



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

Welcome back everyone! I hope your summers were full of fun and excitement. I made a driving trek in August out to very smoky Jasper, very busy Banff, and relaxing but dry Radium/Invermere B.C. I also travelled to Vancouver for the AGM in June but more about that later.

#### General updates:

We have moved the meetings this year to the second Thursday of the month. Mainly we are trying to avoid the conflict with another group that some of our members belong to.

An opportunity came up over the summer to apply for a grant from the city of Pickering to help pay for the rental of a room in one of the city's community centers. The application went in but we haven't heard anything yet.

There will be no dues increase this year due to unresolved issues with GWI. The Euchre fundraiser is coming up Oct 21<sup>st</sup>. This was rescheduled from last year. Louise S will be looking for support in this event and please come and bring friends.

We still need a Vice President for this year. Please consider this opportunity to support the club. You can contact me if you are interested or have questions about this position.

#### AGM update:

Both resolutions on clean water and universal pharmacare passed with no problem.

There was also an amendment to the Bylaws to add the Regional Directors Committee to the list of Standing Committees and this passed.

The amendment to withdraw from GWI did not pass again this year. There was a slight increase in the votes for withdrawing from last year to 57% but a 60% majority is required to pass. By not withdrawing we are then going to have to address the dues increase that was passed at the last Triennial but waived for a year. We were unsuccessful in completing the budget discussion at the meeting so did not address what if any increase we would agree to.

An Emergency resolution Fair and Non-Discriminatory Management of Canada's Refugees did not get presented due to time constraints and is as follows:

**RESOLVED**, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the Federal government of Canada to move expeditiously to protect the world's most vulnerable by reviewing and increasing the number of refugees accepted into the country in 2017 and onward; and

**RESOLVED**, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the Federal government to repeal the Canada/US Safe Third Country Agreement.

It will likely come up this year as a regular resolution.

Cathy

*Welcome back to another great year of CFUW!*

## Next General Meeting

**Thursday,**  
**September 14, 2017**

**“Renewable Energy in Uganda”**

**Speaker:**

**Lucinda Bakulumpagi-Wamala**

**Founder and executive director of Bakulu Power Ltd.**

**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 Thursday, June 8, 2017

Minutes of the Ajax/Pickering CFUW annual year end dinner meeting on Thursday June 8 at the home of Erica B. 16 members were present. After enjoying the wonderful potluck dinner on Erica's back deck, Cathy M called the meeting to order and introduced the **executive for 2017/2018:**

President: Cathy M (second year)  
Vice President: \*\*\* position is in need of a volunteer \*\*\*  
Treasurer: Jane C  
Secretary: Dale T plus someone to fill position in January, February and March  
Program: Marcy R and Caroline H.  
Membership: Lori B  
Social and Treats: Louise Z  
Advertising: Janet M  
Newsletter: Sandy B  
Fundraising: Louise S  
Past President: Nonna S (unable to serve)  
Book Club Convenor: Cathy H.  
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Cathy M announced an executive meeting for a date tbd in late August/early September.  
**Ontario AGM May 2018**, in partnership with Oshawa CFUW: Jane and Louise S will look after registration, Louise Z and Dorothy N will look after hospitality  
The event will be on Friday evening and Saturday, May 11 & 12, Mothers' Day weekend.  
Location: Residence at UOIT, Oshawa Art Gallery on Friday evening and the Business school building on Saturday.

- **Treasurer Report** – Jane  
Jane handed out copies of the actual budget 2016/2017 and the proposed budget 2017/2018. There is a deficit from 2016/2017. We paid \$50 per speaker this past year. We will donate \$250 to Scientists in School for use of their facilities 2016/2017.  
Proposed budget discussion points:  
Our club will receive a \$925 grant for budget year 2017/2018 that will cover some of the cost of our president, Cathy M attending the National AGM,

June 2017 in Richmond, BC. \$1800 expense will be in the proposed budget.  
Expense of \$400 = \$50 per speaker plus an extra \$50. (No speaker in December or March)  
Expense for rent of meeting room: \$250 for SiS plus \$100 if we need another room.  
Web hosting service: \$50 annual fee  
Dues: \$110 per member but may change after the AGM 2017.  
Motion to accept the budget as amended: moved Jane C and seconded Cindy A. Motion passed with all in favour.

