



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

Regular General meetings are held every 3rd Thursday of the month except June, July and August at St. Thomas' Parish hall, Belleville ON
Social time 6:30 and meeting 7pm

REMINDER - Calling all Golfers and Wannabes
15th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT and Dinner June 4 at Trillium Woods Golf Club
\$60 which includes green fee, power cart and dinner. Contact Susan Pine j.pine@sympatico.ca
Signup sheet will be available at the AGM



Guess who went to Holland.....
Read all about The Green Thumbs' trip on page 7

FAMILY CONCERT CONVENOR(S) WANTED AND NEEDED!!

The family concerts have been a very valuable initiative of our club for many years, but are in jeopardy of not being able to continue unless 1 or 2 members are willing to step up and take the lead for this event. Pat McLaughlin and Elizabeth Ewashkiw have been the co-convenors for the last three years. They have done a superlative job and most importantly have everything clearly laid out in terms of the duties and timelines. In addition, Elizabeth has kindly offered to continue to write financial grant applications for the concerts. Please consider offering your talents. It would be a real shame not to be able to hold this event! Contact Laura Hare 613-771-1758 Email: laurahare@gmail.com

PAST PRESIDENT: Susan Pine

The following Slate of Officer's will be presented for approval at the AGM.

PROPOSED SLATE of OFFICERS 2018-2019

President	Laura Hare
Past President	Susan Pine
VP Education & Advocacy	Unable to fill
VP Finance	Debi Butler
VP Planning & Development	Linda Connelly
VP Scholarships	Janet MacDonald
Scholarship Trust Fund Treasurer	Carol Fisher
Recording Secretary	Leona Skanes
Corresponding Secretary	Carolyn Cockerline
Website	Jane Taylor
Membership Committee	June Town Alison Brown
Program Committee	Anne Cunningham Caroll Hennessy
Special Events Committee	Julie Brown Debra O'Shaughnessy
Hospitality Committee	Barbara Kirkham 1 volunteer/ General meeting
Scholarship Committee	Janet Simpson (year 3) Margaret Hare (year 2) Kristina Stakenvicius (year 1)
Finance Committee	Carol Sayeau (year 3) Alison Brown (year 2) Carol Goodall (year 1)
Archivist	Marylea Burt

Proposed Constitutional Changes (May 2018)

A motion to adopt the following constitutional changes will be voted on at the AGM.

Article II PURPOSE

4. Replace “**International Federation of University Women**” with “**Graduate Women International**”.

And as well

Article III MEMBERSHIP

1 Regular Member

e. Replace **IFUW** with **GWI**

Under **Honorary Member** add

e. Honorary members are not eligible to serve on the executive.

VP EDUCATION & Advocacy Marilyn Jackson

Advocacy and Education

There has been much discussion by the Executive about this aspect of the CFUW. To date, no one (or two) members have agreed to step into the role of VP Education and Advocacy for the coming year. Perhaps it is the apparent weight of the responsibility which discourages members from taking it on. Next year provides an opportunity to reinvent this role. Newer members may have innovative approaches. If any member wishes to contact our President Laura Hare with a proposal, there is plenty of time between June and September to look at ideas (laurahare@gmail.com).

Empowering Young Women Interest Group

2017/18 has been a year of building on the “Empowering Young Women” Spring Forum of April 2017. Since September, members of this group have worked directly with Quantum Quinte, YoutHab, Smart Start, Abigail’s Learning Centre and the Hastings & Prince Edward Learning Foundation. Each of these organizations has creatively identified a range of ways in which CFUW members might to offer value to the young women they support. Some highlights to date include the following:

- A group of members is addressing the job interview experience for young women, in conjunction with Smart Start.
- Two CFUW members assisted at every stage of the Prom Project, which provides gorgeous dresses – even cosmetics - and men’s formalwear - so that every student can feel confident about going to their big dance of the year.
- Two volunteers regularly provide one on one assistance with school work at Abigails Learning Centre, where young moms complete their high school diplomas and make plans for further study or work, while enhancing their parenting skills.
- Other members of this interest group have also set up a mini-tax centre, enabling young mothers to file crucial tax returns, to which so many child benefits are tied. Members have conducted sessions with youth in areas like sewing skills, baking, sexual health and money management.

