



Canadian Federation of University Women – Ottawa

Capital Carillon

March General Meeting

DATE:	March 14, 2011
TIME:	7:30 p.m.
PLACE:	St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church, 2400 Alta Vista Dr.
SPEAKERS:	Alicia Natividad, CFUW Scholarship Recipient and Denise Mayer, Awards Officer, Carleton University
TOPIC:	CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Trust Fund (STF) Awards and Administration

Please join the CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Trust Fund Trustees at the annual CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship evening. Meet some of this year's scholarship winners and hear two speakers talk about the importance of these scholarships. Alicia Natividad, a lawyer who was a scholarship winner many years ago, will speak on how this has benefitted her career. Denise Mayer will speak on the process of selecting award winners. STF Trustees will provide refreshments for the evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WILMA CLAPHAM

The first two months of 2011 have been very active for CFUW-Ottawa. Our new website was launched to members; the proposed Strategic Plan for 2011-15 was presented to the Board by Leila Metcalf and received approval in principle; and, CFUW-Ottawa Vice President Liaison Charlotte Rigby and Ottawa Council of Women President Beverlee McIntosh, announced the plans for the March 10 International Women's Day Celebration at Library and Archives Canada! This is the first Club-sponsored event to use PayPal to sell tickets!

Margaret Haines arranged to have Patti Harper, Head of Archives and Research Collections, McOdrum Library, Carleton University, as our January General Meeting speaker. "Archives are Forever: From Preservation to Research" attracted those interested in archiving Club records as well as those who have done primary research or are doing genealogical research. Elizabeth Weber arranged for our February General Meeting speaker, Wali Farah, Multicultural Liaison Officer Program Manager at Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization (OCISO). He explained that OCISO helps immigrants settle and feel Canadian. Staff and volunteers assist immigrants with housing, employment, getting a SIN, education, and mentorships at work. Tara Upreti, an OCISO volunteer, joined Mr. Farah at the podium to de-

scribe the trauma that can arise from refugee hearings, and the help that can be provided. We are proud of the speakers we have had this year. Thank you, Mary Patton, for convening the Program Committee.

Work is also starting on two Club projects that, in keeping with our mission, aim to improve the lives of women. One, which had to be postponed for several years due to the overwhelming involvement of our members in planning the 2010 AGM, will be based in the Ottawa community. Janet Hagey, Carol Hinde, and Nancy Simmons-Wright are working on plans for this project, details of which will be announced in the spring. The other project, initiated by our University Women Helping Women in Afghanistan Study and Interest Group, headed by Hally Siddons and Joan Bell, has an exciting lecture series as well as other initiatives planned for this spring. The above projects reflect the member initiative and involvement that has distinguished our Club over the years.

Our Club AGM and Dinner, organized by Nancy Vrooman, Hospitality Chair, will be on May 9 at Restaurant International, Algonquin College. Tickets are \$30 and may be paid on the Club website through PayPal or by cheque. Subject to availability, reservations and payments will also be taken at the March and April General Meetings. It will be a great way to complete our year.

The Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization (OCISO)

At the February general meeting, Wali Farah, Manager of the Multicultural Liaison Officer (MLO) Program for the Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization (OCISO) gave a PowerPoint presentation about the programs this organization offers in Ottawa.

The central goal of OCISO is to assist immigrants and refugees with integration into Canada and to feel at home in their new country. The population served enters Canada to find sanctuary and a better life. Mr. Farah spoke of how people experience Canada as being different from countries they have known. This is because of the reliability and strength in Canada of the "Rule of Law" and the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

While funded by all levels of government, 70 percent of the support comes from Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Volunteers play a major role, covering services ranging from mentorship to library work, to involvement in a program for seniors to help reduce isolation and loneliness. In 2009, volunteers gave a total of 16,402 hours.

Through a Clinical Counselling Program, multilingual professional counsellors offer assessment and counselling to refugees who may be survivors of trauma experienced in their homeland. A Multicultural Liaison Program, known as

Settlement Counselling in the Schools, began in 1991 with the influx of people from Somalia. It now offers services for children as well as adults. There is a great need for volunteers to teach English to high school level students. There is a Youth Program in high schools which includes a bicultural leadership program given by university volunteers. A Homework Program, vital to assisting students to complete and feel confident in completing assignments, is held in libraries throughout the city. A Language Instruction Program

focuses on language and culture of Canada.