- **Program 2017/2018:** Caroline requested that members email her or Marcy with ideas for speakers and noted that it is hard to get speakers when we have only 20 members and not all attend the meetings. We need to increase membership! We will look for a larger room for meetings to accommodate more members.
- **Motion to seek funding or a grant** for assistance with expense of a larger meeting location: Moved by Cathy H and seconded by Dale T. Passed with all in favour.
- **National AGM June 2017:** Cathy M. indicated the AGM will vote on acceptance of a dues increase for GWI and separately, acceptance of an increase to national dues. This could effect a change in the membership dues 2017/2018.  
Note that it is likely that in the future, the AGM will be an online business meeting on alternate years.

- **Scholarship Fund** – Dorothy  
The Pampered Chef fundraiser at the home of Louise S contributed \$308.17 to the fund. Dorothy announced that the remaining Scholarship cheque, 2016, has been cashed and we will be giving out 8 scholarships for 2017.

- **Interest Groups**  
The **Book Group** will meet at the restaurant Amici in Pickering on Tuesday on June 27 at 6 p.m. to eat and plan for the books and hosts for next year.  
The last meeting for this year of the **Outdoor club** will be the **Women's Weekend at Camp Couchiching**, June 9 to 11.

Cathy M thanked Erica for hosting the dinner and meeting.

## 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: September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church  
1585 Yonge Street

**Session Topic: ELECTIONS**, Women in Political Leadership

**Speaker:** Hon. Karina Gould, MP Burlington, Minister of Democratic Institutions

Check In: begins at 8:45

Meeting Begins at 9:45 am

Catering requires pre-registration

For more information click here: [Standing Committee Information](#)

### Upcoming meetings for 2017/2018:

September 23, 2017

January 20, 2018

March 24, 2018

**Welcome back!!**

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

Meetings are the **2nd Thursday** of each month **(NEW!!)**

We will be meeting 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.

## 2017/2018 Executive

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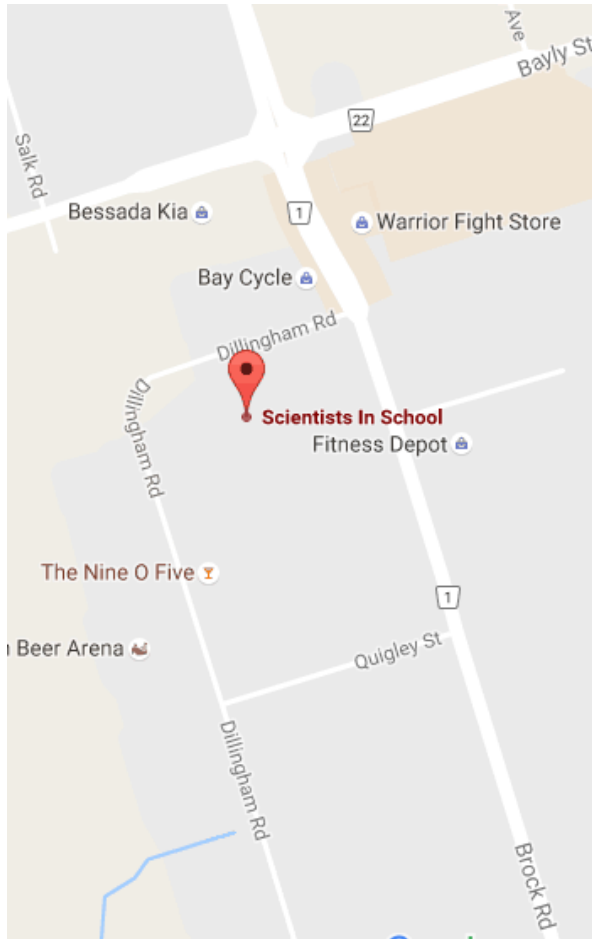
## 2017/2018 Program

