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Canadian Federation of University Women - Ottawa

Capital Carillon

Annual General Meeting

CFUW-OTTAWA 2018 AGM and DINNER

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 Registration 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Restaurant International Algonquin College 1385 Woodroffe Ave. Ottawa, ON (H Bldg.)

MENU

Ruffled asparagus velouté

Salad mimosa (Butter lettuce, sieved egg, grainy mustard dressing)

Roast chicken breast, bacon sautéed spinach, sweet garlic potato purée

Vanilla pound cake, Earl Grey custard, raspberries and lavender

Register online at: www.cfuw-ottawa.org

or by contacting Christine Rollo at (613) 727-3857

The cut-off date for buying tickets is May 1st.

Registration open to Members Only!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HEATHER LEWIS

ur 2017-2018 CFUW year is drawing to a close. Our Annual Report has been produced and we are already starting to think ahead to the new year. All of the activities you enjoyed this season did not just happen. They have been brought about by "The Power of Women Working Together". It might be a good time for you to think about the women who worked on your behalf. Who convened your interest groups and external outreach groups? Who found the speakers? Who provided the luncheons? Who edited the Carillon? Who provided the social media? Who managed the web page? Who raised the money for scholarships? Who provided items for the silent auctions? Who dealt with our scholarship recipients? Who kept the accounts? Who organized the International Women's Day event? Who advocated? Who tracked membership? A word of thank you from you would mean a lot to them.

As I am writing, women are busy planning the Musical Lunch and Auction, our Annual General Meeting and our Garden Reception.

Our AGM is always a good social event, but we have some serious business to consider too. Note that at the CFUW-Ottawa AGM on May 8th we will need to vote on two National Financial Motions:

1. Moved: that the CFUW voting body approve a national dues increase of \$11.

Moved by CFUW National Finance Committee.

At our last CFUW-Ottawa AGM, May 9, 2017 we also had a dues increase motion. At that meeting the following motion was approved:

Moved: The CFUW voting body approve a national dues increase of \$19 solely to cover increases in GWI Dues for 1917-18. (86 for; 6 against; 12 abstentions)

At the last National AGM, the meeting was cut short and the dues increase motion was not voted on.

Particularly since the CFUW-

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Ottawa membership was prepared to vote on an increase last year which was never enacted and since there have been inflationary increases, the Ottawa Board recommends *approval* of the \$11 dues increase. There has been no increase in our CFUW-Ottawa dues this year. It should be noted that if this dues increase vote passes at the National level, it will likely mean an increase in our CFUW-Ottawa dues for the 2018-19 year of somewhere in the order of \$10.

2. Moved: that CFUW per capita dues be set at \$50.90 for members wishing to be CFUW members and \$81.00 for members wishing to be members of both CFUW and Graduate Women International.

Moved by Linda Asper, UWC Winnipeg.

The Winnipeg Club believes that this is a compromise between those members who wish to remain part of GWI and those who do not. Recently the CFUW National Board recommended approval of this motion, again

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Please send all material for the next issue to the new editor of your newsletter, **Alison Hobbs**, at adhobbs@gmail.com

I am sure she will appreciate your input and advice as I have in the past two years. Best wishes to all, Gail Tyerman

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www.cfuw-ottawa.org.

indicating the view that this motion is a compromise.

Your CFUW-Ottawa Board is recommending against this motion. Why is that the case? The Ottawa Club has always been very supportive of GWI and CFUW's partnership with it. It is clear that if this motion were to pass, the partnership between GWI and CFUW would be negatively affected and the adverse financial implications for GWI are evident. The National Board has consulted a lawyer who maintains that the Winnipeg motion "has no legal impediments." Legal terminology aside, at the very least this motion would potentially create two perceived types of membership, one with the rights and privileges of GWI members and the other without such rights and privileges.

While it is true that any country can create a National Federation or Association (NFA) with at least 20 members and apply for membership in GWI, there can be only one NFA per country. CFUW is Canada's NFA and is a member of GWI. It is the CFUW, the Canadian National Federation, that is the member of GWI, not the individual members.

