



ONTARIO COUNCIL Dates & Data

Ontario Council Newsletter

August 2004 Issue

From the CFUW Ontario Council President



The other day someone said something about being in the lull of summer. **What** lull? **What** summer?

CFUW members have been on their feet all summer, taking part in the Ontario Council AGM in May, a National AGM in Regina and an IFUW Conference in Perth, Australia in August.

Congratulations and Thank you to Linda MacGregor and assisting Toronto area club members who organized a superb Ontario Council AGM. Commendation and thanks are also due to the CFUW Regina LAC and all the participating Saskatchewan clubs for their excellent Prairie hospitality to our Ontario members during our well run National AGM.

While they could not do a lot about the frequent rain, CFUW club executives all over the province have been busily preparing for another CFUW year. I have received my club's "Registration Kit" last week, an attractive monthly meeting program with challenging speakers, a schedule for all the study and interest groups and a form that makes it really easy to write a cheque for the Scholarship Trust Fund at the same time as paying for my club membership. Perusing

the mailing made me look forward to re-connecting with old friends and also to meeting new members at the registration meeting and on to another year of challenges, fun and definitely good food. Does this sound familiar? There are some traditions all our clubs share.

But that's not all to be had with CFUW. Our discussion with the participants at our Ontario Council AGM in May showed that while most members may at first have been attracted to their local club by social activities such as playing bridge, once they had signed up, for many the Purpose of CFUW became very much a part of their understanding of our Federation. In Ontario just as in the other provinces this means putting our education at the service of our community, getting involved

- in all public affairs
- for a high standard in public education
- for the improvement of the Status of Women in Ontario, and
- to ensure Human Rights in the Province.

As Saskatchewan Lt. Governor Linda Haverstock pointed out in her address to us at the National AGM in Regina, in Canada we are really lucky to be able to get together as women and to be able to influence the factors that determine our life circumstances and make our communities better in many areas.

To do just that your Ontario Council Executive adopted as our 2004/06 Ontario Council biennium theme:

" IN OUR OWN BACK YARD"

We invite you to focus your attention - with Ontario Council - on your own municipalities and communities. Check them out, and get involved with what is going on in the provincial and federal riding where you live.

What is your own municipality, school board,

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hospital doing about CFUW Ontario Council core concerns ?

- education
- health care
- poverty as it affects families, women & children
- homelessness & affordable housing, water

Are there other prevalent issues in your town?

We all know that deficiencies in the quality and equality in any of these areas greatly affect everyone with particularly grave consequences for women and children.

While we always consider how an issue affects women, our National theme for action for this biennium aims to look particularly at the needs of women: *CFUW in a Changing World: Taking Responsibility for the Education and Needs of Women*. So your club may also want to look at its “own backyard” with this particular perspective.

Your Ontario Council has already started working on its “back yard” this month (August) by submitting two briefs to the Ontario Government, one commenting on proposed amendments to the Water Taking and Transfer Regulations 285/99 and the other with regard to the proposed Drinking Water Source Protection Act. We also joined with the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) and other NGOs in putting forward a Source Water Protection Statement of Expectation. The new water protection legislation shows much promise and we hope that in the end this precious basic resource will be kept clean and plentiful to benefit all Ontarians. Special Thanks to Teri Shaw and Carolyn Day for researching and writing these briefs. We also submitted follow-up comments on the May provincial budget to Premier McGuinty.

But let’s not only think about the wider community as our back yard. Let us also include our own neighbouring CFUW clubs in that area. This year let’s cut through the isolation of our own club. Take up contact with the clubs close by, or the clubs within easy driving distance. It is always beneficial to exchange ideas over a cup of tea, or a glass of wine. (Don’t drink and drive though)

I’d like to encourage you to make the first move

- to send your club newsletter to the clubs next to you
- or invite the neighbouring club president and their members to a meeting
- or get together for an event to raise some money for a National CFUW Scholarship such as organizing an École Polytechnique Scholarship

Luncheon such as have been held jointly by some clubs on December 6 every year.

- to work together on advocacy for an urgent issue in your region
In getting in touch with each other we can
- help ourselves and others to improve our own “back yard” and
- greatly strengthen CFUW

Our communities and our province need a strong CFUW.

