



Club Action Newsletter

September 13, 2017

This publication contains time-sensitive information generally directed to Club Executives and pertains to CFUW activities and events. Please send relevant pieces to all Club Members.

A Special Message from the President

Hello CFUW Members,

Yesterday I participated in a conference call with the CFUW Vice Presidents of Advocacy, International Relations, and Education along with our Executive Director, and it looks like a well-planned year of coordinated Advocacy will be forthcoming! I have just finished a conference call with the CFUW Advisory Committee to review the proposed contract with the writer whom we hope will be writing a book on the History of CFUW. This is a project that was delayed when the selected writer became ill and discontinued her work. Interviews took place over the summer and thanks to my cell phone I was able to take part in one from my birthplace, Flat Island in Newfoundland, now resettled, having engaged in a Finance conference call from my daughter's boat enroute to the island. Later today your Finance Committee meets with a full agenda when we welcome a new member Sue Foley-Currie, to the Committee. Sue is knowledgeable about financial matters, and has had considerable financial experience in her places of work, and with school trustees, hospital and other boards.

In my last message of September 5th I talked with you about the upcoming vote on the GWI proposal to amend the 2016 Triennial decision on dues increases and to vote on a proposal to increase dues by special payments due by June 30, 2018 and again by June 30, 2019. For CFUW these additional payments would be

approximately \$8.40 per member while the current dues of \$21.70 would continue and would be due in January of 2018 and 2019, bringing the total dues paid by CFUW to GWI at approximately \$30.10 per member per year. The GWI documents do not reference the period beyond 2019.

Our current CFUW dues cannot provide for a dues increase, but if the motion on dues increases passes, CFUW, as a GWI member, will have to address this challenge.

Two days ago, September 11th, CFUW received the motions from GWI and news that the vote of the NFAs, (including the CFUW Board on your behalf), will be held October 22-23, 2017.

While GWI has responded to our request that more time be given to NFAs to consult their Clubs they have not responded to our call to build into the timeline, opportunities for discussion among NFAs and for the option of proposing amendments as is often done with electronic voting.

The CFUW Board is analysing the financial papers that accompanied the motions, and will discuss these and other related issues at our special Board meeting scheduled for Monday, September 18th. We plan that information will be sent to you after the Board meeting and certainly before Friday, September 22nd and posted on the website.

In the meantime please note that we will need all Clubs to schedule a Club meeting for after September 21st, or arrange other means of obtaining member input, to discuss the GWI motions and to let us know your recommendations as to how CFUW should vote on each motion. We will streamline the method of obtaining this information from you i.e. whether you support or do not support each motion. Your comments will be welcomed as well. We will give you as much time as we can, but plan to have your input ready by October 16th.

Please watch for information on the motions and other further messages from CFUW relative to the various GWI motions.

CFUW News



September 20, 2017: Deadline to Apply as a Member on the Committee to Review CFUW Board Structure and Governance

The **report** of the committee reviewing the comments received about CFUW's Way Forward Report noted the many suggestions relating to board structure and governance. In response to these suggestions from Clubs and individual members it was recommended that a special committee be formed to examine CFUW's current board structure and governance practices. Read more about the mandate of the committee and how you can participate [here](#).

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) March 12 - 23, 2018: Call for Delegates



The sixty - second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, will be held from March 12 - 23 2018 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The Priority theme of the session will be challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls. The Review theme is: Participation in and access of women to the media, and information and communications technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the

advancement and empowerment of women ([agreed conclusions](#) of the forty-seventh session).

If you are interested in being part of the CFUW delegation, we would ask you to send your application by **October 20, 2017** to Robin Jackson at cfuwed@rogers.com. (*Delegates must arrange for their own transportation and accommodation at their own expense. It should be noted that the UN allows CFUW a limited number of participants so we may not be able to accommodate everyone.*)

Click here for the application: [PDF version](#) // [WORD version](#)

Additional information about attending UNCSW in the form of [FAQs may be found here](#)

Register by September 18 for the Violence Against Women Course offered by the University of

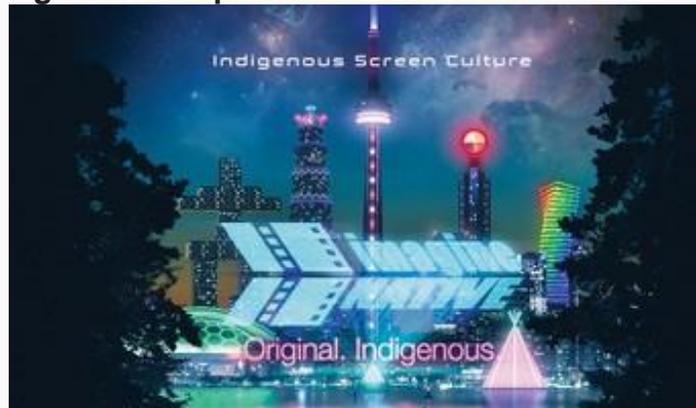


Strathclyde

This year, CFUW Oakville experimented with a new interest group by combining two concepts - book club meets MOOC. A MOOC (massive open online course) is an online course aimed at unlimited participation and open access via the web. In addition to traditional course materials such as filmed lectures, readings, and problem sets, many MOOCs provide interactive user forums to support community interactions among students, professors, and teaching assistants. CFUW is inviting all its members to participate in this learning opportunity. The upcoming MOOC will be focusing on Violence Against Women. This course is for anyone interested in challenging violence against women and you don't need any prior experience of the topic.

Find out more information about the course [here](#). If you are interested in joining this course and discussion group, email Kathryn Wilkinson, wilkinsons@rogers.com or Ginny Boelhower at ginny.boelhower@sympatico.ca.

Indigenous Peoples Film Festival 2017 - Reminder



2017 is Canada's Sesquicentennial or 150th anniversary. Many celebrations and events are planned across the country but for many people, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, Canada exists on stolen land as this was not an empty space waiting to be populated. Through the Indigenous Study Group, CFUW is inviting Clubs, interest groups and individuals to learn more about our First Nations, Métis and Inuit heritage in this the 150th year since Confederation. See [here](#) for a listing of all the films that can be accessed free of charge to be shown at Club events or viewed by individuals.



Advocacy

Vigils to Honour MMIW

On Oct. 4th, we invite club members across the country to honour the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and show solidarity to their families. We

are encouraging clubs to consult the Native Women's Association of Canada website to attend or plan a vigil in your community. See a list of [existing vigils here](#) and read more about how to plan one in your community.

Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons: Citizen Signing

In its efforts to promote international peace, CFUW has been a long time advocate of the banning of nuclear weapons. This 122 countries will adopt the [UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons](#), however Canada's government has refused to add its signature. Next week, concerned citizens in Ottawa are invited to participate in a "Citizen Signing" of the UN treaty to demonstrate our commitment to nuclear proliferation. Read about the event [here](#).



Fundraising Opportunity

Fundscrip is a fundraising program that would enable your club to meet fundraising goals through an easy-to-manage gift card program. Check out their website to learn more [here](#). It is designed to raise funds for your club simply by encouraging members to shop at their regular stores with gift cards instead of cash/debit/credit. Club Members order gift cards to participating retailers and when they purchase these gift cards, the club receives a 2%-13% rebate. Gift cards are sold to members at face value and there are over 227 retailers from categories including groceries, gas, pharmacy, home improvement, department store, restaurants,



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