



**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

What a winter! Our February General Meeting was cancelled due to weather, and I've just come in from shovelling out my driveway - again! I have nowhere left to pile the snow!

**OK Winter, you've made your point!**



However, I can't complain as I'm heading off to the Dominican Republic next week for my first ever visit to the Caribbean!

Our February speaker will now be giving her presentation at March's General Meeting instead. The original program for

March was our ranking of key election issues in order of their importance. Our feedback on this is due into CFUW National by March 31st. They will use club input to develop backgrounders and talking points which clubs will then be able to use when they meet candidates or at All Candidates' Meetings. At this point, I don't know how we are going to handle this. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

At February's meeting I should have announced to you the names of the Nominations Committee. (This committee requires a minimum of 3 members, and is responsible for presenting the slate of candidates for executive positions to the general membership in March.) However, to date, we have had no volunteers for this committee. Please let me know if you are willing to serve your club in this capacity.

Also at February's meeting, I was going to let you know which positions need to be filled for next year's executive. (We should be announcing the nominations for these positions at March's General Meeting.) We need members to fulfill the following roles: Leadership, Treasurer, Communications Chair and Scholarship Chair. Please let me know if you are interested in any of these.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to Dian K, Lynn H, Brenda M and Colette W. for their work on Trivia Night. It was once again a resounding success and a really fun evening. Thank- you also to those who volunteered on the night in a myriad of roles from ticket-taking to score-keeping to book-selling to anything else that needed doing. And, of course, thank you to those who put together teams and came out and played on such a snowy night.

Thank you also to Joan H who is organizing our trip to see Brigadoon in May. This is a fund-raising event for the CFUW Charitable Trust and our club will be well represented with a large contingent of theatre-goers.

And a final thank you to Lynne M who has stepped up to head the Banquet Committee and has plans well in hand for that event. Banquet tickets will be on sale starting at the March General Meeting. The ticket price will be \$62.00.

Collections have already begun for the CFUW Brantford Centenary Scholarship in honour of the 100th anniversary of CFUW National. Recently, I sent out a document, put together by the Scholarship Committee, that outlines this special scholarship. You can give your cheque to either Nora L or to a member of the committee (Lynne D, Lorraine L, Marla M, Colette W). Some interest group leaders have also been collecting cheques. The deadline for your contribution is April 1st and remember that the club will be matching donations up to a maximum of \$1000.

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

# GWI - CFUW Update

## News from National

National has sent out an FYI to clubs warning against using copyrighted materials on club websites. Clubs should ensure that any materials taken from the Internet are from websites that say "free download", otherwise a license may be required.

18 CFUW delegates attended The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women on International Women's Day in New York City where the priority theme was social protection systems, access to public services, and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

CFUW is now a signatory to a letter initiated by the Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action in support of removing the sex discrimination contained in the Indian Act. CFUW received one proposal to amend the bylaws. It has been vetted and accepted by the bylaw committee. It has to do with members-at-large who are not a member of a specific local club, who, if the proposal is adopted, will be considered members of the CFUW E-club, and not the members-at-large club.

## Membership Renewal 2019 -2020

Renewal forms are now available for May 01 2019 - April 30 2020.

Membership renewal dues are \$115.00. Please note that membership renewal forms have been sent out by email and you are being asked for ONE (1) signature for permission for your inclusion in photos taken at Club activities and having your email address shared with CFUW National so that they can communicate directly with you. At this point in time, members either individually sign up with CFUW National to receive communications or our Club President forwards the National President's monthly newsletter and any other pertinent information is included in our Newsletter.

Membership renewal dues are payable by April 30, 2019 and may be paid directly at the March or April General Meetings. The form and cheque can be mailed to Bev O. at her home address or left in her house mailbox if you are in the area.

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

## Trivia Night – 2019

Our twelfth annual Trivia Night was held at the Dunsdon Legion on the evening of Feb. 13. This year 26 teams registered to compete in the challenge which was comprised of ten rounds of ten questions each. Despite the poor weather conditions, most people showed up or sent substitutes. Competition was fierce, the scores were close and everyone had a great time!!

To add to the fun, we gave out 19 Door Prizes and sold tickets on 9 Draw prizes. Joan H. organized and ran the Book Sale. The door prizes and book sale brought in \$277 and \$92.70 respectively. Before the sixth round, we held our usual "Heads or Tails" contest. The winner of a \$100 gift certificate to *On the Lam*, donated by Ted Mc Cleister, was Janet R. This added an additional \$183.75 to our coffers.

Thanks to our many donors especially the Dunsdon Legion for offering a non-profit rental rate and to Domino's Pizza for providing the pizza **free-of-charge**. Other donors were Al's Shoe Store, The Blue Dog, Brantford Bookworm, Brantford Music Club, Brantford Symphony Orchestra, Grand River Chorus, Home Building Centre, Home Hardware, King George Arms, the Sanderson Centre and members.

Our appreciation also goes to the participants and to the volunteers for the evening: Rhynda B., Lynne D., Joan H., Angela H., Joyce M. and Gloria S.

This year we realized a profit of \$2,531.44! Trivia Night has brought in a total of **\$23,355.15** for the Scholarship Fund since 2008.

