



Message from the President. . .

Welcome back! Just a reminder that at the Executive meeting in June we decided to move the meeting night back to Thursdays to see if we could entice some new members that way as well as maybe bringing back members who have stopped coming due to the meeting night conflicts. The first meeting will be SEPTEMBER 8TH as it is the first Thursday after Labour Day holiday.

Also, another big change is that we are going to be meeting in the offices of Scientists in School from now on. This summer they moved to new and much larger offices so we are very excited to have been offered this opportunity. In June I attended the CFUW National AGM that was held in St Catharines at the Brock University Campus. It was a fabulous gathering in a wonderful setting. Some of the ladies put on a spoken word play "Let Them Howl" which was the re-enactment of the famous "mock parliament" that featured Nellie McClung and her peers in the Political Equality League. This became the iconic beginning of enfranchisement for many women in Canada.

The 5 resolutions we discussed in March all passed. As did three GWI resolutions. You can read these [resolutions in French and English here.](#) We also addressed the issue of our membership in IFUW (now GWI) in light of some of the financial issues this organization is having.

Defeated Amendment – Withdrawal of CFUW from Graduate Women International (GWI) formerly known as International Federation of University Women (IFUW) as a National Federation or Association (NFA) member.

Clubs across the country engaged in thoughtful debate over an Amendment put forward by CFUW St. Thomas, "Withdrawal of CFUW from Graduate Women International (GWI)". CFUW members engaged in vigorous discussion on the amendment, which requires a 2/3 (66.6%) majority to pass. The amendment failed, with 55% voting to withdraw and 45% voting to remain as an NFA member.

As an addendum to this, the GWI meeting in the summer has passed dues increases for the next three years.

See you in September! Don't forget the cheque book to do your registration.

Cathy

***Welcome back to another
great year of CFUW!***

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Next General Meeting

**Thursday,
September 8, 2016**

“Amnesty/Refugee Work”

Speaker:

Samantha Burdett, Policy Advisor, Regional Municipality of Durham

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.

Come out and get caught up after the summer!

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



Minutes of General Meeting Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Scientists in School has moved to a new location in Pickering and there is a possibility that we could meet there each month. We discussed paying for a presentation (about \$200) to thank SiS.

We also considered keeping V!VA for some events: Xmas meeting and Euchre.

The Oshawa club is asking some of our members to attend a planning meeting for the Ontario AGM 2018. Note that Louise Z, Jane and Dale did attend.

Jane presented the budgets. Jane proposed that we donate \$500, including the \$300 raised by the Euchre, to Scientists in School. Seconded by Lori. Passed. The budget was drawn as if balanced.

Dorothy indicated that the Scholarship Fund had \$8559.00.

\$6,000 is still in Canada savings Bonds

\$2,559 is in the BMO bank account

The fund received \$1,969 in memorial donations, mostly in memory of Diane Leahy. We recently received \$450 from a family euchre in memory of Diane.

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.

Welcome back!!

Hope you're ready for another great year of CFUW!!

Meetings are the 1st Thursday of each month (except for the September meeting on Sept 8th). We will be meeting at our new location at the Scientists in School offices at 975 Dillingham Rd, Unit 2, Pickering, unless otherwise advised.

Business meeting: 7:00 pm

Short break

Speaker: 7:45 pm

Social time following the speaker.

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: September 24th, 2016

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
1585 Yonge Street

Session Topic: Women on campus & beyond: engendering solidarity . . . What is the status of women today?

