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# Capital Carillon

### March General Meeting

DATE: Monday, March 14, 2016

**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Riverside United Church/

Anglican Church of the

Resurrection.

3191 Riverside Drive, Ottawa. ON K1V 8N8

SPEAKER: Dr. James K. Wright,

Professor of Music. Carleton

University

**TOPIC:** Music studies in higher

education in Canada, specifically, Carleton's innovative Carillon Studies

program

STF AWARDS: CFUW-Ottawa

Scholarship Trust Fund

(STF) Awards for 2015-16

**RECITAL:** Details to be confirmed

Please join the CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Trust Fund Trustees at the annual CFUW-Ottawa Scholarship Evening.

Our speaker, Canadian composer and musicologist **James Wright** has taught at Wilfrid Laurier University, McGill University, the University of



Ottawa, and Carleton University, where he is a Professor of Music and Supervisor of Performance Studies in the School for Studies in Art and Culture. In 2002, his PhD dissertation on Schoenberg and Wittgenstein was awarded a Governor General's Gold Medal, the first time in McGill University's history that

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**CHARLOTTE RIGBY** 

This issue is full of news about the many (and very varied) social events we are planning this spring, starting with our International Women's Day (IWD) celebration on March 8. See details inside, and plan to attend and enjoy this special event. Later the same week, on Saturday, March 12, are the one-day CFUW Ontario Council Standing Committees meetings in Toronto. These meetings are always worth the trip, with excellent speakers and opportunities to meet fellow members from all over Ontario. If you think you'd be interested, please let me know!

Our General Meeting on Monday, March 14 is our annual special "Scholarship Meeting". It's a real treat to meet our winners for 2015-16, including the winners of our newest scholarships, the Sherrylyn Sarazin Scholarship for an Indigenous student at Algonquin College and The Earl B. Connell Foundation Award for a music student at Carleton University. Our speaker, Prof. James Wright of the Carleton School of Music will share the plans for the Dominion Carillon during the scheduled Parliament and Peace Tower renovations.

Save the date for a special daytime meeting on April 15 (details to be arranged). Club member Susan Russell, Vice President of Graduate Women International (GWI), will introduce us to GWI (formerly the International Federation of University Women or IFUW), and share her thoughts on the CFUW-GWI relationship. This is an extremely timely and important issue, because notice has been given that a proposal to amend the CFUW constitution to enable CFUW's withdrawal from GWI will be discussed at the national AGM in

St. Catharines in June. Such action would fundamentally change the character of CFUW. Plan to attend this important meeting on April 15 and hear Susan's presentation. See more information inside this and the next issue of the *Carillon*; and join the online discussion forum at <a href="https://www.cfuwforum.org">www.cfuwforum.org</a>.

The very popular Musical Lunch has become a Musical Dinner this year (due to renovations at the National Arts Centre). It will be held May 17 in Le Café at the NAC, and we'll have the whole restaurant this time! It would be wise to register early, as a sellout is certain. See details inside.

The Dragon Boat Races are on June 23-26. Our CFUW-Ottawa Dragonauts had a terrific year last year, and are recruiting paddlers for this year. I've just seen a video of last year's races at <a href="https://www.break.com/embed/2507983">www.break.com/embed/2507983</a>. Have a look — and then get in touch with Trish O'Flaherty to join the team!

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this distinction was conferred upon a musicologist.

Professor Wright has served as Vice President of ONMC (Ottawa New Music Creators) and on the Board of the Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival. As a composer, he is perhaps best known for his vocal and choral works, a number of which involve the integration of music with dance and visual art. His music has been commissioned, performed, and recorded by soloists and choirs throughout North America, and is published by Warner/Chappell

Music (Miami), Leslie Music Supply (Oakville), Songwright Music (Ottawa), Cypress Music (Vancouver), Rhythmic Trident Music (Vancouver), Fairbank Music (Victoria), and Da Capo Music (Manchester, UK).