Thurs Sept 14 2017	<b><u>Speaker: Lucinda Bakulumpagi-Wamala</u></b> Lucinda and her family came to Canada from Uganda in the late 1970's as refugees. Today, Lucinda is the founder and executive director of Bakulu Power Ltd. Her company invests in renewable energy for various projects in Uganda as well as designing, implementing, owning, and operating renewable energy infrastructure. Forbes Magazine has named Lucinda one of the 30 most promising entrepreneurs in Africa.
Thurs Oct 12 2017	<b><u>Speaker: Tim Thorington</u></b> Tim will be speaking about his nature photography projects and highlighting interesting facts about birds and their environments. He will use his extensive portfolio of beautiful photos to showcase our natural world.
Thurs Nov 9 2017	<b><u>Speaker: Chantal Whitaker</u></b> Chantal will be speaking about her work with the award winning sustainability program at the City of Pickering. She will highlight the key programs focused on Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy, Healthy Society, Responsible Development, and Responsible Consumption. She will also give us details on new exciting city initiatives.
Thurs Dec 14 2017	Holiday Party
Thurs Jan 11 2018	<b><u>Speaker: Sgt. Ron Kapuscinski</u></b> Over 65 percent of the girls trafficked in Canada are trafficked in Ontario, and Durham is a major location because of its closeness to highway 401. Sgt. Kapuscinski is a 22-year veteran of the Durham Regional Police and he is the head of the human trafficking unit in Durham region. He will be speaking about the issue and the strategies his unit is using to deal with this tragic crime.
Thurs Feb 8 2018	<b><u>Speaker: Chris Vaughan</u></b> Using real photographs and images from amateur and professional astronomers, as well as space-borne telescopes, Chris will take us on a tour, from our own backyard out to the edge of the observable Universe. We'll take time to appreciate the beauty of the images and learn some fascinating science behind each of them. The Aurorae, the Sun, mighty Jupiter and beautiful Saturn, the most beautiful parts of our own galaxy, and our distant neighbours will be delights for the eyes.
Thurs, Mar 8 2018	Resolutions
Thurs, Apr 12 2018	<b><u>Speaker: Sandy Thomson</u></b> Sandy will be speaking about the role of CFUW in its presentation to the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations. She will be discussing the specific presentation made by the CFUW delegates and our involvement as a national organization with the United Nations.
Thurs, May 10 2018	<b><u>Speaker: Liana Lafranier</u></b> Liana will be speaking about her role as a Life Coach. She will be talking about the benefits of life coaching through her work coaching private clients and also working on leadership coaching through the DDSB and the Ontario Principals' Council.
Thurs, June 14 2018	Celebration

## 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 7:30. We will meet initially in the lobby at the doorway but we will move into the meeting room at 7:30. The door needs to remain locked so if you arrive after 7:30 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 get in touch with them before the meeting if you think you might need this information.

## This Year's AGM, Richmond B.C.

The following photos were provided by Cathy M. who attended this year's AGM in B.C.



[Click here](#) for information, documents and resources from the AGM including the annual report, voting results and notes and resources from the workshops.



## 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!

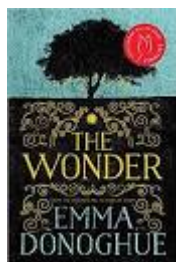
Sign-up sheets will be posted at the September meeting. If you are a new member and are not sure how our interest groups work, please ask any club member for more information.

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 **Thursday, September 28th**, at 7:30 pm at Jane C's. The book is ***The Wonder*** by Emma Donoghue. Please contact Jane at 428-0941 to confirm attendance.



## Book Club List 2017/2018

**Thurs Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 2017** *The Wonder*, by Emma Donoghue, hosted by Jane C.

**Thurs Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 2017** *Hidden Figures*, by Margot Lee Shetterly, hosted by Dale T.

**Thurs Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017** *Three Souls*, by Janie Chang, hosted by Caroline H.

**Thurs Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 2018** *Half Broke Horses*, by Jeanette Walls, hosted by Catherine G.

**Thurs Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018** *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*, by Gail Honeyman, hosted by Louise S.

**Thurs Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018** *Round Midnight*, by Laura McBride, hosted by Louise Z.

