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Leadership Team

Hello All,

As I write this note the Paris Fair is underway which is always the signal of the end of summer, at least for summer defined as holidays, long lunches, long, light evenings and the suspension of many regular meetings and events. While true for much of CFUW, such as the monthly meetings and many of the Interest Groups, it was not true for some members who have been involved in the Procedures Manual Review, the Survey Project and getting ready for a new CFUW year. The Procedures Manual will be ready to present to you for use this Fall. At the first meeting you will also see what the Program Committee has for us over the next year. It is sure to be an exciting program!

We all look forward to welcoming you to the first meeting of the year on Wednesday September 25th at 7 pm at Thorpe's Carriage House.

Barbara Melara, President in Name

Presidents' Report for Summer 2024

June, July and August were quiet months as there were no issues to be addressed from CFUW National, CFUW Ontario Council or CFUW Ontario South.

Instead, an Ad hoc Committee was busy creating a CFUW Brantford Procedures Manual that will be sent out to all members as soon as it is finished, edited and approved at an Executive Meeting.

The committee members, Teddy Buzek, Betsy Capitano, Pat Clemons, Lin Fines, Anne Martin, Suzanne Mitchell and Maria Timmons, met 5 times from July to September and worked on

many topics, including Meeting Management, Leadership Team and Committees, Nomination Process and Job Descriptions, to name a few.

Another Ad hoc Committee worked on developing a Membership Survey. The committee members are Teddy Buzek, Betsy Capitano, Barbara Melara and Colette Wilson. (see a separate note in this newsletter)

As you can all tell, a lot of hard work was going on behind the scenes this summer to keep CFUW Brantford moving forward.

Submitted by the Co-Presidents, Teddy Buzek and Anne Martin

CFUW Brantford Members Survey

On September 11, a short survey was sent online to all members of CFUW Brantford. The purpose of this survey is to find out what is important to members as the club begins a new year. The survey answers will help the club's leadership to develop priorities over the next couple of years. The survey answers will be confidential. Please complete the survey by **October 1**. If you have difficulty getting into the survey, please contact Betsy Capitano for help. For those members who do not use computers, paper copies will be available at the September 25 general meeting. A report from the survey will be presented at a general meeting this fall. Thanks to everyone for providing feedback through this survey.

Please find the survey in the link below.

<https://s.surveypal.com/frdfeluw>

Survey committee: Teddy B., Betsy C., Barb M., Colette W





2024 AWARD A Scholars

This year's recipients of our Award A Scholarships have outstanding marks and amazing leadership experiences in high school programs and community events.

Cailyn Charlton graduated from Pauline Johnson C.V.S., and will be attending Lakeland College in Vermillion, Alberta. She is enrolled in the Animal Science Technology: Dairy Science. Cailyn has extensive experience in 4-H Clubs, including showing and judging dairy cattle. She attended Provincial Leadership camp and National Members Forum in 2023 and the Future Leadership Action in 2024. She is interested in community fire service and attended Camp Phoenix, becoming a platoon leader in 2024. In her spare time she has been working at a veterinary clinic.

Keira Gayowsky has enrolled in the University of Guelph's Bachelor of Arts, Honours Co-op Major Criminal Justice and Public Policy. Having spent considerable time at Sick Kids Hospital, Keira became a "Patient Ambassador" for the hospital. This role had her speaking on behalf of the hospital across the province to both large and small audiences. Her leadership skills were recognized as a participant in the J.F. Wood Leadership Program at Western University. Keira has graduated from Brantford College Institute and in 2024 was Student Trustee for the Grand Erie School Board, where she was particularly interested in inclusivity and accessibility.

Maurizia Petitti will be attending the University of Guelph this fall. She is enrolled in the Bachelor of Creative Arts, Health and Wellness program, majoring in Theatre Arts. Maurizia has been very involved with Girl Guides for the last ten years. In addition to many activities at Assumption College, Maurizia has been cast in major roles in the school's yearly musicals. Maurizia would like to become a teacher or child youth worker in the area of art, music, and drama.

