



**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**

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."  
L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables

One of the things that I enjoy about retirement is the time to enjoy fall: the cooler weather, the bounty of harvest and the beautiful fall colours. It is my second favourite season – I like spring best.

Fall also heralds the start up of organizations many of which took a summer break. Although technically in September we are in the fifth month of our fiscal year, it always feels like a new beginning.

We had a wonderful meeting in September. We had a good turnout of members, prospective members and guests. We were glad so many of you were able to be there. Sandra Vos, talking about her second career as a farmer, was a very engaging speaker. Thanks to our Program Committee and especially Lynn H. for co-ordinating the evening and to our Social Committee and especially Norah O. for ensuring we were well looked after.

At the meeting in September we reviewed some of our initiatives and a few new ones were proposed by individuals and accepted by the general membership. These initiatives are:

1. All Candidates Night on October 15th at 7:00 p.m. at North Park Collegiate.
2. Participation in the Basketeers program to directly benefit Nova Vita, our local Women's Shelter. Community groups donate beautifully wrapped baskets with a kitchen or bath theme. These are then given to women who are making the effort to start anew. CFUW Brantford has registered to donate 2-3 kitchen baskets again this year. Your voluntary financial donations would be greatly appreciated.

3. Get together to Knit and Natter - This past spring it was agreed that the members of CFUW would assist the homeless youth of Brantford get through the winter by creating (or donating) scarves and head cover such as hats, toques or beanies. The first Knit and Natter was scheduled for October 8th.

4. Finally, CFUW Brantford will again run a Trivia Night in February to benefit the scholarship fund. Please start thinking about your team now.

We will be busy again this year. But we always take time to socialize and have fun together. Our Interest Groups are active and well co-ordinated by Interest Group leaders and Jane B. We are looking for someone to host our December social at their home.

I was the President for September and have now passed the baton to Betsy C. The team of presidents will take turns chairing meetings, monitoring the email and doing the President's Letter for the newsletter. The best way to reach the "president on duty" is by email: cfuwbrantford@yahoo.ca. The "President's Team" is supported by a strong executive. We thank them for their commitment to looking after the administrative duties of CFUW Brantford. The Program Committee has scheduled many interesting programs for this year. They are outlined in the Membership Brochure which was shared with you at the end of September.

There is much to look forward to this year and we are glad to be sharing it with you.

Mieke Schroeder on behalf of the President's Team

## News from National

Report on 2019 AGM held August 15, 2019 in Winnipeg, Manitoba :

I have reviewed the materials sent out by National. This report is a snapshot and those who wish for a more in depth understanding of what transpired at the AGM are encouraged to read the AGM 2019 Newsletter.

Of interest was the PowerPoint presented respecting the history of CFUW. Copies for members to peruse during the meeting were available and should anyone be interested in reading this report I am more than happy to lend out my copy.

Also of interest is that there are 7844 members across Canada, with clubs in every province but none in the territories, and the Quebec clubs appear to be predominantly in traditionally English speaking areas of the province.

There were 3 financial votes at the AGM which are of interest and which will affect all clubs as well as the National association. Trying to sort out what occurred was frustrating as the materials provided were, in my opinion, an excellent example of obfuscation. I have not the patience to sort through the materials to figure out how many votes were for, or against, as that would have involved a degree in archeology. I will provide a discussion by number of clubs in relation to votes.

There are approximately 113 clubs that have between 1 to 16 votes depending upon the number of members in the club. The Brantford club has 3 votes. Executive members and past presidents account for 13 votes.

Each of the financial motions required 2/3rds of the vote to pass. The outcome of the motions with some discussion is as follows:

1. \$6.00 increase in fees to National passed. The current fee is \$70.00 and has not increased since 2013. The new fee of \$76.00 will be payable May 1, 2020. This motion passed by a wide margin.
2. \$10.00 increase to GWI fees was NOT passed. Currently, based on 2017, the fees payable by members is \$20.71 Canadian (although fees are payable in Swiss francs). The fees due to GWI are now \$30.10 Canadian. This failed by a pretty large margin, with only 59 clubs voting in favour.
3. The Winnipeg motion also failed with 68 clubs voting in favour....so there must have been a big club or two voting against the motion.

