



Canadian Federation of University Women – Ottawa

Capital Carillon

January General Meeting

DATE: Monday, January 9, 2012
 TIME: 7:30 p.m.
 PLACE: St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church, 2400 Alta Vista Dr.
 SPEAKER: Chantal LeClerc, RN, M.Sc., GNC (C)
 Interim CEO, Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)
 TOPIC: TBD



Chantal has over 15 years of work experience in the health care sector, including community, acute, and continuing care as a front-line clinician, professional leader, clinical scientist, manager and administrator.

She holds a joint-appointment with the University of Ottawa School of Nursing. Her clinical and research expertise is in the care of older adults, particularly those with dementia. She has received several research grants and is published in peer-reviewed journals.

She was awarded the 2007 Excellence Award in Nursing Leadership by the Ontario Hospital Association and is a member of several provincial and local committees.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WILMA CLAPHAM

Our beautiful fall weather is about to give way to winter and Club members are starting to concentrate on holiday gatherings and travel plans with family and friends. This is the time to acknowledge the CFUW-Ottawa accomplishments in fall 2011 and the challenges faced as we plan for 2012-13.

Membership Convenor Glenda Levesque and team members Saba Fatemizadeh and Sheila Woodman completed the first online membership drive, delivery of membership services and compilation of the Membership Directory on schedule. Congratulations Glenda, Saba and Sheila! Since this was the first year for handling these procedures online, we mailed the Directories at Club expense.

As you read the *Carillon*, we hope you will be impressed with the other initiatives which have been implemented in 2011. Your CFUW-Ottawa Board and Committee Convenors have been extremely innovative and hard-working. Plans for 2012-13 are underway. The registration blank for members joining after Feb. 1 will reflect some of these changes.

Membership services will continue to be upgraded in 2012-13. Treasurer Pierrette MacLean's chart (see [page 6](#)) shows that we run the Club on approximately \$36 out of the

\$100 Membership Fee. Since postage and printing costs are high, a motion was passed unanimously at the Nov. 14 Board Meeting that, starting in February 2012, Directories will be mailed to those who request a printed copy on their registration blank on a cost recovery basis.

Another motion passed at the Nov. 14 Board Meeting authorized the Interim Constitution/Bylaw Committee to review and propose changes to the Bylaws in 2011-12. The Constitution will be revised after the CFUW Constitution is presented and approved at the June 2012 Victoria

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Resisting the Criminalization of Women : Factors That Contribute to Women Ending Up in Prison

Dr. Diana Majury expressed her pleasure in being at our November General Meeting to honour the longstanding connection between CFUW-Ottawa and the Elizabeth Fry Society (Efry) of Ottawa. Our members were with Efry right from its beginning in 1951 – as volunteers visiting women in jail and as lawyers representing Efry clients *pro bono*. Marguerite Ritchie, one of the five founding members from our club, inspired Diana and a whole generation of feminist law students.

Abuse of girls in religious or government-run schools is not as well-known as in boys' schools but when physical, sexual and psychological abuse took place in the Grandview Training School for Girls which operated in Galt, Ont. from 1933 to 1976, stories were finally believed.

Diana was one of six feminist adjudicators appointed under the Grandview Agreement, the settlement between survivors of the Grandview Training School for Girls and the

Ontario Government to compensate "delinquent" girls who had been sent to Grandview where they were raped, beaten and/or neglected. Most had not broken any law, but were rebellious, unmanageable, "incorrigible" and poor. In descriptions of their adolescent behaviour, Diana recognized herself, the difference being that her family could afford options: they enrolled her in an acting program which she loved.

Diana questioned who is being abused or mistreated today that we fail to do anything about.

British criminologist Gilly Sharpe identified seven causative factors for young women to be in the youth justice system:

- 1) Family dysfunction;
- 2) Resisting parental authority;
- 3) Abuse at home;
- 4) Low self-esteem;
- 5) Female sexuality - justice system is still used for control;
- 6) Families using police as a last resort with rebellious girls; and,
- 7) Erosion of the safety net. Limited options mean incarceration together of those at risk of re-offending; those not at risk; and, those with mental health issues.

