



THE POWER OF WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER
LA PUISSANCE AU FÉMININ: ENSEMBLE POUR RÉUSSIR.

Regular General meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month

6:30 Social time and Meeting 7:00 pm



Thursday, November 16 2017

Gleaners Food Bank
Please bring a donation
for the food bank

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Dinner and Silent Auction
Cocktails 5:30 - Dinner 6:30
Capers \$40.00

Christmas Auction Alison Brown

Can you believe that another year is almost over and we are ready for another CFUW Christmas Auction?

The Christmas Dinner is set for Thursday, December 7 so it's time to start thinking about what you would like to donate for the silent auction. Based on last year, this is a great place to do your Christmas shopping for both baking and presents!

There will be a few changes to the way we've done things in the past, but I know you are all up to it!

This year, there will be no advance drop off of items. Please bring auction items with you to the restaurant on December 7. We'll have volunteers ready to get your item registered and placed on the auction tables.

If you have an item for the auction, and you WON'T be at the dinner, then please feel free to contact me and we will try to arrange for an alternate way for delivery of your item.

In order for this to work well, I will need some volunteers the night of the Auction:

3 or 4 to help set up the tables and place items

3 teams of 2 people to help get all the great items registered when people arrive at the dinner

3 or 4 to help with cash out at the end of the night

Let me know if you are able to help. *Alison Brown*

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Thanks to everyone and I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas dinner.

International

Universal Periodic Review (UPR): *State-driven peer-review process before the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council. Under the UPR, the human rights record of each country is reviewed by other UN Member States. This provides an opportunity for States to discuss their domestic human rights framework as well as measures taken to promote and protect human rights in their country.*

Canada will be involved in this in early 2018.

March 2018: 62nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW62)

Click [here](#) to see what's happening internationally. GWI involved in UPR and UNCSW62.

National/GWI

Dues survey to Canadian clubs: Amendment to the 2016 GWI increase of a single \$8.40. Passed 56% in favour.

GWI vote (note: NFA= National Federation or Association, ie member of GWI):

Eligible to vote were 33 NFAs and 7 members of the GWI Board.

The weighted votes per NFA is: CFUW (10 votes), Turkey (6), Switzerland (4), India (4), Australia (3), New Zealand (3), Japan (3), Ireland (2), Austria (2), Britain (2), Nigeria (2). This totals at 41 votes. The other 22 NFAs had one vote each. This calculates at 41 + 22 or 63 votes and when added to the 7 GWI Board votes gives a possible 70 votes. The results show 69 votes cast.

It passed with 97% of the GWI member votes in favour. Click [here](#) for summary of results.

This will mean a dues increase at the Club level. The exec will be looking at finances for what this means for our club.

National

CFUW submitted a report to the Office of the High Commission for Human Rights for the UPR. Full report available [here](#).

CFUW delegation heading to the UN for the 62nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW62). Theme is on the empowerment of rural women and girls. Interested in being part of the delegation? Click [here](#).

The Resolutions deadline is November 15, for intents to submit a resolution. Click [here](#) to access resolution schedule.

CFUW has joined [INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN](#). What do they do? Click [here](#) for an 82-page(!) report from their 2017 international meeting. My cursory glance is that, while GWI focuses on education issues, IAW covers the whole spectrum from human rights to stress.

Local

2019: 100th anniversary for both GWI and CFUW. It will be our club's 80th. We are seeking volunteers to form an anniversary committee. We had a strong 75th committee in 2013-14 and are looking to build on that success. A clipboard will be circulating at the November 16 meeting. Please contact [Laura Hare](#) if you're interested in getting involved. Ideas floating around: special 100th anniversary scholarships, revival of our book

Quinte Women of Distinction, community event(s) to raise awareness. This is a chance to share your skills and creativity, but it will need time to plan! In the realm of 100th anniversary ideas: click [here](#) for merchandise with CFUW logo. Intriguing idea to wrap a scarf around any local statues of women/girls and share pictures with the CFUW and broader audience.

