



Message from the President. . .

Welcome to International Women's Day month. We have a good sized group going to attend the event at UofT that was organized by several GTA CFUW's. Nonna has been our representative on the committee.

This is also the month that we review Resolutions. We will be having a pot luck dinner at the usual meeting room at the Scientists in School building. Please bring a dish of your choosing, and also bring your own plate and cutlery. The door will be open starting at 7.

We have two resolutions which I have forwarded already.

- 1 – Right to Safe, clean, Accessible and Affordable Drinking Water and Sanitation on First Nations Reserves in Canada
- 2- Universal Pharmacare

We also have two amendments to bylaws that will be voted on at the AGM.

- 1- to designate the Regional Directors and a standing committee
- 2- to remove reference to CFUW being a member of IFUW

Lastly we will be discussing a Proposed Dues Increase for the National AGM in June.

I am looking forward to spirited discussion and great food!

Cathy



Next General Meeting

**Thursday,
March 2, 2017**

“Resolutions and Potluck”



Bring your favourite potluck dish and don't forget to bring a plate and cutlery!

Meeting Location:

**Scientists in School
Offices,
975 Dillingham Rd, Unit 2,
Pickering**

Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Business meeting begins at 7 pm.



Minutes of General Meeting Thursday, February 2nd, 2017

The meeting started at 7:30. Jane Stone provided excellent insight into the Consent and Capacity Board. She also led a discussion of wills and power of attorney issues.

Announcements:

CFUW has sent a press release condemning the Quebec incident and is signing on to joint statement regarding President Trump. Cathy will forward to membership the notice from National office.

IWD Mar 8th: any tickets sold, any one intending to go? Yes some have indicated they will. Jane has the tickets. Please contact her asap as they will need numbers committed before the event. Cathy will send membership email to notify everyone.

Way Forward GWI: dues are paid, increase was only postponed, we will have to deal with this again at this year's AGM.

Play: April 27, Me and My Gal, is anyone interested? Hotel and lunch has also been organized.

Ont AGM 2018: Planning meeting, no news from the recent meeting.

Ont AGM 2017: Stratford May 12 – 13: Marcy and Caroline are interested in attending. We need to consider sending one of our 2018 committee members, perhaps in the president's place.

Interest Groups: Feb 28th Adventure group: Axe Throwing \$35 2 ½ hours. Please contact Caroline; we need at least 6 but can take up to 20. If there isn't enough interest the activity will be skating.

Ladies Gourmet on Friday Feb 6th at Catherine Gillespie's at 7. Contact her for a recipe.

Marcy and Caroline presented the details from attending the recent Standing Committee meeting. They also shared buttons, bags and pins supporting the Equal Pay Coalition from that day.

2017/18 Executive: Those in positions please let Cathy know if you plan to continue in the

current position or if you are interested in a new one. Everyone please consider participating in the executive. Specifically, the President position needs to be addressed. This will be the second time we would be going into a third year in a row for one person. Since we haven't identified a Vice President in the

last two years we don't have a successor. If anyone is interested for next year for either the President or Vice President please contact Cathy. In the absence of anyone willing to take these positions we will have to plan for alternative solutions.

Reports: Program: next month is Resolutions. We haven't received them yet, they won't be published until Feb 15th. Cathy will send them out as soon as they are received.

Treasurer: Jane reports no change from last month.

Membership: Lori reports 21 members

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 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: March 25th, 2017

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
1585 Yonge Street

Morning Plenary: Early Learning and Child Care, Shannon Fuller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Early Years Division

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](#)

CFUW Scarborough Event

CFUW Scarborough is hosting a Spring Fashion Show Fundraiser to support two Centennial College Student Awards, CFUW National 100th Anniversary Special Award, the Scarborough Women's Centre and the Stephen Lewis Foundation "AIDS GRANNIES".

The Fashion Show will be held on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:30 pm. at St. Thomas More Parish Hall (2234 Ellesmere Road). Tickets are \$25 each and are available from Donna 416-265-5995.

FASHION SHOW
Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:30pm

At St. Thomas More Parish Hall
2234 Ellesmere Road (East of Markham)
Hall entrance on East side of church –
Parking in School Yard


Join us for a great evening of fashions, fun, refreshments, draws, raffles and more...