GWI dues are payable based on the NFAs number of members at the close of the immediately preceding GWI financial year. CFUW must pay dues in 2019 based on its number of members in December 2018. With over 8000 members, CFUW must pay GWI dues for all of these members. Payment for less than the full number of members contravenes the GWI Constitution. In other words, there are some consequences to the motion which have not been fully addressed. There is the acknowledgement from the National Board that if this motion passes, some "procedures and policies will need to be reviewed."

As well as the National Financial motions, there are proposed Bylaw Amendments. The proposed changes can be found in this edition of the Carillon.

I will represent YOU at the National Annual General Meeting in June. The votes which you make at our Ottawa AGM will tell me how to represent you. I'd like to see you at our AGM. Be sure to participate in the decision-making process; it will affect our Club both at the Ottawa and the National level. Make your voice count!

Trivia Night

Tuesday May 29th, 2018, 7:30 pm

The Glen Scottish Restaurant & Pub

1010 Main St, Stittsville, 613 836-5622 (also 6081 Hazeldean Rd, Stittsville)

Reservations for dinner at 6:30 are welcome

\$20.00 per person (tax receipts issued)

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Proceeds to scholarships for Carleton University, the University of Ottawa and Algonquin College

Trivia Master: Mr. Gordon Smith

For information and tickets, email pmoflaherty@gmail.com or mjeanchapman@hotmail.com

Problems in Canada's Criminal Justice and Correctional Systems and Child Welfare Law



Rebecca Bromwich

Sometimes when your knee hurts, the problem is with your hip. Problems can become obvious in one place but originate

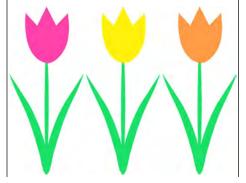
somewhere else, because the systems are connected. The pain in the Canadian justice system is the same.

Dr. Rebecca Bromwich, Director of the Graduate Diploma in Conflict Resolution Program in the Carleton University Department of Law and Legal Studies spoke to our April General Meeting. She sees system failure in such symptoms as overcrowded prisons and jails, overburdened courts leading to delays and dismissals of serious charges, and the overrepresentation of Indigenous and racialized people in the criminal justice system.

Dr. Bromwich told us that one of the most startling symptoms of a failing youth justice system is the number of children in the care of children's aid societies who wind up in the courts. These "cross-over youth" are hugely overrepresented in the youth correction system with an estimated 40 to 50 per cent of incarcerated youth from the child welfare system. A study in British Columbia found that youth in care were more likely to end up in prison than to finish high school. Such young people are particularly vulnerable. They are more likely to be detained in custody pending resolution of their charges than are youth not involved with child welfare. They often face the system alone and without support while in detention, at bail hearings or before the court. They form the "cradle to incarceration" pipeline.

Indigenous and racial minority children are at even greater risk of entering this pipeline. Indigenous children make up slightly over half of the children in foster care across Canada. Yet, they are only 7 per cent of the children in the general population, a situation Indigenous Affairs Minister Jane Philpott has called a "humanitarian crisis", analogous to Canada's residential schools. In Toronto, black children are four times more likely than white children to be taken into CAS care.

Once in care, the rules of the justice system are stacked against them. As Dr. Bromwich described, drawing on her experience as a mother of teenaged girls, the consequences of unruly behavior for a child in a conventional home and for a child in care can be very different. When teen girls 'borrow' clothes from one another without permission, any number of consequences may result: loss of phone privileges or doing chores around the house. For a child in care or in a group home, it could lead to a charge of theft, then court and proba-



tion. And if she fails to check in with a probation officer because she has been moved to another facility, perhaps in another community, there can be further charges. Any misdemeanor can add charges. One child can accumulate dozens of disciplinary infractions. They don't lose phone privileges, they are in jail.

The Cross-Over Youth Project is a multidisciplinary team of professionals from the child protection and justice systems looking to reduce the number of youth in care being charged. Piloted in four communities in Ontario, this four-year project is attempting to coordinate efforts across all service sectors with a focus on improving the services available to, and the lives of, cross-over vouth. It aims to consider local culture and circumstances, including those of local First Nation and African-Canadian communities. Eventually, best practices will be shared with all Children's Aid Societies.