FUNSCRIP – Personal experience to share: Using a credit card, I ordered 4 x \$25 Giant Tiger gift cards for Christmas presents. From order date to arrival was exactly one week. It was very easy to use. My second order was for grocery stores, so I didn't want to use a credit card (1.99% taken off the club's payment making the club's payment virtually zero). After placing the order, I was given the code for setting up FUNSCRIP as an online bill payee. No problems! For money that I would spend anyway, the club will receive \$10.00. What could be easier? Contact [Linda Connelly](#) if you have questions about Fundscrip.

Valentine Bridge: for decades, our club has hosted an afternoon bridge party at St. Thomas' Parish Hall, as a fundraiser for our club's scholarship fund. [Susan Pine](#) has volunteered to co-convene this event, but she is looking for help! The church is booked for Thursday, February 9...it just needs you!

In the Community

Club members have another place to share their community involvement: a Facebook group just for us! [CFUW Belleville Members' Exchange](#) Jane Taylor will add you as a member. It's already paid off for me – I attended a choral concert with CFUW member Linda Connelly – happy to support an organization that Linda is involved with.

From helping refugees to singing to baking to knitting to who-knows-what, our members are involved in the community. Share your activities in three ways: the Check-it-Out board at meetings, our [members website](#) (pswd: 19Belleville39) and the new FB group.

Since this is our last newsletter of 2017, I'd like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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PAST PRESIDENT Susan Pine

The Governance committee consisting of Martha Grant, Cathy Warren and myself held a first meeting on November 1. An addition to the bylaws on how to manage requests for charitable donations is in progress. As well, upon review of the Mary McConnell Fund guidelines, it was recommended that the last sentence "The final deadline for submissions for funds to be used in the current fiscal year will be December 31st" be removed. This was passed at the Executive meeting that evening.

VP EDUCATION & ADVOCACY Marilyn Jackson

The Mary McConnell Fund

At the October General Meeting three Club Members volunteered to brainstorm about possible applications of this Fund, which now sits at just under \$3,500 on the Club's

books. The bequest is to be used for certain purposes only, and proposals must be made to the Vice President Education and Advocacy, with a budget, then put before the Executive to be confirmed or not.

This fund provides a great opportunity for Club members to initiate some project or purchase which might have a cost, but would bring significant positive returns.

The consensus of the meeting was that the Mary McConnell fund should continue to be used thoughtfully. Those attending the meeting identified three general areas of possible interest:

1. Historical Observation – supporting a 100th Anniversary of CFUW project which draws attention to our local CFUW and/or local women of distinction, engages our Club in the community
2. Club Development - projects which will promote engagement in our Club by other potential members in our community, especially those we seem not to connect with effectively
3. Capacity-Building - The club might operate more effectively if training were available to a larger number of members – particularly in use of technology/computer skills. Being able to create a simple PowerPoint presentation; keeping figures/budgets on Xcel or similar programs; creating documents; managing group emails; doing simple surveys or arranging meeting dates electronically - all those skills would reduce the time commitment involved in taking on roles in the Club.
Investment in a concrete asset to enhance Club activities (like the Club projector purchased from the Fund in 2015 to simplify Program) is also a possible target for the Fund.

To simplify the application process, Governance has recommended that the *deadline* for submitting a proposal be entirely *removed* from the Procedural Manual. A proposal could then be made at any time within the year from September through June – but the money must be spent by June 30 of the same year.

It is hoped this article will stimulate response from any member who has ever thought : *"Things would run so much better if..."*; or *"we could really attract new members if"* ; or *"The Club could really use its own"*

If a member wants to discuss an idea, please contact the Vice-Pres. Education and Advocacy Marilyn Jackson at 613 962-7478, or by email at haebjack@xplornet.com

VP FINANCIAL Mary Milne

Revenue to October 30th totals \$9,559 with \$9,545 from membership dues and \$14 from interest income. Our expenses to date are \$2584 for net income of \$6,975.

As noted in last month's newsletter, our financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2017 are now complete and I will be moving acceptance of those statements at the November meeting. I will be happy to email a copy of those statements to members on request (my email address is d.milne@sympatico.ca).

VP PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT Linda Connelly

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Book Sale at the last meeting. We raised \$125.00 for our club. The remainder of the books were delivered to the Alzheimer Society for their next Used Book Sale.