Elizabeth Fry works to support, assist and ensure that criminalized women are treated fairly and appropriately within the system. But the bigger job is to prevent their conflict

with the law.

Members raised concerns about the negative effects of the omnibus crime bill (*Safe Streets and Communities Act*, Bill C-10) currently before Parliament. If you wish to express concern to your MP, CFUW has helpful template letters at <http://cfuw.org/justicehumnrgh26.html>.

Alice Bolt and Marjorie Melick
CFUW-Ottawa Representatives to
Efry Ottawa



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Please send all material for the next issue to the Editor:
Mary Butterill
at marpathb@storm.ca.

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Deadline: **January 15, 2012**

Previous issues located on the Club website at www.cfuw-ottawa.org.

President - continued

AGM. The CFUW Constitution will have been vetted by legal, constitutional and linguistic experts and it is prudent take advantage of this expertise.

Happy Holidays to you all! We hope you will return to Club activities in January looking forward to participating in and enjoying CFUW-Ottawa!

NEW MEMBERS' TEA

Over 40 members attended the New Members' Tea held on Nov. 6 at my home. This annual event gives new and returning members an opportunity to meet and to get to know members of the Board. Although the afternoon was largely social in nature, new members received information from several board members on issues of importance:

Wilma Clapham (President) brought greetings and welcomed new and returning members on behalf of the Board. Charlotte Rigby (VP Liaison) spoke about the "bigger picture" – the organization of CFUW provincially, nationally and internationally, pointing out that Ottawa is the largest club in Canada, and that Canada has the largest membership of any country in the world (over 9,000 members)! Mary Butterill (VP Communications and *Carillon* Editor) encouraged new members to contribute to the *Carillon* and to access the newsletter online as the costs of the print version are increasing. Glenda Levesque (Website, Internet Services and Membership Convenor) gave members tips on accessing informa-

tion online and encouraged them to contact her if they had difficulties. Nancy Simmons-Wright (Community Project - HIPPY) spoke about the HIPPY initiative and about plans to increase the profile of the Club's special projects, partly by a home page link on our website. New member Ann deBeaupré spoke about joining a book club and having each member warmly welcome her individually! I spoke about the importance of joining Study and Interest groups in order to meet members in a small group situation and form friendships.

Thanks to all who made the Tea a success! This includes Board members who brought an array of food plates, and Nancy Vrooman (Hospitality Convenor) who, with teammates Gail Metzger and Ina McCuaig, did an amazing job coordinating, serving and cleaning up the kitchen! And a special thanks to all the new and returning members who shared the afternoon with us – we hope you have a wonderful first year as members of CFUW- Ottawa!

Nancy DeVillers
VP Membership



Best Wishes For 2012!

Scholarship Trust Fund Now Accepts Online Credit Card Donations

Starting Dec. 1, the Club's Scholarship Trust Fund (STF) will accept credit card donations online through CanadaHelps, a well-known Canadian, Canada Revenue Agency-registered public foundation since 2000. To donate online, either go directly to www.CanadaHelps.org, or, on our website, www.cfuw-ottawa.org, click on the "Scholarships and Donating" tab (left side of page), scroll down and click on the "Donate Now" button to be transferred to the CanadaHelps website. When CanadaHelps processes the donation, you instantly receive an electronic tax receipt and the amount donated appears on your credit card statement with the name CanadaHelps. CanadaHelps then transfers the funds to STF, less a small administrative fee.

If you prefer to continue donating by cheque, we will still gladly receive your donations made directly to the CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Trust Fund and mailed to Janet Riehm, Treasurer. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Smith at smith3ster@gmail.com or Janet Riehm, at jriehm@sympatico.ca.