OCISO created the Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund to support post secondary education. Mr. Farah stated that support for this fund would be much appreciated.

Mr. Farah concluded by responding to our questions and inviting us to contact OCISO about the many and varied opportunities available to persons interested in this most vital work.

Elizabeth Weber
Program Committee

Snowshoe Diplomacy



Photo by: Ulle Baum

Diplomatic spouses having fun snowshoeing in the park near Island Park Drive

The CFUW-Ottawa Diplomatic Hospitality Service Group is enjoying its 41st year. The Group's 2011 snowshoeing season began on Jan. 14 at the home of Club member Louise Brzustowski. The Residences of the Ambassadors of Peru, New Zealand, Australia and Taipei graciously invited us to use nearby parks for snowshoeing and then to return to enjoy a "finger food" reception. The above photo was taken on Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, during the snowshoeing morning for diplomatic spouses and the Club's Diplomatic Hospitality Group hosted by Rosa

Luz Garcia Rosell De Bellina, Wife of the Peruvian Ambassador, at the Ambassador's Residence. At our last event of the season on Feb. 18, awards will be handed out to Diplomatic snowshoers. These awards include a certificate for 1st year, handmade mukluks for 2nd year and handmade snowshoes for 3rd year.

Sandy Bason is the Club's Convenor for 2011 snowshoeing. Each event has two convenors and 20 helpers to coordinate the activities. Gatineau Park was added this year as a snowshoeing venue.

Sheryl Pacey
Chair, Diplomatic Hospitality

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

Next issue: **April 2011**
Deadline: **March 15, 2011**

Previous issues are located on the Club website at <http://www.cfuw-ottawa.org>



From the CFUW-Ottawa Environmental Toxins and Health Study Group

CELL PHONES AND YOUR HEALTH

There are over 22 million cell phone users in Canada, representing about 65 percent of the population. While the benefits are obvious, there are concerns about the safety of these devices. Should we be worried?

A major concern is a link between cell phone use and brain tumours. Cell phones operate by transmitting and receiving radio frequency signals from base stations. When you use your cell phone, your brain absorbs some of the energy. The safety limits have been set by industry based on the brain and body of a 200 lb. male. Impacts on smaller people and children will be higher.

A connection between use of cell phones and brain cancer has been the focus of a large number of scientific studies. Research by Health Canada showed no effects on DNA from short-term exposure to radio frequencies at levels emitted by cell phones. However, European studies on rats and cell cultures found damage to DNA strands. Research has not provided clear answers. Just as the negative effects of smoking took many years to be manifested and acknowledged, we may be running a potentially deadly experiment using our children and ourselves.

The most recent study, published in 2010, involved 16 study centres in 13 countries. Known as the WHO Interphone study, it paired 3,000 brain tumour patients with healthy subjects from a similar background and compared the intensity of their cell phone use over a ten year period. This was the largest study with the most cumulative hours of cell phone use so far investigated. Incidence of malignant tumours was significantly related to very high

cumulative cell phone use, but due to possible confounding factors, the researchers termed their overall findings inconclusive. However, they strongly recommended that more research be conducted on the effects of long-term heavy use and use by children.

Faced with uncertainty, and the fact that cell phones are unlikely to go away, what precautions can we take to reduce risk?

- Choose a low emission phone (<http://www.ewg.org/cellphone-radiation>).
- Use land lines whenever possible.
- Keep phone calls brief and turn cell phone off when not in use.
- Use hands-free methods (headsets – wired or Bluetooth, texting, speaker phone).
- Use cell phones outside, where signal quality is good, rather than inside cars or trains.
- Do not sleep with your cell phone turned on next to the bed or under the pillow.
- Carry your cell phone away from your body, or turn the antenna (on the back side) away from you. Sperm and eggs can be damaged by radiation, reducing fertility.
- Limit children's use of cell phones to emergencies or texting.

