p.m.**

**Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m.**

**Topic:** : "Brant Community Foundation". The presentation will explain about foundations in general and about our community's foundation, the organizations it supports and how you can be involved.

**Speaker:** Joanne Lewis, Executive Director, Brant Community Foundation

### Hospitality Team - January

Thank-you to the Hospitality Team for setting up the room, bringing treats, and cleaning up afterwards. The Hospitality Team for January is: Lynne M., Brenda M., Janet R., Bev G. and Nora O., who leads the team.



*Dynamic Women Can Make a Difference*