You can get started to link up with the other clubs, get that address, phone number, e-mail address at our Ontario Council events. Thanks to Ann McElhinney, OC Communications Chair, we now have a brochure for you that describes Ontario Council and its events. Read and stick it on your bulletin board for the dates and places of our Standing Committee meetings, Regional Gatherings and our AGM. Do come to our events and bring along members from your club. With good company a long drive passes quickly. The members of your Ontario Council Executive and I are looking forward to seeing and meeting you at our Standing Committee Meetings on September 18. Good Beginnings and very best wishes for a successful 2004/05 CFUW year.

Edeltraud Neal



**Ontario Council Advocacy
Awards
2004 - 2005**

Advocacy awards will be a part of the 2004 - 2005 biennium. Criteria and tracking sheets available September 18th at the Standing Committee Meeting and from your Regional Director.

The winners of the 2003 - 2004 awards will be announced on September 18th.

SEPTEMBER 18th STANDING COMMITTEE PROGRAM

9:00 to 10:00	Registration & Coffee Hour
10:00	Joint Morning Event (at the time of printing the speaker is still being negotiated. Information will be provided to you closer to the meeting day by your Regional Directors.)
12:00	Lunch
1:30	Afternoon Standing Committee Meetings

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE

Joan Dunn, Chair



The afternoon session of the committee will be a time to catch up on each others' news and views from the clubs and to welcome our new members.

We also hope to have someone from *Equal Voice* speak to us about the organization and its initiatives around women in politics.

Equal Voice is a group of women and men, who are concerned about Canadian politics and who have formed a multi-partisan action committee devoted to the still-bold idea that more women must be elected to every level of government in Canada.

"In forty years of writing about Canadian politics in magazines, newspapers and books, I've had to contain my frustrations (and not infrequent fury) at the near invisibility of women in the country's political life. Suddenly, the energy that is erupting from *Equal Voice* makes me feel that things are really changing, that the old paternalism may soon be kaput and that women will be heard in their thousands."

Christina McCall,
Author and political writer

We look forward to seeing you on September 18th.

Joan Dunn



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Marianne Singh Waraich, Chair



In the first education session of this year, I would like all club representatives to come to the meeting prepared for planning strategy for the year. Please bring with you a list of issues you think important in education in Ontario at this time as well as any local issues that are important in your area. Bring your issues, your knowledge and your enthusiasm so we can pool them and plan how most effectively to bring pressure to bear on our Boards and the government and improve education in Ontario. I look forward to meeting all of you.

Marianne Singh Waraich

A mini-workshop on "Feedback" communication, will be presented in the remainder of the afternoon. This is an effective, constructive communication tool, which identifies challenges and generates solutions to create the greatest impact. The presentation will be followed with an exercise on "CFUW and Advocacy".

Sabina Auburger

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Sabina Auburger, Chair



The September 18th afternoon, Legislation Committee Meeting will start with a review of the voter turnout in the 2004 election. In summary, voter turnout declined across Canada. However, a marked increase in voter turnout occurred in the Simcoe North and Dufferin-Caledon electoral districts. The Simcoe North electoral district had an increase of 13% in voter turnout; 6,318 more voters cast a ballot in the 2004 election than in the 2000 election. Dufferin-Caledon electoral district had an increase of 2%. CFUW-Orillia conducted a "Just Vote" campaign which was in addition to the local Student Vote project.

CFUW-Orangeville initiated the "Just Vote" campaign in the Dufferin-Caledon district. **Ann Harrison**, Orillia, will give a presentation on the efforts made to increase voter turnout. The success of these efforts serves as an inspiration to CFUW clubs, to make a greater impact on voter turnout in the next election. The next election may occur sooner than we think, given the nature of the duration of minority governments.

ONTARIO COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

If you and your club have concerns that relate specifically to Ontario, you might want to research the topic and present it as a resolution at the Ontario Council AGM to be held in Stratford in May 2005. Resolutions that are passed become the basis of our policy and advocacy.