Speaker:

**Professor Joan Simalchik,
University of Toronto, Mississauga**

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 2016/2017:

January 21, 2017 and March 25, 2017

2016/2017 Executive

President – Cathy Martin
 Vice President – vacant
 Fundraising Convenor – Louise Simmonds
 Secretary – Dale Thorington
 Treasurer – Jane Clemo
 Membership – Lori Bootsma
 Scholarship – Dorothy Nemeth
 Newsletter – Sandy Briell
 Social – Louise Simmonds
 Program Committee – Jennifer Harrison, Caroline Honsberger, Marcia Railer
 Publicity – Janet Martin
 Past President – Nonna Schiefer
 Interest Group Convenors: TBA

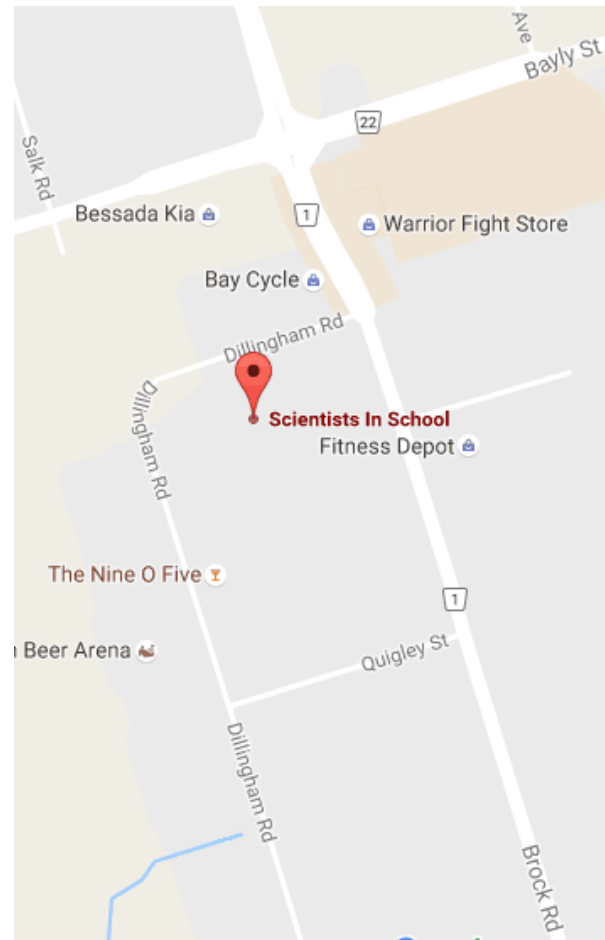
2016/2017 Program

Wed. Sept. 8	Amnesty/Refugee Samantha Burdett
Wed. Oct. 6	Becoming a Writer Jane Glatt
Wed. Nov. 3	Doula and Modern Pregnancy Care Olivia Scobie
Wed. Dec. 1	Winter Party
Wed. Jan. 5 or 12 (TBD)	Into to Technology Mat Russell
Wed. Feb. 2	Aging in the Home Speaker TBA
Wed. March 2	Resolutions and Potluck
Wed. April 6	Special Needs and Athletics Speaker TBA
Wed. May 4	Celebrating our Garden Bugs! Malcolm Geast
Wed. June 1	End of Year Party

NEW MEETING FACILITIES

Scientists in School offices, 975 Dillingham Cres, Unit 2, Pickering

Located off the west side of Brock Rd, south of Bayly St.



The driveway is the first one on the left and you will see the sign on the building for the old tenant EMC. There is parking in front of the door with the Scientists in School sign on it and that connects to the larger parking lot for the Bingo. We are welcome to use parking spots in the Bingo lot as well.

Please try to arrive between 7 and 730. We will meet initially in the lobby at the doorway but I want to move into the meeting room at 730. The door needs to remain locked so if you arrive after 730 you can text one of us to come open the door. We will not be able to hear knocking at the door. Cindy A. and Caroline H. have offered their cell phones for contact for this purpose. Please refer to the newsletter email for this information.



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 September Book Club meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 20th**, at 7:30 pm at Heather T's. The book is ***The Widow*** by Fiona Barton. Please contact Heather at 831-7387 to confirm attendance.



Book Club List 2016/2017

Tues Sept 20th 2016 *The Widow*, by Fiona Barton, hosted by Heather T.

Wed Oct 26th 2016 *Before the Fall*, by Noah Hawley, hosted by Jane C.

Wed Nov 27th 2016 *Thunderstruck*, by Erik Larson, hosted by Louise Z.

