



Thorpe Carriage House
96 West Street
Brantford, ON
Meetings on Fourth Wednesday
at 7:00 p.m.
Doors Open at 6:45

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Message from the Leadership Team

The cold weather is departing and warmer weather is just around the corner. Soon we will be outside enjoying our gardens and barbecuing our dinners again. This time of year is exciting as it brings renewed energy and the anticipation of great summer adventures.

But first, we need to take care of business! We are fortunate that Lynda S has agreed to serve as the Nominations Committee Chair this year, but we are still looking to fill a few executive positions. At this moment, we still need a Treasurer, a Communications Chair and a Scholarship Chair for next year. Also, as we have had no volunteers come forward to fill positions on the leadership team, so we are looking at an alternate model. Janet R and Mieke S have put their heads together and proposed the idea of a "Rotating Presidency". We have had a number of members come forward to take part and will be meeting soon to work out the details.

March 8th was International Women's Day and this year our club supported several events. Some members attended the IWD Breakfast hosted by the Cambridge CFUW club and many also attended the presentation by Ilana Landsberg-Lewis that was hosted by the Grand River Grannies of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.

At the last General Meeting, Lin F proposed that we add Emergency Contact Information to our membership renewal form, and that we make this information available to all members. So, this year, when you fill in your renewal form, please pencil in this information in the top right hand corner. If you have already given your form in, please contact Bev O or CFUW Brantford with the information, and it will be added for you. In future years, the renewal form will be amended to include a space for ICE (in case of emergency). Remember to get your renewal form in as soon as possible so Bev has to spend less time chasing people down!

Lynne M has the planning of our annual banquet well underway. Tickets went on sale at the last General Meeting and will also be on sale again at the April meeting. Alternatively, you can contact Bev G to purchase your ticket. They are \$62 this year. We look forward to a great meal and

interesting entertainment from our speaker, Richard J. Brennan, an award winning journalist whose topic will be "From Typewriter to Twitter". Our new Regional Director, Mary Jane Waszynski, will be in attendance so it is an opportunity to meet her and welcome her to CFUW Brantford. And, finally, we hope to present our special Centenary Scholarship at the event.

The membership has been very generous with their donations to the Centenary Scholarship and the final amount of the award will be announced soon. As of the meeting in March, donations of over \$1300 had already been received and, as the club is matching up to \$1000 from our funds, we will be giving a very healthy award.

Another successful initiative has been the Advocacy Committee's linen drive in support of the Why Not Mission. If you still wish to participate, you can bring your donations to the General Meeting in April, or contact Betsy C for a drop-off or pick-up. As this initiative was so well supported by the membership, the Advocacy Committee has a few more proposals for the coming fall. We are hoping to start a knitting and crocheting drive which will give our members the opportunity to showcase their crafting talents, deplete some of their yarn stashes and help out community members in need. In addition, we are planning to collect travel size toiletry products to donate to local women's shelters. As so many of our members are travellers, we thought this would be another great opportunity to help out our community. Stay tuned for more on these projects!

This year the Ontario Council AGM and Conference will be held in May at the University of Toronto Faculty Club. The keynote speaker is Kathleen Wynne whose topic is "Helping Women on the Margins through Education". The workshops also feature topics of education, very timely at this time in Ontario! As was the case last year, Denver H and I will be attending on behalf of CFUW Brantford.

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

National News

Important dates and deadlines:

Articles and Bylaws

May 1: Nominations for Sage awards due

May 30: New members award deadline

Summary of CFUW press release of March 21, 2019 concerning the federal budget:

1. \$160 million dollars over the next five years has been designated in the federal budget for the Women's Program overseen by the Ministry of Women and Gender Equality, with 75 percent of the funding to be withheld until 2022-2023.

2. The federal budget made no commitment to universal child care.

3. The federal budget committed to subsidizing the cost of zero-emission vehicles, phasing out coal fired power generation and promoting energy efficiency. However, this alone will not enable Canada to meet its commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 45 percent below 2010 levels by 2030.

4. A federal Anti-racism Strategy Secretariat was created.

5. \$4.5 billion dollars over the next 5 years has been committed to fund indigenous services and uphold Jordan's Principle & another \$739 million over 5 years to improve water systems in First Nations Communities; however, there was no new funding dedicated to housing on First Nations Reserves.

6. \$35 million over 4 years has been set aside to establish a "Canadian Drug Agency Transition Office" to be followed by an additional \$500 million per year starting in 2022-2023, to enable Canadians with rare diseases to access medications. CFUW hopes that this is a precursor to pharma care and notes that Canada has a patchwork system and is the only country with a universal health care system that does not cover medications.

Happy April, Betsy

Membership Renewal 2019 -2020

Membership dues of \$115 are due by April 30th. Renewal Forms have been sent out by email, are available by contacting Bev O., and will be available at the April General Meeting.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

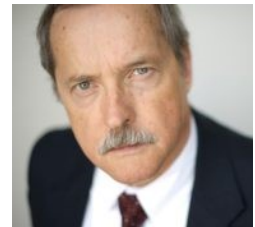
CFUW Brantford Annual General Meeting 2019

Date: May 22, 2019

Time: The Social will start at 4:45 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Brantford Golf and Country Club

What: Speaker is Richard J Brennan, award winning journalist



Topic: "From Typewriter to Twitter".