2004-2005 RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULE

Oct 15 th	Intent to present a Resolution
Nov 15 th	Resolution, complete with background and bibliography, due
Jan 14 th	Resolutions sent to clubs
Mar 11 th	Amendments due from clubs
Apr 2 nd	Final version sent out to clubs with notice of AGM
May 14 th	Vote at Ontario Council AGM, Stratford

Please send all correspondence to the Sabina Auburger, Ontario Council Director of Legislation, Sabina_Auburger@wrigley.ca or your Regional Director

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For the last four years, Teri Shaw (Oakville), Legislation Chair, and Beth Haynes (Windsor), Education Chair, have been guiding Ontario Council advocacy efforts and organizing our Standing Committees. For the same length of time, Ardith Toogood, (Kitchener-Waterloo) Regional Director (RD) Ontario West, Lynn Franklin (Milton), RD Ontario South and Joan Gentle (Muskoka), RD for Ontario North have accompanied the clubs in their region on the CFUW road. They worked hard to build connections and communication between the clubs and the other levels of CFUW. For the last two years, Marlene Hewitt (Ottawa) has been our efficient Ontario Council Secretary and Jane Wandell (Ottawa) our conscientious Treasurer. All have been valuable members of the Ontario Council Executive Board full of ideas and wise counsel, and great fun to hang out with. On behalf of CFUW Ontario Council a big Thank You for all their excellent work.

Welcome to our new members on the Ontario Council Executive Myra Willis (Oakville), RD Ontario South, Andea Levan (Sudbury), RD Ontario North, Sabina Auburger (Orangeville), Legislation, and Marjorie Melick (Ottawa), Treasurer.

REGIONAL ROUNDUPS

ONTARIO WEST

Elizabeth Haynes, Regional Director

It's been quite an exciting summer, as I settle in to my new role as Regional Director of Ontario West. Throughout the summer, I appreciated the opportunity to meet with many CFUW members from our region, both at the Annual General Meeting in Regina, and here in Ontario. Even during the "lazy days of summer," we have energetic members across the

region keeping preparing for the coming year. Highlights include:

CFUW Chatham-Kent—have undertaken a constitution and by-law review to look at ways of improving leadership roles in their club. Many of our clubs are noting a difficulty in recruiting members to take on leadership roles. CFUW Chatham-Kent is no

exception. But with members committed to CFUW and its role in the community, CFUW Chatham-Kent is making great strides to find innovative ways to meet the challenge.

Fall Gathering—the Cambridge LAC, headed by Christina Novak, is finalizing plans for the Fall Gathering. Keep October 23 open on your calendars. The Ontario West Fall Gathering in Cambridge looks to be a great event. With a theme of Bridges ‘n’ Spires, the Gathering will include speakers on local architecture as well as club development workshops.

And . . .to make the event even more special, CFUW Cambridge is combining the event with their 50th anniversary celebration on Friday October 22nd. Congratulations Cambridge! We look forward to another 50 years!

CFUW Stratford—celebrated its golden anniversary in May with a Banquet and the Hon. Elizabeth Wittmer as guest Speaker. As part of their 50th club Anniversary events CFUW Stratford has agreed to host the 2005 Ontario Council AGM. The Ontario Council LAC, headed by Ernestine McKenna is making plans for a Spring AGM that will celebrate the beauty and art of CFUW and the Stratford area, with a theme of Arts and Advocacy. This also looks to be an exciting event—and what a great emphasis for an AGM in Stratford. More information will be coming from the committee, so stay tuned!

CFUW Southport member Carolyn Day has been working with Teri Shaw and the Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee to write briefs on the proposed amendments to the Water Taking and Transfer Regulations, as well as newly proposed Drinking Water Source Protection Act to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

Beth Haynes



ONTARIO SOUTH

Myra Willis, Regional Director

As the new RD for Ontario-South, I am excited about working with the 13 enthusiastic clubs in my area. Two things I am really looking forward to are getting to know the clubs and meeting their members. This year’s National AGM in Regina afforded a great opportunity for me. I had the pleasure of meeting the 16 members from Ontario-South who, along with myself, enjoyed prairie hospitality. We certainly did “Live, Laugh and Learn”.

I am very proud to tell you that Brantford, for their “Women in Municipal Politics Campaign School”, and St. Catharines, for their “Breaking Bread for Women and Girls in Afghanistan”, were recognized in Regina for their special projects. Mississauga, Brampton, Milton, Norfolk, and Oakville were given honourable mention for their increases in membership. Congratulations!

