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### October General Meeting

DATE: Monday, Oct. 5, 2015

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Riverside United Church/

Anglican Church of the

Resurrection,

3191 Riverside Drive, Ottawa. ON K1V 8N8

SPEAKER: Andrea Auger, Reconciliation

& Research Manager, First Nations Child & Family Caring Society of Canada

TOPIC: Equality + Justice for First

Nations Kids = A Better

Canada for All



Andrea Auger was raised in Thunder Bay, Ontario and is Ojibwe from Pays Plat First Nation. After graduating from Lakehead

University (BA (Hons)/B.Ed) in 2006, Andrea went on to complete her MA in French in 2008. Since 2008, she has been working at the Caring Society as the Touchstones of Hope Coordinator and now as the Reconciliation and Research Manager. Andrea specializes in various roles including facilitation of workshops, training, presentations, and Touchstones of Hope sessions as well as coordinating and supervising students and volunteers. Andrea writes proposals for funding and nominations and publications such as alternate UN reports and peer-reviewed journal articles. She coordinates the Caring Society newsletter and the First Peoples Child & Family Review (FPCFR).

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**CHARLOTTE RIGBY** 

Welcome to our 2015-16 Season! This issue is full of news and articles about groups, club events, and CFUW happenings. Here are a few thoughts about what to expect this year:

As we start our 105th year, Canada is undergoing a prolonged federal election campaign. The election results on Oct. 19 may well result in substantial changes to our country's programs and future. It's important for us to speak to issues that are important to Canadian women and families. Our CFUW-Ottawa catchment area encompasses 10 federal constituencies (two in Québec and eight in Ontario) and we advocate to MPs in all 10. CFUW/ Kanata will host an all-candidates meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the Beaverbrook Library, 2500 Campeau Dr. Those of us in Kanata may wish to save the date!

This year, we are all invited to participate in a national discussion about CFUW's relationship with Graduate Women International (GWI) — formerly the International Federation of University Women (IFUW.) This relationship dates from 1919 when CFUW joined with women from Britain and the United States to create an international women's federation. Today, CFUW is a major supporter of IFUW/GWI and is its largest member. Our CFUW National Board, concerned about the relationship and implications for the future of both organizations, has undertaken a national review. Watch for information from the Board and from groups of members working on the issue, about how you can participate. Your input is important.

Save the date Wednesday, Nov. 25, for a great event at Centrepointe. In collaboration with Kick in for Kids, a charitable group which supports Rideau District High School students, we'll enjoy Canadian authors Charlotte Gray and Jane Urquhart in conversation about "Fiction and Nonfiction: Why we do it." The fundraiser will begin with a reception featuring gourmet treats from the Rideau Lakes area, a silent auction, and lots more! For more information, see our website.

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Support for women's education is an important part of our mission, and in 2014-15, our CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Trust Fund (STF) provided over \$30,000 in scholarships to students at Carleton and Ottawa Universities. See inside for details about our two new scholarships this year.

We've all been saddened by the passing of Flora MacDonald in July. Flora was a trailblazer in Canadian politics who inspired women everywhere. An honorary member of CFUW, she was a tireless worker on behalf of women and girls, and her dedication to improving the lot of Afghan women and children made her a very special friend of our club. We remember her fondly.

CFUW offers opportunities for social support, lifelong learning, and community involvement. Experience teaches us that membership is most rewarding for those who participate. The CFUW Ontario Council Biennium Theme: "Dynamic Women Working Together Make a Difference" is very true. Welcome and Welcome back – and have a great year in CFUW-Ottawa!



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www.cfuw-ottawa.org.

#### Meeting — continued

With her background in education, Andrea is passionate about teaching, mentoring, and learning from others, especially children, youth, and Elders. Areas of interest include approaches to reconciliation, conflict resolution, and human rights.

In her work and personal life, Andrea hopes to continue to make a difference in the lives of others and build brighter futures for the generations to come.

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

### CFUW-Ottawa AGM, May 5, 2015



From the top, from left to right, clockwise: 1) Sue Holloway and Jean Chapman; 2) 2015-16 CFUW-Ottawa Executive: Fran Manning, VP Liaison; Jean Chapman, VP Operations; Christine Marland, Secretary; Evelyn Hachey-Horsky, Treasurer; Nancy DeVillers, Past President; and Charlotte Rigby, President; 3) Sue Holloway.

**NOTE:** Missing from the photo of the Executive are: Sue Hurtubise, VP Communications and Judith Neale Holtzhauer, VP Membership. Evelyn resigned as Treasurer this past summer and Janet Riehm accepted the position.

