



CFUW Brantford Annual Reports 2023

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
May 24, 2023
Brantford Golf & Country Club**



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3. AGENDA - CFUW BRANTFORD 2023 AGM

1. Call to Order: Betsy Capitano

1.1. Land Acknowledgement:

To begin, we recognize that the lands under our feet are the traditional territories of the Neutral, Anishnabe and Houdenasaunee people. These peoples are the original caretakers of these territories. We support the Truth and Reconciliation process, and hope that diverse peoples may better share the land, its wealth and incredible resources.

1.2. Confirm Quorum and welcome Guests

2. Remembrance of Marg Simpson: Diane Morgan

3. Appointment of the Parliamentarian: Betsy Capitano:

Motion to appoint Rhynda Bulson as Parliamentarian for the 2023 AGM

Voting: 'members in good standing'

4. Approval of Agenda for the Annual General Meeting 2023: Betsy Capitano

5. Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2022: Betsy Capitano

6. Acceptance of Committee Reports and Initiatives (Pages 6-17): Betsy Capitano

7. Approval of Financial Reports (Pages 18-19): Maria Timmons

8. Approval of 2023-24 Budget (Pages 20-21): Maria Timmons

9. Approval of Signing Officers for 2023-24

Motion: That as of June 1, 2023, the signing officers for CFUW Brantford are as follows:

- for the General Account: Elizabeth Capitano, Linore Fines and Maria Timmons

- for the Scholarship Account: Elizabeth Capitano, Karen Innes and Maria Timmons

10. Nominations (Pages 22-23):

10.1 Presentation of the Roster of Candidates: Dannie Angevine (for Teddy Buzek)

10.2 Call for additional nominees

10.3 Vote/Motion to accept the roster of nominees for 2023-24

11. CFUW Brantford Delegates for CFUW National: Betsy Capitano

12. Membership Service Awards: Dian Kuzyk

13. Thanking the 2022-23 Leadership Team and Committees: Presidents of the Month

14. Announcements: Betsy Capitano

14.1 Joint Meeting of 2022-23 and 2023-24 Executives

Wednesday, June 14th at 2:00 pm at Lin Fines' home

14.2 Blue Lake Picnic - Wed. June 28th 4 - 8 pm at Pat Clemons' home

14.3 Next General Meeting: Wednesday, September 27th at 7 pm

Hybrid meeting (at Thorpe's Carriage House and by Zoom)

15. Adjournment: Betsy Capitano



4. CFUW BRANTFORD
MINUTES: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022
May 25th, 2022
Brantford Golf and Country Club

Commencement : 4 PM

Dinner : 5 PM

1. Call to Order and welcome: Betsy Capitano
2. Land Acknowledgement:
3. Check for Quorum - Quorum met
4. Remembrance of Melodie Daboll: Jane Binkley and Nora Fueten gave touching tributes.
5. Appointment of Parliamentarian: Betsy Capitano
As Lin Fines was unable to attend the meeting due to a family commitment Betsy Capitano recommended that we proceed without an appointment of a parliamentarian for the meeting.
6. Approval of agenda for the Annual General Meeting 2022: Betsy Capitano
 - 6.1 Motion: That the agenda for the Annual General Meeting 2022 be accepted
Moved by: Betsy Capitano Seconded by: Norah O'Leary Motion Carried
7. Approval of minutes of Annual General Meeting 2021: Betsy Capitano
 - 7.1 Motion: That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021 be accepted as printed.
Moved by: Betsy Capitano Seconded by: Anne Martin Motion Carried
8. Acceptance of Committee and Ad Hoc Reports: Betsy Capitano
 - 8.1 Motion: That the Reports be accepted as printed.
Moved by: Betsy Capitano Seconded by: Jane Binkley Motion Carried
9. Presentation of Financial Reports and the Budget: Maria Timmons
Maria provided highlights of the reports and budget documents that are in the AGM Booklet.
 - 9.1 Motion: That the Financial Reports be accepted as printed.
Moved by: Maria Timmons Seconded by: Betsy Capitano Motion Carried
 - 9.2 Motion: That the Budget for 2022-2023 be approved.
Moved by: Maria Timmons Seconded by: Betsy Capitano Motion Carried
 - 9.3 Motion: That as of June 1, 2022 the signing officers for the CFUW General Account are Elizabeth Capitano, Linore Fines and Maria Timmons. That as of June 1, 2022 the signing officers for the CFUW Scholarship Account and the Maple Arbor Scholarship

Fund are Elizabeth Capitano, Janet Kempster/Linda Stamer and Maria Timmons.

Moved by: Maria Timmons Seconded by: Betsy Capitano Motion Carried 10.

10. Nominating Committee Report: Norah O'Leary

10.1 Presentation of the Report

10.2 Requests for additional nominees was requested 3 times. No additional nominees.

10.3 Motion: That the nominees for 2022-2023 be acclaimed.

Moved by: Norah O'Leary Seconded by: Maria Timmons Motion Carried

11. Outstanding Business:

11.1 Approval of Trivia Night Initiative: Lynn Haylock

Motion: That the Trivia Night Initiative on the 2nd Wednesday in February 2023 be approved.

Moved by: Lynn Haylock Seconded by: Betsy Capitano Motion Carried

11.2 Voting delegate to the CFUW AGM to be determined, Betsy Capitano requested a volunteer to attend the AGM which will be via Zoom as she is unable to attend. She requested that anyone who is interested to let a member of the executive know.

12. Thanking our departing executive members: Brenda Malvern, Anne Martin, Jane Binkley, Naomi Krall, Gay Henley

13. Overview of Year and Thank You: Betsy Capitano; Betsy acknowledged that we are almost out of COVID restrictions and is looking forward to next year when we can go back to meeting face to face.

