



**CANADIAN FEDERATION
OF
UNIVERSITY WOMEN
ETOBICOKE**

CFUW is committed to:

- ★ The pursuit of knowledge
- ★ The promotion of education
- ★ The improvement of the status of women and human rights
- ★ Active participation in public affairs in a spirit of cooperation and friendship

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APRIL GENERAL MEETING:

Refreshments: 7:30 p.m.
Meeting: 8 p.m., Thursday,
April 14, 2011
Fairfield Seniors' Centre
80 Lothian Ave.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS: 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 7, 2011 and
Thursday, May 5, 2011
Fairfield Seniors' Centre

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APRIL 14, 2011
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BANQUET

May 12, 2011
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*The final submission date for the **JUNE** newsletter will be **Monday, May 16, 2011.***

*The final submission date for the **SEPTEMBER** newsletter will be **June 15.***

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

The Resolutions from CFUW National on Idling of Cars and Torture and the Ontario Council resolution on Mental Health Care were discussed at the March meeting. Vice-President Barb Willoughby led the discussion that involved the power point presentation prepared by Linda Crawford with background information on each resolution presented by Peggy Pinkerton, Ann McElhinney and Opal Rowe. The results of this discussion and recommendations will be forwarded to the National Office. I thank all presenters and participants for their input in this vital work of CFUW.

We held our Card and Games Party on March 24. Thanks to all who supported this fund raising event to provide an Endowment to Humber College. I will report on the proceeds at the April meeting.

Barb Willoughby and I will attend the Ontario Council AGM hosted by Oakville on May 13 and 14. At our April Annual General Meeting our Club will vote on whether Etoobicoke CFUW will host the 2012 Ontario Council AGM.

Several members attended the Ontario Council Standing Committee meeting on March 19. Their reports can be found on pages 6 to 8. Special thanks to Joanne Jamieson, Peggy Pinkerton and Barbara Willoughby for preparing their reports so quickly.

Many members attended the Canadian Women's Day Breakfast hosted by Laurel Broten and Michael Ignatieff on March 11. The speaker was Dr. Samantha Nutt, Founder and Executive Director of War Child Canada. She painted a rather chilling picture of the state of women and children in countries such as the Congo.

Dr. Nutt suggested the following actions for each of us to become aware of these situations and find a way of combatting them:

1. Read or watch one piece of International news per day.
2. Donate locally and internationally.
3. Be more ethical about investments and our purchases.
4. Find our voices. (We have CFUW.)

Bill C-545 is before the House of Commons, an act to eliminate poverty in Canada. Many members signed the petition of support that I took to MP Borys Wrzesnewskyj's office for him to present in the House in the time allotted for petitions.

The new Website has been developed to promote our Club. The work on this has been led by Helle Tosine and Lee Fullerton with the real development and building done by Sarah Witol, Pat Witol's daughter. We will showcase the Website at the April AGM. The Executive thank all who have made a contribution to its development!

Also at our April 14 AGM, artist John Kuna will talk to us about the murals he has painted on the buildings in Islington Village.

Join us for the annual banquet at Lambton Golf Course to hear Ken Weber on May 12. Mike Filey cancelled due to health reasons. We apologize for the inconvenience but feel you will enjoy this speaker.

- Pat Joyce, President



Patricia Joyce

ANNOUNCEMENTS...



CFUW ETOBICOKE ANNUAL BANQUET

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Reception 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Lambton Golf and Country Club

100 Scarlett Road

Guest Speaker:

KEN WEBER

recently of the Fall Learning Unlimited series, will do an illustrated presentation:

The Naughty Nineties (1890's)--First Stab at Women's Lib.

This will detail the mores, dress and rights of women at that time and show how this period lead to social changes in Canada.

Canadian women made a disproportionate contribution to this era.