After Dr. Wright's presentation, our scholarship winners will be recognized, presented with framed certificates, and photographed. All three of our music scholarship winners will give musical performances, accompanied by Professor Wright. Details are yet to be confirmed. Two scholarships will be awarded for the first time: The Earl B. Connell

Foundation Award for a music student at Carleton and an Indigenous student award at Algonquin College named after Sherrylyn Sarazin — who will be there to meet the winner!

Come to meet and applaud these fine young women who are most appreciative of the help these scholarships provide. Refreshments will be provided by STF Trustees. We look forward to seeing you there.

CFUW-Ottawa General Meetings are open to all. If you know someone who is interested in this topic, invite them to join us.

#### President - continued

On the CFUW provincial and national scene, there's lots happening as well. This is an election year for CFUW National and Regional Board positions. Our Regional Director Leila Metcalf is finishing her second term, and we have nominated Mary Partington as Regional Director of Ontario East. Congratulations, Mary! The nominating committee for our own CFUW-Ottawa is inviting nominations for a number of positions; if you're interested in joining our CFUW-Ottawa Board, please get in touch with Nominations Committee Chair Nancy DeVillers.

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www.cfuw-ottawa.org.

# 2016 NAC Musical Dinner & Silent Auction Chair: Mary Partington

Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 4:30 p.m. Le Café, National Arts Centre



#### YOUR TICKET INCLUDES:

- **♣** Elegant THREE-COURSE MEAL with a glass of WINE
- **PERFORMANCE by THREE TOP NOTCH MUSICIANS**
- TWO TICKETS to an upcoming MUSICAL EVENT, COMPLIMENTS OF THE NAC

Silent Auction starts at 4:30 p.m.; Dinner at 5 p.m. Don't forget to bring cash & chequebooks.

Raffle: 10 tickets for \$5 (cash only)

Door Prizes

This fundraising event is sponsored by CFUW-Ottawa's University Women Helping Afghan Women (UWHAW). Thanks to members of UWHAW for donating two raffle baskets.

The proceeds of the meal will go toward the CFUW-Ottawa scholarships at Carleton University & the University of Ottawa.

The proceeds of the Silent Auction & Raffle will support the scholarships for Afghan women at the Gawharshad Institute of Higher Education in Kabul, Afghanistan

Open to all CFUW-Ottawa members & guests (women & men) — A great opportunity to spend an evening at NAC's Le Café with your partner or a friend!

Cost per person: \$55 (incl. tax & service charge)
Official tax receipts will be issued this year
Sold out early last year!

- Buy your tickets at General Meetings (March 14, April 4, AGM on May 10) or by contacting Alice Bolt after March 14 at (613) 731-5221 or by email at alicebolt87@gmail.com.
- ♣ Mail cheques made payable to UWHAW to:
  Alice Bolt
- 1531 Caton St., Ottawa, ON K1H 6J3
- Online registrations & payments are not available for this event.
- Please advise Alice if you would like special seating arrangements.

# Sunny Ways for a Recalcitrant World

**Speaker:** Mr. Paul Heinbecker, Director, Laurier University Centre for Global Relations, and Distinguished Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation, Waterloo, Ontario

At the General Meeting on Monday, Feb. 1, 2016, Mr. Paul Heinbecker, a retired Canadian career diplomat and former Canadian ambassador to Germany, surveyed, from his perch of decades of experience, the past, present, and future of Canada's foreign policy. He reminded us that internationally-respected Canada was in the thick of building multilateral relations, accords, trade pacts, and security conventions during the last stages of the Cold War and during the unsettled times after the fall of the Berlin Wall when the power balance of countries shifted.

As a consequence of the power shift, the rise of China, and the growing influence of some developing countries, the UN, its Security Council, and other "old" institutions such as the OECD and the G7 no longer provided the essential fora where major powers could break through the isolation of wars and vetoes to speak to each other daily about the new challenges to peace and security. The creation of new international bodies such as the G20 helped circumvent some of these restrictions. Big international companies should also be part of the discussions and solutions to terrorism, internet governance, the movement of people due to wars, climate change, and global epidemics, among others.

