



Canadian Federation of University Women – Ottawa

Capital Carillon

October General Meeting

DATE and TIME: Monday, October 7, 2019,
7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Riverside Churches,
3191 Riverside Drive,
Ottawa, K1V 8N8
(by Mooney's Bay)

**OUR SPEAKER SERIES LAUNCHES
WITH THE HOTTEST TOPIC OF THE
PRESENT TIME!**

SPEAKERS: Peter Black and
Gerald Oakham

TOPIC: *Global Warming and
What to Do About It*



Peter Black



Gerald Oakham

Global warming is real and, whether you think it is a natural phenomenon, or created by human activity, or both, there is no denying that humans must attempt to mitigate its effects.

Peter Black, a retired environmental policy advisor to the federal government, and **Gerald Oakham**, a Distinguished Research Professor in science from Carleton University, will outline what we know about the problem and what governments and individuals can do about it.

This is an important topic — members are encouraged to invite their friends.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HEATHER LEWIS

After a successful Season Opener on September 16th, our new season is well underway. Have you noticed that we have exciting, new Interest Groups? (See page 3.) Our speakers at our October 7th meeting, Gerald Oakham and Peter Black, will be addressing a very topical subject, *Global Warming and What to do About It*. Remember that General Meetings are open to the public and not restricted to women only, so please feel free to invite any friends who may be interested.

We tend to think of the summer as vacation time, and so it is. However, this summer has also been a particularly busy and noteworthy one for CFUW members. Graduate Women International (GWI) held its 33rd Triennial General Assembly in Geneva, from July 25th to 29th, celebrating the 100th anniversary of GWI's foundation. (See page 8.) Hally Siddons was there as a CFUW delegate and will share some of her observations at our October General Meeting.

Many Ottawa members participated in the CFUW's Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg, from August 15th to 17th, our own 100th anniversary. (The Fort Garry Hotel, where the conference was held, was the very location at which representatives of the University Women's Clubs of Canada had met to launch the CFUW in 1919.) The speakers included Elizabeth

May, leader of the Green Party. Other engaging speakers celebrated our work in advocacy and our history. We discussed building for the future as well. CFUW-Ottawa was honoured with an award for recruiting new members and received the International Relations Award for our April 2019 seminar, *Empowerment Through Education: A Global Agenda for Women and Girls*.

During the business session, important votes were taken. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the CFUW and GWI—on our website under News and Announcements—was ratified by

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a large majority. 60% of votes cast were in favour of the “Winnipeg Motion” (which gave individuals a choice as to whether or not to pay fees for membership in GWI) and 40% voted against. Since this required a two-thirds majority, it was defeated. A vote to increase the dues for the CFUW by \$6 per member was passed with a large majority. Notwithstanding the MoU, a vote to increase dues paid to GWI by \$10 was defeated, with 160 voting for it and 169 against. This vote also required a two-thirds majority.

The highlight of the AGM was the Friday night gala banquet at which “One Hundred CFUW Notable Women” from across the country were honoured; 68 of these were present in person. We were so proud to have many of our CFUW-Ottawa members honoured: Alice Bolt, Ann Denis, Margaret Haines, Fran Manning, Dorothy Phillips, Hally Siddons and Lizz Wilfert. Susan Russell from CFUW-Nepean and Marianne Wilkinson from CFUW-Kanata were also among the Notable Women. Alice Bolt also won one of the antique IFUW pins in the raffle. This was a good evening for us!

The theme of the 2019 National AGM was *100 Years of CFUW—The Power of Women Working Together*. We are now looking forward to the 2020 National AGM here in Ottawa, with the theme *New Century, New Challenges*. Patricia Duffey and Christine Rollo, co-chairs, are capably starting to get all the pieces in place with the help of a truly stellar Local Arrangements Committee. (See page 10.) You are going to hear much more about this; it is an honour for us to be hosting the event.



