



Message from the President. . .

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone! I have been spotting some lights and decorations popping up. So this seems like a good time to have our party. Catherine G. has kindly offered her home for the party so please don't confuse the Cathy's. Her address is posted in the newsletter.

It will be pot luck as usual, mmm I can't wait! We haven't had the gift exchange for a few years now so if anyone wants to bring food bank donations I'll take care of it.

I do hope you all have a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

Note for January meeting, we postponed it to the second week since the first falls within the school holiday.



December: A month of lights, snow and feasts; time to make amends and tie loose ends; finish off what you started and hope your wishes come true.

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Next General Meeting

**Thursday,
December 1, 2016**

“Annual Holiday Party”



Location:

1003 Lytton Crt,
Pickering

Time: 7:00 p.m.



***Come join us for
some holiday
cheer, fun and
friendship!***



Minutes of General Meeting Thursday, November 3rd, 2016

Minutes of the Ajax/Pickering CFUW monthly meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at the new **Scientists in School** facility in Pickering. Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:30 and welcomed members and our guests (Brandy, a journalism student, Caitlin and Erin).

- **Treasurer report** - Jane

The current balance in our account is \$6476.46, not including any cheques received at this meeting.

- **Membership** – Lori

There are now 20 paid members. Lori will send out a revised membership list soon.

- **Scholarships** – Dorothy

Lori B will present our scholarship to the Ajax HS graduate on November 4 at the ceremony at UOIT. It was noted that the winner will be in midterms at U Ottawa and will be unable to attend.

- **Program** – Cathy

The January meeting will be on the second Thursday of the month.

February: Aging in the home

March: Resolutions

April: Special needs and athletics

May: Celebrating garden bugs

- **International GWI** – Cathy

On January 30, there will be an electronic meeting of CFUW club presidents to discuss the proposed dues increase. Cathy will participate. Please see the President's message in the November newsletter.

- **Ontario Council Spring Gathering 2018**

Jane and Louise attended another planning meeting with the Oshawa club. Our group will work on registration for the event. Louise will also assist with posters.

- **Fundraising**

Louise S has a family contact willing to do a Pampered Chef party. Louise S volunteered to host in her kitchen on November 6.

- **Social** – Louise S

Louise S. passed around the sign-up sheet for treats: one sweet, one savoury, for the meetings this year. Tonight's treats were provided by Lori and Caroline. Thank you.

- **Interest Groups**

The **Book Group** will meet at Louise's (Simmonds) home on Wednesday November 23 at 7:30 to discuss *My Brilliant Friend*.

Catherine plans to host a **Ladies' Gourmet** dinner in January.

- **Scientists in School** – Cindy

Cindy reported that \$19,000 was raised for SiS with participation in the Scotia Bank Charity Run in October.

- **Social**

We want to thank Cindy and Dorothy for bringing treats to the meeting.

- **New business**

Cindy informed the group that she is part of a group raising money to sponsor a Syrian family. As a fundraiser, the group is selling gift cards (eg: groceries, restaurants...). If you wish to order cards please contact Cindy by email this week. The group is hoping to have a family by this time next year.

- **Next meeting**

Catherine is hosting members at her home for the annual Christmas pot luck dinner on December 1 at 7:00 pm. We are looking forward to a wonderful time.

Dates and Data

CFUW Websites:

Main website: <http://www.cfuw.org>

Ontario Council Website: <http://www.cfuwontcouncil.ca/>

CFUW on Facebook

CFUW has a Facebook group! If you are a Facebook user you can join the group by searching for Canadian Federation of University Women, or visit <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2232370205>

Ajax-Pickering on Facebook:

Our club now has its own Facebook page. You do not have to have a Facebook account to view this page. Simply Google Ajax-Pickering CFUW Facebook page or click on the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/CFUWAjaxPickering?ref=stream>

Ajax-Pickering on Twitter: Use @CFUWajax

The Ontario Council newsletter, **Dates and Data**, is available on-line on the Ontario Council website. **The Communicator** newsletter is available on-line on the main website.