Though Canada had never been in a stronger position — never richer, healthier, and better educated — than during

the past decade, the then Government of Canada seemed to avoid full engagement in many international discussions and negotiations. And when Canada did take part, it seemed to be as an obstructive force.

Mr. Heinbecker, Chief Foreign Policy Advisor to Prime Minister Mulroney, felt that the new government of Mr. Justin Trudeau hit Canada's foreign policy running. "The kids are alright", our speaker said. There are signs that the new policy approaches are more consistent with the Pearson line. A change in tone will be important when building relations with the U.S., Mexico, and China.

Mr. Trudeau's speech in Davos pointed to Canada's strength and to what Canada had to bring to the table to lead. Embracing diversity is an important approach to finding solutions for European xenophobia, misogyny, and to planning for the global movement of 60 million people. Countries have to fulfill their commitments to the Millennial Goals and the UN Global Fund. Development and food programs have to be fully funded. Deprivation and lack of education are most effective recruiting tools for terrorism.

Mr. Heinbecker has authored Getting Back in the Game: A Foreign Policy Playbook for Canada.

#### **Edeltraud Neal**

Program Committee

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As of Feb. 21, 2016, the CFUW-Ottawa Facebook page has **241** "Likes", the Group has **109** members, and the Twitter account has **116** followers.

# CFUW Ontario Council Standing Committees Meeting, Jan. 23, 2016

Supporting Student Learning -Ontario's Health and Physical Education Curriculum was the topic of the morning plenary session. Speakers Myra Stephen (Education Officer, Ontario Ministry of Education) and Anne Facey (Health & Physical Education Teacher, Waterloo Catholic School Board) were among the writers of the 2010 version of the curriculum. They reported that controversy and public protest about the section on Human Health and Development, particularly on the topic of sex education, had resulted in further review of the content. Following additional consultation and revision, the completed curriculum documents were released in 2015.

The curriculum includes Parent Guides to clarify key topics and themes, expectations, and skills needed by Ontario students in the 21st century. Teens are seen from the school perspective as needing a strong base of reliable information and solid decision-making skills. Given their vulnerability to peer influence, development of self-esteem including a healthy body image is of primary importance. These are key elements of the new curriculum, and a primary focus in professional development for Ontario's Health and Physical Education teachers.

The session concluded with an animated discussion and appreciation to Myra and Anne for an outstanding presentation.

#### Leila Metcalf

Regional Director, CFUW Ontario East

### **Proposed 2016 CFUW Resolutions: Summary and CFUW-Ottawa Decisions**

Following Paul Heinbecker's excellent presentation on Canada redefining its place in the world, a great crowd of members stayed for the resolutions part of the meeting. This year, we had five resolutions to present, discuss, and vote to accept, accept with amendments, or reject. The resolutions as approved at the meeting are found at the end of this article.

Sue Wilson addressed the issues in draft resolution #1: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls - Ending the Marginalization of Indigenous Women in Canadian Society, proposed by CFUW Barrie & District. Sue summarized the earlier discussion by the CFUW-Ottawa Issues and Advocacy Committee, recommending an amendment based on an Assembly of First Nation's (AFN) draft discussion document from July 2013: A National Action Plan to End Violence against Indigenous Women and Girls. Sue emphasized the following AFN points: 1) The need to include both the provincial and territorial governments; and 2) The need for a strong and actionable strategy and implementation plan. The Committee questioned the intent of Clause 2 which advocates engaging the expertise of Indigenous leaders and women's organizations: Were the women's organizations those of Indigenous women or those such as CFUW? The proposed amendment to Clause 2 clarified this, broadened the levels of government to be engaged, and added the notion of a plan to end marginalization and violence against Indigenous girls and women.

Sue moved the adoption of the draft resolution as amended by the CFUW-Ottawa Issues and Advocacy Committee. This motion was unanimously approved by Club members, without discussion.

