



Canadian Federation of University Women – Ottawa

Capital Carillon

February General Meeting

DATE: Monday, Feb. 2, 2015

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Riverside United Church/
Anglican Church of the
Resurrection,
3191 Riverside Drive,
Ottawa, ON K1V 8N8

PART 1 SPEAKER: Jess Tomlin,
Executive Director, MATCH
International Women's Fund

PART 1 TOPIC: A New Kind of Women's
Movement

PART 2 TOPIC: 2015 CFUW Draft
Resolutions – Presentation,
Discussion, Vote

NOTE: Details of this important change
to the date of the Resolutions Meeting,
previously held in April each year, fol-
low just after Ms. Tomlin's biographical
information.

Part 1: A New Kind of Women's Movement



Ms. Tomlin began her career working with female victims of violence in rural Ontario in 2000. Her international work began in 2004 with the Canadian International Development Agency in Zambia where she oversaw the health portfolio that included large-scale drug procurement and NGO funding.

In her work with CARE Canada from 2005 to 2009 she was responsible for the oversight of the South Africa portfolio, including response to emergencies and key regional themes such as gender, food security, and HIV/AIDS. In the last two years of this work, she was CARE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CHARLOTTE RIGBY

Heroes and "She-roes"

"How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!"

(Maya Angelou)

As we begin a new year, it seems appropriate to remember our "she-roes," especially those who labour out of the limelight but whose cumulative work has done so much to improve the lives and health of us all. Recent international news has reminded me of two scientists whose work prevented untold tragedies and changed the lives of millions of people.

Dr. Frances Kelsey is a Canadian physician who recently celebrated her 100th birthday. She almost single-handedly saved the U.S. from the tragedy of thalidomide. Born in B.C. and educated at McGill, she spent her working life in the U.S. In 1961, just a month after being appointed as a medical officer at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), she was assigned to review the new drug thalidomide being promoted as an anti-nausea and anti-insomnia drug for pregnant women. It was already being used in Canada and Europe, but Dr. Kelsey concluded that testing was inadequate, and there were indications of serious side effects. She refused to approve the drug for use in the U.S. and remained steadfast in her refusal, despite exceptional, relentless pressure by the drug's manufacturer. Her moral courage saved thousands of American babies from the tragedies of thalidomide. Meanwhile, as we know, thalidomide was approved for use in Canada

and Europe, and unknown numbers of babies were born with severe deformities that included stunted limbs, notably flipper-like arms. Today, 95 Canadian thalidomide survivors are awaiting a compensation offer from Ottawa to cope with the growing toll their disabilities are taking on their health. Dr. Kelsey is a true heroine who protected the public's health in the thalidomide case.

Dr. Theo Colborn, who died last month, was an American toxicologist who worked with Canadian scientists at Health Canada and with the International Joint Commission (IJC)

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Canada's Director, Women's Platform, responsible for a comprehensive marketing campaign, advocacy platform, and the promotion and integration of gender-based program approaches.

From 2009 to 2011, as Special Assistant for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) in Amman, Jordan, she managed large-scale reform for this agency that supports Palestinian refugees in Jordan, the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon, and Syria.

In May 2012, Ms. Tomlin was appointed to her current position of Executive Director, MATCH International Women's Fund, which, amongst other things, provides direct funding to women-led social innovations that are breaking new ground for women's rights as well as supporting the structural needs of organizations holding ground for women in the global South.

Ms. Tomlin holds a BA in Women's Studies and an MA in Leadership Studies from Royal Roads University.

Please join us for a stimulating talk. CFUW-Ottawa General Meetings are open to the public.

Part 2: 2015 CFUW Draft Resolutions

The Resolutions Meeting is reserved each year to present, discuss, amend, and vote on draft policy resolutions proposed by

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Please send all material for the next issue to the Editor:
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Links to electronic issues going back to February 2001 are found under Newsletter, Archives on the Club website at www.cfuw-ottawa.org.

CFUW clubs or national or provincial Boards for approval at the national or provincial AGMs. Traditionally, our Resolutions Meeting has been held at the April General Meeting but because Club deadlines on Resolutions have been moved to March 31 to accommodate the earlier CFUW AGM, and as our March meeting is our Scholarship Meeting, we have moved the Resolutions Meeting to the February General Meeting. The Resolutions portion will follow our guest speaker, Jessica Tomlin.