*Lynn H., Dian K., Brenda M., and Colette W.*

### First place - Team 20 – Score 76

Les Ringrose  
Mike Schoenborn  
Brian Shaw  
Karen Cooke

### Second place – Team 2 – Score 73

Mark Francombe  
Susan Bower  
Mary Ann MacLennan  
Dave Thomas

### Third place – Team 3 – Score 71

Dave Haylock  
Doug Malvern  
Bob Hillier  
Scott Edwards



## Dates and Schedules

**Thursday Evening Book Club:** March book selection is "Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown.



**The Monday Night Book Group** will be reading EVERY NOTE PLAYED by Lisa Genova. We will be meeting at the home of Jenny deA. on Monday, the 18th of March at 7:00 p.m. Our discussion leader will be Naomi K.

**Creative Cookery Groups** will meet at the homes of Gloria S. and Dian K. in March.

**The Technology Group** will have their final meeting next week. We plan to go into some of the questions that were asked at our first meeting: such as, using Word, Pinterest, and setting up folders in gmail. If any other members are interested, please contact Janet R. to receive details about the meeting.

## News & Reviews

### International Women's Day Breakfast

Members of CFUW Brantford enjoy International Women's Day Breakfast with the Cambridge club on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Galt Country Club. Pioneer female sports broadcaster, Brenda Irving, CBC Sports, gave us an interesting and unique perspective on the progress of gender equality in this competitive area of employment.

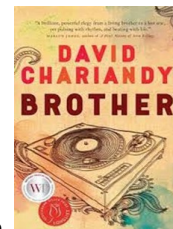


### February Creative Cookery

**Group A** was at the home of Patti K. The theme was French comfort food. All the dishes were really tasty. We started with a savoury basil cake served with a tomatenade spread followed by a cream of potato and leek soup, an endive salad, orange glazed chicken, asparagus, and the BEST mashed potatoes! We finished off the meal with a lovely walnut tort. The evening finished a little earlier than usual due to the ice rain!



**Thursday Evening Book Club:** *Brother* by Canadian author, David Chariandy, is a timely, beautifully written novella that explores themes of masculinity, race, family, the immigrant experience, and grief. It is often heartbreaking but also hopeful as we are made to feel intense situations in the community of Scarborough in 1991. Both Monday reading groups recommend this book. As one of the five books chosen for 2019 Canada Reads, we are sure we will be hearing much more about this amazing book and its talented author in the coming months. Janet R.



### February Creative Cookery Group B:

Creative Cookery at my house this evening was not just about the good food and great camaraderie, but also about seven women forming a human chain, using ice grips on our boots, and indoor carpets on the flagstone-turned-sheer-ice. It was about safety, helping Norah with her broken leg, Marg with her sore elbow (both from previous falls). It must have taken half an hour to get to their cars. Note to self: Don't rely on snow removal service exclusively, have salt on hand! (February 20<sup>th</sup> Lin F.)



BRANTFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA BOOK FAIR COMMITTEE

# BOOK FAIR

APRIL 24, 25, 26 & 27

9:30 AM to 8:00 PM  
SATURDAY til 3:00 PM

**50 CRAIG STREET**  
(OFF MORTON AVE. EAST) ♿

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**BOOK DROP OFF STARTING MARCH 11:**  
Monday to Saturday  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
(closed Easter Weekend)  
DONATIONS APPRECIATED TIL APRIL 18  
NOT ACCEPTING  
National Geographics • Encyclopedias • Readers Digest  
Discards • Old Text Books • VHS Tapes • Cassettes

**INFORMATION**  
519-761-0198  
[brantfordsymphony.ca/event/2019-bso-book-fair/](http://brantfordsymphony.ca/event/2019-bso-book-fair/)

Our **Dining Out Group** met on March 7th at Gran Sasso for a delicious dinner and good conversation. After dinner, we proceeded to the International Women's Day event hosted by the Grand River Grannies, and enjoyed an inspiring talk by a Ilana Landsberg-Lewis of the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

## 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

**Brantford Music Club** presents the Canadian Celtic Choir on April 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sanderson Centre.



On Wednesday April 3, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. come out for fun, food, music and prizes at the Paris Fairgrounds, for Ladies Night Out -An Evening in Paris, in support of the **Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation**. Tickets are \$50.00 each. If interested speak to Betsy or Barbara M.



### General Meeting:

March 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.



Our thoughts are with Elizabeth Cavanaugh on the death of her daughter Barbara. We wish her well as she supports her other daughter in her illness.

## Hospitality Team - March



Thank-you to Diane M., Betty Anne W. Lin F. and Nora L, for setting up the room, bringing treats, and cleaning up afterwards and to Norah O. for leading the team.

## Save the Date:

### CFUW Brantford Annual General Meeting

**Date:** May 22, 2019

**Time:** The Social will start at 4:45 p.m. with dinner served at 6:15 p.m.

**Where:** Brantford Golf and Country Club

The business portion of the meeting occurs after the banquet and speaker and is scheduled to start at 8:00 p.m. All members who are not attending the banquet are invited to participate in the Annual General Meeting. Tickets will be available at the March General Meeting.

**Reminder:** Deadline for donations for the CFUW Brantford Centenary Scholarship in honour of the 100th anniversary of CFUW National is April 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.



*Dynamic Women Can Make a Difference*