

Dates and Data

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Ajax-Pickering CFUW 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 X (formerly 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 October, November, and February - for a day with speakers, workshops and discussion. All Club members are invited to attend these meetings.

To make access to the Speakers Series equitable, CFUW Ontario Council will be using the virtual platform of ZOOM. Each event takes place on a Saturday morning and is two hours in length from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The format allows for questions from the floor through the chat function of ZOOM. Please save the dates and plan to join!

Standing Committee Meeting Date for 2024:

February 24th, 2024 10 am-12 pm on ZOOM

Speaker Topic: "AI Ethics PROBES The Ethical Issues Surrounding Artificial Intelligence"

As Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) applications continue to proliferate into high-stakes, socially impactful domains, it is critical that we develop a robust framework to evaluate the ethical, legal, and social implications of these emerging technologies. In this talk, Prof. Skorburg will provide a framework called the PROBES model.

Speaker: Joshua August (Gus) Skorburg, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Academic Co-Director of the Centre for Advancing Responsible and Ethical Artificial Intelligence (CARE-AI), and Faculty Affiliate at the One Health Institute at the University of Guelph

Click [here](#) to register.

Minutes of General Meeting, Thursday, January 11th, 2024

Welcomed all and Land Acknowledgement announced by Louise S.

Report of Officers

Treasurer - Erica has been trying to meet with Dorothy to give her the scholarship cheques. Balance is currently \$8,129.61.

Scholarships - Dorothy to arrive later.

Membership - Donna advised that we have 33 members, with one person to have come to the meeting tonight but has not appeared.

Fundraising - Louise thanks Kim for her efforts in getting the Vandermeer plants sale arranged. Gift cards are appreciated. Louise would like to arrange for a committee to start up a High Tea fundraiser. She will send out an email. The theme for this year's High Tea will be art. Fascinators from last year's event can be worn. She'll be looking to some of the members to work on the art portion of the event: Erica, Jane, Dale.

Advocacy - Louise says the group has been doing a stellar job this year and was excited to learn about the Rose of Durham project that was previously mentioned by Helen. Gail L discussed another worthwhile endeavour in Durham (Kim's work but she's not here this evening): Luke's Place. This is an award-winning non-profit organization that guides women through the legal system. It's the only stand-alone family legal service for the nation. They provide their knowledge to law firms/service providers across the country to bring access to the justice system for women and children. They're providing legal aid training, resourcing and mentoring. The Ministry of the Attorney General has modelled their family support training program after Luke's Place and uses their trainers to do all the training for Legal Aid lawyers and staff. Luke's Place is so named because of Luke, a 3.5-year-old who had been killed by his father on his first unsupervised visit, in Durham. People in the area began talking about the lack of legal access for women and children, looking for solutions and then started this non-profit organization in September 2003. Gail was concerned about the pricing they have listed and how the donations are being used by the organization. One of our members has heard a presentation on Luke's Place and suggested that we get a speaker for our group. Gail or Kim will contact Luke's Place to arrange a speaker.

Social - Louise Z - thanks to Cindy for her sticky toffee pudding, and Dorothy for providing the treats this meeting.

Interest Groups

Book club - monthly meetings held on the last Thursday of the month. Louise is hosting this month: The God of Small Things, by Arunhati Roy.

Card group - Cathy M. advises they are playing on Monday nights at 6:30 through Trickster/Zoom sessions. All are welcome to join.

Lunch group - No one has organized so far. Catherine will organize and send out an email.

Travel Group - Kim & Claudette - sent an email regarding a trip to New Orleans later in the year. They need a minimum of 6 to get the pricing that was quoted in the email. The trip is open to friends, family or spouses.

Craft Club - next Tuesday at Louise's house. We'll be making bowl cozies by sewing machine. Anyone who plans to attend and has a portable sewing machine, it would be appreciated.

Speaker: Sandy Briell, 9-1-1 Communications. The number 9-1-1 for emergencies started in Alabama in 1968, when there was confusion of which service to call at what number. 9-1-1 was easy to remember and didn't matter which service you needed. It took off & Alaska was the second state to use 9-1-1. In Canada, the first community to get 9-1-1 was London, Ontario in 1972. Technology has progressed so much. When it started, all that was provided was the voice of the caller, no other information was available. Enhanced 9-1-1 provided basic information for caller's phone number and address. Wireless Phase 1 provided the caller cellphone number and closest tower information but that was not always accurate. In phase 2, the estimated caller location based on cell tower triangulation was provided, which is what is provided currently. Digital forms of communication cannot be handled by 50-year-old equipment, so Next Generation equipment will be able to bring in such information.