This year we have two policy resolutions for the 2015 national CFUW AGM:

Resolution 1: Saving Our Pollinators and Our Environment: Moratorium on the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides; and

Resolution 2: Reducing Climate Change Through the Use of Carbon Taxes.

The full texts are accessible on our Club website at www.cfuw-ottawa.org in the Member-only section, under Issues and Advocacy, Resolutions. Over the fall, CFUW-Ottawa members formed *ad hoc* review groups to examine the resolutions and make their recommendations for adoption, amendment, or rejection. Their recommendations will be presented on Feb. 2 for your discussion and approval. Comments and amendments approved by our Club vote will be forwarded to the CFUW National Resolutions Committee, and final drafts will be prepared for presentation and approval at the AGM in Québec City in June.

CFUW is a respected voice of Canadian women and the policy resolutions are the foundation of CFUW advocacy – in Canada and internationally. Resolutions that are adopted at the AGM become CFUW policy, and Clubs may advocate in support of the Resolutions' objectives.

We urge you to join us on February 2. **Your vote is important!**

We look forward to seeing you there!

President – continued

in studies of toxic contamination of the Great Lakes. She was a grandmother when she got her PhD in 1985, at the age of 58!

In 1988, she showed that pollution in the Great Lakes was linked to severe health effects in both humans and wildlife. She and her team identified toxic pollutants that acted by interfering with the hormones that maintain many vital systems. These endocrine-disrupting chemicals are familiar to us as BPA (Bisphenol A), parabens, phthalates, and many more.

Dr. Colborn was a visionary, charismatic scientist and leader. She was the senior author of *Our Stolen Future*, a powerful report that alerted the world about endocrine disruptors and their effects. Published in 1996, it received wide acclaim. *The Washington Post* called it "a powerful, haunting drama" and an "environmental thriller". As a senior scientist with the World Wildlife Fund, Dr. Colborn worked tirelessly to educate other scientists and the public about endocrine disruptors and the irreversible harm they cause to wildlife and humans. Her work has been effective: today, because of consumer pressure, companies have started to remove these chemicals from children's toys, baby bottles, cosmetics, household and personal care products, and many more. Her legacy is enabling us to take our future back.

I'm looking forward to 2015, and learning more about more of our own "she-ros." It will be a busy year, with a number of events and projects coming up. This edition of the *Carillon* is full of information about them. I urge you to get involved – remember to "Catch the CFUW-Ottawa Wave and make a SEA (Socialize, Educate, Advocate) change in your life." There's so much to do!

CFUW-Ottawa Holiday Party 2014



Another successful Holiday Party was held on Dec. 7 at the RA Centre, attended

by club members, their families, and friends. Again this year, it was a sold-out event. The delicious luncheon buffet included turkey with all the trimmings, many other hot and cold dishes, and a good selection of desserts.

Due to the generosity of many of our members and friends, we raised **\$4,831.40**, surpassing the Holiday Party proceeds of the past seven years! The proceeds were given to the trustees of the CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Trust Fund at the January General Meeting.

Many thanks are extended to:

- The volunteers who helped at the event;
- Our talented singers, the Madri-Gals;
- The members and friends who baked for the Bake Table;
- The members and friends who made donations for the grab bags, raffle, and silent auction, and/or participated in these activities;
- The Study and Interest Groups for their donations;



To the left: Joan McKee and Sheila McDonell selling grab bags. **To the right, below:** Madri-Gals entertaining us after lunch. **Photos by:** Mary Butterill

- Dawn Torsein for hosting a bridge benefit luncheon at her home which raised \$495 of the above amount;
- The RA staff; and
- Everyone who attended.

