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GROWTH THROUGH ACTION

WELCOME BACK! COFFEE PARTY



Remember Your Nametag!

Thursday, September 15
St. Thomas' Anglican Church Hall
6:30 p.m.

We welcome returning, new and prospective members to join us for the September Coffee Party. Come out and welcome our newcomers and reconnect with old friends. This is the time to renew your membership and sign up for the various interest groups. See you there!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

www. cfuwbelleville.com.

Pay for your renewal under the
ONLINE PAYMENTS tab.

“LIKE” US ON FACEBOOK-- CFUW Belleville & District.

If you share our posts
with your friends
more people will be
informed of our activities!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$90

can be paid **on-line**, by
mail or **in person!**

REGISTRATION FORMS

can be filled in and returned
by **mail** or **in person.**

CFUW is committed to pursuing knowledge, promoting education, improving the status and rights of women, and actively participating in public affairs in a spirit of cooperation and friendship.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Susan Pine, President

Wow.....what a summer it has been! I hope everyone had a chance to vacation or spend some time enjoying those seemingly unending "lazy, hazy days".

On Friday, as I was driving home from work, I heard Roy MacGregor, a columnist for the Globe and Mail interviewed on CBC radio and he described Labour Day as the Canadian New Year. He said "It's when everything begins. You have to go back to work, you have to get the kids to school, you have to start a fitness plan and you have to get organized". I completely concurred with him and added it is time to return to the many activities associated with CFUW Belleville and District.

However, before looking forward to the upcoming events, I want to reflect back to July 9th, when our club's 17th annual Town and Country Garden Tour took place. It really is remarkable that once again this event continued to surpass previous years by raising a record \$12,850 for our Scholarship Fund. Heartfelt thanks to Irene Hiebert and Karen Mouck, the co-convenors as well as all those who contributed in so many ways to making this event such a resounding success. In addition, at the wrap-up party for the garden tour, Irene and Karen announced that they were willing to stay on as co-chairs. As you can well imagine, this received spontaneous applause from all those present!

After the annual meeting in May, I regretfully received the resignation of Pat Ellis as VP of Education and Advocacy. I am pleased to announce that Marilyn Jackson has agreed to fulfill this role for the coming year. As many of you will know, Marilyn has served our club in many ways over the past few years including: co-chair of membership; working as a member of the Spring Forum and taking the lead in ensuring that our club renewal process continues. Our thanks to Marilyn, as well as to Pat for all her hard work on behalf of the club.

September 15th is the date for our opening coffee party. This is always a special evening for re-connecting, entertaining perspective new members and hearing what plans are ahead in the coming year. I encourage you to think of making a resolution and wish everyone a "Happy New Year"!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT Laura Hare, VP

We are very happy to have Cathy Lake join the Scholarship Committee and have Janet MacDonald take over the Scholarship Treasurer's role. Last year, the committee heard from CFUW members of their interest in establishing an award for a mature female student pursuing a university degree. Over the last few months, the committee has met with a representative from Trent University, exchanged emails with Queen's University Awards Office and met with Joanne Farrell from Loyalist College Awards Office.

At the September 1 Executive meeting, the following motion was passed: that the Executive approve the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee to establish a mature female university award.

At the September 15 Coffee Party, members will be able to direct their donation to this new award. During the meeting, the Executive will be seeking the members' ratification of the motion: ie to establish a mature female university award. In the case that the motion is not ratified, members will have the opportunity to redirect their donation in consultation with Janet MacDonald, Scholarship Treasurer.

What is the recommendation? What would this look like? How would it work?

With today's closer relationships between colleges and universities, we learned that we could use the Loyalist awards office and expertise to accomplish three objectives: support of a local student, raising local awareness and multiple university choices.

Since we don't have the start-up minimum of \$10,000 for the creation of an endowment award, Loyalist can set up an annual award, known as 'an expendable award'. That means the value will fluctuate from year to year, depending on donations received (and designated) for the mature female university award. Loyalist's average award amount is \$750 with some as small as \$100. With expendable awards, Loyalist needs to know the award amount by the end of January each year, so as to include it in their communications to students.

The Scholarship Committee is recommending the following:

Eligibility:

* 'Mature female student' means a female who has had a break in her educational cycle and who has returned to college. There is no age determination. Loyalist uses this definition for many of its awards.

* Resident of Hastings or Prince Edward Counties.

* Applying to a Canadian university after successfully completing a minimum of one year at Loyalist. Most candidates will have likely finished a two-year program.

* Demonstrates financial need.

* Grade Point Average would be considered if a tie-breaker is needed, the higher of the two being chosen.

