



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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GENERAL MEETING:

Refreshments: 7:30 p.m.

Meeting: 8 p.m.,

Thursday, December 8, 2011

Fairfield Seniors' Centre

80 Lothian Ave.

EXECUTIVE MEETING: 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 1, 2011

Fairfield Seniors' Centre

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**DECEMBER 8
OUR ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**SEE PAGE 3 FOR
DETAILS**

General Meeting: January 12

Madeleine McDowell

**Everything Has a Story: The
Humber River Story**

(See page 3 for details)

There will be no newsletter in January.

*The final submission date for the
FEBRUARY issue of the newsletter will
be **Monday, JANUARY 16, 2012***

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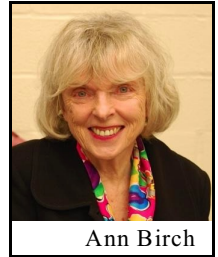
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

We had another successful meeting in November and thank you to all of the members who made it happen. In particular, thanks go to Nance Hutton and Avery Fleming from our Play Reading Group for commemorating Remembrance Day with their personal memories and readings. Thanks also to Audra Hudek who requested the pictures of our family members who served in the military that were displayed at the meeting. Our Book Sale was again a very popular event, raising \$744, which goes toward our club expenses.



Our speaker for the evening was Ann Birch whose historical novel, "Settlement", is set in the Toronto of the 1800s. She introduced us to her characters and their Toronto with great humour. She also shared with us the experience of writing her first book that included 6 years of research and the necessity of placing "seat on chair".

The new members' reception was held on November 16th at the home of our past president Pat Joyce. Our thanks to Pat for her warm welcome. The executive enjoyed meeting with our new members and the opportunity to provide them with more information about CFUW Etobicoke.



Ann Birch

Our focus tends to be on the activities of CFUW in our city and province but our organization has a much broader scope. CFUW has special consultative status at the United Nations and members have access to meetings of the Economic and Social Council. This year, the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women meets in New York from February 27 to March 9, 2012. The priority theme is the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges. CFUW can send 20 delegates. Members who wish to attend may register through our national office. The deadline for registration is December 16th. Participants will pay their own accommodation, travel and meals.



Bonnie McGuire and
Linda Johnson

If you haven't got your roster remember to pick it up at the December meeting. We thank Bonnie McGuire and Linda Johnson for all their work in producing this for us, and Eleanor MacLean for looking after distribution.

On December 8th we'll gather at Fairfield for our Christmas celebration. There will be refreshments, the Harmony Singers will entertain us, and we will raffle the wonderful prizes

contributed by our interest groups in support of Ernestine's Women's Shelter and Women's Habitat. Come and enjoy the evening.



Barb Willoughby

Best Wishes for the Holidays and a Happy and Healthy 2012!.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...



Christmas Party!

Thursday, December 8, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

Fairfield Seniors' Centre, 80 Lothian Avenue

'Holiday Harmonies!'

Come to the Christmas Party and enjoy 'The Harmony Singers' under the direction of Harvey Patterson with Bruce Harvey accompanist. This fabulous women's chorus will entertain us with songs of the season and set the mood for the holidays ahead. See you there!

Come early to buy lots of raffle tickets for gifts provided by our many interest groups. The proceeds will go to the two shelters for abused women in Etobicoke:

WOMEN'S HABITAT and
ERNESTINE'S WOMEN'S SHELTER



Etobicoke CFUW General Meeting - January 12, 2012, 8 p.m.

Speaker: **Madeleine McDowell**

Topic: **Everything Has a Story: The Humber River Story"**

Ms Macdowell is an artist, educator and storyteller. A member of the Weston Historical Society, West Toronto Junction Historical Society, and many community heritage groups, she was the recipient of the 2010 Heritage Toronto Special Achievement Award.

Miss McDowell has had a life long connection to the Humber River, which has been the focus of much of her heritage activism. Through her efforts as chair of the Canadian Heritage Rivers System Board , the Humber River successfully acquired heritage status in 1999.

Advance Notice

February Meeting

Housing Challenges

Habitat for Humanity

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The newsletter will henceforth be posted on our new website, and because of privacy concerns, the executive has decided not to print telephone numbers of members in the newsletter., Please look them up in your roster.



**Thank you
to all our avid readers.**

The Book Sale in November brought in \$744!!



Diane Hercus and her Book Sale Team: Nancy Rogers, Ann Sutton,
Pat Bruce, Diane, and Moira Hoogveen

Card Party

Help raise funds for the Humber Endowment

Mark your calendar for March 22, 2012 1:00 - 3:30

At Fairfield Centre

Dessert Tea/Coffee served on arrival

\$20 per person

Call Pat Joyce for tickets or e-mail patjoyce103@yahoo.com

ORDER YOUR MAGAZINES FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING!