Dr. Bromwich will be participating in the review process and expects some positive outcomes. However, she believes changes should be made not only to provincial and territorial regimes for child protection but also to the criminal law pertaining to youth. That responsibility lies with both the Federal and Provincial governments, which are currently debating legislative and regulatory changes that could affect youth offenders. Unfortunately, they are not looking at alternative mechanisms and supports for dealing with adolescents' misbehavior while in state care.

Fran Manning

BEWARE OF FAKE NEWS

On March 24, 2018 I attended the Ontario Council Speaker Series--Education & Status of Women and Human Rights Making Sense of Politics in a "Fake News" Era: Thinking Critically about the Ontario Election. The morning speakers were Maija Saari, Associate Dean of Film, TV and Journalism, and Nicole Blanchett Neheli, professor in the Journalism diploma and Film and Television degree programs, both from Sheridan College. They explored themes relating to women's issues and human rights and the necessity of having an educated electorate. The afternoon broke into two sessions. There was one on legislation with Greg Essena, Chief Electoral officer, Elections Ontario, who spoke about Election Readiness: Understanding the Electoral Process in Ontario: laws, policy and threats.

I chose to go to the second, an education session. In this session, Maija and Nicole were joined by Ann Rauhala, Associate Professor, Ryerson School of Journalism and Teaching Chair, Faculty of Communication and Design. Along with research and teaching at the post-secondary level, all have extensive frontline journalism experience working in news organizations. Maija started with naming the problem, exploring the rise of propaganda--intentionally mislead-

ing and deceptive stories combined with a rapid decline in discernment on the part of media consumers. The decline of "old media", including newspapers and nightly news broadcasts, which generally were carefully researched, has changed to a non-stop mass consumption of news channels. Unfortunately, repeating false information gives it credence.

Nicole focused on an analysis of how data is increasingly used to slant what is presented to on media platforms, including on-line news stories. Algorithms determine the flow of information, can be embedded with bias and become the gatekeepers of how news stories are presented to individual consumers. This personalization can limit contradictory information, essentially providing news that reinforces the consumer's biases or beliefs rather than an impartial factual presentation. Millions of Facebook users' data was taken without consent and Canada's Privacy Commissioner is now investigating the impact of the breach on Canadians. Analytics were used to target and manipulate voters in the US and UK (Brexit). Analytics help determine which stories will be covered in order to entertain and attract a large audience, shape the formatting of stories and determine promotion/ placement of content on websites and social media feeds.

Ann focused on the impact of the information and disinformation currently on media. The fundamental principles of ethics require journalist to verify but that is increasingly not the case with news on social media. The current 24-hour news cycles focuses on being first to break a story; verifying using multiple reliable sources takes time. While in the past there was a clear difference between objective reporting of news stories and an opinion piece; that is now often blurred.

Journalism is a difficult field for women. Men continue to dominate the management positions and with fewer positions available in newsrooms, there is even more competition for those spots. Women journalists have very frequently been the target of harassment. In the past, the threats and harassment would be at the level of cut-out letters from newspapers. Now with social media, the threats are greater. I had never heard of "doxing" before. If you haven't heard the term, I suggest you Google it.

The bottom line is that we all should be careful to evaluate the sources of our news and know how to sift through fact, opinion and fiction.

Heather Lewis

Commission on the Status of Women 62

It was a privilege to once again join members from around the world as a delegate from *Graduate Women International* (GWI) to the United Nations *Commission on the Status of Women (CSW62)* in New York. It is always inspiring to meet GWI members and to learn of the work they are doing in their own countries. Together with the GWI UN Representatives, we shared and promoted GWI's transparent and powerful vision for girls' education at CSW.

Graduate Women International advocates that access to education for women and girls is both an internationally recognized human right as well as a fundamental enabler to achieve economic growth, human development, and peace and stability in the world. The clarity of the GWI focus on girls' education gives it a unique and valuable position among global NGOs.



Hon. Maryam Monsef, Minister of Status of Women, and Hally Siddons at a Reception at the Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN.



The Commission on the Status of Women is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. It is a commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) established in 1946. The CSW promotes women's rights, communicating the reality of women's lives throughout the world, and shapes global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women. It monitors and reviews progress and problems in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and promotes gender perspective in UN activities.

