



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

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Message from the Leadership Team

Our CFUW year is winding down and we are now organizing and making plans for next year. We are fortunate that Naomi K. has come forward and volunteered to be Scholarship Chair for next year. However, we are still looking for a Communications Chair and a Treasurer. The Treasurer position is particularly important, as we can't operate without one. Nora L, our current treasurer, is unable to continue in the role, but is quite willing to help and mentor a new treasurer. In addition, in order to ease the workload, a number of the current executive have expressed that they would help the new treasurer with certain tasks (writing out receipts, making bank deposits etc.). Nora also assures us that, "if you can balance your own cheque book, you have the necessary skills" for the position. Please contact CFUWBrantford@yahoo.ca if you are able to serve as Treasurer for next year.

As we have had no volunteers come forward for Leadership Team roles, we have decided to try an alternative model for next year. The details of our "Rotating Presidency" will be hashed out at a meeting next week, but the basic idea is that each month a different person will take on the chores of the Club President, thus sharing the workload amongst many. We are fortunate that a number of members, many with past experience in the role, are interested in exploring this idea. Also, in planning for next year, we have already approved three initiatives for the fall. First, we are planning to host an All Candidates Meeting for the upcoming election. There are always many jobs to be done for these events, so we look forward to our members stepping up again when called upon. Second, the Advocacy Committee will be collecting travel size toiletry items at our General Meetings. These will be donated to local community organizations in need. And, finally, the Advocacy Committee will be organizing some crafting afternoons to create knitted or crocheted items, also for donating within the community. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, you are welcome to attend and learn a new skill! At the April General Meeting, we once again dealt with the difficult topics of membership in GWI and potential dues

increases, both for CFUW and for GWI. Three motions that will be brought forward at the National AGM in August were discussed at length so that we may instruct our proxy how to vote for our club. The GWI finances continue to be a contentious issue and we will have updates in the fall, after the National AGM.

Our annual banquet is fast approaching and looks to be another memorable evening. We will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of CFUW that night by awarding our special Centenary Scholarship. Thank you to Lynne M for her work on the banquet, to the Scholarship Committee (Lynne D, Lorraine L, Marla M and Colette W) for their work with the scholarship and to Marg E for her work on the media advisory. We look forward to hearing Richard J. Brennan take us "from Typewriter to Twitter" and thank the Program Committee (Joan H, Lynne H, Anne M and Donna M) for planning our banquet speaker and all of our other speakers this year. Also in celebration of our 100th anniversary, we can look forward to seeing our logo featured in a flower garden in Memorial Park (corner of Brant Avenue and Dalhousie Street). Thank you to Lynne Haylock for organizing this for us. Hopefully, we can organize a group photo at the park once the garden is in full bloom.

After the banquet, we have one final social gathering before we break for the summer. Once again, Pat C will be hosting the Blue Lake Potluck at her home on Wednesday, June 26th. And, finally, if you haven't already done so, please get your membership renewal form in to Bev O as soon as possible. It greatly reduces her workload if she doesn't have to chase these down! See you at the banquet!

Penelope Jeffery on behalf of the leadership team of Tish James and Patti Kunashko.

Community Events

MUSIC AT FIRST

FREE NOON HOUR CONCERTS
12:15pm to 12:45pm • Wednesdays in May

First Baptist Church, 70 West Street

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

May 22nd: Alison Clark Organ, M.Mus., FTSL, LRSM. Featuring Canadian, German, French, Spanish composers.

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



Grand River Grannies invite all to a Home Tour and Afternoon Tea

The **Grand River Grannies Annual Fundraising Tea and Historic House Tour** will take place on **Saturday June 8 from 2:00 - 5:00pm at Myrtleville House, Brantford.**

Please RSVP to Susan Butcher 519-750-4250. The suggested donation for the tea is \$20.00 per person and receipts will be issued for donations of \$20.00 or more. Thank you!



Members of the Executive Team hard at work.



News from National

AGM:

As we discussed at the last general meeting there are 3 motions, that will be addressed at the AGM, that deal with fees (CFUW National & GWI) and issue of GWI by way of the "Winnipeg motion", which has once again been put forward by the Winnipeg club.

National Membership Campaign:

CFUW is making available a membership tool kit that can be borrowed for specific dates. It includes a banner, brochures and 100th Anniversary merchandise to display. The good news is that CFUW has had an increase of 286 members as from December 2018 to April 2019.

Membership across Canada is now 7879 women.

CFUW Brantford Centenary Award Winner Announcement

Six outstanding young women were nominated by local high schools for the 100th anniversary scholarship. After much deliberation, the Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the winner is: **Avery Kadish of Brantford Collegiate Institute.** Well-known as a talented musician and performer, Avery is also an honour roll student who was accepted at several universities, and will be attending Humber College this September for a Bachelor of Music. She participates in BCI's Laurier program for exceptional students, and is in a Specialist High School Major program with an Arts and Culture focus. She is active in the LINC mentorship program which supports grade 8 students as well as an anti-bullying program in local elementary schools. Avery created an original song from the personal stories of students, and performs it as part of the program. Avery uses her musical ability to support the many activities at BCI. She has taken roles in BCI's musical productions, sung at Remembrance Day services, and is helping to offer arts workshops to local grade two classes through the Laurier program.