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Menu

Boston Lettuce with radicchio, toasted almonds and grated carrots
served with citrus dressing

Chicken stuffed with goat cheese, spinach and mushrooms

or

Salmon with a dill sauce

Chocolate pyramid

Coffee or Tea

Cash Bar

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Tickets \$54.00

Tickets sellers: Debby Wright, convenor - 416.239.4956

Carolyn Bailey - 416.622.0670 Diane Hercus - 416.621.5660

Lou Richardson - 416.762.2754 Betty Sheils - 416.232.0840

Please pay by cheque, made out to CFUW- Etobicoke

Change of Banquet Speaker

Mike Filey has just notified me that he will be unable to speak at our Banquet on May 12 because of ill health, and will be replaced by Ken Weber, noted above. I apologize for the change, but can assure you that Mr. Weber is a humorous, insightful and informative speaker. Do join us for the Banquet on May 12!

- Pat Joyce, Program Convenor

Annual General Meeting - April 14, 2011
7:30 p.m. refreshments; 8:00 p.m. meeting
Fairfield Seniors' Centre - 80 Lothian Avenue

ISLINGTON VILLAGE MURALS

LINDA PEDERSEN, past Chair for the Village of Islington BIA, and the mastermind behind the Islington Mosaic Heritage Mural Project, will tell you the background of the project and introduce

JOHN KUNA

who has painted 14 of Islington's 17 existing murals. John will give an illustrated talk about his larger than life exceptional quality murals.

CARE Canada and CFUW

Again this year our National organization paired with Care Canada to raise funds. This year the money will support the foundation of a women's office in Zambia. The Club raised \$210. Because of the strong relationship between Care Canada and the Canadian Government, every dollar donated will be matched three to one by the Canadian International Development agency (CIDA).

Magazine Subscriptions

Please continue to support CFUW Etobicoke through magazine subscriptions.

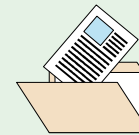
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CFUW BULLETIN BOARD AND NETWORKING TABLE

Please remember to read the information which is posted on our Bulletin Board at General Meetings. There is a variety of notices from our own club, The Ontario Council, CFUW National and IFUW. This board is located on the stage at Fairfield.



Advance Notice:

ONTARIO COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 13-14, 2011

Oakville Holiday Inn, 590 Angus Road, Oakville

Topic: POVERTY - TAKING OFF THE BLINDERS

Speaker: Dr. Joey Edwardh,

Executive Director, Community Development, Halton Region

Workshops: Income Security, Food Security, Affordable Housing, Mental Health

CFUW NATIONAL NEWS...

CFUW NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

St. John's, Newfoundland

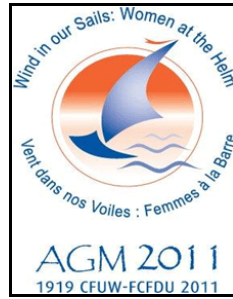
August 4-6, 2011

at the Sheridan Hotel

Agenda and trips are now available on this website:

<http://www.envision.ca/webs/cfuwstjohns>

The Committee is recommending early booking to secure a car. The Air Canada discount code is available.



ETOBICOKE RESOLUTIONS DISCUSSION

The following decisions were made at our March Resolutions Discussions meeting:

DRIVE-THROUGH SERVICE

Proposed by CFUW Toronto

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments to create and enforce standards, either through regulation or law, to control the idling of motor vehicles.

ACCEPTED.

CRIMINALIZATION OF NON-STATE ACTOR TORTURE

Proposed by International Relations Committee

RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to amend without delay the Canadian Criminal Code to include torture committed by private individuals (non-state actors) as a specific and distinct criminal offence.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to (i) exercise due diligence by initiating into Canadian policies and practices without delay all appropriate measures to ensure that women and girls (who are disproportionately affected by extreme forms of violence), and men and boys are not subjected to torture by non-state actors in the private sphere, (ii) respect the high priority of establishing gender-sensitive frameworks on the global United Nations agenda, and (iii) uphold Canada's commitments to applicable United Nations human rights instruments to which Canada is a signatory.

Amend Clause 2 (i) by

Striking out the words "...women and girls (who are disproportionately affected by extreme forms of violence) and men and boys are not..."