For our members who like to plan ahead, please enter next year's date for the Holiday Party on your calendars – **Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015.**

Alice Bolt and Mary Broderick
Co-Convenors, 2014 Holiday Party

LOOKING AHEAD TO CLUB EVENTS IN SPRING AND SUMMER 2015 MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- March 2** IWD Celebration, CentrepoinTE, Ottawa (Ticket sales started in January)
 - March 14** CFUW Ontario Council Standing Committees Meeting, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Toronto
 - April 17** NAC Musical Lunch & Silent Auction, Le Café, National Arts Centre, Ottawa (Ticket sales start at March 9 General Meeting)
 - May 5** CFUW-Ottawa AGM, Restaurant International, Algonquin College, Ottawa (Ticket sales start at March 9 General Meeting)
 - May 29-30** CFUW Ontario Council AGM, Hilton Garden Inn Ottawa Airport
 - June 17** UWHAW Summer Evening Garden Reception, Home of Hally and Hugh Siddons by the Canal, Ottawa (Ticket sales start in late April and at the May 5 AGM)
 - June 18-21** CFUW National AGM, Hôtel Château Laurier Québec, Québec City
 - June 25-28** Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival, Mooney's Bay Park, Ottawa (CFUW-Ottawa Dragonauts are racing again this year)
 - June 26** CFUW-Ottawa Golf, Luncheon, & Bridge, Larrimac Golf Course, Chelsea (Ticket sales start in late April and at the May 5 AGM)
- See more details online at www.cfuw-ottawa.org/events and/or in the *Carillon*.



Our sincere condolences to long-time active CFUW-Ottawa member Janice Vennos on the death of her daughter Alexandra Jean Vennos in Ottawa on Dec. 30, 2014. We invite all CFUW-Ottawa members to let us know about deaths in their immediate families or of other significant persons in their lives if they wish to have notices published in the *Carillon*.

“Behold! The beautiful woman comes!” (meaning of Nefertiti)



The iconic Nefertiti Bust created in 1345 BC by the sculptor Thutmose in ancient Egypt. It is 19 in. or 48.26 cm high and made of painted limestone and stucco. Permission to publish this photo was given by Mr. Eltaher.

“Nefertiti remains one of the most recognizable and loved iconographical symbols of woman. She is for Egypt what Albion is for England and what Marianne is for France”. With these opening words, guest speaker Hassan Eltaher introduced his presentation, *Queen Nefertiti: The Eternal Mystery*, at the CFUW-Ottawa General Meeting on Jan. 12, 2015.

Throughout Mr. Eltaher’s passionate, informed, and fascinating account of this iconic woman, not a sound could be heard, so intent was the near-capacity audience of CFUW-Ottawa members and guests in catching his every word.

We were transported from a snowy January day in 2015 Ottawa to circa 1330 BC in ancient Egypt where the unconventional king, Akhenaten, and his queen Nefertiti, replaced many long-established gods with a single supreme deity – the sun disc, Aten.

The implications of this new belief created a golden reign of Akhenaten and Nefertiti and their beloved family, but it may have led to the ultimate downfall of this once-golden couple.

Through Mr. Eltaher’s eyes, we saw a beautiful, serene wife, mother, and queen, who was passionately loved by her husband, and who clearly had an influential and prominent role in royal rule and religious worship. And yet, after the early death of her husband after a rule of only 16 years, and her own early death, their unorthodox reign was expunged from Egypt’s official records. (In the nineteenth century, their names reappeared with the decoding of hieroglyphic script.)

When we think of Nefertiti, it is the famous Nefertiti Bust (now in the Neues Museum in Berlin) that was unearthed in 1912 in Amarna, Egypt by German archaeologist Ludwig Borchardt, that forms our perception.

Mr. Eltaher’s portrait of this intriguing woman left us all wanting to know more – surely a sign of an excellent presentation!

Nancy Simmons-Wright
Program Co-Convenor

REMINDER: Cost Recovery of Print Version of the *Carillon* Starts on Feb. 1, 2015

In June 2014, the CFUW-Ottawa Board of Directors approved an **annual subscription fee** to recover the cost of printing and mailing seven issues of CFUW-Ottawa’s *Capital Carillon* newsletter. **Starting on Feb. 1, 2015, new and renewing members for 2015-16 who request the *Carillon* in paper format will be required to pay \$15 per year.** The 2015-16 Registration Form will be amended to include this option. **Note:** We will continue to notify all members by email as soon as the electronic version of each issue is published on the Club website. For more details, see page 7 of the October 2014 issue of the *Carillon* or go to the Club website at www.cfuw-ottawa.org/Newsletter/Printed.