Ontario Council Standing Committee Meetings

Ontario Council Standing Committees in Legislation, Education, and Status of Women and Human Rights were developed to keep members aware of current issues in Ontario. The Committees meet three times a year - in September, January, and March in downtown Toronto - for a day with speakers, workshops and discussion. All Club members are invited to attend these meetings.

Next Meeting: January 21, 2017

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
1585 Yonge Street

Session Topic: Gender Wage Gap – what's happening?

Check In: 9:00 to 10:00 am Meeting Begins at 10:00 am

For more information, [click here](#).
Catering requires pre-registration
[Registration Form](#)

Upcoming meetings for 2017:

March 25, 2017

Diane Leahy Memorial Bonspiel 2016

The first Diane Leahy Memorial Bonspiel 2016 was held on November 9th at Annandale Curling Club. It was a fantastic successful day and very well run by Debbie Schultz and her committee. They will be making a donation of \$500.00 to Diane's favourite charity - our Scholarship Fund. I was very pleased when this announcement was made at the end of the day. It was wonderful to see so many curlers from different clubs attend and curlers who Diane had known. Diane's love of arts and crafts inspired the theme "Homespun Fun".



Dorothy N.

Note re January's newsletter....

As usual, Santa is giving me a month off so **there will be no regular newsletter in January**. If you have information you would like to distribute to club members for January, please email it out to members as needed. January Book Club information is in the Interest Group section of this newsletter. An email will be sent out prior to the meeting in January to confirm meeting details. Regular newsletters will resume in February.

Sandy

January Meeting Change of Date

The January meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month - **January 12th**.

January's Speaker: Mat Russell

"Intro to Technology"

Mat will do a hands-on presentation on various Social Media tools, technology skills and software. Mat is a second year teacher candidate at UOIT in Oshawa.

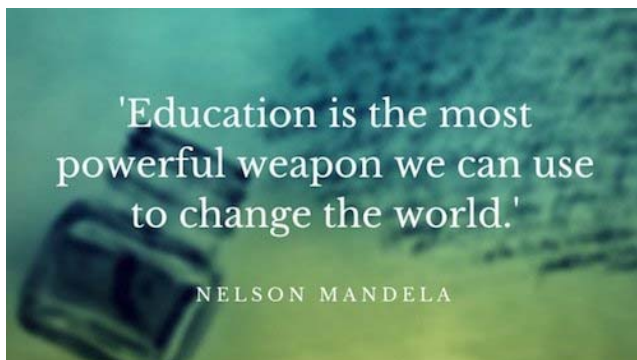




2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- 1. Pine Ridge Secondary School – AYSHA ASHFAQ
- 2. Pickering High School - RAVENNA KAPOOR – McMaster University, Honours Health Sciences, mainly studying the biology of the human body
- 3. Dunbarton High School – ESHWARI NANJAPPAN – Queen’s University, Honours Science
- 4. St. Mary Catholic Secondary School – SIMIA MALONEY
- 5. Archbishop Denis O’Connor Catholic High School – CHRISTINA STEFANAKOU
- 6. Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School – AMANDA MORANA – U of T, Arts and Science
- 7. J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate – CASEY CHUNG – University of Waterloo, Math and Chartered Accountancy program
- 8. Ajax High School – Maryse Gad – University of Ottawa, Health Sciences

Dorothy N.



Annual Holiday Party!!

When: Thursday, Dec. 1st, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Catherine G's home, 1003 Lytton Crt, Pickering

What to bring: Potluck Food item - Appetizer, Main Course or Dessert - your choice! (No nuts please!) Please also consider bringing items for a Food Bank Donation.

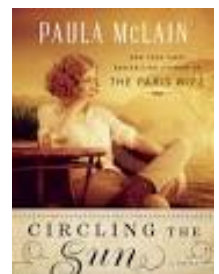
Start the holiday season off right with good friends, good food, and lots of fun. Hope to see you at the party!



Interest Groups

Book Club

Book Club is open to all, and all are welcome! **Note:** There is no book club meeting in December. The January Book Club meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 25th**, at 7:30 pm at Dorothy N's. The book is **Circling the Sun** by *Paula McLain*. Please contact Dorothy at 905 239-4209 to confirm attendance.