Inserting the words "no one is"

The amended clause to read: "... all appropriate measures to ensure that no one is subjected to torture..."

Amend Clause 2 (ii) by

Inserting the words "...given that women and girls are disproportionately affected by extreme forms of violence." after "...United Nations agenda."

Otherwise accepted.

It was felt that this resolution would benefit from clarification in this context of "due diligence", possibly reinforced by a legal opinion.

CFUW Ontario Council Standing Committee Meeting - March 19, 2011

Status of Women

The speaker for the Status of Women Standing Committee was unfortunately unavailable. Instead, Chair Rhea Pretsell spoke to us about her experience attending the Equal Voice conference which took place at the Ottawa Convention Centre March 12, 2011. The conference was attended by more than 200 women from all parties. Pat Carney was in attendance as well as members from a feminist Quebec separatist group, the speaker for the afternoon session for the Status of Women, and Human Rights representatives from the aboriginal women.

The event coincided with the 10th anniversary of the founding of Equal Voice and the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day. The focus of the conference was "Why we need more elected women in government". Even though women represent 52% of the population, only 22% of the M.P.s in Canada are women. They speak only 7% of the time.

By the United Nations standards to be a "critical mass" women should hold 33% of a government's seats. When Equal Voice was formed 10 years ago there were 20% women M.P.s; at this rate it would take many years to hit the 33% threshold that Equal Voice has as its next 10 year goal. What can we do to ensure that this is attainable?

We can support women who do run for election by fundraising and canvassing for the candidate. Help must come from women. We can encourage women to vote by offering to take them out to vote. We can help immigrant women to understand their voting rights.

There are many obstacles for women who have the desire to enter public life. Many have no child care options or the money it takes to run for office. There are many domestic reasons and women have different priorities in their lives. Sixteen hour days are very difficult for women who have a family. When Pat Carney was asked how to have a political life and a family life, she responded "Don't even try". It is often difficult for women to win a riding as they are often put up against a strong incumbent.

We were asked to consider whether CFUW was a good fit with Equal Voice. The Federation of Municipalities has undertaken a goal of 33% women in municipal governments, however the provincial and federal governments have no goal. Some countries in the world have it constitutionally. Do we have or want policy to this effect? Do we want to urge the governments to set a goal?

The Chair gave us an update on our January 2011 speaker Sabina Ali from the Thorncliffe Park Neighbourhood Women's Group. She has accepted an invitation from CFUW Orillia member Dorothy Macdonald to be her guest at the Canadian Club's April 27th Equal Voice Award celebration. Isabel Bassett, Dorothy Macdonald's sister-in-law, will be the recipient.

We also heard an update on the province's Sexual Violence Action Plan which has been ongoing for five or six years. Ontario Council made recommendations at the end of August 2010 and the final report came out in early March. Critics of the report say that it is fixing the problem after the fact. Jane Doe has said that the responsibility of males has not been sufficiently addressed. The government wants to concentrate on younger women, but, as we know, sexual violence does not discriminate: infants and the very elderly are victims too. Rape crisis centres are not happy with the report as they only receive 5% of the budgeted \$15 million, which does not make up for the loss to these centres during the Harris government.

You can contact Rhea Pretsell for an electronic copy of the report at:
pretsell@sympatico.ca

- Joanne Jamieson

CFUW Ontario Council Standing Committee Meeting - March 19, 2011

Morning Session on Financial Literacy

Speaker Greg Pollock, former teacher, former CEO of the Catholic Teachers' Organization, presently director of an umbrella organization of financial planners, was one of 13 members of an expert panel assembled in 2009 by Finance Minister Flaherty to advise on a plan of action to promote financial literacy in Canada. Financial Literacy is defined as "having the knowledge, skills and confidence to make responsible financial decisions". The need for such a program is demonstrated by a number of factors:

- increase in household debt (the average family debt in Canada has increased from \$5,800 in 1990 to over \$100,000 today, and is greater than that in the U.S.).
- the need to make financial decisions at an earlier age (use of credit cards, phone plans, etc.).
- ramifications of the shift from Defined Benefit to Defined Contribution pension plans.
- the increasing need for Canadians to fully participate in financial matters.
- Only 60% of Canadians contribute to an RRSP.
- Only 38% of Canadians feel their financial circumstances will improve in the next year.

