



**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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**FEBRUARY 2010**

**GENERAL MEETING:**

**Refreshments: 7:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting: 8 p.m., Thurs. Feb.11,2010**  
Fairfield Seniors' Centre  
80 Lothian Ave.

**EXECUTIVE MEETING: 7:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010**  
Fairfield Seniors' Centre

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General Meeting: FEBRUARY 11

The Changing Role of Community  
Colleges

John Davies, President of Humber College

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*The final submission date for the MARCH issue of the newsletter will be Monday, February 15, 2010.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

**Ontario Council Annual General Meeting**

**May 14-15, 2010**

Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre  
325 Ontario St., St. Catharines, ON L2R 5L3

**Keynote speaker is Rabia S. Khedr**

**"Creating Inclusive Communities: Places where people belong".**

Rabia has over 15 years of personal and professional experience in accessibility, community development and outreach to persons with disabilities and ethno-racial-cultural communities.

There are three workshops from which you choose two. The topics are: The Myths of Accessibility, The AODA and What it Means and Words with Dignity.

There will also be a panel discussing "What Barrier-free Living Means".

To get the early bird fee, registration must be received prior to April 14. For further information contact Rosemary Campbell jr1campbell@sympatico.ca or 416.231.2292.

**Ontario Council, Canadian Federation of University Women**

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**LEGISLATION - EDUCATION - STATUS OF WOMEN**

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church  
1585 Yonge Street

**Saturday, March 13, 2010**

**(Topic and Speakers not yet available)**

Our club subsidizes members who wish to attend. For further information, and/or if you wish to attend this meeting, please contact Linda Rose by March 5.

**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 year we will again provide a networking space for members who wish to share business and professional information. This will be situated adjacent to the club bulletin board.

Notice from the office of Donna Cansfield, MPP:

**SENIOR ADVISORY GROUP** meets on February 8, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., upstairs in Richview Library. Topic: General Interest Programs and Activities for Seniors. Guest Speakers: Lisa Heise, from Fairfield Seniors' Centre; Debbie Morgan, Islington Seniors' Centre, and Sherry McLeod, from Supperworks.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Happy New Year to everyone!



Rosemary Campbell

We have had two excellent general meetings since the last newsletter. The December 10th meeting was festive and fun. We much appreciate the efforts of the following members: Elizabeth Penke and her Hospitality Team, Pat Joyce and her Program Committee (the Harmony Singers were excellent), Fran Laphen, Carolyn Bailey and their team for looking after a most successful raffle and finally, to our members who were so generous in purchasing tickets.

Members voted unanimously to support our Charitable Trust in setting up an endowment at York University which required additional funds of \$2,000.

We also voted for the National President. Those votes have since been tallied, and our new National President is Brenda Wallace, CFUW Regina. Her two-year term starts at the end of the July AGM. We congratulate Brenda and wish her every success.

At the January 14th meeting our speaker Dr. Leslie Jermyn spoke to us about women in post-secondary education. The majority of students in undergraduate studies are women, who prove themselves to be very successful students and have a high level of completion of their degree. When women enter post-graduate work the decline of completion of those degrees increases significantly. Many women put their studies and careers on hold to have a family. Dr. Jermyn also reported that our society puts a daunting amount of stress on students. Many entry-level positions in the work force require degrees. As tuition is very expensive the result is that students incur large debt, even though most students work. She also commented that the old-boys network remains in our universities.



Dr. Leslie Jermyn

The membership voted unanimously to accept the amendments to our Constitution as outlined in the November, 2009 newsletter. Many thanks to Shonet Stiles, Catherine Vivian, who is our parliamentarian, and Moira Hoogeveen for the time and care taken in the wording of those amendments.

The Charitable Trust reported that they have already received a number of individual contributions now totalling \$2,000.00 for the York University endowment - impressive! They would like to raise funds in order to offer a bursary at Humber College and are planning a games afternoon to raise funds for our Charitable Trust. Please see the promo on Page 14. We would also like to tell you of CARE Canada's Haiti relief program that National is supporting. They are asking members to organize fundraising events to raise money for the relief effort in that desperate country. You can find out more on the CFUW National web site: CFUW.org.

