



ONTARIO COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



After a beautiful fall, without great fanfare, winter has settled in here in Eastern Ontario. This is to some degree a relief. The snow covers up all the sins of a neglectful gardener, and everything will have to hold till next spring. I have always had a similar feeling about CFUW and the club Christmas Party. After that enjoyable event is over, mostly everything CFUW will have to wait till the New Year. So I am trying to catch you before you too close down your CFUW shop and concentrate on your family and friends and the joys of the season.

During the fall, our new club executives have settled into their jobs and CFUW life is humming along. It has been a busy round of club and Ontario Council events. Your participation has made the Standing Committee Meetings and the Regional Fall Gatherings the lively, intellectually stimulating events we all look forward to. I want to thank all our Ontario CFUW members on behalf of Ontario Council for the good will, cooperation and participation offered during the first half of the Ontario Council year. We all would like to continue together in 2005, so before settling down with Holiday Cheer and all the trimmings, please, don't forget to put the following date in to your new 2005 calendar and remind the Standing Committee representatives in your club. We look forward to seeing you and any member of your club at the

Next Standing Committee Meetings
at the Toronto Club House - 162 St. George Street (corner of Bloor)
January 15, 2005 10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.
(Coffee & Registration starts 9:00 a.m.)
Lunch is included.

Look for information about speakers and activities on that day and for registration forms in the regular **Dates & Data** (D&D), our Ontario Council newsletter, which should be in your mailbox in early January .

In this time of cold, darkness and festive lights we think of our friends and loved ones, those near and far, and those no longer with us. Some losses are fresh. Our thoughts are with Kathy Manzer's family. We also remember the victims of the Montreal École Polytechnique shooting, the fourteen young women and their families.

May you and your loved ones celebrate this season of Peace, and may the good memories and the warmth of the candlelight fill the cold dark. With the very best wishes for 2005 on behalf of Ontario Council

Edeltraud Neal, President
 CFUW Ontario Council



WHAT'S NEW!!

Read all about it in our January *Dates & Data*

This fall, our clubs have been contacted by Ontario Council about many issues of concern. We know clubs sometimes feel inundated with requests for action and it is not always easy for them to respond. Therefore it has been really gratifying to see club members in all the five Regions join Ontario Council and become involved with the Rae Post Secondary Education Review hearings in their own or neighbouring towns. Some clubs have been sending their reports about the hearings they attended to Ontario Council. This helped us with formulating our Ontario Council submission to the Rae Review. Clubs have been taking part in the Town Hall discussion, as well some clubs have made written submissions. The Rae Report is expected in January.

December

- CFUW Windsor made a submission to the Rae Review on Post Secondary Education.

November

- Members of CFUW Guelph attended the Rae Review on Post Secondary Education hearings in Guelph.
- Mary Hall of CFUW Belleville, CFUW Education Chair, made a presentation to the Rae Review on Post Secondary Education in Kingston.
- CFUW Ottawa attended Ottawa Town Hall and made submission to the Rae Review on Post Secondary Education.
- Marianne Singh-Waraich, Ontario Council Education Chair, made a presentation to the Rae Review on Post Secondary Education at the Hamilton hearings.
- CFUW/Ontario Council submitted a brief to the Rae Review on Post-Secondary Education.

October

- Andrea Levan, Regional Director Ontario North, spoke at Rae Review on Post Secondary Education hearing in Sudbury.

OTHER EVENTS

December 6th

- To remember the 14 victims of the Montreal École Polytechnique shooting, clubs hold CFUW École Polytechnique Scholarship fundraisers

November

- CFUW/Ontario Council made a presentation to Ex Libris, the association of retired librarians, concerning school libraries and the resolution passed at the Regina AGM, July 2004.

October

- Regional Gatherings are held throughout the province.

September

- Ontario Council Standing Committee Meetings at the Toronto Club House

Attention Club Presidents!

Please be sure to keep your Regional Director aware of your activities, so she can share the news with all Ontario clubs.

ONTARIO COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 13th and 14th, 2005

Victorian Inn, Stratford, Ontario



Advocating for the Arts

Keynote Speaker: Antoni Cimolino,
Executive Director of the Stratford Festival

March 15 - Early bird registration (\$70) deadline

March 16 - Regular registration (\$80)

Friday, May 13 - Registration 4 - 8 pm
 - Evening Reception 7:30 - 10:00 pm (\$10)

Saturday, May 14 - Business Meeting , Regional Meetings,
 Workshops 8:30 am - 4:30 pm



Stay an extra evening!
Join us May 14th for Friendship, Dinner & the Theatre
As You Like It at the Festival Theatre
Supper at the Principal's Pantry
Package price \$80 - deadline April 1st

Full information package will be send to clubs in January 2005
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