Photos by: Mary Butterill

The highlight of the 2015 CFUW-Ottawa AGM held, as

usual, at Algonquin College's Restaurant International, was welcoming **Sue** 

**Holloway** with an honorary membership. Sue has been coach-

ing the CFUW Dragonauts since inception in 2012-13 and is a two-time Olympian medallist. She was the first woman and first Canadian to compete in both Summer and Winter Games in the same year, in the 1976 Winter Olympics in cross-country skiing and in the 1976 Summer Olympics in canoe sprint. She competed during the 1970s and 80s, winning both a silver and a bronze medal in women's canoe sprint at the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles in 1984. She was inducted into the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame in 1986. Sue was well received as the keynote speaker at the CFUW Ontario Council AGM hosted by Ottawa on May 29-30, 2015.

### Defying the Odds - CFUW Ontario Council AGM 2015

From all reports, the Ontario Council AGM sand Conference, hosted May 29-30, 2015 by CFUW-Ottawa at the Hilton Garden Inn Ottawa Airport, was a resounding success. Those of you who attended can vouch for the excellent speakers — Denise Chong, Tina Fedeski, Sadiqa Basiri, and keynote speaker Sue Holloway. They informed us, entertained us, inspired us, and challenged us to "Defy the Odds" and accomplish our goals. And they succeeded in using their stories as

examples of the "You can do it" philosophy which has enabled them to overcome challenges and be the best they can be. What a treat it was to listen to them!

We were privileged to have representatives from many Ontario clubs at the conference. In addition to Brenda Robertson, Ontario Council President, and the provincial Board of Directors, we had Doris Mae Oulton, CFUW National President, who spoke to us about her travels to many clubs across the country, and

provided highlights of their activities in advocacy, increasing membership, and broadening involvement by joining other women's groups for targeted activities. In addition, Brenda Robertson's interactive presentation on the topic "Leadership in Your Club" gave us



Ontario Council President Brenda Robertson, City of Ottawa Deputy Mayor Mark Taylor, and AGM LAC Co-Chair Natalie Lam **Photo by:** Sue Chapman

good practical ideas and strong interaction with our table groups.

My thanks to each member of the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) who worked very hard for 16 months to make sure that the conference was the very best we could provide. Thanks to all who attended and helped create such a positive and welcoming atmosphere. Next year, on May 13-14, 2016, we will be hosted by CFUW Orangeville and District — mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Nancy DeVillers
Co-Chair, Local Arrangements
Committee (LAC)
Ontario Council AGM 2015



LAC members, from left to right: Nancy DeVillers, Natalie Lam, Charlotte Rigby, Sue Chapman, Lynne Bond, Joan Bell-Scott, Janet Riehm, Nancy Vrooman, Pat Burns, and Ann Flynn Missing from photo: Anne Alper, Jean Chapman, Carol Hinde, and Denise Johnson. Photo by: Attendee, on Sue Chapman's camera

#### Age Discrimination in Ontario Employee Benefit Programs

CFUW-Ottawa is in process of submitting a resolution to CFUW Ontario Council regarding discrimination in Ontario employee benefit programs. In Canada, only the federal government and federally-regulated employers are legally required to provide employee benefit plans. Other employers who provide benefit plans must meet provincial Employment Standards Acts (ESAs). The Ontario Employment Standards Act, 2000 (S.O. 2000, c.41) proclaims every individual is equal before and under the law, has the right to protection, and shall not be discriminated against, including discrimination based on age. No employer shall provide, offer, or arrange for a benefit plan that treats employees differently because of their age, sex, or marital status. However, <u>Ontario Regulation 286/01: Benefit Plans (O.Reg. 286/01)</u>, clearly limits participation in benefit plans to employees "who are 18 or over but under 65".

One may well ask how the Ontario Government can say on one hand that an employer cannot discriminate against an employee based on age and yet give employers that right under *Ontario Regulation 286/01*. If the notification that an individual was no longer eligible for employee group benefits because she had turned 65 actually read that the individual was no longer eligible for benefits

because she was a woman, or a person of colour, or disabled, etc., striking down such restrictions would be so obvious as to not even require discussion. But clear discrimination for those over 65, and indeed, for those under 18, is currently acceptable.

Our intention to submit this resolution will be forwarded to the CFUW Ontario Council on Oct. 1 and the final resolution submitted on Nov. 15. If you wish more information, or would like to be involved in this process, please contact me at <a href="mailto:fe.manning@rogers.com">fe.manning@rogers.com</a> or by phone at (613) 830-3086.