NEXT ONTARIO COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES MEETING: Saturday, March 14, 2015

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

Morning Program & Speaker: TBD

Registration: \$30 prepaid includes **lunch**. Catering requires a **registration deadline** and **dietary requirements** by the Monday prior to the meeting. The **Registration Form** is located at www.cfuwontcouncil.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 & partially funds accommodation & travel for attendance by the Club President, the VP Liaison & two Standing Committee Chairs **or their designates**.

All CFUW members are welcome to attend. If interested, contact: Fran Manning, CFUW-Ottawa VP Liaison, for further details.

The Power of Women Working Together: What \$1.50 a Week Buys!

Our annual CFUW-Ottawa membership dues are \$115, of which \$70 is forwarded to CFUW (National). You may wonder: “*What do we get for our \$70?*”

Well, \$70 a year works out to less than \$1.50 per week – about half the cost of a café latte at your local coffee shop. And we get much, much more than a weekly cup of coffee! We get:

- A solid organization that speaks for women and girls. CFUW is one of the very few surviving Canadian national, non-partisan, and self-funded women’s organizations. Severe (and continuing) cuts in federal support have forced most women’s organizations to close, making our voice and support for Canadian women and girls more important than ever.
- A dedicated National Board of Directors who devote over 5,000 volunteer hours every year to provide outstanding leadership and vision.
- The CFUW Charitable Trust that, since 1978, has provided over \$1.5 million in fellowship awards and grants to women’s post-secondary education. The annual awards from CFUW National Charitable Trust and each club’s own Scholarship Trust together provide almost \$1 million in scholarships, fellowships and other awards.
- A voice on international issues. CFUW is a founding member and pillar of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW.) We have consultative status on the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) that works for a safer, more equitable world for women and girls.

- Annual General Meetings (AGMs) that provide learning opportunities, democratic discussion of issues, policy, and advocacy, and fellowship at club, provincial, national, and international levels.

- CFUW’s public website www.cfuw.org that provides background, updated information, and links that keep our connections alive. There are also two private CFUW websites: www.cfuwadmin.org with membership services, and www.cfuwmembership.org with information on individual clubs.

- Online publications that are full of news and ideas:

- ▶ *The Communicator* is a quarterly publication that is full of news and articles about CFUW members and club activities.
- ▶ *Week in Review* is a weekly bulletin that summarizes CFUW’s activities and news from Canada and around the world on issues such as gender, peace, education, equality, and the environment.
- ▶ *CFUW News & Updates* is a weekly bulletin of time-sensitive news about CFUW activities, especially useful to Club executives.
- ▶ *Press Agency* is a selection of articles for CFUW club newsletters, useful and accessible to all members.

It’s easy to subscribe to these! Just go to www.cfuw.org, left click on “Click Here” in the box labelled “Subscribe now to our CFUW publications” and choose!

- The *IFUW Update*, a weekly e-newsletter of information and news relevant to IFUW, its members, and its stakeholders. You can sign up easily at www.ifuw.org.

- CFUW’s Advocacy Blog has loads of information on our national and international advocacy activities including updates, press releases, and much more. See it at cfuwadvocacy.wordpress.com.

- CFUW’s Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/groups/2232370205/ (Log in to your own Facebook account to view)

- Special rates and services with businesses collaborating with CFUW:

- ▶ [The Personal: Home and Auto Group Insurance](#) Ask for a quote for your home and/or auto insurance: members have reported savings that are considerably greater than the cost of their CFUW membership!
- ▶ [CARP \(Canadian Association of Retired Persons\)](#) Members are eligible for a variety of discounts on travel, insurance, and more!
- ▶ UPS (United Parcel Service) membership program offers special discounts.
- ▶ Vizual Tek services for club banners and other materials.

- Links to University Women’s Clubs in other cities and other countries who can provide hospitality to our members who are travelling or visiting other cities.

- From our National Office, professional support for all these services and support for our membership activities, advocacy, AGMs, electronic communication, and everything else. We’ll introduce our Executive Director and highly skilled National Office staff in next month’s *Carillon*.

Charlotte Rigby
President, CFUW-Ottawa

The Impressive South African Association of Women Graduates (SAAWG)

The South African Association of Women Graduates (SAAWG) will host the next IFUW Triennial in Cape Town in 2016. When I visited Cape Town in October, I met some members of the Cape Town Branch. There is also a branch in Johannesburg as well as independent members residing in areas without a branch.

