



Dates & Data

ONTARIO COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

Saturday January 16th, 2010

YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
1585 Yonge Street, at Heath St.

Some parking on North side of the church or Public Parking at Heath/Delisle lot
or
Take St. Clair car to Yonge St. or the Yonge subway to St. Clair Stop
and walk 2 blocks north on Yonge

Registration 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. SHARP!

Registration Form Enclosed

MORNING PROGRAMME

Topic: Pascal Report on Early Childhood Learning

Speakers: ♦ **Andrea Calver, Ontario Coalition of Better Child Care**

♦ **Susan Swackhammer, First-Vice President of the
Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario**

Andrea Calver is the Coordinator of the *Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care*. The Coalition is Ontario's advocacy group for universal, affordable, high quality and not-for-profit child care.

The Coalition engages member child care centres and the broader early learning and child care community to advocate for more affordable, high quality child care programs and more funding for child care staff and ECE's. Among other activities, each year it sponsors Child Care Worker and ECE Appreciation Day, participates in pre-budget and budget day activities for the Federal and Provincial Budgets and organizes a Queen's Park lobby for child care funding.

Susan Swackhammer is the first vice-president of the *Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario* (ETFO). Before assuming the position in 2009 she was a member of the ETFO executive and president of the Grand Erie ETFO Teacher Local, a position she held for 7 years. She also served as president of the Brant Teacher Local of the Federation of Women Teachers' Associations of Ontario (FWTAO – one of ETFO's predecessor organizations) from 1991-1995 and began serving on the FWTAO provincial executive in 1995. She was one of the founding executive members of ETFO and served as its first vice-president from 1998-2000.

Susan Swackhammer is a teacher with the Grand Erie District School Board and has taught all grades from kindergarten to grade eight. Her particular concern for those less fortunate led her to serve on the steering committee of the *Brantford/Brant County Round Table on Poverty Elimination* and as a board member of the *Brantford Social Planning Council*.

EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Afternoon Session

Please come prepared to discuss your clubs education issues with committee members. Also, the morning sessions presenters will be discussing the *Pascal Report* from both the early learning and primary education perspective. We will have a workshop on the pros and cons of the implementation of the *Pascal Report* and work together to submit our recommendations to the Ministry of Education.

Wendy Taylor, Committee Chair

LEGISLATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Afternoon Session

Clubs will update the Committee on any successful contacts they have had with their LHINs since the last meeting.

You are urged to read a Change Foundation Study titled, *Having Their Say and Choosing Their Way*. It can be found at www.changefoundation.ca/docs/HTScommentary.pdf. We are hearing that the Ontario Ministry of Health is paying attention to this revealing study.

As well, we will have updates on Water, Disability and Poverty issues.

Myrtle Greve, Committee Chair

STATUS OF WOMEN STANDING COMMITTEE

Afternoon Session

Watch www.cfuwontcouncil.ca/status.html for plans for the afternoon meeting

Edeltraud Neal, Committee Chair



Happy New Year to one and all!

The New Year brings hope of things to come and contemplation of things that passed. Over the past months members have given of themselves, not just because they are members of a CFUW club or because of an organization's objectives or a mission statement, but because it is the right thing to do. That is the sort of woman our organization attracts.

I tip my hat to each and every one of you who gave the gift of friendship and support, who took an issue to heart and advocated, who filled a Christmas hamper, who supported her local woman's shelter or volunteered her time to any endeavour or programme that made someone's life a little bit better. The list of all things you do is a run on sentence that you may be proud of.

The Executive of Ontario Council and I raise a glass to the very special women of the CFUW Ontario Clubs, to the New Year and to all the special times that 2010 holds for each of us!

Myra Willis, President
CFUW Ontario Council

Another Enjoyable Ontario Central Fall Gathering

On Saturday, October 24, 2009, 56 members from 11 of the 15 CFUW clubs in the Ontario Central region attended the CFUW Ontario Council Fall Gathering hosted by CFUW Aurora-Newmarket. The venue for the event was the Royal Canadian Legion in Aurora where the club holds its monthly general meetings.

Delegates had a choice of workshops for the morning programme: Leadership, Team Building, Volunteering and Public Speaking. All workshops presented opportunities for attendees to interact with one another and to share ideas.

Lunchtime provided the much desired time for members to share in conversation and fellowship. The Legion's catered menu of meat or vegetarian lasagna, salad and dessert was greatly enjoyed!

The luncheon speaker, Dr. Avis Glaze, a well known Ontario educator, was very inspiring with her vision of education. She stressed the fact that we must educate the hearts of our students as well as their minds if we are to nurture our society and to build a united nation.

Karen Armstrong, who presented the afternoon workshop, introduced us to a different perspective on interpersonal communications. She explained how the Enneagram personality theory, which consists of nine distinct personality types, could help us in the understanding of why people behave and communicate the way they do. A big thank-you to the members of CFUW Aurora-Newmarket for organizing such a well planned, thoroughly enjoyable Fall Gathering !

Joanne Jamieson - RD Ontario Central

Kudos to all the members of CFUW Brantford!!!

For the third time in six years, **CFUW Brantford**, in partnership with *Brant Women in Action*, *Laurier Brantford* and *The Federation of Canadian Municipalities* hosted a campaign School on October 24 in Brantford.

Their goal is to encourage more women to run for public office and to support the campaigns of women seeking public office. Their objective is to provide more women with information and

tools required to run a municipal election campaign. There were presenters on fundraising, filing the paper work, and media relations.

This is wonderful project and Brantford members are doing an excellent job of fulfilling our mission and goals in advocating for women . We are extremely proud of them.

Arleen Midriak
RD Ontario South

Save the Date! Mark Your Calendar!

May 14th and 15th, 2010

The CFUW Ontario Council Annual General Meeting 2010 will be held May 14th and 15th in St.Catharines. The Local arrangements Committee has brought together an exciting programme with the theme ***Accessibility: Creating Inclusive Communities.***

The keynote speaker will be **Rabia S. Khedir**, who will deal with the topic *Towards an Inclusive Society: Through Collective Leadership*. There will be four very interesting workshops, from which you can choose two. The titles are: *The Myths of Accessibility*, *The AODA and What it Means*, *Community Action*, *Language of Lobbying* and *Making a Business Case for Accessibility*. There will also be a panel addressing *What Barrier-free Living Means*.

Details will be available shortly, in the meantime make plans to join us in St. Catharines.

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