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Originally, in the 70s, there were no computers in the 9-1-1 Centre. Paper cards from the call takers were sent on a beltway that the dispatchers would pick up their tickets for their dispatch area. Computers would be amazing. Paper maps hanging from the ceiling would be used for reference. Then, with computers, more technology came into use such as aerial photography, more monitors and improved police radios. With current systems, the phone number goes into the system when you call 9-1-1 and the billing address of the phone number is provided. All the calls are picked up by the police department and then diverted to other departments as required. Cellphone numbers are sent to a satellite that triangulates where the call originated. Types of calls: shooting, stabbing, crimes in progress, sudden deaths. 1.9 million calls taken in 2022. 2021 calls were down, possibly due to pandemic lockdowns. 20% of calls are abandoned calls that the operators must call back to ensure there was no emergency. Multinational city that Toronto is, if the caller is not able to speak in English, the call taker uses a Language Line translator service.

Call takers need to be able to communicate in English and are extensively tested, must be able to work any shifts and multitask during the calls. Dispatchers have information coming from multiple places, must handle speaking and providing updated information to police or others with lots going on around you. Very difficult to step away in this high stress environment. It takes 1-2 years until you're comfortable with the job.

Information that you as a caller to 911 will be asked for: What type of service is required, specific address and describe as best as you can where you are and the situation, listen to instructions as given to you by the call takers. Location must be specific and cellphone triangulations are approximately 50 yards radius or more, which is not always a good distance to make yourself known. Dispatchers listen for background sounds to try to identify the location more specifically. What3Words app can identify where you are in a 3 sq metre area. Easily downloaded to your phone.

Next technologies: Some US States with smaller jurisdictions can already operate with the new technology, but it will be coming to Canada soon. There are more cellphones in use now than landlines. Key features possible in future will be the ability to send real-time information, pictures and text, determination of the height of your location, for instance, which floor in a high rise, and the ability to transfer calls from one city to another city's 9-1-1 Centre. Timelines for these improvements are not concretely determined. Old technologies should be decommissioned by March 2025, however this could change. Texting to 911 is not available to the general public but if you register as a hearing-impaired person, then dispatchers can connect to the hearing-impaired person by cellphone. Real-time texting will provide every letter as it's being typed to the call taker. A drawback is that no background sounds will be available to the call takers. Pictures sent of the subject will be better than a verbal description provided by victim or witnesses. Live streaming from the phone camera of the caller so the call taker can see how bad the situation is. Internet of Things - Objects with sensors, Onstar, alarm companies, fall detection devices, health apps on your smartwatch and appliances that have computer access could be available to send data to 9-1-1, however which types of data will be accepted is still to be determined and could vary among 9-1-1 Centres. Currently, there are 30 billion connected pieces of equipment globally. Some information will be too much to be useful. AI may be useful in certain situations, for example, for a cardiac arrest by reading the person's sensors. Drones with defibrillators can go between buildings, be quicker to the scene and cost-efficient in comparison to equivalent helicopters. Although there may be many pros for the latest technologies, there are lots of questions for the masses of information and how it will be used in various situations.

Check the security settings on your phone to prevent calling 9-1-1 by accident.

Save the Turtles!

Carmen recently identified an issue involving turtles crossing the road in the spring along Ashbury Blvd in Ajax. The turtles lay their eggs close to the road and she has had to rescue them from getting run over by cars. Some options to protect the turtles would be to contact the Town of Ajax to install signs, do letter-writing, or partner with a local Environmental Group who could help or advise. If anyone is interested in advocating for the turtles and raising awareness to help protect them, please email Carmen for more information on what needs to be done.



News from the Oshawa Club

Oshawa CFUW invites us to their February general meeting on Wednesday, February 14th. The speaker is Steve Burrows, author of the Birder Murder Mysteries series of books. All guests are welcome.

Jone Webster, Publicity



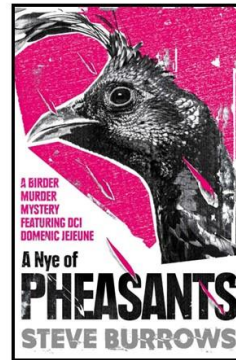
February General Meeting

Birder Murder Mysteries

By Steve Burrows, Author



The
Mystery
Deepens



A light-hearted look at the worlds of birding, publishing and research abroad by the well-travelled author of the best-selling Birder Murder mystery series.

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.
All Guests Welcome - Free Admission
St Mark's United Church, 201 Centre St S, Whitby

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<http://cfuw-oshawa-and-district.weebly.com>



Did you know. . . ?

The Oshawa Club puts out an interesting and informative newsletter every month. To access their newsletters, click here: <https://cfuw-oshawa-and-district.weebly.com/newsletters.htm>

What's Happening at CFUW Ajax-Pickering?

Christmas Fundraiser Update – Way to go CFUW Ajax-Pickering!

The photo below shows Helen E. presenting our donation of \$330 in Tim Horton's Gift Cards on behalf of the membership to Elizabeth Pierce, who was representing the Rose of Durham. They were so appreciative to be the recipients of our Christmas fundraising event. *Photo courtesy of Helen E.*



January Craft Club makes Cozies!