Complete your Holiday shopping by ordering magazines
while benefiting our club.

We retain 37% of the cost of each magazine after HST. The funds earned
will contribute to the success of CFUW Etobicoke in 2011.

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Group #16530 or call Lee Fullerton

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.

STANDING COMMITTEES MEETING

January 21st, 2012

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street

Climate Change and Mental Health: Challenges, Opportunities, and Adaptation

Speaker: **Ashlee Cunsolo Willox**

PhD Candidate, School of Environmental Design and Rural Development
University of Guelph

Catering requires pre-registration

Any member is welcome to attend these meetings. Please contact Barbara Willoughby if you would like to attend.

A Charitable Trust donation form is included with this newsletter. Here is a

History of the Charitable Trust

An important part of CFUW-Etobicoke's statement of purpose is "to promote the continuing education of women". From its founding in 1952 until 1986, CFUW-Etobicoke funded scholarships and bursaries for women from the regular membership fees.

In September 1986 a committee met to discuss setting up a separate foundation so that charitable receipts could be given. The Trust was established in 1987 as The University Women's Club of Etobicoke Scholarship Fund with a contribution of \$8.00 per member increasing to \$10.00 in 1992.

In 1996, in order to provide funding to needy community organizations, an additional \$2.00 per member increased the contribution to the present \$12.00. In 1994, a capital fund was established to receive extra donations and the first memorial donations were made. In 1996 this capital fund was named the Elizabeth Sweet Capital Fund to honour our founding president. By 2002 this fund reached \$10,000.00 and the first Elizabeth Sweet Award in the amount of \$500.00 (accrued from the interest) was awarded. The capital fund now exceeds \$20,000.00

In 1998, a revised constitution for the Trust was adopted under the name The Charitable Trust of the Canadian Federation of University Women of Etobicoke. The five trustees of the charitable trust meet at least twice a year to administer the funds and disburse them as recommended by the Awards Committee and with the approval of the general membership.

With additional donations and memorial gifts from members, the total amount of money available for awards has increased substantially. Since 2006, the Charitable Trust has awarded \$6600.00 each year to women students at Ryerson, York, and U of T. and \$600.00 has been divided each year between two needy organizations in the community. In 2010 an endowment of \$12,500.00 was given to York U. The province matched that making it \$25,000.00. We are well on our way to a \$10,000.00 endowment to Humber College. It, too, will be matched by the province.



PLEASE JOIN US IN VICTORIA JUNE 21 -24, 2012
CFUW AGM AND CONFERENCE

It is with great pleasure that CFUW Victoria invites you to join us at the 2012 CFUW AGM and Conference at the beautiful Inn at Laurel Point on Victoria's Inner Harbour. Click on www.laurelpoint.com to hear the birds and the ocean, the sounds you will hear from your hotel balcony. The internet registration link to the hotel will be on the website. If you wish to book your room now call 1.800.663.7667 unless you are in Victoria where you can call 250.386.8721 and tell them you are part of the Canadian Federation of University Women June 2012 AGM.

Our Committee have planned an exciting program based on our theme: "Voices: Yours, Mine, Ours". Ms. Michelle Bachelet, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the newly created UN Women, has been invited to be our keynote speaker. Her schedule will not be set until January and we have agreed to wait until then for her reply. Our Program Committee is bringing together speakers who will challenge and inspire us. Our sessions will focus on our diverse voices in the arts, science, culture, and politics.

Victoria (www.tourismvictoria.com) is the gateway to the Pacific coast. It offers a fascinating history as one of the oldest cities on the west coast, founded as a Hudson's Bay fort in 1843. It has become a city of youthful energy with avant-garde fashion, music and art. Outdoor activities are possible year-round in our temperate climate.

Attractions in Victoria include the Royal BC Museum, the world renowned Butchart Gardens, Canada's oldest Chinatown and a vibrant downtown with shopping to suit every taste. Outdoor activities include hiking, whale watching, and kayaking among others. We invite you to stay awhile and visit either the west coast of the island (Tofino, Long Beach and Pacific National Park) or some of the Gulf Islands (Salt Spring for example), or maybe just enjoy the treats Victoria has to offer. Whatever you do we know you will enjoy our fresh ocean air and gorgeous flowers.

See you in Victoria,

- Dawn Jones & Paddy McGowan,
Co-Chairs CFUW AGM 2012



CFUW NATIONAL NEWS...

