



### *Message from the President. . .*

Well here we are at the end of another year. Our new meeting venue at Scientist in School has been wonderful. Thanks to their generosity we don't have to worry about quarantines any more. We have also been working with a new night, Thursday. We have seen some members more often but others have not been able to come out as much. Next year we are moving to the second Thursday and hope that it will bring out more members.

We have had a great line up of speakers this year. Thank you to Marcy and Caroline for their efforts. I am sure everyone is looking forward to what next year will bring. If anyone has any ideas or contacts, please send them to Marcy and Caroline.

We have had a successful year of interest groups. The outdoor/adventure group really got going on a routine this year. We also had a ladies' and a couple's gourmet which were extremely well attended. It has been a long time since we had a couple's one it was great to catch up with the spouses that were able to come.

We benefited from a curling bonspiel in Dianne's honor which relieved the pressure for this year when we had to cancel the Euchre fundraiser. We have also received a small club grant to assist in the expenses for the National AGM meeting in Vancouver this year.

We also received an additional \$100 from donations other clubs made to the fund at the time of registration. Another change regarding the AGM is that next year there will be an electronic meeting and there will be no physical conference so the other elements like speakers and dinners will be eliminated. The plan is to go to every two years to alleviate the cost to clubs for attending annually. This will also make a difference to our budget. Another change this year is that we are having a pot luck dinner for our June wrap up. I am really looking forward to this. Often the restaurants are very noisy so being able to hear everyone will be a nice change. Thank you, Erica, for providing such a lovely setting for our June dinner.

Lastly, thank you everyone for their contributions and the jobs they do. However we can't expect people to continue in the same positions year after year. Though some choose that many would love the opportunity to do something different or just take a break. Please consider taking on a position on the executive. Fresh eyes and ideas keep an organization healthy. No one has come forward for either the Vice President or President positions. I would love to have someone on board in either or both of these positions for next year. Please contact me to discuss if you think this might be something you would like to do.

Cathy

## Next General Meeting

**Thursday,  
June 8, 2017**

**“End of Year Potluck”**



### Meeting Location:

**Erica B's house**

**3240 Greenburn Pl**

**(Concession 5 east of  
Westney Rd)**

**See map on p.g. 4 of the  
newsletter**

**Meeting Time: 7 pm**

***Come out and enjoy  
the last meeting of the  
club year and spend  
time catching up with  
fellow members  
before the summer!***



## Minutes of General Meeting Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Minutes of the Ajax/Pickering CFUW monthly meeting on Thursday May 4 at the Pickering Library.

Cathy M called the meeting to order at 6:35 and welcomed Jacqueline to her first visit.

- **Treasurer Report** – Jane

The current balance of our account is \$4,656.46 with 20 paid members and no outstanding fees.

Our club will receive a small club grant that will cover most of the cost of our president, Cathy M attending the National AGM, June 2017 in Richmond, BC.

- **Scholarship Fund** – Dorothy

Scholarship dates are in the newsletter. Please contact Dorothy if you can present on one of those dates.

- **Interest Groups**

The **Book Group** will meet at Cathy's home on May 24 at 7:30 to discuss *A Man Called Ove*. Cathy H announced that the **Outdoor** club will meet at her home at 5 on May 17 to carpool to an introduction to Orienteering evening at Sunnybrook Park, Toronto.

The last meeting of the **Outdoor** club will be the **Women's Weekend at Camp Couchiching**, June 9 to 11.

**June dinner meeting** will be potluck at Erica's home on June 8 at 6:30. Cathy M and Erica will provide wine. Marcy will bring paper plates and a dish.

- **New Business**

Heather T's daughter, Haley, is not doing well. Our thoughts are with Heather and her family. The last of a series of *Books and Brunch* will be on Sunday May 7 at Wooden Sticks golf club. This event is sponsored by Blue Heron Books of Uxbridge and will continue in the fall. Gail L thanked members who ordered plants for their support.

## 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.

## CFUW News and Events

### Ontario AGM 2017, May 12, 13 in Stratford

\*\*\*The Transformative Power of the Arts\*\*\*

On Friday, Dorothy, Louise and I traveled to Stratford to attend the AGM and take notes of details for our hosting on the Ontario AGM 2018 in Oshawa. We all attended the business meeting on Saturday morning. As the voting delegate for our club, I voted in favour of accepting all the reports and budget proposals presented. There were no contentious issues. The Keynote speaker and workshop presenters were terrific. With the Oshawa members, we presented a short video about our theme for 2018: Empowering Women and Girls in STEM. We thank Cindy and SiS for providing the video. Louise told attendees about our theme for 2018. We handed out bookmarks to save the date.