Dawn Smith, Chair
and Janet Riehm, Treasurer
**CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship
Trust Fund**

The Battle to Keep the Long-gun Registry

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews introduced Bill C-19, *Ending the Long-gun Registry Act* on Oct. 25, 2011. It passed second reading in the House of Commons on Nov. 1 by a vote of 156 to 123. Hearings before the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security began on Nov. 15. This Bill aims to remove the requirement to register non-prohibited and non-restricted firearms and to provide for the destruction of related records. Find background information and follow the progress of the Bill at LEGISinfo:

www.parl.gc.ca/LegisInfo/BillDetails.aspx?Language=E&Mode=1&billId=5188309.

The debate about the Long-gun Registry is contentious.

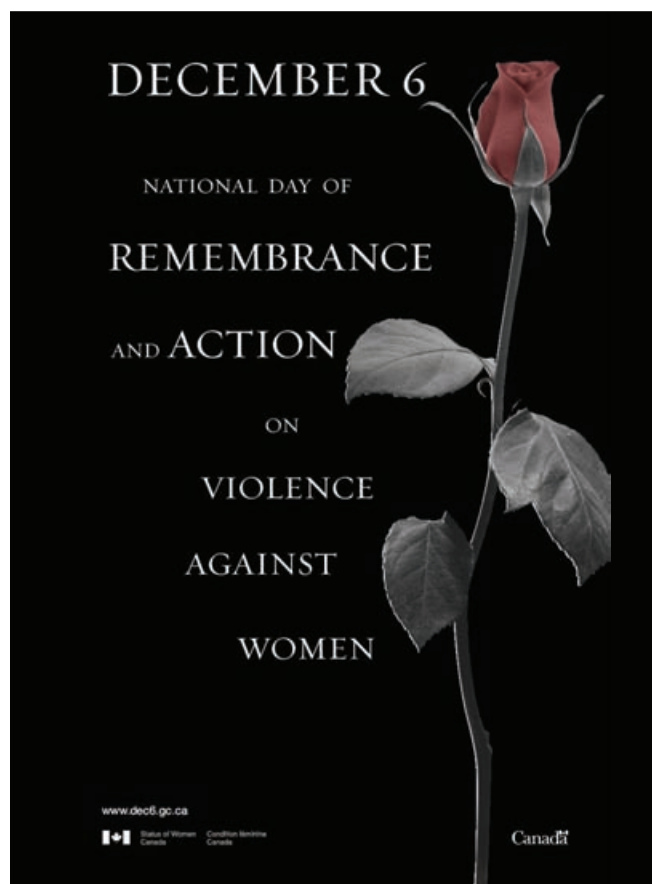
Proponents of Bill C-19 argue that the Registry is costly, wasteful and ineffective in crime prevention; that it burdens law-abiding hunters, farmers and sport shooters/firearms enthusiasts with unnecessary red tape and violates privacy law; and that ending it will not abolish the requirement to license all firearms possessed by individuals. The majority Conservative government also claims that it has been given a strong mandate from Canadians to repeal the Registry. Destruction of the records will make it more difficult to reinstate.

Supporters of the Long-gun Registry argue that it is a useful public safety tool frequently used by police to take preventive actions such as removing firearms from violent persons when intervening in domestic disputes and enforcing prohibition orders. There is evidence that women are disproportionately vulnerable to gun-related violence and that the Registry helps keep them safe. Unregistered guns are a threat to first responders such as police. Supporters also take issue with the destruction of records, and promote maintenance by merchants of records of sales on non-restricted firearms, as well as mandatory license checks to ensure that prospective buyers of non-restricted firearms are still eligible to hold licenses.

CFUW strongly supports keeping the Long-gun Registry and encourages Clubs and individual members to advocate against Bill C-19. The National Office has submitted a [brief](#) to the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security focused on gendered impacts of ending the Registry and giving recommendations should this bill become law. Advocacy letters on gun control are found on the CFUW website at <http://www.cfuw.org/genderedviolenc> 24.html. CFUW-Ottawa recently wrote to local MPs, asking them to support the Registry.

