



Canadian Federation of University Women – Ottawa

Capital Carillon

November General Meeting

DATE: Monday, November 7, 2016
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Riverside United Church/
 Anglican Church of the
 Resurrection,
 3191 Riverside Drive,
 Ottawa, Ont. K1V 8N8
 (across from Mooney's Bay)
SPEAKER: Anita Vandenberg,
 Member of Parliament for
 Ottawa West – Nepean
TOPIC: *It's Time to Act:* Report of
 the Pay Equity Committee
 and its Recommendations
 to Parliament



Anita Vandenberg attended the University of Calgary, earning a B.A. (Hon.), History and Political Science and then received an M.A. in Political and

Constitutional History from York University.

Anita is an international expert on democracy and human rights, who has spent over 10 years upholding the democratic values of freedom, diversity, and social equality, focusing on parliamentary development, political parties and women's political participation.

Anita has worked extensively with United Nations organizations. She was Senior Parliamentary Advisor with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Organization for

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CHARLOTTE RIGBY

Our Season Opener "Welcome and Welcome Back" on September 19 inaugurated our 2016-2017 season in fine style. We greeted over 200 members and friends at City Hall's Jean Pigott Place. We enjoyed it so much that we've booked it for next year's Season Opener on Monday September 18, 2017. Save the date!

As we know, last spring CFUW members considered a motion to withdraw from Graduate Women International (GWI). The motion was defeated at our club AGM last May, and again at June's national AGM. As a result, CFUW continues to be an important member of GWI, with several members serving on GWI Board committees. This year, under the leadership of CFUW President Karen Dunnett, we will be reviewing our relationships, including financial commitments, with GWI. Here in CFUW-Ottawa we welcome a new study and interest group: *Focus on GWI; Our International Arm*. For information, contact conveners Dorothy Phillips and Leila Metcalf.

Those of us who were involved in the drafting and approval of CFUW Policy Resolutions back in 2011 will remember the resolution ***Criminalization of Non-State Actor Torture***. It urged the government to amend the Criminal Code of Canada to recognize torture committed by private citizens as a specific and distinct criminal offence. Linda MacDonald

and Jeanne Searson, CFUW-Truro members, nurses and human rights workers, presented the resolution. Since then, they have worked tirelessly, nationally and internationally, to promote awareness that torture occurs in the private sphere, and that women and girls are disproportionately affected. They have collaborated with MP Peter Fragiskatos (London North Centre) to support private member's **Bill C-242 – An Act to amend the Criminal Code (inflicting torture)**. Bill C-242 has passed second reading in the House of Commons (very

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Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) in Kosovo. In 2008, she was awarded the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal for her work in Kosovo.

Currently, Anita serves on the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs and the Standing committee on the Status of Women. In March, 2016 she was elected as Chair of the Special Committee on Pay Equity. This committee followed up the House of Commons motion calling for the closure of the unacceptable gap in pay between men and women, the acceptance of pay equity as a human right, and the adoption of the recommendations of the 2004 Pay Equity Task Force Report. The final report of the Special Committee, *It's Time to Act*, was tabled on June 9, 2016.

Please join us to hear Anita Vandenberg discuss *It's Time to Act*.

CFUW–Ottawa General Meetings are open to the public. Feel free to invite your family and friends.



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Suggestions and comments always welcome

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rare for a private member's Bill!) and is currently under study by the House Human Rights and Justice Committee. Linda and Jeanne presented testimony to the committee on September 22, and several of us attended the meeting. We have supported the Bill with advocacy letters and will be monitoring its progress.

CFUW's centennial year, 2019, is fast approaching. Back in 1919, CFUW began as an international women's peace initiative. Today, our mission is unchanged: to improve the fundamental rights, freedoms, and opportunities for girls and women both at home and abroad, all in a spirit of friendship. There are a number of special centennial projects being developed. One that we may want to consider is the national *100th Anniversary Notable Woman Awards* project. These special

awards will honour 100 CFUW members "whose contributions have made a distinct and describable difference to the status of women within the broader context and objectives of CFUW." Each club is invited to nominate one member for each 50 members of the club. This means that CFUW-Ottawa can nominate as many as 9 or 10 of our members. But time is short. Completed nomination forms must be submitted by January 31, 2017. For details and the nomination form see: <http://www.cfuwadmin.org/NonMenuPages/CFUW100thAnniversary.aspx>

These are just a few of the issues and events that are on tap for us this year. I encourage you to read about many more in the pages of this issue. Do not hesitate to get involved in those that interest you. Good times and rewarding experiences await!

