

GROWTH THROUGH ACTION

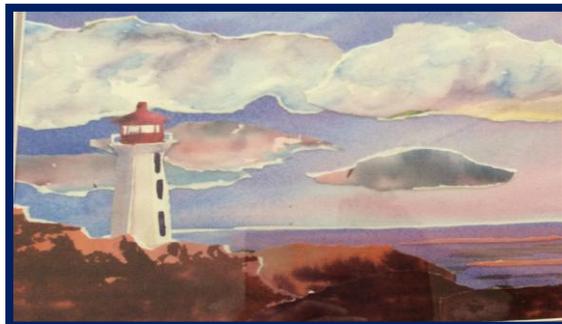
Thursday, February 16, 2017

St. Thomas' Anglican Church Hall

6:30 p.m. Hospitality

7:00 p.m. Business and program

Program: Enjoy interactive workshops from Tai Chi to Creative Art (more info inside)



SPRING FORUM 2017

Saturday April 1

Maranatha Church Meeting Room

100 College St. West, Belleville

Doors Open 9:30 am Admission \$5

Tickets on sale at Feb 23 General Meeting

**“EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN:
A COMMUNITY VISION”**

AN INTERACTIVE MORNING FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS
WHO WORK IN THIS FIELD

- What does “empowerment” mean today for a young woman of high school age in Belleville Ontario?
- What negative influences could she be dealing with?
- What is being done for her in the community?
- Where are the gaps?
- Final hour dedicated to small group discussions among all attending.

**ENJOY A LIVELY AND STIMULATING MORNING, BECOME BETTER INFORMED,
APPLY OUR EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL TRAINING,
AND LIFE EXPERIENCE TO THESE ISSUES**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Susan Pine, President

I want to thank Mary E. Miller and Linda Richardson for representing the garden tour sponsorship committee and bringing forward the idea of the joint sponsored scholarship to the executive. Although, the motion to adopt this proposal was defeated at the January meeting, it illustrated that members are continually striving to bring new and innovative ideas to the Club. I also want to acknowledge what I thought was a fine example of the democratic process at work. (Donald Trump should definitely take lessons from us)! Thanks to Laura Hare for not only presenting the motion, but overseeing the questions and discussion from the floor.

Marylea Burt and Margaret Briscoe are hosting the Valentine Bridge on February 9th. They too are not resting on their laurels and have made this event not just a dessert bridge but a full luncheon in an attempt to surpass last year's record amount raised for the scholarship fund. With these two ladies at the helm, they will no doubt achieve their goal!

Continuing on this theme, congratulations to Marilyn Jackson and her committee for what looks like an innovative and most interesting re-vamp to this year's Spring Forum. The only downfall is that we have to wait until April to see it all unfold.

One of the hot topics at the Club Vision to Action meetings has been "all about water" and the preservation of this vital commodity. With this in mind, members are being encouraged to avoid buying bottled water for CFUW events as well as for personal consumption.

In an effort to support our local mosque in the aftermath of the shootings in Quebec City on January 29th, a letter has been sent on behalf of our club. Laura Hare composed a very eloquent and moving letter which included the following quote "In 2006, our club worked with the local Muslim community in bringing Dr. Monia Mazigh to Belleville for an education event titled "Rights at Risk". Who could predict that just over 10 years later, we would be talking about not just "Lives at Risk", but lives taken?"

The full letter will be able for viewing at the February meeting.

Finally, in 2019, CFUW will celebrate their 100th anniversary. In order to mark this event, a special award "Notable Women" is being presented to 100 women throughout the country. A club can nominate one woman for every 50 members in their club, which would suggest we could potentially nominate two based on our numbers of 137. Here is the link with all the information:

<http://www.fcfd.org/en-ca/whoweare/cfuw100thanniversary.aspx>

The application form can be found on our website and we will also have some paper copies at the meeting on February 16th. The final deadline for submissions to National is March 25th. I realize this is short notice, but we ask applications be submitted to the executive by Feb 28th, so we can review and select two at our meeting on March 2nd. The first page of the application is filled out by the nominee and the nominator needs to provide a 100-word description with reasons for the nomination with the application form.

PROGRAM REPORT: There is still time to sign up for the February workshops!

We have had a last minute change of plans;

Lisa Morris is unable to do the jewellery workshop. To replace her, we are delighted to have Rosemary Rashotte, who will come with a bag full of buttons, all sorted by colour. The participants are going to be making fun bracelets from the buttons. If people have an assortment of their own buttons that they'd like to work with, they are welcome to bring them as well. Rosemary just did a workshop with members of the Belleville Art Association, and they all say they had a blast! It was really fun!

We do not have very good attendance numbers for "Making Art" with Marie Timbers. People may be feeling a little intimidated, but you really don't have to know anything about making art in order to have fun.