Wed Jan 23rd 2017 *Circling the Sun*, by Paula McLain, hosted by Dorothy N.

Wed Feb 22nd 2017 *The Wild Truth*, by Carine McCandless AND precursor book *Into the Wild*, by Jon Krakauer, hosted by Donna M.

Wed Mar 22nd 2017 *My Brilliant Friend*, by Elana Ferrante, hosted by Louise S.

Wed Apr 26th 2017 *The Thirteenth Tale*, by Diana Sellarfield, hosted by Erica B.

Wed May 24th 2017 *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman, hosted by Cathy H.

Tues June 27th 2017 *Dinner and Shopping for Next Year's list*

Other Recommended Suggestions:

The Storied Life of A.J. Fickry by Gabriell Zevin
Quiet by Susan Cain

How We Got to Now by Steven Johnson

One of Us: The Story of a Massacre in Norway by Asne Seierstad

Sweetness in the Belly by Camilla Gibb

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Frye by Rachel Joyce

15 Dogs by Andre Alexis

Behind the Beautiful Forever by Katherine Boo

Aztec by Gary Jennings

Dear Committee Members by Julie Schumacher

Crashing Through by Robert Kurson

Cashelmara by Susan Howich

Between a Rock and a Hard Place (Movie-127 Hours) by Aron Ralston

This Month's Speaker

Samantha Burdett

Samantha Burdett is a Policy Advisor with the Regional Municipality of Durham specifically working in the areas of Newcomer Integration and Diversity. Her work involves making sure that the needs of the increasingly diverse population of new immigrants and refugees are included in the planning and development processes of community organizations and the Durham region itself. She also serves as a member of the National Board of Directors for Amnesty International. She became involved with Amnesty over 25 years ago initially through writing letters for a local community group in Calgary. Since that time she has worked as a staff member in the Ottawa office, been a fieldworker, and has been involved in a number of Amnesty International committees. Samantha has a Masters degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Western Ontario and a Masters degree in Sociology from the University of Guelph.

CFUW Elects Karen Dunnnett as President

Ottawa - June 28, 2016 - At its annual general meeting and conference, CFUW elected Karen Dunnnett of Shediac Cape, New Brunswick, as its new President for 2016-2018. Ms. Dunnnett has a B.A. and a B.Ed. from Mount Allison University. She was a high school teacher at the beginning of her career,

followed by many years as a working partner in private business. Presently, she teaches part-time. In Moncton, she has served on the Home & School Committee, Downtown Residents' Association, Board of Directors of the Beaver Curling Club and the Moncton branch of Save the Children Canada.

Ms. Dunnnett's work with Save the Children over the years exemplifies her commitment to community action and helping others. As National President in the late 1990s she instituted hiring protocols for the position of the organization's executive director, facilitated the merger of Save the Children BC with Save the Children Canada, instituted value-added strategic planning strategies with board and staff, and participated in the establishment of a new logo for all worldwide Save the Children organizations as part of the International Save the Children Alliance.



Ms. Dunnnett has been an active, contributing member of CFUW since joining in the 1980s. She has held all club executive positions, and has served on CFUW national committees for Board Governance, Finance, Risk Management, Advocacy and Human Resources. She has been Regional Director of New Brunswick, VP Atlantic and VP Membership. In 2014, Ms. Dunnnett was part of the CFUW delegation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York, as well as a delegate on the International Federation of University Women's Friendship Tour of Turkey. CFUW is proud to welcome Karen Dunnnett to her new position as President of our national organization.

CFUW is a non-partisan, voluntary, self-funded organization with over 100 CFUW Clubs, located in every province across Canada. Since its founding in 1919, CFUW has been working to improve the status of women, and to promote human rights, public education, social justice, and peace.

News from Regional Director Pat Joyce

You have many successes to celebrate from raising scholarship money, supporting women's shelters, advocating on women's issues, providing interesting programs and newsletters, discussing resolutions and providing opportunities for likeminded women to socialize in the many interest groups.