The Panel's mandate was to deliver a national strategy, and to determine how to marshal resources to implement the strategy. It identified five priorities:

Shared responsibility: among public and private sector, labour, volunteer sector, financial services, etc.

Leadership and collaboration: a leader is required, who will pull together all relevant ministries and other elements.

Delivery and promotion: by websites, awareness campaigns, self-assessment tools, clear language on tax forms, credit card applications, mortgages, etc.

Accountability: constant monitoring and evaluation of progress.

Lifelong Learning: foundation should be built in school, (Ontario is proposing adding financial literacy to its grade 4 to 12 curriculum), but should be continued in the workplace, market place and financial services industry, and government programs.

Mr. Pollock admitted that hurdles exist in the way of any financial literacy program solving individual financial woes:

- People behave irrationally and make bad financial decisions despite knowledge.
- People do not take advantage of programs available to them; (160,000 eligible seniors do not get OAS, 150,000 do not get GIS, 55,000 do not get CPP, most do not take full advantage of RRSPs).

The panel's report was delivered to the government in February 2011, and the government has not yet decided on whether to implement its recommendations. Mr. Pollock believes that if they are implemented, success of the operation will result in a better quality of life for Canadians, resilient households in good times and bad, and a more competitive Canada.

Afternoon Session: Legislation Standing Committee:

The afternoon speaker was Kim Pate, executive director of the Elizabeth Fry Society, speaking on women in prison. She excoriates the government's proposed new law and order legislation as useless rhetoric, but all parties have bought in, as they can't be seen as soft on crime.

Women are the fastest-growing prison population, but these are predominantly poor women, victims of what Ms. Pate calls the criminalization of poverty. Some reasons are:

Marginalization: Women still make less than men, and with the elimination of the Canada Assistance Plan, there are fewer financial supports for them and their children. She claims that it is impossible to survive on social assistance, so that women must cheat to live as the system is stacked against them (e.g. money borrowed by one on social assistance must be declared as income, but cannot be claimed as a deduction when paid back). 82% of women in prison are there for fraud, prostitution and drugs, all survival tactics.

Mental Health and Addiction Issues: These affect 50% of female prisoners who should properly be treated in mental health facilities rather than prison. Instead they are placed in maximum security for such misdemeanors as trying to escape, or being hard to handle, which only makes them worse. Many have a history of abuse and use drugs to euthanize themselves, or are given drugs to keep them placid.

Aboriginal women are disproportionately affected. They are imprisoned nine times more than other women, and often plead guilty to offenses for which they might offer a defence in plea bargains in order to mitigate their sentences.

The cost of the Corrections system is rising, (we don't know by how much, due to lack of transparency by the federal government) and will be substantial. One of several "law and order" bills contemplated by the government, eliminating credit for time served, has been costed at five billion dollars a year by a panel of economists. If more services were offered in the community to alleviate poverty and other social ills, Ms. Pate speculates that 75% of women could be released from prison, saving the \$175,000 it costs to keep a woman in prison for one year (\$350,000 to \$500,000 in maximum security), freeing funds for mental health services, child care, tuition and social assistance. She feels we cannot afford not to deal with these issues.

- Peggy Pinkerton

Education Standing Committee

Since 1957 Social Planning Toronto has engaged in research, policy analysis, community planning, and capacity building. Executive Director, John Campey, reported on a symposium held last September that brought together a broad range of 250 people from across the province to discuss Schools as Community Hubs: The Vision, The Challenge, The Opportunity. Mr. Campey who has been an educator and school trustee brings his personal experience to the topic.