**Thurs April 26<sup>th</sup> 2018** *The Clay Girl*, by Heather Tucker, hosted by Erica B.

**Thurs May 24<sup>th</sup> 2018** *The Good Earth*, by Pearl S. Buck, hosted by Cathy H.

**TUESDAY\*\* June 26th 2018** Dinner and list for next year ☺

### Other Suggestions:

***The Orphan's Tale*** by Pam Jenoff

***Laughing All the Way to the Mosque*** by

***Promises to Keep*** by Genevieve Graham

***The Change Room*** by Karen Connolly

***The Substitute: Going to School With a***

***Thousand Kids*** by Nicholson Baker

***The Wangs vs The World*** by Jade Chang (to be released soon)

***We're All in This Together*** by Amy Jones

***The Couple Next Door*** by Shari Lapena

***The Republic of Dirt*** by Susan Juby

***The Promise Land*** by Bill Connall

***Whiskey King*** by Trevor Cole

***Into the Water*** by Paula Hawkins

***The Thirst*** by Jo Nesbo

***We Are Called to Rise*** by Laura McBride

***Behind Closed Doors*** by B.A. Paris

## Outdoor Adventure Club

The Outdoor Adventure Club will be running again this club year. If you have ideas to share, please send them to Caroline H. Consider inviting friends too.



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(Outdoor Adventure Club, cont'd from p.g. 6)

As an off shoot of the CFUW evening adventures, consider joining up with CFUW friends on the Rouge Park guided hikes on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. For more info check out: <http://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/on/rouge/activ/guide>

**Here's a list of upcoming Outdoor Adventure Club Activities:**

Sunday, September 17	Terry Fox Run Pickering Meet at the Pickering Recreation Complex - 1867 Valley Farm Road at 8:45 a.m.
Tuesday, October 24 (note 4th Tuesday)	Neighbourhood walk. Meet at 588 Maitland Drive, Pickering for a walk in the South Rosebank/Rouge River waterfront area
Tuesday, November 21	Neighbourhood walk. Location TBA
Tuesday, December 19	Christmas Lights walk. Meet at the parking lot at the foot of Liverpool Road South, Pickering.
Tuesday, January 16	Bowling
Tuesday, February 20	Neighbourhood walk. Location TBA
Tuesday, March 20	Neighbourhood walk. Location TBA
Tuesday, April 17	Neighbourhood walk. Location TBA
Tuesday, May 15	Rouge Valley Nordic walking
Friday-Sunday, June	Women's Weekend Camp Couchiching, Orillia

**Other Options** (if the weather changes or we want to add on extra activities)

- swimming
- skating
- bowling
- axe throwing
- boating
- orienteering
- treetop climbing
- nordic walking
- skiing
- tennis
- pickleball
- cottage visiting
- camping
- baseball
- curling
- golf
- soccer

Caroline H.

**Advocacy Group**

In January Caroline and I attended the Ontario Council where the topic was Closing the Gender

Gap and information regarding pay issues and legislation was discussed. In March we attended the Ontario Council where the main speaker was Shannon Fuller the Deputy Minister of Education responsible for the Early Years Division. She updated members on the status of Early Years education and spoke about the research that was used to implement decisions regarding junior and senior kindergarten. Also at this meeting members from the CFUW delegation that attended the United Nations Status of Women meetings presented a summary of their experience.

Nonna, Dale, Louise Z. and Caroline also attended the International Women's Day luncheon at the University of Toronto Faculty Club in March. The Toronto CFUW clubs hosted the event about celebrating the power of women and women's rights. We heard guest speaker, Paulo Gomez, a human rights lawyer from Columbia, talk about her women's advocacy work here in Toronto. She is the cofounder of SICK MUSE/art projects where she supports refugees, abused women and youth through art and legal education to become empowered people.

We welcome newcomers to the Advocacy Group. This year we will meet at 6 p.m. on the same date as the monthly CFUW meetings at the Tim Horton's located close to the Scientists in School office at **1750 Bayly St (east of Bayly and Brock Rd)**. Contact Caroline ([cahonsberger@gmail.com](mailto:cahonsberger@gmail.com)) or Marcy for more information.