The second resolution, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) – Diagnosis, intervention and support plan for children, adults and families affected by *FASD*, proposed by CFUW Guelph & CFUW Kitchener-Waterloo, was presented by Fran Manning. The Environmental Health and Toxins Group was surprised that the resolution didn't include families in its list of individuals and groups recommended for FASD training. The Group felt that families, often adoptive and foster families, deal with FASD victims day-in/day-out and need ongoing training, support, and education. We feel that our additions to Clauses 1 and 3 strengthen the resolution.

Fran moved the adoption of the draft resolution as amended by the CFUW-Ottawa Issues and Advocacy Group. This motion was unanimously approved by Club members, without discussion.

Joanne James presented CFUW Owen Sound and Area's resolution #3: Strengthening the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) so that it can carry out its regulatory responsibilities in approving pesticides as well as protecting the environment. The Environmental Health and Toxins Group found the resolution unacceptable. Joanne noted that the background material to support the first clause (i.e. that PMRA use independent, third-party research when studying pesticide applications for its approval) does not cite studies or expert testimony to prove that current methods used by PMRA to examine pest control products are lacking nor to prove that third-party independent examinations would yield different results. The resolution's second clause requests a rewrite of pesticide regulations to make them legally defensible and enforceable. Joanne noted that the background does not provide any references to court cases where PMRA regulations were overturned. The third clause requests an increase in PMRA's budget to ensure the efficacy of all pesticides approved for use in Canada and environmental protection. Joanne noted that in its 2013-14 Annual Report,

PMRA reported 1,500 enforcement actions, 1,000 planned inspections, and 300 more actions in response to complaints. This Report did not indicate in any way that Agency work suffered due to financial problems and noted that applications were processed and complaints addressed within set standards.

The Group also felt that the resolution does not bring anything new to support or build on the listed related policies, nor does it meet CFUW research standards by using secondary rather than primary sources of information and by listing opinions rather than findings.

Joanne moved the rejection of the draft resolution as recommended by the CFUW-Ottawa Issues and Advocacy Group. The motion to reject the resolution was unanimously approved by Club members, without discussion.

The fourth resolution, *Electoral* Reform: Adding Proportionality to the Electoral System in Canada, was presented and recommended for approval by Fran Manning, unchanged/ as received from the proposing clubs: CFUW Leaside-East York & CFUW Etobicoke, though it had generated much discussion and suggestions for amendment within the Issues and Advocacy Group. Opening the motion to the floor led to further discussion. Club members noted that the resolution did not address a rated ballot or other possible replacements to Canada's First-Past-the-Post voting system used since Confederation. Members were concerned that limiting electoral reform to a proportional representation model could maximize each party's seats in the House of Commons but negatively affect representation of Canadians and Canadian interests.

The following motion to revise the first clause of the resolution was proposed from the floor: Resolved that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to adopt

an alternative model to First-Past-the-Post such as a proportional representation model or a preferential ballot model. The amendment was rejected by a narrow vote of the members. Subsequently, the original motion was also rejected by members.

The fifth and final resolution, Sustainable Development Goals, also known as GLOBAL GOALS, proposed by the CFUW Standing Committees on Advocacy, International Relations, and Education, was presented by Lynne Bond. Lynne explained that these 17 Sustainable Development Goals are the successors to the UN Millennium Development Goals. The Issues and Advocacy Group proposed some wording changes to strengthen and clarify the resolution. CFUW-Ottawa will also request a clarification by the proposers on how they define civil society.

Lynne moved the adoption of the draft resolution as amended by the CFUW-Ottawa Issues and Advocacy Group. The motion to accept the resolution with amendments was unanimously approved by Club members, without discussion.

Fran Manning VP Liaison

1 MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS - ENDING THE MARGINALIZATION OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN IN CANADIAN SOCIETY (CFUW Barrie & District)
APPROVED AS AMENDED TO READ:

**RESOLVED**, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to adopt and implement the recommendations of the Amnesty International 2004 report: Stolen Sisters: Discrimination and Violence Against Indigenous Women in Canada.

