



Message from the President. . .

Happy Fall everyone! I welcome the end of the hot weather as this was a particularly hot summer. Thank you to Cindy and the Scientist in Schools organization for their wonderful meeting space. September isn't usually bad for quarantine but I did feel much more relaxed knowing that there wasn't a possibility for cancellation.

Remember we are starting at 7:30 so if you arrive after that you will have to text someone to let you in. I have discovered that we can see you through the window of the meeting room even though you can't see in, so waving your arms may work as well.

As we gear up for Thanksgiving I am thinking about fundraising and fall meetings. We are planning to have a Pampered Chef event in November so please keep that in mind when planning Christmas gifts this year. The fall gathering is coming up which is a morning of discussion and sharing on topics common to all clubs. There are 5 slots allotted but we can send more if there is interest.

Cathy



Next General Meeting

**Thursday,
October 6th, 2016**

“Becoming a Writer”



Speaker:

Jane Glatt

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, September 8th, 2016

Minutes of the Ajax/Pickering CFUW monthly meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at the new **Scientists in School** facility in Pickering.

Cathy called the meeting to order and welcomed members to a new year, special mention to returning members Agnes and Louise Z.

- **Program** – Caroline and Marcy

Caroline and Marcy reviewed the speaker program for the coming year. It is published on our website. Note that Louise S's sister, Jane Glatt will speak next month about her experience writing books. Congratulations for such a promising program. It was decided to offer speakers \$50.

- **June 2016 AGM** - Cathy

The motion to withdraw CFUW from GWI (Graduate Women International, formerly known as IFUW) was defeated. The debate lasted 2 hours and included an amendment.

FYI: Canada has the largest membership of groups belonging to GWI. The USA, Germany, and Netherlands have withdrawn already.

Approximately \$20 of our annual membership fee that goes to National CFUW is currently assigned to GWI.

Marcy told us that the fees to GWI are based on membership and fees have not increased since 2004. There are 2 possible increases: about 35 Swiss francs or 100 Swiss francs. Almost 40% of GWI's income comes from fees. These would create a large increase to our fees. This issue is difficult to understand and it was suggested that we should try to find out more. We could look to find a speaker for next year with expertise in the issues.

Cathy received an award for our club for increasing membership (2 members).

Cathy bought a President's pin for Nonna, our previous President who served for 3 consecutive terms. She will present it when Nonna next attends.

- **Treasurer report** - Jane

The current balance in our account is \$4978.68. Rent for V!VA has been paid (accumulated for the last 2 years).

We will continue to meet at the SiS facility thanks to their generosity. No rent is being charged but we will make arrangements to pay for a workshop. Cathy and Jane reminded the members that the dues for this year are \$110 and Jane is happy to accept cheques.

Jane passed around a member contact sheet and asked members to make any necessary changes in order to have accurate information as soon as possible.

- **Scholarships – Dorothy**

Lori B will present our scholarship at Ajax HS on November 4.

- **Publicity** – Janet and Sandy

The revised website is up and running.

www.ajaxcfuw.ca

Plans had to be reduced so that the site remains free.

- **Fundraising**

We discussed sending a basket to the silent auction at the Diane Leahy Memorial Bonspiel. Lori volunteered to create a basket of makeup/cosmetics. We discussed hosting another euchre event and are considering April. Location is to be determined.

Louise S has a family contact who is willing to do a Pampered Chef party. Louise S volunteered to host in November.

We discussed holding an afternoon tea/ fascinator party in May or June. Erica volunteered to host it.

- **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 Heather's home on Tuesday September 20 at 7:30 to discuss *The Widow*. Note that this meeting has been moved from the date published on the book list. Warning: Heather has a new puppy, Kasha.

Caroline is trying again to run an **Outdoor Activity Group**. Look for an email about an event.

Caroline and Marcy welcome members to join the **Advocacy Group**.

- **New Business**

Caroline is running in the Terry Fox and welcomes support for her team "Sunshine". Please join the team or donate to the cause. See her email for more information.

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

NEW MEETING FACILITIES

We will be meeting at our **new location** at the Scientists in School offices at **975 Dillingham Rd, Unit 2, Pickering.**

Meetings are the **1st Thursday of each month**, unless otherwise advised.

Business meeting: 7:00 pm

Short break

Speaker: 7:45 pm

Social time following the speaker.

ONTARIO CENTRAL Fall Gathering

Host: Toronto Area Clubs

For Presidents, Vice Presidents, Advocacy, Program and Membership Chairs

Date: November 12th, 2016 9:00 am to 12:00 pm - Register by October 7

Location: Yorkminster Baptist Church

Theme: *Talk it Out*

Refreshments to start then move into discussion groups

For further information contact:

patjoyce103@yahoo.com



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!

Sign-up sheets will be posted at the September meeting. If you are a new member and are not sure how our interest groups work, please ask any club member for more information.

Here's a list of our more active groups: **Ladies Gourmet, Couples Gourmet, Book Lovers, Euchre Group, Issues and Advocacy, Ladies Golf, Volunteer Activities, Garden Club, and Entertainment/Theatre Group.**

Convenors are needed for each of these groups. All you have to do is keep a list of the members signed up for the interest group and occasionally act as liaison/coordinator for the group, if necessary. It's easy!

Book Club

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

The October Book Club meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 26th**, at 7:30 pm at Jane C's. The book is ***Before the Fall*** by Noah Hawley. Please contact Jane at 428-0941 to confirm attendance.



This Month's Speaker

Jane Glatt



Come and meet Jane Glatt, a Toronto based fantasy novelist. She has self-published a trilogy and has had a duology published by Tyche Books with her next Tyche

Books novel due out fall of 2016. She will talk about her journey to becoming a published novelist and her approach to learning the craft of novel writing.