Your Executive suggest the following two New Year's Resolutions for you to consider. If you have email, try receiving your newsletter via email as postage is increasing and the HST is coming. Remember to bring your mug, and if you use one of the mugs donated by Mary-Louise Sutherland, take it home to wash and bring it back with you to the next meeting.

At our February 11th general meeting, remember to bring your gently used linens, towels, household utensils and small appliances to the annual collection for the Etobicoke women's shelters. Please review the amended Governance proposal outlined in this newsletter as we will be voting on this proposal at the February meeting. Looking forward to seeing you Feb. 11th.

- Rosemary Campbell

## General Meeting February 11, 2010

Fairfield Seniors' Centre



### THE CHANGING ROLE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

**JOHN DAVIES**

President of Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning, Mr. Davies has had a long and distinguished career in public education as Teacher, Principal, Superintendent and Director of the Toronto Board; Former CEO of Education Improvement Commission for the Provincial Government, Chief of Staff for Effective Schools Task Force, on several Boards including the William Osler Health System, League for Innovation in the Community College, Advisory Board of the City of Toronto Summit Alliance and the Mayor's Safe City Panel, Chair of Polytechnics Canada.

**Bring a young person who may be entering the College system!!!!**

### ADVANCE NOTICE, BANQUET

**Thursday, May 13, 2010**

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

Lambton Golf and Country Club

100 Scarlett Road

Guest Speaker:

**CHRISTOPHER HUME**

**Columnist with the Toronto Star**

will speak on Etobicoke Architecture, Waterfront, Future

Tickets \$52.00 - Sales will start at our February General Meeting

Tickets sellers: Debby Wright, convenor - 416.239.4956

Carolyn Bailey - 416.622.0670

Diane Hercus - 416.621.5660



Please pay by cheque, made out to CFUW- Etobicoke



### PROGRAM IDEAS!!!!

The CFUW Etobicoke Program Committee will be meeting in early February to plan for 2010-11. If you have ideas for speakers, please contact Pat Joyce 416.622.5628 or e-mail at patjoyce103@yahoo.com.

**CFUW-FCFDU - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Ottawa July 15 - 18, 2010**  
**Value Our Past - Shape the Future**  
**How diplomacy, security and development work together.**

 **Focus: Afghanistan** 

With  
**General Natynczyk**, Chief of the Defense Staff  
**Dr. Sima Samar**, Afghan Independent Human Rights Commissioner,  
physician, activist

**Celebrate: CFUW Ottawa Club's 100th Anniversary**

### Update on CFUW AGM Ottawa - July 15-18, 2010

The key speakers are confirmed.

We will explore diplomacy, defence and development working together through a dialogue with GENERAL NATYNCZYK, Chief of the Defense Staff and equally senior leaders from CIDA and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. After a break, a panel of experts from the field will discuss the main issues in the four targeted areas; then facilitators will lead interactive workshops to produce ideas for action. The Plan is to turn these concepts into practical projects in home Clubs.

Saturday evening our speakers tie the threads of the week-end tapestry together.

The extraordinary DR. SIMA SAMAR, physician, human rights activist, founder of schools and clinics for Afghani women and girls both in Pakistan and in her home country, Honorary Officer, Order of Canada; winner of the Humphries Prize; special envoy to the UN for Darfur, is taking the time to come to Ottawa to tell the story of her country at this Gala.

We will also have the opportunity to meet an extraordinary young Canadian, ALAINA PODMORROW, age 12, who has founded Little Women for the Little Women of Afghanistan.

CHARLOTTE GRAY, social historian and biographer of so many Canadian women from our past, will be the speaker at the Scholarship Trust Breakfast.

You'll be pleased to know one arm of LAC is planning fun bits to tuck into this busy program. Now we just need you to come.

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### CFUW ETOBICOKE to Debate Proposed Resolutions on March 11, 2010

#### What are resolutions?

Resolutions form the public policy of CFUW. Proposed annually by member clubs and committees, approved resolutions describe the official position of CFUW on a variety of issues.

