

**CANADIAN FEDERATION
OF
UNIVERSITY WOMEN**



ETOBICOKE

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*An Indian word meaning
"The Place Where The Alders Grow"*



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

C.F.U.W. ETOBICOKE

50th Anniversary

A celebration of the accomplishments of the club

A tribute to the vibrant women who founded the club,
and to all the members who have kept it
a flourishing organization.

Purpose

To arouse and sustain among members an intelligent interest in public affairs in the educational, cultural, political, social and related fields, and to encourage them to place their education and training at the service of the community.

To afford an opportunity for the expression of collective opinion and for group action, locally, nationally, and internationally, in the fields outlined in paragraph one.

To promote the continuing education, and the improvement of the economic, legal, and professional status of women.

C.F.U.W. Etobicoke

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Mrs. Rita Cavers
Mrs. Mary Curnoe
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Mrs. Gwen Hamilton
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Miss Fern Levis
Miss Eleanor Lewis
Mrs. Jean Luttmann
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Mrs. Eleanor Moorhouse
Mrs. Beth Newton
Mrs. Joan Patterson
Mrs. Helen Pearce
Miss Elsie Porter
Mrs. Mary Rowntree
Mrs. Mary Sharpe
Mrs. Anne Marie Slater
Miss Patricia Snyder (Ludlow)
Miss Yvonne Snyder (Froud)
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Canadian Federation of University Women

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March 3, 1951:

CONVENER OF SCHOLARSHIP
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MISS DORIS B. SAUNDERS
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WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

CONVENER OF COMMITTEE ON
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COMMITTEE
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Replied : 17: iii: 52

Mrs. A. E. Slater,
34 Golf Crest Road,
Islington,
Toronto 18, Ont.

Dear Mrs. Slater:

I was delighted to learn from Miss Elderkin recently that you are planning to organize a University Women's Club in Islington, also to hear in a letter from Dr. Martha Law, our Treasurer, that she is to attend your organization meeting.

Miss Elderkin has, I know, sent you some materials relating to the work of the C.F.U.W. and Dr. Law will be able to answer all your questions, so I do not need to go into detail about aims, program, and so forth. I just wanted to add my word of welcome into our federation family and to say that I hope very much to meet some representatives of your new club at the Triennial meeting in Ottawa next August. We hope to have quite full details of the program ready in a few weeks and I can assure you already that it is going to be a very interesting session in our national capital.

Wishing you every success in your organization meeting and happy and inspiring programs following it, I am

Cordially yours,

Marion E. Grant
Marion E. Grant, President.

C.F.U.W. Etobicoke - BEGINNINGS

On March 6th, 1952, twenty-five ladies interested in forming a U.W.C. of Etobicoke held an organizational meeting. Elizabeth Sweet, the first president, and a current member of C.F.U.W. - Etobicoke, in association with Mary Appleby and Mary Sharpe, spearheaded the proposal of a local club. The U.W.C. of Toronto on St. George Street was too distant to access easily, as no subway existed at that time.

Seven ladies who had an informal preliminary meeting included: Mary Appleby, Rita Cavers, Yvonne Snyder Froud, Betty Hardie, Eleanor Moorhouse, Mary Sharpe, and Elizabeth Sweet.

The meeting on March 6th (of the 25 ladies) was held at the home of Miss Appleby, who had invited Dr. Martha Law, (President of the Toronto Club, Treasurer of C.F.U.W., and incoming President of the Federation), to assist in the formation of the new club. At this time, Dr. Law stressed the importance of "culture" rather than fund raising. Mrs. Sharp acted as Chairman, and Miss Pat Snyder as Secretary. Elected President was Mrs. C.E. Sweet, Vice-President, Mrs. C.B. Sharpe, and Recording Secretary, Miss Mary Appleby.

On March 25th, a U.W.C. Executive meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Sweet. It was decided that Charter Members should be those who were present at the first meeting of the club, and who filled out membership cards and paid dues by the second meeting.

The groundwork of our thriving club was laid by the first Executive, comprised of:

- Mrs. Elizabeth Sweet - President
- Mrs. C.B. Sharpe - Vice-President
- Miss Mary Appleby - Recording Secretary
- Mrs. H.C. Luttman - Corresponding Secretary
- Mrs. A.E. Slater - Press Secretary
- Mrs. C.H. Cavers - Treasurer
- Mrs. W.W. Moorhouse - Membership Convenor
- Miss E. (Betty) Hardie - Program Convenor
- Miss Fern Levis - Constitution Convenor
- Miss Yvonne Snyder - Social Convenor

At the April Meeting the number of ladies present had doubled. It was quickly becoming a vibrant organization. The purpose of the club was to be part of a national and international organization which would focus on advocacy, education, and social activities. These activities would include raising funds to provide scholarships, and support charitable organizations.

In May, the meeting was held at the Etobicoke Y.M.-Y.W.C.A., where the first of many notable speakers was Mrs. Gillies, who spoke about her Arctic Bay experiences while living at a weather station 500 miles north of the Arctic Circle. At this meeting, the members discussed the intent to form study groups in the autumn.