Dale

## 2017 Ontario Central Annual Report

from Pat Joyce

**Ajax-Pickering:** Were part of the team that organized the first regional IWD Lunch March 8. They are working with Oshawa and District to organize the OC 2018 Annual General Meeting. Have an excellent newsletter.

**Aurora-Newmarket:** The Club is celebrating their 60 anniversary with a series of events. Have Charitable Trust status complete. Administer a large bequest. Continue to run a writing contest with local newspaper. Work with Children's Aid Society on Stay in School program.

**Barrie and District:** Partnered with several women's organizations for march on IWD March 8. They continue to work on Children and Youth in Care Resolution—Bill 89, the Child, Youth and Family Services Act now in second reading. Working with local MPP on this. Advocacy Committee partnered with The Business and Professional Women's Club to attend presentation on Human Trafficking in Simcoe County.

**Etobicoke:** Increased membership. Hosted a Breakfast to Stop Violence Against Women attended by 100 18 % of which were non-members. Struck a special committee to deal with GWI and dues. Support the two women's hostels with Christmas raffle. Have over 40 Interest Groups.

**Leaside-East York:** Presented to the Federal Government on electoral reform as a follow-up to National resolution they sponsored passed at AGM in 2016. Made a detailed report to CFUW National on the Way Forward. Working on Wage parity. Did National Survey on Ryerson sexual harassment policies. Sent Rep for IWD committee.

**Markham Unionville:** Support Mayan girls' education in Guatemala. Support another scholarship with 360 Girls. Donate goods to support Yellow Brick House. Continue to co-sponsor Battle of the Books in east York region with the school boards and Public Library. Continue to increase and maintain membership.

**North Toronto:** Celebrate 40 years. Organized several Clubs and Grannies group to demonstrate on Nov. 25 UN Unite to End Violence Against Women at Toronto City Hall. Help support a Syrian family. Tried a new Fund raising event for scholarships. Have an excellent newsletter. Have applied for OC Advocacy Award. Covering 5 universities for CFUW National Survey on the universities sexual harassment policies. Sent Rep for IWD Committee.

**Northumberland:** Celebrated 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with dinner at historic Inn in Cobourg. Some founding members in attendance. Club will sponsor major fundraising event May 10 with Helga Stephenson, former executive officer of the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television. Give a scholarship to Aboriginal student.

**Oshawa and District:** This Club partnering with Ajax Pickering has undertaken to organize the Ontario Council AGM in 2018. They will use the local university UOIT Residence and Conference centre as the main venue. They will attend the Stratford AGM this year. Club donated to Luke's place and created 20 Shoeboxes for Horizon House in Ajax.

**Scarborough:** Major fund raiser is a Fashion show which supports their scholarships at Scarborough College and Centennial College. It also supports Grannies Group. Sent rep for IWD Committee. Created gift bags for Juliette's Women Shelter at Christmas. Send three reps to each Standing Committee. They have created a new pull up banner this year.

**Vaughan:** Supported ETA Vaughan's Baskets of Hope. Received a plaque in recognition. Provides sponsorship for Battle of the Books in May in partnership with York Region School Board and the Public Library. A spring banquet supports scholarships. Rep for IWD event.

**UWC North York:** Have resolution before the 2017 National AGM on Universal Pharmacare. Responded to CFUW National Study on Sexual Assault Policies for York and Seneca College. April 11 marched in Equal Pay Rally. Later sat in Gallery for the debate of the house. Wrote letters to 22 MPs on Bill C242 non state torture. Mobilized local Clubs to protest city of Toronto cuts to child care spaces. The City agreed to hold these for one year! Will for the third time march in the White Ribbon march Walk a Miles in Her Shoes at end of May.

**UWC Toronto:** Hosted a major fund raiser for Romero House for Refugees. Added a record number of new members. Club hosts the Dec. 6 Lunch and the IWD event March 8 that was chaired by two of their members.

**Toronto Caucus:** This is made up of reps from the 6 Toronto Clubs. They organize the Dec. 6 Lunch held at the Faculty Club. This raises funds for the National Scholarship. They advocate for government support for universal early learning.

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This is the second National initiative of CFUW that was advocated for by this group.