They are collated into the policy book. That policy book contains hundreds of approved resolutions covering dozens of topics. These policies are the topics around which CFUW lobbies regional, provincial and national governments to act accordingly.

A good resolution will:

- conform with the purposes and interests of CFUW
- initiate new policy, expand existing policy, reaffirm or update policy
- direct CFUW and its clubs to take action
- be national or international in scope
- not have a political bias
- be well researched
- be clear, concise, non-ambiguous and free of jargon
- be self-explanatory
- be manageable

#### How do resolutions get approved?

Resolutions received at CFUW head office by November 1st each year are distributed to chapters in early February for discussion. Each chapter submits their decision to reject/accept/amend proposed resolutions. CFUW Etobicoke does this at our March General Meeting. At the CFUW Annual General Meeting each summer, club delegates cast an official ballot on amended resolutions, based on club members' preferences.

#### The new 2010 Resolutions are the following:

Proposer:

CFUW Committee	Aboriginal Education Funding
CFUW Oakville	Canada's Policy on Asbestos and other Hazardous Substances
CFUW South Delta	EMFS and Overhead Power Lines: Residential and Community Health Hazards
UWC Vancouver	Human Trafficking and Prostitution of Women and Children
CFUW International Relations Committee	Mobilizing the Will to Intervene

These are the resolutions that need to be discussed.

The following two, proposed by CFUW International Relations Committee, will require a Yes or No vote.

United Nations Security Council Resolution /1820, Eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls as a war weapon.

United Nations Security Council Resolution /1888 on sexual violence and armed conflict.

#### General Meeting, March 11

**This meeting will start at 7:30, not 8:00 PM.** Dessert and coffee will be served and then we will start the discussion. You will be asked to reject, accept or amend each resolution. Leaders will summarize the background information sent by National to help you better decide. A report on the decisions is forwarded to the proposing Club through the National Office.

We are to be assisted in this by the Issues Group members led by Peggy Pinkerton. I should have the background information by early February. If you wish to see this contact me by e-mail at patjoyce103@yahoo.com or phone 416. 622.5628.

## New President for CFUW NATIONAL:



The Returning Officer has tallied the votes and the results have been reported to the Chair of Nominations and by her to the CFUW President. The President-Elect for the Biennium 2010-2012 is:

### **BRENDA WALLACE, CFUW REGINA**

who is currently serving on the Board of Directors as Vice-President Prairies.

We extend our congratulations to Brenda, and wish her well in her new position.

## GOVERNANCE AMENDED PROPOSAL

An amended Governance proposal was received toward the end of November. The amendment included a VP of Membership, thus suggesting an eleven member Board.

Currently the Board has fourteen members including: President, Director of Finance/Fellowship, Director of Strategic Planning, 5 Regional VPs, Director of Education, Director of Legislation, Director of Status of Women and Human Rights, Director of Resolutions, Coordinator of International Affairs, and Director of Membership.

The amended structure (Nov. 17, 2009) proposes an eleven member Board including: President

VP Finance/Fellowship

VP Communications/Corporate Secretary

5 Regional Vice-Presidents

VP Advocacy, who coordinates the following which become committees: Education, Legislation, Status of Women & Human Rights and Resolutions

VP International Affairs

VP Membership.

It has been suggested that two Regional Directors be added, one each in British Columbia and Ontario with quarterly teleconferences held.

You will be voting on this amended proposal at the February 11th meeting.

We have an option of voting on the amended proposal in its entirety or voting on each amendment. Your executive voted unanimously to only vote on the entire proposal. Ten members of our executive voted on the proposal at the December Executive Meeting. That vote resulted in 4 against, 3 in favour and 2 abstentions. As there was no tie, the Chair did not vote.

The National website: [www.cfuw.org](http://www.cfuw.org) has information on Governance. If you have any questions please contact Rosemary Campbell at [jr1campbell@sympatico.ca](mailto:jr1campbell@sympatico.ca) or phone 416.231.2292.

## CFUW ONTARIO COUNCIL NEWS...

Standing Committee January 16, 2010

### Morning Session:

The Pascal Report on Early Childhood Learning was addressed by representatives of both the childcare workers and school teachers, who both lamented Ontario's position at or near the bottom of OECD countries in the provision of early learning.