Mary Butterill

VP Communications



CFUW-OTTAWA HOLIDAY PARTY 2011

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Clark Room, RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa

Enjoy a lovely hot and cold buffet with friends and family

Tickets are still available at **\$35** (incl. tax & service charge)

REGISTER ONLINE using the Club's Website

OR call Alice Bolt at (613) 731-5221

RAFFLE BAGS – **\$5** – Everyone wins a prize

BAKE TABLE – Goodies donated by our members - **\$5 to \$15**

JELLY BEAN COUNT – Special Prize for the winner –

1 guess for **\$1**, 3 for **\$2** or 10 for **\$5**

All Proceeds Will Go To Our Scholarship Trust Fund.





ONTARIO COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES MEETING

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
1585 Yonge Street, Toronto (Two blocks north of St. Clair Subway Station, East Side)

Morning Program: Climate Change and Mental Health: Challenges, Opportunities, and Adaptation

Speaker: Ashlee Cunsolo Willox, PhD Candidate, School of Environmental Design and Rural Development, University of Guelph

Registration: \$30 prepaid includes a delicious and nutritious **lunch**. Catering requires registration and notification of **dietary requirements** by the Monday prior to the meeting. To be included on the agenda to make a brief announcement, please advise by the prior Thursday by contacting treasurer@cfuwontcouncil.ca. [Registration](#) and [Travel](#) Forms are located at www.cfuwontcouncil.ca/.

Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. The plenary session begins at 10:00 a.m., lunch is at 12 noon and the three afternoon Committee sessions end around 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

CFUW-Ottawa funds registration fees and partially funds accommodation and travel for attendance by the Club President, the V.P. Liaison and two Standing Committee Chairs **or their designates**.

All CFUW members are welcome to attend. If interested, contact: Charlotte Rigby, CFUW-Ottawa V.P. Liaison, for further details.

Future Meeting: Saturday, March 17, 2012

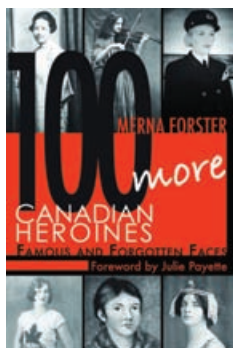
CFUW Ontario East Fall Gathering

Members of CFUW clubs in Eastern Ontario were welcomed to Cornwall on Oct. 22 for the regional Fall Gathering. The program, in keeping with the theme of the day "We Are Women. Hear Us Roar", celebrated the power of informed and inspired women. Keynote speaker Angie Barnes, former Grand Chief of Akwesasne, spoke about issues affecting women, governance by the Mohawk Council, and the challenge of negotiating with federal and provincial governments. Workshops followed on a variety of topics including politics, the environment, social issues, and CFUW leadership. The closing speaker was Susan Russell, CFUW Coordinator of International Relations, who explained the relationship between CFUW and IFUW (International Federation of University Women) and their shared core values of advocacy, education, and peace. CFUW-Ottawa members in attendance included Leila Metcalf, Sheila Pepper and Barb Reid.

Leila Metcalf

Past President, CFUW-Ottawa

100 More Canadian Heroines : Famous and Forgotten Faces



Merna Forster recently published *100 More Canadian Heroines : Famous and Forgotten Faces*, with a foreword by astronaut Julie Payette. This publication continues Merna's *100 Canadian Heroines : Famous and Forgotten Faces* published in 2004. By documenting the contributions and stories

of outstanding Canadian women in many fields (such as science, sport, politics, and the arts), Merna hopes to give these trailblazers the recognition they deserve and a place in history. Discover "the atomic mosquito", the woman behind the building of Canada's first mosque and

the "Sherlock Holmes of Saskatchewan", among other intriguing personalities.

Both books were published by Toronto-based Dundurn Press and are available for sale through Amazon.ca, Amazon.com and Chapters Indigo. The earlier book is available and the recently published one is on order at the Ottawa Public Library.

A former CFUW-Ottawa member and Scholarship Convenor, Merna now lives in Victoria, B.C. An author, historian, former archivist and park naturalist employed by Parks Canada for 20 years, she grew up in Turner Valley, Alta., the same hometown as our Prime Minister's wife, Laureen Harper. Visit Merna's website at www.heroines.ca.