**RESOLVED**, that CFUW urge the Government of Canada to engage Indigenous leaders, provincial and territorial governments to develop and implement a plan to end marginalization and violence against Indigenous girls and women.

**RESOLVED**, that CFUW urge the Government of Canada to provide a status report to Canadians outlining progress made in reducing violence against Indigenous women and girls by January 2017 and annually thereafter.

2 FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER (FASD) – DIAGNOSIS, INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT PLAN FOR CHILDREN, ADULT AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY FASD (CFUW Guelph & CFUW Kitchener-Waterloo)
APPROVED AS AMENDED TO READ:

**RESOLVED**, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urges federal, provincial, territorial, regional and municipal governments of Canada to work together to develop, implement and fund a comprehensive early recognition and diagnosis, intervention and support plan for children, youth and adults with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) which includes:

- On-going training for all direct service workers (a-f) based on the application of FASD informed scientific knowledge of the brain, development
  and learning, to educational practices (brain-based education) for: a. Medical professionals b. Families including adoptive and foster families
  c. Education professionals d. Social Service Professionals e. Child and Youth Care Professionals (adoption/child protection services) f. Judges,
  prosecutors, lawyers, police, correctional officers and other staff, including probation and parole officers
- 2. Lifetime support plans for all individuals with FASD
- 3. FASD-informed family education, support and respite
- 4. FASD-informed plan for correctional facilities
- 5. Specialized plans for Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit and MÉTIS) communities, on and off reserve, based on recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

**RESOLVED**, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge federal, provincial, territorial, regional and municipal governments of Canada to work together to provide access to timely and accessible multi-disciplinary FASD diagnosis in communities across Canada.

- 3 STRENGTHENING THE PEST MANAGEMENT REGULATORY AGENCY (PMRA) SO THAT IT CAN CARRY OUT ITS REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITIES IN APPROVING PESTICIDES AS WELL AS PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT. (CFUW Owen Sound & Area). REJECTED
- 4 ELECTORAL REFORM: ADDING PROPORTIONALITY TO THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM IN CANADA. (CFUW Leaside-East York & CFUW Etobicoke)
  REJECTED
- 5 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, ALSO KNOWN AS GLOBAL GOALS (CFUW Standing Committee on Advocacy, CFUW Standing Committee on International Relations, CFUW Standing Committee on Education)

#### APPROVED AS AMENDED TO READ:

**RESOLVED**, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the Government of Canada to uphold its commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) also known as Global Goals, thus helping to ensure that the established targets are reached by 2030, by, including but not limited to:

- 1. Increasing its Official Development Assistance (ODA) to 0.7 % of Gross National Income (GNI) as adopted by a resolution of the UN General Assembly in 1970, and
- 2. Ensuring that any country receiving aid is involved in its planning and delivery
- 3. Publishing and promoting action plans in cooperation with provinces, territories municipalities, Indigenous governments, and civil society.

#### **RED ALERT! GWI NEEDS OUR SUPPORT**

Graduate Women International (GWI) (formerly International Federation of University Women, IFUW) needs our help.

CFUW St. Thomas has proposed an amendment to remove Article 4 of the CFUW Constitution which would take CFUW out of GWI. The amendment will be voted on at the upcoming CFUW AGM, June 23-25 in St. Catharines.

Should the amendment pass (it requires a 2/3 majority), it would not only take CFUW out of GWI but would cause the collapse of GWI. Without GWI, 20,000 members — around 60 percent of them outside North America and Europe — would lose their voice at the UN and other global fora, as well as access to seminars, webinars, and helpful information to improve the lives of girls and women.

GWI has accomplished a great deal in the last three years. Read the facts below, then decide for yourselves whether this is something we should give up to save \$20 per member annually in membership dues.