Interested in Downhill Skiing?

For the past several weeks, CFUW-Ottawa members Silvia Potvin, Diane Twemlow and Gail Tyerman have been meeting at Camp Fortune at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays to ski for a few hours. This has been so much

fun that they are thinking of starting a new interest group for next year and are trying to gauge the level of Club interest in this activity. They meet in Camp Fortune's main lodge opposite the bar. There is a \$99 ski pass (Mon-

day to Friday, daytime) available before the season starts. If interested in joining the group this or next year, please contact Diane Twemlow at dianetwemlow@gmail.com.

National Board Acceptance of Accounts Wraps Up 2010 AGM

We are delighted to write that the CFUW 2010 AGM and Conference Accounts as presented by the Steering Committee on Jan. 17 have been approved by the CFUW National Board. As a result of the extraordinary effort of our club – the resourceful and determined work of the LAC Chairs and their committees, the creative and productive fundraising initiatives of CFUW-Ottawa members, their refusal to accept parking rebates and food offers, their sponsorship of events and guests, and the record numbers who were attracted to register at the AGM and Conference, there is no deficit!!!!

In her letter accepting the final accounts, Brenda Wallace, National President, again congratulated and thanked our club for an outstanding AGM and Conference. The Steering Committee echoes her praise and is most grateful to the many CFUW-Ottawa club members who spent countless hours in the planning and preparations and to all those who helped in any way. New recognition and visibility was brought to CFUW both in the Nation's capital and across the country.

Meanwhile, the 2010 AGM and Conference lives on in Ottawa. The extraordinary and living timeline, *Towards Equality for Women: A Chronology of Change and Achievements*, was created to illustrate women's achievements in Canada over the decades, and can be found now on the CFUW-Ottawa website. And, the new Study and Interest Group, University Women Helping Afghan Women, was formed. The group continues to learn more of the

background and issues facing Afghanistan and especially the women and children, the progress made to date and the areas where we can continue to help. In addition to superb monthly speakers and research in preparation for advocacy, various activities are being

planned. All members are most welcome to join this group or any of our events.

Hally Siddons and
Karen Thorington
Co-Chairs, CFUW 2010 AGM
and Conference

Ontario Council Standing Committees January Meeting Presents FASD

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) was the subject of the morning session of the Jan. 22 meeting of the CFUW Ontario Council Standing Committees, with presentations by **Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux** of the Banff Centre in Alberta, and **Sheila Burns** of the FASD Ontario Network of Expertise. Both speakers spoke passionately about the devastating effects of FASD and the need to prevent this scourge.

The cause of FASD, the most common and most preventable of developmental disabilities, is clearly understood. It is the consumption of alcohol before and during pregnancy, with resulting harmful effects on fetal development. Symptoms include growth deficiencies, central nervous system dysfunction, and deformities in the face and cranial areas. About 90 percent of young people afflicted with FASD will have mental health problems; 60 percent will drop out of school; 80 percent will not be able to live independently, and 80 percent will have employment problems. The

list goes on and on. FASD brings profound personal, societal and economic costs. The tragedy is that it is preventable; the reality is that there is no cure.

An important first step would be to require warning labels (similar to those on tobacco products) on all alcoholic products. The Ontario government currently requires licensed establishments to post specific warnings about the dangers of alcohol consumption during pregnancy, but to date has resisted all attempts to enact product labelling.

Ontario Council urges member Clubs to raise awareness of the tragedy of FASD and to advocate for action. The first advocacy step would be letters to legislators from individual CFUW members. We have posted three examples of advocacy letters that you can use at www.cfuw-ottawa.org in the Member-only section under *Issues and Advocacy: Sample Advocacy Letters*.

Charlotte Rigby
V.P. Liaison

Keeping In Touch With CFUW (National)



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Website: <http://www.cfuw.org>

CFUW (National) is working to improve their website. If you have problems finding what you are looking for, please contact cfuwadvocacy@rogers.com.

Members Only Web Access:

The former Members Only Section is currently unavailable. All information previously found in this section will be made public, or sent directly to club executives. Please contact cfuwadvocacy@rogers.com, if you would like to request any documents from this section.