Membership Convenor's Report at Nov. 14, 2011

All memberships received to date for the 2011-12 membership cycle have been processed. We do not usually receive many more before February, the official start of the next cycle. Please note that we do accept memberships throughout the year. You must join CFUW-Ottawa if you wish to participate in study and interest groups, service groups, issues committees and club projects. You do not need a university degree to join the club. Invite your friends and neighbours to join us. Please contact membership@cfuw-ottawa.org for information.

Total membership, at 505, is slightly ahead of this point last November. We have more renewing members which is a good sign that we are on the right track. Our research has found that it is very important for new members to join at least one Study and Interest group and/or attend General meetings to become more connected to the club. Last year we had more new members and members returning after an absence. This was likely the result of our club hosting the National AGM.

CFUW-Ottawa – Membership by Status

Status	Nov-11	Nov-10	Nov-09	Nov-08
Renewing	448	427	454	463
New	45	60	40	40
Returning	12	17	7	5
TOTAL	505	504	501	508

Table prepared 10 Nov 2011

Full memberships increased this year slightly, offset by a slight decrease in Associate and Student Members.

CFUW-Ottawa – Membership by Category

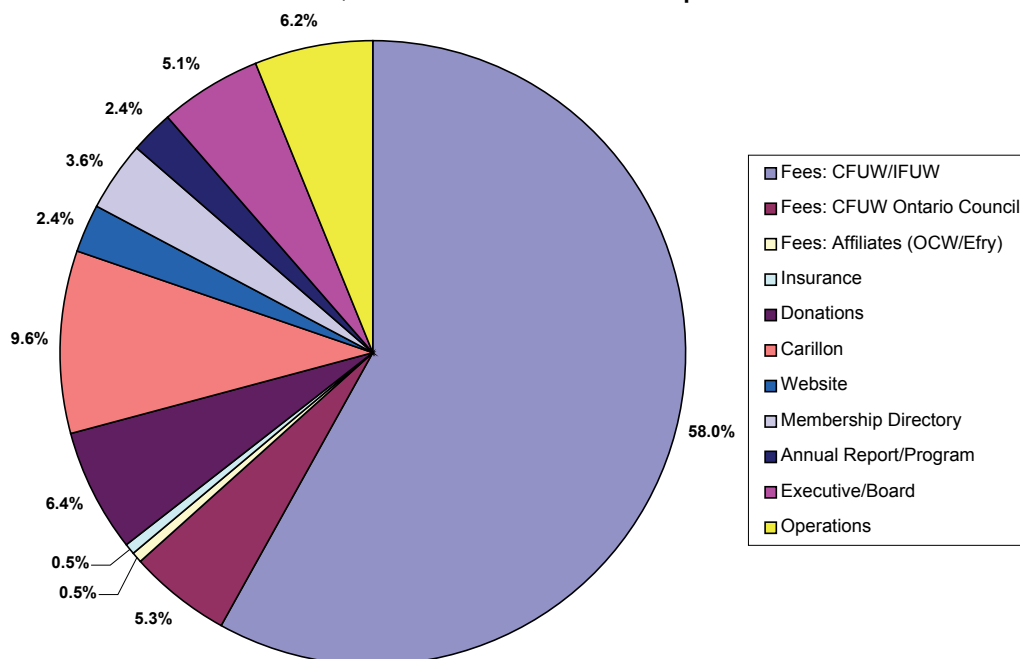
Category	Nov-11	Nov-10	Nov-09	Nov-08
Full	469	466	470	472
Associate	27	29	22	25
Dual	6	5	6	6
Student	2	3	1	2
Life	1	1	2	3
TOTAL	505	504	501	508

Table prepared 10 Nov 2011

The directories have now been printed and are in the process of being mailed to all members of the club. If you have not received your Directory by the end of November, please contact Glenda Levesque at (613) 692-4778.

Glenda Levesque
Membership Convenor

Where Your \$100 CFUW-Ottawa Membership Fee Goes



International Support for Afghan Women at Bonn II Conference

A breaking story reminds us that CFUW is multi-dimensional and can have a powerful influence in international advocacy when our dimensions are focused.