CFUW AGM in Winnipeg

LOOKING AHEAD TO CFUW EVENTS IN 2019 AND 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

All General Meetings take place at the Riverside Churches, 3191 Riverside Drive.



2019

Monday, October 7, 7:30 p.m. – General Meeting with guest speaker.

Monday, November 4, 7:30 p.m. – General Meeting with guest speaker.

Sunday, December 1, 12 noon to 3 p.m. – **Holiday Party** at the RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive. (See back page.)

2020

Monday, January 6, 1 p.m. (with an option of lunch at noon) – General Meeting with guest speaker.

Monday, February 3, 1 p.m. (with an option of lunch at noon) – General Meeting with guest speaker.

Monday, March 2, 7:30 p.m. – General Meeting and **Scholarship Awards**.

Monday, April 6, 7:30 p.m. – General Meeting with guest speaker.

Thursday, April 23 – **Musical Lunch** in aid of scholarships for young women in Ottawa and Kabul.

Saturday, May 2 – **CFUW-Ottawa AGM** at the Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess, 4 Queen Elizabeth Drive. (See back page.)

Thursday, June 4 – **Dinner for Hope** in aid of scholarships for young women in Kabul.

Thursday, June 18 to Saturday, June 20 – **CFUW-National AGM**, Delta Hotel, Ottawa.

Convenors of the Month: Beth Doubt and Kringen Henein



L-R: Kringen and Beth, photo by Doug Doubt

Beth worked for 25 years at Environment Canada. She first joined CFUW for the camaraderie and skiing in CFUW-Ottawa's Gatineau Trails Group, to which she still belongs. She is also in the National Gallery Study Group and Crime Fiction Book Club. Kringen taught Biology and Environmental Science at Carleton University for 15 years. She has been active in the Gatineau Trails Group, Madrigals, and the former Environmental Toxins and Health Study Group, and has participated in the development of two CFUW resolutions. Both have a deep appreciation for nature.

The **Capital Carillon** is published monthly from October to May, except for January. Suggestions and comments are always welcome. Please send all material for the next issue to Alison Hobbs, newsletter@cfuw-ottawa.org. Next issue, November 2019; deadline for submissions, October 15. Previous issues are archived on the Club website, at www.cfuw-ottawa.org.

Climate Change and Biodiversity

It is easy to feel overwhelmed by the magnitude of the challenges we face, yet there are choices we can make and actions we can take. Our goal will be to discover how to reduce our carbon footprint, protect biodiversity, and make a difference individually and as a society to the health of the planet. We shall share our ideas with other CFUW members through the newsletter and



promote them to a wider audience where appropriate. A women's perspective is very much needed. Come and join the discussion.

This is a new Study and Interest Group for CFUW-Ottawa members, that will meet on the second Monday of each month, from 7-9 p.m. Write to beth_doubt@bde-doubt.ca, or kringen@magma.ca, if you would like further information.



Study and Interest Groups for the 2019-20 Season

Most of last year's groups are still going strong, and the following new groups have been added to our list of choices:

- CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY (see box above)
- DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
- MODERN BOARD GAMES
- OTTAWA LITTLE THEATRE (see page 9)
- SNOWSHOEING IN THE WILD
- SATURDAY AT THE MOVIES
- WALKING CITY TRAILS

If any of these interest you, go to this page on our website to find out more: <https://www.cfuw-ottawa.org/page-809208>

You may wish to join one or more of our established **External Outreach Groups** as well (Diplomatic Hospitality, HIPPY, Madrigals, UWHAW). See <https://www.cfuw-ottawa.org/page-1863104>.

Questions? Contact cfuw.studiesandinterest@gmail.com or call Karen Shigeishi-Waite at 613-297-6653.

At the Musical Lunch

On April 25th, 2019, at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club, CFUW-Ottawa held its annual Musical Lunch and Silent Auction, organized by our external outreach group, University Women Helping Afghan Women (UWHAW), under the leadership of Lorna Bickerton.