Outdoor Adventures Group

Caroline H. has started a new interest group for those who would like to get out and enjoy the outdoors. For more information and upcoming activities, contact Caroline.

The Charitable Trust- What it is and What it Does

There is sometimes confusion about what the CFUW Charitable Trust is and what it does. This short article may answer some questions and more information is always available on the Charitable Trust website: www.cfuwcharitabletrust.ca.

CFUW has supported graduate study, literacy and creative arts through awards and fellowships since its founding in 1919 and the first CFUW Travelling Fellowship of \$1000 was awarded in 1921 by the 12 clubs that then formed the federation.

The term CFUW Charitable Trust is deceiving because the Charitable Trust (CT) is a separate entity from CFUW and has been since 1967 when it received a registered Ontario charity number. The charitable number allows the CT to receive donations, manage the resulting funds, and issue charitable receipts for tax purposes. In 1976, a further change in the rules governing charities allowed the CT to build a reserve fund for future awards and award increases. The CT now administers an investment portfolio of over one million dollars and annually awards over ninety thousand dollars to women pursuing post-graduate studies. Funds for the CT are raised in a number of ways. CFUW clubs, individual club members and non-members support the Trust with their donations and memorial gifts; the CT sells cards, holds an annual theatre trip and is supported by the CT Boutique at the CFUW AGM and the CT breakfast or lunch, also at the AGM.

The funds are used for annual Fellowships, Awards and Grants for Canadian women doing advanced study and research in science, math, engineering, home economics, education, visual arts, music, humanities, and social sciences. The CT also supports the Library and Creative Arts awards that are awarded in alternate years to projects nominated by a CFUW Club.

The administration of the Fellowships and Awards Program is managed by the Fellowships Program Manager of CFUW, Betty Dunlop, on behalf of the Charitable Trust.

The Trust continues the work and vision of the original twelve clubs believing that supporting women in higher education empowers women.

Kathryn Wilkinson,
Charitable Trust Trustee.

Source: CFUW Press Agency, Nov 2016

To get you thinking about technology before the January meeting...

Has Technology Caused Society To Progress Or Regress?

Javanna Plummer September 3, 2016

Source: TUC – True Urban Culture website
<http://www.tucmag.net/tag/utopia/>

Since technology is such a major entity in society, I feel that having a conversation about its effects will be an ongoing conversation. Technology is constantly changing right before our eyes and it's up to us, the recipients of these changes, to either accept them or voice our dissent on them.

Me personally, I have mixed feelings about the effects of technology because everything has its pros and its cons. 20 or 30 years ago, you might've walked into a room and seen cell phones that looked like land lines without cords and they had antennas sticking up. Now, you see phones that can be used as mini computers and they can be unlocked using a fingerprint.

This is an example of a technological advancement. Another example is the shift from only stationary computers to the option of stationary computers or laptops. Ultimately, it all boils down to what's convenient, what will sell, and what's within our range of resources, although we are discovering new uses of various resources every day. However, one question remains: is this progression into a Utopian society or regression into a dysfunctional, disconnected society that's getting further and further away from emotion?



Photo courtesy of: appleinsider.com

The latest in technology news reveals that the iPhone 7 might be sans headphone jack. Someone must have thought it was a "hassle" to deal with headphone cords, which is why they came up with this idea. In my opinion, this is actually pretty ridiculous for several reasons. First of all, the cord on the headphones alleviates the

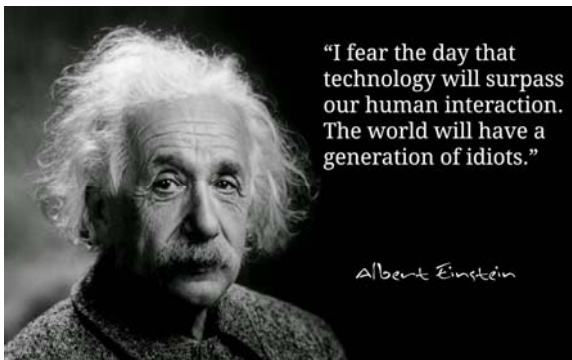
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stress of losing headphones because they can stay connected to the phone. Then, in the image above, the headphones are pictured very small, which makes them easier to lose.