Many Clubs sent members to the three Standing Committees to learn about the Status of Women and issues related to current legislation and developments in education in the province of Ontario at all levels. You will find the reports on last year's sessions on the Ontario Council website.

Most clubs sent a representative to the Ontario council AGM or I carried their proxy to vote on the resolution on benefits after 65. This passed.

In November 7, 12 of the 13 Clubs plus the Toronto Caucus chair sent up to five members to discuss Club successes and concerns as well as advocacy, membership and programming. This **Talk It Out** was deemed a success and will be repeated on **Nov. 12, 2016** at Yorkminster Baptist Church 9:00 am to noon.

Ten or the 13 Clubs sent representatives to the National AGM in St. Catherine's in June. I carried the proxies for the other three. The Bylaw change was lost as there was not a 2/3 majority secured so we remain in GWI. The other five resolutions passed.

As you know we have a new National President and Board. Karen Dunnnett from New Brunswick is the President. Nearly half of the Regional Directors
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are new. Sandy Thomson is the new Ontario Council President for the next two years. I remain as your Regional Director in Ontario Central for another two years.

For the past two years Scarborough and Ajax Pickering have hosted an International Women's Day Lunch. They have spearheaded a new committee that brings all the Clubs in the region together to host an event on March 8, 2017 at the Faculty Club on Willcocks Ave for a lunch and speaker. This is truly the "power of women working together"! Bravo.

This year three of Ontario Central Clubs won Awards given out by Ontario Council and National: CFUW Leaside-East York, CFUW Scarborough and UWC North York. An Honourable mention went to Aurora Newmarket.

Violence Against Women from National:

Scarborough: 3 activities

Special Awards:

Aurora-Newmarket for Stay in School Project

Membership:

Ajax-Pickering, Markham Unionville and Vaughan for increased membership.

New members Award:

More than 10 % new member increase:

Barrie and district

Etobicoke

Markham Unionville (for second year)

North Toronto

UWC North York

Congratulations to these Clubs.

You educate a man;
you educate a man.
You educate a woman;
you educate a
generation.

Brigham Young

Girls' education – the facts
Millions of girls around the world are still being denied an education

Source: Unesco website, data compiled in Oct 2013, research by Marcy R.

PRIMARY SCHOOL:

• There are still 31 million girls of primary school age out of school. Of these 17 million are expected never

to enter school. There are 4 million fewer boys than girls out of school.

• Three countries have over a million girls not in school: In Nigeria there are almost five and a half million, Pakistan, over three million, and in Ethiopia, over one million girls out of school.

LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL:

• There are also 34 million female adolescents out of school, missing out on the chance to learn vital skills for work.

SKILLS:

• Slow education progress for children today will have lifelong effects: Almost a quarter of young women aged 15-24 today (116 million) in developing countries have never completed primary school and so lack skills for work. Young women make up 58% of those not completing primary school.

LITERACY:

• Two-thirds of the 774 million illiterate people in the world are female.

For further information see 2012 EFA Global Monitoring Report; UNESCO Institute for Statistics database.

Girls Education has a Huge Impact on all of Society

Educated women are less likely to die in childbirth:

If all mothers completed primary education, maternal deaths would be reduced by two-thirds, saving 98,000 lives. In sub-Saharan Africa, if all women completed primary education, maternal deaths would be reduced by 70%, saving almost 50,000 lives.

Educating girls can save millions of lives:

If all women had a primary education, there would be 15% fewer child deaths. If all women had a secondary education, child deaths would be cut in half, saving 3 million lives.

Mothers' education improves child nutrition

If all women had a primary education, 1.7 million children would be saved from stunting from malnutrition. If all women had a secondary education, 12 million children would be saved from stunting from malnutrition

Girls with higher levels of education are less likely to have children at an early age

10% fewer girls would become pregnant under 17 years in sub-Saharan Africa and South and West Asia if they all had a primary education.