A Presentation by the Canadian Federation of University Women, Scarborough Club
Fundraiser for two Centennial College Awards, CFUW National 100th Anniversary Special Award (2019), and support for the Scarborough Women's Centre

Fantastic Raffle: Proceeds go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation for the "Aids Grannies"

Fashions by
Lady Sophisticate
At 2023 Avenue Road, North York

Tickets only \$25.00
call Donna at 416-265-5995

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THE POWER OF WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER

CFUW Ontario Council 2017 Annual General Meeting and Conference
May 12 and May 13, 2017
Festival Inn, 1144 Ontario St,
Stratford, ON

The Transformative Power of the Arts

Friday evening: Leadership Workshop & Welcome Reception
Saturday: Ontario Council AGM & Conference
Keynote Speaker: Anita Gaffney
Executive Director, Stratford Festival

Hosted by: C.F.U.W. Stratford Club
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For more information:
<https://cfuwstratford.wordpress.com/ontario-council-agm-stratford-2017/>

"POOR MARCH. It is the HOMELIEST month of the year. Most of it is MUD, Every Imaginable Form of MUD, and what isn't MUD in March is ugly late-season SNOW falling onto the ground in filthy muddy heaps that look like PILES of DIRTY LAUNDRY."
– *Vivian Swift*

January Ontario Council Report— Ontario Central

Patricia Joyce, RD

Club Visits: Ajax-Pickering, Oshawa, Markham – Unionville, North York, Aurora Newmarket (fund raiser),

Etobicoke-- Interviewed Ed. Of Toronto Life, Northumberland for 25 Anniversary celebration Attended Dec. 6 Lunch sponsored by the Toronto Caucus at the Faculty Club.

Second meeting with Oshawa re OC AGM plans. Organized and chaired Talk It Out on Nov. 12. Booked for Oct. 28, 2017. 12 of 13 Clubs in attendance.

Participated in National Strategic Planning Session and Regional Directors Teleconference.

Attended new members' session for Etobicoke.

Participated in meetings to organize International Women's Day event sponsored by clubs of Ontario Central at the Faculty Club on March 8 2017. I am honorary chair to introduce the speaker Jodi-Lynn Waddilove.

Member of the National Membership Committee Organized December Raffle Fundraiser for Etob. Answered phone calls and e-mails, forwarded e-mails from National and OC. Requested input for this Report from my Clubs. Sent out report.

Club News:

Ajax-Pickering: Are using Scientists in School facility for meetings. (They founded this org.) Have raised money for one scholarship so far.

Membership: 21/20

Aurora-Newmarket: Raised Scholarship Money through Card Party. Conducting a financial review, won \$1000 Awesome Award from the Newmarket Chamber of Commerce to support the Stay in School partnership with the local CAS. 224/220

Barrie and District: Continue to work on Missing and Murdered Women and Girls, their National Resolution. Advocacy Committee focused on Electoral reform. Set objective to have 60 members by 2018. 44/48

Etobicoke: Formed an Ad Hoc Committee to study and report on the fees and GWI membership. Reported to membership. Raised over \$2000 with Dec. Raffle for the two women's hostels in area. 275/277 27 new members

Leaside- East York: Followed through on 2016 resolution on Electoral Reform with attendance at Town Halls, written submission with Toronto

Caucus to Gov't Committee and a presentation to a national government committee in Ottawa. Nearly \$1500 raised by Wassail Party for local women's shelter. 91/88

Markham Unionville: Support Yellow Brick house, a shelter, with clothing and toiletries. Organized by the Issues and Advocacy group. Added 19 new members who have joined interest groups and Issues and Advocacy. 124/132

North Toronto: Co-sponsor a Syrian family. Organized an event at City Hall with Grandmother's Advocacy Network on Nov. 25 to join in the UN sponsored event to light up the community orange. Several other CFUW Clubs participated. Toronto sign and CN Tower were coloured orange. Working on Electoral reform with special presentation to government Committee besides the Toronto Caucus one. 141/129

Northumberland: The Club celebrated their 25th Anniversary at the Woodlawn Inn with 88 of their members. Helga Stephenson, former ex. Officer of Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television and ex director TIFF will be their speaker for their major fundraiser in May. 111/114

Oshawa: Donated to Luke's Place. They put together 20 shoeboxes for Horizon House in Ajax. Plans are proceeding for the OC 2018 AGM. 61/60

Scarborough: Instrumental in organizing the IWD in the Region for March 8. March 27 is their major fundraising event to support scholarships at Centennial College, Scarborough Women's Centre and Grandmothers for Grandmothers group. 64/66

Vaughan: Continue their support of ETA Shelter in Vaughan. Have started a Book Club. They continue to support the Battle of the Books in the west region of York along with York Boards and the Public Library. Assisted with organization of IWD event at Faculty Club.