The presentation will delve into his experiences, the state of politics, the current state of the printed media and the curse/gift of social media.

Tickets: Tickets are \$62.00 and are available at the April General Meeting or by contacting Bev G. **Save the date and be sure to get a ticket for CFUW's annual banquet.**

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Have you taken a look at our website recently? You can find it at www.cfuwbrantford.org

Also, please take a look at our Facebook Page and "like" what you see and Share with your friends!

Dates and Schedules

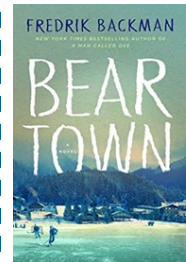
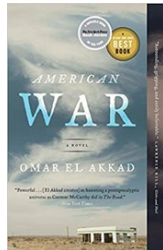
Ontario AGM is May 10th and 11th at the University of Toronto. Keynote Speaker is Kathleen Wynne, workshops are on topics of education. Members are welcome to attend. Registration deadline is April 16th.

Our last **Creative Cooking Groups** for the season will be hosted by Sandra and Lynn H. on April 17

Dining Out for April...we are going for dinner to the Indian Village in Ancaster on April 23rd.

Monday Night Book Group The Monday Night Book Club

will meet at the home of Linda S. on Monday, April 15th at 7:00 to discuss "The American War" by Omar El Akkad. The discussion leader will be Barb P.



The **Thursday Night Book Club** at their April meetings, will discuss **Beartown** by Fredrik Backman

Walking Group April/May Schedule:

Tuesday morning Walking trails:

- April 9-Oakhill trail
- April 16-Meet at Wincey Mills parking lot in Paris.
- April 30-Gilkinson
- May 7-Glen Morris
- May 14-App's Mill
- May 21-East River Road
- May 28-Hardy Road

News & Reviews

Creative Cookery Group A: The March dinner had a "Green Theme" for the Irish! Hosted by Dian



Creative Cookery Group B met at the home of Gloria Smith in March where lovely evening of delicious food and great camaraderie was experienced all. An hors d'oeuvre of a Syrian roasted red pepper and walnut spread called "Muhammara" started



off followed by a "Creamy Curry Broccoli Cheese Soup". The dinner continued with a "Cranberry Spinach Quinoa Salad with Candied Pecans and Feta". Next came the entree of "Chicken with Grapes, Olives and Capers" accompanied by a "Vegetable Couscous with Wild Blueberries" and "Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Bacon, Pecans and Maple Syrup". The dessert was a delicious "Apple Pecan Cake with Caramel Glaze".

Advocacy Committee: Dear Ladies of CFUW Brantford, the Advocacy committee is proposing a new endeavor for the fall - knitting with friends for our community. We hope that you will spend a few evenings (or afternoons), socializing and knitting or crocheting to make useful creations that will support individuals in our community. We are hopefully that those of you with experience will assist those of us who may not have knitted since we were in Brownies. More details to come. Betsy

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



Fiddle Champion **SHANE COOK**
Step Dance Champion **KYLE WAYMOUTH**



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 or articles and photos for the May Newsletter is Friday May 3rd.

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



It is with great sadness that we wish to inform you that Elizabeth Cavanaugh's daughter Barbara, passed away in March 11, 2019 after a battle with cancer. She was also the

sister of our member Marion Jarrell. A private family service was held and we are not sure if there will be a celebration of life held at a later date. Elizabeth would probably appreciate hearing from or receiving a card from those of you who know her. She is at the Charlotte Villa, 120 Darling St. Brantford. N3T6A7. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Elizabeth, Marion and their families.

On March 17, 2019, Jean Ling's brother, Richard Chong, passed away. He was diagnosed with non-smokers Stage 4 cancer last May. Jean was a great support to her brother and his family during this difficult time.

Community Events

Congratulations to Jean L who welcomed a new granddaughter on March 16th. Her son Michael and his wife Meagan gave birth to 7lbs 11oz Meadow Lauren Ling.



April General Meeting

Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Topic: Healthy Parks, Healthy People

Speaker: Professor Emeritus Paul Eagles,
Environmental Planner

Music at First Baptist Church, 70 West Street

May 8th: Betty Howell, Soprano

May 15th: Queensway Bell Ringer, Marianne Reimer, director/
founder 33rd year Brantford premier ringers: 45 bells, 36 chimes

May 22nd: Deborah Park, ARTC, LRCM piano; has played Carnegie Hall; celebration of 200th Anniversary of Clara Schumann's birth

May 29th: George Rose in solo performance on the cornet;
founder/director of the George Rose Big Band since 1982.

Touching the Sound: The Potential of Music Therapy

Date: May 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Amy de Nino, a *Registered Psychotherapist/Neurologic Music Therapist/Musician and Conductor*

Location: First Baptist Church, 70 West St.

Bike for Hospice: A Ride to Support Stedman Community Hospice

Sunday May 5th at 9:00 a.m.

Please join us as we ride along both sides of the Grand River to raise funds for the programs and services provided by the Stedman Community Hospice.

To register, visit website at: www.stedmanhike.ca



Hospitality Team - April



Thank-you to Sue C., Collette W., Donna M., and Dian K. for setting up the room, bringing treats, and cleaning up afterwards and to Norah O. for leading the team.



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