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## Message from the Leadership Team

This has certainly been an eventful, and, as it is October, a colourful, month. This is also the month in which we all became “persons” as October 18, 2019 was the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the “persons’ case” ...So my dear friends, Happy Personhood.

On October 15, 2019, CFUW Brantford hosted an All Candidates Night, hosting all candidates running in the Federal Election that took place on October 21, 2019. The event was well attended. Kudos to Ann Martin who acted as moderator and Lynn Haylock who organized this event. Both of whom did a stellar job in dealing with all the evening's issues and shall I say, candidate drama. Also, a big thank you to all the volunteers who made the evening possible.

Lynn Haylock presented at the October CFUW Ontario Council on hosting Candidates meetings –Congratulations to Lynn for being recognized for her expertise in organizing and running these meetings and thank you Lynn for all the hard work you have put in over the years making local meetings happen in Brant.

As president for the month of October, and on behalf of CFUW Brantford, I send a heartfelt congratulations to Denver Hilland, who has just graduated with her Master’s Degree from Dalhousie University. Well done Denver and best of luck in all your future endeavours !

Elizabeth Cavanaugh has been recognized by CFUW with a SAGE award for her 60 years of membership in CFUW. A Certificate was presented to her at our October 23, 2019 meeting by Janet Rubas. Congratulations Elizabeth. Carol Kent and Melodie Daboll were recognized for 50 years of membership in CFUW --- felicitations’ ladies.

On behalf of the Club our thoughts and condolences go out to Joan Prior and her family on the death of her husband Al. Lin Fines put together, and submitted to National, a wonderful

article about our clubs activities in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CFUW, including the Memorial Garden Display and the Centenary Scholarship. We are certainly the little club that can, and our club made the front page of the October 3, 2019 CFUW Club News. Both articles were attached to the meeting minutes for your reading pleasure.

Knit and Natter, hosted by Rhynda, took place on October 11, 2019 and October 22, 2019 and the resulted in lots of great creativity and warm outer garments for those in need. In terms of donations, please remember that it is Basketeer time and, as well, that the club is still collecting travel size toiletries to donate.

At the General Meeting we heard from Danielle Law, an Assistant Professor at the Laurier University, Brantford Campus, in the Youth and Children’s Studies whose presentation, Staying Connected: Understanding the Impact of the Internet on the Social-Emotional Development of Children and Youth was certainly interesting, as well as informative.

Thank you to the Hospitality team for the goodies provided after the meeting – team leader was Gloria Smith and team members were Mieke Schroder, Tish James, Leslie Leach and me.

Trivia Night will be held on February 12, 2019 so save the date. It is never too early to start thinking about putting together a team for this very enjoyable event in support of the scholarship fund.

It has been an eventful month and a big thank you to all those who helped me get through the month without dropping too many balls. The president’s hat has passed to Diane Morgan & Brenda Malvern, who are November’s Presidents. Best of Luck Ladies.

*Betsy Capitano on behalf of the Present’s Team*

## News from National:

Sage Awards were presented by Janet R. at the October General Meeting, to Elizabeth Cavanaugh for 60 years of membership in CFUW and to Carol Kent and Melodie Daboll for their 50 years of membership. As part of the 100th Anniversary celebrations, CFUW National introduced the Sage Awards, which are awarded by each club to the current members who have the longest period of CFUW membership. This award is a way to recognize and celebrate the commitment and dedication of members who have been championing the CFUW's mission for decades.



## Ontario Council Speakers' Series

Lynn Haylock was a presenter at the September Speakers' Series of Ontario Council. Thanks, Lynn, for representing our club so well. Here are some of Lynn's reflections on the day:

On October 5, I attended the CFUW Ontario Council Speakers Series in Toronto...as a speaker!! I was invited to be part of a panel outlining Actions which clubs are taking surrounding the upcoming Federal Election.