Following a visit from Afghan women urging the International Federation of University Women to take action, IFUW's current President, Marianne Haslegrave, sent a message to all federations and associations urging them to lobby their foreign ministers attending the Bonn II conference on Dec. 5, 2011, to demand that Afghan women be at the peace table and that their issues are fully addressed. She had attended CFUW-Ottawa's Afghan advocacy meeting at the Newfoundland AGM from which the CFUW National Focus Group grew and praised CFUW for having already initiated this campaign.

Marianne has also officially lobbied the UN and the German Government, hosts of this pivotal conference.

As part of continuing advocacy on this issue, CFUW-Ottawa has written to local area MPs urging them to support participation and human rights at Bonn II, as has our national President Brenda Wallace in a letter to the Prime Minister. Many members continue to write individually to their MPs advocating for a full role for Afghan women at this crucial global conference.

When Mirwais Salehi, Political Councillor from the Embassy of Afghanistan spoke to the Ottawa Study and Interest Group, University Women Helping Afghan Women, he stressed the extraordinary importance of Bonn

II when over 1,000 delegates, including 90 foreign ministers, will meet to map out some measure of peace and security for Afghanistan once the international community leaves. He emphasized that Afghan women must be present to make this a realistic peace. While grateful for Canada's generous contribution to development, "we need everything" he said and nothing can be accomplished quickly. The legislation is in place; enforcement is the challenge. But he warned that the international community ignores Afghanistan, with its difficult neighbouring countries, at its peril.

Sue Wilson, who chairs the advocacy arm of UWHAW, noted that while our immediate concern is the participation of Afghan women at Bonn II, our group will also focus on women's education, particularly at the secondary and post-secondary levels, security and protection for girls consistent with UN Resolution 1325, and justice and accountability for crimes against women, all this so that they may share equally in Afghan society, post 2014.

Dianne Rummery

University Women Helping Afghan Women Group

THE POWER OF ONE

Ryan Aldred, who spoke to the last meeting of the UWHAW, showed how one passionate individual with technical knowledge and common sense can make an enormous difference. A news story featuring the struggles of an Afghan principal, Ehsanullah Ehsan, to educate women in very conservative Kandahar, prompted Ryan to contact him by email to see what he could do to help from Canada. This was the beginning of an extraordinary partnership shaped by Internet access, the generosity of Canadians with their time and funds, and the creativity of both. The emphasis has always been on "lending a hand" rather than "we'll do it for you" which Ryan feels is essential to future success. He was able to help with access to computers, with writing grant applications, with finding skilled Canadians to work with Kandahar students through Skype and with connecting the Kandahar City school with the Southern Alberta Institute of Technol-

ogy The latter provides online classes to women in business management, computing courses, English and accounting, providing skills in high demand locally. Graduates get jobs immediately. Many are now breadwinners for their families, supporting six to 10 people.

In 2009, Ryan founded the Canadian International Learning Foundation, a registered Canadian charity which is increasingly successful in bringing Canadians and Afghans together. And it all happened in Ottawa.

There are lots of common sense ways Canadians can help. Do visit www.canilf.org for more information or member Alison Hobbs' blog - from Nov. 9 at www.Alisonhobbs.blogspot.com. Kate Smithson, a member of UWHAW has written a compelling but longer article on Ryan's projects.

Dianne Rummery

University Women Helping Afghan Women Group



From the CFUW-Ottawa Environmental Toxins and Health Study Group

A CLEANER, HEALTHIER HOME TIME TO UPGRADE!

TOXIN FREE HOMES 1.0

You've done the basics—No more plastic containers. Harsh cleaners eliminated. And more. Congratulations!

Now let's go to the next stage! Move up to TOXIN FREE HOMES 2.0!