In June, (the members now numbering 66), the decision was made to submit a constitution at the September meeting. Copies of the proposed constitution were distributed in November, with amendments to be accepted at the December meeting.

Betty Hardie, one of the founding members (and original Programme Convenor) recalls "the old days" of our club as a period in which the population of Etobicoke was growing at a rapid pace, when many young married couples had moved to the suburbs.

Although the Club membership was varied age-wise, many with careers, young mothers comprised a significant proportion. The opportunity to share common interests or broaden the horizons with new groups was a boon to them.

Interest groups form the backbone of the Club. The number has grown considerably over the years to 41 in 2002.



Our Club Remembering the 50's



Ann McElhinney, Peggy Pinkerton
Club Banner by Margaret Aird

The Fifties

The minute books reveal the history of our club from many aspects: its birth and development, memberships and fees, meetings, projects, picnics and banquets, study groups and speakers.

A fee of one dollar was set for the first season, to rise to five dollars by 1954, with an extra dollar for refreshments in 1957. The decade ended in 1960 with a fee increased to seven dollars, two dollars of which went to C.F.U.W.

Membership was open to women with a university degree from an accredited university and resident within the geographical boundaries of Etobicoke. That restriction was lifted in 1954. The numbers exploded from 25 to 120 in the first year with 60 attending the first membership Saturday afternoon tea in May 1952, at the home of Mrs. Gwen Hamilton on King's Road. The executive provided the food.

General meetings moved from members' homes to the Etobicoke Y.M.- Y.W.C.A. (now gone) to school auditoria at Lambton-Kingsway, Rosethorn and Fairfield, plus receptions at Kingsway-Lambton United Church, Thorncrest Village, and Grace Church-on-the-Hill. To maintain order, Col. J.E.L. Streight kindly presented us with a gavel.

Projects were soon undertaken. The public was focused on Displaced Persons in Europe in the early fifties. Keep in mind inflation. Do not laugh. A \$10 Christmas care parcel was sent to a high school teacher in Vienna. The next year \$33 was sent to Mme. Hag Hoffat in Bern, Switzerland, and in 1954, \$20 to each of two Displaced Austrian graduates. In that same year we urged The City of Toronto to purchase the James Gardens Estate. We supported Friendly Relations with Overseas Students (a University of Toronto group) with money and invitations to our meetings. Our members also served on the Federation's Penal Reform Committees, the Red Cross Water Safety Council re the new Memorial Swimming Pool (1958), and the Children's Film Library Board. In 1959 World Refugee Year, we raised \$359 by sponsoring the film *On the Beach* at the Kingsway Theatre.

However, our greatest contribution to the community was the establishment of first a scholarship of \$200 and later a bursary of \$100. The amounts were increased in 1958 to \$300 and \$150.

Originally our Club members presented these at the commencements of Royal York and Etobicoke Collegiates. Later other Etobicoke High Schools were included.

Study Groups formed rapidly with diverse interests: French and Spanish Conversation, Music Appreciation, Jaunters, Bridge Instruction (with Mrs. Hudson Johnston in her home), Oil Painting, Current Events and International Affairs. Travel, Gourmet, Books and Bridge occupied the most attention in those days.

Our monthly meetings and banquets presented a wonderful and diverse array of fascinating speakers.

1952: Mrs. Elsie M. Gillies, wife of a meteorologist, on her experiences while living at a weather station on Arctic Bay, 500 miles north of the Arctic Circle;

Thor Hansen, artist with the Imperial Oil Company, on "Canadian Handicrafts" which should be in his words "for the happiness of mankind";

1953: At our first birthday banquet, Dr. Martha Law then President of C.F.U.W., on "University Women on the International Level"; re the Council Meeting in Italy where 22 countries were represented;

Dr. V.B. Meen, U. of T. Professor of Geology, illustrated with coloured films his two trips to the Chubb Crater in Ungava on plant and animal life there;

1954: Barbara Chilcott, actress on "The Crest Theatre"; Mrs. Willy Blok Hanson on "The Dance - The Art of Movement" with two young dancers to illustrate;

1955: At our banquet, Mrs. E.J. Pratt on "The Plays of Christopher Fry"; Panel on Stratford: William Needles, Chair and Douglas Rain, Bruno Gerussi, Harry McGirt, Mrs. Tyas on "Expansion of Services to the Arts at Stratford"; Cleeve Horne, artist and sculptor, on the purpose of painting being "a need to show more likeness with an aesthetic content to achieve a good painting for it and its subject";

1956: Dr. William Blatz, Head of the Institute of Child Study, who introduced a lasting and highly influential change on child rearing;

At our banquet at the Pickfair (on the Lakeshore), Pierre Burton, Managing Editor (then) of Maclean's with wife Janet, on his trip to the North after just publishing his book, "The Mysterious North";

1957: J.H. Biggar, Senior Housemaster of Upper Canada College (1935) on "Visits Interprovinciales--Knowing French Canada", a forerunner of many student exchange groups, domestic and foreign;

