

Father's Day June 18



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President's report for May 2023

As we commence our summer hiatus I think it is fitting to take a look at our achievements. As a club we have moved to hybrid meetings, the interest groups are going strong and all the executive positions are filled (not an small accomplishment). Funds were raised for Nova Vita and the Trivia night returned with great success. The club has an amazing newsletter, website, Facebook presence and good will facilitators. We have welcomed new members and celebrated long standing members. We have enjoyed amazing speakers and enjoyed rousing music at the Banquet. We had a lovely party in December hosted by Anne M. The club has supported international NGO's with which our own members work/ support, and provided scholarships to outstanding women. At meetings we were able to enjoy each others company (and wonderful treats). It has been a very good year.

The executive and presidents of the month for the upcoming year includes some new faces and some returning members. Moving forward the rotating presidents are as follows: Betsy C. for June – August and May, Lin F. for March and April, Janet K. for November, Anne M. for October, Catherine S. for September and February and Maria T. for December and January.

Past President (s) will be Lin F. and Janet K. Secretaries are Penelope J. and Lin F. The Treasurer is Maria T. Advocacy is Patti K. Communications is Sandra H. Interest Groups is Roma M. Membership is Barb S. Program is Collette W. Scholarship is Karen I. and Social is Bev G.

Our final official event of the year will be the Blue Lake picnic/potluck which is hosted by Pat Clemons. Please remember your chair, a beverage, utensils, bathing suit and towel (for those who wish to swim).

Wishing you all a wonderful summer and see you in September.

Respectfully, Betsy C.

Annual Blue Lake Picnic

Wednesday, June 28th 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



To our outgoing Executive members, Dian K., Linda T., and Lynda S., who have worked hard to make our club rewarding for its members, especially

during the Covid-19 years, thank you!
We appreciate all you have done!

National AGM:

The CFUW National AGM is scheduled for July 7, 2023. All are welcome to register and attend, whether or not a voting delegate. For those who are interested in attending, some or all of the AGM, the agenda is as follows:

AGM Opening and Social Event

Friday, July 7th, 2023, at 7pm - 830pm ET on Zoom

Featuring:

A CFUW Brand Reveal Presentation by KiK

CFUW AGM Business Meeting followed by Awards Ceremony

Saturday, July 8th, 2023, 12pm - 4pm ET on Zoom

Charitable Trust Brunch

Sunday, July 9th, 2023, 11:30am - 12:30pm ET

AGM Policy Session

Sunday, July 9th, 2023, 1pm - 4pm ET

Ontario Council AGM Report

Ontario Council AGM took place on May 13, 2023 via Zoom. The chair was Teresa Habs, V.P. Ontario

Some of the more interesting tidbits are as follows:

Membership across the province is up by 124 new members and there are over 4000 members across the province.

There is an Advocacy Corner on the Ontario Council website where there is an exchange of information about activities of the different clubs so that ideas for advocacy can be shared between clubs or clubs with similar interests can work together.

Ontario Council dues are \$5.50

Due to Zoom meetings Ontario Council spent only about \$11,000 of the \$21,217 budgeted for the 2022 and the anticipated 2023-2024 budget is \$23,238. There has been a surplus for the past 3 years due to the lack of in person meetings/AGM and the associated costs of same.

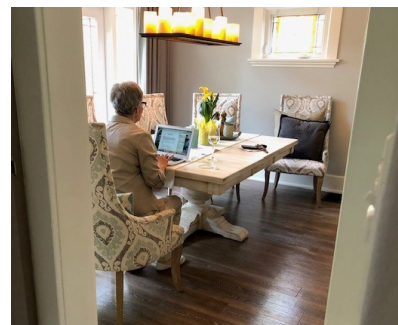
The Speaker's Series is on Zoom to allow for greater opportunities for participation for all members across the province. The attendance has increased for some of the speakers to over 100 attendees with the series being held via Zoom. Upon request a copy of the speakers' presentation can be obtained.

Joy Hurst, CFUW National President was the speaker and spoke of various issues, including membership (6633 members) a collaboration between Mexico, US and Canadian national organizations regarding migration of peoples, membership in Women, Peace and Security, and the importance of reconciliation. Joy invited all to attend an advocacy think tank being held in June, and re-branding efforts.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy C.

June Executive Meeting

The outgoing and incoming Executive members met at the home of Lin F. to finish up the business of this year and look forward to the coming year starting in September. The lengthy agenda was punctuated by laughter at times, especially when options for storing old records were explored. The strawberry social at the end of the business was thoroughly enjoyed.