The central role of the school in the wider community has a long history in Ontario. This central role has lessened and schools have become single purpose facilities. Declining enrollment, particularly in older neighbourhoods in Toronto, has prompted exploration of the use of schools as community hubs with services for families and the community under one roof. There are a number of schools that were built to serve 600 students that now have enrollments of 200 to 300. Rather than closing these facilities a number of services for all ages such as daycare, adult education, immigrant services, and public health services could be located in the school strengthening the community. Community consultation is key to addressing the particular needs of each area and co-ordination of the various government ministries involved requires dedicated leadership. The Toronto District School Board currently has pilot projects underway.

The local school should be a vital community resource, not a disposable real estate asset. Do you have a school in your community that may close? Contact your local school trustee for information.

- Barbara Willoughby

(I would like to thank Joanne Jamieson, Peggy Pinkerton and Barb Willoughby for providing these reports on very short notice, and in limited time. Ed.)

CFUW ETOBICOKE NEWS..

AWARDS COMMITTEE PROPOSAL 2010/2011

Education Awards:

University of Toronto

Two bursaries: one of them, a first year bursary in the amount of \$1,100; and the other, for a student who has completed at least one year, in the amount of \$1,100.

York University

One bursary: for a student who has completed at least one year, in the amount of \$1,100.

Ryerson University

One bursary: a first year bursary in the amount of \$1,100.

Humber College

One bursary: for a student who has completed at least one year, in the amount of \$1,200.

Total Education Awards: 5 awards: \$1,100. X 4 + \$1200. = \$5,600.00

Community Awards:

Silvercreek Preschool (for children with disabilities) \$300.00

St James Food Basket \$300.00

Total Community Awards: 2 awards @ \$300.00 = \$600.00

Total Awards:

Education: \$5,600.00

Community Awards: \$600.00

Proposal to put \$1,000 into Humber Endowment Fund \$1,000.00

Total \$7,200.00

Submitted By:

Cathy Sbrolla, Mary Howlett, Luciana Kim, Marg Gogarty and Beverley Judson.

This proposal and the proposed budget are to be voted on at the

April 14, 2011 AGM.

Finance Committee Report:

It was decided at our Finance Meeting that there would be no increase for our local club operating expenses again this year. Our dues for 2011-2012 will remain at \$101.00 (the breakdown is National - \$60.00; Ontario Council - \$5.50; Charitable Trust - \$12.00; our club - \$23.50) We have added a website fee of \$100.00 to the expenses of the operating budget. Also included is the Conference Reserve Forecast. Please direct any questions to Rosemary Campbell 416.231.2292.

As chair of the Finance Committee I am most grateful to the members of the committee. Thank you Pat Joyce, Barb Willoughby, Joanne Jamieson, Angela Capobianco and Ginny Marshall.

- Rosemary Campbell, Finance Committee Chair

Nominating Committee Report:

The slate of candidates which has been prepared by the Nominating Committee for the 2011-2012 club year includes two members who have agreed to extend their terms beyond the two years specified in our Constitution. Therefore, at our Annual General Meeting on April 14, 2011, the following motion will be presented:

That the following executive members continue in their positions:

Pat Joyce as Program Convenor

Moira Hooegeven as Newsletter Convenor.

If the above motion passes, the following is the proposed slate of candidates for the 2011-2012 CFUW Etobicoke Executive. The slate will be presented to the membership for approval on April 14, 2011.

Officers:		Convenors:	
President:	Barbara Willoughby	Membership:	Ginny Marshall
Past President:	Pat Joyce	Program:	Pat Joyce
Vice-president:	Pat Ferbyack	Hospitality:	Audra Hudek
Recording Secretary:	Nancy Zingel	Interest Groups:	Fran Laphen, Pat Witol
Corresponding Secretary:	Jo Ann Marriott	Newsletter:	Moira Hooegeven
Treasurer:	Joanne Jamieson		

Thank you very much to the members who have agreed to let their names stand for election.

My sincere gratitude to the members of the Nominating Committee:

Carolyn Bailey, Elinor Fillion, Anne Hendriks and Linda Rose. They were extremely helpful.