Mrs. Helen Spence, our member and employee on the Etobicoke Board of Education handling enriched classes, on "The Gifted Child";

Panel on the teaching of French in Elementary Schools: Mrs. J.E.L. Streight, chair, Miss Lottie Hammond, Port Hope C.I., T.J. Casaubon, Forest Hill C.I., Dr. Gordon Bates, Director of National Health League of Canada; H.G. Campbell, Toronto Libraries Director; (our club was very interested in promoting French learning in the early grades);

1958: James Peters, on "A Canadian of Arab Background Looks at the Near East" with the idea the West had let down the Arab World in Arab-Israeli Dispute" (of interest so long ago and today);

1959: Dean Moffat Woodside, Victoria College, U. of T., on "Who Should Go to College" based on 5 points:

1. Achievement of a standard in pre university education;
2. Real interest in Scholarship;
3. Curiosity and sense of wonder;
4. Industry;
5. Sense of trusteeship.

Dr A.D. Tushingham, Dean of Art and Archeology, on "Dead Sea Scrolls" including his trip to the Near East and research experiences.

June picnics concluded every year from our inception (except Central Park in 1956) in the garden of Mrs. Isabel Bishop, at the original Shaver home. The Shaver homestead was the birthplace of the C.C.F. leader James Shaver Woodsworth. We were never rained out in all those years!



Afternoon Book Discussion Group

Back Row: Ann McElhinney, Kay Nicol, Margaret Johnson, Joan Goodall, Mary Turnbull

Front Row: Marg Caughey, Jane Mitchell, Carolyn Fredenburg (Keen), Vesta McMaster, Betty Hardie



Elizabeth Sweet, Sheila Harbron, Alice Gray,
Peggy Joy, Betty MacGregor

The Sixties

As our "fingers did the walking through the minutes books and other memorabilia of the 1960's, we reminisced about the wealth of activities our club and its members undertook, and other interesting items of that decade.

We certainly had a full roster of well known persons as speakers at our general meetings, among them Dr. Henrietta Banting (U. of T.), Inspector Fern Alexander (Metro Police), True Davidson (Reeve of East York), The Hon. John Robarts (then Minister of Education), Dr. Murray Ross (President of York University), Walter Susskind (Conductor, Toronto Symphony) and numerous other local "celebrities" who provided us with informative programs.

Our own members did their part in organizing interest groups and other activities to keep our minds stimulated. Many of these groups still exist - Revolving Books, Investment Groups, Jaunters, Bridge, etc., while a few did not stand the test of time, such as the Millinery Group!

In addition, our Club sponsored the initiation of University of Toronto off campus extension courses, which were held for several years at the Eatonville Public Library, and St. George's on the Hill Church (which even provided baby-sitting!) The series of 10 lectures cost \$15.00; typical topics were 'Women and the Law', or "G.B. Shaw - Thinker and Playwright", which attracted 111 attendees.

Our members were active in the following:

- ★ Designation of Montgomery's Inn as a historic site.
- ★ Canadian Cancer Society - we supplied volunteers
- ★ Social Planning Council of Etobicoke,
- ★ Collected funds to send teachers to Africa
- ★ "Adopted" two university women who had been in Displaced Persons Camps and whose families had special needs or illness. We sent them annual gifts of money and Christmas packages.

We stayed current in the issues of those days, such as the repeal of capital punishment, Quebec separatism, penal reform, the status of women, retraining of women through Atkinson College, (Yes, we saw

the writing on the wall), and other matters that challenged us and others in Canadian society.

Our monthly meetings had a variety of venues, including Humber Valley School, West Glen School, Lambton-Kingsway School and the Richview Public Library. The annual fall season-starter was a reception at Kingsway-Lambton United Church, with a formal Tea Pouring at the end of a lace-cloth covered table.

Yes, many things have changed! Monthly meetings were begun with the singing of "The Queen"-piano accompaniment, of course. The annual Banquet was held at the Old Mill, tickets cost \$3.50, in 1965. In 1967, the location was Islington Golf Club, and the ticket price rose with inflation to \$4.50.

In May 1965, we voted to raise our annual membership to \$10. We had 226 members, of whom 34 were new. We had a suggestion box available at meetings, and purchased our own lace tablecloth for the refreshment table. (Where is it now?)

There were numerous other memories in those minute books of the sixties. In 1968, for the first time, we were written up with our very own given names. Prior to that (except for the singles) we were always mentioned with our husbands' initials - such as "Mrs. J.G. (Surname)". What liberation!

But the highlight of the decade had to be our Centennial Project, undertaken by a committee and supported by all our members. We purchased an Art Slide Collection and presented it to the Etobicoke Public Library. We raised over \$2000 for this, mainly through a theatre night featuring "Dr. Zhivago" at the University Theatre, selling tickets to our family and friends.

Our club can be proud of what we were able to accomplish. Our history and activities of the sixties were meaningful, stimulating and thoroughly enjoyable, and it was a pleasure to review and look back on them, and on us.