We wish these young ladies all the best as they set off for the next chapter in achieving their goals.



Keira Gayowsky, Maurizia Petitti



Cailyn Charlton

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I would like to thank the 9 members who donated above the \$15 mandatory amount to our Scholarship fund. This is lower than amounts in previous years so I would like to encourage anyone who would like to increase their donation and have it included in their 2024 tax receipt to e-transfer their donation to cfuw-brantfordsch@gmail.com or bring a cheque to an upcoming general meeting. Cheques should be payable to CFUW Brantford Scholarship.

Maria T.

Scholarship Thanks

Thank you to the committee members who helped with the Award A scholarships – application updates, school contacts, applicant evaluation, pictures, and personal distribution of cheques and certificates. A special thank you to Janet Rubas who produced the new logo certificates complete with unique folders.

Karen I.

Upcoming Topics and Speakers at CFUW General Meetings 2024/2025

The Program Committee is pleased to present the roster of speakers for upcoming season. They are:

September: *Linda Schuyler, producer of the long-running television series **The Kids of Degrassi Street**.*

October: *Chuck Beach is an environmentalist in the Brantford area. He was instrumental in the planting of thousands of trees in the New Forest near Garden Avenue and was recipient of the 2010 Watershed Award from the Grand River Conservation Authority. He works with the Brant Community Foundation. I'm sure Chuck Beach will be an interesting, stimulating Speaker for our October General Meeting.* Dian K.

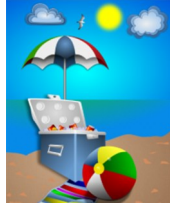
November: *Dean de St. Croix, an expert in the development of AI.*
January: *Karen Stiller, a teacher and author who leads workshops in memoir writing.*

February: *Madame High Ladies, experts in the ins and outs of cannabis use.*

March: *Stephanie McLarty, an award-winning entrepreneur whose business is the recycling of computer parts.*

April: *Brian Wood, curator the Alexander Graham Bell Homestead and expert in local history.*

Linda T. and Colette W.



Blue Lake Picnic



THANK YOU



For a cozy group of 12 members our annual potluck was delightful. The thunderstorm was over in time for a tasty dinner of salads and sweets with coffee and tea, in addition to the byob refreshments. The conversation was relaxed and interesting, punctuated with lots of laughter. Our hostess, Pat C. made us feel most welcome in her home. Thank you, Pat, for providing our members with an opportunity to enjoy our last social event until the fall!. Norah O.

Free Virtual Workshops

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS
 Please email **Linda Moyer** at admin@grcoa.ca
 or call **519-754-0777 ext. 439** and leave a message.
 All workshops will be presented online. Registrants will receive a ZOOM access link through email the day before the scheduled workshop.

AI Simplified: Enhancing Senior Living.

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The Grand River Council on Aging invites you to join Tim Philp for an engaging talk to explore how artificial intelligence can revolutionize daily life for seniors.

Discover AI's role in healthcare, safety, and staying connected, all tailored to empower and enhance your golden years.



Interest Groups

Thursday Book Group: *Death at the Party* by Amy Stuart
Amy Stuart is a Toronto born Canadian author, nominated for the Arthur Ellis Best First Novel Award in 2011 for the first of the three Still novels – *Still Mine, Still Water. Still Here. Death at the Party* is her first bestselling stand-alone novel. In a traditional novel structure, there is a focus on personal relationships, protection of those you love, and the impact of time and memory all combined in a classic murder mystery.

The book opens with a woman watching a person die as the sound of a party can be heard in the background. We know who the murderer is but not who is murdered, nor why the murder is happening, nor how it has been done.

The story then shifts to a description of one day – the day of the party: the planned preparations, the flurry of last-minute details, and the introduction of the family and guests, any one of whom may be the victim. As each character is introduced, the reader is lured into wondering if this one is the victim. As details of the lives of Nadine and her mother are revealed, we wonder is this the reason for the murder.

Hints are there, but will you be able to identify them before the author reveals the whole story?