Insurance

CFUW has signed an agreement with The Personal Insurance Company so that our members can buy home and auto insurance at preferred group rates.

The Personal pioneered the concept of home and auto group insurance in Canada over 35 years ago. Now, as one of the country's largest group insurers, The Personal insures members and employees of more than 600 organizations in the public and private sectors. In addition to the CFUW preferred pricing at 15% on average below the general market, The Personal offers you and your dependents further discounts, customized coverage and other advantages like *24/7 Call from the Scene* emergency assistance and Identity Theft Assistance. With The Personal, you also benefit by dealing directly with non-commissioned, licensed insurance professionals.

No matter who you are insured with now for your home or auto, we encourage you to get a quote with The Personal and compare rates and services - you may be pleasantly surprised! You can contact The Personal by calling 1.888.476.8737 or thepersonal.com/cfuw.

2012 President's Cruise - Brenda Wallace

As CFUW heads toward its 100th anniversary, our hope is to give \$100,000 in Fellowship awards in 2019. With this goal in mind, there will be a series of President's Tours offered to members and their companions and friends. A percentage of the tour price will be donated to the Charitable Trust and it is hoped that we will enjoy the tour, time with our CFUW friends and build the Trust.

The first President's Tour is planned for October 2012 and will be a 12 day River Cruise down the Danube and Rhine Rivers. **A detailed brochure can be found on the website.** For more details and information, you may contact your RD, your VP or me.

Let's make this the first of many adventures for CFUW and its members and let's reach our goal for our anniversary.

Nominations Deadline Feb 15th

Nominations are open for all CFUW Board positions, Committee Chairs, and Regional Directors. The President has been elected.

By-law vi Board of Directors

The Board of Directors consists of eleven (11) members: the President, the Vice President of Communications/Corporate Secretary, the Vice President of Finance, the Vice President of Membership, the Vice President of Advocacy, the Coordinator for International Relations and five (5) Regional Vice Presidents: one (1) from each of British Columbia, the Prairies, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic.

By-law viii Standing committees

The twelve (12) Standing Committees of CFUW shall be: Education, Fellowships, Finance, Governance, International Relations, Libraries and Creative Arts, Membership, Public Affairs, Regional Directors Development/Training, Resolutions, Strategic Planning, and Status of Women and Human Rights.

Intents to Submit Resolutions for CFUW AGM 2012

CFUW Barrie & District

Retention of Women in Skilled Trades and Non-Traditional Occupations

CFUW (Cowichan Valley)

Affordable Housing: Senior Women

CFUW Halifax

Request to Governments in Canada to Conduct Gender Based Analysis of Climate Change Policies and Programs and to Include Women in Decision-Making

CFUW Kincardine

Moratorium on the Construction of Industrial Wind Turbine Developments

CFUW-Oakville

A Mental Health Strategy For Canada

CFUW-Ottawa

Accessibility for People with Disabilities: A Barrier-free Environment for All

CFUW-Portage la Prairie

Preservation of Agricultural Land

CFUW Richmond (BC)

Ensuring Food Security in Canada

Constitution

The November 2011 draft of the revised CFUW Constitution, Bylaws and Schedules (CBS) will be sent to Clubs by November 20, 2011. This draft will include amendments required by the new Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act (NFP Act) proclaimed October 17, 2011, as well as other changes that have come from discussions at the AGM in St. John's and discussions with the Board, Clubs and other members of the Voting Body since the AGM. It should be noted that the changes required by the NFP Act will not be part of the amendment process. These will be highlighted in the draft.

CFUW ONTARIO COUNCIL NEWS...

This article was missed in the November newsletter. Apologies to Joanne Jamieson.

September Ontario Council Standing Committee Meeting: Status of Women Session. Speaker: Dr. Leslie Byrne.

Dr. Byrne, a founding member and President of the Toronto chapter of Equal Voice, explained to us how Equal Voice came into being ten years ago. A group of well connected women, including the late Doris Anderson, saw the need to have more women elected to political office.

When Equal Voice was founded in 2001, 23.7% of federal MPs were women and in 2011, the figure is 25% (76 of 308 elected MPs). At the provincial level, the numbers are very similar: with a range of 11% for NWT to a high of 32% for Manitoba,

the average is about 25%. At the municipal level, mayors and city councilors fare no better than between 16 and 25 % women.

In Ontario's current election, 30% of candidates running are women, which is the same as in the 2007 election. The problem is at the nomination level, where winning is the most important issue. Parties are driven to find the highest profile candidate, with the most money, and that is typically the male candidate.

Another factor is that the culture of politics is not very appealing to women, especially the "nasty theatre" that is displayed during debate in the legislature. The media appears to be harder in their criticism of female politicians.