Back Row:

Peggy Joy
Carol Kimber
Eleanor Hardy
Betty Hardie

Front Row:

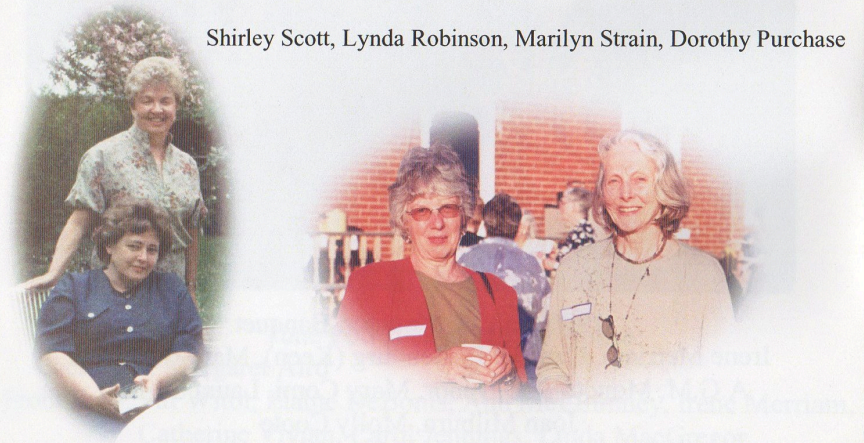
Mary Curnoe
Yvonne Froud
Elizabeth Sweet
Sophie Lucyk



L to R
Jean Smollen
Lou Richardson
Ruth Fairbanks



Shirley Scott, Lynda Robinson, Marilyn Strain, Dorothy Purchase





25th Anniversary Banquet - 1977
 Pauline McGibbon - Lt. Governor of Ontario,
 Mrs. Jean Steer - President C.F.U.W., Elizabeth Sweet,
 Dr. Martha Law, Julie Adams - President



1990 A.G.M. Moncton Banquet
 Irene Merriam, Carolyn Fredenburg (Keen), Marg Caughey,
 A.G.M. Moncton Convenor, Mary Comi, Laura Stinson,
 Joan Milburn, Molly Coote



50th Celebration Pat Joyce, Elizabeth Sweet, Elaine DeBonis



June Pot-Luck at Shaver House
 Back Left: Margaret Aird
 Front Row: Pat Witol, Elaine DeBonis, Ann McElhinney, Irene Merriam,
 Catherine Vivian, Carol Jennings, Linda MacGregor



The Choristers 1981-1995
Mary-Louise Sutherland - Leader



Hike, Bike and Ski Group
(now Walk and Talk)

The Seventies

The decade of the seventies was one of exponential growth and development in every area of the Club. In 1970, our fees were \$10.00, we met at Richview Library and our interest groups consisted of Great Books, Jaunters, Art Appreciation, French Conversation, Marathon Bridge, World Affairs, Travel, Revolving Books, Book Discussion, Creative Writing, and a perennial favourite - 3 Gourmet Groups and a revived Informed Women.

We were proud that several of our members were highly visible in the community. Maisie Kennedy, Chairman of Southern Ontario Red Cross; Jean Larson 2nd Vice-President of Big Sisters of Toronto; Lois Dodds, President of Rotary Anne, Islington; Sylvia Du Vernet published a book of poetry and taught adults at McMaster in Modern Canadian Literature.

That year the 17th Conference of the International Federation of University Women was held in Philadelphia. Ruth Fairbanks, incoming President, was our delegate, part of a Canadian delegation of 100 among 1,075 participants. The focus of the decade became to increase our membership. Our numbers jumped from 221 in 1969 to 264 in 1971 with 17 interest groups including the Community Involvement group whose members acted as observers at meetings of the Etobicoke Council, the Board of Education, Library, Etobicoke Planning Board, Board of Health, Social Planning Council, Mental Health Association, and HARP House. (Humber Area Placement House for girls age 14-18 years)

In 1972, we had a total of 23 study groups and our membership jumped from 221 in 1969 to 298. One of our monthly meeting topics was "Women in Politics". As a result, several members provided support for our own members, Ruth Grier, Lois Griffin, and Nora Pownall, who contributed a great deal to the Borough, and later to the City of Toronto and the Province. We now had observers on every Board and volunteers in many schools.

Our first Open Forum for the public took place in the auditorium of Martingrove Collegiate with the well-known physician Dr. Allan Cott speaking on "Nutrition to Combat Disease".

The trend towards greater recognition of the value of women continued when in 1973 C.F.U.W. Triennial was held in Ottawa,

and focused on improving the economic opportunities for women, equal pay, and fair employment standards.

One of our members, Danuta Czerwinski chaired a resolutions committee on Pensions for women which had a great impact when accepted by the C.F.U.W. as policy.

MacLean Hunter - Rogers T.V. had previously approached us to take part in interviews televised on their system. This new interest group, with the apt title: 'In View' was responsible for fifteen shows whose topics crossed the entire spectrum: Women's Property Rights in Marriage, two food demonstrations with our own capable Kay Spicer, Rape Crisis Centre, Crime Prevention, and a musical workshop. This evolved into the interest group called Omnibus, which produced 44 shows over four years.