As you read the last chapters, do you think that the murder was justified? Do you find yourself sympathizing with the victim?

As we get to know Nadine, we know that she is very methodical even though for this party a little scattered. What do you think is causing her to be “disorganized? Do you think that she missed anything to ensure the success of the party? Has she overlooked something as she commits the murder? Will she get away with the murder?

The only way to find the answers is to read the book and hopefully enjoy it as much as the majority of the readers from the Book Club did.

Rhynda

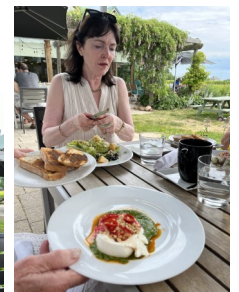
Monday Book Group:



The group met at the home of Barb M. to discuss *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng. This thought provoking book about a world where civilized society ignores the most searing injustice had us thinking about what would happen when normal people disappear because of their beliefs as authoritarianism takes over.

Dining Out Group:

We met at The Good Earth in Beamsville for our June luncheon. It was a beautiful day with sunshine and a light breeze. The food was beautiful – artistically presented and delicious. We enjoyed our lunch with friends – fine people and interesting conversations.
Lin F.



Walking Group: After a lovely morning walk on the Beach Road trail, some of us enjoyed coffee, snack and good conversation.

Thank you, Penelope Jeffrey for hosting us.



Interest Groups – September 2024

By the time you receive this newsletter, most Interest Groups will have already had their first meeting or will very shortly. During the spring and summer, the Biking, Games, Golf and Walking groups met on a regular basis and for most part will continue until late fall. Games and Walking continue all year round with the Games group moving indoors. This year there was no one to be the contact/organizer for Golf so it did not function. Two new groups were offered this year. Unfortunately Tennis did not generate enough interest to form a group. On the other hand, Mahjong has 12 members join to learn and play, meeting twice a month. As this is a new group of “learners”, the group has been capped at this point so if you wish to join, you will be placed on a wait list.

Interest Groups are an excellent way to meet and socialize with members in smaller groups - have fun, interesting conversations and basically get to know one another. If you are not part of an Interest Group, I encourage you to look at the listing to see what might twig your interest. Please contact me for further information or to sign up for a group and do let me know if you join a group in order that I keep the records up to date.

Roma M. (Interest Group co-ordinator)

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

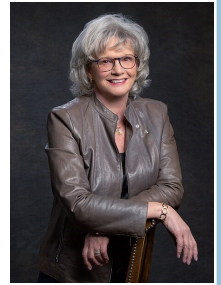
TREASURER: Maria Timmons

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- Communications:** Sandra Hughes
- Interest Groups:** Roma Makkreel
- Membership:** Barb Scott
- Program:** Colette Wilson
- Scholarship:** Karen Innes
- Social:** Lynne Duncombe



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's recent memoir will be available for purchase after the meeting (cash payments only, please). We are honoured and excited to have Linda Schuyler as our speaker for September. Colette W.



So Sorry for Your Loss

We wish Joan J., Patti K. and Anne M. strength and good memories as they mourn the passing of their family members during the summer.

All the best to Joan on the loss of her husband, George.

After a short illness in her 96th year Patti's mother Irene passed away peacefully.

Note of Thanks

My heartfelt thanks to all who sent emails and cards, or called with words of sympathy and caring after the short illness and untimely death of my younger and only sister, Carol (Zurrer) Janson in July. My CFUW connection and friends helped me to cope with my profound personal loss. With sincere gratitude, Anne



We Wish You All the Best in Your Health Journey!

Pat Clemons, was in hospital in the summer for a few days for an illness, but she then suffered a 'stroke'. She is at home now, but few details are known except that her sister is with her, apparently, and is taking Pat to therapy sessions. I know that we all wish her well and will keep her in our thoughts. Anne M.
All the best to Janet R., Rhynda B., and Bev G. as they recuperate.



Reminder to Members

If you have an article, an interest group report or information about a member that you would like in next month's newsletter, please email it to Sandra H.

by the **first Friday of the month, October 4th!**