



Father's Day June 16



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**Leadership Team**

As I sit typing my report at the last minute I am reminded of my infinite capacity for wasting time and procrastinating. Over the past few years the tools at my disposal for “lollygagging” seem to have increased exponentially. Not only do I have at my disposal day dreaming, T.V., and reading books with no intellectual qualities but also Tik Tok, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, and an assortment of games on my phone. I am glad to be at that point in my life where I can simply enjoy wasting time without guilt or that nagging feeling that I should be doing something productive. (Even when it means writing my report just before the deadline). CFUW does provide us all opportunities to learn and stretch our horizons—both intellectual and social. We have been able to enjoy wonderful speakers this past CFUW year. Our interest groups keep us hopping in various ways – with intellectual activity, physical activity and social interactions. There have also been various opportunities to attend speakers or events hosted by other CFUW clubs, Ontario Council and National via Zoom.

May saw our AGM held, for the first time, at the Walter Gretzky Golf Club and Learning Centre. This event was well attended, and the room and meal were lovely. Thank you to the Social Committee and all those involved in the planning and execution of this wonderful, annual event. It was a wonderful way to end our CFUW year and move into summer. We now get to attend the annual Blue Lake Potluck – there is nothing like a dip in Blue Lake. Thank you to Pat C. for hosting!

With June underway and summer at our doorstep I wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing all of you lovely ladies in September.

*Betsy C.,  
President of the Month and President in Name*

**Annual Blue Lake Picnic**

**Wednesday, June 26th at the home of Pat Clemons**

**4:00 – 6:00 Swimming & conversation  
6:00 potluck dinner**

**Please bring:**

- a Potluck dish
- plate, cup, and cutlery
- perhaps some wine
- lawn chair
- a bathing suit and towel for a dip in the lake (for the brave ones!)

**DIRECTIONS:**

- Go north on 24 toward Cambridge
- Turn left onto Blue Lake Rd.
- **Follow for 3 km until you come to an open wrought iron gate on the north side – number 501**
- Enter and follow the driveway
- **Watch for a split in the drive**
- Follow the centre drive to the white house



To our outgoing Executive members, Lin F, Patti K, and Bev G, who have worked hard to make our club rewarding for its members, thank you! We appreciate all

you have done to update and build our club for the future and provide us with opportunities to learn, have fun and make a difference for women!

## CFUW Brantford Leadership Team 2024-2025

We extend our sincere thanks to the following members who have been elected to our Leadership Team for 2024-25. We look forward to another year of personal growth, friendship and support for one another under the guidance of our new Team.

<u>President In Name</u>	-Barbara Melara	
<u>Rotating Presidential Team</u>	-Anne Martin &Teddy Buzek	JUN-AUG
	-Elizabeth Capitano	SEPT
	-Pat Clemons	OCT
	-Cookie Hadley	NOV
	-Maria Timmons	DEC & JAN
	-Catherine Sawyer	FEB
	-Linda Tripp	MAR
	-Dian Kuzyk	APR
	-Barbara Melara	MAY
<u>Past President</u>	-Janet Kempster	
<u>Secretary</u>	-Penelope Jeffery -Arlene Cass	
<u>Treasurer</u>	-Maria Timmons	

### Standing Committee Chairs:

<u>Communications</u>	Sandra Hughes
<u>Interest Groups</u>	Roma Makkreel
<u>Membership</u>	Barbara Scott
<u>Program</u>	Colette Wilson
<u>Scholarship</u>	Karen Innes
<u>Social</u>	Lynne Duncombe

## Finance Update

We have good news about changing our club's financial institutions.

Bank of Montreal is our new bank and we have the General Account set up for the Club. The Scholarship Account is in process and will be set up in the next few weeks. Each account will have its own email address and we will be communicating more details in July.

Maria T, Treasurer



## Scholarship

The updated CFUW Brantford Scholarship Fund Constitution 2024 was passed at the AGM in May. The changes will facilitate our meetings and procedures in the future. Our adjudicators have selected Award A scholarships for 2024 and the winners will be announced as soon as they send final transcripts and proof of enrollment in a post secondary institution. Although we would like to receive more applications, those who applied were excellent candidates with exceptional qualifications.

Karen I.

## June Executive Meeting

The outgoing and incoming Executive members met at the home of Anne M. to finish up the business of this year and look forward to the coming year starting in September. The lengthy agenda was relaxed and productive as we explored directions for next year. The cakes and fruit at the end of the business were thoroughly enjoyed.