**Fran Manning**VP Liaison



The 97th CFUW National AGM and Conference was held June 18-21 with the theme "River and Tides, Women on the Move." We were well-represented with 14 CFUW-Ottawa members attending.

Hally Siddons and Leila Metcalf gave a well-attended workshop "Building a Voice for Women: One Club Charts a Route" that reviewed the history of our University Women Helping Afghan Women (UWHAW) Group and how it helps Afghan women help themselves. Hally described how we identified an international need; built a working group of like-minded women; and developed an effective group action plan and program. UWHAW funds scholarships for Afghan girls and women, supports Afghan students in Canada, and raises awareness among our members and friends.

A new feature this year was a space for individual club poster presentations.

# CFUW AGM 2015 in Québec City

It was a hit! Our poster "CFUW-Ottawa: Reaching Out to the World at Home" presented four groups with international connections: Diplomatic Hospitality; International Women's Day; HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters); and UWHAW. See the poster at cfuw-ottawa.org/Why-join-CFUW-Ottawa. Posters are a great way for clubs to show what they are doing (they included the "Early Learning and Child Care" project of CFUW's Toronto Caucus, and "Promoting Plain Language/ Clear Writing" from CFUW Saugeen) and the poster area was a natural spot to gather and talk about each other's initiatives. We expect an expanded poster space next year.

An extremely important session was the Town Hall where President Doris Mae Oulton introduced the process that CFUW will use to review and evaluate our relationship with Graduate Women International (GWI) (formerly IFUW, the International Federation of University Women). The Primary Question: What are the member benefits and outcome measurements for CFUW in relationship to our mission for the resources (financial and human) invested in GWI? Doris Mae presented three components for consideration:

- Component #1: Understanding the CFUW relationship with and expectations associated with the GWI.
- Component #2: Identifying the activities, outputs, and results of the GWI.
- Component #3: Funds/Financial.

The issues and the review process are both controversial. The next stage is an online discussion over the course of the next year. We will be invited to respond to three sets of questions, and the process will conclude at the 2016 AGM. For more details, see www.cfuw.org/en-ca/aboutus/ ifuw-gwi/ifuw-gwigoingforward.aspx.

I urge you to study and consider very carefully the information and discussion points that have been prepared by the CFUW Board, and by groups of members. The outcome of the process and the decisions made will determine the future of both CFUW and GWI.

> **Charlotte Rigby** President, CFUW-Ottawa

### **Something New! Something Special!**

#### SAVE THE DATE!

### **NEW MEMBERS** RECEPTION

NOV. 2, 2015

- Meet and welcome our New Members at the November **General Meeting**
- Hear Speaker Byronie Baxter, Executive Director, EFry Ottawa
- Indulge in Tasty Treats

# **CFUW-OTTAWA** HOLIDAY PARTY 2015

Clark Room, RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015, Noon to 3 p.m.

#### Main fundraiser for our Scholarship Trust Fund

Elegant Hot and Cold Buffet - Family and Friends Welcome

Bake Sale ● Grab Bags ● Raffle ● Door Prizes Silent Auction ● Entertainment, & more

Buy Tickets \$40 (incl. taxes and service charge):

- By contacting Alice Bolt at (613) 731-5221 or at <a href="mailto:ianbolt@sympatico.ca">ianbolt@sympatico.ca</a>; or,
- At the Oct. 5 & Nov. 2 General Meetings; or,
- By registering online at www.cfuw-ottawa.org/events.



### **CFUW AGM 2015: Policy Resolutions**

Fran Manning, VP Liaison

Two main and two emergency resolutions were presented at the CFUW AGM in Québec City in June. Delegates approved the two main resolutions and one of the emergency resolutions. These three resolutions are now CFUW policy and CFUW clubs may now take action to raise awareness on these issues.

The two new main policies are:

- 1. SAVING OUR POLLINATORS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT: MORATORIUM ON THE USE OF NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES (CFUW Edmonton). This policy has three clauses: the first urges all levels of government to immediately implement a moratorium on the sale and use of neonics; the second calls for the government to obtain or conduct independent scientific studies on the effects of neonics prior to lifting the moratorium; and the last calls for the government to make the full, unabridged results of these studies available to Canadians for review and discussion prior to lifting the moratorium. This was the same resolution and wording that passed at our Resolutions Meeting in February.
- 2. REDUCING CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH THE USE OF CARBON TAXES (CFUW Victoria). This policy has three clauses: the first urges the three levels of government to implement a national, comprehensive, and predictable carbon tax to reduce greenhouse gases; the second urges that Canada adopt carbon taxes as the centre of a robust national climate action plan; and the last urges Canada to support the adoption of carbon taxes and other carbon reduction strategies around the world. This resolution passed without amendment, as approved at our February General Meeting.