- Rosemary Campbell, Nominating Committee Chair

Mariann Glynn has been nominated to the position of Treasurer of the Charitable Trust. This will be voted on at the AGM on April 14.

CFUW Etobicoke Conference Reserve 2011-2012

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Proposed
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Reserve Balance of previous year	1056	-275	529.8	344.3	1943.06
Annual Budgeted Contribution	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
50% Operating Excess-prior year	673	1013	617	1447	?
Total Revenue	3729	2738	3146.8	3791.3	3943.06
	Vancouver	Montreal	Winnipeg	Ottawa	St. John's
	BC	QC	MB	ON	ND
National AGM fees (2)	720	740	790	425	850
National AGM travel/hotel	2614	761	1346	653.24	1805
Standing Committee mtgs. (3)	270	270	270	300	300
Central Ont. Fall Gathering (2)	70	90	80	90	90
Ont. Council AGM fees (2)	170	180	180	180	200
Ont. Council AGM travel/hotel (2)	160	167.2	136.5	200	200
Total Expense	4004	2208.2	2802.5	1848.24	3445
Excess/deficit	-275	529.8	344.3	1943.06	498.06

Proposed Budget 2011-12 CFUW Etobicoke

	Actual 2007-08	Actual 2008-09	Actual 2009-10	Proposed 2010-11	2010-11 YTD	Forecast 2010-11	Proposed 2011-12
Full Paying Members	286	288	284	278	276		271
Dual Members	5	7	5	4	3		3
Local Life Member	1	1	1	1	1		1
Total Membership	292	296	290	283	280		275
Dues for CFUW National	55.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00		60.00
Dues for CFUW Ontario Council	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50		5.50
Dues for CFUW for Etobicoke Charitable	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00		12.00
Dues for CFUW Etobicoke	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.50		23.50
Total Dues per member	96.00	101.00	101.00	101.00	101.00		101.00
Dues for CFUW National	15730	17340	17010	16680	16620		16320
Dues for CFUW Ontario Council	1573	1584	1562	1529	1523.5		1496
Dues for CFUW Etobicoke Charitable	3492	3540	3468	3336	3348		3300
Donations for Charitable Trust	2674	3158	3208	3000	2955		2900
Total Revenue for transfer	23469	25622	25248	24545	24447		24016
Dues for CFUW Etobicoke	6838.5	6932.5	6791.5	6627	6556.5		6439
Advertising: roster & newsletter	105	125	60	60	20		20
Book Sale	245	390	468	500	623.25		600
Interest Earned	793.04	495	445	150		180.55	150
Magazine Sales	1234.8	1018	1678	900	1100		1000
Other	0	0			15.5		0
Total Revenue	9216.4	8960.5	9442.5	8237	8315.3	180.55	8209
Administration	194.4	439	412.74	350	151.09		350
Banquet (expenses less ticket sales)	70.64	-83	-103	150			150
Contribution to Conference Reserve	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000		2000
Donations memoriam + other	25	175	50	200	125		150
Dues for Life Member	60.5	65.5	65.5	65.5	65.5		65.5
Hospitality	559.04	624	636.14	700	110.85		700
Liability Insurance	115.6	148	143.5	150	140		140
Newsletter	1961.4	1485	1586.3	1750	1303.1		1750
Programme	1330.5	1300	1275	1300	501.13		1300
Publicity	136.23	153	119.15	180	134.75		180
Rent	292	1092	509.36	550	666.8		700
Roster	301.08	268	226	225			255
Miscellaneous	100	0	75.52	50	41.76		50
Website							100
Total Expense	7146.4	7666.5	6996.2	7670.5	3049.5		7890

Please bring this newsletter to the Annual General Meeting on April 14, 2011

THANK YOU
to our Hospitality Helpers:
and **Congratulations** to
Elizabeth Penke, our Hospitality Convenor,
for an inspiring table, beautifully decorated,
as always, in a topical theme.