Ruth Bell Centennial Scholarship Winner Honoured

Faculty and students of The Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's and Gender Studies of Carleton University celebrated scholarship winners at a lunch reception on Friday September 30. We were there to recognize the winner of the CFUW-Ottawa 2016 Ruth Bell Centennial Scholarship, Katherine

Velluso. Worth \$5,000, and first awarded in 2010, the scholarship honours all members of CFUW-Ottawa since 1910. It is awarded annually to an honours student in women's studies who demonstrates high academic achievement.

Charlotte Rigby and **Pierrette MacLean**

Pierrette MacLean (left) and **Charlotte Rigby** (right) present **Katherine Velluso** with the CFUW-Ottawa Ruth Centennial Scholarship Plaque on September 30, 2016. Photo by: **Claire Ryan**.



CFUW-Ottawa Season Opener



CFUW-Ottawa hosted another successful season opener on Monday, September 19 at Jean Pigott Place in the Ottawa City Hall. Two hundred new and returning members came to sign up for one or more of the forty-two Study and Interest or External Outreach groups and to socialize with club friends. Jean Pigott Place, being central and accessible, is an excellent venue for this event. We gained new members just because

they were walking through City Hall and stopped to find out what we were about! Many thanks to Norma Pike and her planning team for making the evening run smoothly and to the many group conveners who assisted members in finding the groups that were "just right for them". As analysis has shown, members who don't join a study or interest group are unlikely to remain with the club so conveners play a key role in membership

retention. We also have to give a big thank you to Mary Broderick and her team who provided delicious nibbles and refreshments and to Judith Neale-Holtzhauer for designing and setting up the fall table arrangements. Our year has started out in style and we hope to see you at the many special events throughout the year. (Photo by Lizz Wilfert)

Christine Rollo

Special Projects Convenor

Autumn Colours, Afghan Talk and Sunday Supper

On Sunday September 25th, 2016, Hally and Hugh Siddons hosted 43 people at their home for a Sunday Supper and an Afghan Talk. The evening included cocktails and tasty appetizers on the heated patio and a delicious dinner created

by Hally. The autumn colours were indeed beautiful and the guests enjoyed dinner and spirited conversation followed by delicious desserts and coffee.



Dr. Rasuli. Photo by: David Bickerton

Our speaker was a talented Afghan surgeon, Dr. Hasina Rasuli, who shared with us her experiences growing up in



Appetizers on the Patio.

Photo by: Lizz Wilfert

Afghanistan, first under the Russian occupation, then under the Taliban, followed by the western allies. She is now working with the elected Afghan government. Dr. Rasuli is the President of AG-CC, an NGO that has developed women-owned small businesses and vocational training courses in Afghanistan. She is a gender expert, consultant to development organizations, journalist and manager of a major United Nations program in a post war environment. Dr. Rasuli has a book scheduled for publication this fall chronicling four strong Afghan women and we look forward to news of her successes.

Lorna Bickerton

Canada's Role in the Global Refugee Crisis



At the October General Meeting, Professor Jennifer Bond gave a stimulating and at times disturbing account of the current refugee crisis.

She reminded us of the definition of a refugee as a person who flees their own country for refuge or safety, as in times of political upheaval or war. In 1951, 144 State parties signed the Refugee Convention and created the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the UN refugee agency. The Refugee Convention outlines the rights of the displaced, as well as the legal obligations of States to protect them. Refugees are defined and protected in international law, and must not be expelled or returned to situations where their life or freedom are at risk. Yet, today we have visual accounts of fleeing refugees being confronted with high barb wire topped fences to prevent their entry to safe asylum.