CFUW defines an emergency resolution as one which requires immediate sup-

port and advocacy and can't wait the full 15-month CFUW resolutions process. The first emergency resolution on the Murdered and Missing proposed by CFUW Barrie presented to the AGM delegates called on the Government of Canada to engage the expertise of indigenous leaders and women's organizations to combat violence against indigenous women and to report annually on progress. It was NOT approved as meeting the criteria for an emergency resolution, given that this ongoing issue is already addressed in CFUW policy on violence against women.

The second met the criteria for a CFUW emergency resolution based on timing and need, and was approved. This new policy is:

3. PHYSICIAN ASSISTED DEATH (CFUW Belleville and District). It has one resolved clause: that CFUW urge the Government of Canada to create national legislation codifying an individual's right to physician assisted death while simultaneously protecting individuals identified as vulnerable, and that this legislation includes, but is not limited to: 1. Amendments to the relevant sections of the Criminal Code to allow competent individuals the right to choose physician assisted death while protecting individuals identified as vulnerable; and 2. The right of an individual to create a living will and advanced directive for their end of life care, while competent, to be legally enforceable should they become incapable of making those decisions.

The full and final texts of the three policies are found online at: <a href="www.fcfdu.org/Portals/0/Advocacy/Resolutions/Adopted%20Resolutions%202015.pdf">www.fcfdu.org/Portals/0/Advocacy/Resolutions/Adopted%20Resolutions%202015.pdf</a> and will be added to the CFUW Policy Book. In October, we will receive tools and action plans to advocate for these policies. All members are encouraged to join us in continuing this incredibly important aspect of CFUW.

### CFUW-Ottawa's New Banner



Our new banner was launched at the CFUW Ontario Council AGM in Ottawa on May 29-30, 2015, where it was well received.

It incorporates CFUW's new blue-green colour scheme and slogan: "The Power of Women Working Together" (in English and in French). The image of the Parliament Buildings was adapted from the logo created by Pat Paterson for the 2010 CFUW AGM hosted by Ottawa during our Club's centennial year. Great photos of our Hiking, Madri-Gals, and Dragonauts Groups represent the myriad activities of the Club. Note that our website address features prominently on the banner.

The banner was developed last Club year by Gayle Bertrand, former Membership Services officer at the CFUW National Office here in Ottawa, assisted by Charlotte Rigby and Mary Butterill. Gayle had previously designed comparable banners for several other CFUW clubs using Adobe Illustrator software. The roll-up, very portable banner was produced cost-effectively by Vizual Tek Displays.



We extend sincere condolences to longtime active CFUW-Ottawa member Marilyn Dawson on the death of her husband Peter H. Dawson in Ottawa on Friday, June 12, 2015, after a sudden illness. Marilyn is a member of the Wednesday Duplicate Bridge Group, International Cuisine I, and Literature Study Group II.

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*.

# CFUW Dragonauts 2015 Another Successful Team Effort

For the third year in a row, we fielded a team of hardy, dedicated women from CFUW-Ottawa and CFUW/Kanata to participate in Tim Horton's Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival. Planning began early and we were on the Rideau River practicing by mid-May.

Our goals this year were: 1) to again be good fundraisers so we could paddle in the Friday night Charity Challenge Cup Race, to which the 16 highest fundraisers are invited; 2) to beat our previous best time of 2:59:90; and 3) to have as much fun as ever.

Well, two out of three is not bad!

We were the 15<sup>th</sup> best fundraiser, raising \$6,668.86 for the charities. As a result, we enjoyed participating in the opening ceremonies and getting out on the water for the Friday race. An excellent

profit from our participation in the Great Glebe Garage Sale really helped make this happen.

We did not quite beat last year's time, but we blame it on strong crosswinds.

We did have lots of fun. Between the six practices, the garage sale, and the excitement of race day, new friendships were formed and old rekindled. The magic of being out together on the river is a large part of the appeal.

Sue Holloway, Olympian and honorary CFUW-Ottawa member, was our coach and drummer. Her encouragement and good humour are irreplaceable. Her daughter Alexandra was our steersperson, and we all paddled our best.

This not-for-profit dragon boat festival is the largest one in North America. Two hundred boats competed and over \$316,000 was raised for charity. The Dragonauts are delighted to have been a part of this.