TO WRITE
means more than putting
PRETTY WORDS
on a page;
THE ACT OF WRITING
is to share
A PART OF YOUR SOUL
with the World.


Conversing with Ladies

"A gentleman should never lower the intellectual standard of his conversation in addresses ladies. Pay them the compliment of seeming to consider them capable of an equal understanding with gentlemen. You will no doubt be somewhat surprised to find in how many cases the supposition will be grounded in fact, and the few instances where it is not, the ladies will be pleased rather than offended at the delicate compliment you pay them. When you come down to commonplace or small talk with an intelligent lady, one or two things is the consequence; she either recognizes the condescension and despises you or else she accepts it as the highest intellectual effort of which you are capable, and rates you accordingly".

From *Our Deportment or the Manners, Conduct and Dress of the Most Refined Society*.
Compiled From The Latest Reliable Authorities by
John H. Young, Paris, Ontario, John S. Brown
Publishers, 1883

The quotation above was submitted by Marcy R.

The following article is a similar piece from a blog post on conversing in Victorian Times.

How to Converse with Silly, Stupid Ladies (Victorian Life Advice 2.0)

Source: *The Scattering*, blog, May 8th
<https://thescattering.wordpress.com/tag/victorian-era/>

Take note, gentlemen: this might help you on your next date. Or not. Probably not.

Our guide to proper 19th-century etiquette, the eminent Cecil B. Hartley, would have been remiss to omit from his 1875 *Gentlemen's Book of Etiquette* advice on the art of conversation. And lucky for us, almost all of these guidelines have

something to do with one's behavior in "the society of ladies."



You'd better be reading Godey's Lady's Book, Belle. Not that you could understand it any better than the sheep.

This was the era of the "Cult of True Womanhood," a pervasive (I suppose a lot of us would say pernicious) set of ideas about how women were supposed to act. We can sum it up into four cardinal virtues for women: piety, purity, submission, and domesticity.

Of course, in 1875, "ladies" wasn't a blanket statement for all human females—more like white middle- and upper-class human females. But even so, working-class women, African-American women, and others who wouldn't be called "ladies" or be welcomed in polite society were often held to the same standards of the Cult of True Womanhood.

The point being that these were the cultural assumptions of Hartley's time, and the things he says about women's brains and mental faculties (below) would have been quite common. Hey, women themselves were reading the same things in their own publications, like that money-making machine, the womanly advice manual and fashion handbook "Godey's Lady's Book."

So let's see what Mr. Hartley was teaching America's young men about relationships between the sexes:

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1. No Controversy Allowed

“One of the first rules for a guide in polite conversation is to avoid political and religious discussions in general society ... [I]n the drawing room, at the dinner table, or in the society of ladies, these are topics best avoided.”

We still say today that it's impolite to bring up politics, religion, or other contentious subjects at dinner or at any sort of gathering—even among friends and family. Of course, Hartley mentions three situations in which it's in particularly bad taste to start a debate: all of them the domestic spheres of a woman. You get the feeling that Hartley wouldn't take offense to a group of men drinking scotch, smoking cigars, and talking politics in the library after dinner.

2. Don't Let a Woman Show You Up

I love this one. Hartley has just been discoursing on the importance of being knowledgeable about a broad range of topics (art, science, literature, business, music, international affairs) when he throws in this gem about a woman who chimes in with something insightful to say when the man has lost the train of the conversation for want of a proper education:



“You can speak, even though you're so clearly my intellectual inferior! It's remarkable!”

“This facility of comprehension often startles us in some women, whose education we know to have

been poor, and whose reading is limited. If they did not rapidly receive your ideas, they could not, therefore, be fit companions for intellectual men, and it is, perhaps, their consciousness of a deficiency which leads them to pay more attention to what you say.”

By jove, that must be it! It's not that she's a intelligent woman who has by the custom of the country been denied equal education with men (how absurd); it must be that she wants to get married and so tries really hard to prove herself to men! Well, that makes *much* more sense.

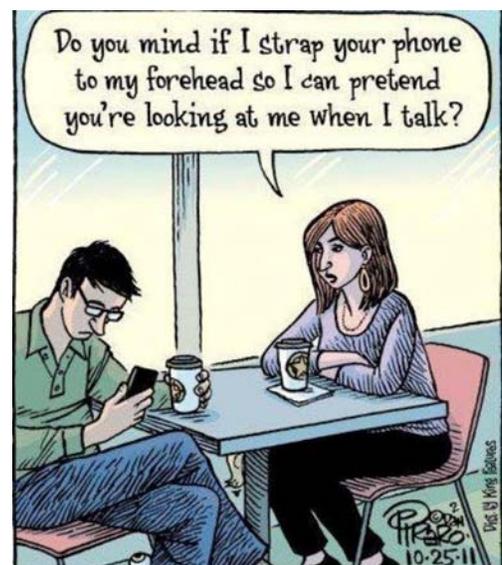
3. That's What She Said

You know why I'm glad Steve Carell left *The Office* this season? Because I'm pretty sure that Michael Scott did more to popularize “That's what she said” jokes than anyone else on the planet. And if puns are the lowest form of humor, than making a double entendre of an innocent person's inadvertent sexual innuendo has to be the lowest form of pun.

“To use phrases which admit of a double meaning, is ungentlemanly, and, if addressed to a lady, they become positively insulting.”

Finally, something Cecil and I can agree on. Lord knows there's not much.

Conversation in the 21st Century...



Newsletter Deadline

Information for the October newsletter should be submitted by **Friday, October 21st**. 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).

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