Avery has completed hundreds of hours of volunteer work all while developing her professional career - recording albums, performing at venues such as Roy Thomson Hall, Koerner Hall, Birdland Jazz Club in New York City, and several major jazz festivals. You may have heard Avery sing the National Anthem at a Toronto Blue Jays game, or perform in the Young Artists' recital at the Sanderson Centre.

Members of CFUW Brantford will have the opportunity to congratulate our scholarship winner, Avery Kadish, when she will be presented with a cheque for \$2500 at the AGM on May 22nd.

News & Reviews Dates and Schedules

World Awareness: This small but deeply-interested-in-this-topic group met on April 17th to discuss *Feminism and the #MeToo Movement* led by Hazel R. and Betty-Anne Whitney.

Creative Cookery

On the evening of April 17, six members of Creative Cookery met at the home of Lynn H. for an evening "Breakfast" Brunch. Guests were welcomed with mimosas and then enjoyed ham and asparagus roll-ups. Since this was not a traditional dinner, there was no soup or salad, but everyone enjoyed oven-roasted breakfast potatoes, a crust less broccoli quiche, French toast crême brûlée, baked eggs pizzaiola and pan-fried sausages. Dessert consisted of cinnamon buns and fresh fruit salad with honey vanilla yoghurt. Lots of fun was had by all!



The **Creative Cooking Group** celebrated springtime with a tasty salmon dinner, a festive table setting, and lively conversation at the home of Sandra H.



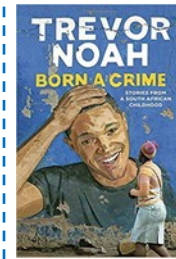
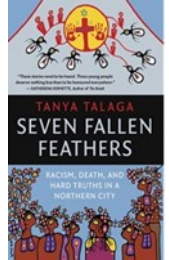
Food with Thought in April was kindly hosted by Janet K.



World Awareness Interest Group will meet on May 15th at the Police Station at 9:30am to talk about *Dark Money* with Pat C.

Monday Night Book Club

The group will meet on Monday, May 23rd @ 7:00 to discuss *SEVEN FALLEN FEATHERS* by Tanya Tallaga. Our hostess will be Kay R. with treats provided by Norah O'L. Discussion Leader will be Jennifer de A.



In May, the **Thursday Night book club** will be discussing the book *BORN a CRIME* by Trevor Noah.



Save the Date!

Annual Blue Lake Picnic at the home of Pat C.,
 Wednesday, June 26th
 501 Blue Lake Road, R.R. #1, St. George
 4:00 pm Social time (swimming available)
 6:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner
 Please bring a plate, a potluck dish of your choice, and if possible, a chair.



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.



2018-2019 EXECUTIVE

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

•Tish James, Penelope Jeffery
& Patti Kunashko

SECRETARY: Dian Kuzyk

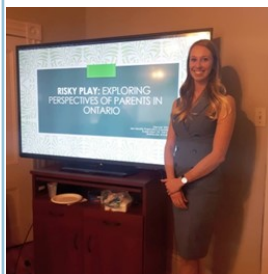
TREASURER: Nora Leung

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

Congratulations

to **Marsha Skrypuch** for winning the 2019 Arthur Lefebvre Award for Career Excellence given to a Brantford Writer. Marsha was presented with this award on April 27th at the Brantford Public Library.



to **Denver Hilland** for successfully presenting and defending her Master's thesis ("Risky Play: Exploring Perspectives of Parents in Ontario") at Dalhousie University in Halifax on April 17th. Denver has earned a Master of Arts in Health Promotion.



In Memorium

Margaret Wilson, a long-time member of CFUW passed away on March 1st in Manchester England. Her funeral service was held on March 8th.

Marian Currie, a member of CFUW for 38 years, passed away on May 1st. Among her fellow Teacher-Librarians she was considered a great educator and a lovely person. Our thoughts are with Marion's family at this sad time.

Funeral arrangements are as follows:

Visitation: Friday, May 10th, 10 a.m.

Funeral: Friday, May 10th, 11 a.m.

McCleister Funeral Home

495 Park Road North

Brantford

Thinking About You! Recuperating



Brenda M is recovering from a hip operation on April 29th.

Jean L. is recovering from eye surgery.

It's good to see **Melodie D.** looking so well after her hip operation.

And **Mary LP** who is recovering from a fractured hip following a fall!

Next General Meeting

**Wednesday, September 25, 2018 at
Thorpe's Carriage House at 7:00 p.m.**

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 by contacting Lynn M.

Save the date and be sure to get a ticket for CFUW's annual banquet.



Dynamic Women Can Make a Difference