With more women in Government we would probably see a change in decision making, as women tend to work more towards consensus. Women are able to take an issue and apply it to real life and this might influence the type of policy that is created and its implication.

What can we do to encourage women to enter political life ?

Equal Voice has articulated this problem and has developed a free tool called "Getting to the Gate", which is a primer that interested women can read to see if they are prepared to take on the challenge of running for political office. It is a "101" on what a campaign involves. There is a web site www.fundher.ca which is an on-line donation site where women candidates' names are listed and money can be directed to their campaigns.

It was noted that not much has changed since the founding of Equal Voice and that it may take a generation to have an impact on the number of women elected.

In the October 2011 election, in Ontario's 107 ridings, there were 42 women running for the Liberals, 38 for the NDP, 24 for the PCs and 25 for the Green Party.

Equal Voice receives money from Status of Women Canada and it runs a programme called "Experiences". This programme pairs high school girls with a woman in politics who then takes them to Ottawa to see the proceedings in the Legislature.

Equal Voice was involved in the issue of Proportional Representation in 2005 but its own membership was split on it. With chapters across Canada, Equal Voice is multi-partisan. The head office in Ottawa has corporate funding to pay a staff of 1.5 and also has an Executive Director and Board of Directors.

It was concluded that "burning" public policy issues are what move women to enter the political arena and that it is Equal Voices mission to cultivate the next generation!

- Joanne Jamieson

CFUW ETOBICOKE NEWS...

Nominating and Finance Committees for 2011-2012

The Nominating Committee has the task of preparing a slate of officers for next year; the Finance Committee will be preparing our Club's 2012-13 budget. The committee members are listed below. If you have any suggestions for either of these committees, please call Pat Joyce, or email patjoyce103@yahoo.com

Nominating Committee:

Pat Joyce, Chair, Rosemary Campbell, Carolyn Bailey, Anne Hendriks

Finance Committee: Pat Joyce, Chair. Barb Willoughby, President, Pat Ferbyack, VP, Joanne Jamieson, Treasurer, Angela Capobianco, Carmela Cobham.

CFUW ETOBICOKE NEWS...

CFUW Hospitality Newsletter November 2011

Many thanks to members of **Dining Out II** for their superb assistance with the November General meeting. **Linda Rose, Ginny Marshall, Tish Harrison, Anne Hendriks, Linda Johnson and Jan Miladinov** baked scrumptious old fashioned cookies and loaves and helped to decorate the tables, and thanks to **Caroline Hull** who donated healthy and delicious fruits and cheeses.

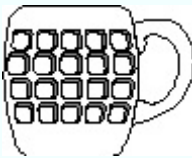


Many, many thanks to **Pam Crabb** for manning the Guest Mug Sign Out and **Linda and Pam** for greeting members and guests.

Thanks to **Elizabeth Penke, Rosemary Campbell and Pat Joyce** for Remembrance Day wreaths, flags and posters.

A big thank you to **Elaine Wright, Evelyn Silvester, Elizabeth Short, Lori Danahy, Margaret King, Nance Hutton and Barb Willoughby** for sharing their memories with us with photos and memorabilia. It made our small ceremony so much more meaningful and personal, "lest we forget". Thanks to Lori who stepped in at the last minute to assemble the display.

Interest groups are needed to assist with January 12, February 9 and March 8 general meetings. Please call or email me as soon as possible.



Our "**MUG SAC**" project to fund raise for the charitable trust has launched and the sewing elves are busy at work preparing sacs to sell at the Christmas meeting on December 8. By the way each sac will come with a "free" mug, all ready for your mulled cider, if you happen to have forgotten yours! If you would like to be part of the elf team or can donate some fabric, please call or email me ASAP. audra@hudek.org

To All Interest Group Convenors:

Traditionally, at this time of year, we support the women and children who have found a haven at Ernestine's Women's Shelter and Women's Habitat. Each interest group is requested to provide a gift that can be raffled for this cause at our Christmas Party in December. Please identify the donor group and use clear wrap or a bow so that the contents of the gift are visible. Thank you.

- Pat Witol and Fran Laphen,
Interest Groups Co-Convenors



Name tags: If anyone would like a name tag with our CFUW Etobicoke banner, please contact
Pat Witol witol@rogers.com.

INTEREST GROUP NEWS ...