My topic was All Candidates Nights and the way we organize them. I think that of particular interest was the way in which we break down the various larger jobs into smaller jobs so that people are willing to sign up. I also think that having questions go through a three-member panel was appealing. I prepared a three-page handout for those interested and all copies were taken. It might be posted on the Ontario Council website in the future. Even though I spoke for only 10 minutes, I was quite honoured to be invited. I was also very surprised!!

Other members of the panel spoke on Federal Issues: Climate Change, Early Learning/Childcare and Poverty. One other club action "Grandma Asked me to Vote" was covered by a member from CFUW Southport.

At lunch, we heard from Grace Hollett, CFUW National President and in the afternoon we had round table discussions on Membership, Public Profile & Partnerships, Sustainability, Advocacy, Education, Communication and Governance.

Each member selected two discussion groups.

This day was interesting and I encourage other members to attend the next event on November 30. **Lynn Haylock**

Please consider attending the Ontario Council Speakers Series, followed by Standing Committee Meetings/discussions, on Saturday November 30 at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church in Toronto from 10-3:30. The morning session will feature Dr. Andrea Wilkinson discussing Brain Health and Aging; a timely topic for most of us!! Details, including registration info., can be found on the cfuwontcouncil website. We could carpool if a few of us decide to attend this interesting day. Brenda Malvern

## CFUW Scholarship Committee Report

**Award B winners** for 2019 are: The Scholarship Committee had 5 applications for Award B. The committee selected four applicants to receive the Award B. The two women chosen from Conestoga College were Kayla Noppe and Brandi Bilodeau. Two women were chosen from Westervelt College their names are Tammera Eckenswiller and Wendy Fulsom. The winners were thrilled to receive financial support for their program from CFUW!

**Maple Arbor winners:** Amanda Currie from St. John's College and Lindsay Mc Conkey from Brantford Collegiate Institute.

## Basketeer Programme for Nova Vita 2018-2019

Lynne M. and I are pleased to report that we have collected a total of \$474.00 towards our initiative. The Nova Vita committee has advised us to spend between \$150.00 to \$200.00 per basket, which is down from the original request of \$250.00 to \$300.00. Nova Vita felt this change was necessary as times have become more difficult, and that the need is greater than ever as more women have become clients of the shelter. If it is possible for others in the club to also donate some money, we will be able to create 3 baskets as we did last year. If you should have any questions about this initiative, please feel free to call or e-mail us. We will do our shopping at Home Hardware (King George Road) with our charitable discount and will also focus on the Black Friday Specials. We will make our last collection of money at the general meeting in November and, while participation is strictly voluntary, we would certainly appreciate your support. Barb Perry



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## All Candidates Night Report – Fall, 2019 Federal Election

On Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, CFUW Brantford held an “interesting” All Candidates Night for the 2019 Federal Election which occurred on October 21<sup>st</sup>. The event, sponsored by RTO District 40, was well attended by CFUW members, RTO members and other members of the public and all candidates were present...at least at the beginning: Phil McColeman (Conservative), Bob Jonkman (Green), Leslie Bory (Independent), John Turmel (Independent), Danielle Takacs (Liberal), Sabrina Sawyer (NDP), Dave Wrobel (People’s Party of Canada) and Jeff Gallagher (Veterans Coalition Party of Canada).

Anne Martin did an excellent job of moderating the event.

Many members volunteered to help out in advance and on the night of the event. Candidates were invited, a team formulated questions concerning topics of concern to CFUW and RTO, publicity was arranged, supplies were gathered, guests were greeted and the evening managed.

The Gord Paynter Theatre at North Park Collegiate proved to be an excellent venue with its 200-seat capacity, excellent acoustics, comfortable seats, accessibility, generous parking and reasonable price. Principal Susan Noort gave assistance in advance and teacher Alex Bromke worked the sound system.

Thank you notes of appreciation were sent to all involved.

Getting volunteers to sign up to help was unbelievably easy! Thank you to the members of the team: Betsy Capitano, Marg Eisner, Lynn Haylock, Karen Innes, Patti Kunashko, Dian Kuzyk, Lian Lawrence, Leslie Leach, Nora Leung, Brenda Malvern, Anne Martin, Diane Morgan, Norah O’Leary, Bev Osborn, Mary Pitchford, Janet Rubas, Mieke Schroeder, Marsha Skrypuch, Gloria Smith, Lynda Stamer and Colette Wilson. What a team!!

