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## President's Report

After a long winter it is wonderful to say hello to spring. Spring flowers are in bloom, trees once again have leaves, robins are busy digging worms, and the days are lovely and long. Best of all, we are now able to meet and greet in person after 2 years of Zoom. After two virtual AGMs, we were able to have an in-person banquet with great food, wonderful company, and super entertainment. Kudos to the Social and Program Committees for putting together an amazing evening. Further, the Blue Lake Picnic is back after a 2-year hiatus--- June 22, 2022.

After two years of lock downs, social distancing and Zoom, I am ready for some face-to-face time with you my CFUW Brantford friends. Not to dismiss the value of zoom, it has been an amazing tool during the pandemic, and zoom certainly has a place in the future of the club, and in the greater society. However, nothing can replace real, in person contact and communication. We just do not chat and talk the same way over Zoom as in-person.

Although, I will admit that I have never really understood Marshall McLuhan's phrase, "the medium is the message", I have been thinking about how Zoom, a medium, structures and defines communication. For me, the biggest difference is that on Zoom we do not see body language or the more subtle nuances of facial expressions in the same way as in face-to-face communication. We simply do not see the nonverbal cues that we, unconsciously, read to place the words said within a larger communication framework. So, I look forward to reading body language again (although it might take a bit to get back in the groove).

So, to all my CFUW friends, enjoy the summer and we will all see one another again in the fall, whether via zoom, in person, or some combination of the two.

*Respectfully submitted, Betsy C.*

## News from National and Ontario Council

**1. The CFUW Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 9 am to 1 pm and the Policy Session is Sunday, August 28, 2022 from 9:30 – 1:30 pm. The AGM will take place via zoom. Watch for workshops in the

days leading up to the AGM including workshops on resolutions, finance, membership, Indigenous film screening, technology and international advocacy. Initial Offerings are as follows:

**a. Introduction to Club President or Leader:** Tuesday, June 21st at 6:30 pm ET and again on Saturday, June 25th at noon ET. [Click here to register!](#)

**b. International Relations Workshop** – Wednesday, June 22 at 7pm ET! [Click here to register!](#)

**2. Women's History Project webinar: History Unfinished: Reclaiming our Place** -- Mon. June 20, 4 to 6pm ET

This free, virtual Indigenous Women's Circle will honour Indigenous women activists, chiefs, and storytellers on Monday, June 20th from 4 to 6pm ET to coincide with National Indigenous Peoples Day. [Click here to learn more & register!](#)

**3.** Please see the following links should you wish to sign the following parliamentary petitions:

**a. GUARANTEED INCOME:** This parliamentary petition calls upon the Government of Canada to implement a Guaranteed Livable Income for all Canadians. [Click here to sign.](#)

**b. SINGLE-USE PLASTICS:** This parliamentary petition calls upon the Government of Canada to strengthen regulatory definitions to include more harmful single-use plastic items and close loopholes that currently allow plastic items to be replaced & other plastic waste initiatives. [Click here to sign.](#)

**4. The Ontario Council AGM** was held via zoom on May 14, 2022. The organization appears to be in a healthy financial position, having an excess revenue over expenses of \$11, 109.00, despite membership in the member Ontario clubs having fallen by 81 members from last year.



To our outgoing Executive members who have worked hard to make our club rewarding for its members, especially during the Covid-19 years.

Thanking our departing executive members: Brenda Malvern, Anne Martin, Jane Binkley, Naomi Kral, and Gay Henley. We appreciate all you have done!

## LTC Ad Hoc Committee Reading Recommendation

### How Ontario's elder-care policies favour for-profit homes

BY KAREN HOWLETT

*Globe & Mail – May 21, 2022, updated May 24, 2022*

This analysis of the Ontario Government's approach to funding for long term care is concerning. It shows that less than 50% of the funding promised is going to non-profit homes and the rest is going to for-profit care home chains. It explores the continuing problems with staffing and should concern us all.

[How Ontario's elder-care policies favour for-profit homes - The Globe and Mail](#)

Sandra H., committee member



Many thanks to the Interest group contacts and participants who provide news and pictures for the newsletter. If your Interest Group is finding another way to stay connected in this time of lockdown, let me know. If you have updates about members re: important family or personal events like births, deaths, marriages, special celebrations to share with the members, send them also to Sandra H.

Articles and photos for the September Newsletter should be submitted between Friday September 2nd and September 9th.

# Annual Blue Lake Picnic

**Wednesday, June 22nd**  
**at the home of Pat Clemons**

**4:00 – 6:00 Swimming & conversation**  
**6:00 Potluck Dinner**

### Please bring:

a Potluck dish

plate, cup, and cutlery

perhaps some wine

lawn chair

**a bathing suit and towel for a dip in the lake (for the brave ones!)**

### DIRECTIONS:

- Go north on 24 toward Cambridge
- Turn left onto Blue Lake Rd.
- **Follow for 3 km until you come to an open wrought iron gate on the north side – number 501**
- Enter and follow the driveway
- **Watch for a split in the drive**
- Follow the centre drive to the white house



## Interest Groups & AGM and Banquet

### Monday Night Book Group:

The group met in person at Barb M's on May 16th to have a free-ranging discussion of books members found to be good reading. The next meeting will be at Naomi K's on June 20th, to discuss **If You Want to Make God Laugh** by Bianca Marais. Kay R.