This year the Scholarship Committee also included an invitation to Quantum Quinte to put forward the name of an eligible highschool graduate they support, as a candidate for our CFUW scholarships. Although no student applied this year, the inclusion of students graduating highschool in non-traditional ways is a great step in encouraging youth from all backgrounds to pursue education beyond high school. Bravo to the Scholarship Committee.

CFUW ONTARIO COUNCIL AGM MAY 11 AND 12, Oshawa Ontario

Marilyn Jackson and Leona Skanes will attend the CFUW Ontario Council AGM on Saturday May 12. Looking forward to following the Resolution proposed about Housing, and learning more about women in science and technology.

VP FINANCIAL

Mary Milne

As of May 5th club revenues totaled \$16,986.29 while expenses to date were \$15,704.80 leaving a surplus of \$1,281.48. Most of the surplus is AGM ticket revenue so, once the AGM dinner is paid for, we will probably break even for the year, apart from the extra GWI fees which were paid from the general members’ surplus, reducing it from \$12,192 to \$11,108.

Re the motion to increase the membership dues for next year, I was reminded of the clause in the club Bylaws stating that “All dues paid before October 31 shall receive a \$5 discount.” Therefore, to have membership dues of \$110 next year, the motion to be voted on at the AGM will be as shown below.

Motion re dues increase: That the membership dues for the 2018-9 year be increased to \$115 per member, with a discount of \$5 if paid before October 31st, as stated in club Bylaws Article II, #2.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT Linda Connelly

Thank you to everyone who participated in our second book sale at the last meeting. We raised \$75.00 for our club. The remainder of the books were delivered to the Alzheimer Society for their next Used Book Sale in June

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To-date, we have accumulated \$233.31 for our club through the Fundscrip program. The proceeds will be contributed to the club's general fund before year end. We will continue with this program over the summer.

It is so easy to sign up and start participating. <http://www.fundscrip.com/how-it-works>
Please get in touch with me if you have any questions or I can help in any way.
(lconnelly555@gmail.com 613-920-0241)

TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDEN TOUR 2018

Tickets for our Town and Country Garden Tour 2018 are now available for purchase on our Club website or by contacting Kimm Leeman or Val Poultney. Enclosed in each ticket is a map with instructions of how to proceed from one garden to another. The \$25 ticket gives you entry to eight gardens and a box lunch to enjoy either in the air-conditioned comfort of St. Thomas Church or at another location of your choosing.

The tickets will also be available for purchase at the AGM on May 17. We know that many of the attendees purchase their tickets from our loyal club members: we need and appreciate your support.

Also available at the AGM will be tickets on the raffle table items. A limited number of items will be on display but you can mark your ticket to select any of the more than twenty items destined to be on the table on July 7. As part of the raffle, the draw for a plant from Farmgate Gardens will take place at the AGM: the winner will take the plant home that evening.

And let's remember that all proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund to support local students pursuing post-secondary education.

Here are excerpts from the descriptions of two more gardens:

Garden #1:

Willows by the Bay is named for the beautiful old willows that grace the shore of the bay behind our home. Every season presents a magic show of vegetation.

We wanted the front garden to invite you to stroll around our house, so those gardens were given wide curves to give a sense of direction. The initial plantings were of shrubs, a variety of ornamental grasses and lavender. Daisies and cone flowers were added to give it a country feel. Beyond that, I simply add whatever catches my eye.

Garden #2:

Nestled in the Old Upper East Hill, our century Arts and Crafts home is the only "Clinker" in Belleville. Clinker homes have distinctive sintering on the brick surface

producing a shiny porous surface and irregular shape.

The back yard is painted in various shades of green because of the dense shade. Helebores, Sweet Woodruff, Forget-Me-Nots, hostas and ferns vary in colour, texture, and height to add movement and interest.