Professor Bond spoke of her memories of Syria from her time with the UNHCR in Damascus in 2008-2009. Syria was a beautiful tranquil country of olive gardens, bustling markets, spices, minarets and smiling, happy children.

Today, there are 6.6 million internally displaced Syrian people and 4.9 million legal refugees, many of whom

have been displaced for five to six years. Professor Bond noted Canada's welcome to date of over 34,000 Syrian refugees to our country. She told us that Canadians can be proud of the activism that pushed our government to action. Combined with the current political leadership, Canadians moved to help Syrian refugees through private, citizen-led programs. Syrian refugees are now settled in 315 Canadian cities.

Professor Bond was a founding member of the national executive of the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL). Over 1300 lawyers have volunteered to assist private sponsorship groups. Canada is sharing their expertise globally to encourage others to implement private refugee sponsorship. Private refugee sponsorship, citizen-led, is an enviable program that other countries are interested to learn about.

Professor Bond answered questions, including "were contingency plans being made to support both government and private sponsored refugees past their one year of committed support?" More time may be needed to support the refugees with language training, skill and employment opportunities and schooling. She assured the meeting that planning has been underway for ongoing support.

Lorna Bickerton
Program Convenor

CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Trust Fund

Statement of Financial Position as at May 31, 2016	
Assets	
Cash	\$ 16,494
Investments	\$ 569,629
Total Assets	\$ 586,123
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ 1,695
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,695
Net Assets	\$ 584,428

Statement of Operations & Net Assets as at May 31, 2016	
Revenue	
Donations:	
Tax receipted	\$ 17,565
Non tax receipted	\$ 6,231
CFUW-Ottawa	\$ 7,211
Interest	\$ 11,603
Total Revenue	\$ 42,610
Expenses	
Scholarships & Awards:	
Carleton University	\$ 15,500
University of Ottawa	\$ 15,000
Algonquin College	\$ 1,000
Donations:	
Ottawa Little Theatre	\$ 500
CFUW National	\$ 1,500
General & Administrative	\$ 3,299
Total Expenses	\$ 36,799
Net Income	\$ 5,811
Net Assets at May 31, 2015	\$ 578,617
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$ 5,811
Net Assets at May 31, 2016	\$ 584,428

Chartered Accountant Karyn Sheridan compiled CFUW-Ottawa's Scholarship Trust Fund statement of financial position for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2016 on the basis of information provided by management.

Pierrette MacLean
Treasurer, Scholarship Trust Fund



Fun and Games



L to R: Kawsar Kruithoff, Mary Broderick (hidden), Teresa Millis and Sheena Hanley. **Photo by** Valerie Wilmot



L to R: Pat Sprott, Shirley Jacobs, Mary Drummie (hidden) and Nancy Hirschenko. **Photo by** Valerie Wilmot

When you can enjoy an elegant lunch with new and old friends, have a chance to win door and raffle prizes, play bridge and mah-jong and contribute to scholarships for worthy students in today’s difficult financial environment, that’s a good deal. And so it was for 81 women who attended CFUW-Ottawa’s third annual “Bridge, Games and Lunch” event at the historic Royal Ottawa Golf Club on October 3.

A cheque for \$2,693.18 will go to the CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Trust Fund as a result of this pleasant afternoon. Alice Bolt’s imaginative raffle baskets contributed \$255 to that sum. Winners of the games received elegant shoe bags courtesy of Dawn Torsein. Autumn centrepieces created by Manotick’s premier florist Joanne Plummer went home with lucky winners. Door prizes included four complimentary concert tickets for two, courtesy of the NAC Orchestra Young Artists Program, and three sumptuous shawls donated by Christina Torsein-Gillies.

Dawn Torsein, Convener and Alice Bolt, Treasurer would like to express their sincere thanks to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of this year’s luncheon.