Just a reminder also that we will be collecting donations of new children's books for the Belleville Firefighter's Toy Drive at our Christmas Dinner on December 7th. If you will not be attending the Christmas Dinner, but would like to contribute a book, please bring it to the November meeting or give me a call at 613-920-0241 and I will arrange to pick up your donation.

And thinking ahead to our activities in the new year, the annual Valentine's Bridge Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, February 8th at St. Thomas' Parish Hall. Marylea Burt and Margaret Briscoe have very graciously organized this event in the past and we would like someone new to step forward to organize the bridge event this year. This has always been a successful fundraising endeavour and a great tradition to continue for our club. If you would like to help this year, please contact me at lconnelly555@gmail.com or 613-920-0241.

VP SCHOLARSHIPS Janet Macdonald

October was a busy month for the scholarship committee. Brochures are being finalized and will be sent out to the guidance departments shortly

In those brochures, we are indicating that extra scholarships are available thanks to the generous bequest from Mary Jean Carty and thanks to the many donations made in her Memory. This year we will be giving out, one Zurrer Scholarship for \$1250, nine college scholarships for \$1000 each and eight university scholarships for \$1500 each.

Following the lead of the education and advocacy group, the spring forum and our speakers in September, one of the criteria for these awards has been slightly changed. In addition to making a significant contribution to their school and/or local community, we have added participation in Quantum or similar program. It is our hope that this will help us reach students that would not otherwise have a chance at getting a scholarship.

To assist us in getting the word out, Maribeth deSnoo of the HPE Learning Foundation will send our brochures to the guidance and principals of students applying for financial assistance with college and university applications.

Last September saw a new scholarship award being created, the mature female student. Main qualifications for this award are financial need, a break in educational cycle and applying to a Canadian University after successfully completing a minimum of one year at Loyalist. This candidate is selected by Loyalist.

Last year one \$500.00 award was given. To date this year we have \$340.00 of donations for the mature female student award. It would be great to see this award increase to \$750.00 or \$1000 this year! If you have not yet made a donation please consider donating. Cathy Lake, our treasurer will be happy to accept any donations.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE Margaret Goodwin

At our next meeting, Thursday, November 16th, Bayan Al Mansour will tell us about arriving in Canada last February, about nine months ago, and adjusting to life in Belleville. Currently she is enrolled at Loyola College in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program. She will be introduced by Carolyn Ketcheson, the first person she met when her family arrived in Canada. Bayan is a teen and, since we have a duty of care for her, she is being given the questions collected at our October meeting so she can prepare her responses. Thanks to the Hospitality Committee, refreshments will include dips made and sold by Bayan's aunt and uncle. [The dips and other items were being sold at the Market; during the winter they are available for purchase Noon – 1 P.M. at Loyola on Octavia Street.]

A little background: In December 2015 a family of five Syrians were welcomed to Canada, refugees sponsored by a Belleville group of United Church people and friends. As the parents and three sons adjusted to life in a new country they had broad-based emotional, health, educational, financial, faith, social, cultural and community support. With the breadth of volunteers, depth of commitment and positive community response, United Syrian Family Support (Belleville), joined by a group from St. Joseph's RC Church, decided to sponsor relatives of this family, namely three families of five and three grandparents. With the birth of a baby in August, this family group increased to 24.

In case you missed it: There was a positive response to the October program, *Education and the First Nations Experience* with Shelley Knott Fife. Between the presentation and question & answer time, Shelley's adult daughter, Jamie, did a hoop dance. Shelley told family stories, anecdotes and historical facts about First Nations' experiences using the four stages noted in the 1996 Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples:

Stage 1 – Pre-contact – Separate Worlds – Old World Europe; Old World Turtle Island

Stage 2 – Contact and Cooperation

Stage 3 – Displacement and Assimilation

Stage 4 – Renewal and Negotiation

We encourage you give topics, names of potential presenters and program ideas to any member of the Committee as listed below. Do invite friends and neighbours to any of the presentations which might be of interest to them.