If you are interested in joining us in 2016, contact Patricia O'Flaherty at pmoflaherty@gmail.com.

**Kringen Henein** Dragonauts 2015



#### **Dragonauts 2015**

From left to right: Front row (kneeling): Lois Siegel, Jennifer Hasson, Liz Weber, Wanda Nowosielski, Laureen Silke, Ann Flynn, and Kringen Henein

**Back row (standing):** Sue Roseman, Doreen Dyck, Gail Christison, Adell Hay, Kathy Greiner, Leila Metcalf, Beth Doubt, Jennifer Rose, Esther Earle, Patricia O'Flaherty, Sheila Pepper, Liza Zaslavsky, Iza Morawiecka, and Jennifer Rae **Photo by:** Paul Jean

### **CFUW-OTTAWA PRESIDENT INTERVIEWED ON TV**

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, CFUW-Ottawa President Charlotte Rigby was interviewed on "daytime Ottawa" by host Derick Fage and co-host Catherine Marion (Rogers TV, Cable 22). The live interview lasted about seven minutes. Nancy DeVillers had also been interviewed on this show in September 2012 and 2013, during her presidency.

Charlotte outlined the scope, goals, and activities of CFUW-Ottawa. Her key messages about the Club included: 1) its increasing inclusivity; 2) its national and international reach; 3) its abiding mission since inception a century ago to work for

social justice, support education, improve the status of girls and women, and ensure a sustainable future; and 4) its broad range of activities: advocacy on issues, fundraising for and awarding scholarships, many popular study and interest groups (touching on fun ones such as Easy Gourmet and Book Clubs). The upcoming Season Opener on Monday, Sept. 21 at Ottawa's City Hall was highlighted and promoted in the interview, reinforced by an onscreen announcement "Welcome and Welcome Back" that rotated periodically with a visual of the Club website address, Twitter account, and Facebook logo.



Charlotte Rigby in the Rogers TV Studio with Catherine Marion and Derick Fage **Photo by:** Nancy Simmons-Wright

### Canada's Ambassador to Afghanistan Meets With UWHAW

On a lovely July day, a group of University Women Helping Afghan Women (UWHAW) members met with Canada's Ambassador to Afghanistan, Deborah Lyons, to explore how we could work together for the women of Afghanistan.

Ambassador Lyons thanked us for our efforts and engagement in Afghanistan and encouraged us to keep Canadians interested in Afghanistan, to continue to provide money for girls' education in Afghanistan, and to keep up the noise level with the media. She emphasized that the world needs good news stories and appreciated our submission to *The Maple Leaf = La Feuille d'érable* (the newsletter of the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Forces) which reinforced that Afghanistan and Afghan women and girls are still a priority for Canada.

The central focus of her message was the need to "stay the course in Afghanistan". She used the analogy of "training wheels" to underscore that need — a requirement

until Afghanistan can get up and away solo. She believes that Afghanistan is trending toward stability but that international support is still required.

Ambassador Lyons is committed to women's issues. She has been hosting a Reception Series to highlight women in the martial arts, music, journalism, *et cetera*. She has offered to Skype or video UWHAW into one of the receptions. She sits on an Advisory Committee on gender spending co-chaired by Rula Ghani, First Lady of Afghanistan, and offered

to send us the public minutes. She has offered her residence in Kabul as a meeting place to the soon-to-be-approved Graduate Women International (GWI) Afghan affiliate and hopes to assist in getting Afghan representation at the GWI



From left to right: Front row: Fran Harding, Iza Morawiecka, and Ambassador Deborah Lyons Middle row: Joan Bell-Scott, Judith Neale Holtzhauer, and Deirdre Abernethy Back row: Mary Partington, Hanneke Boadway-Overbeek, Hally Siddons, Norma Pike, and Eileen Olexiuk Photo by: Tara Fischer

Triennial in South Africa in 2016. We were delighted to meet Ambassador Lyons and appreciated her encouragement.

Norma Pike

University Women Helping Afghan Women Study and Interest Group

## Changes to CFUW-Ottawa's Scholarship Trust Fund Indenture

The Trustees of the CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Trust Fund (STF), with the approval of the CFUW-Ottawa Board, are proposing slight changes to the Indenture for the Fund. We announced at the last AGM that we would be putting these changes to the membership at the first General Meeting on Oct. 5.