Please remember to bring your mug to the next,
and every, meeting.


MUDDERS TRIP TO PHILADELPHIA



Eleven members of the Mudders group joined a bus tour to Philadelphia to see the Philadelphia Garden Show and Longwoods Gardens. The weather was rainy and cold, but it didn't matter as we were inside, first enjoying the innovative and gorgeous flower show exhibits all tied to the theme of Springtime in Paris and then being overwhelmed by the display gardens of the conservatories at Longwoods Gardens, a property developed by Pierre Dupont. Orchid blooms were everywhere, putting on an unforgettable show for us. We also squeezed in some local sites, including a few of the 3000 murals around the city, the Betsy Ross House, and the Liberty Bell, among others. And of course we did some shopping at Macy's and had some very good meals, too. We left Philadelphia vowing to return some day, or at the very least to plan another trip where we could combine the pleasures of gardening and friendship.

- Pat Witol

CONDOLENCES
to
Betty Sheils
whose sister,
Jennie Chalmers
of Perth, Scotland, passed away March 3.



Betty has made a donation to the Elizabeth Sweet capital fund in memory of her sister who " for years was interested in what the 'ladies' had been doing and what new projects were upcoming."

The Trust thanks Betty for her donation and offers her our sympathy.

ATTENTION ALL INTEREST GROUP CONVENORS:

This is the time of year when new convenors are chosen for Interest Groups. We would like to be notified of any change in convenors' names and also of any changes of schedule for your Interest Group. This information is necessary to make sure that the description of your group in the September newsletter and on our new website is up-to-date. Thank you for making your Interest Group part of the life blood of our organization and a place for fun, fellowship and education.

- Fran Laphen, 416.622.9168 and Pat Witol 416.620.4065 witol@rogers.com
Interest Groups Co-Convenors

INTEREST GROUP NEWS ...

DATE	BOOK	LEADER	HOSTESS
AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP			
Apr. 26	Mistress of Nothing by Kate Pullinger Library has 57 copies.	- Carolyn Fredenburg -	
May 24	Book selection for next year		Edith Sawyer
BGT LIT			
Apr. 5	Tinkers, by Paul Harding.	Joanne Colbourne	Dorothy Shepard
May 3	Olive Kittridge by Elizabeth Strout	Joy Fulford	
BOOKENDERS			
Apr. 19	Island Beneath the Sea by I. Allende	Sue Theakston	Liz Short
May 17	The Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor by Sally Armstrong	Jean Graham	Marge Cowan
BOOKWORMS			
Apr. 26	Nothing to be Frightened Of by Julian Barnes	TBD	Audrey Ferlejowski
May 24	Nomad by Ayaan Hirsi Ali	Pat Staton	Janet Douglas
CANADIAN BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP			
Apr. 6	The Bishop's Man - L. McIntyre	Kathy Girvin	Nancy Lucas
May 4	February by Lisa Moore	Sharon McLeod	Lorna Gray
HORIZONS			
Apr. 19	Confessions of an Igloo Dweller by James Houston	Norene Turvolgyi	Dorothy Purchase
May 17	The Cellist of Sarajevo by S. Galloway		
JAUNTERS			
Apr. 19	St. Anne's Anglican Church - Convenors Jill Duncan, Jan Miladinov		
May 17	Murals of Islington Village - Marney Showalter and Evelyn Silvester		



WALK & TALK SCHEDULE

Apr. 5	Shirley Scott	416.622.3771	Margaret King	416.487.2590
Apr. 12	Marjorie Devine	416.232.0565	Joan Martin	416.235.2819x3121
Apr. 26	Tish Harrison	416.239.3423	Lydia Bell	416.769.6777
May 3	Sandra Marven	416.236.4191	Marney Showalter	416.994.6886
May 10	Lydia Bell	416.769.6777	Marney Showalter	416.994.6886
May 24	Evelyn Silvester	416.233.1725	Marney Showalter	416.994.6886
May 31	Tish Harrison	416.239.3423	Jean MacMillan	416.231.6391

For the time and location of the walk, please call one of the organizers the day before. All are welcome, even if you haven't signed our roster. Bring a brown bag lunch.