UWC North York: Acquired 32 new members this year through diligent work! Will submit a resolution on Universal Pharmacare to National. 68 Shoeboxes created for the NY Women's Shelter and the Pregnancy Care Centre. 234/245

UWC Toronto: Continue to support 2 Aboriginal Female Students. In Dec. honoured Past Presidents. Presented final cheque to Romaro House a centre to support immigrants. This was made possible by a new event held in Sept. 65/89

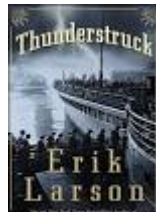
Regional Membership Numbers: 1476 for 2015/16 2016/17 1504 Up 28 members.

Interest Groups

Book Club

Book Club is open to all, and all are welcome!

The March Book Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25th, at 7:30 pm at Louise Z's. The book is **Thunderstruck** by *Erik Larsen*. Please contact Louise at 905 831-1165 to confirm attendance.



This Month's Meeting - Resolutions

Resolution #1:

The Right to Safe, Clean, Accessible and Affordable Drinking Water and Sanitation on First Nations Reserves in Canada
Proposed by: The University Women's Club of Winnipeg

Whereas while most municipal water systems in Canada do deliver safe, clean, frequently tested drinking water and sanitation services, the majority of rural Canadians who lack these services are predominantly reserve-based First Nations people who, because of shared jurisdiction with the Government of Canada, are not currently included under the Canada Clean Water Act and its Regulations,

Whereas many First Nations people consider water a sacred trust which women have a special responsibility to protect,

Whereas the right to "safe, clean, accessible and affordable drinking water and sanitation" is a human right according to a resolution adopted by United Nations General Assembly in 2010,

Whereas the Canadian federal government adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People "without qualification" in 2016, and therefore be it

Resolved, that the Canadian Federation of University

Resolved, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urges the Federal, Provincial

and territorial governments to develop inclusive national water standards as well as five and ten-year plans of action to ensure the funds allocated are adequate and utilized for sustainable solutions, including appropriate training and certification of Reserve residents to ensure regular monitoring and maintenance.

RESOLUTION#2

Universal Pharmacare

Proposed by: University Women's Club of North York

WHEREAS Canada is the only country with a universal health care system that does not cover the cost of prescription drugs,

WHEREAS the current patchwork system of providing prescription drugs to Canadians is neither adequate nor sustainable,

WHEREAS a universal national drug coverage plan that is public and affordable would ensure access for all Canadians; and therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urges the federal, provincial and territorial governments of Canada to work collaboratively to implement universal Pharmacare, a publicly funded drug plan that would cover medically necessary prescription drugs for all Canadians, regardless of their ability to pay.

RELATED POLICIES:

Health Care Delivery Services (Romanow Report), CFUW 2003 Edmonton

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urges the federal, provincial and territorial governments of Canada to work collaboratively to implement the recommendations of the Romanow Commission Building on Values: The Future of Health Care in Canada

RESOLVED, that CFUW monitor health care policies, funding and regulations, as they are implemented.

For full information and background on these resolutions, visit this link:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/8efb82640cb8bc1fd889b4668/files/38ad0947-c4d0-470d-94e0-7701f8700509/2016_2017_Proposed_Resolutions_for_Amendment.doc

RESULTS OF NATIONAL INTEREST GROUP SURVEY

The following information represents the results of an interest group survey that was done nationally. You may find some ideas for new interest groups for our club.

The most common interest groups involved books, bridge and/or food.

BOOK CLUBS

- General - Members of the group choose books for the year from a variety of genres, read them, and critique or comment on them; monthly meetings usually in a member's home. Food and/or wine may be involved.
- Mystery – psychological thrillers, police procedurals
- Book Circle/Exchange – books are read and then passed on to another member of the group. Books are not formally discussed, groups sometimes don't even meet together
- Dinner book discussion – meet for dinner to discuss books
- Topics – a topic is chosen and members may read and discuss any book written on that topic
- Canadiana – books on Canadian topics or by Canadian authors, sometimes with a focus on women's issues
- International authors or subject matter
- Genres – members read a book from a chosen genre (sometimes followed by a road trip to visit places mentioned in the books)
- Literature – rather than popular fiction
- Historical fiction

FOOD GROUPS

- Dinner Club – meet in a member's home for a meal. Sometimes a pot-luck, sometimes the host provides food, someone else brings the wine
- Dining Out – dinner in a local restaurant once a month
- Ladies Who Lunch – lunch at a local restaurant once a month
- Lunch Bunch – 3 or 4 women make lunch for others to raise funds for the Charitable Trust
- Gourmet Dining – the host sets the theme and each attendee brings an assigned dish.
- Luncheon Plus/ Learning and Lunch – meet at a local restaurant with an activity either before or after lunch