The 2023-2024 Leadership Team consisted of 14 members and the 2024-2025 Leadership Team consists of 18 members. There are 8 new names and faces on the incoming Leadership Team. Isn't that fantastic? Thank you to all who stepped forward to keep the club running smoothly. Anne M.

## Membership

In the photo below please acknowledge the members who have been in our club for a significant number of years. From left to right - Evelyn Picketts (40), Barbara Scott, Membership Chair, Anne Martin (35) and Barbara Melara(30). Absent from photo are Barbara Perry (40) and Kay Ruuska (40). This adds up to a grand total of 185 years of dedication in making our goals a realization. Congratulations ladies!

Due to a blip in the process, the official certificates had not arrived by AGM night, so will be presented probably at September's general meeting.



For those of you who are interested, our memberships number for 2024-2025 are down slightly from last year, currently standing at 70 and last year the memberships were at 78. In 2024, sadly we lost Nora Fueten, and Mary Laurie-Pile. A couple have moved, a couple still deciding, and one not rejoining at this time.

Barb S, Membership Chair.

**Grand River Grannies:** The *Art from the Attic sale* happens on June 21, 22 and 23 at the Glenhyrst Gardens Cottage. Donations still accepted. Appraisals of various items available on Sat June 22nd from 10am to 3:30pm, \$20 fee for up to \$3 items: coins, stamps, jewelry, furniture, china, art etc.

**First time:** sale of garden art and decor. Ice cream/cold drinks available. Customers wanted. (Proceeds to the Grand River Grannies and in support of African grandmothers through the Stephen Lewis Foundation) Wendy B.

# AGM and Banquet



The Annual AGM and Banquet, held on May 22nd at the Walter Gretzky Municipal Golf Course and Learning Centre included a celebration of long term members, the executive, committees, members who have passed and guests who are considering membership. An excellent meal and great conversation completed the well organized event. Thank you to the Social Committee and AGM organizers.



## Interest Groups

**Monday Night Book Group:** The Monday evening book club enjoyed *Homecoming* by Kate Morton.

On Christmas Eve 1959, in Adelaide Hills, Australia on a hot summer day, Percy Summers is doing a delivery and finds Isobel Turner and her children dead on the beach. A police investigation begins to solve the murder mystery.

Isobel moves from her beloved country England when she marries businessman Harold Turnbull. He entices Isobel to move to southern Australia when he purchases Halcyon, a palace. But Harold is always away on business and she is left to raise four young children. A big job that becomes overwhelming and depressing.

This book is the first murder mystery fiction Morton has written. The novel spans two generations and involves two continents. Many interesting characters are revealed throughout the book. Keep your eyes open!

*Homecoming* is a good summer read for the beach. *Homecoming* asks what would we do for love and how do we protect the lies we tell. The power of motherhood is explored, as well as the corrosive effects of tightly held secrets and the healing nature of truth. Highly recommended by this group. Naomi K.



## INTEREST



### 2024 June Newsletter Interest Groups

Although several members have renewed their membership, they have neglected to submit their Interest Group choices.

Even if you are a longtime member, please send me your choices in order for the lists to be updated. Forms can be mailed, dropped off at my house or if submitting the form is a challenge, just send me an email listing your choices.

At this point, Golf is on hold as no one has volunteered to be the contact/organizer. Mahjong is a new group for this coming year but, unfortunately, Tennis did not attract enough members to form a group.

Roma M. (Interest Group co-ordinator)

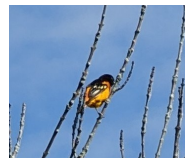
### **Monday Afternoon Book Group:**

This is our book club, yes. The Monday afternoon book club, to be exact. You know, the one that's been running the longest for CFUW Brantford, and still has two of the original members? It was Marion's birthday today. We did talk books, but every member also surprised Marion with something special..



**CFUW Biking:** May has brought a bit of rain on Fridays, but the bikers have been on the trail. We have biked the Brantford loop a couple of times and made our initial trip to Mt Pleasant with a stop at the Mill. If you would like to be included on the e-mail schedule, contact Karen at [innes96ke@sympatico.ca](mailto:innes96ke@sympatico.ca)

**Walking Group:** June 11th was a lovely sunny day when we saw an Oriole on our walk.



**The World Affairs Group** has taken a well-earned vacation from the discussion of the terrible - and good events which occur so quickly in our world. We will resume on the third Monday of the month beginning in September. We wish everyone a restful and sunny summer season. Betty Anne W.

