

**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

The huge snow piles of the last few days have melted away, but as I sit at the computer to write this, I see through my window that the trees and bushes are now coated in ice. The weather has been downright treacherous for the last week or so. I know many of our members are lucky enough to have escaped to somewhere warm, but if you are like me, and still in Brantford - stay safe - both on the roads and on the sidewalks and driveways!

Trivia Night is still a few days away but, as you are reading this, Trivia Night will be a few days in the past. I would like to thank all our members who help make this night a success each year.

We look forward to hearing Lynn H's report of the details of this initiative at the February General Meeting.

At our General Meeting in January, we voted on whether to include time for community announcements in our meeting agendas, or whether to continue posting announcements on our community board. It was decided to continue with the bulletin board method, but also to encourage members to use our newsletter as a means of getting the word out. Please forward any news or announcements that you would like to share with our membership to Marg E. for inclusion in the newsletter.

Several new initiatives were also discussed and voted on at the January meeting. The first is a "linen drive" that the Advocacy Committee has organized to help Brantford's *Why Not Youth Centre* and which supports, at the local level, the CFUW National resolution to *End Youth Homelessness*. We will be collecting new or gently used linens over the next few months (think towels, bedsheets, tea towels, receiving blankets etc.). If you are unable to bring your contributions to the general meeting, contact Betsy and she will arrange a pick-up.

The second new initiative is an exciting one! To celebrate the 100th anniversary of CFUW, we have decided to give a special scholarship this year! It was determined that this would be funded by donations from members, with a matching amount (up to \$1000) contributed from club funds. This scholarship will be given to a graduating female student from an area high school who exhibits characteristics such as respect, open-

mindedness and tolerance. I very much want to thank the Scholarship Committee of Lynne D., Lorraine L., Colette W. and Marla M. who readily accepted the idea of a new scholarship and then put the necessary time and effort into developing a plan to make this happen on a very short timeline.

Donations for the Centenary Scholarship will be accepted until April 1st. Please write "100th anniversary scholarship" on the memo line of your cheque and give it to Nora L or any member of the Scholarship Committee. Be sure to attend the Spring Banquet and Annual General Meeting when this scholarship will be awarded!

Also in celebration of our 100th anniversary, Lynn H. will be submitting a request to have CFUW honoured in a community garden. We don't know yet whether or not this will be successful, as other submissions will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation department and they will make the final choice. Thank you to Lynn for the original idea and for making the submission on our behalf.

We have also decided to get a new updated banner for the anniversary since our old one is in a sorry state of disrepair. If you have any ideas re a design, be sure to give us your input. And, of course, cake!! There will be a special anniversary cake at some point in our future!

The Advocacy Committee is excited to announce that we are supporting the International Women's Day event being put on by the Grand River Grannies of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign. Ilana Landsberg-Lewis, Executive Director of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, will be speaking on Thursday, March 7th at the W. Ross MacDonald auditorium (350 Brant Avenue). Doors open at 6:30 pm and admission is free. It is expected to be well-attended, so plan to arrive early. The Executive is still looking for members to join the Nominations Committee. We have a number of vacancies to fill on the Executive for next year. Please consider giving your time, energy and expertise to your club in whatever way you can.

Respectfully submitted by Penelope Jeffery, on behalf of the leadership team: Tish James and Patti Kunashko.

News from National



2019 is the 100th Anniversary of CFUW

National is requesting clubs forward pre-1980 photos that may be used to illustrate the CFUW history that is being written. If you know of any such photos you can forward directly to Robin Jackson @ cfuw@rogers.com or to me, Betsy C., and I will send them. The publisher of the history has agreed to consider member suggestions for the title of the book. If you have an idea for the title send your suggestion to Robin Jackson with your name and email, and the re: line "Name CFUW History Book Contest " and the 10 best suggestions, as determined by the History Advisory Committee, will be forwarded. All suggestions must be forwarded by February 15, 2019. If you wish to enter a draw to win one of two antique IFUW pins simply make a \$10 contribution via our club. Advocacy: CFUW has launched a Grandparents for childcare campaign in honour of the 100th Anniversary. The website is <https://www.gpfcc.ca>. CFUW is looking for member input related to the personal experience of members with this issue to help support the need for Universal Child Care.