14. Announcements : Betsy Capitano

14.1 Blue Lake Picnic ... June 22, 2022 : Pat Clemons' flyers placed on tables with details.

14.2 Joint Executive Meeting via ZOOM, June 8, 2022 for past and newly elected executive

14.3 Send Newsletter articles by June 10, 2022 to Sandra Hughes
sandhugh2@hotmail.com

14.4 Next General Meeting on September 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Location, format, and procedures to be determined.

15. Honouring Milestone members: Dian Kuzyk presented certificates in person to the following honorees: Catherine Sawyer, Bev Golden, Margot Kneale, Roma Makkreel, Brenda Malvern.

16. Adjournment of business meeting : Betsy Capitano

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Hanley, Secretary



5. REPORTS

CFUW BRANTFORD ANNUAL REPORTS 2022-23

5.1 PRESIDENT IN NAME

This has been a wonderful year for the Brantford club as we slowly return to the “new” normal. CFUW Brantford has welcomed new members, has been able to enjoy in-person events and attend hybrid General Meetings.

This past year brought back many of our in-person celebrations — the Blue Lake Picnic, the Seasonal Celebration and our annual meeting where we were wonderfully entertained with music. Our club is now 77 years young and going strong.

This year saw a move to hybrid general meetings which allowed those unable to attend in person to enjoy our meetings and the wonderful speakers we have heard this year. Hybrid meetings have been very handy when inclement weather has struck as we can simply move the meeting to Zoom instead of cancelling.

The executive meets by Zoom and this is working very well . As a club we are continuing with the President of the Month system which seems to be working very well.

Interest Groups are meeting again, and where in-person has not been possible, again Zoom has allowed members to keep connected with those in their respective interest groups.

This year, once again, saw our club members generously donating to our local women’s shelter and the long-awaited return of our club’s Trivia Night fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund was a great success.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Capitano, President – CFUW Brantford



5.2 ADVOCACY

While the Advocacy Committee did not operate in 2022-23 in a formal way, our members focused on educating themselves about local and global issues, used their expertise to advocate for change, and were involved in focusing on women's issues such as violence against women, pay equity, and childcare.

Our President in Name, Betsy Capitano, led our club's participation in the National resolutions process. Betsy's background as a lawyer was a great benefit, and we received a high level of appreciation from clubs initiating resolutions in 2022, stating that our club's feedback and recommendations helped them clarify and tighten their resolutions. Betsy is currently leading our review of the 2023 resolutions.

CFUW National and Ontario Council offered opportunities to participate in advocacy-related topics, including Zoom education, webinars, meetings, and petition-signing. Topics included climate control, development of the green belt, MAID, gun control, abortion, long term care, wage parity, concerns about privatization of education and health, to mention a few.

Our members have contributed generously over the years to the local women's shelter, Nova Vita, and continued our involvement this year through their *Hope for the Holidays* initiative.

Many of our members attended International Women's Day events, and supported other CFUW clubs with their initiatives to mark the day.

Our Interest Group, "World Awareness" met monthly by Zoom with the objective of broadening their understanding of local, national and international issues with focus on topics related to the political scene, health care, and long term care.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lin Fines, Leadership Team*



5.3 COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Committee members provided a lifeline for our club during the Covid-19 pandemic to keep us connected. We are now looking forward to building our communications network to connect with prospective new members. Communications have included:

1. The monthly newsletter, edited by Sandra Hughes, proofed by Anne Martin and Carol Kent and distributed by email and on our website by Marsha Skrypuch and on our Facebook page by Mary Pitchford. Welcome to our new proof-reader, Naomi Krall, who takes over from Carol as she moves on to other contributions to our club.
2. The CFUW Brantford website, created and published by Marsha Skrypuch. (See Marsha and Mary's report after 3. below.)
3. The CFUW Brantford Facebook page edited by Mary Pitchford.
(Report: Social media works best with constantly changing image-based news items. With in-person social gatherings now standard, our website has been rejigged to feature new posts over static information and this helps it aggregate higher for Google searches when people are looking for Brantford clubs. The Facebook feed works in a parallel way and has also benefited from increased photos of club activity.)
4. The Zoom meetings for Executive and General meetings, created and facilitated by Anne Martin. Individual Interest Group Zoom meetings were facilitated by Group chairs including Jean Ling for Creative Cookery, Kay Ruuska and Barb Melara, Roma Makkreel and Bev Golden, and Marsha Skrypuch for the various Book Groups, and Nora Fueten for World Awareness.
5. Outreach and Goodwill, managed by Gloria Smith and Leslie Leach, respectively.
6. Dropbox, managed by Dian Kuzyk for part of this CFUW year. She has passed the role on to Maria Timmons.
7. Publicity for events and projects has been handled by the organizers of each event or project.

We are currently investigating additional avenues of communication, including local newspapers, additional social media, and connections with other clubs/groups in the community.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Hughes, Chair, Communications Committee*



5.4 INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Groups continue to be an important part of belonging to CFUW with many members belonging to more than one group. It is a wonderful way to socialize and get to know other members of the club. During this past year there have been more in-person meetings as Covid became less of a concern. However, Zoom meetings have continued in many cases, either through preference, weather concerns or convenience, to name a few of the reasons.

The **Biking Group** met weekly from May until October, meeting for a ride around the Grand River Loop or on various trails in and around Brantford including nearby communities. Rides are approximately 20 km, at a senior pace, with flexible dates and times.

The **Walking Group** met weekly all year round, at the Rotary Bike Park off Grand River Ave. in the winter and various trails in good weather. Members often meet after the walk for a social time at a local Tim Hortons.

The **Golf Group** met monthly at Fescue's Edge during the golf season, and sometimes as early as April for a round of nine holes followed by an enjoyable time afterwards on the deck.

There are **three book groups**: The **Monday Afternoon** Group met monthly, with meetings varying from Zoom to in-person over a late lunch at Symposium Café. This group discussed various books that they read in the past month. The **Monday and Thursday Evening Groups** met on a monthly basis, again with meetings varying from Zoom to in-person meetings at a member's home. Discussion was based on one book from a predetermined list made at a yearly planning meeting. In most cases, discussions are lively and very often veer off the actual book topic.