At the 2013 IFUW Triennial in Istanbul, GWI sought direction from its membership on two proposals for moving forward. The Assembly voted to accept Proposal 1 which authorized IFUW to:

- Remain in Geneva;
- Strengthen the staff and hire professional women;
- Overhaul UN representation;
- Review and revise how committees operate;
- Establish key performance indicators for staff, board, and committees;
- Seek tax-exempt status from the Swiss government;
- Seek outside partners and funding;
- Revise the "Council" as a "General Assembly" to operate between meetings; and
- Provide more opportunities for members to be heard and participate.

Since 2013, the GWI Board hired five professional staff to turn IFUW into a modern International Non-Governmental Organization. In less than three years, the GWI Board and staff have:

- Enhanced GWI funding by:
  - Changing IFUW's name to GWI to better position it to seek funding;
  - Acquiring tax-exempt status;
  - Acquiring significant partners and assured funding for some projects (e.g., Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund);

- Introducing a GWI "Patron" program Patrons donate 500 or more Swiss Francs per year and receive various levels of recognition.
- Developed projects and capacity around the world:
  - 14 projects in developing countries (see GWI website);
  - Held capacity-building workshops all over the world.
- Enhanced our work with the UN by:
  - Rebuilding teams for UN representation in Vienna, Geneva, Paris, and NYC;
  - Participating in UNESCO consultations;
  - Creating five manifestos on education (some now used by UNESCO);
  - Writing policy papers and making oral and written statements at the UNCSW.
- Enhanced GWI membership by:
  - Attracting new members: While affiliates in Germany and the Netherlands left GWI because of internal issues the German organization collapsed altogether new organizations are forming in both countries to join GWI. At the same time, several new countries have joined: Democratic Republic of the Congo, Greece, Ghana, Lithuania, and Tajikistan; and some applications are in process: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, and Somalia;
  - Increasing the number of independent members.
- Enhanced member communication and participation by:
  - Revising, updating, and reviewing all publications;
  - Revising the website and introducing webinars and workshops for members.

GWI is now well-positioned to consolidate its gains and continue membership growth. New directions depend on the will of CFUW members to vote against the proposed amendment. Should CFUW vote to stay in GWI, further directions will depend on the GWI Triennial to be held in Cape Town, August 21-26, 2016, at which a new GWI President and Board will be elected.

Members who oppose membership in GWI believe that they can be part of the international community through CFUW alone. Those who are aware of international standards note that Canada is too small to make a significant

contribution by itself but can be influential as part of a worldwide organization.

The background to the amendment also notes that CFUW will maintain its international work by providing funds to other organizations. Does this mean Match International and Inter Pares? While both of these organizations do good work, their focus is different from our own GWI which looks to empowerment through quality secondary and tertiary education as a primary goal.

In summary, be aware that a vote to support removal of Article 4 from the CFUW constitution will:

- be the demise of GWI; and
- probably have unintended consequences for CFUW.

Many Friends for GWI across Canada support our membership in GWI. We hope that all CFUW members will read the documents carefully and consider these arguments before the June AGM.

**Dorothy A. Phillips**, Friends for GWI and **Susan Russell**, VP, GWI

Both Dorothy and Susan are passionately pro-GWI. Susan is former Executive Director of CFUW. Dorothy chaired the Local Arrangements Committee for the 27th IFUW Triennial Conference in Ottawa in 2001. Both have attended four triennial conferences and have heard the stories of the many incredible and strong women in IFUW.

#### **Resources:**

- Friends for GWI documents: <u>friendsforgwi.org</u>
- Graduate Women International: graduatewomen.org
- The amendment document: Contact Myra Willis, Chair, Articles and Bylaws Committee mwilliscfuw@gmail.com

#### An invitation to a GWI webinar:

On Feb. 29, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 E.T., GWI will hold a webinar titled: *Introduction to GWI*.