In September 1974 our membership totaled almost 350 and there were 31 Interest Groups. Once more we included the community by holding a free Panel Discussion on Family Property Law Reform at Rosethorn Public School.

Our big focus of 1975 was organizing the sale of used books, magazines, and periodicals for our fund-raiser held at Sherway, April 23rd and 24th 1976, when we raised \$2,233.00. (An additional successful Book Sale was held in 1979.)

The 25th Anniversary Celebration 1977

A banner year for our Club! We now numbered close to 400. To celebrate we held our banquet at the Old Mill with her Honour, Pauline McGibbon, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario as our guest speaker, the President of C.F.U.W., and 230 members attended this memorable function.

To commemorate this year we held our first Art Celebration - a mammoth undertaking. It involved 465 entries from 3 mediums which were whittled down to 278. We required 195 volunteers to register, act as hostess at each venue, and to display and dismantle the works at Sherway, Cloverdale, and Albion malls, L.A.M.P. in the Lakeshore and Richview Library. It was a great success and only possible because of the active participation of over 50% of our members, and the capable, imaginative work of the Art Celebration committee, chaired by Ruth Fairbanks.

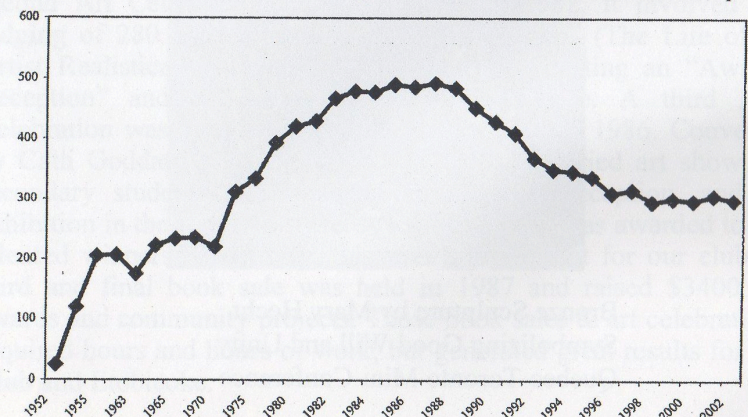
Separatism was very vocal. In 1978 The Canadian Unity Group planned a Quebec-Toronto mini-conference from April 12th-16th, to coincide with the Canadian Unity Conference at Glendon College. Our neighbouring Clubs cooperated in entertaining our 8 Quebec City F.C.F.D.U. guests who attended our Annual banquet at the Old Mill where Mme. Solange Chaput-Rolland was the guest speaker. During the evening there was a draw for the bronze sculpture "Discourse" by Mary Hecht, of three women standing with their arms outstretched towards each other symbolizing good will and unity. It was won by one of our members. It was decided to give the statue to the club. Since then each President has held it during her year in office.

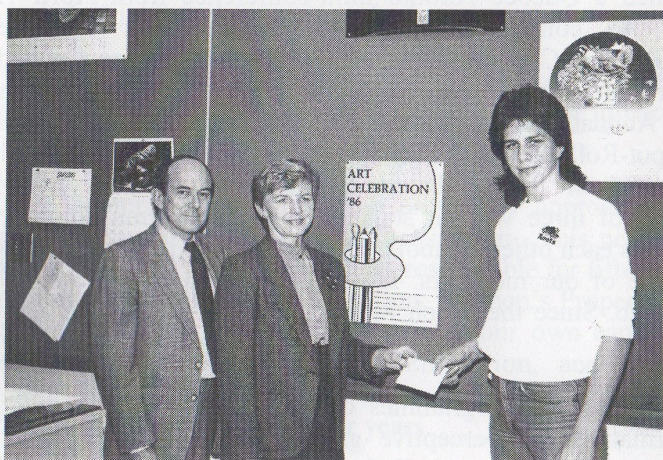
As always, the programmes continued their high standard of informative and perceptive guest speakers. We enjoyed the contrast of Dr. Kenneth Hedges, one of four men on a British team that crossed the Arctic by foot, 3620 miles in 476 days, and Susan Rubes "Is Theatre Necessary for Young Kids?"

In August, C.F.U.W. held its Triennial Conference in Quebec at Laval University. 20 of our members attended, as a result of the friendship created at our Quebec mini-conference.

The seventies had been dynamic. The Club had proved its value to the Community. We had increased our Awards Scholarship Fund to \$1600.00, and enlarged our scope to include community awards.

Canadian Federation of University Women - Etobicoke Membership





Art Celebration Poster Project 1986

Mr. R. Hintz Head of Art Department
Thistletown Collegiate

Mary Comi
President

Rob Marchildon
Award Winner



Bronze Sculpture by Mary Hecht
Symbolizing Good Will and Unity
Quebec-Toronto Mini-Conference

The Eighties

The 80's were an exciting and innovative decade. Our fees were \$20 and were increased to \$25 the following year. By 1989 they were \$42. We had 38 interest groups - about the same as 2000. Do you remember Antiques, Human Relations, Interior Design, Parenting, Photography, Genealogy, Triumph, Omnibus or Canadian?