Looking for the *Week in Review*? CFUW has been compiling it each week. However, due to email problems, many members and clubs have not been receiving the emails. Until these problems are fixed, you can find it online at http://www.cfuw.org/week_in_review_79.html.



CFUW-OTTAWA AGM & DINNER

6:00 PM, Monday, May 9, 2011

**Restaurant International
Algonquin College
1385 Woodroffe Avenue**

Registration Fee: \$30 Per Person

Includes 3-course dinner, taxes & gratuity
Dinner menu to be determined in April

Register Online at www.cfuw-ottawa.org
Online payment by PayPal, credit card or cheque

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, April 26, 2011
(No refundable cancellations after this date)

Reservations & payments will also be taken by
Alice Bolt & Ina McCuaig at the March 14 & April 11
CFUW-Ottawa General Meetings

Directions to Restaurant: Turn left at the first set of traffic lights on Woodroffe Avenue, south of Baseline Road, (between College Square Shopping Centre & Algonquin College). Turn right at the next set of traffic lights. The parking lot & the Hospitality Centre will be in front of you. Restaurant International is in that building.

2011 CFUW AGM, St. John's N.L.



The 2011 CFUW AGM will be held at the Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland in St. John's, N.L. from Thursday, Aug. 4 to Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011. A proposed agenda and tour information is available on the CFUW St. John's website at <http://www.envision.ca/webs/cfuwstjohns/>.

CAR RENTAL: If you are planning to rent a car during your stay in St. John's, you are advised to do so as soon as possible. Rental cars are often hard to come by during the busy summer tourist and convention season.

TOURS: The Local Arrangements Committee has partnered with

2 local tour companies, McCarthy's Party and Woody Island Tours. The Full-day and Half-day Tours can be paid during the online registration process. *The 8 and 12 Day Pre-Conference Tours, the 6 Day Post-Conference Tour and the 2 day Post-Conference Woody Island Resort Tour must be paid through the tour companies. Contact information is included with the tour summaries on the website.*

TRAVEL DISCOUNTS: Air Canada offers a discount code, located on the website, for use by AGM 2011 delegates on flights to and from St. John's from Wednesday, July 27 to Sunday, Aug. 14.

For further information, please contact Barbara Parsons Clancy at windinoursails2011@gmail.com.

CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Trust Fund

Statement of Financial Position As at May 31, 2010

Assets	
Cash	\$3,019
Investments	\$532,607
Total Assets	\$535,626
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$1,356
Total Liabilities	\$1,356
Net Assets	\$534,270
Statement of Operations & Net Assets As at May 31, 2010	
Revenues	
Donations – Tax receipted	\$29,063
Donations – Non tax receipted	\$1,700
Donations – Centennial Scholarship Fund	\$2,812
Donations – CFUW-Ottawa	\$2,500
Interest	\$33,639
Total Revenues	\$69,714
Expenses	
Scholarships & Awards	
Carleton University	\$14,000
University of Ottawa	\$20,000
Queen's University	\$1,710
Donation to CFUW	\$1,500
General & Administrative	\$1,761
Total Expenses	\$38,971
Net Income	\$30,743
Net Assets at May 31, 2009	\$503,527
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	\$30,743
Net Assets at May 31, 2010	\$534,270

For the first time, an accountant was engaged to compile the CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Trust Fund financial statements for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2010. They include a statement of financial position, a statement of operations and net assets, and notes to the financial statements. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Riehm, Treasurer, Scholarship Trust Fund



IWD 2011 Celebrating 100 Years of Progress

Library and Archives Canada,
395 Wellington Street

Thursday March 10, 2011,

5:45 PM - 9:00 PM

Guest Speakers

Dr. Caroline Andrew

Director, Centre on Governance,
Ottawa University

Dr. Pamela Walker

Joint Chair in Women's Studies,
Carleton & Ottawa Universities

Featured Artist

Amanda Cottreau

Local Singer/Songwriter

Amanda donates \$1.00 from each CD
sold to Cornerstone Women's Shelter

Refreshments • Cash Bar

**Door Prizes • Women's History
Displays**

Tickets \$25

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PayPal, Cheque or Cash

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**7th Annual IWD Event Hosted
by CFUW-Ottawa & OCW**

For information about IWD,
see www.internationalwomensday.com

2010-11 SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees of the CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Trust Fund (STF) are Dawn Smith (Chair), Janet Riehm (Treasurer), Pauline Adams (Secretary), Margaret Haines (Scholarship Convenor) and Pierrette MacLean (Member at Large). We are pleased to report that we have supported a total of 23 scholarships and awards in 2010-11.