Hazel Brown, a former SAAWG President who is very active in the Cape Town Branch, arranged my meeting with several members. Those I met were diverse in age, colour, and background: a graduate student working on drug-resistant tuberculosis; an accountant recently arrived from Zimbabwe; two chemists (one a professor at the University of Cape Town and another working in a hospital laboratory); and a woman heading up an NGO that promotes education, particularly for girls in the townships. I learned much from them about the problems facing young South Africans, particularly women. They are actively engaged in addressing these.

The Cape Town Branch undertakes various activities throughout the year, including lectures and student awards. Since 2012, it has been conducting a mentoring program for disadvantaged women students. Initiated with a group of Grade 9 female students from four schools, the program is continuing with them through to Grade 12. Members conduct classes on one Saturday morning a month during the school term, hold a weekend event at the end of each year, and carry out an ongoing evaluation.

The national organization gives many undergraduate and postgraduate awards and fellowships and holds an annual symposium attended by both members and non-members. A recent theme was “Overcoming Barriers to Women in Leadership in Higher Education.”

SAAWG commemorated its 90th anniversary by publishing a book: *Rights and Wrongs in This Land of Ours*. At its launch on Sept. 3, 2014, Naledi Pandor, Minister of Science and Technology, applauded SAAWG’s “efforts in providing mentorship



Anne Alper, third from the left, with SAAWG members **Photo by:** Waiter at restaurant at which they had coffee, name not provided

support, outreach initiatives, and scholarships specifically focused on girl learners and women students.” Her entire very inspiring speech is on the SAAWG website at www.saawg.org.

I anticipate that SAAWG will host an outstanding Triennial in 2016 and encourage CFUW members to attend not only for the IFUW business sessions but to learn more about the work of SAAWG and the people of South Africa and to enjoy the outstanding beauty of Cape Town.

Anne Alper

Our Egyptian Lunch – History and History-making!

At CFUW-Ottawa’s General Meeting on Jan. 12, we enjoyed a fascinating view of ancient Egyptian history with our speaker Hassan Eltaher and made some history of our own! It was our first daytime General Meeting, and we prefaced it with an Egyptian lunch. A capacity crowd enjoyed specialties, including *kobeiba* (meat balls), *feteer bilsanekh* (spinach pies), *feteer billahma* (meat pies), *mahshi* (stuffed grape leaves), *tabouleh* salad, and, of course, *baklawa* pastries.

We thank the Program Committee who organized the event, especially Abla Sherif and Mary Broderick, who arranged the lunch. As respecters of history, we hope that this historical precedent (a January lunch meeting) becomes a CFUW-Ottawa tradition.

Charlotte Rigby
President, CFUW-Ottawa

IFUW Proposed Name Change:

CFUW Seeks Input from All CFUW Members by Jan. 30, 2015

The International Federation of University Women (IFUW), of which CFUW is a National Federation Affiliate (NFA), is rebranding and restructuring to ensure its future viability. The IFUW Board is proposing to change the name of the organization to **Graduate Women International (GWI)**, to convey an image of a group of graduate women united in a common purpose to empower girls and women everywhere through education. Under its current name, it is sometimes mistaken for a professional union of university staff or a university wives club. The IFUW Board believes that it needs to establish a new brand that is better understood and more memorable before marketing packages are prepared for the 2016 IFUW Triennial in Cape Town, South Africa. Starting with the 2016 conference, IFUW intends to evolve the Triennials into public conferences to attract a wider audience, to include lead-

ing educators and education donors, and to generate an alternative income stream.

The CFUW Board of Directors is asking all CFUW members to respond to a survey on the proposed name change **before Jan. 30** to provide them with clear direction on how to vote as an IFUW affiliate federation.

For more background information, go to www.cfuw.org/en-ca/aboutus/ifuw.aspx and *CFUW News & Updates*, Jan. 16, 2015. To complete the survey, either **a)** follow the instructions on this web page under the heading *IFUW Proposed Name Change*; or **b)** go directly to the survey by clicking either of the following links:

- www.surveymonkey.com/s/JDBL538 (in English); or
- www.surveymonkey.com/s/J3K87RK (in French).

Thank you in advance for your participation.