Status of Women & Human Rights Group
Presents

Toronto in the 21st Century

WEDNESDAY, May 4, 2011 7:30 PM
Don Mills Public Library Auditorium
888 Lawrence Ave. East
(at The Donway West,
1 block west of Don Mills Rd.)

Speaker:
The Honourable David Crombie

Question Period to follow.
Free Admission and Free Parking (Lot west of Library or on street)

Information: 416-447-7727

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IN THE COMMUNITY...

UNDERSTANDING AND COPING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

Kingsway Lambton United Church 85 The Kingsway Etobicoke
Monday, May 9, 2011 - Time: 7:30 PM.

This is a community event speech by
Dr. David Goldbloom MD, FRCPC from
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

This event is sponsored by the Pastoral Care Committee of the church. It is a golden opportunity to listen and learn from one of Canada's leading experts in the field of Mental Health. He is a renowned educator and a practising psychiatrist. There will be a question period. Free will offering only. For more information www.kingswaylambton.ca/announcements/html. or telephone 416 234-8224.



KINGSWAY-LAMBTON UNITED CHURCH
ART SHOW AND SALE
Art for Goodness' Sake
Saturday, April 9th, 2011
10am - 4pm
Meet over 30 Artists

This 14th annual Show features original contemporary and traditional art, wood turning, jewellery, folk art, ceramics, wall hangings and photography.

Door Prize: 16" x 16" Acrylic on Gallery Wrapped Canvas
"The Colour of Light at this Moment", by Linda Kemp



FIBRE ARTS FESTIVAL

April 2 - 17, 2011

at Neilson Park Creative Centre, 56 Neilson Drive, Etobicoke
sponsored by:

**The Etobicoke Handweavers and Spinners Guild,
Heritage Rugcrafters of Etobicoke, and The Etobicoke Quilters' Guild**
Show and sale features

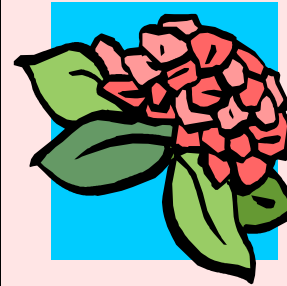
quilts, hooked rugs, woven articles, wearables and much more.

Opening Weekend: Saturday, April 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission \$5.00.

Merchants' Mall, demonstrations, door prizes, tea room, free parking.



THE ERNESTINE AFFAIR

Annual fundraiser for Ernestine's Women's Shelter

Place: Woodbine Race Track

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 27;
6:30 Reception, 7:30 Dinner

Featuring:

Silent and Live Auction

Recipient of the Ernestine Van Marle

Inspiration Award: Becky Big Canoe.

Host: CIFI's Tish Icton

Guest Speaker: Laura Sky, Documentary Film Maker

Music: The WestEnders Jazz Group

Tickets are \$100 of which we are able to receipt \$50.00.

From the office of Donna Cansfield, M.P.P.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

April 11 : Seniors' Advisory Group meeting upstairs in the Art Gallery at Richview Library, 1806 Islington Ave from 2:30 – 4:00 pm.

TOPIC: **Hospital Health Care Experiences – What's most important to you?**

PRESENTER: Jutta Schaaf, Coordinator, Community Engagement and Urban Health, St. Joseph's Health Centre

May 4: Donna Cansfield hosts a 7:00 pm meeting

TOPIC: **Canada's Retirement Income System – Where is it heading?**

PRESENTER: Patrick Longhurst,

Certified Financial Planner and pension expert.

Location: Etobicoke Civic Centre in the Council Chambers, 399 The West Mall

May 9: Seniors' Advisory Group meeting upstairs in the Art Gallery at Richview Library, 1806 Islington Ave from 2:30 – 4:00 pm.

TOPIC: **Safeguarding your legal, personal and financial interests**