The main change to the Indenture is an increase in the number of Trustees to six from five, elevating the Funds Raised Chair from an observer to a full Trustee with voting privileges. This recognizes the importance of the liaison between fundraising and the Scholarship Trust Fund. The other small change describes the Club Treasurer as a Trustee rather than as a Member-at-Large. The Club Treasurer has always been a voting Trustee of the STF. Both of these Trustees are appointed by the CFUW-Ottawa Board for the

duration of their terms as the Club's Funds Raised Chair and Treasurer, respectively. The STF Chair and Treasurer are also appointed by the Board while the Secretary and Scholarship Convenor are appointed by the other STF Trustees. The increase in the number of Trustees with voting privileges correspondingly increases the quorum from three to four.

Appendix A of the indenture document, which lists and outlines the terms of all STF scholarships, has also changed. We are deleting the Lois Harper Scholarship at the University of Ottawa as it is no longer funded. However, we are adding two new scholarships — a Scholarship for an Indigenous Student at Algonquin College worth \$1,000, which was approved this Spring by the Board, and the Earl Connell Foundation Scholarship at Carleton worth \$1,000, added this year

thanks to the generosity of the Trustees of that Foundation, and in particular, Hally Siddons. The Earl Connell Foundation previously made a donation of \$1,000 each year and it is this funding which will cover the costs of the scholarship. All other scholarships stay the same.

On behalf of the Scholarship Trust Fund Trustees, I will be making a motion to approve these changes at the General Meeting on Oct. 5. Click here to view the current STF Trust Indenture document, last updated in September 2015, located in the Scholarships and Donating section of the CFUW-Ottawa website.

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact me or the CFUW-Ottawa President, Charlotte Rigby. Thank you.

Margaret Haines

Chair, Scholarship Trust Fund

# Voices for Afghan Women IV

This was the triumph of hope over despair!" said Sally Armstrong, renowned Canadian journalist and humanitarian, describing the graduation ceremony at the Gawharshad Institute of Higher Education (GIHE) in Kabul. She was speaking at Voices for



Sally Armstrong

Photo by: Lois Siegel

Afghan Women IV, the annual June garden party hosted by Hally Siddons, who leads CFUW-Ottawa's University Women Helping Afghan Women (UWHAW). The focus on June 16, as always, was to support Afghan women, and, most importantly, to raise funds for scholarships to GIHE for deprived female Afghan students who would otherwise be barred from higher education.

"You should be proud of yourselves," Ms. Armstrong told UWHAW, whose four-year scholarship support has enabled the first cohort of funded students to graduate. Her friend, Dr. Sima Samar, GIHE's founder and UWHAW's inspiration, had wanted to "grab young people out of the ashes" of the Taliban regime, to become Afghanistan's future nation builders, the girls as well as the boys. The students at Gawharshad come from many different tribes, Sunni and Shia Moslems living together, ten to an apartment. "Their thirst to learn is unsurpassed." Ms. Armstrong recalled the incredulous faces of the parents, remembering the strictures of the Taliban when their daughters were small children, now watching them graduate. Without international support such as ours, this could not have happened.

This year, inspired by UWHAW's efforts, further funds were raised by university women outside Canada (Women Graduates-USA), sufficient for an extra scholarship. President of WG-USA, Louise McLeod, presented this contribution to CFUW-Ottawa President, Charlotte

Rigby — a fine example of co-operation with potential for future endeavours within Graduate Women International.

Guests included Mr. Dawood Qayomi, Counsellor and Chargé d'Affaires at the Embassy of Afghanistan, currently the Acting Ambassador,

and The Hon. Chris Alexander, current Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and a former Ambassador to Afghanistan. Several Afghans currently resident in Canada were also present, along with numerous members and friends of CFUW. Mr. Qayomi told us that the students at the Gawharshad Institute were the future and backbone of his country. He spoke of a growing awareness of the need for gender equality in Afghanistan and said that more Afghan women than ever are acting in key roles. International assistance is still essential, however, and he promised co-operation. Chris Alexander spoke of the UWHAW group as one of the "most continuous and selfless" supporters of Afghan women. "Conscious of the work that still needs to be done" in Afghanistan, the Government of Canada knows that "the people who care must stay the course."

Sally Armstrong passionately reinforced these messages, saying that the programs in which the students enrol, such as Conflict Resolution and Peace Building, empower them, by the acquisition of facts



From left to right: Hally Siddons, Charlotte Rigby, Sally Armstrong, and Mary Partington Photo by: Alison Hobbs

and arguments, "to be strong enough to say no to violence." The young man and young woman representing the others at their graduation ceremony spoke of a peaceful and prosperous future, when Afghanistan's citizens would be equal. It is significant that the Afghan President, Dr. Ashraf Ghani, is on the Board of Directors of GIHE.