As Trustees, we are most grateful to the Club Members who make our work possible and proud on your be-

half of the meaningful assistance we are able to give deserving students.

We are always delighted when an opportunity arises to set up a new Scholarship and have been steadily increasing the number offered, thanks to the generosity of Members, both individually and collectively. This year, for example, there are three new scholarships – two one-time graduate scholarships in Medicine from Dr. Dorothy Horwood and an annual scholarship in Medicine honouring the father of

Marjorie Melick. We welcome your enquiries, proposals and ideas regarding new Scholarships: for example, suggestions that might target students from backgrounds or with specific aims that our present awards do not address.

We have received several letters from winners (from both this year and last). The following extracts will give you, the generous contributors to the Scholarship Trust Fund, an idea of how much your support is appreciated:

■ **Niamh O’Shea (Winner of the Ruth Bell Centennial Scholarship)**

“This award is a true gift as it has paid for almost my entire academic year. I feel so fortunate, as the stress of trying to pay for university has been lifted from my shoulder.... Thank you so much for the great honour you have granted through awarding me [this] Scholarship.... It is so generous of the Federation to offer such a wonderful scholarship and I am proud to receive it.... On behalf of myself and all future winners, I want to thank both the Federation and Ms. Bell herself for allowing us to pursue a path towards academic excellence and social change”.

■ **Maureen Pytlik (Winner of the Helen Nininger Scholarship in Music)**

“I am honoured to [be] the recipient of [the] Scholarship.... [F]or the first time I have earned sufficient funding from scholarships to cover my tuition for the entire academic year; without the Helen Nininger Scholarship I would still have had to pay tuition fees this year. I am extremely proud of this accomplishment and wish to thank you for your contribution in making it happen!... My greatest passion is... to combine my studies of music and mathematics at the graduate level in the field of music cognition and perception.”

■ **Tanzeema Yousuf (Winner of the Naomi Rayner Scholarship)**

“This award has made a big contribution to my academic success. It has given me great financial incentive to begin the year on a very positive note.... I would like to sincerely thank [CFUW] for recognizing me and awarding me this scholarship. Last year was one of the best years I had at Carleton; I achieved and accomplished a lot.... [W]hen the Naomi Rayner Scholarship acknowledged these accomplishments, it made it that much more important for me....”

■ **Sandra Dinardo (Winner of the Lillian Gertsman Scholarship)**

“It is a great honour to be recognized as an outstanding student in psychology. This has been a great academic achievement for me and helps me to recognize that my hard work does pay off.... As a student, it really is tough to work and put yourself through school. This award has definitely lessened some of that stress and for that I am grateful.”

We hope you will attend the March 14 general meeting which will be devoted to our scholarship winners and business.

For further information, please contact:

Dawn Smith, Chair, at smith3ster@gmail.com or

Margaret Haines, Scholarship Convenor, at margaret_haines@carleton.ca.