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Almost 60% fewer girls would become pregnant under 17 years in sub-Saharan Africa and South and West Asia if they all had a secondary education.

Educating girls is a key factor in hastening the demographic transition to lower birth rates.

In sub-Saharan Africa, women with no education have 6.7 births, on average. The figure falls to 5.8 for those with primary education and more than halves, to 3.9, for those with secondary education.

Girls with higher levels of education are less likely to get married at an early age

If all girls had a primary education, there would be 14% fewer child marriages

If all girls had a secondary education, there would be two-thirds fewer child marriages

Education narrows pay gaps between men and women

In Pakistan, women with a primary education earn 51% what men earn. With a secondary education, they earn 70% what men earn

In Jordan, women with a primary education earn 53% what men earn. With a secondary education, they earn 67% what men earn

Educated women are more likely to find work:

In Brazil, only 37% of women with less than primary education are in work. This rises to 50% if they have a primary education, and 60% with a secondary education.

For further information see EFA Global Monitoring Report *Education Transforms*.

Education Transforms

Education keeps hunger away.

Mothers' education improves children's nutrition. Education is vital to eliminate malnutrition in the long term – especially education that empowers women. Malnutrition is the underlying cause of more than a third of global child deaths. Educated mothers are more likely to ensure that their children receive the best nutrients to help them prevent or fight off ill health, know more about appropriate health and hygiene practices, and have more power in the home to make sure children's nutrition needs are met.

Education lessens early marriages and births.

Education empowers women to overcome discrimination. Girls and young women who are educated have greater awareness of their rights, and greater confidence and freedom to make decisions that affect their lives, improve their own and their children's health and chances of survival, and boost their work

prospects. One in eight girls is married by the age of 15 in sub-Saharan Africa and South and West Asia, and one in seven has given birth by the age of 17. Ensuring that girls stay in school is one of the most effective ways of averting child marriage and early births. Education is also a key factor in hastening the demographic transition to lower birth and mortality rates.

The bottom ten countries for female education

The EFA GMR's World Inequality Database in Education, WIDE, highlights the powerful influence of gender, combined with other factors such as ethnicity and location, over which people have little control but which play an important role in shaping their opportunities for education and life.

In 10 countries around the world, no more than half of poorest girls enter school, and in 10 countries, nine out of ten of the poorest young women have not completed school. Without a step change by the government to give these children and young people the education they need, including a second chance for those who have missed out, they will be denied equal opportunities in work and life forever.



Percentage of poorest females aged 7-16 who have never been to school			Average years of education for the poorest 17-22 year old females		
Rank	Country	%	Rank	Country	Years
1	Somalia	95%	1	Somalia	0.3
2	Niger	78%	2	Niger	0.4
3	Liberia	77%	3	Mali	0.5
4	Mali	75%	4	Guinea	0.5
5	Burkina Faso	71%	5	Guinea-Bissau	0.8
6	Guinea	68%	6	Yemen	0.8
7	Pakistan	62%	7	Central African Republic	0.8
8	Yemen	58%	8	Burkina Faso	0.9
9	Benin	55%	9	Pakistan	1.0
10	Côte d'Ivoire	52%	10	Benin	1.1

Source: EFA GMR's World Inequality Database in Education (WIDE)