Bridge Group members chose to continue playing online monthly with two games, one at 1:00 followed by a quick break, then a second one at 2:15. By playing on line, they were able to talk to each other and discuss the various plays at the end of each hand.

Creative Cooking Group met monthly via Zoom on the third Wednesday other than the first meeting of the season when they met at Lin's house. Meetings consisted of recipe sharing as well as lively conversations.

Once Covid restrictions were lifted, the **Dining Out Group** became very active with flexible dates and times. They dined at the Twisted Lemon, Good Earth Winery, Langdon Hall, Gran Sasso, The Olde School, La Cantinella, Devlins and The Cambridge Mill, sharing great conversation and delicious meals.

Food with Thought Group met monthly on the second Thursday in various members' homes for pot luck dinners and conversation, both serious and entertaining.

INTEREST GROUPS continued

This year, **The Daytrippers** were inactive because some locations were not able to host groups. However, plans are to have activities begin again in the fall.

The Games Group met twice a month, the second Thursday and the fourth Monday at 1:30 p.m. playing both new and old games. Games took place outdoors in good weather and indoors at members' homes in the colder weather.

The World Awareness group met monthly on Zoom on the third Monday at 9:30 a.m. discussing a wide range of topics including the world political scene, healthcare and long-term care, as well as other issues that impact members more directly. A great opportunity to get to know each other and to broaden understandings of current topics.

Thank you to organizers and participants who continue to attend and support other members' participation by providing transportation, encouragement, organization and leadership. Special thanks to the chairs/organizers of the individual interest groups: Karen Innes, Jean Farquharson, Kay Ruuska, Barb Mayo-Melara, Bev Golden, Marla Merritt, Jean Ling, Lynn Haylock, Lin Fines, Barb Scott, Marsha Skrypuch, Maria Timmons, and Nora Fueten.

*Respectfully submitted,
Roma Makkreel, Chair, Interest Groups*



5.5 MEMBERSHIP

As of April 2023, there are 73 members in CFUW Brantford.

Welcome to our 4 new members, Wendy Bethune, Lee Ann Chan, Arlene Cass, and Colleen Pease. We know that additional new members will be joining in 2023-24.

Renewals of memberships for 2023-2024, are due by May 30, 2023. Forms may be completed electronically and emailed back to me this year. Or you may choose to mail or drop them off in my mailbox at Dian Kuzyk, 1 Oakley Rd., Brantford, N3T 5J9. Your payment can be e-transferred to Maria Timmons mtimmons4653@gmail.com or mailed or brought to her home at 40-11 Heath St, Brantford, N3T 0N7.

The Interest Forms can be completed electronically and emailed to Roma Makkreel. romamakkreel@hotmail.com or mailed or brought to 12 Tutela Heights Rd, Brantford, N3T 1A1.

Of course, you may elect to print, complete, and bring both forms to our April General Meeting or the May AGM banquet.

In celebration of the Length of Membership, the following certificates will be presented at the banquet on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at the Brantford Golf and Country Club.

The following members will be celebrated:

50 years. Patricia Clemons

45 years. Jane Binkley

45 years. Jean Ling

40 years. Margaret SimpSon

30 years. Marion Weir

A big thank you to Marsha Skrypuch who has revised the membership list using Google Docs rather than Dropbox. She is a welcome and great help to the Membership team.

Respectfully submitted,

Dian Kuzyk, Chair, Membership



5.6 PROGRAM

The Program Committee this year was comprised of mostly new members, Colette Wilson, Bev Osborn, and Linda Tripp. However, we are grateful for those who went before us. They offered help and advice along the way so that we were able to bring some very interesting, talented, and inspirational speakers to our monthly general meetings. Plans are already in place for more great speakers starting in September along with two new members who have joined our Committee – Dian Kuzyk and Lynda Stamer.

September 2022

Jennifer Budd, a resident of Paris gave a truly beautiful presentation of her fibre art (not to be confused with fabric art). She described her work as Woolsapes, landscapes or flowers created with felted wool that look like paintings. She wove into her talk information about how the demand for wool has changed and how the industry has accommodated that change. Her work is now available in digital reproduction on cushion covers and other items.

October 2022

Member-Supported NGOs – four CFUW members presented an overview of international NGOs with whom they are connected. Each received an equal share of money that was allocated for international advocacy as part of our annual dues.

Bev Golden represented **CUSO Int'l**, a Canadian organization she served with as a young woman and has supported since. CUSO was created in 1961 by a group of university graduates working to end poverty and inequality globally.

Lynda Stamer (on behalf of Barbara Mayo Melara) spoke about **Amarok**, a Canadian charity which operates in Bangladesh. Mothers are taught, and they in turn teach five children every day in “micro schools”. Barbara visits Bangladesh, and supports the **Libby Women’s School** named after her mother.

Evelyn Picketts shared information about **The Home of Hope** in Malawi. Founded in 1998, this home has nurtured hundreds of AIDS orphans aged infancy to the end of high school. Encouraged by Jane Graves, formerly of Brantford, Evelyn has travelled, volunteered, and taught at the Home 13 times, bringing with her funds to purchase things like mosquito nets, school supplies and even a van.

Colette Wilson (on behalf of Joan Prior) told us about **Canadian Nurses for Africa**. This young Canadian NGO was founded in 2007 to provide free medical, preventative, and sustainable health care to communities in Africa, primarily in rural Kenya. Canadian nurses pay their own way each year to assess and then treat thousands of patients. Joan is only sorry she is not young enough now to participate directly.

November 2022

Human Trafficking — a blight on our society, was the topic this month and was brought into sharp focus by **Hannah Blackburn**, Police Officer with Brantford Police Services, and **Shelly Prendergast**, a Victim Support worker with Victim Services of Brant. The target of traffickers is mainly women and young girls, often very young. They shared statistics and real-life situations through stories and a power point. Our members expressed gratitude for their commitment as they work to gain the trust of affected persons and families so they can then refer them to appropriate community agencies, as well as their ongoing efforts to educate the public.