Norfolk will be hosting Ontario-South’s Fall Gathering on October 23. Everyone is welcome to join us as we explore “Building Consensus and Implementing Change” at The Greens at Renton. An inter-active session on this issue will be offered by Linda McGregor who grew up at Six Nations, Ontario. She is Life Skills Facilitator with over 20 years experience and incorporates the guiding principles of the Clan System into her unique presentations.

Our clubs are off to a busy start. For those of you who didn’t make it to Australia, Carol Hare, Past President of Mississauga will be speaking to the Brampton Club on the IFUW AGM in Perth at the Brampton Golf and Country Club on September 13th. This is a great opportunity to find out what’s going on at IFUW and experience a bit of “Down Under”.

Welland will be having a book sale on October

23rd, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Centennial High School on Thorold Road in Welland. Come out and support your sister club.

Mississauga has moved! They are now meeting at the Cooksville United Church, 2500 Mimosa Row. Chef, author, cooking show host and educator, Bonnie Stern will be speaking to the Mississauga Club in

November. I can highly recommend this event. Bonnie put on a terrific evening in Oakville (my home club) last season.

On November 17th at 7 o'clock, Charlotte Grey, author of *Sisters in the Wilderness* (a personal favourite of mine) will be talking about her new book *The Museum Called Canada* at the Hamilton Public Library, 55 York Blvd. Tickets are \$10.00 and proceeds go to the Hamilton scholarship fund.

Hamilton has also been working hard to organize a Health Forum on an important issue many of us are or will be facing. Join them on October 16th at 2:00 p.m. for "Home Care/Long Term Care, Do you have a choice?" with Dr. Michael Rachlis at the Spectator Forum, 44 Frid St., Hamilton. Registration is required so please contact Myrtle Greve, President.

Myra Willis



ONTARIO NORTH

Andrea Levan, Regional Director

I was pleased to attend the AGM in Regina Saskatchewan as our incoming regional director. Outgoing director **Joan Gentle** was there representing our region and passing on to me bits of her experience and wisdom acquired during her four years in the position. I'm sure all our clubs join me in thanking Joan for her dedicated service, good humour, and conscientious reminders and hints. Also present from Northern Ontario were **Sudbury** members Joanne Pettit and President Marion Harbin, and the incoming and outgoing **Thunder Bay** Presidents Jean Arthur and Jean Lister.

The AGM is a mix of meetings, workshops, dinners, tours, and perhaps a bit of "down-time" that gives us all an opportunity to interact with members from our region and across the country. Perhaps most importantly, it helps us understand the strength of CFUW as a national organization.

At the AGM **Haliburton-Highlands** was awarded its brand new charter. Welcome to our region! Our clubs were also honoured with several awards. **Sudbury** won an award for increasing its membership. Project awards were won by **North Bay**, who raised money for a school in Tanzania and sent a member there with school supplies; and by **Muskoka** for its work in furnishing an emergency housing project.

The hard work of programme committees and interest group conveners in our clubs has made the coming year one to look forward to. Welcome to all the new club executives.

Ontario North especially looks forward to our biennial Regional Gathering on October 2, 2004 in **North Bay**. The theme is *Les Compagnions - A Gathering of Friends*. All are invited.

Andrea Levan



ONTARIO CENTRAL

Linda MacGregor, Regional Director

I want to once again thank those Central Club members who were largely responsible for the great success of last May 15th Ontario Council AGM - ***Changes: Reviewing the Past; Mapping the Future.*** Members from the **Toronto Caucus Clubs, some GTA Clubs**, as well as the **4 workshop facilitators** left those in attendance with a sense of what our federation's focus in the past was on issues of poverty, water quality, violence against women and advocacy for children, and where and how we need to direct our actions on these same issues in the immediate future.

Last April 28th, proportional representation (PR) was the issue chosen by a small committee of **UWC North York** members to present to neighbouring CFUW Clubs and other voting-age citizens within their region. Guest panelists included Doris Anderson, President of Fair Vote Canada, Sylvia Bashevkin, professor of Political Science at the University of Toronto and Director of the Canadian Studies Program, University College, and Nathalie Des Rosiers, President of the Law Commission of Canada and Professor of Law, University of Ottawa. Over 120 in the audience listened as these three panelists spoke about the problems associated with our "first-past-the-post" electoral system in Canada, and how the mixed member proportional system, put forward by the Law Commission, of Canada, would "result in a more nuanced Parliament, where no vote would be wasted, where better representation for women and minorities would be realized, and political parties would have to be more co-operative and less adversarial". To quote Chair, Kathryn Manzer, a "very worthwhile endeavour", and one that could not have been more timely with the federal election campaign just days away!

