

## Thinking Outside the Club

### Ontario Council and your Club Executive

#### WHAT DOES \$5.50 BUY?

In a mall not much, but within Ontario Council it provides clubs with many benefits. Ontario clubs pay **\$5.50 per member to Ontario Council** and receive the following:

1. Clubs with a membership of 50 or fewer regular and life members, who have a member attend an Ontario Annual General Meeting, will receive their current year Ontario Council club fees back. This is to give assistance to small clubs to send members to an Ontario AGM.
2. Ontario Council negotiates with an Ontario insurance company to provide group liability insurance for all our clubs and all your club functions (individually clubs would have to cover each function separately at a much higher cost).
3. Club members are given opportunities to get together with other club members through Regional Gatherings, Standing Committees meetings and the Ontario Council Annual General Meeting, and occasional local regional meetings.
4. For Standing Committee meetings, clubs at more than 75 km distance from Toronto are able to receive travel assistance.
5. Clubs hosting a Regional Fall Gathering are given a \$100 grant in recognition of their efforts. A \$300 advance (loan) is also available to cover expenses incurred before registration fees are received.
6. The Host Club of an Ontario Council AGM is given \$200.00 in recognition of their efforts. A \$1,000 advance (loan) is also available to cover expenses incurred before registration fees are received.
7. A Grant in the amount of \$300.00 may be offered to local clubs for a non-revenue generating special event or project.
8. An advance (loan) of \$300 is available for revenue-generating event or project to cover expenses incurred before revenue is received.
9. Ontario Council executive members are available to come and speak on a variety of topics at no cost to the club.

10. Standing Committee Chairs are available to help with advocacy.
11. The newsletter, *Dates & Data*, is mailed to clubs throughout the province, and is available in PDF on the website. An additional electronic newsletter, *NEWS FROM OC*, is produced after each Standing Committees meeting so that clubs may be informed of all the developments and make use of this information in their newsletters. *NEWS FROM OC* also includes website updates giving links to briefs and letters done by Ontario Council, plus other information about clubs and Ontario Council.
12. The website, [www.cfuwontcouncil.ca](http://www.cfuwontcouncil.ca) , provides information about clubs in Ontario and their activities, as well as about Ontario Council, its work and policies.
13. CFUW Ontario Council speaks to the Government of Ontario on behalf of our members on issues that are of concern to ourselves and to other women.
14. CFUW Ontario Council forms coalitions with like-minded organizations in order to extend or advocacy efforts.

### **Keeping your Charitable Number**

Treasurers over the years have stressed the importance of keeping your Club's scholarship charitable number. Once lost, through not fulfilling the requirements of the government regulations involved, it is difficult to regain, plus your Club might be subjected to a fine!

It's important that the treasurer of your scholarship fund stays abreast of what's new. Information can be found on line at [www.cra.gc.ca/charities](http://www.cra.gc.ca/charities) . If you have any questions you should direct them to the government at 1-800-267-2384. Better to spend a few minutes calling than have to fight to get your status back.