Preparation for CSW is extensive and results in the compilation of official documents for the CSW sessions. GWI submitted beforehand a Written Statement with the support of six other organizations and worked tirelessly throughout CSW on the Draft Document Recommendations. Our four GWI UN Reps are invaluable in this work.

The ten-day session includes ministerial meetings, expert panel presentations and discussions at the UN, and many Parallel Events off site, open to both delegates and the public. In 2018, there were over 10,000 registered attendees with some 300 Side Events at the UN, and more than 450 Parallel Events off site. The challenge is simply deciding which sessions to attend.

The priority theme this year was Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls. This was a powerful theme as we learned in the many sessions of the realities of life for many rural girls – extreme poverty, hunger, insecurity, climate change and migration. Life is even more challenging for a rural girl with a disability. Yet, innovative actions are taking place; governments and NGOs are working together to make a difference.

The principal outcome of the CSW is the Agreed Conclusions. This contains an analysis of the priority theme and a set of concrete recommendations for governments, civil society and other relevant stakeholders, to be implemented at the international, national, regional and local levels.

Hally Siddons

Proposed Amendments 2018

Amendment 1: Board Meetings

Bylaw 65 reads:

Regular Meetings

65. The Board shall meet a minimum of four (4) times per year by such method and at such time and place as the President may decide. The minutes from all Board meetings shall be made available to the Clubs.

Moved: to delete "Regular" from the heading. To add Regular Meetings. to number 65.

Insert new number 66. Special Meetings.

If amended, the bylaw would read:

Meetings

65. Regular Meetings. The Board shall meet a minimum of four (4) times per year by such method and at such time and place as the President may decide. The minutes from all Board meetings shall be made available to the Clubs.

Insert new 66.

66. Special Meetings. Two (2) or more members of the board may make a request to the president that a meeting be called, specifying the reason for the meeting. The meeting must be held within twenty-one (21) days of receiving the request.

Rationale: There is no provision for calling special meetings at the request of the members of the board. It is usual that this right be vested in board members. Although it may be assumed that boards will be cordial and that requests from board members to call meetings will be granted by the President, this may not be the case.

Amendments 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e: Clarification and updating of Eligible Voters and Voting

2a. In CFUW Articles and Bylaws, Bylaw B. Interpretations. Definitions, the definition reads:

Eligible Voters means designated representatives of Clubs in good standing, members of the Board of Directors,

Regional Directors and Past National Presidents. All may vote at CFUW annual and special general meetings.

Moved: to strike out the words "at CFUW annual and special general meetings" and insert "on motions brought to the voting body as allowed in the CFUW bylaws."

The definition would then read:

Eligible Voters means designated representatives of Clubs in good standing, members of the Board of Directors, Regional Directors and Past National Presidents. All may vote on motions brought to the voting body as allowed in the CFUW bylaws.

Rationale: CFUW now has AGMs, special annual meetings and electronic votes which must be reflected in the bylaws.

2b. The definition reads:

In good standing means having paid any dues and liabilities in full and being in compliance with CFUW's Articles and Bylaws.

Moved: to add the words "policies and procedures and governing documents of CFUW"

The definition would then read:

In good standing means having paid any dues and liabilities in full and being in compliance with CFUW's Articles and Bylaw, policies and procedures and governing documents of CFUW.

Rationale: This brings the definition up to date to the manner in which CFUW governs itself and what is expected.

2c. The bylaw reads:

104. In addition to Club delegates, all Regional Directors, Past National Presidents and current board members shall have one vote each. Each of these non-Club delegate voters shall be allowed only one vote regardless of the number of Eligible Voter positions she holds at the time of the annual general meeting. These non-Club delegates may not vote by proxy.

Moved: to strike out "annual general meet-

ing" and insert "vote"

The bylaw would then read:

104. In addition to Club delegates, all Regional Directors, Past National Presidents and current board members shall have one vote each. Each of these non-Club delegate voters shall be allowed only one vote regardless of the number of Eligible Voter positions she holds at the time of the vote. These non-Club delegates may not vote by proxy.