**CFUW-OTTAWA
SUPPORTS THE ELIZABETH
FRY SOCIETY OF OTTAWA**

Many thanks to our CFUW-Ottawa members and friends who supported the Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa (EFry Ottawa) again this year with donations of much-needed items for Norwood House and gifts which were given to over 50 women and their families at EFry Ottawa's annual Holiday Celebration. We received a letter from Bryonie Baxter, the Executive Director, thanking us for the donations. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

2014-15 CFUW-Ottawa Membership Report, Jan. 15, 2015

CFUW-Ottawa Membership by Status

Category	Jan -15	Jan -14	Jan -13	Jan -12	Jan -11	Jan -10	Jan -09
Renewing	414	437	441	449	429	462	470
New	57	50	59	49	66	41	47
Returning	8	9	14	13	17	10	8
TOTAL	479	496	514	511	512	513	525

CFUW-Ottawa Membership by Category

Category	Jan -15	Jan -14	Jan -13	Jan -12	Jan -11	Jan -10	Jan -09
Full	466	481	501	475	474	479	488
Associate				27	29	24	24
Dual	8	12	10	6	5	7	9
Life	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Student	4	2	2	2	3	2	3
TOTAL	479	496	514	511	512	513	525

The total membership in the club has declined again this year, with 23 fewer renewing members and one less returning member. On a more positive note, we have

57 new members this year – up seven from last year.

The printed membership directory was sold to members again this year

for \$6. The fee did not quite cover the cost of printing and mailing to the 144 members who purchased it. It was given out at the Christmas lunch or mailed out in early December. Please contact me at membership@cfuw-ottawa.org if you purchased but have not received your copy or if your information in the Directory is incorrect. All members can access the continuously updated online membership directory in the Member-only section of the website. If you would like to order a printed copy of next year's CFUW-Ottawa Membership Directory for \$6, please do so during the renewal process (either online or by mail).

Early registration for next year will begin on Feb. 1, 2015. New members who join after that date are automatically renewed to September 2016.

Carol Hinde
Membership Administration Convenor

FIRST GAWHARSHAD GRADS

The first cohort of ten Afghan girls sponsored by CFUW-Ottawa's University Women Helping Afghan Women Study and Interest Group (UWHAW) have graduated! On behalf of the group, Mary Partington sent the following letter to each successful student:

"Congratulations to you for four years of hard work leading to your degree.

The challenges and rewards of your time at Gawharshad will be stored among your happiest memories – that is how we remember our university years.

Other women and girls will be inspired by you. Finding a useful place in the wider world will take time and great perseverance. Your country needs your skills and leadership to move forward.

We send our warmest wishes as you step into the future."

Preparing the next generation of competent and committed leaders to serve a modern government in Afghanistan is the goal of the Gawharshad Institute of Higher Education in Kabul from which "our" girls have graduated.

If human rights activist Dr. Sima Samar, who founded the Institute in 2010, has her way, and she usually does, many of these leaders will be women like our ten graduates empowered by knowledge of political science, law, economics,

business management, or civil engineering.

Some 31 percent of the 2,281 students who attend Gawharshad are highly motivated girls from poor families who pay lower tuition fees and often receive scholarships like the ones UWHAW has provided.

Including girls in the student mix, which covers all regions and ethnicities, is paramount. Gawharshad has the highest percentage of female students in institutes of higher education in Afghanistan. Classes are mixed and human rights for all threaded through the curriculum.

To broaden the perspective of all students, a memo of understanding has been signed with the Sydney Institute of Technology to provide online training and technical help and an internship program has been set up to give students work experience to augment their chances for employment following graduation.

Gawharshad can't do it all and a new U.S. initiative called the Empowerment of Afghan Women with \$216 million in funding is a most welcome contribution to education for the scores of girls and women left behind when the Taliban closed schools.

Dianne Rummery
UWHAW Study and
Interest Group



In photo above: Our Gawharshad girls graduate, holding their diplomas and CFUW congratulatory cards. **In photo below:** Gawharshad hat throw. **Photos provided by:** Farah Malik

CFUW-Ottawa Honours 50 Year Member Beverley Biefer

CFUW-Ottawa presented Beverley (Bev) Biefer with a 50 Year CFUW Membership Certificate and flowers on Jan. 2, 2015.