Nineteen Ontario Council Central members from nine different Clubs, "zeroed" in on the intent of the 2004 CFUW National AGM's theme - "Live, Laugh and Learn". Business sessions and workshops provided them with the opportunity to **learn**, while home hospitality, a farewell banquet and tours of the

Saskatchewan countryside around Regina furnished them with the occasions to **live and laugh**. Four of those in attendance were incoming Presidents, and in addition, four more were Presidents continuing for a second year as leader of their Club. It was encouraging to see members in attendance who will be taking on other positions of responsibility this coming year. I accepted, on behalf of CFUW Markham-Unionville, a "Significant Increase in Membership" award. Honorable mention, in the same category, went to CFUW Aurora-Newmarket and was accepted by incoming President, Lorraine Hill. Congratulations go out to both of these Clubs who were amongst 22 of 123 CFUW Clubs across Canada receiving this award.

CFUW Oshawa & District will be the hosts for the Ontario Central Fall Gathering on Saturday October 23rd, ***The Group of 16: Learning Together.*** Under the capable leadership of the LAC Chair, GerryHogaboam, members of this Club are organizing opportunities for you to learn about the successes that have taken place in some of our Clubs and thereby provide you with ideas to take back and introduce within your home Club. In addition, a Town Hall session will give everyone the opportunity to meet, connect with, and learn from our CFUW President, Rose Beatty, our CFUW Director of Development, Ardith Toogood and the CFUW Executive Director, Susan Russell from the National Office. Put that date in your calendar, encourage your Club members to attend, learn more about our organization, and enjoy the friendship of other CFUW Central women. Registration forms were sent to all Club Presidents on August 17th. If you did not receive one or cannot locate the one mailed to you, contact Gerry at gerry_hogaboam@sympatico.ca

That's it for this edition of Dates and Data. Until I see you on the many occasions provided by Ontario Council, keep well.

Linda MacGregor



ONTARIO EAST

Marylea Burt, Regional Director

The CFUW National AGM held from July 13th - 20th in Regina Saskatchewan is now an event of our past. I was pleased to see representation from fifty percent of our clubs in Eastern Ontario. In attendance were club members from Belleville, Kanata, Kingston, Nepean and Ottawa. Many of the clubs asked me, as your Regional Director, to speak on your behalf on the issue of the dues increase - which I did. I am aware that for many of our clubs this increase is a hardship, especially for the smaller clubs. We do need to let National know and understand this issue. The answer to CFUW's financial need is not to increase dues, but to increase membership numbers - this is what we need to concentrate on.

Coming up next for our clubs are the Standing Committee meetings in Toronto on Saturday September 18th. I hope to see many of you there as the

program will be thought provoking and stimulating. Ontario Council does provide financial assistance for travel to this event for each club.

On Saturday October 2nd, we will all be attending the first fall gathering for Ontario East in Cornwall. The theme is 'Preserving the Past - Protecting the Future'. The day long event will be held at RCAF Wing 24 overlooking the beautiful St. Lawrence River. Our guest speaker Maggie Wheeler, author of *A Violent End* and *The Brother of Sleep*, will talk about her background research for her books on the lost villages flooded when they created the St. Lawrence Seaway. As your Regional Director, I am looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Marylea B. Burt



EVENTS PAST & FUTURE

Ontario Council 2004 AGM

There was a very good turn out for the 26th Annual General Meeting held in the Chapel of historic Victoria College, UofT to celebrate the theme of *Change: Reviewing the Past: Mapping the Future*.

On Friday evening a group from the Toronto club entertained and informed us with an amusing presentation on the famous five, who gained their fame for the Persons Case of 1929.

At the business session on Saturday morning a vote approved the motion to increase Ontario Council fees by one dollar in each of the next three years. Our luncheon guest, Dr. S. Qaadra, MPP for Etobicoke North, brought greetings from Premier Dalton McGuinty and he was accompanied by his mother, Dr. Mussarrat Qaadri.