Our awards program more than doubled in the decade. We also added cultural awards; in particular, one was a theatre arts award. An Education Committee was set up by Jean Smolyn to deal with important issues and problems at both the local and provincial levels.

As the decade progressed, our community involvement increased. We had members of our club appointed to various Board of Education committees: the Multiculturalism Committee (Beulah Grittani); the Prueter Art Selection Committee (Carolyn Keen Fredenburg); and the Media Literacy Committee (Annette Richardson). As the interest in Media Literacy increased, C.F.U.W. Etobicoke decided to sponsor a one-day conference at Martingrove Collegiate to highlight this very important aspect of education. The conference held in November 1982 was "T.V. Tune in Critically". Helen Dillon chaired the event and Annette Richardson was program convenor. In May 1985, a brief "The Gifted Child" was presented to the Curriculum Co-ordinating Committee.

The first Art Celebration in the 70's was a catalyst for more. In April 1981, a very successful book sale (\$2800 profit) convened by Nadia Miller and Cathy Martin was held at Sherway Gardens to fund a second Art Celebration in February/March 1982. It involved the judging of 280 entries, putting on a "Workshop" (The Life of an Artist Realistically Portrayed by Ron Bolt), hosting an "Awards Reception" and exhibition at the Civic Centre. A third Arts Celebration was held at Sherway Gardens in May 1986. Convened by Cath Goddard and Kay Saunders, it was a juried art show for secondary students and included an Awards Reception, and an exhibition in the Centre Square. A total of \$1450 was awarded to the talented winners. Obviously, this was a high point for our club. A third and final book sale was held in 1987 and raised \$3400 for awards and community projects. Those book sales & art celebrations required hours and hours of work, but generated great results for the Club and Etobicoke.

Our meetings were very often open to the public. Do you remember an evening at Kipling Collegiate when Mr. Douglas Roche, Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament, spoke? This event was sponsored by C.F.U.W. Etobicoke Peace Initiative Group in February 1985. Then in April 1988, Dr. Hamilton Hall spoke on "Everything You Wanted To Know About Backs" - Once again, an evening open to the public at Martingrove C.I. In April 1989, a symposium, "Women in Science" was held at the Library Science Building at U. of T. to promote science to girls in grades 9 & 10.

In February 1983, our club began a Christmas raffle of gifts donated by each Interest group and all the proceeds went to local charities. This is continuing today. We have also been eager participants in "Foodshare Etobicoke". Author's Nights began in the 80's, and this tradition continues each November when we not only invite authors to speak, but we also recycle our gently used books to raise some funds for our club.

One significant area of community outreach was Omnibus, the Community T.V. interest group. It began in 1972 and in 1985 was awarded the "Best Community-produced Series in Ontario and Canada". What a coup for both those hard working, creative members and all our club! The winning series was called "Woman to Woman", produced by Lynda Robinson and Lucy Boguski. This group also televised our media Literacy Conference and other relevant community events; as a result, for several years these programs would pop up on Channel 10 very unexpectedly much to the surprise of the participants!

In October 1987, C.F.U.W. Etobicoke became a registered charity qualifying for tax-exempt status.

In the eighties we had several members in executive positions on the C.F.U.W. Ontario Council. Lynn Hardman, Julie Adams and Laura Stinson were all Regional Directors. In addition Lynn Hardman continued on to be the Vice-President for Ontario. In the spring of 1983, our club submitted 7 resolutions on Pension Reform to the A.G.M. Anyone who has had involvement with resolutions will appreciate the work necessary for 7 submissions.

Of course we can't forget some of the fun excursions in the 80's. In April 1981 a trip was planned by the Ontario council to fly to England and return on the QEII - 10 days \$1600 US. Did any of our members participate? We all remember Judy Chicago's "The Dinner Party" in 1982 when many of our members travelled to Montreal.

During the 80's our meetings were held in the same place, St. George's Junior School, but our array of speakers was varied and wide. Here are a few notables: in politics - Flora Macdonald, Dr. Bette Stephenson, Sheila Copps, Ruth Grier & Lois Griffin; in media Sheila Rogers, June Caldwell, Margaret Visser (an author and radio guest); in finance - Nancy Thomson (Investing for Women) and Diane Francis. We also enjoyed lighter fare: ballroom dancing, rhythmic gymnastics, fashion shows, decorating hints (Lynette Jennings) cooking demos (Kay Spicer & Margaret Frazer) and much, much more.

The newsletter format was changed from 8 x 11 to our present booklet in February 1989. "Entre-nous" (brief notices by members for \$5.00) was introduced. The roster added members' occupations and professions (if desired) as well as "Our Women in the Community" which highlighted volunteer positions held by our members.

The 80's was an extremely challenging, busy, and fulfilling decade for our club. All accomplishments mentioned here should make each one of us exceptionally proud.



2001 A.G.M. Montreal

Back Row: Linda MacGregor - Past President

Front Row: Roberta Brooks - CFUW President, Mary Dodge Bovaird - Preside
Ann McElhinney - Regional Director Ontario Central

The Nineties

What can be said about the nineties? What changes have we seen?