Bev Biefer, seated above with her children Martin and Kay, received her certificate and bouquet on Jan. 2, 2015 at the Barrhaven Retirement Community. Standing, from left to right, are CFUW-Ottawa members Nancy DeVillers, Leith DeTracey, and Leila Metcalf. **Photo by:** an employee of the Barrhaven Retirement Community

A founding member of Madri-Gals. Bev remembers when the choir started with only six or seven members. She recalls a photo of those founding women which she thinks is still around – she was planning to search for it when she became ill. We hope that Bev will make a speedy recovery and locate the picture for her enjoyment and for the archives.

Bev attended General Meetings when she was able. She didn't join any other groups along the way and always sang second soprano (the most difficult part) in the Madri-Gals. Always quiet and gracious, Beverley continues to be a contributor to CFUW-Ottawa through her dedication to the choir.

We congratulate you, Beverley, on your 50 years with CFUW-Ottawa.

Nancy DeVillers
Past President, CFUW-Ottawa

In Memoriam

Evelyn Lenore Noonan (née Tanton)



Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of former longtime CFUW-Ottawa member Evelyn Noonan who passed away peacefully on Nov. 10, 2014 at age 95 at the Colonel By Retirement Residence in Ottawa, just down the street from her childhood home. Evelyn had a full and interesting life and is remembered as having been kind, soft-spoken, happy, and adventurous. She grew up in Ottawa and attended Glebe Collegiate. After graduating from the University of Toronto with a degree in Home Economics, she obtained a teaching certificate from Queen's University. She taught at Ridgemont High School, was a member of the Girl Guides of Canada, and a swimming instructor at Camp Woolsey. A longtime member of the Britannia Yacht Club, she was an avid sailor who, with her husband Jack, built yachts and sailed the seas of the world. Evelyn and Jack also built their family home in which she lived for 60 years. As a member of CFUW-Ottawa Madri-Gals, Evelyn is fondly remembered – especially for her story about skipping school to go see Elvis Presley. Evelyn also participated in snowshoeing with CFUW-Ottawa's Diplomatic Hospitality Service Group and was a dear friend of its co-founder, Elizabeth Doe, who died in March 2014.

Friends and family were invited to visit at Beechwood Funeral, Cemetery and Cremation Services, 280 Beechwood Ave., Ottawa, on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. until time of a Memorial Service at 11 a.m. Evelyn's obituary was published in *The Ottawa Citizen* on Nov. 22, 2014 and can be located online.

CFUW-Ottawa Luncheon Bridge Fundraiser, Jan. 9, 2015



Dawn Torsein and Alice Bolt organized a lunch and bridge afternoon on Jan. 9, 2015, much enjoyed by a dozen people. Hosted by Dawn at her home, the event raised **\$495** for the CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Trust Fund. In the photo on the left, enjoying dessert, are Marian Thomson and Christine Marland in the foreground and Joan McKee, Wilma Clapham, and Mary Partington in the background. Also in the background on the left, are the bridge prizes. In the photo on the right, from left to right, Dawn Torsein, Dorothy Horwood, and Sheila McDonnell start a new hand of bridge. **Photos by:** Valerie Wilmot

CFUW-OTTAWA WELCOMES YOU
to the 2015 Ontario Council AGM!



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CFUW ONTARIO COUNCIL
AGM & Conference
May 29 & 30, 2015
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Registration Forms will be on the Ontario Council Website (www.cfuwontario.ca) in February 2015. Questions? Call the hotel at 1 (866) 235-1060 or contact CFUW-Ottawa LAC Co-Chair at n_devillers@hotmail.com.

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Happening at Local CFUW Sister Clubs

The 2014-15 programs of our local sister clubs may interest you. To see the schedules of events and meetings that are open to the public and the names of guest speakers, go to their websites:

CFUW/Kanata:

www.cfuwkanata.ca General Meetings: 2nd Wed. of the month, 7 p.m., at Stonehaven Apts., 70 Stonehaven Dr., Kanata

CFUW/Nepean:

www.cfuwnepean.ca General Meetings: 1st Tue. of the month, 1 p.m., except September and April, at Bells Corners United Church, 3955 Old Richmond Rd., Nepean

CFUW Perth:

cfuw-perth-district.com General Meetings: 3rd Mon. of the month 6 or 6:30 p.m. at Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 26 Beckwith St. E., Perth



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