**A Spirit Walk**

Does anyone want to join us in going to the Pickering Museum Village's Spirit Walk play in September? We can watch Backwoods Players in this award-winning dramatic play of the events that led to the Rebellion of 1837 and how Pickering took part. It is a really well done and you can see how amazing the pioneer homes are. If we want to meet somewhere for an early dinner, we could do that too. Or just meet there. The museum is near Hwy 7 at Westney Road in Greenwood.

My family is booked for 8:20 pm on Saturday, September 16. Consider joining us and inviting your friends and family too. If that date or time doesn't work for you, there are other choices. You can book your own tickets at

<https://estore.pickering.ca/events/eventtypes.aspx>.

Tickets are selling out on some nights and times. Hope to see you at this fun fall event!

Caroline H.



## This Month's Speaker

### Lucinda Bakulumpagi-Wamala -

transforming access to renewable energy one community at a time



Lucia Bakulumpagi-Wamala, is the Founder and CEO of [Bakulu Power](http://www.bakulu.com), a Ugandan renewable energy company. Bakulu Power is currently developing 3 solar mini-grids on islands off Lake Victoria and a clean cooking fuel (biomass) production plant on a refugee camp in Western Uganda. In March this year, Forbes Magazine named Lucia one of the 30 most promising entrepreneurs on the continent.

Lucia's company invests in the renewable energy sector, designing, implementing, owning and operating energy infrastructure. They are a young team with bold visionary ideas. Their engineers and researchers are some of the brightest in the country. Uganda is a young country; about 77% of its population is under 30. By providing access to and hands-on involvement in the emerging renewable energy industry, the company helps power our tomorrow. Bakulu Power's core purpose is to power local communities by providing residential and commercial clients with clean, affordable renewable energy systems tailored to their specific needs.

Source: <http://thisisuganda.org/lucia-bakulumpagi-wamala-transforming-access-renewable-energy-one-community-time/>

**Our first speaker is incredibly inspiring and her talk would appeal to young women, entrepreneurs, business women, refugees and refugee support workers, teachers, and people interested in international development. Please consider bringing a friend to this meeting to hear this vibrant speaker.**

## Women in the News...

### On Combat Roles For Women, Here's What India's New Defence Minister Said

Source: NDTV September 04, 2017 <http://www.ndtv.com/india-news/nirmala-sitharaman-says-she-has-an-open-mind-on-combat-roles-for-women-in-army-1745544>

Nirmala Sitharaman is India's first woman Defence Minister after Indira Gandhi. India's new Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday said she is keeping an "open mind" on women in combat roles -- a matter that Army Chief Bipin Rawat said is being looked into. Few nations have women in combat roles, an issue that's seen as a fallout of gender divide.



"After my taking charge, I will be certainly be going through a lot of what has happened on that front... I will keep an open mind and look into the matter," 58-year-old Ms Sitharaman said. The issue, she added, has even been discussed by the National Commission of Women. Women are allowed in some select areas in the army - including medical, legal, signals and engineering wings. But in June, General Rawat had assured that the army is ready to open up combat positions for women and it will begin with inducting them as military police. Last year, the Indian Air Force had inducted three women as fighter pilots.

"We have already started the process," General Rawat had told news agency Press Trust of India in an exclusive interview.

So far, only Germany, Australia, Canada, the US, Britain, Denmark, Finland, France, Norway, Sweden and Israel have allowed women in combat roles.

On Sunday, Nirmala Sitharaman - who became the first woman defence minister of India since Indira Gandhi handled the portfolio as Prime Minister nearly three decades ago - said PM Modi is known for his support to women.

"The several programmes that he has launched for empowering women is very well known," she said, adding that the entire party senior leadership were "involved in the call" to pick her as the defence minister. "It is a big message the Prime Minister has given to the world that we (women) are no less," she said.

Nirmala Sitharaman, who also became the second woman after foreign minister Sushma Swaraj to gain entry to the crucial Cabinet Committee for Security or CCS, said the decision was a "big message" to the world.

"Issues may remain and we have to control all of them. But the fact is that this country has never stopped promoting women and to be part of the CCS, where already my senior colleague is there, is an overwhelming experience," she added.