Andrea Calvin, co-coordinator of the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, began by describing her organization's struggle to obtain funding for childcare and the immense strain on parents to find and afford suitable care. She deplored the fact that there is no coherent system for childcare in Ontario and that it has not been mentioned in either of the last two provincial budgets. Childcare providers accordingly must campaign every year for their funding. A crisis looms for the March 2010 budget, since a one-time federal grant of \$256 million received in 2006 is nearly gone, and five million must be granted in this budget to prevent cuts in services.

The Coalition thus supports full implementation of the Pascal report, which would begin by offering full-day kindergarten for four- and five-year-olds, and ultimately before- and after-school childcare for all children to age 12. They anticipate that cost savings from having much of the child care segment taken over by the Boards of Education can be used to stabilize the system and raise the wages of Early Childhood Education teachers. This would be a win-win improvement, both in the educational start for children and the quality of life for parents.

Susan Swackhammer, of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, also fully endorsed the recommendations of the Pascal Report. She praised the government for its multi-million dollar commitment, which she feels will narrow the literacy gap and improve retention rates. She feels that Primary and ECE teachers will bring complementary skills to the classroom, and that any professional differences can and will be worked out. Planning and training sessions for both sets of teachers are anticipated. She looks forward to a return to play-based education for kindergarten (recently jettisoned in schools' focus on standardized testing) and feels this will integrate with the ECE component. She is optimistic that if fully implemented this program will make schools a more valuable resource and give parents peace of mind, as well as the convenience of not having to shuttle children between school and daycare.

Both speakers stressed that children are not legally required to be in school before age 6, so participation in full-day kindergarten, or even half-day kindergarten, is voluntary.

Answers to questions:

Two teachers will be in classrooms at all times: the Primary teacher in regular hours, two ECE teachers, one from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and one from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00.

Special Education students will not be involved: the plan will only cover children required to be in school.

Boards are being "strongly encouraged" to keep the plan operating during PD days and holidays.

It has not yet been decided to what union ECE teachers will belong.

Municipalities will continue to collect fees for extended program and pay subsidies.

- Peggy Pinkerton

## Afternoon Session:

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, chaired by Wendy Taylor

Discussion centered on the pros and cons of the implementation of the Pascal Report which was the topic of the morning session. This was in preparation for a submission of recommendations that CFUW Ontario Council will send to the Ministry of Education.

There was agreement that the Early Learning Program will be beneficial to children and parents. Better access to child care allows parents to take a job or go back to school and retrain for a better one, allowing them to contribute more to our economy.

There were some concerns. Among them, the fact that the time frame for implementation is very short. There is a lot to be done before September—hiring, training, curriculum development. As well, committee members felt that it is important to implement the full report, including after-school programs for 6- to 12-year olds and centres to provide parenting and family support programming. With all of the attention on Junior and Senior Kindergarten these things might be forgotten.

Committee members also felt it is very important that funding for infant to age 3 daycare not be cut. This will happen if the McGuinty government does not continue funding which was begun in 2006 with a federal payment that has now run out. Committee members did not want to see all-day kindergarten implemented at the expense of daycare for this age group.

- Pat Witol

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Myrtle Greve (Hamilton) reminded the members the purpose of this committee is to focus on key Government legislation, to monitor the progress and take action on issues deemed critical by members. It was recommended that clubs take initiative on those issues which they are passionate about or those in which they have expertise.

Continuing from the morning's discussion on early learning, she provided copies of the petition, seeking support not to cut child care funding, for clubs to circulate at their meetings. She also provided copies of a draft letter which clubs could modify and send to their MPPs on this topic.

During introductions, several clubs reported that they have taken action on the following issues: gun control, climate change, funding for Aboriginal peoples, poverty and early learning. The North Bay club also reported sending letters to their MP and MPPs on human trafficking and on mining practices abroad.