- Adventures in Dining – groups meet monthly to try new recipes
- Themed Menus – based on a country, chef, cookbook, ethnic foods, etc.
- Coffee and Conversation – meet at a shopping centre food court to chat informally
- Appetizers – everyone brings one appetizer and the host provides the wine.
- Out and About – meet at a locally owned and operated restaurant rather than big chain restaurants (support of local businesses)
- Couples Gourmet – spouses/partners/friends are invited
- International Cuisine
- Sunday Brunch
- Guess Who is Coming for Lunch – Host provides main dish, guests bring other courses or wine. The host will also invite a surprise guest/speaker to the lunch
- Stitch and Unwind Dessert Club – knitters meet and take turns bringing a dessert
- Coffee Social – meet at a local hotel restaurant for coffee and an informal chat
- Sunrise Breakfast – meet for breakfast at restaurant for an informal chat, with a guest speaker on occasion
- Supper Club
- Saturday Night Dinners: Husbands and /or Partners invited

BRIDGE

- Regular bridge groups – 2 or 3 tables in a member's home, usually weekly
- Beginners, social, conventional, and duplicate bridge groups

OTHER CARD GROUPS AND BOARD GAMES (Anything But Bridge!)

- Euchre
- Rummy
- Mahjong
- Scrabble
- Cribbage
- Texas Hold 'Em Poker
- Canasta

*****A VARIETY OF SPECIAL AND UNIQUE INTEREST GROUPS*****

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

- Bowling; Lawn Bowling

(cont'd on p.g. 7)

(cont'd from p.g. 6)

- Cross Country Skiing
- Downhill skiing
- Hiking or walking; Walk and talk
- Golf
- Yoga
- Urban Pole Walking
- Summer Saunterers – “fair weather” walkers
- Bridle Paths – women and horses

CRAFTS

- Stitch and Bitch – crafters and knitters together making items to donate to Extencicare and Community Living
- Crafts – knits red scarves for AIDS Awareness Campaign and other projects
- Creative Arts – support of each other’s painting, knitting, quilting, writing, or performance endeavours
- Crafters – crafters meet in members’ homes to work on their own projects - embroidery, knitting, quilting, etc – followed by snacks or lunch

OTHER INTERESTING GROUPS

- Foreign Language study
- Madri-Gals (singing)
- Creative Writing
- Technology – learn about using social media and/or electronic devices
- Gardening – learning about gardening, visiting local gardens, looking after community flower beds, garden tours
- Horticulture – meets in December to make arrangements and wreaths for a silent auction
- Roamers – attend interesting community events – theatre, movie, dinner, sporting event, lectures, etc.
- Music Appreciation – discussion, concerts, etc. classical and other
- Art Appreciation/ Art History – study of art, visits to galleries, etc.
- Film Appreciation
- Wine tasting
- Antiques – research, “show and tell”, field trips
- Adopt a Family – collects personal care items for a local food bank. Helps families at Christmas by providing books, toys, and food gift cards
- Meditation
- Genealogy – help others with research, plans lectures, field trips

- Pop-Up Discussions – on topics of current interest
- Faith – Bridging the Rivers of Faith
- Travel – lectures and discussions of members’ travel experiences
- Whiskey Women
- Out and About – monthly outing to various locations (Olive oil and balsamic vinegar tasting, Shakespeare outdoor productions, glass making demo, stage, opera, ballet, etc.) preceded by or followed by lunch
- Photography
- CCFUW Goes to the Movies (out or at home)
- French Conversation
- Newcomers
- Meals on wheels
- Investments

STUDY GROUPS

- History
- Politics Study Group
- Current Issues Discussion – topics chosen by the group, members take turns researching and presenting followed by a discussion
- Environmental Toxins and Health
- University Women Helping Afghan Women
- Talking Circle – discussions on various indigenous issues and topics of importance to indigenous women

PARTNERSHIPS

- Plans a fundraiser where a female Canadian author is the guest speaker and her book is for sale. Partnership with Sudbury YWCA and LEAF – Sudbury Chapter
- Networking Group – for the younger members in the business community



Newsletter Deadline

Information for the April newsletter should be submitted by **Friday, March 31st**. 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).

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Club Meeting	3	4
5	6	7	8 IWD Event	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Book Club	23	24	25 Ont. Council Standing Cmte. Mtg.
26	27 Scarb. Club Fashion Show	28	29	30	31 Newsletter Deadline	