Club presidents attended a leadership workshop conducted by the regional directors. At the same time an open forum, *The Road Ahead* gave other members an opportunity to share views on the purpose of CFUW, the relationship between their clubs and Ontario Council as well as other issues of interest or

concern. In the afternoon members attended one of four workshops where leaders presented facts in their area of expertise and offered suggestions for positive change. Laurel Rothman, Director of Community Building & Social Reform at the Family Service Association of Toronto spoke on child poverty and Judy Findlay, Ontario's Child Advocate, spoke on child advocacy and the role of the Youth Criminal Justice Act. Pamela Cross, Legal Director of the Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women, helped us understand how the law relates to the problem of violence against women and Theresa McClenaghan, a lawyer with the Canadian Environmental Law Association, talked about the law and drinking water standards.

For some, this was a visit to old haunts staying in residence, visiting Burwash Hall and other familiar spots. In the closing session, the 2004 - 2005 Executive was introduced and thanks were expressed to Linda MacGregor and the group of assistants who organized the event.

2005 ONTARIO COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Advocating for the Arts

May 13th and 14th
at
Victoria Inn, Stratford

Friday May 13th
Registration 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Evening Reception 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Saturday May 14th
Business meeting
Regional Meetings & Workshops

CFUW Stratford invites you to stay an extra day and join them for Dinner & Theatre



A Success Story

The Orangeville Citizen,
July 2, 2004 headline reads:

"Voter turnout percentage up slightly from last federal election"

A higher percentage of residents in Dufferin-Caledon exercised their franchise on Monday. According to Elections Canada, voter turnout in the riding was 60.9 per cent, up from the 2000 election which saw 58.4 per cent of voters cast their ballots. The *Just Vote* campaign has had a positive effect on the local turnout rate. CFUW - Orangeville & District sold *Just Vote* buttons at every opportunity including the Orangeville Farmer's Market, the annual Orangeville Jazz and Blues Festival, a local popular restaurant and at places of work. Vendors were given *Just Vote* buttons to wear and they wore them even when our club was not there selling the buttons. The *Just Vote* CFUW-Orangeville Letter to the Editor in *The Orangeville Banner* generated 2 follow up letters: one from June McDonald, Toronto Chair of Fair Vote Canada and another from a private citizen.

WHAT'S WORKING?

- asking people to vote, on a one-to-one basis
- a media kit generated the publication of a Letter to the Editor in *The Orangeville Banner* and an article about the CFUW-Orillia *Just Vote* campaign in the local Orillia newspaper

WHAT'S POSSIBLE?

- The ideal situation would be to give away the buttons for people to wear during the election campaign.
- partnership with the *Student Vote 2004*
- "upstreaming" social marketing through the school system

WHAT'S MISSING?

- other CFUW clubs participating in the campaign

VOTER TURNOUT IN SIMCOE NORTH:

CFUW-Orillia took the "Just Vote" concept very seriously in the Simcoe North electoral district. The Student Vote project was also active in this district. The result was a 13% increase in voter turnout in the 2004 election than in the 2000 election; 6,318 more voters cast a ballot in the 2004 election than in the 2000 election in the Simcoe North electoral district. This is a great example of: magical thinking + heroic efforts equaling powerful results.

Sabina Auburger

Battle of the Books

Modelling our project on CFUW Markham-Unionville's on-going event, the 26 members of CFUW Vaughan sponsored a very successful *Battle of the Books* at Brownridge Public School on April 27th. Seven schools in Vaughan and Richmond Hill sent a team of six students to the "Battle". The schools had

been given a list of books which the students had to answer questions on. The winning team from Crosbie Heights School received a huge trophy that their school could keep for a year and smaller trophies for each member of the team.. Second and third place winners each received a medallion. Every participant also received a book and the school library received a donation of books.

CFUW Vaughan received recognition from the York District School board and we were gratified to see so many young people so excited and enthusiastic about books.

Lynn Dobson

Ontario South Fall Gathering

CFUW Norfolk is hosting Ontario South's Fall Gathering at The Greens of Renton on October 23rd. A map is included with the registration form. The theme is *Consensus Building and Implementing Change*.

The first, one-hour workshop to which everyone is invited is entitled, *Consensus Building*, lead by Linda McGregor of Six Nations, Barrie, Ontario. Linda has developed a model of consensus building based on the Medicine Wheel historically used by her culture to build consensus.