Here are some excellent Canadian sources to help you get started:

- ☐ In April, CFUW-Ottawa voted to support a national CFUW resolution to reduce unnecessary idling.
- ☐ **"Alternatives in Your Home – Toxic Nation".** One of many useful guides produced by the widely-respected Canadian organisation **Environmental Defence**, it provides a room-by-room tour of your home to find toxic-free alternatives to everyday household products such as vinyl shower curtains. It includes a toxics dictionary with simple explanations of how toxins get into our bodies and what they do there.
<http://environmentaldefence.ca/campaigns/toxic-nation/alternatives-in-your-home>
"Take the Toxic Nation Challenge" is a PDF format of the above home tour but with a glossary that defines chemicals and terms such as hormone disrupters.
http://environmentaldefence.ca/sites/default/files/report_files/HealthyHome_Checklist_0.pdf
- ☐ **Health Canada's "Environmental and Workplace Health – Hazards in Your Environment"** This inter-

active guide provides a room-by-room "Hazardcheck", focusing on issues such as radon levels, noise, lead tests, product recalls, and more.

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/hazards-risques/index-eng.php>

- ☐ **David Suzuki Foundation** offers a number of guides. Here are two examples:

"Stain Removal Guide"

<http://www.davidsuzuki.org/publications/downloads/2009/stain%20removal2.pdf>

"Two-ingredient Cosmetics For the Busy Green Goddess" – recipes for making hair rinses, conditioners, etc.

http://www.davidsuzuki.org/publications/downloads/2010/two-ingredient_cosmetics.pdf

- ☐ **Toxic Free Canada's "CancerSmart 3.1 : The Consumer Guide".** This guide is only available online at <http://www.toxicfreecanada.ca/articlefull.asp?uid=136>

CFUW Constitution and Bylaws Process 2011-12

The CFUW Constitution and Bylaws are currently under revision, taking into account the recently proclaimed Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act as well as amendments to the document that was presented and narrowly defeated at the CFUW AGM in St. John's in July. A draft of the revised CFUW Constitution, Bylaws and Schedules will be sent to Clubs by Nov. 20. Proposed amendments

will be accepted until Jan. 31, 2012. A further revised draft document will be issued to Clubs by Feb. 21, with proposed amendments accepted until March 20. A final draft will be sent to Clubs by April 21, two months before the 2012 AGM in Victoria.

Leila Metcalf

CFUW Constitution, Bylaws and
Standing Rules Committee



Happy Holidays!

Knitting Up the Ravelled Sleeve of Care

Anne Snyder, a member of the Crafts for Charity interest group, currently focusing on Knitting, shows 85 of the celebrated Izzy Dolls that she knitted to donate to Doctors Without Borders for distribution to HIV/AIDS orphans in Africa.

Izzy Dolls originated in the fall of 1993. In April 1993, Corporal Mark "Izzy" Isfeld returned home after a UN peacekeeping tour with the Canadian Forces in Croatia. He showed his mother, Carol Isfeld, a photo of a little girl's doll on a pile of rubble that had once been her home. Carol was inspired to design and knit little dolls that would be easy to carry and hand out. She made, and Mark distributed several boxes of these dolls before he was killed on June 21, 1994, at age 32, near Kakma, Croatia, while removing landmines, serving with 1 Combat Engineer Regiment (1 CER), Canadian Military Engineers. Mark's Troop War-rant Officer asked his mother to continue making the Izzy Dolls for distribution in her son's honour. They continue to be made to this day by many people in many forms and distributed in various ways to suffering children in war zones or crisis-stricken areas. More information and a link to the doll pattern is available at the Mark Isfeld Memorial Page at <http://izzydoll.ca/>.

Other group members knit Teddies for Tragedies, also popular in Canada and internationally. For patterns, photos and other information, go to <http://www.teddiesfortragedies.org/>. If you are interested in joining the group on the last Friday of each month, call Co-Convenor Judy Jessop at (613) 523-2358.



Photo by: Jan Snyder

Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW)-Ottawa, Kanata & Nepean
& the Ottawa Council of Women (OCW)

8th Annual International Women's Day (IWD) Celebration

on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Council Chamber & Atrium, Ben Franklin Place, 101 CentrepoinTE Dr., Ottawa

Speaker: Carol Ann Cole

Founder of the Comfort Heart Initiative, Recipient of the Order of Canada,
Author of *If I Knew Then What I know Now*.

