



Message from the President. . .

Recently I circulated a letter from our National VP Membership regarding the closing down of the Regina club. It makes me very sad that a club has found itself without a future and has folded.

This has made me think about our own situation. We are also having trouble filling positions in the executive. It has been particularly hard filling the Vice president position and subsequently of course, President for several years. This will be the second round of a 3 year term for president in a row if someone doesn't step up this year. What happens next? Other clubs I have had contact with say the same thing. Some are functioning without a President and/or VP or recycling the same people through the positions. I share their frustration and the feeling that we lose some of the vitality and commitment of entire group when a club finds itself in this situation.

Other issues looming on the horizon are the increases to the dues as a result of the GWI situation, increases in costs to continue to run a local club, and of course losing members. These pressures are difficult for a club to withstand along with the aforementioned situation.

We have to reflect on these issues and decide where we stand as individuals and as a whole. Personally I think we have a very strong and committed membership. Our meeting turnouts are very good and there is a genuine interest in CFUW beyond the day to day functions. We participate outside of our 'walls' in International Women's Day events, we turn out to the Fall, Spring and National gatherings, and we stepped up for hosting the 2018 Spring conference. I think these are healthy signs.

I will be opening up discussion at this month's meeting so everyone can share their views on the Regina club's situation and what it means for the future of our club.

Cathy



Next General Meeting

**Thursday,
November 3, 2016**

**“Doula and Modern
Pregnancy Care”**



Speaker:

Olivia Scobie

Meeting Location:



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

Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.

Business meeting begins at 7 pm.

Speaker begins at 7:45, followed by social time for members after the speaker.

Invite a friend to this meeting & introduce them to the fun and friendship of CFUW!



Minutes of General Meeting Thursday, October 6th, 2016

Guest: Pat Joyce

Pat provided an update on national issues including the proposed GWI fee increases, congratulated us on last year's membership increase, our fabulous newsletter and new website. She also highlighted the International Women's Day plans for this year at the U of T Faculty club in March.

Next meeting for the 2018 AGM is November 1st.

Sandy advised if anyone did not receive the first edition of the newsletter please let her know and she will update the mailing list. The newsletter is also being published on the website.

Lori informed that we have 17 paid members.

Janet advised our meeting notice got into the Pickering Ajax News Advertiser last week. She is also putting notices on Facebook and Twitter.

Louise confirmed Pampered Chef is a go for Saturday November 6th at 1 pm (at Louise's house).

Caroline suggested next month is a good time to invite some younger women as we have a Doula coming to speak.

Marcy read a piece on rural education in Uganda, so that they can become teachers. 70% of the population in Uganda is under 25, this creates a huge future need for teachers. There are girls that are qualified but can't afford to travel

Caroline announced that the Outdoor Club's first walk around South Rosebank is coming up and will end with a social at her house to discuss the rest of the season's plans.

Catherine will do the first Ladies Gourmet, TBA.
Louise Z will do one in the spring.

Cindy advised that SinS is entering a running team in the Scotiabank Marathon Sunday Oct 16th. Please join or sponsor.

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

Oshawa Club Let's do Friday Lunch

Let's Do Friday Lunch: November

Hostess: Pat Davies

Date: Last Friday of the month, Nov. 25, 2016

Time: 12:45 p.m. (unless the time is changed at which point you will all be notified by email ASAP)

Venue: The Vault Gastropub

Address: 102 Brock Street South (west side of), south of Dundas, downtown Whitby in the old "Four Corners" area.

This is a new restaurant, very highly rated on TripAdvisor, on the site of the former Marca Trattoria. There is actually a very old vault in this historic building and you can dine in the vault if you wish. N.B.: There will be NO lunch in December. The next lunch will be in January, 2017, and the January hostess will be: Jone Webster.

For reservations contact Pat (patjdavies@rogers.com).



This Month's Speaker

Olivia Scobie

Olivia Scobie is a doula and postpartum counsellor specializing in perinatal mood disorders, postpartum resiliency, and birth trauma. She is also the Executive Director of Postpartum Support Toronto. She will be discussing the role of doulas in caring for new parents and how to 'mother' new mothers.



Interest Groups

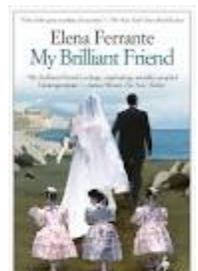
Get involved—get connected!! Join an interest group!

Interest groups are a great way to get to know other club members, especially if you are new to the club. Joining one or several of these groups gives you the opportunity to spend time with members with similar interests. Feel free to join as many as you like (or start up a new one!) You are only limited by the amount of free time you have available!

Book Club

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

The November Book Club meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 23rd**, at 7:30 pm at Louise S's. The book is **My Brilliant Friend** by *Elena Ferrante*. Please contact Louise at 416-717-3071 to confirm attendance.



Outdoor Adventures Interest 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.



Newsletter Deadline

Information for the October newsletter should be submitted by **Friday, November 25th**. 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).

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Club Meeting	4	5
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