The auction was ably managed by Lizz Wilfert, and Alice Bolt took responsibility for the door prizes, a raffle and a 50/50 draw. In addition, the members of CFUW-Ottawa's Gatineau Trails group presented a donation of \$1000 to UWHAW. Altogether, this event raised \$6669.15 in scholarship funds for underprivileged young women at the Gawharshad Institute of Higher Education in Kabul.

Through the sale of tickets to the Musical Lunch, \$2880 was also raised for CFUW-Ottawa's Scholarship Trust Fund, paying for scholarships at Carleton University, at the University



Photos by G. Pacey and A. Hobbs

of Ottawa and at Algonquin College.

For the 14th year in succession, Mary Partington had made the arrangements for the musical component of the event, introducing violist Alisa Klebanov, who won the NAC's 2018 Orchestra Bursary Competition; she has recently become a member of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra. During our splendid lunch Alisa gave a complete solo performance of the 3rd Cello Suite by J.S. Bach arranged for the viola: a "dramatic and atmospheric" work in which each movement concludes with the chord of C-major. Alisa's

favourite movement is the *Sarabande*, a stately Spanish dance. She told us that her instrument is a modern, "very good copy" of a 17th century Amati viola, played with a genuinely 17th century, German bow.

A heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers, donors and other supporters of this thoroughly enjoyable event.



Alisa Klebanov, Mary Partington, Marlene Hewitt



Alisa performing



Alisa speaking at the lunch



A Longtime Member

By Heather Lewis

More than half a dozen members of the Canadiana interest group are over ninety, but none have been members of CFUW for quite as long as Margaret “Peg” Taylor—Ottawa, 1946-47, Fredericton, 1947-2004, and Ottawa, 2004 to today.

Peg is a botanist who eventually specialized in environmental management. Her husband Ron, also a botanist, was one of a small group worldwide who studied seaweeds and sea grasses. They were based in Fredericton, New Brunswick, teaching at UNB, but travelled widely on sabbatical leave. Their first sabbatical to St. Andrews, Scotland, with four sons aged four to eleven was a memorable challenge. Subsequent sabbaticals to Plymouth, England, a year split between Adelaide, Australia, and St. Andrews, and finally a year in Perth, Australia, were also special.

With her co-workers at the Experiment Farm, Peg joined the Ottawa University Women’s Club in the fall of 1946, but with her move to Fredericton in the fall of 1947 she became more deeply involved, initially with a study group working to establish a children’s library. The project grew rapidly to include an adult library which soon became part of a newly formed provincial library system. Other study groups ranged from employment opportunities for the physically handicapped to penal reform.

In September 1971 Peg was asked to become part of a VON committee, working to ensure that all the components necessary for a provincial Home Care Program

were available. Her responsibility was Visiting Homemakers. The time was ripe; the United Way offered start up money, the Red Cross critical assistance and advice and an instructor was hired. The first class of (four) Homemakers graduated at the end of March 1972 and all were immediately hired by the Province. Peg joined the VON Fredericton Board in 1972 and remained a member for 29 years, eventually serving terms as President of VON, Fredericton, President of VON, NB, and as a member of the National Board.

Also in 1972, Peg joined the staff of the newly formed provincial Department of Environment as Executive Coordinator for the Environmental Council which was advisory to the Minister. After retirement she served a term on a committee advisory to the Minister of Natural Resources. Her enjoyment of extensive travel continued after her move to Ottawa in 2004.

The panoramic view from her present apartment on the 11th floor of



Photo by Heather Lewis

Champlain Towers seems to symbolize her wide range of experience, knowledge and experience. For Peg, CFUW Clubs should be more than mere “social clubs.” She believes that the women of the CFUW most worthy of recognition are not those who remain in the Club for the longest time, but those who embody our Mission Statement: “...to promote quality education, improve the status of women and girls and participate in public affairs.”

Diplomatic Hospitality



The Diplomatic Hospitality Group and guests toured the Canada Art Bank on May 3rd, 2019. 48 people from 19 different countries were present at this event.