AGM and Banquet



The Annual AGM and Banquet, held on May 24th at the Brantford Golf and Country Club, was a fine celebration of long term members, the executive, committees, members who have passed and guests who are considering membership. An excellent meal, great conversation and fine entertainment completed the well organized event. Thank you to the Social Committee and AGM organizers.



HELP



Membership

The Membership Committee needs a volunteer to give tech support to set up a more user friendly Membership Form for our Brantford CFUW. Please email Barb S. at bobarb-scott@rogers.com if you're willing to contribute your much needed expertise.

Dian K./Barb S.



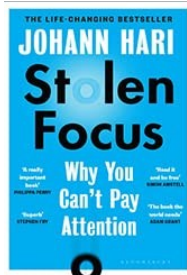
Many thanks to the Interest group contacts and participants who provide news and pictures for the newsletter. If your Interest Group is finding another way to stay connected let me know. If you have updates about members re: important family or personal events like births, deaths, marriages, special 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 1st and September 8th.

Interest Groups/Community Events

Monday Night Book Group:

The group met in person at Linda S's on May 15th to discuss *Stolen Focus* by Johann Hari. Norah O. lead a lively exploration of Hari's eye opening exploration of *Why You Can't Pay Attention and How to Think Deeply Again*. The deliberate efforts by big tech to monetize our time and information, the purposely addictive nature of online applications and internet services, and the algorithms designed to keep us engaged that are causing radicalization are some of the clarifications that were concerning. The strategies suggested to help us regain our focus gave hope for the future. Sandra H.



Biking Group: Our bikers have been out on the trails each week in May. Join us Friday mornings for a senior pace along the trail. Route varies each week. Contact Karen for more information.



Walking Group: You'll never know who you meet on the walking trails. Our group met this cutie May 30 th. Norah O.



INTEREST



Looking forward to Interest Groups getting started in September again. If any groups have activities during the summer please send write ups and photos so they can be included in the September issue of the Newsletter. Also, please send any updates to Marsha S. and Mary P. to be included on the website and on Facebook. Sandra H.

WYNARDEN GARDENS GALA

Yates Castle

Sat. June 17, 2023

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Parking and entrance Usher St.



Entrance by donation to

Stephen Lewis Foundation

\$20.00+ received

Cash, cheque, credit accepted

SPECIAL EVENTS

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Henry Yates book signing - upper parking lot

Yates Cup with Coach Greg Marshall UWO

Live music, Classic cars on display in garages

12:00 noon

Dedication St. Jude's stained glass windows in Wynarden Diane Memorial Chapel

2:00 PM

1929 Model A Police Car donated to the Brantford Police Department

GRAND RIVER GRANNIES host:

Complimentary hotdogs & refreshments

and

Afternoon tea & box of sweets

\$25.00

We have chosen to donate to:



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

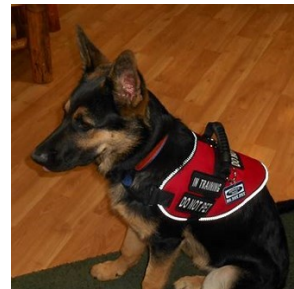
TREASURER: Maria Timmons

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

Program Committee News

Your new Program Committee lost no time in searching for interesting and engaging speakers for our 2023/2024 monthly meetings. Therefore, we are happy to announce that in September we will welcome Glenna Young and Akela, her Service Dog, to speak to us. She will outline how Service Dogs are trained, the various roles they can play, how we, as the public, should behave and/or interact with Service Dogs, etc.



Akela is a unique Service Dog in that he and Glenna help train other Service Dogs. Akela is a German Shepherd and very well behaved. However, should anyone be allergic to dogs, or have any fear or discomfort around a dog we are happy to be able to offer the Zoom option for our meeting.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. See you in September!

Linda T.

CFUW Brantford General Meetings

The first General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27, at Thorpe's Coach House (and on Zoom) at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Dates for 2023 –2024

September 27, 2023
October 25, 2023
November 22, 2023
December Social: Date and Location TBD
January 24, 2024 (Zoom only)
February 21, 2024 (Zoom only)
March 20, 2024
April 24, 2024
May 22, 2024 : Banquet and AGM



Bea C. has moved from her home on Devon St. to Tranquility Place in Brantford.

Maria T. came home from hospital on May 28th, and is continuing her recovery from pneumonia. She would like to thank everyone for the flowers and our 'get well' wishes.

Jenny D. is ill after a fall. She will be taking things easy for a while as things get sorted out.



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