You may participate using your own computer. To register for the webinar, go to the GWI website: graduatewomen.org. Sign in under Members' Corner (you will need a user name and password), then search on webinars. Follow the instructions to register; or

You are invited to view the webinar with a small group at the home of a CFUW-Ottawa member. To receive details, please send an email by Feb. 27 to <a href="mailto:riendsforgwi@gmail.com">riendsforgwi@gmail.com</a>. Someone will respond to give you an address and instructions.

#### **Mark Your Calendars:**

On April 15, 2016, there will be a special daytime meeting on the GWI/CFUW affiliation. Speaker: Susan Russell. More details to follow.

# Join the Seniors' Dance Class this Spring!

We are getting ready for the Spring Term of our Seniors' Dance Class, scheduled from March 23 to May 25, 2016, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. This class, at The School of Dance in the heart of New Edinburgh, is specially designed for CFUW-Ottawa. There is a lengthy warmup, from your head to your toes, where we try to work those aches and pains out of our bodies. Then we start to "move across the floor" — walking, running (slowly), leaping (lowly) — before putting together short and simple combinations. We have a great teacher, Cathy Kyle, and great pianist, Elena Ilin. Before you know it, we are "dancing"

and feeling good about ourselves.

To register, please call Fern Villeneuve at The School of Dance **by March 23, 2016**, phone no. (613) 238-7838. The cost is **\$169.50** (including HST).

I hope we can entice you to be part of the fun!

#### Arlene Harrison

Convenor, Dance Study and Interest Group

Photo 1, from left to right: Carol Gusen, Patricia Rogers, Arlene Harrison, Dianne Kharouba, Vivien Clark, and Cathy Kyle (teacher); Photo 2, from left to right: Dianne Kharouba and Patricia Rogers Photos by: Fern Villeneuve







# 100 Years in the Struggle for Women's Rights: Where Are We Now?

Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016 was the centenary of Manitoba's landmark decision to grant women the right to vote and run for office in provincial elections. To celebrate and take stock of women's equality now, the University of Ottawa hosted a panel discussion at Library and Archives Canada titled 100 Years in the Struggle for Women's Rights: Where Are We Now? Moderated by Ruby Heap, Professor of History and Associate Vice President, Research, University of Ottawa, the panel included three illustrious speakers: The Hon. Patricia A. "Patty" Hajdu, Minister, Status of Women Canada: Caroline Andrew, Professor Emeritus and Director, Centre on Governance, University of Ottawa; and Stéphanie Gaudet, Professor of Sociology and Director, Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Citizenship and Minorities, University of Ottawa.

Though the struggle for women's equality is real, Minister Hajdu was optimistic that justice will prevail, quoting Martin Luther King: "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." She highlighted recent progress: She is the first full Minister of Status of Women Canada and the current Liberal Cabinet is the first gender-equal cabinet in Canadian history. Though a record 88 women were elected to Parliament in the last federal election, there remains a need for a critical mass of women in leadership positions. A collaborative approach is more likely to change the status quo. Financing issues, family responsibilities, lack of confidence/support, and risk aversion constrain women from running for public office.

Professor Andrew noted the importance of celebrating anniversaries such as the centenary of women's suffrage. She questioned why women were denied the vote for so long, concluding that they were likely deemed not capable of thinking about questions of public concern. For full equality, the following is required: a) participation of the full diversity of women in public and private sectors; b) an end to violence against women; and c) "walking the talk" of women's rights internationally (targeted foreign aid, action on violence against women, education of women and girls).

Professor Gaudet stated that social participation (such as volunteering) was a prerequisite to formal political engagement and that social relations have more influence on political success than money and level of education. Obstacles and incentives to social participation include: a) being asked; b) having a child, age 1-12 yrs.; c) age; d) immigrant status;

e) money; f) level of education; and g) employment status. Challenges to "the powers that be" include: a) recognizing the value of informal social participation; b) supporting youth and immigrants; c) embracing diversity (age, sex, ethnicity, social class); and d) promoting work-life balance.