Lastly, we include the list of our Garden Tour sponsors. If you happen to be speaking to one or more of them, do mention that you noted their name in the sponsor list and that we appreciate their generosity.

Irene Hiebert and Karen Mouck
Co-Chairs

SCHOLARSHIP

Katrina Cross

In 2018, we will award \$20,750 in scholarships and bursaries to Hastings and District students:

- Seven university scholarships of \$1500 each
- Seven college scholarships of \$1000 each
- Two bursaries of \$1000 each
- One Helen Zurrer scholarship of \$1250

This includes a bequest from Mary Jean Carty and donations made in her memory.
Recipients of the 2018 Scholarships are:

UNIVERSITY

Josh Carley, Moira
Jaclyn Manderville, Centennial
Amy Vieira, Nicholson
Carsyn Poulain, St. Paul
Julia Charron, Marc Garneau
Brooke Roche, Picton
Jared Treverton, St. Theresa

HELEN ZURRER - Brianna O'Hara, St. Paul

COLLEGE

Faith High, Centennial
Hannah McDonnell, St. Theresa
Corey Cameron, Moira
Emilee Durant, Trenton
Taylor Whaley-Smith, St. Paul
Sarah Young, Picton
Ethan Boldrick, Centre Hastings

BURSARIES

ESL student (TBA), Loyola
Mature Student (TBA), Loyalist

Thank you to club members for your generous donations and support of the scholarship program. We could not do this very important work without your fundraising efforts on things like the garden tour and Valentine's bridge.

Thank you to the 2017-18 committee: Janet MacDonald, Margaret Hare, Janet Simpson-Lightbody, Caroll Hennessy. A special thank you to Cathy Warren for stepping in to do interviews.

We do require volunteers to attend graduation ceremonies on June 21, 27 and 28th. Please contact me if interested at bkrdcross@gmail.com.

INTEREST GROUPS

TABLE HOPPERS Mary Milne

In May, we are going East to The O'Connor House in Deseronto. Our reservation is for 12 noon on Wednesday May 16th. If members would like to car pool, please meet in the Bayview Mall parking lot at the north end by the Home Hardware store by 11:30 am. Since I am away, please let Marylea Burttt know by Monday May 14th if you plan to attend at marylea.burttt@gmail.com or 613-966-1327. She would also appreciate knowing which attendees are planning to car pool so no one gets left behind.

THE GREEN THUMBS Barbara Pipher

Five of us from CFUW (Barbara Pipher, Janet Simpson, Janet MacDonald, Mary Miller, and Sue Thoms) went to Holland from April 17 to 26, our purpose being to see the masses of flowering spring bulbs growing throughout Holland. We were certainly not disappointed! The Keukenhof Gardens were absolutely outstanding and from the train rides we took, we witnessed acres and acres of farm fields filled with all kinds of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths. Even the weather cooperated by sending us warm sunshine and no rain.

Our downtown Amsterdam hotel gave us easy access to the Central Train Station as well as restaurants and shops. As a group, we also visited the traditional fishing villages of Volendam & Marken, the historic towns of Haarlem and Delft...for the pottery of course, and the Rijksmuseum to see some of the old masters paintings. One could throw in two canal cruises, a windmill tour, a cheese factory tour, a wooden shoe factory tour, a concert and a ferris wheel ride to round out the activites. Some ladies went to see Anne Frank's home and some went to Rembrandt's home. Janet Simpson went on a successful adventure to northern Holland to find the gravesite of her uncle that was shot down in WWII.

To top off the trip, we enjoyed fresh and delicious food everywhere we went. Many of our lunches included homemade soups & breads as well as savoury cheese plates. Our evenings were spent enjoying scrumptious meals and flavourful wines at local restaurants. And we made sure we didn't miss out on tasting the traditional Dutch crepe.

It was so interesting to experience a different culture. We enjoyed it fully.....the touring, the food, and the warm and friendly Dutch people. The good comradery of our group made it all great fun.