Three presentations were made and actions recommended:

#### I POVERTY:

Linda Hall (Hamilton) reported on five important poverty related issues:

1. **Child poverty:** It is the 20th anniversary of the national initiative to eliminate child poverty. In 1989, over 11% of children in Canada were below the poverty line; in 2009, it is still at 11%. She reported that the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, lead by Art Eggleton and Hugh Segal, released a report in December 2009: IN FROM THE MARGINS: A CALL TO ACTION ON POVERTY, HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS. Recommendations include creating a nationwide federal/provincial initiative on early childhood learning; increasing the National Child Benefit to \$5,000 by 2012; establishing a basic income floor for all Canadians who are disabled; and increasing investment to address the poverty and housing problems facing urban Aboriginal peoples. Linda recommended that clubs consider writing letters in support of recommendations included in this report.

2. **Ontario Welfare System Review:** The Ontario government recently announced that Gail Nyberg will lead an eight person panel which will review Ontario's welfare system, recommend quick, short term "wins" and provide a framework for longer term action.

3. **Child care subsidies:** Building on the presentation from the morning, Linda noted that in a previous budget, the Ontario government introduced child care fee subsidies for almost 5000 children and youth across the province; however, over 8000 children are in need.

4. **The 25 in 5 Network for Poverty Reduction:** The network is comprised of more than 450 provincial and Toronto-based organizations and over 1,000 individuals working on the elimination of poverty in Ontario. On December 4 advocates met in Hamilton to celebrate accomplishments but also to recommend that a \$100 /month healthy food subsidy for individuals receiving social assistance be considered for the upcoming provincial budget.

5. **"Clawback":** Copies were distributed of an op-ed piece, written by members of the Hamilton CFUW, which was featured in the Hamilton Spectator on December 7, 2009. Although the child care benefit was increased, the social assistance basic needs subsidy was reduced by the amount of the child care benefit. Linda reported that the Hamilton Mayor had written to the Minister requesting that the monies be reinstated. Club members were asked to write to their MPPs and to write similar articles in their newspapers.

#### II WATER:

Carolyn Day (Southport) explained that in 2007 Ontario had passed the Safeguarding and Sustaining Ontario's Water Act amending the Ontario Water Resources Act. An important part the amendment is focused on regulating transfer of water between water basins (e.g., Lake Huron and Lake Erie) or watersheds.

Carolyn noted that some municipalities and businesses are looking for exemptions from these requirements. She mentioned not complying may seriously impact on the quantity of water in the Great Lakes and urged that clubs write to their MPPs explaining the importance of watershed, why these protections need to stay in the Act, the impact of exporting water out of the watershed, and what alternatives exist. Carolyn will circulate a copy of a draft letter by email.

#### III ACCESSIBILITY:

Bev Boudreau spoke on the progress and status of the five standards under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 [AODA]:

- a. **Customer service standard:** This standard came into force January 1, 2010 and states what businesses and other organizations in Ontario must do to provide their goods and services in ways that are accessible to people with disabilities. Organizations that have fewer than 20 employees are exempt.

- b. **Employment:** The goal of the proposed standard is to help employers create equal employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The proposed standard sets out specific requirements for the recruitment, retention and accommodation of people with disabilities, and applies to all organizations in Ontario with at least one employee. Proposed standard was submitted to government for consideration, in the fall of 2009.

- c. **Information and communications:** The proposed standard outlines how businesses and organizations may be required to create, provide and receive information and communications in ways that are accessible for people with disabilities.

It has been submitted to the government for consideration.d. **Public transportation:** This standard relates specifically to modes of transportation that come under the jurisdiction of provincial and municipal governments. The standard has been submitted to the government for review.

e. **Built environment** (buildings and other structures): The goal of the proposed standard is to break down barriers in buildings and other structures for people with disabilities by proposing requirements in areas such as: entrances, doorways and ramps; parking spaces; signs and displays; recreation, such as parks and trails. The standard has been released for public review.

It was suggested that CFUW may wish to become involved in the consultation on the "built environment" standard.

**LHINS (Local Health Integration Networks):** Myrtle Greve invited members to speak on any relevant LHINS experiences. The member from Haliburton mentioned that although the theory is good, the application of the theory in the case of obstetrics is not the best, requiring Haliburton residents to drive to Peterborough. The member from Bruce mentioned that rationalization of budgets is based on historic spending, and, therefore, Bruce may lose its emergency services.