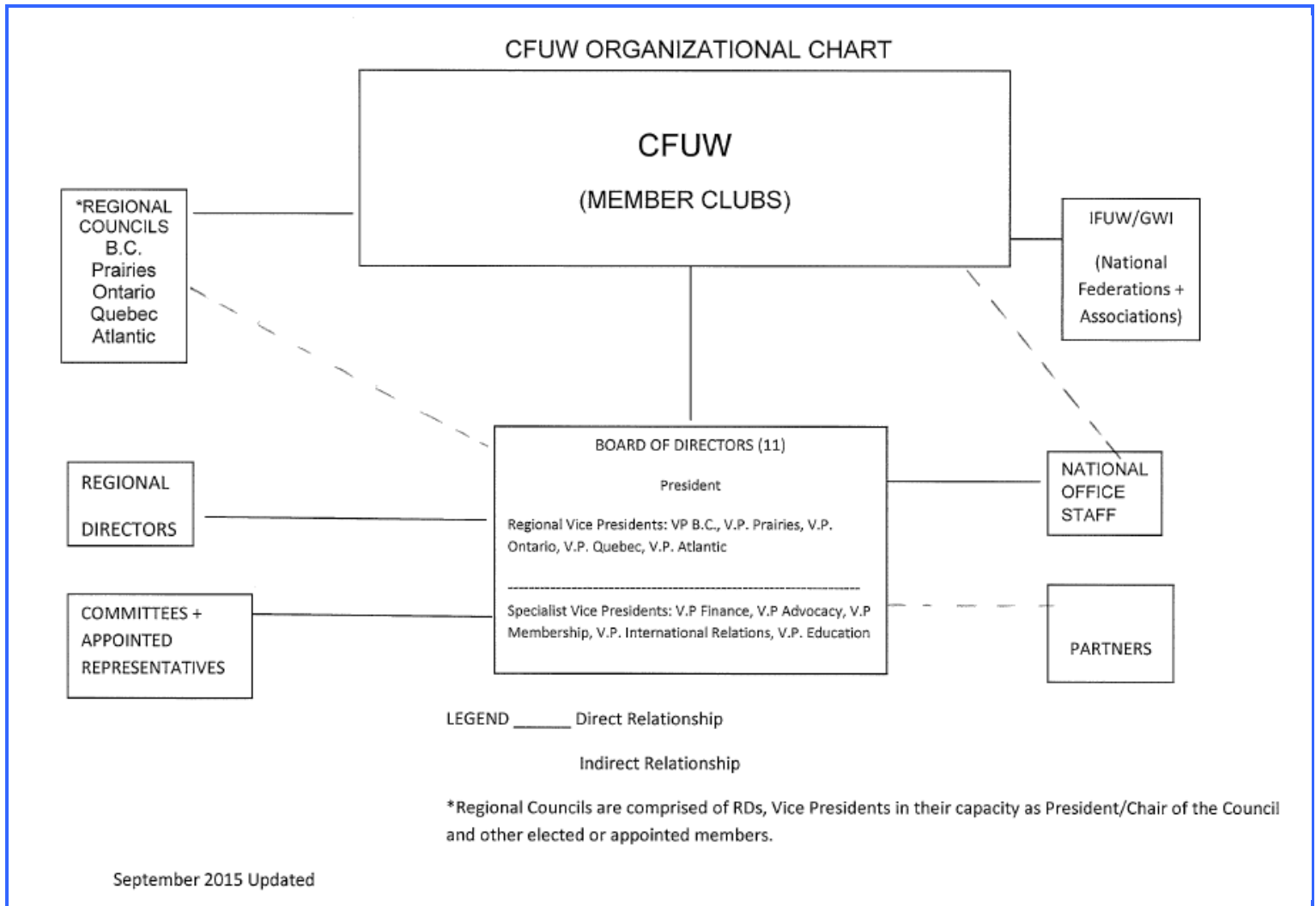
## CFUW Organizational Chart

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, October 6, 2017**. 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 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Club Meeting/ Advocacy Meeting	15	16
17 Outdoor Club Terry Fox Run	18	19	20	21	22	23 Ont. Council Stng. Cmte. Meeting
24	25	26	27	28 Book Club	29	30