About 100 people attended, including 11 CFUW-Ottawa members: Lynne Bond, Pat Burns, Mary Butterill, Marion Cameron, Ann Denis, Marlene Hewitt, Sheila Perry, Dorothy Phillips, Aley Samuel, Cecile Suchal, and Tricia Walter. The panel generated a lively and lengthy Q&A session.

Mary Butterill
Carillon Editor

# A Bright Sunny Day for Snowshoeing



Monday, Jan. 18, 2016 did not feel like a "Blue Monday" at all as CFUW-Ottawa's Snowshoeing Group enjoyed their hike through the Pinhey Forest behind the Nepean Sportsplex on Greenbelt Trail 31! A fresh blanket of snow had fallen the night before, the sun was shining, and the Group did not mind the wind chill of -23°C. From left to right: Convenor Ann Haché, Elaine McKnight, Aley Samuel, Dianne Kharouba, Pierrette MacLean, and Glenys Pike. Photo by: Donna Jacobs





# 32<sup>ND</sup> TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

"At the crossroads of education, gender and human rights

24 - 26 AUGUST 2016
CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

Graduate Women International Conference 2016 21 – 23 August 2016: GWI members-only General Assembly

Early Bird registration closes on May 31, 2016. To register & for more information on program, key dates, travel & accommodation, go to <a href="mailto:gwiconference.org/">gwiconference.org/</a>

### In Memoriam

#### **Gladys Savard (née Kielly)**



Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Gladys Savard, a former longtime active member of

CFUW-Ottawa, who passed away on Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016, at age 83.

Gladys graduated from Memorial University College, St. John's and Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax. She worked as a dietitian at Ottawa's former Riverside Hospital and the Centre d'Accueil Champlain. She volunteered with the Girl Guides of Canada for many years. As a military spouse, she lived and raised her family in many places in Canada and Europe. A loyal Newfoundlander, Gladys was proud of her Irish heritage and the French heritage she adopted by marriage to François Savard. Friends remember her as a caring, thoughtful, and energetic person, a gracious hostess, and skilled cook. She loved reading and the great outdoors (cross-country skiing, hiking, camping, birdwatching).

Visitation was held at the Beechwood National Memorial on Jan. 27 and a Funeral Mass on Jan. 28, 2016 at L'Église Sainte-Geneviève d'Ottawa. Her obituary was published in the *Ottawa Citizen* from Jan. 26 to 27 and is found online at <a href="https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/ottawacitizen/obituary.aspx?pid=177454014">www.legacy.com/obituaries/ottawacitizen/obituary.aspx?pid=177454014</a>.





#### NEXT ONTARIO COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES MEETING

Saturday, March 12, 2016

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church

1585 Yonge Street, Toronto (Two blocks north of St. Clair Subway Station, East Side)

Morning Program: TBD

Speakers: TBD

**Registration:** \$35 prepaid includes **lunch**. Catering requires a **registration deadline** and **dietary requirements** by the Monday prior to the meeting. The **Registration Form** is located at www.cfuwontcouncil.ca/.

Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m., lunch is at 12 noon and the afternoon sessions end around 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

CFUW-Ottawa funds registration fees and partially funds accommodation and travel for attendance by the Club President, the VP Liaison and two Standing Committee Chairs or their designates.

All CFUW members are welcome to attend. If interested, contact: Fran Manning, CFUW-Ottawa VP Liaison, for further details.

# CFUW Ontario Council Annual General Meeting 2016

May 13 & 14, 2016 Hockley Valley Resort 793522 3rd Line EHS, Mono (just northwest of Orangeville)



# Building Bridges - Creating Connections

#### Friday

Welcome Reception & Leadership Workshop

#### Saturday

Ontario Council Business Meeting & Plenary Sessions

Registration fee for Friday & Saturday - \$110 per person; Welcome Reception only - \$25 per person

Hosted by: CFUW – Orangeville & District www.cfuworangeville.ca info@cfuworangeville.ca

Brochures and Registration Forms available at www.cfuwontcouncil.ca



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