A report by the Change Foundation (an independent health policy think tank) was brought to the attention of the members. The Foundation has developed a report on streamlining processes in health care, citing that there are 247 steps (e.g. people to speak to, forms to fill out) between hospital and home.

- Helle Tosine

**STATUS OF WOMEN AND HUMAN RESOURCES** - chair - Edeltraud Neal

Edeltraud Neal reminded the group that the first CFUW Resolution on Child Care was presented in 1973. And yes, we are still concerned with this societal and economic issue, as evidenced by our speakers in the morning session discussing full-day kindergarten plans.

To update us on F.L.E.W. (Family Law Education for Women) we were given a sample flyer for distribution in our communities so that women will have access to help and legal information in plain language and in eleven different languages. See more at [www.onefamilylaw.ca](http://www.onefamilylaw.ca)

Copies of the recommendations from the "Report from the Domestic Violence Advisory Council for the Minister Responsible for Women's Issues" were distributed.

Ontario Council, along with Springtide, Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children, Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centre, and ten other organizations, endorsed the December 2009 brief for the Attorney General of Ontario called "Making the System Work: Reforming family court processes to support abused women and their children."

We previewed a 25-minute 2009 video which is now available for groups to borrow. It's called "A Survivor's Guide to Freedom from Violence" and has practical suggestions for women in abusive situations to help them plan for future decisions in their lives. One suggestion is to have a bag packed with passports, keys, health information, etc., and to keep it hidden in the home or at a friend's house in case it's suddenly needed.

This video featured brave women who have escaped abusive partners and want to offer hope to others.

- Linda Rose

**CFUW ETOBICOKE NEWS...**

**THANK YOU**

**FOR SUPPORTING OUR MAGAZINE FUND RAISING DRIVE**

Thank you to the thirty-two CFUW members who participated in this year's fund raising drive. Magazines have begun to arrive.

**Profit to date is \$1468.00.**

Congratulations to Maureen Willis and Virginia Marshall,  
the winners of the prizes contributed by QSP.

Please continue to support CFUW Etobicoke by ordering at:

[www.QSP.ca](http://www.QSP.ca) Group # 16530

Questions: QSP 1.800.667.2536 Nancy Bailey 416.239.9904

Friends of Margaret Aird: Please make a note of her new phone number: 416.789.6185; and her new email: [kite\\_hill@sympatico.ca](mailto:kite_hill@sympatico.ca)

Audrey MacLellan is undergoing treatment for some serious health problems. On behalf of members of our Club, we extend to Audrey our best wishes for a good recovery.

**CONDOLENCES**

to

**Carolyn Bailey**

whose brother **Paul Symczyk**

passed away very unexpectedly on January 17, 2010.

Members of the Club extend sympathy to Carolyn and her family.



Those of you who receive your newsletter by hard copy, will find enclosed your receipt for your contribution to The Charitable Trust. Those receiving newsletters by email will have receipts mailed separately.

## FEBRUARY LINEN & HOUSEWARES COLLECTION

We are continuing our February tradition of collecting household items to be donated for the clients of Ernestine's Women's Shelter and Women's Habitat. This provides a good opportunity for us to sort out our linen closets!

Please bring anything which is still in GOOD CONDITION but you are not using to our CFUW General Meeting on Thursday, February 11th, 2010. After the meeting the items will be packed by the committee members and delivered to the shelters the next day.

We have checked with both shelters and find they would appreciate receiving any and all of the following:

- freshly laundered hand towels, bath towels, wash cloths
- SINGLE sheets, pillow cases, etc.
- household items such as pots and pans, cutlery, large spoons and other cooking utensils, small mixers and small coffee pots.

This latter group of items helps those leaving the shelters to start up housekeeping on their own.