Ms. Armstrong, who has written several books on the subject, believes that the rising up of women in impoverished parts of the world is a new and encouraging phenomenon; their emancipation is the ticket to future prosperity.

#### **Alison Hobbs**

University Women Helping Afghan Women Study and Interest Group

# Recent CFUW-Ottawa Appointments/Changes

Janet Riehm replaces Evelyn Hachey-Horsky as CFUW-Ottawa Treasurer and Scholarship Trust Fund Trustee.

**Christine Rollo** replaces Nancy Simmons-Wright as **Special Projects Convenor**.

**Lynne Bond** replaces Mary Butterill as **Annual Report Editor.** 

Sandra Bassett resigned from the Program Committee, which currently includes Suzanne Belliveau, Alicia Natividad, Edeltraud Neal, and Ann Schachhuber.

Patricia O'Flaherty replaces Adell Hay as Chair, CFUW-Ottawa Dragonauts.

Lorna Bickerton replaces Hally Siddons and Judith Neale-Holtzhauer as Chair, University Women Helping Afghan Women. Christine Marland replaces Alice Bolt as Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa representative.

**Tammy Shaw** replaces Patricia Bays as **Madri-Gals Choir Director**.

### Kudos to Our Recent Community Service Award Winners!

Congratulations to Janet Hagey and Fran Harding, CFUW-Ottawa members who were recognized recently for their community service.

On Tuesday, May 5, 2015, Janet received the Vanier Community Service Centre's Family Sector Award for her outstanding volunteer engagement with HIPPY Ottawa (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters). Janet co-founded CFUW-Ottawa's HIPPY Community Service Project in 2011 and has co-chaired it since inception, becoming the sole Chair for 2015-16. On June 6, 2015, CFUW received a Certificate of Appreciation for CFUW-Ottawa's volunteer work with HIPPY, pictured above right.

On Saturday, April 25, 2015, Fran Harding received a Leading Women/Leading Girls Community Builders Certificate of Recognition from the Ontario Women's Directorate in a ceremony hosted by Yasir Naqvi, MPP for Ottawa Centre. Fran was recognized and



Janet Hagey, with Raymond Delage, President of the Board of Directors of the Vanier Community Service Centre (VCSC) and on the right, Michel Gervais, VCSC Executive Director. **Photo by:** Bill Aikman

celebrated for decades of commitment to the community. She volunteers her time and talents at iSisters Technology Mentoring Inc., Cornerstone Housing for Women, and the Heron Emergency





From left to right: Yasir Naqvi, MPP Ottawa Centre, Fran Harding, and Catherine Lewis, iSisters Technology Mentoring Inc. Photo by: John Harding

Food Centre (operated under the auspices of the Ottawa Food Bank), among others.

#### Another Sold-Out Event for CFUW-Ottawa! Golf, Bridge, and Lunch at Larrimac Golf Club

On June 26, 77 ladies enjoyed a sunny day on the golf course or playing bridge on the veranda overlooking the lovely course, and joining for a delicious lunch. Besides the morning activities, guests were offered opportunities to add extra revenue to the Scholarship Trust Fund (raffle, 50/50, and "Guess the Number of Tees"). Prizes were awarded for golf and bridge and numerous door prizes were presented at the end of the day.

The profit of **\$2,162.21** will be presented to the trustees of the Scholarship Trust Fund at the October General Meeting. Special thanks are extended to:

- The organizing committee: Valerie Wilmot, Alice Bolt, Jane Wandell, Sheila McDonell, Wilma Clapham, Nancy Vrooman, and Darlene Page;
- Friends, for their generous donations;
- Everyone who attended; and



From left to right, clockwise: Darlene Page, Barbara Ryan, Wendy Cohen, and Saba Fatemizadeh Photo by: Val Wilmot

The staff at the Larrimac Golf Club.
The comments received from the guests were very positive and many of them mentioned that they'd like to see this event return next year.

Alice Bolt

Golf, Bridge, and Lunch Organizing
Committee



From left to right: Linda Kelly, Sandra Chenard, Lynn Pratt, and Alice Bolt Photo by: Attendee, on Sandra Chenard's camera

#### In Memoriam



Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Jessie Love, Margaret Oldham, and Ann Tomlinson, former members of CFUW-

Ottawa who recently passed away. Their obituaries can be found online by searching under their names.