Rationale: This extends the limit of one vote per member regardless of the number of positions held by the member to all votes taken by CFUW. As with the change to the definition of "eligible voter," the bylaw must reflect all votes taken regardless of whether they are taken at an AGM, a special general meeting or by electronic vote.

2d. The bylaw reads:

107. Individual Clubs members may attend CFUW annual and special meetings whether or not they are eligible to vote and may participate in the discussion at the meeting.

Moved: to insert the words "in good standing" after "members".

The bylaw would then read:

107. Individual Club members in good standing may attend CFUW annual and special meetings whether or not they are eligible to vote and may participate in the discussion at the meeting.

Rationale: This amendment clarifies that to attend and/or vote, the individual member must be in good standing—that is all dues and liabilities are paid in full and the member is in compliance with the CFUW Articles and Bylaws.

2e. The bylaw reads:

51. A Regional Director must reside in the Region. She shall be nominated and and elected by the Clubs in that Region.

Moved: to insert "must be an individual member in good standing of a CFUW Club and" after "A Regional Director".

The bylaw would then read:

51. A Regional Director must be an individual member in good standing of a CFUW club and must reside in the Region. She shall be nominated and elected by the Clubs in that Region.

Rationale: This clarifies that a Regional Director must be in good standing to be elected and therefore be able exercise her right to vote.

Amendment 3: Payment of Dues

The bylaw reads:

15. Dues shall be payable at the revised rate in the CFUW fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the change was approved.

Moved: to strike the word "in' and insert "at the beginning of"

The bylaw would then read:

15. Dues shall be payable at the revised rate at the beginning of the CFUW fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the change was approved.

Rationale: There has been much confusion over when dues changes are implemented. This amendment clarifies the time that dues are payable at the revised rate.

Amendment 4: Vacancies

The bylaw reads:

39. All such appointments occurring in the first year of the two (2) year term shall be ratified by ordinary motion at the next annual general meeting

Moved: to delete the bylaw.

Rationale: Rules for filling vacancies are provided to ensure that the board can continue to function and conduct the business of CFUW. Should a vote of ratification fail at an AGM, the rules of filling vacancies come into play. The board would be required to fill the vacancy by appointment. Nothing prevents the board from appointing the member who failed to receive ratification, and no further action from general membership is permitted as the second year of the term commences at the close of the AGM.

Amendments 5a, 5b, 5c; Full Term of Office and Eligibility

5a. The definition of *Term in Part B* is:

Term means a period of two (2) years unless otherwise stated therein.

Moved: to delete the definition of *Term* and insert:

Term means a term begins at the close of an annual general meeting in which officers are elected. The term ends at the close of the second annual general meeting after that election (approximately 2 years). A member who serves for more than one year shall be deemed to have served one term.

5b. Moved: to add a new 30. under Eligibility

30. A member of the Board who has served more than one year of a term in an office is considered to have served a full term.

Rationale: Robert's Rules of Order states, "In filling vacancies for unexpired terms, an officer who has served more than half a term in an office is considered to have served a full term." RONR (11th ed.) p. 448, ll. 16-18.

By including this in the document, it clarifies the number of terms a board member is eligible to hold office in the case that she has filled a position made vacant by resignation, death or removal from office.

5c. Definition of Past Presidents

Moved: to insert in Part B Definitions:

Past Presidents means members of a CFUW club in good standing who have served at least one term as president of CFUW.

Rationale: This will clarify when someone who has been elected and served part or all of a term may receive the honorary voting privilege. Past CFUW National presidents who do not meet this requirement prior to the 2018 AGM will be grandmothered and will retain their vote. Past National CFUW presidents who are not in good standing and voting will retain their vote only until the end of 2018 AGM. The two conditions will be made clear in the enacting language.