A group of 8 crafters got together this month and made microwaveable bowl cozies. Jane C. stated that they were the best craft ever! Several members decided not to stop at just one. Here's a picture of one of the completed cozies:



CFUW Ajax-Pickering January Meeting – Everything you wanted to know about 9-1-1 and Next Generation 9-1-1

This month our club learned all about 9-1-1, how it works, what it's like to be a 9-1-1 operator and what's coming next in technology with the transition to digital 9-1-1 systems. Below is a picture of speaker, Sandy B, and club members at the meeting. *Photo courtesy of Kim G.*



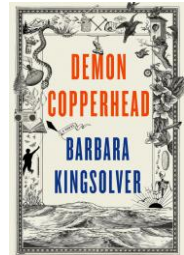
Interest Groups

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! If you are a new member and are not sure how our interest groups work, please ask any club member for more information.

Book Club

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 22nd**, hosted by Erica. The book is ***Demon Copperhead***, by Barbara Kingsolver. Please contact Erica to confirm attendance and meeting location.



CFUW Ajax-Pickering Walk and Talk

Our goal is to enjoy some fitness at local walking trails while connecting with other club members. Walk and Talk will continue throughout the year. If anyone has a preference for time, or suggestions for walking locations, please let Jane C. know. We meet **every Wednesday**. The time may be adjusted depending on weather. Details will be confirmed via email the week of the walk. Contact Jane C. if you wish to be added to the email contact list for this group to receive regular updates on activities.



Online Cards

We have a small, active group of avid card players and anyone is welcome to join us. Games are played online every Monday night at 6:30. Contact Cathy M. for more information.



Golf

Our golf has finished for the season. Watch for updates on this group in the spring when we start up again. New golfers are always welcome!



Ladies Lunch Group

Come join the Ladies Lunch Group as we discover new restaurants in the area and old favourites. We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month. **An email update will be sent out with details for this month's meeting.**

Craft Group

This new group will be meeting once a month on a Tuesday – alternating between morning at 10 am one month and evening at 7 pm the next month. The **February craft club** will be held on **Tuesday, February 13th at 7 pm** at **Louise S.'s** home. We will be decorating Valentine cookies. All are welcome!



Advocacy

The Advocacy group meets on the **1st Wednesday of the month** via Zoom. This year's meeting dates are February 7, March 6, April 3, May 1, and June 5. If you are interested in participating in this group, contact Caroline for more information.

This Month's Meeting



Speaker Topic: Speech Language Pathology

Speaker: Stacey Carroll, Speech Language Pathologist, Connect to Communicate Speech and Language Services

Hi everyone!! My name is Stacey Carroll and I look forward to meeting and chatting with you on February 8th. I hope to share my experience as a Speech-Language Pathologist, in both the public and private sectors. I will share my recent endeavour starting my own Speech therapy clinic here in Durham, Connect2Communicate (C2C), and how we have had the pleasure of serving over 300 Durham families these last two years. C2C can offer speech and language services both in the home and in-clinic. Both assessment and therapy can be offered in the following areas:

- Speech Sound Production (Motor Speech/ Articulation/ Phonology)
- Stuttering
- Oral Language (Vocabulary, Receptive and Expressive language)
- Literacy (Phonological/Phonemic Awareness, Reading & Writing)
- Social Communication
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) services
- Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC)

From our services, strategies, success stories, and the ins and outs of being a small business owner, I hope I can share some piece of information with you that might make an impact somehow.

While taking on this new challenge, I have been so blessed and supported by my friends and family, especially my husband and daughters. My two girls and husband have had big changes in their lives these last couple of years, but they have embraced them fully. In addition to my busy days (and most evenings), I can also now call myself a soccer-mom, with our eldest daughter playing rep soccer these last two years. My littlest has also begun her extracurricular journey and is falling in love with ice skating, likely moving onto hockey next fall/winter. Our time together is busy, but wonderful.

Again, I can't wait to share and chat further with all of you, and potentially answer any questions you might have about the field of Speech-Language Pathology, our company and services, and the balancing of home life while being a small business owner. Please feel free to check our website for further information about our team and services ahead of time: www.connect2communicate.ca

Save the Date!! CFUW Ajax-Pickering Fundraiser Tea



CFUW Ajax-Pickering presents

Arts & Tarts High Tea!



When: Saturday, May 11th, 2024, from 1 pm – 5 pm

Where: 2681 Greenwood Rd, Ajax

Cost: \$50 per person (all proceeds go towards our Scholarship Program)

Newsletter Deadline

Information for the March newsletter should be submitted by **Friday, February 23rd, 2024.** 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/>

Suggestions for new content or design ideas for our website are always welcome! Please contact Sandy for more information.

Newsletters will be posted on the website so you will be able to access them online if needed.

Facebook/X (formerly Twitter)

We now send out meeting information via these social media platforms to encourage new members. Visit our new **Facebook page** (see page 2 for more info) or connect with us on **X** (@CFUWajax).

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