# Jessie Elizabeth Love, 1933-2015 (née Story)

Jessie passed away on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, after a prolonged illness. Jessie is remembered fondly and will be sorely missed by her many CFUW-Ottawa friends. She was a co-convenor for the Club's National Gallery Group and for its Music Appreciation Group. Playing duplicate bridge at Sandy Hill, the Historical Study Group, Scottish Country dancing, and the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers Campaign, kept her busy and involved.

A memorial service and reception was held in Jessie's beloved Cityview United Church, on June 24. Jessie's obituary was published in the *Ottawa Citizen* from June 17 to 20, 2015.

#### Margaret Oldham, 1945-2015

Margaret passed away peacefully on Friday,

Aug. 14, 2015, after a lengthy battle with cancer. Margaret was active in CFUW-Ottawa's Diplomatic Hospitality Service Group, Literature Study Group V, and Lunching Out Group II (Wednesdays).

She had a passion for early child-hood education and served as Principal of Robert E. Wilson Public School in Vanier. She was a chorister, an organist, a skilled textile artist, and a language teacher, who, as a wife and mother, steered her family through many foreign service assignments. Her experience living with various cultures also made her a vital asset to CFUW-Ottawa's Literature Study and Diplomatic Hospitality Groups.

A memorial service was held on Aug. 28 at The Church of St. Bartholomew, New Edinburgh. Margaret's obituary was published in the *Ottawa Citizen* from Aug. 18 to 20, 2015.

#### Ann Landreth Tomlinson, 1928-2015 (née Lawrence)

Ann passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015, after a long illness. She had been active in our club for many years. In the mid-1970s, Ann was one of the first cross-country ski coordinators in the Gatineau Trails Group. Our members who skied and hiked with her for over 20 years,

remember her leadership, enthusiasm, good humour, and sense of adventure.

She was also active in the Britannia United Church, Girl Guides of Canada, and the Nakkertok Nordic Cross Country Ski Club. A trailblazer, Ann graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1949, a time when few women went to university and even fewer studied commerce. She became the first woman to curl at the Mayflower Curling Club. In 1991, at age 63, she did a three-week canoe trip on the Nahanni River, an adventure which she never forgot.

An interment ceremony took place on Sept. 16. A Celebration of Life and reception will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Sept. 29 at Britannia United Church, 985 Pinecrest Rd. Ann's obituary was published online only.

# CFUW-OTTAWA ABRIDGED INCOME STATEMENT

June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015

#### REVENUE

Membership Fees	54,015
Advertising	350
Interest	442
Other, Miscellaneous	180
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 54,987

#### **EXPENDITURES** Fees (CFUW, Ontario Council, 36,617 EFry, OCW) Donations (CFUW-Ottawa STF, 3,200 OLT, CFUW National) Publications (Carillon, Directory, 6,465 Annual Report, Brochures, Website Administration) Program (Honoraria, etc.) 521 Executive (Travel & Expenses) 2.344 Operations (Bank, PayPal, 4,380 Secretary, Advertising, Rental, Registration) TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 53.527 **SURPLUS** \$ 1,460

The complete Financial Statements with comments, as at May 31, 2015, will be presented for members' approval at the October General Meeting.

Janet Riehm

Treasurer, CFUW-Ottawa, 2015-16

#### 2015-16 CFUW-Ottawa Membership Directory - Print Version

Again this year, the print version of the CFUW-Ottawa Membership Directory is for sale to members for \$6 (including taxes and mailing). Paper copies will be provided ONLY to those members who purchase the directory **before Oct. 15.** 

The information for the Directory is taken directly from the CFUW-Ottawa website. The names of members who have not renewed **by Oct. 15** will **not** appear in the printed Directory.

To review your profile on the website for accuracy, go to <a href="www.cfuw-ottawa.org">www.cfuw-ottawa.org</a> and login at the orange box in the upper right-hand corner. If you do not have a password, press "Forgot password". Once you have logged in, the information in that orange box will change. Instead of "Login," it will have a link to "View profile". Click

the "View profile" link to review and update your contact information, including the section on "Additional information".

Note that the "Member since" date shown is the date when data for most members was loaded into the online database. If you wish to have it changed, contact me at <a href="membership@cfuw-ottawa.org">membership@cfuw-ottawa.org</a> and I will make the adjustment.

If you have not purchased a printed directory during the registration or renewal process and wish one, contact me at <a href="mailto:membership@cfuw-ottawa.org">membership@cfuw-ottawa.org</a> or mail a cheque for \$6 (made out to CFUW-Ottawa) to Carol Hinde at 77 Wayling Avenue, Vanier, ON K1L 6A5, **before Oct. 15**.

#### Carol Hinde

Membership Administration Convenor