Process:

* CFUW Scholarship committee will provide the option for all donors to designate the use of the donation. Funds designated for the mature female university scholarship will be tracked within the Trust Fund accounts.

* By the end of January each year, the Scholarship Committee will notify Loyalist of the minimum award amount, so Loyalist can begin recruiting candidates.

* All through the CFUW year, donors will be encouraged to contribute (no change there!)

* Once the CFUW year end has closed, the Scholarship Committee will transfer the full award amount to Loyalist for dispersal. Loyalist will track this amount within its larger trust fund.

* Loyalist will recruit candidates, determine the winner, hand out the cheque and handle the CRA paperwork.

Donor Designations:

* existing high school awards

* existing Loyalist mature female college endowment fund

* new mature female university annual award

* where most needed

* Where most needed will be determined by members of the Scholarship committee, depending on the level of that year's donations.

Example:

* Using a simple form, the committee will track members' designations of their donations.

* At the September Coffee Party, the committee receives \$450 in donations, \$250 of which are designated for the mature university award.

* At the Christmas dinner, the committee receives \$300 in donations, \$100 of which are designated for the new award.

* On January 15, the committee notifies the Loyalist Awards Office that a minimum of \$350 is available for the CFUW mature female student university award.

* At the Valentine Bridge party in February, three individuals donate \$25 each, all of which is designated for the new award.

* The CFUW year-end closes on June 30. Prior to that, the committee discusses where to allocate the 'Where Most Needed' donations (if any).

* During the first week of July, the Scholarship committee sends \$425 to Loyalist Awards office.

* Loyalist presents the winner with \$425, handles all the paperwork.

* At the Garden Tour, two individuals each make a \$50 donation directly to the Scholarship Trust Fund, one for the high school awards and one for the new mature award.

* The Scholarship Treasurer tracks this \$50 donation in the new fiscal year, so it will be part of the new year's award.

* And so on...

Carroll Hennessy and Janet MacDonald will be at the coffee party on September 15 to accept donations for any of the above designations. We will sit with the Membership committee, to answer any questions you may have while you register for another great CFUW year!

Laura Hare laurarhare@gmail.com 613-771-1758

PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT REPORT Jane Taylor VP

At the special wrap-up luncheon for the Garden Tour Committee, the Garden Tour Treasurer announced that the net profit from the garden tour was an amazing \$12,952.70. A cheque for \$12,825.00 was presented to Laura Hare, VP-Scholarships. The co-chairs, Irene Hiebert and Karen Mouck wish to thank everyone who helped to make this year's tour such a success. They have also agreed to continue their excellent work next year.

Our interest groups will have representatives available for questions and sign up at the coffee party. Marylea Burt proposes to start two new interest groups. The first is a gardening group that would meet once a month even in winter with activities, excursions and speakers. The other called "What to do with the hand you've been dealt" would be bridge related. Marylea will explain in detail at the Coffee Party.

WEBSITE and PUBLICITY REPORT Katrina Cross and Carole Lowther

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

Cards Please inform Ann Pickett at 613-395-3756 or ann_pickett@hotmail.com of any cards that need to be sent on behalf of the club for births, deaths or illnesses of members.

Cards Sent Since May

In July a Sympathy card was sent to Sue Frizzell.

INTEREST GROUPS

Club Vision to Action

This is a "new" Interest Group, with lots of room for creative thinking and action. We are proud that the Club makes a great contribution to education through the scholarship monies raised. Some members would also like to find ways to engage directly with members of the community in pursuit of our common mission. This Interest Group will be like a Study Group. We will look at the many elements already agreed to represent our vision, mission and values; we will then investigate projects which might be undertaken to make a difference. Interest group structure and meeting times will be decided after we have an indication of numbers. Contact Marilyn Jackson 613 962-7478 haebjack@xplornet.com

CanLit Dinner

The CanLit dinner group meets the first Tuesday of the month at a local restaurant for a lovely dinner and lively discussion of a pre-selected book by a Canadian author.

Our first meeting is scheduled for **October 4, 2016 at the Travelodge in Belleville**. We meet at 5:30 pm for drinks, dinner is at 6pm. Dona Knudson will be presenting The High Mountains of Portugal by Yan Martel.

Co-convenors: Sue Thoms and Pauline Lingard

Quilting and Scrapbooking

Scholarship Fund Contribution: At the recent Garden Tour the Quilter's and Scrapbooker's held a sale of Cards, Potholders and Pincushions. We raised \$268 for the Scholarship Fund.

We have some cards and pin cushions remaining and would like to offer these for sale at the September Coffee Party.

Please come and stock up on some beautiful greeting cards.