January 2023

Karen Burke gave an uplifting and fascinating presentation that wove together her love and knowledge of gospel music with her amazing family history which harkens back to the Underground Railway. Dr. Burke is Professor of Music at York University, co-founder and leader of the Juno-award winning Toronto Mass Choir, and the York University Gospel Choir; and is herself, a Harry Jerome Award winner. Karen also happens to have been raised in Brantford by parents who were highly respected for their contributions to Brantford's educational system and music culture.

February 2023

Dr. David McNeil is CEO of the Brant Community Healthcare System. Rather than cancel the meeting due to terrible weather, David rose to the occasion and gave his presentation via Zoom, which members deeply appreciated. He explained all the changes that have occurred over the last few years, as well as how the hospital is evolving to address the needs of our growing community. This included the re-development of the Emergency Department and a new hospital tower. During a lively Q and A Dr McNeil addressed a variety of issues related to the hospital and its future.

March 2023

Dana Church reminded us of the vital role that bumblebees and bees in general play in our world. Despite being such relatively small insects, they help keep nature in balance. She reaffirmed this fine balance throughout her informative slide presentation. She left us with a challenge to do our small part in the fight to reverse climate change, such as embracing a NO MOW MAY to allow bees and other insects access to flowers we consider weeds. We need to give up our notion of a perfect lawn and stop polluting the earth with more chemicals. It was a sobering yet inspirational presentation.

April 2023

Peggy Edwards is a retired consultant, writer on aging, and an activist for the rights of older people. Through her interactive presentation, she addressed questions like: What is ageism? How does it affect the well-being of people as they grow older? How has it affected us personally? She also discussed how lifelong learning and intergenerational solidarity can help deal with and combat ageism. We also had a few laughs as we looked at the intersection of ageism, sexism and humour.

May 2023

For the second year in a row, it was decided to provide musical entertainment instead of the usual key note speaker. The pandemic and weather have limited the number of in-person events, and our members were very grateful for the opportunity to ‘optimize their social time’ and enjoy musical talent. This year, **Dave Jensen** is the featured musical artist.

*Respectfully submitted,
Linda Tripp, Chair, Program Committee*



5.7 SCHOLARSHIP

The 2022 Award B Scholarship of \$1000 was presented to Paramjit Kaur who is studying at Athabasca University in the Bachelor of Nursing program. There were three Scholarship A winners: Carmen Dao at Pauline Johnson Collegiate & VS, Vibha Koottala at Assumption College, and Alexa Windle of The Brantford Collegiate & VS. Each student received \$1000.

A special thanks goes to all the dedicated committee members.

Trustee members are: Co-Chairs Lynda Stamer and Janet Kempster, Lin Fines, Maria Timmons and Brenda Malvern.

Members are: Teddy Buzek, Carol Kent, Barb Melara-Mayo, Joyce Morris and Mary Pitchford.

Thank you to all those members who worked so hard to make the Trivia Night such a success, raising a record \$3,232.37 that - combined with the donations from annual dues and in-memoriam donations, contributed to the annual amount of \$4,777.59 for the Scholarship Fund.

The committee’s thanks also go to CFUW Brantford members who gave generously to the Fund through their membership application fees.

*Respectfully submitted,
Janet Kempster and Lynda Stamer, Co-Chairs, Scholarship Committee*



5.8 SOCIAL

Covid and weather impacted our monthly meetings this year, necessitating Zoom only meetings in addition to the Hybrid meetings (combination of Zoom and in-person) when possible.

Those who helped the social aspect of the General Meetings are as follows:

September – The Executive provided the treats and, due to Covid precautions, instead of the planned anniversary cake, substituted cupcakes.

October – Norah O’Leary and Sandra Hughes brought treats to our hybrid meeting.

November – Anne Martin and Arlene Cass provided the treats for our hybrid meeting.

December – Anne Martin graciously hosted our Christmas party - plenty of food, good conversation and members dressed in festive Christmas sweaters.

January – A Zoom meeting

February – A Zoom meeting

March – Lin Fines and Gay Henley brought the treats.

April – Barb Perry and Linda Tripp provided the treats.

May – The May Banquet will be held at the Brantford Golf and Country Club on May 24th. After the buffet dinner and short business meeting, we will be entertained by a musical group.

We thank all those who signed up to bring treats, (two members per meeting now), and those who helped to set up and/or stayed to help clean up.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Golden, Norah O’Leary, Bev Osborn and Cath Sawyer, Social Committee



6. INITIATIVES

Our membership approves projects each year that we support as a club. Typically, the undertaking is to raise money for our Scholarship Fund or to meet a community need that aligns with our focus on the rights, freedoms and education of women and girls.

6.1 Nova Vita - Hope for the Holidays - December 2022

It has long been our Club's tradition to support Nova Vita, Brantford's local women's shelter. In 2022, for the third year since Covid struck, Nova Vita was at capacity and struggling to support the terrific increase in domestic violence that escalated during the pandemic. Not able to offer traditional fund-raising events because they involved social gatherings, their campaign, *Hope for the Holidays*, solicited gift cards and monetary donations for clients and families over the holiday season. Our members donated \$1,850.00 to *Hope for the Holidays*. In addition, individual members and their families also support Nova Vita with monthly contributions, and with sponsoring a family over Christmas.

Thank you for your community spirit, compassion, and generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Fines, Bev Golden, Janet Kempster, Maria Timmins

Nova Vita Hope for the Holidays Committee

6.2 CFUW Brantford Trivia Night - February 2023

CFUW Brantford held its fourteenth annual Trivia Night on Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 at the Dunsdon Legion, 9 Tollgate Rd. in Brantford. Because of the pandemic, this event was the first since 2020 and was our most successful to date with 30 teams registered. The weather cooperated and, because of e-transfer, the registration went much more quickly and smoothly. The entry fee was \$25 per person (\$100 per team) and a charitable receipt for \$15 was given to each competitor. There was a cash bar throughout the evening and complimentary pizza and pop at the end. Participants commented very favourably on the questions! This year we provided paper copies of the questions which proved to be very popular. There were 10 rounds of 10 questions per round. After a play-off for first place, the top three teams were awarded cash prizes totaling \$240. 27 door prizes, generously donated by club members, were given out throughout the evening.