Dianne Rummery and Dawn Torsein



L to R: Lynne Bond, Pauline Joyal, Monique Prins and Patricia Elliot. **Photo by:** Valerie Wilmot

Ottawa Walk In Her Shoes Challenge



Women and girls in developing countries must walk an average of 10,000 steps every day to collect the basics their families need to survive – water, food and firewood. This leaves them little time to get an education or earn an income. CARE Canada’s *Walk In Her Shoes* challenge asks Canadians to walk in solidarity with these women to raise funds and awareness to help break the cycle of poverty. Please save the date to join fellow CFUW-Ottawa members in supporting Care Canada at Parliament Hill on March 7, in honour of International Women’s Day.

Location: Parliament Hill (ending at City Hall)

Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

www.walkinher shoes.ca

Notes from the Membership Desk

CFUW-Ottawa is off to an exciting year. At the Season Opener, we welcomed many new members and welcomed back quite a few members returning after an absence. Since people continue to join throughout the year, our numbers are never completely firm but we are certainly holding our own in this age when all organizations are struggling to maintain their memberships.

As of October 15th, we have 446 members including 45 new members and 13 returning members. Many of our new members report that they have joined because a friend encouraged them to attend. That personal contact remains our most effective way of attracting new members so please continue the good work of spreading our message. We are so fortunate to belong to a club that provides us with so many benefits of membership:

- a lecture series that features outstanding speakers at the General Meetings;
- dynamic interest groups to satisfy everyone;
- support for, and the opportunity for participation in, the work of CFUW at the local, national and international levels.

Many thanks to Carol Hinde, our invaluable Membership Administrator and to Aley Samuel and Christine Rollo for the work they do to register us all. Next month, look for a report that outlines where our membership fees go.

Warm wishes to everyone for a memorable and rewarding year in our club!

Judith Neale Holtzhauer
Vice President Membership



National CFUW News

Mentorship Opportunity

CFUW National is again offering a CFUW Mentorship Program. The symbiotic relationship between Mentor and Mentee encourages and enables women to apply their knowledge and skills in leadership and decision-making in the political arena, organizational leadership and the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) fields. Aspiring women have the opportunity to request a CFUW Mentor in any of the designated areas. Our Mentors give back in ways that are specific to the needs of the Mentee. For more information or if you are interested in joining as a Mentor or Mentee in STEAM, Politics or Organizational Leadership please contact Robin Jackson, cfuwed@rogers.com, at the national office with your request by October 31. Matches will be made and communicated in early November.

CFUW National Library Award 2016

The National Library and Creative Arts Committee is responsible for two awards – the Creative Arts Award and the Library Award. Funded by the National Charitable Trust, each is awarded on a biennial basis. Each award is \$4,000.

The 2016 Library Award goes to the Shelldale *Better Beginnings, Better Futures* organization in Guelph, Ontario. This family literacy project utilizes children's books published in multiple languages to engage and encourage members of families new to Canada to learn English and connect with members of their community. The Committee found this project to be sustainable because the goals are realistic and achievable, while potentially

making a huge impact on the lives of members in the community they serve.

Applications for the Creative Arts Award will open January 1st 2017.

The Task Force on CFUW's Way Forward

Stemming from the motion at the National 2016 Annual General Meeting, a Task Force on CFUW's Way Forward held its first meeting on October 1. It will study the implications of increased membership dues for Graduate Women International (GWI). The group will review GWI's financial health, CFUW's financial capacity, and options for a proactive way forward.

The increase in GWI fees approved in Capetown will increase our fee per member by 9 Swiss Francs (CHF) in 2017, CHF 5 in 2018, and CHF 5 in 2019. (We currently pay 15.5 CHF per member; we receive a discount as a large membership national association.) CFUW's national office buys Swiss Francs several times over the year when the exchange rate is low to minimize our currency exchange costs. The rate used in the 2016 – 2017 budget was 1.37 Canadian.

With the constantly fluctuating exchange rate and the fact that CFUW has budgeted the GWI dues at the current CHF 15.5 rate, there are concerns about how CFUW will manage. It has been agreed that CFUW will pay the budgeted CHF 15.5 per member by the beginning of 2017 and the per member increase of CHF 9 at a suitable time during 2017. Future articles in the *Carillon* will provide updated information as it becomes available.