Ontario West Fall Gathering

The Fall Gathering in Cambridge on October 23rd looks to be a great event. With a theme of Bridges 'n' Spires, the Gathering will include speakers on local architecture as well as club development workshops. CFUW Cambridge is combining the event with their 50th anniversary celebration on Friday October 22nd. Congratulations Cambridge!

Ontario North Fall Gathering

The Ontario North Fall Gathering is a biennial affair and this year it is being held in North Bay on October 2nd. The theme will be Les Compagnons - Gathering of Friends. CFUW North Bay and Andrea Levan, Regional Director, will be spreading the word on their plans for the day.



Ontario Central Fall Leadership Gathering

The Group of 16...Learning Together

CFUW Oshawa & District invites you to The Ontario Central Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 23, 2004 at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa.

Like The Group of Seven and Painters Eleven in the gallery's collection, the 16 Ontario Central clubs will come together, under the guidance of highly informed presenters, to embrace change. The day's program will assist us in aligning our club's goals with the CFUW national strategic plan.

Workshops & Presenters

- *Advocacy beyond Letter Writing*: Marianne Singh-Waraich, Past CFUW Director of Resolutions
- *Nagging and New Issues in our Clubs*: Susan Russell, CFUW Executive Director and Linda MacGregor, Ontario Central Regional Director
- *Savvy Marketing*: Sabina Auburger, Ontario Council Legislation Chair
- *Strategic Planning: We are what we do*: Ardith Toogood, CFUW National Director of Development and Strategic Planning
- *Connecting with National: CFUW in a Changing World: Taking Responsibility for the Education and Needs of Women*. Panelists: Rose Beatty, National CFUW President; Ardith Toogood, CFUW National Director of Development and Strategic Planning and Susan Russell, CFUW Executive Director

Our club members are looking forward to this informative day and hope that you will join us. For more information, please contact Gerry Hogaboam by e-mail. hogaboamgerry@hotmail.com

Ontario East Fall Gathering

On Saturday October 2nd, CFUW Cornwall will be hosting the regional event. The theme is *Preserving the Past-Protecting the Future*. The day long event will be held at RCAF Wing 24 overlooking the beautiful St. Lawrence River. The guest speaker Maggie Wheeler, author of *A Violent End* and *The Brother of Sleep*, will talk about her background research for her books on the lost villages flooded when the St. Lawrence Seaway was created.

Toronto Caucus December 6th Luncheon

We are proud to have Chief Roberta L. Jamieson as the speaker at our Fifth Annual December 6th Luncheon. Many of us know Roberta as our Ontario Ombudsman from 1989 to 1999. Those of us who have followed her career closely know that she was the very best Ombudsman, anywhere, ever.

In December, 2001, Roberta took her skills and leadership qualities in another direction and was elected Chief of the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, the first woman to hold that position. Chief Jamieson's re-election will be determined just one day before our Luncheon and we look forward to celebrating with her!

Ontario West December 6th Event

CFUW Cambridge, Guelph and Kitchener-Waterloo will again join for a December 6 event, but this year it will be a dinner on Monday, December 6th. The Committee will get the word out on the location and speaker as soon as arrangements are confirmed.



2004 - 2005 Standing Committee Meetings

September 18th, 2004
January 15th, 2004
March 5th, 2004
September 17, 2005

Mark your Calendar! See you there!

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CFUW CRESTED ITEMS

For many years CFUW St. Catharines has made CFUW crested items available for sale at AGM's. We missed them in Regina this year, however if you are interested in travel mugs, coffee spoons, or lapel pins contact:

CFUW St. Catharines
37 Forest Hill Road
St. Catharines, L2R 3V1
905 684-6257

HERSTORY 2005

THE CANADIAN WOMEN'S CALENDAR

This useful calendar combines articles about special Canadian women with weekly calendar pages. It makes a practical addition to your own planning and also is a great gift item for your daughters, sisters and friends.

Copies will be available at the September 18th Standing Committee meeting. The price is \$14 per copy or \$26 for two copies. Proceeds to the CFUW Charitable Trust. Your opportunity to THRUST THE TRUST!

All proceeds from items advertized benefit CFUW scholarship funds

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