Margaret Goodwin for 2017-2018 Program Committee

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Kathryn Fellows: fellows@hickoryhouse.net; 613-477-3168

Margaret Goodwin: marg.goodwin@yahoo.ca; 613-771-9265; text 613-391-1392

WEBSITE Jane Taylor

Our website www.cfuwbelleville.com and the CFUW Belleville and District Facebook page are used to promote our club and inform the public of our upcoming events. Also, we now have two places for members to share information about their non CFUW interests and activities.

On the website go to the Local Interests and Issues page. On Facebook go to the closed group page, CFUW Belleville Members' Exchange. Any of our members who are on Facebook may be added to this page by selecting the "join" button on the page or by contacting me.

Remember to please send photos and articles about club activities and the above mentioned outside activities to me at my email - jtaylor113@cogeco.ca
The more often that fresh items appear on the website, the more likely it is that people will consult it regularly. Notice of interest group meeting dates and times can be posted on the web calendar when I receive the information.

Corresponding Secretary Carolyn Cockerline Since our last newsletter, condolence cards were sent to Carol Fisher & Cathy Lake

INTEREST GROUPS

Empowering Young Women Marilyn Jackson

Almost ready to go!

A meeting is now being arranged for Group members, to introduce the many and varied opportunities that have been offered by our partner Organizations. Each member of the Interest Group will be contacted personally by phone. A group meeting is intended before the end of November, to showcase the Organization Profiles / Opportunities, and initiate the engagement of CFUW Club members with young women!!

The Core Coordinators thank all for your patience; with you, we look forward to the launch of this initiative to make a difference .

Table Hoppers Mary Milne

This month we will be lunching at the East & Main Bistro at 270 Main Street in Wellington. They requested that we come at 12:30 instead of 12 as they are hosting another group earlier. We will car pool at 12 in the parking lot near Gilmour's in Rossmore.

Please let Mary Milne know if you are coming by Monday November 13th, 613-962-6369 or d.milne@sympatico.ca

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. Meeting monthly, the members identify a limited number of topics of concern, and determine direct actions they can take in the short term to produce movement in a desired direction.

At the October meeting we continued with our attention to water issues. We are corresponding with Robyn Hamlyn, now a student at the University of Guelph, who has taken on water as her personal issue since she was in Grade 7. Over the years since then she has met with 19 Ontario mayors and 30 Councils, and convinced 6 to become "Blue Communities". Read about her campaign at <http://thewaterwarriors.ca> Hoping we might build on this connection.

Other water issues of concern: runoff from municipal road treatments; release of untreated sewage into Bay of Quinte in peak water overflow situations; microplastics in Bay of Quinte, impact of clothing and cosmetic choices.

Next meeting will be Friday November 24 from 1 pm to 3 pm., at the apartment of Anne Cunningham, #401, Bay Terrace Tower II, 334 Dundas St. East, Belleville Some visitor parking between Bay Terrace I and II; more to the west of Bay Terrace I

Did you know that the Vision to Action committee, CFUW National and Ontario, and many world citizens are concerned about the withdrawal of water from aquifers in bulk. One manifestation of this issue involves marketing and use of non-refillable, non-biodegradable plastic water bottles. These plastics will pollute landfill sites, oceans and inland waterways for thousands of years. While containerized water is essential in emergencies, depletion of aquifers to meet an artificial demand for bottled water raises a significant question.

Our CFUW club has responded. At the 2017 Garden Tour, it was exciting to note that all fifty free refillable water bottles were happily picked up with their lunches by visitors to the gardens, in lieu of bottled water. There were favourable comments for this option in the surveys completed. This is not an easy matter for organizers of any big event, and change comes in steps not leaps. Bravo to the Garden Tour organizers.

Vision to Action stands on the principle that avoiding the use of disposable plastic containers, and judicious use of water resources, is an act of love for our future generations.

French Conversation Elizabeth Ewashkiw

The French Conversation group is meeting on November 30 at noon at the home of Evelyn Neumann , 45 Sumac Terrace. I invite you to attend the Quinte Film Alternative screening of "Loving Vincent" on November 29 at 2pm or 7:30pm at the Empire Theatre. We will talk about Vincent Van Gogh, his life and work. All are welcome. Please RSVP to eneumann@cogeco.ca.