Ontario Council Annual General Meeting May 10-11

By Gail Tyerman

CFUW club executives and interested CFUW members from across Ontario gathered at the luxurious University of Toronto Faculty Club for the 40th Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Council of CFUW to conduct Ontario Council business, celebrate successes, and be inspired.

The main Ontario Council business was the adoption of new by-laws bringing the Ontario Council rules into accordance with the latest Ontario legislation governing NGOs. It took a committee 18 months to review the existing by-laws and develop amendments, after listening carefully to club concerns. The result was a smooth, unanimous passage by the AGM. Other business was routine: approval of the budget and the Ontario Council Board. Board members took the opportunity to outline the positive experience they were having and to encourage all to consider joining the Board in the future.

Former Ontario Premier and keynote speaker Kathleen Wynne held the audience in rapt attention as she recounted the peaks and troughs of her life story. While she regrets that many of the reforms she championed in office are being repealed by the current government of Ontario, she thinks that some of her government's accomplishments will endure. As one example, she cited the reform of the Canada Pension Plan to benefit future generations of Canadians.

Three workshops on the theme of empowerment through education provided diverse and powerful examples of women making a difference in their communities in such varied areas as book clubs in prisons and refugee resettlement.

Heather Lewis and Gail Tyerman attended from CFUW-Ottawa. Mary Partington participated as regional director for Eastern Ontario. Talk to them



Kathleen Wynne



Sandra Thomson, President of the Ontario Council of CFUW

about the meeting and plan to attend next year's AGM that will probably be held in a resort near Orillia. Find out about what your Ontario Council fees support and have fun too.

CFUW-Ottawa AGM

The 109th Annual General Meeting of CFUW-Ottawa was held at midday on May 4 at the Riverside Churches.

Heather Lewis, CFUW-Ottawa President, formally welcomed all in attendance, Barb Newbegin gave a toast to the Club, Joan Tyler gave a toast to the Queen, and Gail Tyerman said grace.

The business of the AGM is minuted on the Club's website. During the procedures, the year's **Pink Rose Award** was presented to **Mary Broderick** by Christine Rollo. Mary joined our Club in 2012 and has made many contributions to CFUW Ottawa

since then, including help at the 2019 AGM itself. The **Sage Award** was

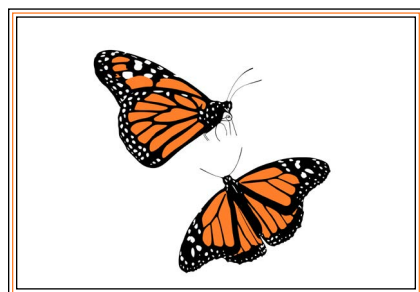
presented *in absentia* by Heather to **Peg Taylor** who joined the CFUW in 1946 (see page 5) — this National CFUW award is given to the longest standing member of the CFUW in each of its branches.



Mary Broderick (left) with Christine Rollo



Fran Harding serves wine at the AGM



UWHAW's Summer Fundraiser: the Dinner for Hope

On the evening of June 11th, at the Ottawa Hunt & Golf Club, 106 guests of University Women Helping Afghan Women were looked after with great care by the staff and by UWHAW volunteers. The dining area was attractive indeed, with the colours of the Afghan flag replicated in the napkins on each table. CFUW member Marie Riopelle had arranged the centrepieces, and at each table were biographies of some of the Afghan girls we sponsor. Two videos were shown at the beginning and end of the evening. The first, sent to us from Gawharshad, included thanks from Dr. Sima Samar and some of our sponsored girls, giving the donors a glimpse of where their dollars went. The second was greetings from the Hon. Maryam Monsef who thanked us for continuing to empower Afghan girls through their education.

The dinner was delicious and the evening ran like clockwork, with time to visit our beautifully displayed Silent Auction. To entice bidders, a detailed description of each item had been circulated before the event.