Marie will be coming with all kinds of materials to work with. The fun comes in placing and arranging pieces of torn up art into a format that creates a pleasing image. If you have photos that you would like to work into your piece, that can be fun as well. So I would encourage the members to jump in, take a risk and have some fun! There is no right or wrong way to do this!

The other workshop that is a little light is the Acting Workshop. Again, come out and have some fun! And for those who haven't signed up for anything yet, please do so as soon as you can. Our course leaders need to be prepared with materials and any handouts that they may have.

Kathryn Fellows, fellows@hickoryhouse.net; 613-477-3168 or
Margaret Goodwin, marg.goodwin@yahoo.ca; 613-771-9265

Program notes for March 16th

Speaker: Lola Reid Allin

Airline Transport Pilot - Dive Master - Activist - Adventurer - Photographer – Mayanist

Lola tells stories with her camera. You will hear and see stories of people, animals and locales in places such as Kenya, Honduras, Guatemala and Canada. Her energy is infectious, her stories expansive and her photos stirring

FINANCE REPORT: Mary Milne, VP Finance

At January 30, 2017 club income was \$13,052.20 and included memberships of \$11,545, book sales of \$103, January luncheon net profit of \$804.20 and children's concert grants of \$600. Expenses totalled \$2,790.33 for net income of \$10,261.87. The detailed financial statement will be posted at the February meeting.

PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT REPORT: Jane Taylor, VP Planning and Development

Many positive comments were received after the January Luncheon on January 19th. I wish to give special thanks to Lynn Becker, Irene Hiebert and Evelyn Neumann for their contributions of time, energy and expertise that made the luncheon a success. Thank you also to the twelve members who contributed their cooking expertise and/or their time on the day of the luncheon.

There were sixty-nine people at the luncheon. Any food that was remaining was donated to the Inn from the Cold program at Bridge Street United Church. Once all expenses have been paid, we will donate the remaining amount of the proceeds to the scholarship fund in Mary Jean Carty's name.

The organizers of the Valentine Bridge and the Family Concerts have matters well in hand for their events in February and March respectively.

EDUCATION and ADVOCACY: SPRING FORUM 2017; Marilyn Jackson

This year the Spring Forum Committee is planning a more interactive event on the theme of "Empowering Young Women - A Community Vision".

The Vision of CFUW National looks to "a world where [women have] equal opportunities for leadership, employment, income, education, careers and the ability to maximize potential". This is what an empowered woman enjoys. What does "empowerment" look like in a teenage girl in Belleville Ontario? What influences conspire to undermine confidence and focus, even in the young woman who goes on to higher education? What about the young woman who is not able to overcome them? How does this impact the community at large? How is the community responding at present? Where are the gaps? What could be done by thinking "outside the box"?

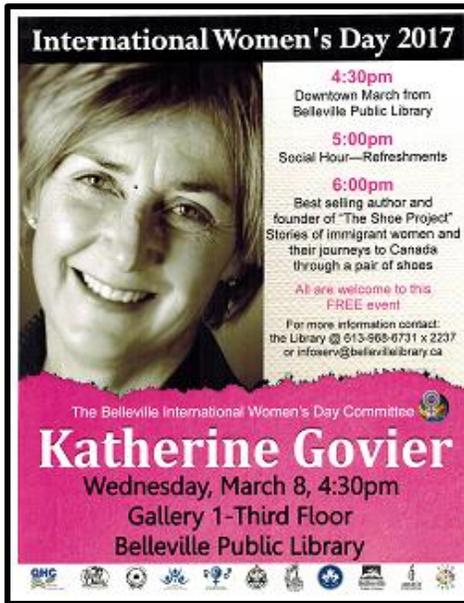
High school guidance counsellors have offered the Spring Forum Committee advice and support. We have consulted with the YMCA, The Learning Foundation, the Canadian Mental Health Association, and more. Our suggestion of this topic has met with enthusiasm from all we approach. Our speakers come from organizations which have hands-on experience with these questions. They will inform and stimulate discussion. We hope

the audience will include many more individuals who are engaged in the field, together with our CFUW Belleville members and their guests. After the speakers, there will be an opportunity to take part in small discussion groups over coffee and muffins. Perhaps these will generate positive ideas for joint follow-up.

The Spring Forum will take place on Saturday April 1 at the Maranatha Church, 100 College St. West in Belleville, starting at 9:30 and ending at noon hour. Admission will be \$5, and tickets will be available starting at our regular meeting February 23. Please come. Please bring your daughter, your colleague or your neighbour.

We are all part of this vision.

Coming for International Women's Day:



KATHERINE GOVIER has won the Toronto Book Award and the Marian Engel Award. Her novel, CREATION, was a New York Times Notable Book of the Year.