The organizing committee consisted of Lynn Haylock, Dian Kuzyk, Brenda Malvern, and Colette Wilson. They were responsible for booking the venue, promoting the event, deciding on questions, typing up question sheets, running off print materials, designing a poster, making up packages for teams, requesting and collecting prizes, registering teams, keeping records, running the event, writing out receipts, arranging for pizza, preparing a financial report, and sending out thank you letters to donors. Colette drew up the large scoresheets and posters were put up around town. This year, Patti Kunashko did the receipts and because the majority of prizes were donated by members, there were very few thank you letters sent out. Volunteers were Rhynda Bulson, Lynne Duncombe, Angela Huntjens, Karen Innes, Roma Makkreel, Suzanne Mitchell,

Joyce Morris, Barb Perry, Mieke Schroeder, Gloria Smith, Lynda Stamer, and Maria Timmons. They greeted competitors, set up the hall, collected and marked answer sheets, totalled and recorded team scores, sold tickets/books, handled the finances, helped distribute prizes and served pizza. A wine and cheese event was held at the home of Dian Kuzyk in appreciation and celebration on March 1.

A sincere thank you is, once again, extended to Domino's Pizza for the donation of the pizza. Thank you also to those who attended and to members who donated prizes and made financial contributions. Approximately 30 members were involved as organizers, volunteers or participants.

The **"Heads or Tails"** game was, as usual, great fun and was enjoyed by all. Trivia participants who wanted to be involved were invited to make a donation of at least a toonie to the Scholarship Fund. The last person left standing won a \$100 gift certificate to *The Keg*. Thank you to Ted McCleister and the staff of McCleister Funeral Home for their ongoing support. **\$166.70** was collected. We also had a raffle for 27 draw prizes with tickets being sold for \$2 each or 3/\$5. This brought in **\$359.25**. For the 5th year, a Book Sale organized by Barb Perry added another **\$258.75** to our coffers. Donations totaling **\$420.00** were received. Once again, the Dunsdon Legion gave us a charitable rate of \$150 + HST for the use of the hall.

A profit of **\$3,232.37** was realized which has been deposited into the Scholarship account.

WINNERS - First – Mark Francombe, Sue Bouwer, Mary Ann MacLennan, John Pacsutta

Second – Betsy Capitano, Alec Fiszauf, Donna Tiqui-Shebib, Derrik Shebib

Third – Chris Smith, Richard Beales, Nancy Billard, David Judd

Trivia Night has brought in a total of \$29,590.27 for the Scholarship Fund since 2008.

Financial Report for Trivia Night – February 8, 2023

Income

Registration fees	\$2,875.00 (28 X \$100 + 1 x \$75)
Heads or Tails	166.70
Draw tickets (raffle)	359.25
Book Sale	258.75
Donations	420.00
TOTAL	\$4,079.70

Expenses

Prize money	240.00
Rental of Dunsdon Legion	169.50 (150 rental + 19.50 HST)
Bartender	62.00
Soft drinks	184.00
Tip for Pizza delivery	30.00
Tip for Bartender	30.00
Expenses	131.83 (*see below)
TOTAL	\$847.33

PROFIT \$3,232.37

*Misc. expenses: Please note: Some photocopying and mailing costs were donated.

Photocopying	106.52 (question sheets)
Printing	25.31 (posters, answer sheets, rules, etc.)
	131.83

Respectfully submitted by the Trivia Night Committee

Lynn Haylock, Dian Kuzyk, Brenda Malvern, Colette Wilson



7. FINANCIALS

7.1 CFUW BRANTFORD FINANCIAL REPORT 2022 - 2023

CFUW Brantford General Account		
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements		
for the year ended April 30, 2023		
Balance per Bank	19,851.42	Chequing Account 3469.31
1-May-22		Member Shares 25.00
		Investments 16357.11
Receipts		NOTES
Membership Fees	7,695.60	72 members @ 106.00, 1 @ 63.60
Scholarship Portion of Membership Fees	1,090.00	72 members @15, 1 @10
Additional Scholarship Donations from Fees	1,337.00	
Bank Interest on Chequing Account	3.28	
Bank Interest on Investments	654.28	The interest on Investments doesn't show in the chequing account. \$654.28 can be seen on October bank statement.
Total Receipts	10,780.16	
Disbursements		
CFUW National Fees	3,960.00	Based on 72 members
CFUW Ont. Council Fees & Insurance	450.00	
Scholarship Portion of Fees	1,080.00	\$10 from partial fee will be transferred with next years fees
Extra Scholarship Donations from Fees	1,337.00	
Conferences	-	
Program Expenses	600.00	
Postage, Photocopying, P.O. Box, Financial Review	349.05	
Website Expenses	578.86	
Miscellaneous	328.13	Hybrid meeting equipment
Other	732.76	Banquet Subsidy
Zoom Subscription	226.00	Zoom Costs
Donation of GWI Refund to International charities	3,200.00	includes amount from 2021-2022 membership fees
Bank Service Charges	47.40	
Total Disbursements	12,889.20	
Balance per Bank	17,742.38	Chequing Account 705.99
30-Apr-23		Member Shares 25.00
		Investments 17011.39