2010-11 CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Winners

University of Ottawa

Constance Jones Scholarship in Women's Studies (\$1,000)	Nicole Leaver	4 th year, Social Science
The Reid Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)	Nicole Freeman	4 th year, Medicine
Gladys Harvey Award (\$1,000)	Megan Lummiss	4 th year, Social Science
Helen Nininger Scholarship in Music (\$1,500)	Meagan MacPherson	3 rd year, Arts
Helen Nininger Scholarship in Fine Arts (\$1,500)	Jessica Tse	4 th year, Arts
Charlotte Whitton Award (\$1,000)	Missale Tiruneh	Grad. Student, Medicine
Mary Kyles Award (\$1,000)	Isabelle Hetu	4 th year, Social Science
Lucille Muldoon Award (\$1,000)	Allison McIntosh	3 rd year, Common Law
Muriel Axon Award (\$1,000)	Veronique Labonte	4 th year, Arts
Lois Harper Scholarship in Music (\$1,000)	Marlene Demers-Lemay	2 nd year, Arts
Dorothy Horwood Graduate Scholarships in Medicine (2 of \$3,000 each)	To be awarded this summer	

Carleton University

Harriet and Eugene Forsey Scholarship (\$1,000)	To be announced	
Alice E. Wilson Scholarship in Geoscience (\$1,000)	Julie Andrews	Master's student, Earth Science
Helen Nininger Scholarship in Music (\$1,500)	Maureen Pytlik	3 rd year, Music
Shirley Greenberg Award (\$1,000)	Sheena Taylor	4 th year, Social Work
Dr. Ruth Bell Scholarship (\$1,000)	Anna Galerkin	4 th year, Computing Sciences
Carol Shields Scholarship (\$1,000)	Mary Renaud	4 th year, Arts
Carol Shields Scholarship (\$1,500 deferred from 2009-10)	Maria Missios	2 nd year, Engineering
Naomi Rayner Scholarship (\$1,000)	Tanzeema Yousuf	4 th year, Science
Lillian Gertsman Scholarship (\$1,000)	Sandra Dinardo	3 rd year Arts
<i>NOTE: This award should have gone to University of Ottawa this year but there were no applications. The STF and the two universities agreed that Carleton would award it this year and that the University of Ottawa would award it for the next two years, i.e. 2011/12 and 2012/13</i>		
Ruth Bell Centennial Scholarship (<i>Honouring all Members of the Ottawa Club since 1910</i>) (\$5,000)	Niamh O'Shea	3 rd Year, Human Rights and Gender Studies (Arts)

Queen's University

Helen Nininger Memorial Scholarship in Fine Arts (\$1,200)	MacKenzie Browning	Fine Arts
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Ottawa Little Theatre

Gladys Cameron Watt Award (\$500)	To be announced in March
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Mark Your Calendars!

CFUW Ontario Council AGM

Location: Oakville, Ontario
Dates: Friday, May 13 & Saturday, May 14, 2011
Theme: Poverty & Community Action

Details will be available shortly at www.cfuwontcouncil.ca/agm.html.



RESOLUTIONS

CFUW Draft Resolutions for Comment 2011

CFUW clubs have three resolutions to review for 2011:

CFUW Ontario Council published the draft resolution *Mental Health Strategy for Ontario* in early January 2011 at www.cfuwontcouncil.ca. Ontario Clubs will be voting on this resolution at the 2011 Ontario Council AGM to be held May 13-14 in Oakville, Ont.

CFUW (National) published two draft resolutions in early February 2011 at www.cfuw.org/resolutions_31.html.

CFUW Clubs will be voting on these at the 2011 national AGM, to be held Aug. 4-6 in St. John's, N.L.

The Issues Committees will present their recommendations for all three resolutions to Club members at the CFUW-Ottawa General Meeting of April 11. All CFUW-Ottawa members are encouraged to participate in reviewing these proposed resolutions. Please contact me at crigby@videotron.ca if you are interested in joining a review group.

Charlotte Rigby, V.P. Liaison

CFUW Ontario Council proposed resolution

MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY FOR ONTARIO *Proposed by CFUW Oakville*

RESOLVED that the Ontario Council of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) request the Government of Ontario to create, and adequately fund, an umbrella organization responsible to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC), or its successor, with the mandate to design, manage, and coordinate the mental health and addictions system, and to ensure that all mental health and addictions programs and services are delivered consistently and comprehensively across the province.