**Dining Out:** The Good Earth Wine and Food is always popular with the Dining Out Group and we were excited to celebrate our season's finale there in June. Over the next two months we will develop a schedule of restaurants for the 2024-25 season. To accommodate busy schedules and holiday plans, we vary the days of the week and whether lunch or dinner in order to accommodate all of the members most of the time. This group of 33 members enjoys adventures out of town in the good weather and local cuisine during the winter months. Our interest group is a wonderful combination of delicious food and conversation.

### **Free - Resource Binder on Aging**

I have a thick binder that deals with my own personal research and reflections on where to best locate myself in my old age. The contents include a section on creating a vision, and options such as co-housing, condos and apartments in Brantford and surrounding areas.

I decided to 'age in place' in my current home about 5 years ago after an extensive search and set the binder on a back shelf. When a condo came on the market that had been on my wish list, I revisited the research that I had done over the past 8 years. I realized that all the work had been done and it was simply a matter of stepping into the vision and making it real.

Would you like to read through this binder and perhaps use it as a guide in your own considerations as you age? It could be passed around if more than one person is interested. If someone has not picked the binder up by June 20th, I will throw it in the garbage. It has served its purpose for me.

Kindest regards, Lin F.



## 2024–2025 EXECUTIVE

### PRESIDENT IN NAME:

- Barbara Melara

### PAST PRESIDENT:

- Janet Kempster

### ROTATING PRESIDENTIAL TEAM:

- Anne Martin & Teddy Buzek—June to August,
- Elizabeth Capitano— September
- Pat Clemons—October
- Cookie Hadley—November
- Maria Timmons—December, January
- Catherine Sawyer- February
- Linda Tripp—March
- Dian Kuzyk—April
- Barbara Melara—May

### SECRETARY:

Penelope Jeffery / Arlene Cass

**TREASURER:** Maria Timmons

### STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- Communications:** Sandra Hughes
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## Linda Schuyler, Our Speaker for the September 25th General Meeting

As a young teacher in east-end Toronto, Linda Schuyler began creating short films with her classes, which led to her first very successful documentaries. This initial foray into film production brought about her founding of the popular television series, **The Kids of Degrassi Street**, and a television franchise that spanned almost forty years. The Degrassi series launched the careers of many young Canadian actors, as well as addressing difficult issues that young people faced in their lives. In her 2023 memoir, **The Mother of All Degrassi: A Memoir**, Linda relates the inside story of her development of the Degrassi series, and why it was so important to her personally, as well as professionally. Born in London, England, Linda moved to Paris, Ontario with her parents, Jack and Joyce Bawcutt, who became leaders of the Paris community. Linda attended Paris High School before venturing to the big city for university. Linda has always maintained ties to the local community, and said she is very happy to speak to CFUW Brantford, and meet the members of the club. Linda will bring copies of her book for those who might like to purchase it after the meeting. We are honoured and excited to have Linda Schuyler as our speaker in September.

Colette W.

## CFUW Brantford General Meetings

The first General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25, at Thorpe's Coach House (and on Zoom) at 7:00 p.m.

### Meeting Dates for 2024 –2025

September 25, 2024

October 23, 2024

November 27, 2024

December Social: Date and Location TBD

January 22, 2025 (Zoom only)

February 26, 2025 (Zoom only)

March 26, 2025

April 23, 2025

May tba, 2025 : Banquet and AGM

Lin F. is on the move. A condo in Dundas came on the market in March and Lin is renovating it with hopes of moving in by the end of July. The condo is steps away from the shops on King Street, the Dundas Valley School of Art and the Carnegie Art Gallery. Dundas is a walkable town. Lin's new GP is less than a 2 minute stroll from her condo and so far she is blown away by how quickly she is getting in to see specialists to deal with her raspy voice, chest pains, high blood pressure, and exhaustion that have been plaguing her for the past two months. Dundas is a charming 25 minute car ride from Brantford, and Lin has every intention of keeping close contact with her friends in CFUW, of continuing to chair the Dining Out Interest Group, and of doing some ad hoc work for the new Leadership Team.



Many thanks to members who provide news and pictures for the newsletter. If you have updates about members re: important family or personal events like births, deaths, marriages, special celebrations etc. to share with the members, send them also to Sandra H. **Articles and photos for the September Newsletter should be submitted by Friday September 6th.**