LOOKING AHEAD TO CFUW EVENTS IN 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 8 - CFUW-Ottawa AGM, Algonquin College

May 11-12 – CFUW Ontario Council Annual General Meeting, hosted by CFUW Ajax/Pickering & Oshawa & District

May 29 - Trivia Night, Glen Scottish Restaurant and Pub, Stittsville

June 12 – UWHAW Summer Evening Garden Reception, Voices for Afghan Women VII

June 23 - CFUW-National Electronic Annual General Meeting

September 17, 7 pm – Season Opener, Jean Pigott Place, Ottawa City Hall

October 1, 7:30 pm – General Meeting

November 5, 7:30 pm - General Meeting

Sunday, December 2 – Holiday Party



MEMBERSHIP FLASH

It's that time of year again! Renew your 2018-19 membership either online or by mailing in your completed Registration Form (see Printable Registration Form under Membership at www.cfuw-ottawa.org). Membership renewal letters will be mailed in August to members who have not provided us with an email address.

Membership fees are the same as last year: full is \$115, full-time university or college students are \$50, and dual (second CFUW club) is \$40.

Your email address is your access to the website. It is essential to use only one email address when accessing the CFUW-Ottawa website. If your email has changed since you last registered as a CFUW-Ottawa member or, if you have any questions, please contact me at membership@cfuw-ottawa.org before proceeding.

The printed version of the *Membership Directory* is for sale for \$7. To receive a copy, purchase it when you renew your membership. It will be mailed in November to those that have paid for it. The online directory is available on the website to all current members of CFUW-Ottawa at no additional charge.

In a continuing effort to keep our fees as low as possible, members who wish to receive the *Capital Carillon* in paper format must now pay \$15 per year. To purchase the print version, select the appropriate box on the Registration Form and include \$15 in your payment. Current and back issues in electronic format are available to members (and the general public) on the website at no additional charge (go to www.cfuw-ottawa.org/newsletter.)

Renewing your Membership Online:

LOGIN

- 1. Go to www.cfuw-ottawa.org.
- 2. Click on "**Membership**" (In the blue menu on the left side).
- 3. Choose "Online Renewals" from the sub-menu.
- 4. Login with your email address and password. If this is your first Login or if you have forgotten your password, press "Forgot password" and follow the instructions.

RENEW REGISTRATION

5. Once logged in, the "My profile" page appears. Click

- on "Renew until September 15, 2019" in the white box to the right under Membership details.
- 6. The "Membership renewal" page appears. Review and update your member profile. Once complete, click on "Update and Next" even if there are no changes.
- 7. Review your information then click on "Confirm and proceed with payment".

PAYMENT

- 8. The "My Profile" page reappears with a list of your transactions with the Club. The top listing is the Invoice for Membership Renewal. At this point, choose to either click "Pay Online" or select the Blue Invoice Number to obtain the mailing address to pay by cheque.
- 9. The Online payment option links to the PayPal website where you can either pay using your PayPal account or by credit card. If paying by credit card, enter all the information requested and ensure the address you give is the billing address for the card. PayPal will send you a receipt by email.

If you encounter a problem or have a question, contact me at: membership@cfuw-ottawa.org.

Carol Hinde

Membership Administration Convenor

Ten Years of Service

CFUW-Ottawa is grateful to Margaret Haines for her years of service and leadership in the Scholarship Trust. Under her leadership, the annual scholarship meetings have become truly lovely celebrations for our winners and their families



while at the same time given our members excellent musical performances. As she hands over the reins to Patricia O'Flaherty, we wish her well.



SUMMER EVENING GARDEN RECEPTION

VOICES FOR AFGHAN WOMEN VII

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Place: **52 Forest Hill Avenue**

Hugh & Hally Siddons

\$50 (as in 2017) Cost:

Space is Limited

Deadline: June 9 or while tickets last Register: Alice Bolt after April 26

(ianbolt@sympatico.ca)

613-731-5221

May 8 CFUW-Ottawa AGM Purchase: Cheques Payable to: UWHAW & mail to Alice Bolt, 1531 Caton Street, Ottawa,

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Hally Siddons

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University Women Helping Afghan Women (UWHAW), CFUW-Ottawa, invites you to a pleasant evening of wine (or non-alcoholic drinks), gourmet treats, and an opportunity to hear wellinformed speakers, all in a summer garden by the Canal

Recent UWHAW Scholarship Graduates at Dr. Samar's Gawharshad Institute of Higher Education, Kabul

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Special Guests in 2017: Hon. Maryam Monsef, Patricia Leidl, H.E. Shinkai Karokhail

This year's Special Afghan Guests and Speakers to be confirmed.

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