DATE	BOOK	LEADER	HOSTESS
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AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Jan. 24	Annabel by Kathleen Winter	Ruth F.	Ruth F.
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February 7	Settlement by Ann Birch (author present)	Mary D.	Mary D.
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BOOKENDERS

Jan.17	The Best Laid Plans by Terry Fallis	Liz S.	Nancy N.
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BOOKWORMS

Jan. 24	The Book Thief by Markus Zusak	Shelley P.	?
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CANADIAN BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Dec. 7	Christmas Potluck. Recommend a good book	Sharon McL.	
Jan. 4	The Sentimentalist by J. Skibsrud	Sharon M.	Ruth F.
Feb. 1	Sanctuary Line by Jane Urquhart	Gail M.	Moira H.

HORIZONS

Jan. 17	Secret Daughter by S. S. Gowda	Roma	Nancy
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JAUNTERS

Jan. 17	Redpath Sugar Museum - Convenors: Lydia Bell and Debbie Wright		
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WALK & TALK SCHEDULE

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.

Dec. 6	Jean MacMillan	Moira Hoogveen
Dec. 13	Lydia Bell	Jean Passi
Jan. 3	Elinor Fillion	Evelyn Silvester
Jan. 10	Sandy DiCresce	Tish Harrison
Jan. 24	Shirley Scott	Evelyn Silvester
Jan. 31	Elinor Fillion	Margaret King



ROSTERS ARE READY!

Interest Groups Convenors can assist with the distribution by picking up their group's rosters and calling members to pick them up if they don't have a meeting in the near future. There have been some complaints that members didn't receive them until the Spring! Rosters can be mailed for a small cost.

Contact Eleanor MacLean at 416.621.6763 for this service.

Montgomery's Inn threatened with closure Please phone your Council member to express your opinion.

It is used by many, many people in our community, people who walk through the door to learn about this historic Etobicoke Inn, and also as a meeting venue for a large number of community organizations. It is also used for school groups to learn about our pioneer heritage. As well as a museum, it offers a Farmers' Market every Wednesday. 3-6 p.m. until December 21, 2011. If you wish, you can sign a petition at Montgomery's Inn.

IN THE COMMUNITY...

Stonegate Community Health Centre (Stonegate CHC) Community Food Program News

As an organization, Stonegate CHC has made addressing local poverty in South Etobicoke our key strategic priority. In keeping with this priority our Community Food Program responds specifically to local food and hunger issues by supporting a local farmers' market and market voucher program, the Good Food Box stop, a community garden, a school based healthy snack program, and various capacity building workshops and food related community events.

Stonegate CHC Good Food Box Christmas Holiday Drive

The Good Food Box is a non-profit fresh fruit and vegetable distribution system created and operated by FoodShare, Toronto. Stonegate CHC acts as one of the many drop-off locations, or Good Food Box stops, in the City. Last year's Stonegate CHC Good Food Box Holiday Drive was a huge success. Thanks to those who donated, we were able to provide close to 200 Good Food Boxes for community individuals and families struggling to put healthy food on the table. This Christmas Holiday Season, Stonegate CHC is once again teaming up with local businesses, community services and residents to help put additional food in the homes of the many Stonegate - Park Lawn neighbourhood residents in need.

For more information, please contact Julia Graham, Community Health Worker, at 416.231.7070 ext. 229 or julia.graham@stonegatechc.org. Charitable tax receipts are available for every donation.

Stonegate Community Health Centre Volunteer Opportunities - Commencing 2012

Stonegate Community Health Centre requires volunteer support for the weekly neighbourhood Farmers Market, including help in organizing market events, being onsite to facilitate/do food tastings and demonstrations on market day and general market support. Market days are Tuesday afternoons, 4 - 7 p.m., June to October. Stonegate CHC would also appreciate volunteers to support various Community Food Program activities, including help in facilitating healthy and affordable cooking, canning and preserving workshops as well as supporting balcony and community gardening projects (sharing/teaching gardening skills).

Other volunteer opportunities may also be available in the Early Years and Children & Youth Program areas, including homework club support for students and a potential early literacy program for newcomer families.

If anyone has some experience in the above areas, and is interested in any of these upcoming Volunteer Opportunities, please contact Joe Da Silva directly at 416-231-7070, ext. 246 or by email at joe.dasilva@stonegatechc.org

Celebrating the 113th anniversary of Duke Ellington's birth
April 28, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

Walter Hall, U. of T, Edward Johnson Bldg., Lower Level. 80 Queen's Park Crescent.

Brian Barlow Orchestra

and Special Guest Star: David Cox, former world tap dance champion 1998 and 2000
featuring pianist Robi Botos and singer Heather Bambrick

Tickets \$35.00 prior to March 1, thereafter, \$40.
Raising money for jazz scholarship at U. of T., York, and Humber
for tickets call J. Shiels, 416-239-2683