The Great Outdoors

The CFUW Monday hiking group had great fun hiking to Brown Lake on September 26, 2016. The Brown Lake cabin is the biggest lodge in Gatineau Park and runs off solar power. It can accommodate 17 people. When we reached Brown Lake Cabin, we had

lunch sitting on wooden benches around the fire pit. If it the pit had been lit, we thought it would have been nice to roast marshmallow and make s'mores. You will find Brown Lake at the north-east end of the Park, near the village of Wakefield.



Left to right: Irene Ip, Glenys Pike, Leith de Tracey, Sandra Murray, Aleyamma Samuel, Margaret Hart, Christine Rollo, Lynda Dredge, Kati Lyon-Villiger (with her dog Vicky) and Anne Haché (front). **Photo by:** Donna Jacobs

Proposed New Project

Improving Literacy in Northern Communities

The problems of Canada's indigenous peoples have been much in the news for a long time. We hear a lot about Canadian women and other groups sending aid to African women and children – raising money for schools, wells, AIDS victims and orphans. Our own University Woman Helping Afghan Women (UWHAW) group

supports education for Afghan women. A number of our CFUW-Ottawa members are exploring ways to support indigenous youth improving literacy in at least one Northern Community; perhaps by sending books or teaching aids. If you are interested in becoming involved, please e-mail Susan Benn at dhbenn@sympatico.ca.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

J.F. Norwood House (Housing) – A Service of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa

Since 1951, CFUW-Ottawa has been committed to supporting the Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa (EFry), the United Way agency that serves women who have been released from an institution on parole or probation, clients of the Drug Treatment Court and clients from the Ottawa Hospital. Each year in November, CFUW-Ottawa and friends are asked for donations for EFry's J.F. Norwood House and the women living there.

During their stay at Norwood House, the women are offered a safe and encouraging environment where they can focus on education and employment and also have access to other Elizabeth Fry Society services and wider community supports. When they arrive at Norwood, the women have nothing. When they move back into the community, they need basic supplies such as bed sheets, towels, kitchen utensils, lamps, coffee makers, soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, underwear, new socks and much more. A list of needed items will be distributed at the November General Meeting. New items are very much appreciated as they can become gifts for the clients and their children at the annual EFry client Christmas party.

Please contact Christine at 613-739-7732 Christine.marland@gmail.com or Marjorie at 613-523-2545 mmelick@sympatico.ca for information and to drop off items. Please note that donations are needed by November 23rd, for delivery November 24th. Thank you.

**Christine Marland and
Marjorie Melick**
CFUW-Ottawa Representatives
to EFry Ottawa

CFUW Testifies at Parliamentary Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights on Bill C-242 on Non-State Torture



Jeanne Sarson and Linda MacDonald of CFUW-Truro wait to testify supported by CFUW members Lynne Bond and Roberta Balmer on September 22, 2016.

INVITATION

ALL CFUW-OTTAWA MEMBERS ARE WARMLY INVITED

NEW MEMBERS RECEPTION

NOVEMBER 7, 2016

Following the General Meeting

- ✓ Welcome our New Members
- ✓ Share your enthusiasm and interests
- ✓ Enjoy some tasty treats
- ✓ Let's celebrate!



CFUW-OTTAWA HOLIDAY PARTY 2016



Elegant Hot and Cold Buffet: Family and Friends Welcome

Main fundraiser for our [Scholarship Trust Fund](#)

Clark Room, RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016, Noon to 3 p.m.

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

Buy tickets **\$45 (including taxes and service charge)**:

- By contacting Alice Bolt at (613) 731-5221 or at <ianbolt@sympatico.ca>
- At the November General Meeting
- By registering online at www.cfuw-ottawa.org/events.

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

Please contact either Mary Broderick at (613) 421-1445, Suzanne McKellips at 613- 825-9610, Ruth Willison at 613-523-4702 or Alice Bolt at (613) 731-5221 if you can donate prizes or items to be used for the fundraising. The items must be new. The more donations 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 call us. Thanks to the groups who have made donations already.