**Regional Director Activity:** I monitor club activity, answer e-mails and phone calls, forward info requested by National and OC, read newsletters and write three reports a year. I forward these reports to Club presidents. Ajax has published them in their newsletter. I carried Proxies for clubs not attending AGMs.

I have visited all Clubs but Barrie and Leaside. However, I have contact with most of my Clubs at Standing Committees making a point of greeting them. I sat on the IWD Committee as Honorary Chair. Eight of the Clubs were represented.

I organized and chaired the regional Fall gathering called Talk It Out. 12 of the 13 Clubs sent reps. Groups included the VP/Presidents, Membership, Program and Advocacy. Reports were filed. This event will be repeated Oct. 28.

I have supported fund raising activities for Aurora Newmarket, Etobicoke, Scarborough, Vaughan, UWC Toronto and the Toronto Caucus and the IWD event.

I attended all OC Executive meetings hosting the March meeting at my house. I am serving on the OC Budget committee and the National Membership Committee. As RD I assist Oshawa with the organization of the 2018 AGM. I assist with National AGM workshops and the OC Leadership workshop.

## Interest Groups

### Book Club

The June Book Club meeting will be the annual dinner and shopping trip which will be held on

**Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Amici, 1305**

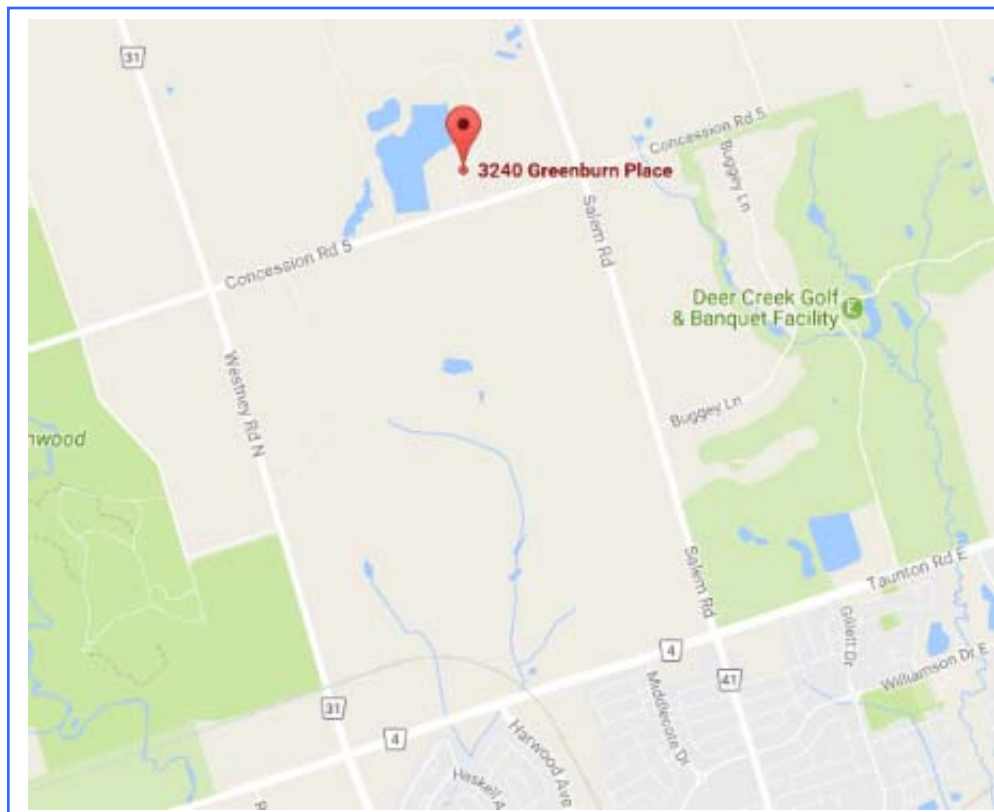
Pickering Parkway, near Pickering Town Centre. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Cathy H. at 905 839-6732 or [chayhow@yahoo.com](mailto:chayhow@yahoo.com).



### This Month's Meeting – Potluck Dinner at Erica B's

Our June dinner is a potluck dinner which will be held at Erica's on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Bring whatever dish you like, but please remember there are nut and peanut allergies. Wine will be provided.

For directions, please see the map below.



## Newsletter Deadline

Information for the September newsletter should be submitted by **Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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/>

Please take the time to have a look at our club website. 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).

## June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8 Club Meeting - Potluck	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Book Club Dinner & Shopping	28	29	30	