7.2 SCHOLARSHIP REPORT 2022 - 2023

CFUW Brantford Scholarship Account		
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements		
For the Year ended April 30, 2023		
Opening Bank Balance	16,618.00	Chequing 4424.83
1-May-22		Investment 3230.87
		Investment 4937.30
		Investment 4000.00
		Member Share 25.00
Receipts		NOTES
Receipted Scholarship Donations from fees	1,080.00	72 members @15
Receipted Scholarship Donations (other)	1,337.00	additional donations from members
Non-receipted Scholarship Donations	-	
Trivia Night Fundraiser	4,129.70	
Investment Income	239.68	The interest on Investments doesn't show in the chequing account. 44.00 can be seen on August bank statement, 96.93 on September, and \$98.75 on October.
Interest	2.24	
Total Receipts	6,788.62	
Disbursements		
Scholarships	4,000.00	
Copying	62.15	tax receipt forms
Postage & Mailbox	51.97	
Financial Review	-	paid for by General Account
Fundraising Expenses	845.33	
Miscellaneous	-	
Bank Service Charges	47.40	
Total Disbursements	5,006.85	
Closing Bank Balance	18,399.77	Chequing 5966.92, Investment 3327.80
30-Apr-23		Investment 5036.05, Investment 4044.00
		Member Share 25.00

Financial Reports 7.1 and 7.2 respectfully submitted, Maria Timmons, Treasurer



7.3 CFUW BRANTFORD BUDGET 2023 - 2024 INCOME

INCOME DETAILS	2023-2024 Budget	NOTES 23-24	2022-2023 Budget	NOTES 22-23	ACTUAL at Apr 30, 2023	NOTES Actual
<i>Annual Banquet</i>						Self-funding
<i>Membership Dues</i>	\$7,420.00	Assume 70 members @ \$106	\$8,480.00	80 members @ \$106	\$7,695.60	72 members @ \$106, 1 @ \$63.60
<i>Scholarship Portion from Dues</i>	\$1,050.00	70 members @ \$15	\$1,200.00	80 members @ \$15	\$1,090.00	72 members @ \$15, 1 @ \$10
<i>Extra Scholarship Donations from Dues</i>	\$500.00		\$500.00		\$1,337.00	\$1173 in extra donations with fees plus in memory donations of \$164
<i>Bank Interest</i>	\$783.44	4.6% Term Deposit, plus avg\$0.12 per month on Chequeing Account	\$390.00		\$657.56	Investment Interest \$654.28; Chequing Interest \$3.21
Total income:	\$9,753.44		\$10,570.00		\$10,780.16	



7.3 CFUW BRANTFORD BUDGET 2023 - 2024 EXPENSES

EXPENSE DETAILS	2023-24 Budget	NOTES 23-24	2022-2023 Budget	NOTES 22-23	2022-23 Actual	NOTES
CFUW National	\$3850.00	assume 70 members,	\$4400.00	assume 80 mem	\$3960.00	\$55 per member Opt-out Club, 72 members: \$3960
CFUW OC	\$437.50	assume 70 members,	\$500.00	assume 80 mem	\$450.00	\$5.50/member & .75/member insurance; 72 members: \$456.25
International Dues allocation	\$1591.40	70 @ \$21.52 plus \$85 from 22-23	\$1722.00		\$3200.00	budget 80 @ \$21.52, actual: 72 \$1549.44 plus \$1735.80 from 2021-22 = \$3285 allocated to 4 charities \$800 each Excess \$85 due to 5 new members to be added to 2023-24 donation
Conferences	\$300.00		\$500.00			
Scholarship Portion of Fees	\$1050.00	70 members at \$15	\$1200.00	80 @ \$15	\$1,080.00	72 members @ \$15, 1 @ 10 pending transfer will be transferred in April with other new membership amounts
Extra Scholarship Donations (fr Dues)	\$500.00	Budget based on 2022-23	\$500.00		\$1337.00	
Meeting Room	\$300.00		\$300.00		\$0.00	no fee charged by Thorpes
Social Expenses	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$100.00	Deposit for Legion for Trivia Night to be returned in March
Advocacy Exp	\$25.00		\$25.00		\$0.00	
Membership Exp	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$0.00	
Goodwill Exp	\$50.00		\$50.00		\$0.00	
Program Exp	\$700.00	7 Speakers	\$800.00		\$600.00	April, Sept, Nov, Jan, Feb, March actual
Postage/Photocopy/P.O. Box/Financial Review	\$350.00	not Scholarship	\$225.00	Scholarship separate	\$349.05	Significant increase
Miscellaneous	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$328.13	Hybrid Mtg Equipment
Website Expenses	\$342.10	50% of website fee 10% increase	\$300.00	website fee will be due this year for \$600	\$578.86	payment of \$407.52 USD, \$578.86 Cdn for Blue Host, renews Nov 2024, expense of \$42.47 in March for domain name. Increase budget to \$320 per year
Dropbox Expenses	\$160.00	assume charges will start	\$160.00	assume charges will start	\$0.00	
Zoom Subscription	\$248.60	allow for 10% increase	\$176.00	allow for 10% increase	\$226.00	Budget did not include taxes
President's Fund	\$100.00		\$100.00			
Service Charges	\$50.00		\$50.00		\$47.40	
Banquet subsidy	\$1000.00	Entertainment and fee subsidy				
Other	\$100.00		\$1500.00	Banquet subsidy	\$732.76	Subsidized banquet for 32 attendees. \$500 for entertainment for 2023 AGM
Total Expenses:	\$11,454.60		\$12,808.00		\$12,989.20	
NOTE: We have reserves of \$17,000						
Revenue Vs Expense	-\$1,701.16		-\$2,238.00		-\$2,209.04	\$1735 donated to charities Expenses only \$474 over income vs \$2,238 in budget.