As a result of the failure of both motions addressing GWI fees National has put together a committee to try and figure out how to pay /raise funds to pay the shortfall of approximately 32k for 2020.

National is still looking for interested individuals to sit on this committee and the deadline to join is now October 9, 2019. The financial statements for national show that it has a deficit of approximately 32k, up from 17k last year. Just some highlights are that: Federation dues collected have gone down by approximately 22k and monies owing to GWI have gone up approximately 23 k from last year; the amount owing GWI over what is collected is approximately 32k. As amounts owing for 2018 and 2019 were paid using unrestricted funds and GWI giving some discount, what will happen with these fees is a question mark; and, Administration expenses went up approximately 30k from last year.

Important dates:

Please note that the deadline to submit an Intent to Submit a Resolution for the 2020 AGM is November 15, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy C.

### Advocacy project.... Get together to Knit and Natter

This past spring it was agreed that the members of CFUW would assist the homeless youth of Brantford get through the winter by creating (or donating) scarves and head cover such as hats, toques or beanies.

To help us all get started and to make this happen, one and all are invited to meet at the home of Rhynda Bulson, 135 Hunter Way, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday October 8.

Be you an expert knitter (or can crochet a creation) or a neophyte who would like to learn, bring some yarn, and needles or hooks so that we can get started.

Scarves are a simple knit stitch or a double crochet into a foundation chain. Or, you can google a pattern on the internet or pick up free patterns at Len's Mills. For beginners, try googling either: how to cast on, if you wish to knit; or how to create a crochet chain. This research will give you a basic understanding of the process and we can go from there as we "natter".

I am proposing that, at the November meeting, there be a show and tell for the creations or the purchases so that distribution can start before the extreme cold of winter sets in.

#### Community Events

##### **Piano Six**

*Six outstanding Canadian pianists, two concert grand pianos!*

*Sunday, October 20, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.*

*Sanderson Centre*

*The first concert in The Canadian Artists Series*

*Adult: \$30 Student: \$10 Children: FREE*

*For tickets... lynn.haylock1@gmail.com*

## 2019-2020 EXECUTIVE

### PRESIDENT IN NAME:

- Janet Rubas

### ROTATING PRESIDENTIAL TEAM:

- Jane Binkley
- Elizabeth Capitano
- Lin Fines
- Lynn Haylock
- Tish James
- Carol Kent
- Brenda Malvern
- Anne Martin
- Diane Morgan
- Mieke Schroeder

### PAST PRESIDENT:

- Penelope Jeffery
- Patti Kunashko

**SECRETARY:** Dian Kuzyk

**TREASURER:** Nora Leung

### STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- Advocacy:** Betsy Capitano
- Communications:**
- Interest Groups:** Jane Binkley
- Membership:** Bev Osborn
- Program:** Anne Martin
- Scholarship:** Naomi Kral

# Interest Groups

**Creative Cookery** - Our September meeting/cooking demonstration/meal was enjoyed at Salt & Pepper in Brantford. October 16 will be our next meeting hosted by Dian K and Tish J



**Dining Out** - On October 18, the Dining Out Group will enjoy a Mediterranean dinner at the Lakehouse, an old Niagara home in Burlington, with a charming view of Lake Ontario.



**Biking** - Fun and exercise in September.

## October General Meeting October 23, 2019

**Location:** Thorpe's Carriage House  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.



**Speaker:** Danielle Law, an assistant professor in the Department of Youth and Children's Studies at Wilfred Laurier University, Brantford Campus, will be our guest speaker. The title of her talk is "Staying Connected: Understanding the Impact of the Internet on the Social-Emotional Development of Children and Youth"

## FEDERAL ELECTION 2019 All Candidates Night



Tuesday, October 15, 2019  
7:00 p.m.  
North Park C.&V.S.  
mini-theatre

**Invite friends, relatives and neighbours!!**  
With support from RTO Brant District 40

## Hospitality Team - October

Thank you to Mieke S., Tish J., Betsy C. and Leslie L. and to Gloria S. for leading the team.



*Dynamic Women Can Make a Difference*