- Christine Gude - Linen Collection Committee

P.S. If you have towels, blankets etc., which are not in the best shape, they would be very gladly received by the Toronto Animal Shelter at

146 The East Mall - west side south of Cloverdale Mall...

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROPOSED FOR HUMBER COLLEGE

In December the Charitable Trust asked, and received approval from the membership to raise \$2,000 towards our proposed Endowment to York University. Because of your extraordinary generosity, we have exceeded that amount by \$300.

Now we are asking for your help once more. Perhaps those of you who did not contribute then can be challenged to respond to our new request.

A little background is necessary. At our recent Charitable Trust meeting we were joined by two Humber College staff members. Do you know that Humber College is aligned with 50 universities and can, therefore, be a stepping stone for students to achieve degrees?

As Humber College is headquartered in Etobicoke, we feel we should support it and give an award to a deserving student. With that in mind, we have our fingers crossed and hope to raise \$1,200 for such an award.

Do you have any creative ways to raise money for this worthwhile endeavour? We have so many talented members. Surely there are some great ideas just waiting to be acted upon. And what better time than now? - Jean Badke

See one great idea on the next page!

**COME TO THIS ENTERTAINING EVENT,  
HAVE FUN, AND RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIP!**



Bring your friends....

**Date: March 25 1-3 PM**

Fairfield Seniors' Centre, in the Library

Coffee and Dessert served

**50/50 Draw**

**PLAY CARD GAMES, PUT A PUZZLE TOGETHER  
OR PLAY A BOARD GAME.**

Put together a table of 4!

Donations of baked goods needed

Donations of baked goods needed. Call Mary Howlett 416.231.7906

**THIS IS TO RAISE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Open to all the Community!!!

Cost \$20

For further information call Pat Joyce 416.622.5628

or Cathy Sbrolla 416.742.2077

*"Many hands make light work"*

Thanks to a great hospitality team at our Christmas Party in December:

Greeters: Lydia Bell and Mary Lou Richardson.

Decorators: Pat Joyce, Letitia Harrison and Bonnie McGuire

Contributors of refreshments: Bonnie McGuire, Marlene Erskine, Eva Haman,

Sharon Smith, Anne Hendricks and Betty MacGregor.

Preparation/set up of refreshments: Gourmet 3 group: Olga Shiels, Eleanor Maclean, Audra Hudek, Dorothy

Garven, Pat Joyce, Mary Howlett, Mary Anne Wright, Bev Judson

and Cathy Sbrolla; also Pam Crabb and Marney Showalter.

Clean up: Gourmet 3 group:

Pat Joyce, Letitia Harrison, Bonnie McGuire,

Pam Crabb and Marian Glyn.

A big Thank You to our January Hospitality Helpers:

Greeters: Elaine Dulmage and Jan Miladinov

Donation of refreshments: Fran Laphen

Clean-up: Lydia Bell

The set-up of refreshments: Lois MacDonald, Eileen Schellinger, Pat Waugh and Deidre Micallef,  
shown here with Elizabeth Penke, Hospitality Convenor (white jacket).



## INTEREST GROUP NEWS ...

### AN ART IN THE GALLERY OUTING WITH CHARLES PACHTER



I met Charles Pachter back in the Spring at the Swansea Historical Society and found him so entertaining, informative and enlightening I approached him to see if we could book a tour of his gallery/house down in "China Town". He was so accommodating, and welcomed all of us into his home. Literally, he gave us a tour of his gallery and even his personal living quarters!! An hour talk just didn't seem long enough...as he has so much to share! Most of us bought his two new books, M is for Moose, and Canada Counts. He personalized and signed each one. He accompanied us to his fave "dim sum" restaurant and ensured tht we ate the best...by serving his favourite dishes, himself!!