Respectfully submitted, Maria Timmons, Treasurer

8. Nominations for CFUW Brantford Executive - 2023 -2024

The following members are presented for election to the Executive for 2023-2024:

Position	Name(s)	Phone	Email
Officers:			
President in Name	Elizabeth Capitano	519 753 7865	capitano2804@gmail.com
Rotating Presidential Team	Elizabeth Capitano JUNE/ JULY/AUG/MAY	519 753 7865	capitano2804@gmail.com
	Lin Fines MAR/APR	519 717 0635	lin.fines@icloud.com
	Janet Kempster NOV	519 756 5612	jankem@rogers.com
	Anne Martin OCT	519 754 1815	annezurrermartin@gmail.com
	Catherine Sawyer SEPT/ FEB	226 208 2242	denbcathl@rogers.com
	Maria Timmons DEC/JAN	647 804 6324	mtimmons4653@gmail.com
Past President	Lin Fines Janet Kempster	519-717-0635 519-756-5612	lin.fines@icloud.com jankem@rogers.com
Secretary	Penelope Jeffery/ Lin Fines	647 521 0503 519 717 0635	pjjeffery@rogers.com lin.fines@icloud.com
Treasurer	Maria Timmons	647 804 6324	mtimmons4653@gmail.com
Standing Committee Chairs:			
Advocacy	Patti Kunashko	519 865 8569	kunashko@msn.com
Communications	Sandra Hughes	519 756 2485	sandra.hughes@sympatico.ca
Interest Groups	Roma Makkreel	519-752-2806	romamakkreel@hotmail.com
Membership	Barb Scott	519-756-0959	bobarbscott@rogers.com
Program	Colette Wilson	519 753 1948	colette_wilson@rogers.com
Scholarship	Karen Innes	519 449 2223	innes96ke@sympatico.ca
Social	Bev Golden	519-753-2364	bgolden@sympatico.ca

Committee	Committee Members	Email
Advocacy	Chair: Patti Kunashko Betsy Capitano (Resolutions)	kunashko@msn.com capitano2804@gmail.com
Communications	Chair: Sandra Hughes Archives/DropBox: Maria Timmons Email: Marsha Skrypuch Facebook: Mary Pitchford Goodwill: Leslie Leach Newsletter: Sandra Hughes Networking: Gloria Smith Webmaster: Marsha Skrypuch Zoom: Anne Martin	sandra.hughes@sympatico.ca mtimmons4653@gmail.com mskrypuch@gmail.com marypitchford@gmail.com lleach595@gmail.com sandra.hughes@sympatico.ca cgakp@gmail.com mskrypuch@gmail.com annezurrermartin@gmail.com
Membership	Chair: Barb Scott Greeters/Name Tags: Wendy Bethune	bobarbscott@rogers.com wendy.bethune@rogers.com
Program	Chair: Colette Wilson Dian Kuzyk Bev Osborn Lynda Stamer Linda Tripp	colette_wilson@rogers.com dkuzyk@gmail.com osb484@rogers.com stamer@rogers.com linda.tripp125@outlook.com
Scholarship	Trustees: Chair: Karen Innes Maria Timmons (Treasurer) Lin Fines/Penelope Jeffery (Secretary) Janet Kempster (Past President) Brenda Malvern (Member at Large) Members: Jane Binkley Teddy Buzek Arlene Cass Janet Kempster Barbara Mayo Melara Colleen Pease Mary Pitchford Lynda Stamer	innes96ke@sympatico.ca mtimmons4653@gmail.com lin.fines@icloud.com jankem@rogers.com doug.malvern@sympatico.ca jane.binkley@rogers.com teddybuzek@gmail.com cass.arlene@gmail.com jankem@rogers.com colleenpease@icloud.com marypitchford@gmail.com stamer@rogers.com
Social	Chair: Bev Golden Teddy Buzek Lynne Duncombe Marla Merritt	bgolden@sympatico.ca teddyb@silomail.com lynneduncombe@me.com marlamerritt@hotmail.com

Thank you to the Members for their support and enthusiasm for CFUW Brantford, for those who will stand for election to the Executive, those who will sit on Standing Committees, and those who have offered to pitch in on projects and activities as they arise.

Respectfully submitted,

Teddy Buzek, Chair, 2023-24 Nominations Committee

9. CONCLUSION / APPRECIATION

2022-23 has been a year of revitalization and renewal for our club. The energy and enthusiasm has been palpable as we emerge from three years of pandemic isolation and begin to meet in person when weather and Covid allow.

We have much for which to be grateful, and we conclude this year's AGM Booklet with a sincere thanks to the members who have supported one another through these tough few years, and risen to the challenges of keeping our club vital and relevant:

- to the leadership team who attend monthly Executive meetings, who reflect, research, make thoughtful decisions, and keep an eye on the viability and sustainability of our club;
- to the SEVEN members who share the President's job. Our club is unique in the way that we have addressed members' reluctance to take on the big job of President. Betsy Capitano has done a great job as '*President in Name*' over the past few years, representing our club at Ontario Council and National, and willingly stepping in to share the '*President of the Month*' job for several months of the year. The other months saw Lin Fines, Bev Golden, Janet Kempster, Anne Martin, Catherine Sawyer, Maria Timmons, stepping in to be '*President of the Month*'. It is impressive to see a handful of members share the role — one person each month — handling the meetings, the 'monthly to do list', and ably passing the 'leadership baton' from one person to the next. It is quite touching to see how we shore each other up, recover if a ball is dropped, and genuinely care about one another's success.

The Committee Chairs are equally impressive, key contributors at our monthly Executive meetings, who capably manage their respective committees.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The newsletter and e-mails have been a lifeline during the pandemic, as the key source of information at local, national and international levels. The monthly newsletter is something that our members look forward to receiving every month, thanks to Sandra Hughes and the amazing work she does in keeping us informed and entertained.

There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes in our Communications Committee. We would like to offer a big vote of thanks to the following people:

- Anne Martin, Carol Kent, and Naomi Kral, who proof-read/edit the newsletter.
- This year, Marsha Skrypuch, our webmaster, vitalized our website, with an objective of keeping it current, 'interesting', and making our site the first hit that the general public sees if they are looking for a women's group in Brantford. Marsha also manages the e-mails for the club at cfuwbrantford45@gmail.com. AND Marsha updates our membership list for Dian Kuzyk, all while keeping up with her book deadlines and speaking engagements.
- Mary Pitchford manages our Facebook presence and, like Marsha does with the website, keeps it up to date and 'engaging', with photos and stories about our activities. Please make sure you share your newsworthy items with them when you send info to Sandra for the newsletter.
- Leslie Leach is the person who, for years, has sent out cards to our members, offering words of consolation and support as we struggle with illness or loss.
- Gloria Smith connects with members who don't have technology, distributing newsletters and helping members with activities such as completing membership forms.