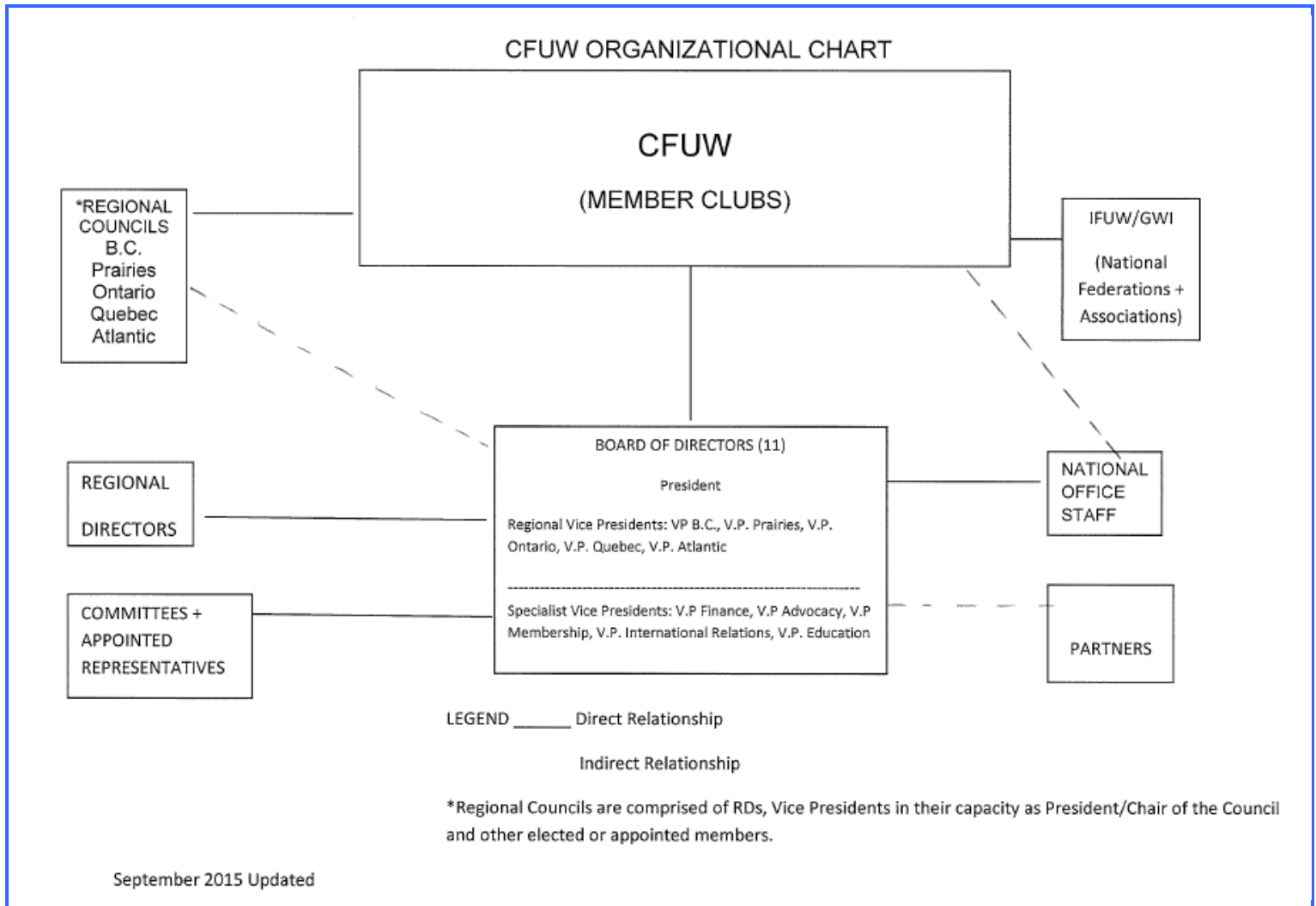
CFUW Organizational Chart

Ever wonder how the CFUW clubs connect with each other and the organization as a whole? The organizational chart below will help you understand the power of women working together and the overall organizational structure of CFUW.

There are over 100 CFUW member Clubs whose work is supported by the national federation.

The CFUW national federation is governed by an eleven member Board of Directors. There are several Standing and Special Committees, special appointees and eighteen Regional Directors who help the Board accomplish the Federation's work.

CFUW is a member of Graduate Women International (formerly known as International Federation of University Women). Graduate Women International (GWI) advocates for women's rights, equality and empowerment through access to quality secondary and tertiary education, and training up to the highest levels. It has national affiliates in over 60 countries and individual members in more than 40 other countries.



Newsletter Deadline

Information for the October newsletter should be submitted by **Friday, September 23, 2015**. 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).

September 2016

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