- Linda Symsyk

### TO OUR INTEREST GROUP CONVENORS AND MEMBERS:

Thank you for your generous contributions of gifts for the Christmas raffle held at our annual Christmas party. Each gift was well chosen and beautifully presented. As a result of your generous purchase of tickets, the raffle raised \$1,093.00 which has been divided between Ernestine's Women's Shelter and Women's Habitat. We appreciate the work of the following members who sold raffle tickets: Avery Fleming, Anne Hendriks, Linda Johnson, Sharon Smith and Barb Willoughby. Gratefully yours, Fran Laphen and Carolyn Bailey, Interest Groups' Co-Convenors

DATE	BOOK	LEADER	HOSTESS
<b>AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP</b>			
Feb. 23	Prisoner of Tehran : a memoir - Marina Nemat	Ruth Fairbanks	Joan Goodall
<b>BGT LIT</b>			
Feb. 2	Those Who Save Us - Jenna Blum	Joanne Colbourne	Ann McElhinney
<b>BOOKWORMS</b>			
Feb. 23	People of the Book - Geraldine Brooks		
<b>CANADIAN BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP</b>			
Feb. 3	The Origin of Species - Nino Ricci	Helen Dillon	Ruth Pendlebury
<b>HORIZONS</b>			
Feb. 16	The Glass Castle - Jeannette Wall	Ann McElhinney	
<b>JAUNTERS</b>			
Feb. 16	St. Michael's Cathedral - stained glass.	Will Call.	

### TRAVEL I

Our February Meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, at 8 p.m., at the home of Corinne Deverell. Corinne will present an illustrated talk on The Channel Islands. Guests or prospective members are welcome.

Please call Dorothy De Haas: 416. 236. 2263.

### WALK & TALK SCHEDULE

Nov. 24	Jean MacMillan	416.231.6391	Marjorie Devine	416.232.0565
Dec. 1	Evelyn Silvester	416.233.1725	Marney Showalter	416.769.9953
Dec. 8	Ann Holt	416.247.0215	Shirley Scott	416.622.3771
Jan. 5	Ellen Mitchell	416.767.2574	Elinor Fillion	416.762.1479
Jan. 12	Lydia Bell	416.769.6777	Margaret King	416.487.2590
Jan. 26	Moira Hoogeveen	416.233.5198	Marney Showalter	416.769.9953

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.

### IN THE COMMUNITY...

**ART IN THE GALLERIES** at Neilson Park Creative Centre  
56 Neilson Drive, in the Park between Bloor and Dundas West Streets.  
Information: 416.622.5294



#### Until February 15

**In the Main Gallery:** Squared – paintings, sculpture, prints, drawings, collage, and mixed media art on the theme of the square or "squareness" as interpreted by members of the Etobicoke Art Group

**In the Hall Gallery:** Twelve Palettes - A group exhibit by Neilson Park Creative Centre Members: Sheena Simons, Sharon Jorgensen, Marie Manger Beamish, Barbara Kendrick, Liz Fijalkowski, Jen Snyder, Pam Pols, Marie Prospero, Renee Norris Middleton and Marilena Isacescu Carlea

#### February 17 to March 7

**In the Main Gallery** – The Etobicoke Art Group Members' Choice Exhibition. A group exhibit featuring art chosen by the individual artist from any work completed in the last two years.

### THE VILLAGE OF ISLINGTON – TORONTO'S VILLAGE OF MURALS

The Village of Islington mural project began as a beautification and community-building initiative and developed into a partnership of the Heritage Etobicoke Foundation, the Village of Islington Business Improvement Area (BIA), and Toronto Economic Development.

Each mural is a mini-history lesson based on real people and real places from a bygone era, brought to life from the area's shared community history. A plaque mounted on each mural tells its particular story.

The "Welcome Mural" at 5164 Dundas (at Kipling) was painted in 2007 by Jim Bravo and students from the Etobicoke School of the Arts. That mural's design is simple and graphic in nature while others in the collection are photo-realistic and have been described as "museum quality."

The Village of Islington – Toronto's Village of Murals – has earned the enviable reputation of having the highest quality murals in Toronto with works rivalling those of Chemainus, British Columbia, or Sheffield, Tasmania. The area's first mural, a test project painted on plywood panels, was produced in 2004. Currently, 15 murals dot the Village, the goal being to turn Dundas St. West, from Kipling to Islington, into an outdoor art gallery.

Each year, as a launch to the mural painting season, the Village B.I.A. hosts the lively "Paint the Street!" festival. The event is held the first Saturday in June to showcase the treasured must-see murals and, in Michael Power Park, it features 5-star entertainment, children's activities, food from Village restaurants, paintings and crafts.