RESOLVED that the Ontario Council of CFUW urge the Government of Ontario to provide, and fund appropriately, mental health and addictions programs and services, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. improved public education about mental illness and addictions
2. system navigators to connect those requiring care with the appropriate providers

3. a core basket of institutional, residential and community mental health and addictions services
4. standardized assessment tools
5. support services for families dealing with mental health and addiction problems
6. community programs that include age-appropriate early intervention and treatment services for mental illness and addictions
7. supportive housing and treatment for the homeless with mental illness and addictions
8. research into brain function and mental illness
9. regular monitoring of program outcomes by the umbrella organization.

CFUW (National) proposed resolutions

1: CONTROLLING IDLING OF ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES *Proposed by UWC Toronto*

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments to create and enforce standards, either through regulation or law, to control the idling of motor vehicles.

2: CRIMINALIZATION OF NON-STATE ACTOR TORTURE *Proposed by International Relations Committee*

RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to amend without delay the Canadian Criminal Code to include torture committed by private individuals (non-state actors) as a specific and distinct criminal offence.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to (i) exercise due diligence by initiating into Canadian policies and practices without delay all appropriate measures to ensure that women and girls (who are disproportionately affected by extreme forms of violence), and men and boys are not subjected to torture by non-state actors in the private sphere, (ii) respect the high priority of establishing gender-sensitive frameworks on the global United Nations agendas, and (iii) uphold Canada's commitments to applicable United Nations human rights instruments to which Canada is a signatory.

TWO INVITATIONS

From the University Women Helping Afghan Women Group

THE AGA KHAN FOUNDATION – TOUR, PRESENTATION, FILM

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Discussions with the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) have resulted in an invitation to all Club members to tour and attend presentations in this extraordinary building at 199 Sussex Drive – entrance on Boteler Street.

A secular facility, the Aga Khan Foundation Canada is a non-profit international agency that supports social development programs in Asia and Africa. Their programs focus on health, education, rural development and capacity building of NGOs. Gender equity and protecting the environment are integrated into every program.

From 4:30 to 5:30 PM, a tour of the Foundation will be conducted.

From 5:30 to 7:00 PM, Mr. Sujeet Sarkar, Senior Regional Advisor, Governance and Civil Society from the Foundation will speak to the Afghanistan experience where innovative, bottom-up approaches to strengthening democracy and governance are showing promise. A film of the work of AKF in Afghanistan will also be shown, followed by a discussion moderated by AKF CEO, Mr. Khalil Sharif.

Anyone wishing to attend must register by March 7 with Hally Siddons at 613-727-5777 or by e-mail at hally@siddons.ca.

Details and directions are found online at <http://www.akfc.ca/events-2010.html>.

RECENT STANDING SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT – PRESENTATION

Wednesday, March 23, 2011, from 12:15 to 1:15 PM
First Baptist Church, Corner Laurier and Elgin

Advancement of Afghan women's rights permeates all aspects of the report *Training in Afghanistan : Include Women* tabled on Dec. 15, 2010. Hear Senator Mobina Jaffer encouraging Canada to take a lead role in making the advancement of women's rights a fundamental element of negotiations in Afghanistan.

While Canada's combat mission in Kandahar will end in 2011, it will be followed by a training role until 2014. Within this context, the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights examined the role that the Government of Canada can play in supporting the promotion and protection of women's rights in Afghanistan. Visit the report at www.parl.gc.ca (Click on: – Quick Links – ; Committees – Senate; – Human Rights). The Executive Summary and Recommendations provide a succinct overview.

The Honourable Mobina Jaffer, Senator for British Columbia, one of the chief signatories to this report, has agreed to speak and answer questions at a brown-bag lunch presentation to interested members of the public. PLEASE ARRIVE AT NOON FOR A PROMPT START AT 12:15 PM.

Members of the University Women Helping Afghan Women Group reviewed the report and organized this presentation so that the important work of the Standing Committee can be more widely appreciated. Everyone welcome.



ONTARIO COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES MEETING

Saturday, March 19, 2011

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

Morning Program: Financial Literacy

Registration: \$30 prepaid includes a delicious and nutritious **lunch**. Catering requires a **registration deadline** and **dietary requirements** by the Monday prior to the meeting. The **Registration Form** is located at www.cfuwontocouncil.ca/.

Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m., lunch is at 12 noon and the afternoon 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.