Katherine has been President of PEN Canada and serves as vice-president of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. She has founded and directs "The Shoe Project" which empowers immigrant women by holding writing workshops and performances in which immigrant women tell their stories of arrival in, and adaptation to, a Canadian community through the lens of a pair of shoes.

The Belleville International Women's Day Committee, led by Lee Casselman, hopes that many CFUW members will support the Committee and attend this FREE event

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Linda Connelly and Barb Royce-Payne

There are two updates to the 2016-2017 Membership Directory:

Julie Brown; email address should be jules51@sympatico.ca

Kathryn Fellows; add cell phone number: 613-243-0677

Linda Connelly (lconnelly555@gmail.com) 613-920-0241, Barb Royce-Payne (barbroyce@fryford.com)

PUBLICITY / WEBSITE: Katrina Cross

Please keep up to date by checking our website, cfuwbelleville.com or our Facebook page- CFUW Belleville & District.

New pictures and events are being posted to the website and Facebook on an ongoing basis. If you have something that you would like to have posted please contact me at cfuwbelleville@gmail.com

Scholarship Report: Laura Hare, VP Scholarships

We are at a quiet time in the scholarship committee cycle. Reminders for 2017 have been sent to all the guidance departments. Income Tax slips have been sent to 2016 recipients. The committee is most appreciative of donations in memory of Mary Jean Carty and for the proceeds of the January luncheon. Every bit helps local students with post-secondary education.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Carol Goodall (January through March)

No cards were sent during January

SPECIAL EVENTS: Sue Frizzell, Pauline Lingard



CFUW AGM AND DINNER
THURSDAY MAY 18th, 6:00pm
HUFF ESTATES WINERY
2272 COUNTY ROAD 1 PEC at intersection with #62

TICKETS (\$40 inc. tax & tip)
WILL BE AVAILABLE AT CFUW MEETINGS
ON- LINE: cfuwbelleville.com

CALL SUE FRIZZELL (613 966-1238) OR PAULINE LINGARD (613 779-9011)

INTEREST GROUPS:

Bridge Cathy Atkinson, Suzanne Lowther

Just a reminder that by Feb. 9 scores for games 1 to 5 should be in to Cathy or Suzanne. Please make an effort to catch up if you are behind in hosting. Thanks to Carol Sayeau the group is operating on a great schedule where members are playing with different people each game allowing them to get to know each other better and to learn more about the wonderful game of bridge. Also, after three years Suzanne and Cathy are looking for two members to take over convening the group for fall 2017. Please contact us if you are interested.

Can Lit Dinner Group Sue Thoms

The CanLit dinner group will be meeting again on March 7, 2017 at The Travelodge. Social hour starts at 5:30 pm and dinner is served at 6 pm. Barb Durnford and Mary Miller will be presenting the book Somewhere in France by Jennifer Robson. I hope the weather is better for this one than February's meeting that had to be cancelled due to weather.

Sue Thom's, Co-Convenor

Club Vision to Action Marilyn Finkle

At the meeting January 27 2017, the following matters came up:

- Dismay at the abandonment of electoral reform by the Liberal government, possible actions;
- Continued information-sharing about preservation of water, control of bulk water-takers
- Decision to ask our CFUW Executive to formally urge the membership not to provide bottled water for Club functions, and to resolve not to buy bottled water for personal use. Marilyn to take this to Feb. Executive meeting
- Follow up on Non-State Torture legislation (see CFUW National Priorities ,click on "Violence against Women") <http://www.fcfd.org/whatwedo/advocacy/cfuwnationaladvocacypriorities.aspx>

- Decision to draft letter to Minister of Justice urging the revision of the Criminal Code to include the express crime of torture, with appropriately high minimum and maximum sentences. Letter to be signed personally by any member of Interest Group who wishes to do so.

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24 2017, 12 noon to 2 pm, at home of Caroll Hennessy, 34 Hawthorne Cres, Belleville. Bring brown bag lunch

French Conversation

Nous visitons Sylvia Bandler Jeudi le 23 Fevrier a midi. S'il vous plait apporter votre dejeuner dans un "sac brun"! Bienvenue a tous!

We will visit Sylvia Bandler's on Thursday February 23, from noon until 2 PM. Please bring your own brown bag lunch. We look forward to having you join us!

Contact Elizabeth Ewashkiw eewashkiw@sympatico.ca for more information.

Table-hoppers Margaret Hare, Mary Milne

We are meeting at Birdy's Restaurant, 449 Dundas Street West, Belleville on Wednesday, February 15th at 12 noon. If you plan to attend, please contact Mary Milne (962-6369) or d.milne@sympatico.ca by Monday, February 13th.