GWI: GWI is seeking nominations for various positions. If you are interested please see Circular 1/2019 for job descriptions and applications will need to be forwarded to Robin Jackson of CFUW by February 8, 2019.

The slogan for the Anniversary is: ***100 Years of CFUW – The Power of Women Working Together.***

Since its founding in 1919, the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) has had a significant impact on the social, political, economic and especially educational opportunities of thousands of Canadian women. It brought together, into a national federation, several similar organizations and in turn, helped found the International Federation of University Women (now known as Graduate Women International). The CFUW itself and many of its affiliates began providing scholarships in 1921, and the CFUW continues to award \$1 million dollars each year to encourage women to pursue advanced education. Believing that well-educated women who took a leadership role in university life, the professions, politics and society could, by their example, dispel prejudice against women in leadership positions, the Federation encouraged its members to further their education, run for political office and seek high-profile appointments. In 1966-67, the CFUW called for a royal commission on the status of women, and continued for many years afterward to pressure the federal government to implement its recommendations. From its beginning, the CFUW has played an important national role in offering academic scholarships, lobbying for academic appointments for women, performing service work in the community and helping to make Canada a more equitable place for women.

How is CFUW celebrating?

Nationally:

In addition to the Annual General Meeting to be held in Winnipeg in August at the same hotel as the founding meeting, there will be the Notable Women Awards, the Sage Awards, the unveiling of a CFUW plaque by the Government of Canada, the additional \$100,000 to be given out for the 100th Anniversary Scholarships, the 100th Anniversary Membership Campaign; the advocacy initiative for 2019 on Grandparents for Childcare and the publication of the CFUW History book.

Locally:

- applying for a floral display commemorating CFUW at Lorne Park
- special cake at the April General Meeting or at the AGM
- a new banner for the Club with a new design and maybe with the 100 year logo
- local scholarship for the 100th year anniversary.

Please join the celebration by making a special donation to our club's Scholarship Fund!

The Scholarship committee will decide on the criteria for the award (might consider a graduating student with the best community involvement). At the January meeting it was approved that the General Fund will match the donations of the membership up to but not exceeding \$1000.00. Members are asked to make donations at General Meetings or Interest Groups (by the March General Meeting). Donations should be made payable to the CFUW Brantford Scholarship Fund. In the memo, please indicate 100th anniversary scholarship. Tax receipts for donations of \$10 or more will be available.

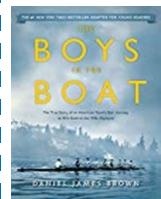
Dates and Schedules

Dining Out Group: On Feb 13th we are again staying close to home, this time, going to St George for lunch at the Dragon. We have heard good reviews so are hopeful that it will live up to its reputation, and fuel those of us who are going to Trivia Night that evening.

World Awareness Interest Group: On February 19th, the topic for discussion will be “Brexit”. Members are asked to read up on it and be prepared for a lively discussion.

Creative Cookery Group will meet at the homes of Lin F. and Patti K. in February.

The Monday Night Book Club will meet on Monday, February 18th at the home of Linda S. Sandra S will lead the discussion of “All We Will Leave Behind” by Carol Off.



The Thursday Evening Book Club will meet on March 7th to discuss the book, “Boys in the Boat” by Daniel James Brown.

Our Club’s Advocacy Group invites you to attend a celebration of International Women’s Day in March 7th at 6:45 pm at W Ross MacDonald Auditorium. Ilana Landsberg-Lewis is a gifted speaker who spearheaded the Grandmothers for Grandmothers initiative over ten years ago. Across our country, Grandmothers raise awareness and funds for the Grandmothers in Africa who are raising their grandchildren because the AIDS epidemic wiped out a generation of parents. This is a rare opportunity to hear the founder of the Grandmothers movement as we celebrate International Women’s Day. We suggest you arrive early to ensure you get a seat. Car pooling is advised. Contact Lin F. if you need a ride.



The Advocacy Committee is pleased to spearhead a linen drive to support the work done by the Why not Ministry with young women and their children and which also supports, at the local level, the CFUW National resolution to End Youth Homelessness. Should you wish to donate linens please bring such to our next few general meetings. Should you “pick up”, contact Betsy C to make arrangements.