We are grateful to the Program Chair Hally Siddons and to Eileen

Olexiuk for arranging for our guest speaker, H.E. Roya Rahmani, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the United States, to share her experiences and hopes. Formerly been an Ambassador to Indonesia, to the Association of South East Asian Nations, and to Singapore, Her

Excellency also has a Canadian connection, having graduated from McGill and having co-founded the Ottawa Chapter of CW4WA. Perhaps most significantly, she is a role model for educated Afghan women, working on behalf of all Afghans as they strive toward a long overdue dream that must one day become a reality. During the day the Ambassador had visited the Afghanistan Memorial Hall and spoke movingly about our fallen soldiers. She said that the majority of the Afghan population is women and young people, her country's greatest asset. Empowered by their education, young Afghans are stepping up to make their hope for peace and prosperity a reality. They



UWHAW currently supports this group of students at the Gawharshad Institute

Photos by David Bickerton

desire peace grounded in democracy, stability, education and rights for all, a vision that can only be accomplished with the involvement of all the citizens of Afghanistan.

The evening also presented the opportunity to meet a representative of the Embassy of Afghanistan in Ottawa, the 3rd Secretary, Ms Shabana Kargar.

Congratulations to the event's tireless co-chairs Lorna Bickerton and Lizz Wilfert and their assistants who made this event such a success. Dr. Samar wrote from Kabul to thank UWHAW, saying, "Your support changes the life of so many young people in our society and contributes greatly to the reconstruction of Afghanistan."



Ambassador Roya Rahmani, guest speaker.



Left to right: Ms. Shabana Kargar, 3rd Secretary of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Ottawa, Eileen Olexiuk (UWHAW), Lorna Bickerton (UWHAW), H.E. Roya Rahmani, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the USA, Lizz Wilfert (UWHAW), Hally Siddons (UWHAW).



CFUW-Ottawa members Mira Hadden and Silvija Parker at the Dinner For Hope.

Did you know...?

CFUW-Ottawa celebrated its centenary in 2010 by hosting the CFUW National AGM and we shall be honoured to host the next CFUW AGM in June 2020.

This August, CFUW celebrated its centenary by gathering for our AGM at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg, just as our sisters had done for the first time in August 1919. Our history is one of friendships, social involvement, advocacy and achievements, as an organization and as individuals. To honour particular contributions to the CFUW, 100 Notable Women had been selected from the membership nationwide. CFUW-Ottawa was honoured to have seven members recognized as Notable Women (see President's Message on page 1), each of whom was awarded a special certificate, saying: "In gratitude for the role you have played in honouring and furthering CFUW's vision." Ann Denis received the award posthumously, as did Fran Manning, whose husband participated in the ceremony.

Our international affiliate, Graduate Women International (GWI) also celebrated its centennial at the 33rd Triennial GWI General Assembly and Peace Through Education Conference in Geneva this July. For women in the developing world, GWI is a connection to women in wealthier countries. Twenty CFUW members (including Hally Siddons from CFUW-Ottawa) attended the Triennial, Canada being one of 51 countries represented. Six countries were welcomed as new affiliates, including Haiti.



Left to right:, Notable Women Dorothy Phillips, Elizabeth Wilfert, Hally Siddons and Margaret Haines. Hally was wearing a period outfit of 1919.

Little Theatre, Big History

Adapted from an article by Francois Bregha in the June issue of the Sandy Hill newsletter "IMAGE", contributed by Marlene Hewitt.

The Ottawa Little Theatre on King Edward Avenue at Besserer Street originated in 1913, when the University Women's Club formed a Drama League to encourage amateur theatre in Ottawa. The purpose then was to ensure good attendance at deserving plays while ignoring "unworthy" ones. Under the leadership of Duncan Campbell Scott, the celebrated poet, the League raised enough funds to buy the Eastern Methodist Church, whose congregation had recently moved after merging with St Paul's Presbyterian Church at Daly Avenue and Cumberland Street in 1925.

