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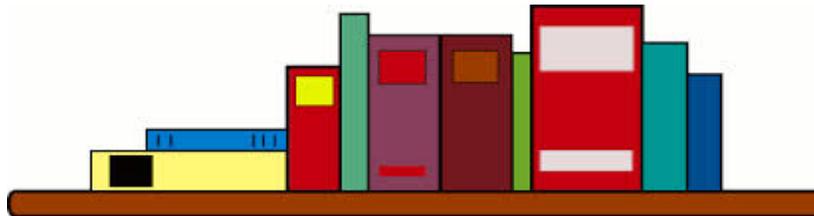
OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, October 19, 2017

St. Thomas' Anglican Church Hall
NE corner of Bridge and Church Streets

6:30 p.m. Hospitality

7:00 p.m. Business Meeting



BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS & MORE BOOKS

Please bring gently used books and your toonies to our October meeting for our Book Sale. Books will be priced at \$2.00 each

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Laura Hare

A Happy Thanksgiving to one and all!

International

Graduate Women International (GWI)'s September update on its activities: click [here](#). This is an eye-opener to the global perspective that GWI brings on behalf of our club. Lots of links in the report to more information.

There is a wealth of advocacy tools in the members' section. It's easy to get a login. Click [here](#) to register. Once you log into the members' section, an array of GWI resources will be on offer.

National

The saga continues in National/GWI relations. On Tuesday October 27, the GWI Voting survey was sent out to all the club presidents and authorized club members with questions relating to the upcoming Motions to increase member fees. Clubs are being asked to vote on how CFUW should vote with regards to the latest fee increase proposal of \$8.40. Last spring, our club voted to a maximum of \$12 for a GWI increase. Given this decision, the club's vote will be submitted in favour of the increase. For more detailed information, click [here](#).

Webinars coming up for Fundscrip Oct 26 and **Biteable** Nov 17. Webinars have limited capacity, so if you would like to sign up, please contact Jenna Smith at cfuwgen@rogers.com.

If you would like the National newsletter directly, you should register by visiting: <http://www.cfuwadmin.org/> signon: *viewonly* password: *cfuw4321*. Scroll down to the blue box: **Sign up for CFUW Club Action Newsletter**. You can enter your email address there.

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Ontario

On Saturday, September 23, four of us attended the Ontario Council Speaker Series in Toronto: Laura Hare, Mary Hall, Margaret Goodwin, Judith Chalmers. The topic, Women in Political Leadership, attracted the largest turnout in years. Olivia Chow was unable to attend, but the organizers were unfazed, assembling a panel of four excellent speakers. At lunch, a federal cabinet minister addressed us, sharing the challenges of her gender and youth in the political arena. We were encouraged to be a 'push and pull' in other women's lives, supporting their aspirations, no matter the political stripe. Is this the job for you? You need to be bold, courageous and willing to put your intellect on the line. A very interesting day. Next Speaker Series is Saturday, January 20. Agenda TBA. You are very much encouraged to attend. When we know the speakers, we will share the information and registration form.

Local

Three Oaks Foundation has cancelled their scavenger hunt. Our treasurer will follow up on the status of our Club's donation to this event.

Our members are involved in a myriad of community organizations. However, we have a history of not using our communications network to promote members' activities outside the club. As part of my presidential goal to look beyond our club boundaries, I have asked our website guru, Jane Taylor, to set up a *Closed Facebook Group* where members can share events in which they are involved. If you are not interested in being notified of such events, you can simply not join the group!

By the time we meet, I hope to have experienced how *Fundscrip* works. CFUW National brought this to our attention, as a method to raise funds for the Club without asking members to spend more money than they already do. Linda Connelly will be issuing more information, but it certainly looks like a win-win. Thanks to all the Exec for running the Club so effectively. More local news is in the individual reports.

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V-P FINANCE Mary Milne

We had a great start to our club year with 76 members signing up at the opening coffee party. Our revenue from dues is \$6,845 and expenses to date, mainly committee advances and rent, are \$2,575 for net income of \$4,270.

Our financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2017 will be posted at the October meeting. I must apologize because I will not be at that meeting as I'm away visiting family. However, I will be happy to answer any questions you have re those statements at the November meeting. I want to thank Marie Northey for once again doing the compilation of those statements.

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SCHOLARSHIPS REPORT Janet Macdonald

All scholarships awarded in May/June have now been paid. The scholarship committee will be meeting this month to begin the process for next year. Am in discussions with Maribeth deSnoo, our speaker from the September coffee party, on ways to reach students in their programs.

Cathy and myself will have a table at the back of the room and once again will be accepting donations to the scholarship fund.

Thanks to everyone for your support!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT Barbara Royce-Payne

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members to our club for 2017-2017: Debi Butler, Patricia Thompson, Alicja Czerwionka-Poudrier, Daryle Pryor and Kristina StaKenvicius. We hope you have an opportunity to welcome them to our club.

If you have not had time to register for the new year, you can pay at the next meeting on 19th October. We will have a registration table available. You also have the option of paying online or by sending a cheque payable to "CFUW Belleville & District" Postal Station 20033, Belleville ON K8N 5V1. Please be sure to let us know if your address, phone number or email address has changed. The registration fee is \$90.00 until the end of October and thereafter it is \$95.00.

Please also let us know as soon as possible if you will need your name tag replaced. We will be putting in a new order very soon.

Cheers

Barbara Royce-Payne (barbroyce@fryford.com)

June Town (juneatown@gmail.com)

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT Linda Connelly

Fundscrip is a fundraising program that would enable our club to raise funds through an easy-to-manage gift card program. It is designed to raise funds for clubs simply by encouraging you, our members, to shop at your regular stores with gift cards instead of cash/debit/credit. Club Members order gift cards to participating retailers and when they purchase these gift cards, the club receives a 2%-13% rebate. Gift cards are sold to members at face value and there are over 227 retailers from categories including groceries, gas, pharmacy, home improvement, department store, restaurants, pizza, coffee shops, household items, clothing stores, movies & books, travel, and more. Check out their website to learn more [here](#).