We were warned that we could have a problem with one of the independent candidates making unacceptable comments so, as a precaution, Millennium Security was contacted and we hired one man for three hours. It was decided that we would allow one warning and then if there was a repetition, the offending party would be told to leave. Comments were made, Anne Martin, as moderator, issued a warning and Phil McColeman walked out of the event in protest over comments made and over the process we decided to follow. The remaining seven candidates continued and there was no repeat of the offensive comments. There was, however, some ranting, raving and generally uninformed statements, but the candidates followed the time limits and acted in a civilized manner toward others on the platform.

We had a full house and covered many different topics but I would have to say that I was feeling somewhat discouraged about the outcome of the evening. Although we have tried to be inclusive, if we run another event in the future, we might want to consider inviting vetted candidates who represent national parties with actual platforms.



**Respectfully submitted by Lynn Haylock**

### Note of Thanks from Anne Martin

Many people spoke to me directly, called or wrote emails after my ‘first test’ as Moderator of the CFUW All Candidates Night on October 15, 2019. I was prepared, thanks to Nora Fueten and the organizing team capably led by Lynn Haylock, but could not have anticipated the sudden departure of the incumbent candidate within the first 5 minutes. In fact, I barely had time to react! My sincere appreciation is long overdue for the positive comments, the helpful suggestions for next time and the overwhelming support that I received after the meeting.

# News & Reviews Dates and Schedules

**The Monday Evening Book Club** met at the home of Naomi Kral to discuss *Women Talking* by Miriam Toews, a novel based on a true story of a religious based community in Bolivia. The power of language, the ability to read and communicate carried the discussion.



A task was set to have the members draw a map from A to B without using the printed word and was accomplished with some success and much laughter. The group agreed this book was a good read with a thought provoking message.

**Creative Cookery:**

Tish James hosted a French Bistro Theme dinner on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all my guests for contributing delicious dishes and scintillating

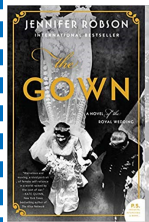


conversation. It was a very enjoyable evening! Tish

**Thursday Evening Book Club:** Nov.7, 2019 Review of "The Gown" by Jennifer Robson When Heather is left some beautiful embroidered squares by her grandmother she goes in search of the untold story of her grandmother's life. And so unfolds the story of Ann and Miriam, seamstresses who embroidered Princess Elizabeth's wedding gown in 1947. This book is a light and interesting story of the effect of the Royal Wedding on post war London and the lives of the women who worked in Hartnell's couturier house. The group enjoyed the book and as always it lead to lively discussion.

**THE MONDAY AFTERNOON READING GROUP: Not the usual Book Club**

On the second Monday afternoon of each month, the Afternoon Reading group meets at the Brantford Tourism Centre, if it is not convenient to meet at a member's home. We are a completely relaxed group. Each member brings the book(s) that she has currently been reading and tells the group about it/them. The book can be on any topic, such as poetry, local history, science, fiction, biography, recipes - you name it. We ask questions, add comments and converse about the books. We begin at 1:30 and finish by 4 p.m. after a cup of tea, a cookie, and relaxing conversation. No night driving! Our December meeting will have been decided at our November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Phone or email us to find out the location: Marion W. by phone at 519- 752-2872, or Jean at 519-442-2156, [jeanfarky@xplornet.com](mailto:jeanfarky@xplornet.com). Jean Farquarson



**Knit 'Natter**

Gathering of the "knit wits" at 7:00pm, on Tuesday, November 19 at Rhynda B's (135 Hunter Way).

Bring your project, to be completed or in progress, for the 1 1/2 hour "work and wit" session.

All creations are to be ready for the November 27th General Meeting.