Light Refreshments Entertainment Door Prizes



Photo of IWD 2011 by Beverlee McIntosh

Ticket Price: \$25

Registration will open in early January

REGISTER ONLINE at www.cfuw-ottawa.org/events

For information, tickets or to volunteer, please contact
Beverlee McIntosh, OCW, (613) 728-9770, beverlee.mcintosh@gmail.com
Charlotte Rigby, CFUW-Ottawa, (819) 778-3438, crigby@videotron.ca
Joy Forbes, CFUW/Kanata, (613) 592-6099, joy.forbes@sympatico.ca
Sue Ellwood, CFUW-Nepean, (613) 591-0136, sellwood@magma.ca

A limited number of tables will be available to members who wish to sell publications or crafts. For details, please contact Beverlee McIntosh (see above) **before January 30**.

For information about IWD, see www.internationalwomensday.com

CFUW Resolution Intents for 2012

Way back in 1919, forward-thinking Canadian women founded the organization that we know today as CFUW. They were committed to improving the status of women and girls; promoting quality public education; and advancing human rights, justice and peace. Since then, the world has changed, but the needs are still there, and CFUW clubs and members continue to work for these core values.

Each year, our member clubs propose resolutions as the first step in creating up-to-date policies to address current issues. These resolutions are discussed and reviewed by members of our 113 clubs, and then presented at the CFUW National Annual General Meeting to be approved as CFUW policy. Clubs can then undertake advocacy for positive change based on policy.

This year, we've received eight Resolution Intents, including **Accessibility for People with Disabilities: A Barrier-free Environment for All**, developed by CFUW-Ottawa members.

The others are:

- **Retention of Women in Skilled Trades and Non-Traditional Occupations** (Barrie & District, Ont.)
- **Affordable Housing: Senior Women** (Cowichan Valley, B.C.)
- **Request to Governments in Canada to Conduct Gender Based Analysis of Climate Change Policies and Programs and to Include Women in Decision-Making** (Halifax, N.S.)
- **Moratorium on the Construction of Industrial Wind Turbine Developments** (Kincardine, Ont.)
- **A Mental Health Strategy For Canada** (Oakville, Ont.)

- **Preservation of Agricultural Land** (Portage la Prairie, Man.)
- **Ensuring Food Security in Canada** (Richmond, B.C.)

We expect to receive the complete texts in early February. Members of our Issues

Committees review teams invite you to join them, if you're interested in any of these draft resolutions. They will report to the members of CFUW-Ottawa for approval at our April General Meeting.

Charlotte Rigby
VP Liaison

J.F. Norwood House (Housing) – A Service of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa

Since 1951, the Elizabeth Fry Society has been providing confidential programs to women and young women who are, or may become, criminalized. It is a community-based, not-for-profit agency helping women make positive changes in their lives.

They offer transitional housing for women at J.F. Norwood House. During their stay, the women are of-

fered a safe and encouraging environment where they can focus on education and employment and thus have access to other EFry services and wider community supports. The beds are available to women who have been released from an institution on parole or probation, clients of the Drug Treatment Court and clients from the Ottawa Hospital.

Here is a wish list of items that would be greatly appreciated.

NORWOOD HOUSE WISH LIST

New or Gently Used Items

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| ■ Bed Linens (for single beds) | <i>New</i> |
| ■ Bath Towels and Face Cloths | ■ Underwear |
| ■ Slippers | ■ Socks |
| ■ Shower Curtains (for shower stalls) | ■ Pads and Tampons |

Items may be dropped off to the following members: (Please call first)

Marjorie Melick, (613) 523-2545 (Alta Vista)
 Kathy Greiner, (613) 224-6618 (near Baseline and Merivale)
 Flora Crombie, (613) 834-0152 (near Jeanne d'Arc and Innes)
 Sandra Bassett, (613) 721-9080 (near Richmond and Nanaimo)

Or directly to:

The Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa
 311-211 Bronson Ave.
 Ottawa, Ontario K1R 6H5
 Tel: (613) 237-7427
 Website: www.efryottawa.com