So, if this is Apple's next technological advancement, I say they should rethink it. What someone might've thought would be convenient could actually create an even bigger problem. One con of technology is that it attempts to solve society's problems yet creates even more. A prime example is the way cell phones gave us the ability to talk to someone across the world yet those "crack berries" (in the words of a former art professor) inhibit us from connecting to someone across the room.

Social media developed a new way to consume media yet became a playground for prejudiced, misogynistic, and/or homophobic people to express their troubling beliefs and mislabel it "free speech." To every advancement, there is a down side. Perhaps such is the thread of life, though. Technology has its cons, yet it's undeniable that it has had a lasting effect on the way that we are able to communicate, which is not a minor thing. We'll just have to work on the way technology is manipulated and then maybe, just maybe, we'll be one step closer toward this futuristic, Utopian society we strive to become.



Final 5 candidates for next Canadian woman on banknote revealed by Bank of Canada

Decision to be announced Dec. 8 among women including Pauline Johnson, Bobbie Rosenfeld, Viola Desmond

[CBC News](#) Posted: Nov 24, 2016

Poet E. Pauline Johnson and athlete Fanny (Bobbie) Rosenfeld are among five women on the short list to be chosen as the iconic Canadian woman to be featured on the next series of banknotes, the Bank of Canada said Thursday. The final selection and the denomination of the bill on which she will appear is to be announced on Dec. 8 by Finance Minister Bill Morneau and Bank of Canada governor Stephen Poloz. The new regular circulation banknote — the first in a forthcoming series — is expected to begin appearing in 2018.

Here is the short list of women still under consideration:

Viola Desmond (1914-1965): A black businesswoman from Nova Scotia who famously challenged racial segregation at a film theatre in her home province.

E. Pauline Johnson (1861-1913): A poet and writer whose performances reflect both English and Mohawk traditions and who is recognized as helping to shape Canadian literature.

Elizabeth (Elsie) MacGill (1905-1980): The world's first female aircraft designer. She worked as an aeronautical engineer during the Second World War.

Fanny (Bobbie) Rosenfeld (1905-1969): An Olympian who won gold in the relay race and silver in the 100 metre dash at the 1928 summer Olympics.

Idola Saint-Jean (1880-1945): A Quebec journalist, educator and feminist who fought for the women's vote in Quebec.

The five women were selected by independent advisory council from a list of 12 names, which were drawn from 461 eligible nominees submitted by Canadians.

"The advisory council had the difficult task of selecting only five outstanding Canadian women from a vast field of strong choices, and I commend the members for their excellent work," Poloz said in a release.

"I am also delighted that this entire process encouraged a meaningful conversation among Canadians about the many exceptional women who have shaped our country."

The selected person will not be the first Canadian female to appear on a banknote. The Famous 5 — Emily Murphy, Irene Marryat Parlby, Nellie Mooney McClung, Louise Crummy McKinney and Henrietta Muir Edwards — who fought for women's rights in Canada, and Thérèse Casgrain, a Quebec feminist, were featured on the back of the \$50 bill between 2004 and 2012.

Newsletter Deadline

Information for the February newsletter should be submitted by Friday, January 27th. Submissions can be mailed, dropped off, or sent via e-mail (sbriell@bell.net). Contact Sandy at 905 428-0003 for further information.

Note from the Editor

The Grapevine is available in both electronic (Adobe PDF) and hardcopy formats, with electronic being the preferred, more cost-efficient format. **If you have recently changed your e-mail address or other contact information**, please let me know so I can update the club membership list and get the newsletter to the right place!

CLUB WEBSITE

<http://www.ajaxcfuw.ca/>

Our new website is now ready! If you have anything you wish to add, or any new content you would like to see, please contact Sandy. Newsletters will be posted on the new site so you will be able to access them from there if needed.

Facebook/Twitter

We now send out meeting information via these social media platforms to try to encourage new members. Visit our new **Facebook page** (see page 2 for more info) or connect with us on **Twitter** (@CFUWajax).

December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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