More information about this program will be given at the October meeting.

The food collection for the Gleaners Food Bank will be held next month at the November meeting. This is a little closer to Christmas and we hope you will be generous for this worthy cause.

And don't forget that we will have a Silent Auction at the Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 7th. Please give a thought to what you would like to contribute.

SPECIAL EVENTS Sue Frizzell



Based on such positive feedback from last year's party the SPECIAL EVENTS team of Sue Frizzell (613-966-1238) and Julie Brown (613-967-0994) booked our CFUW Christmas Dinner Party at Capers Restaurant (272 Front Street) where chef Stephane Schmitt continues to work his magic.

The dinner party will be held December 7th starting with cocktails at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6:30 (traditional turkey or pan-seared salmon). Tickets at \$40 will be sold at all meetings up to one week prior to the event.

We very much look forward to seeing you at this very special party!

WEBSITE Jane Taylor

Photos from the September Opening Coffee Party have been posted on the website, Facebook page and on the Snapd Quinte website. Some of the photos may appear in the Snapd print edition.

Please send photos and articles about club activities to me at my email - jtaylor113@cogeco.ca Notice of interest group meeting dates and times can be posted on the web calendar.

INTEREST GROUPS

Bridge Group: Susan Pine

We inadvertently, forgot to add Sylvia Doyle to the spare list. Could you please ensure her name is added to your schedule

Sylvia Doyle 613-392-6044 sylviadoyle@bell.net

Green Thumb Garden Group: Marylea Burt

The meeting for **Thursday October 26th** at 1pm is at the home of Kimm Leeman 36 Essex Drive Belleville.

This meeting will feature discussions on the plans for our **trip to Holland** next spring with the Art group as well as how to put plants our gardens to bed, fall pruning, storing, lifting and planting bulbs.

New Interest Group: Linda Connelly

New Members interest group is open to members who have joined this year and last. We would meet monthly and members would take turns planning an activity or outing.....lunch, a walk, theatre, bowling.....

This group would give members an opportunity to SOCIALIZE.

Contact: Alicja Poudrier (acpoudrier@gmail.com)

Table Hopping Interest Group: Marylea Burtt

This interest group is especially good for new members to get to know each other and meet some of our veteran members. A perfect way to try out many Restaurants. Meeting Wednesday October 18th will be at the *Acoustic Grill* 172 Main St. Picton at Noon. We will car pool at 11:30 from Gilmours in the Rossmore parking lot.

Please let Marylea Burtt know if you are coming by Monday October 16
marylea.burtt@gmail.com or **613-966-1327**

French Conversation: Elizabeth Ewashkiw

La prochaine reunion du groupe de francais sera chez Mary Miller le 28 octobre à midi.

Nous allons discuter Chrystia Freeland et les negociations sur L'ALENA.

RSVP a Mary Miller, grm@kos.net.

Vision to Action: Marilyn Jackson

Vision to Action is the interest group for members who wish to be engaged in public issues, especially as they come up in our own community. At the first meeting we decided to maintain our focus on water – water levels and watershed health in particular. We are contacting other CFUW Clubs, and the Ontario Council, to learn about activities they are engaged in around these topics, with a view to collaboration. An interesting prospect for a speaker was discussed. The next meeting will be held in the common room of the building where Anne Cunningham lives: Bay Terrace Apartments, Building Two, 334 Dundas Street East, Belleville, starting 1 pm and ending no later than 3 pm. Visitor parking can be limited; the parking at Dewe's Independent might be a good choice. Anyone interested in this group is welcome to come – no obligations. For more information, please call Anne Cunningham 613 968-7438

Empowering Young Women: Marilyn Jackson

A core committee is moving forward with the "next steps" established for this initiative after the Spring Forum 2017. This entails contacting the organizations supporting young women which expressed interest in working with CFUW to learn the concrete ways they see our members working with the young women they support. After that, the core committee will contact the members of the Interest Group to discuss these opportunities and how they may align with the member's skills and interests. Hopefully, by mid-November, participants in this Interest Group will begin to enjoy the experience of working directly to build skills and confidence in young women in our community. There is no general meeting of the Interest group scheduled until this groundwork is done, but anyone interested in joining the group or discussing any aspect of the initiative is very welcome to contact either Mary Miller (mmiller0852@bell.net) or Marilyn Jackson (haebjack@xplornet.com)

MARY MCCONNELL FUND - Call to Consider

Ten years ago, Mary Grace McConnell left a generous legacy to the CFUW Belleville and District. There remains about \$3,400. It is to be used "for both ongoing and new projects that have an educational bias" and also "for educational enrichment and for the development of the Club" (both quotes from the Guidelines). No more than \$2,000 can be expended in any year.

The Executive supports brainstorming among the members of our Club for ways in which some part of this legacy could be applied in this year. Is there some project, or training for a particular function of the Club, which might enhance our development? It is hoped members will give this some thought before the next General Meeting, and respond via a sheet which will be circulated at the Meeting.

SPRING FORUM 2018

Are there members of the Club who would like to organize this year's Spring Forum around a topic or speaker they believe to be important? It does not need to be as ambitious as last year's. Some ideas have already come forward; Advocacy and Education would like to hear from anyone who may have a suggestion. A sheet will be circulated at the General Meeting October 19. If anyone has an idea but is not going to attend that meeting, please send a few lines to Marilyn Jackson (haebjack@xplornet.com) at your early convenience.