### Thursday Night Book Group:

The group met in May to select the books they will read for next year and agreed to share the titles so that avid readers who are not in the group can pursue these recommended titles if they are interested:

#### A Narrow Door by Joanne Harris

A Quantum Life: My Unlikely Journey from the Street to the Stars by Hakeem Oluseyi and Joshua Horwit

#### Five Little Indians by Michelle Good

#### Red Notice by Bill Browder

#### Scarborough by Catherine Hernandez

#### The Kitchen Front by Jennifer Ryan

#### The Madness of Crowds by Louise Penny

#### The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

#### The Prairie Chicken Dance Tour by Dawn Dumont

Janet R.

### Biking Group:

On the morning of June 10th members Anne M., Karen I., Penelope J., and Linda S. enjoyed a beautiful day for cycling. Anne M.



### Games Group:

The Games Group got to meet outside in May and had a rousing game of Wizards while partaking of treats purchased at the Windmill Country Store. Weather was perfect and the construction made for interesting ambience. Many thanks to Teddy B. who hosted and to Barb S. who will be taking over the management of the group from Marsha S. for the coming year.

Marsha S.



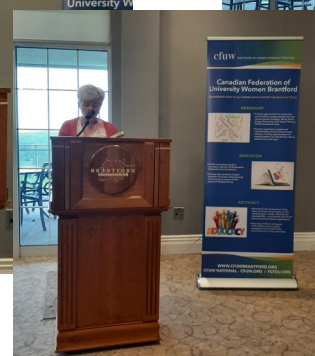
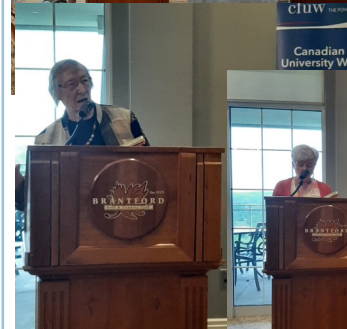
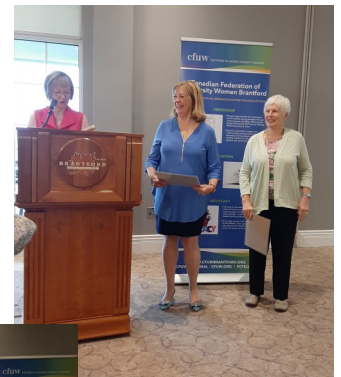
## AGM and Banquet

Thirty four members came out to the Brantford Golf and Country Club to enjoy an evening of friends, food and fun. The May Banquet/AGM was hosted by Betsy. Several members received a Certificate of Recognition for their long time of service to the club.

The buffet meal and desserts were very tasty. Quite a few members sang along with the local group, Pleasant Ridge, our entertainment after our meal and meeting. The table flowers were planted in dirt, ready to be won, taken home and planted. The level of the chatting indicated how happy we all were to be meeting in person.

Thanks

Your Social Committee





## 2022 –2023 EXECUTIVE

### PRESIDENT IN NAME:

- Elizabeth Capitano

### PAST PRESIDENT:

- Lin Fines

### ROTATING PRESIDENTIAL TEAM:

- Elizabeth Capitano
- Lin Fines
- Maria Timmons
- Janet Kempster
- Anne Martin
- Catherine Sawyer
- Bev Golden

### SECRETARY:

Lin Fines/Maria Timmons

**TREASURER:** Maria Timmons

### STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- Advocacy:** TBD
- Communications:** Sandra Hughes
- Interest Groups:** Roma Makkreel
- Membership:** Dian Kuzyk
- Program:** Jennifer DeAlwis/Linda Tripp
- Scholarship:** Janet Kempster/Lynda Stamer
- Social:** Bev Golden

### CFUW Brantford General Meeting September 28, 2022

The first General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28, at Thorpe's Coach House (and on Zoom we hope).

#### Meeting Dates for 2022 –2023

September 28, 2022

October 26, 2022

November 23, 2022

December Social: Date and Location TBD

January 25, 2023

February 22, 2023

March 22, 2023

April 26, 2023

May 24, 2023 : Banquet and AGM

## Congratulations

I was talking on the phone to Marion W. a few days ago. She was all excited. Her sister, who passed away a few years ago, and her husband are to be buried in Arlington Cemetery in Washington in June. Her sister's husband was a senior officer in U.S. armed forces. The ceremony will include a 21-gun salute and the folding of the flag.

Marion's daughter and Marion will drive to Washington for the ceremony and then go on a tour on the East Coast of the U.S.  
Jean F.

## My Pride and Joy!

My 8th grandchild arrived on May 8th - Bodie James Ling!

What a precious Mother's Day gift!

Parents and siblings all doing well waiting for a turn to carry him.  
Jean L.



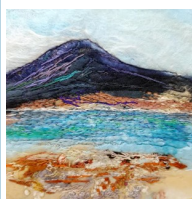
## Fun in the Sun

Nora L., Tish J., Jean L., and Patti K. took Joan H. and Marg S. for lunch at Fume. Joan and Marg had a lovely time and were happy to enjoy time with fellow CFUW members.



## Program for September 28, 2022

Jennifer Budd, a fabric artist from Paris, describes her work as Woolscapes, landscapes or flowers created with felted wool that look like paintings. Her work is now available in digital reproductions on cushion covers and other items.



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