Our fees have risen from \$47.00 in 1990 to the present \$79.00. Membership has fluctuated from 429 to a low of 299. It is currently hovering around the 300 mark.

There are presently 41 Interest Groups, the most popular being food groups (11) followed by bridge groups (7). Not much change there!

We had four different venues for both our General Meetings, and our Banquets. General Meetings have been held in St. George's Public School, Rosethorn Public School, Martingrove Collegiate for a brief stint, and then on to our current location at Fairfield Senior Centre. We have attended Banquets at Islington, Lambton and Weston Golf Clubs, as well as The Valhalla Inn.

Speakers have always been an integral part of our programmes, and this decade was no exception.

Some of our banquet speakers have been authors Nino Ricci (1991) and Katherine Govier (1992), David MacFarlane, "Summer Gone"(2000) and Dr. Lorna Marsden, York University President, (2001).

January Guest Night speakers included politicians Hazel McCallion and Alan Rock, 1996 and 1995, respectively.

Author's Night speakers included Constance Beresford Howe, Anne Lindsay (1992), author and artist, Doris McCarthy (1991), and children's authors, Phoebe Gilman and Paulette Bourgeois.

We even heard a sex therapist, Sue Johansen, on a very stormy night in February 1991.

We also heard thought-provoking presentations from speakers such as Dr. Lap-chee Tsui, Head and Senior Scientist, Hospital for Sick Children, on the implications of Biotechnology (1998), Sociologist, Margaret Norquay on homelessness (1999), and CITY TV Science & Technology reporter, David Onley on the challenges in the everyday life of the physically disabled (1999);

Jean Augustine, then MP Etobicoke Lakeshore, now Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and Status of Women (2000) on the trials and tribulations of the female MP.

An Art Showcase was held during a regular general meeting, usually in the spring. Talented members of our Club would display their works. The exhibitors included:

Earla Alexander, Barbara Clark, Elisabeth Gibson, Karen Henderson, Jean MacMillan, Gail McQuillan, Dorothy Purchase, Dorothy West, Elizabeth Whalen and Claire Wilson.

In 1991, the Etobicoke - C.F.U.W. banner was designed and stitched by Margaret Aird from a drawing by Barbara Clark.

We reached out to the community in a big way in 1993.

'Scotties' Telethon for Charity' was looking for a sponsor. We stepped into the fray and Ernestine's Women's Shelter was the beneficiary. More than one hundred of our club members were involved both on and off camera, in a six-hour program on Channel 10. Led by Moira Hoogeven and Lynda Robinson, we manned the phones, collected donations, and acted as security, hosts, and accountants. A total of \$16, 533.50 was raised.

In 1998, Ann McElhinney took on the task of producing a resolution on the issue of provocation being used as a defense that reduced culpable homicide from murder to manslaughter. After one year working with a small, but dedicated committee, the resolution was voted on by the delegates at the C.F.U.W. 1999 National Annual General Meeting in Calgary, receiving their approval and becoming a part of C.F.U.W. policy. No small feat!!

At our Christmas party, C.F.U.W. Etobicoke reaches out to the women in our community with generous financial and gift donations for two women's shelters, Ernestine's and Women's Habitat, both emergency shelters for women and children escaping violence.

In 2001, C.F.U.W. Etobicoke supported the conference of the International Federation of University Women hosted by C.F.U.W. by donating \$3,000 to the Ottawa Local Arrangement Committee. This donation helped make the gala for the delegates from 72 countries at the Canadian Museum of Civilization a showcase for Canadian hospitality. C.F.U.W. Etobicoke sponsored 2 nonvoting delegates (Lal Percival and Marguerite Keele) to attend this 10-day conference in August of 2001.

In October of 2002, Black Creek Pioneer Village was the sight of the Ontario Council A.G.M., hosted by C.F.U.W. Etobicoke. The theme, "The Famous 5: Platform for Progress" complemented the Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Linda MacGregor, the conference Chair, was ably assisted by Molly Coote, Ann McElhinney, Peggy Pinkerton, Debby Wright, Evelyn Silvester, Margaret Caughey, Avery Fleming, Lal Percival, Donna Hunter and a cast of dozens of our members. The theme of advocacy for C.F.U.W. was given emphasis and direction by the well-known women's rights activist, Marilou McPhedran.

We became experienced hosts. In August 1991, we took on the daunting task of hosting the National A.G.M. Carolyn Fredenburg (Keen) was the Steering Committee Chair, with Marg Caughey as her co-chair and Molly Coote, Treasurer. Helen Anderson was in charge of registration, Irene Merriam organized the Programme and Dorothy Purchase hosted a buffet dinner, co-ordinated by Diane Hercus, for the Board of Directors. The University of Toronto was the main conference location. The hugely successful event was capped with a banquet held at Ontario Place, with Geraldine Kenny Wallace, President of McMaster University as the guest speaker.

In April 1996, we held the 'Spring Gathering' for the Central Ontario Region at the Etobicoke Board of Education. Kieran Scott and Molly Coote were the organizers. Club member, Ruth Grier, and Donna Cansfield were speakers.