Our knit for the needy will go to Betsy C., Advocacy Chair, who will distribute our scarves, neck warmers, head bands, mittens, and socks (e.g., Why not - homeless youth, BGH - newborn beanies, or various school programmes).

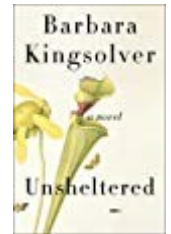
Thanks to all who participated...hope that you have had fun!

Rhynda Bulson

**Monday Evening Book Club:** Next meeting

Monday the 18th at Barb M.'s, at 7:00 p.m.to

discuss "Unsheltered", by Barbara Kingsolver.



**Dining Out:** Wednesday, November 13th is our

Dining Out jaunt to the Rockton Cookhouse for a 12:00 lunch. The Cookhouse is a casual but chic

dining experience. Located between Hamilton and Cambridge, it is a local favourite for a number of our members, and offers everything from salmon, steak, pasta, and one-of-a-kind desserts. Lin Fines

**Creative Cookery:** Wednesday, November 20th is an exploration of fall delights at Gloria Smith's at 6:00p.m.

## May Banquet

The Program Committee is pleased to announce the speaker, **Barbara Hooper**, for our May banquet and annual meeting. Her topic is under discussion. Barbara is Executive VP, Treasury and Corporate Development, TD Bank Group. She joined TD in 1994, holding progressively senior positions and the long list of her current responsibilities is impressive indeed. Despite the heavy work demands, Barbara still finds time to volunteer and to have a family life that includes two children. Barbara was recently recognized as one of Canada's Top 100 most powerful women in the category of women who hold senior positions in Canadian companies. She was honoured for her strategic vision and leadership, her dedication to creating positive social change and helping women achieve the rewards of a fulfilling career, while working tirelessly to create a workplace culture that champions inclusion and diversity. Interesting that her 'Power Song' is RESPECT by Aretha Franklin! Barbara has no doubt coped with many challenges on her rise up the corporate ladder and should be an inspiring speaker. The Banquet is on May 27, 2020. Price per ticket is to be decided on. Printing will be by Janet Rubas, whose creativity and dedication we appreciate.



## 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

### PAST PRESIDENT:

- Penelope Jeffery
- Patti Kunashko

**SECRETARY:** Dian Kuzyk

**TREASURER:** Mieke Schroeder

### STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

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

## November General Meeting:

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Date: November 27, 2019

**Speaker: Janet Kempster**, one of our own members, is a retired senior visual arts teacher, but enjoys keeping a hand in the art room by substituting. She started out as a painter, but turned to photography in the mid-nineties and it quickly became a passion. Paul Klee famously said: "Art does not reproduce the visible, but makes visible." Janet strives, through her photography, 'to make visible' aspects of the world around her that may be overlooked or unseen by others. Her topic is, "The World as I see it", with examples of her spectacular photos.

## Member News:

### Congratulations:

**Mieke Schroeder** received the Donn Zver Love of Literacy Award from the Early Childhood Educators. She also received a Life Time Achievement Award for 40 plus years of service to children and families. So proud! Way to go, Mieke!

**Joyce and Alex Morris** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 29th.

**Get Well Wishes:** All the Best to **Mary Jo Brock** as she rests her heart.

**Thank you:** Sincere thanks to you for all your messages and continuing support through this journey. I cannot possibly express how much it is appreciated and how very much it means to feel so loved & cared for! Love to All! **Karen Williamson**

**Condolences** to **Joan Prior** on the death of her husband, **Al**. They were married for more than 50 years.



**Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

**7:30 pm**

**DUNSDON LEGION**

**9 Toll Gate Road, Brantford**

**\$100/team of four - \$15 charitable receipt per person**

**Invite friends, relatives, co-workers!!**

**FOOD!! PRIZES!! FUN!!**

## Hospitality Team - November

Thank you to the Hospitality Team: Lynn Haylock, Anne Martin, Colette Wilson, Karen Innes and Gay Henley. Thank you ladies for volunteering and contributing goodies... ..  
Norah O'Leary



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