When the Governor General, Lord Willingdon, officially opened the theatre in 1928, it was described as the largest and best equipped of its kind in Canada. There was no local professional theatre in Ottawa, and after the Russell Theatre closed, it was the only show in town. In the 1930s, an anonymous patron wrote, "The Drama League is entitled to public thanks for its continued good work in providing civilized plays in a veritable dramatic desert." Under the Governor General's patronage—Lord Bessborough not only attended plays but designed sets, and his son played several roles—



the theatre thrived, attracting diplomats and members of high society. The theatre's importance was further enhanced by hosting the newly formed Dominion Drama Festival for its first five years in the 1930s.

The original Eastern Methodist Church building was destroyed by fire in 1970, and the new theatre was constructed on its site.

Several well-known Canadian actors and comedians played at the OLT, including Rich Little, Dan Ackroyd and William Shatner. Yusuf Karsh, the famous photographer, volunteered backstage and credits his experimentation with stage lighting for helping him light portraits. He not only met influential people there, such as Lord Bessborough, whose portrait he took, but also his future wife, Solange Gauthier.

In its first century the OLT has staged over 1000 plays and

is one of North America's oldest continuously producing community theatre companies. All directors, designers, actors and stage crew are volunteers and the theatre earns most of its income through ticket sales, making it a truly community-based organization. Today, the OLT specializes in popular dramas and comedies, offering nine plays a year.

*CFUW-Ottawa continues to support the Ottawa Little Theatre with an annual donation of \$500, the 3rd place prize in its annual playwriting contest. This is given in honour of **Gladys Cameron Watt**, founder member of the OLT and a CFUW-Ottawa member. This year, **Gail Tyerman** is convening an **Ottawa Little Theatre Interest Group**, that will attend its productions on a regular basis. Contact tyermag@rogers.com, if you'd like to participate.*

CFUW-OTTAWA HOLIDAY PARTY 2019

The main fundraiser for our Scholarship Trust Fund

Elegant Hot and Cold Buffet: Family and Friends Welcome

Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019, noon to 3 p.m. — Clark Room, RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa

Bake Sale ● Grab Bags ● Raffle ● Jewelry Sale ● Door Prizes ● Silent Auction ● Entertainment

Buy tickets at \$50 (including taxes and service charge) by November 25:

- by contacting Alice Bolt at 613-731-5221 or at ianbolt@sympatico.ca.
- at the October and November General Meetings.
- by registering online at www.cfuw-ottawa.org/events.



Make cheques payable to CFUW-Ottawa and send to Alice Bolt, 1531 Caton St., Ottawa, ON, K1H 6J3.

Please contact Elaine McKnight at elainemcknight@gmail.com if you'd like to reserve a table for 8. Unfortunately, we can't do this for a group of fewer than 8 people.

Volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. If you'd like to help, please contact Norma Pike at normapike@rogers.com.

Contact Mary Broderick at 613-421-1445 or Elaine McKnight at elainemcknight@gmail.com if you can donate items to be used for the door prizes, grab bags, raffle and silent auction. These items must be new. The more we receive, the more money we'll be able to raise for our scholarships. If your Study and Interest group would like to make a donation, please contact us.

Special thanks to the trustees of Scholarship Trust, the Board members and the committee chairs for their generous donation of two raffle baskets.

CFUW Annual General Meeting June 2020

As you know, CFUW-Ottawa is hosting CFUW's national Annual General Meeting, June 18-20, 2020. The theme is **New Century – New Challenges**. Patricia Duffey and Christine Rollo co-chair the Local Arrangements Committee that is made up of nine sub-committees. Our committee volunteers have already been working hard to nail down all the details that will make this event a success, but are looking for extra help.

The **Program** sub-committee needs a few more dedicated ladies to work on developing the program and workshops; the **Sponsorship** and **Venues** teams need more people, too. The **Volunteers** sub-committee is seeking help with jobs immediately before and during the AGM. If you'd like to volunteer as an ambassador, greeter, "go-for", tour- or dinner-driver, let us know.



Please contact agmottawa2020@gmail.com.