FINANCES:

Hats off to Maria Timmons who manages the financials for both our Club and our Scholarship Committee, gets our tax receipts out, and is now collecting e-transfers for membership and the Banquet.... AND Maria shares the Secretary position.... AND acts as President of the Month, AND manages our DropBox account to ensure that our records are kept up to date. WOW —

INTEREST GROUPS:

A big thank you to Roma Makkreel and the Interest Group Chairs. Most of us say that it is the Interest Groups that are at the heart of our organization. In these smaller gatherings, we have a better opportunity to connect and get to know one another over bridge, games, books, golf, food, walking, day trippers, biking, and world awareness. Our members value the engaged conversation about a myriad of topics that arise during these smaller group events. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to the chairs and participants who make the Interest Groups so successful.

MEMBERSHIP:

It will be interesting to see how our membership renewal process goes this year. Dian Kuzyk introduced the electronic process for completing our membership form and separated the membership process to allow the Interest Group information to go directly to Roma Makkreel, Chair of Interest Groups, and payments to go by e-transfer/cheque to Maria Timmons, Treasurer. WOW — we are getting tech savvy and certainly positioning ourselves as we attract new members who expect organizations to offer these electronic processes.

PROGRAM: Our General Meetings are lively and bright thanks to the injection of guest speakers who inform, educate and entertain us before the business portion of the meeting. Our Program Committee of Linda Tripp, Bev Osborn, and Colette Wilson research and engage speakers locally and farther afield to speak at our General Meetings and AGM. Members enjoy attending our monthly meetings because, from ‘the life of bees to BCHS hospital revitalization’, we are, in fact, educated and entertained. Anne Martin stepped in to set up hybrid meetings so that members have a choice of attending in-person or by Zoom. Technical difficulties have been many, and Anne has soldiered on to help us into the 21st century and optimize the opportunities offered through Zoom and Hybrid meetings. Anne sets up monthly Executive meetings on Zoom. When meeting in person is not viable, Anne sets up General Meetings, helps Interest Group Chairs to conduct Zoom meetings, and sets up Zoom for special meetings such as Resolutions.

SCHOLARSHIP:

Scholarships are awarded to girls graduating from high school and to women who are mature students returning to a post-secondary education. Co-Chairs, Janet Kempster and Lynda Stamer are grateful for the excellent manual developed by Naomi Kral when she was Chair. They have done a great job of fostering relationships with local secondary schools and relevant organizations to ensure that potential award winners are encouraged to submit applications. Thanks to our members who review the applications and determine the Award recipients. The Scholarship Fund is supported by Trivia Night, a fund raiser that has raised nearly \$30,000 over the years. Trivia Night raised over \$3,000 this year AND had about 30 Club members — over a third of our Club — actively engaged in everything from selling books and tickets to participating on teams. A fond vote of gratitude to Lynn Haylock, Brenda Malvern, Colette Wilson, and Dian Kuzyk for their leadership in this initiative, and to all our participants.

SOCIAL AND OUR GENERAL MEETINGS:

We feel a sense of belonging and community that happens as we walk into the Carriage House, our venue for General Meetings that is so graciously provided by Thorpe's Funeral Home. Thank you to the greeters at meetings who give us our name tags and greet guests and help them get situated. Thanks to each of you who make a point of approaching a guest, new or prospective new member to help them feel welcome.

We are grateful to Bev Golden, Chair of Social, for the social aspect of our club and to her committee of Norah O'Leary, Bev Osborn, and Catherine Sawyer, who in turn work with a host of people who set up the meeting room, provide sweets and treats, clean up after meetings, and organize the annual Banquet and AGM.

We appreciate how Betsy Capitano stepped in to manage the annual CFUW Resolutions process and to those who participated in evaluations and feedback to National and the respective clubs.

Thank you to Lin Fines, Bev Golden, Janet Kempster, and Maria Timmins who collected contributions for Nova Vita, the women's shelter, and their *Hope for the Holidays* fund-raiser. Over the years, our club has donated thousands of dollars as well as collections of clothing and household goods to help women and their children sheltered at Nova Vita. Thank you to members for your generosity.

For the past few years, our club has allocated the portion of our dues targeted for 'supporting the rights, freedom, and education of women and girls globally, and in third world countries in particular' to not-for-profit organizations that our club members actively support with their own personal time, talent and treasure. We are proud to support Barbara Mayo Melara's work with Amarok Society in Bangladesh; Joan Prior's support of Canadian Nurses in Africa; Bev Golden's work with CUSO, and Evelyn Picketts' work with Home of Hope in Malawi, Africa.

We extend a vote of gratitude to the outgoing Executives, Janet Kempster, Dian Kuzyk, Lynda Stamer, and Linda Tripp. Thank you for your hard work, team work, and leadership.

Thank you to all who contributed to the 2022-23 AGM Booklet, with special thanks to Marsha Skrypuch, Carol Kent, and Anne Martin for editing/proof-reading, and to Minuteman Press for creating spiral bound booklets for each table at the AGM.

And while there are so many more people to thank for their contributions, I will end with a very big thank you to Teddy Buzek, Chair, Nominations Committee. Teddy's hard work and engaging personality was instrumental in filling all the leadership positions as well as volunteers for all the standing committees. The Nominations process was completed by early April — an astounding seven weeks before the AGM.

It is true that many hands make light work. We are blessed to have an engaged and energized club.

Welcome to the incoming 2023-24 Executives, Standing Committee Chairs and Committee members. Thank you for committing to lead us through the coming year.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lin Fines, Past President*