Three of our members have held executive positions in C.F.U.W. outside our club. Laura Stinson, 1991, National Resolution Committee Chair; Ann McElhinney and Linda MacGregor, Regional Directors for Central Ontario for the 2000-2002 and 2002-2004 Ontario Council Biennium.

Our current President, Elaine DeBonis and her Vice-President Pat Witol are making plans as we begin our next fifty years.

Many thanks to all who have come before:

"The old order changeth, yielding place to the new"

50th Anniversary Celebrations

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Etobicoke University Women's Club, the 2000-01 Executive called a meeting of the Past Presidents of the Club at Fairfield Seniors Centre on Lothian Ave. A brainstorming session provided a framework for a smaller committee to plan events. Pat Joyce agreed to chair the committee at a second meeting at Shirley Scott's, and the work began in earnest. Regular members of the smaller committee were as follows: Margaret Aird, Ruth Fairbanks, Cath Goddard, Sophie Lucyk, Betty MacGregor, Dorothy Purchase, Mary Lou Richardson, Alice Ruddle, Jean Smolyn, Marilyn Strain and Catherine Vivian. This committee developed a programme for a yearlong celebration based on the mandate from the first meeting. Our mandate was to remember past achievements, make a contribution to the community, and have some fun doing this!

The first event was a Pot-Luck Picnic at Applewood House, recreating an activity from past years. This house had belonged to Isabel Bishop, a founding member of the Club. Sixty members attended and picnicked on the grounds on a beautiful June evening. We were joined by original members Elizabeth Sweet, Betty MacGregor (Morrison), Alice Gray, Betsy Boyce and Sophie Lucyk. Catherine Vivian, Margaret Aird, and Cath Goddard organized this event.

Margaret Aird applied a large fifty to the Banner to remind us of our celebration. The first meeting of 2002-2003 was moved to Neilson Park Creative Centre. We held a reception following the regular meeting at which the Past Presidents and Founding Members were introduced. Over 130 members and guests attended this lively gathering. Alice Ruddle organized this event, supported by many members of the committee. Margaret McGovern, from the National Office, presented the Club with a special certificate.

Presentations about events of the past decades followed in October, November, December, February and April. Betty MacGregor chaired the 50's presentation, Sophie Lucyk the 60's, Ruth Fairbanks the 70's, Jean Smolyn and Lou Richardson the 80's, and Marilyn Strain the 90's. These presentations were fun and informative. The research material was passed on to Dorothy Purchase, who used it to write the Historical Booklet. The Community Project involved supporting the Etobicoke Philharmonic. A Gala was planned in conjunction with the concert on April 25 at Scarlett Heights Collegiate. Members sold tickets to raise money for scholarships for young musicians. Pat Joyce worked with Peggy Pinkerton and Mary Dodge Bovaird, and many Club members to organize this event.

Our final event of this yearlong celebration was the Banquet held at Lambton Golf Club. Linwood Barclay, columnist for the Toronto Star was the guest speaker. Pat Joyce and Dorothy Purchase organized this evening. It was a truly memorable year!

LIFE MEMBER
Elizabeth Sweet

PAST PRESIDENTS

1952-53	Elizabeth Sweet	1978-79	Brenda White
1953-54	Mary Sharp	1979-80	Catherine Vivian
1954-55	Rita Cavers*	1980-81	MaryLou Richardson
1955-56	Betty MacGregor Morrison	1981-82	Laura Stinson
1956-57	Betsy Boyce	1982-83	Jean Smolyn
1957-58	Phyllis Hooker (Monkman)	1983-84	Shirley Scott
1958-59	Alice Gray (Keen)	1984-85	Carolyn Fredenburg
1959-60	Dorothy Holness	1985-86	Mary Comi
1960-61	Sophie Lucyk	1986-87	Pamela Crabb
1961-62	Grace Chadburn	1987-88	Carmen Hall
1962-63	Evelyn Gordon*	1988-89	Judy Wolff
1963-64	Dorothy Mackie	1989-90	Dorothy Purchase
1964-65	Mary Knox	1990-91	Marilyn Strain
1965-66	Janet Peddie*	1991-92	Carolyn Wood
1966-67	Sheila Harbron	1992-93	Susan Macgregor
1967-68	Olive Hull	1993-94	Irene Merriam
1968-69	Peg Joy	1994-95	Marie-Christine Beth
1969-70	Donna-Jean Andrews	1995-96	Marion Schaffer
1970-71	Nita Helliwell*	1996-97	Cath Goddard
1971-72	Ruth Fairbanks		Diane Walters
1972-73	Marjorie Woolley*	1997-98	Peggy Pinkerton
1973-74	Joanne Martin*	1998-99	Ann McElhinney
1974-75	Lynne Hardman	99-2000	Pat Joyce
1975-76	Sally Gay Hubbs	00-2001	Linda MacGregor
1976-77	Julie Adams	2001-02	Mary Dodge Bovaird
1977-78	Betty Morris	2002-03	Elaine DeBonis

*deceased

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