News & Reviews



Joanne Lewis, Executive Director, Brant Community Foundation speaking at our January General Meeting

Dining Out Group:

The cold winter weather kept the Dining Out Group close to home in January. Eight of us gathered at On The Lam in Brantford. We were disappointed with the food; half of us felt that our meal was overdone, and the other half felt that their dinner was mediocre at best. The ambiance disappointed too, because it was incredibly noisy. We had been there for lunch a few years ago and enjoyed our meals, so I am sorry to say that we won't be frequenting this restaurant again anytime soon.

Creative Cookery Group A: In January creative cookery Group A was held at the home of Nora L. We dined on a lovely Butternut Squash soup and a wide variety of delicious salads followed by a pear crumble. All the dishes were loaded with tons of vitamins to help keep us healthy this cold winter. It was as a nice change from our usual 7 course meals.



The Tuesday Walking Group:

The winter schedule started in January which allows members to decide when they would like to start, either 9:30 or 10:00, and also whether they would like to walk outdoors at Glenhyrst or indoors on the walking track at the Wayne Gretzky Centre. Each group of walkers decide where they would like to go for coffee afterwards. So far, there has been a fairly even split of hardy souls walking outdoors to those choosing to exercise indoors!

You are invited: International Women’s Day Breakfast CFUW Cambridge—Speaker: Brenda Irving, CBC Sports Journalist Saturday, March 2, 2019: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$30 per person

Location: Galt country Club, 750 Coronation Boulevard, Cambridge For more information contact: cfuwbrantford.org

Many thanks to the Interest group contacts and participants who provided news and pictures for the newsletter. This is our members connection to what is happening in the club. When many contribute it makes putting together a newsletter much easier. Deadline for submission of news and pictures for the next newsletter is March 8th!



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 Announcements

The Brantford Memorial Concert Band will be presenting a Sunday Serenade on Sunday February 17th 2019 at 3p.m. at the Brantford Convention Centre, 100 Market St South - an interesting program of musical selections with Guest Artists 'Grass Tax', a Bluegrass Band.

The Grand River Chorus invites you to attend Friendship through Music, the 19th annual Grand Fete Du Vin, Saturday, February 23, 2019 at the Best Western Brantford Hotel and Conference Centre, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford. There will be guided wine tasting, live & silent auctions, live entertainment, door prizes and fabulous auction & raffle items. Tickets are \$80.00 each (this includes a \$25.00 tax receipt). Contact Susan Howe 519-753-6758, Maria Lloyd 519-758-0019 or online at www.grandriverchorus.com.

Grand River Grannies Fundraising Art Sale on March 22-23 at the Glenhyrst Gardener's Cottage. For pick-up of donations contact Jenny at dealwis31@gmail.com. Appraisal day is Sunday March 24. Bring your treasures!

Fairview United Church is hosting a "Great Chili Cookoff" on Sunday February 17 @5 pm. You can sample a variety of chili recipes, voting for your fave. All you can eat chili and bun for \$7. Entertainment by Joan Minnery and Friends. Contact Brenda M. or the church office @519-752-8549



General Meeting
February 27, 2019
Doors open at 6:45p.m.

Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Topic: "Leaving a Legacy". A discussion on how preplanning a funeral can help with difficult questions and available options for a meaningful legacy for the family.

Speaker: Jenny de Silva, Family Service Counsellor and Licensed Funeral Director with Thorpe Brothers Funeral Home, Brantford.

Member News

Congratulations to

Brenda M. who became a first-time grandmother in January.



We are sorry to hear that two of our members and there could be others, have broken a bone over the past couple of months. We hope Mary P. and Norah O. heal quickly.

Hospitality Team - February

Thank-you to Natalie P., Gloria S., Patti K., Nora L, for setting up the room, bringing treats, and cleaning up afterwards and to Norah O. for leading the team.



Welcome to our newest member:

It is always a privilege to welcome new members to our club. Please welcome Gay Henley. Her contact information will be added to our



Deadline for March Newsletter for Community Announcements and news of Interest Groups is March 8.



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