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**Stay Well**  
**Stay Home**  
*The April 8<sup>th</sup> general meeting has  
 been cancelled*



**FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS: SHEILA S. & DONNA H.**

We write this message at a time of a global health crisis that is affecting the entire world in so many ways. It is putting a strain on our physical and emotional health, our economy, our resources, our environment and, most importantly, on our social relationships. No one is immune to the effects of this health pandemic.

Things will get worse before they get better. There will be much pain, suffering and sorrow. There is no easy fix. It is in these times that humankind, regardless of race, religion, creed, gender or nationality must communicate and plan together to combat this raging virus.

We must do it: and we will do it. When you're down the only way is up! During this time, we need to support each other and to reach out to others if we need help. CFUW is a sisterhood. We are here for each other. Just ask if you need help and stay in touch.

Your executive is looking for ways that we can support each other. If you have an idea send it along to Donna H., Sheila S. or Jone W.

**Communication Strategies**

We are currently trialing a website called Zoom.us that offers video chats and conferencing, so that we may host online small and large group meetings. Check it out. We soon will invite all club members to an online meeting. Invites are FREE. Becoming a host is free. (limitations apply)

· Your Co-Chairs, Sheila S. and Donna H., are requesting that members, if possible, make a telephone call to the person below your name on the membership roster (the last calls the first person). Just a quick social call.

Thank you,

*Donna H. and Sheila S.*

**SCHOLARSHIP DONNA H.**

At the time of this report, it is expected that the following Durham College students will receive awards in 2020:

**Kirsten Bland** will receive \$1,500 for 2020 (School of Business, IT & Management SX: Business/Human Resources Program).

**Lori Thomas** will receive the CFUW Anniversary Award of \$1,000. (Sch Skill Trd, Appr & Renew Tech SN: Welding Engineering Technician). This money was fundraised at the fashion show in April of 2019. **Lori will be our first female apprentice in the trades. She is studying to be a welder!**

**ADVOCACY MARY K.**

The Doctrine of Discovery presentation scheduled for March 25, 2020 has been postponed and will be held in the fall.

**FRIENDSHIP MAUREEN A.**

Significant news about a member (serious illness or injury or death of member, or death of her spouse or child) should be reported to Maureen A. who will advise all members through an email from Barb L. and send an appropriate card on our behalf.

Linda P. is at home with plenty of support and would like to hear from friends.

**EDITOR BARBARA L.**

Only the last name initials of members are published in the newsletter.

You may refer to your roster for contact information.

Please submit all newsletter items to [barblewis@rogers.com](mailto:barblewis@rogers.com)

**Reminder: items for the May newsletter should be received by Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Our history:** Edith Neff Annis received her degree in Household Science from the University of Toronto. She and her husband, Allin Foster Annis, a crown attorney, lived in Oshawa on Simcoe Street. They often socialized and played cards at Parkwood with their neighbours, Sam and Adelaide McLaughlin! Edith became a charter member (1945) of the University Women's Club of Oshawa. In 1972 she learned that her great nephew, John, was moving to Oshawa and she signed up his wife to join the club! (That was me - and I've been a member ever since!) *Maureen A.*

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**INTEREST GROUPS ELAINE L.**

**THESE ARE THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS. CONTACT GROUP LEADERS FOR DETAILS.**

**Book Lovers****“IT’S A MYSTERY” MARY K.**

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm      Host: Hedy G.      Discussion leader: Lindy K.

Book Selection: *Mrs. Sherlock Holmes* by Brad Ricca

**MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK CLUB 2 JANET B.**

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm      Host, Janet B.      Discussion leader, Ruth F.

Book selection: *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* (2018) by Ruth Ware

**READING GROUP 1 BARB L.**

Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm      Host: Jane R.      Discussion leader: Sandy P.

Book Selection: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

**MORNING COFFEE AND BOOK CHAT: MELANIE K.**

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am      Host: Maureen G.      Discussion leader: Melanie K.

Book Selection: *Nomadland: Surviving America in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* by Jessica Bruder

**DINING****LET’S DO LUNCH CATHERINE R.**

Last Friday of the month at 12:30 pm. Contact Catherine R. for details.

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## **BRIDGE**

### **BRIDGE BUDDIES KAREN D.**

No games in April

### **MONDAY AFTERNOON BRIDGE HEDY G.**

No games in April

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE LINDA P. & MARIANNE C.**

Please contact convenors

### **75th Anniversary archives:**

In 1968, scholarship policy was revised to provide a prize to be presented to one girl from each eligible secondary school. This girl was to be chosen by her school staff. The prize of \$50.00 was presented along with a suitable book.

In 1967, our current member Jane Rowe (née Mason) who attended R.S. McLaughlin C.V.I. won this award.

In 1997, Veronica Kitchen from O'Neill C.V.I., daughter of club member Melanie Kitchen, received this award.

**The 75th anniversary tea  
of our Oshawa & District Club**

**has been postponed until October  
Keep your ticket  
Details later**

Tickets, \$25 each. Contact Karen D.



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**CFUW Oshawa & District General Meeting Minutes March 11, 2020**

**Welcome-7:00 pm.- Sheila S.**

**Attendance: 34 (includes 5 guests)**

**Speaker-** Karly Church- a past victim of human trafficking and now staff member of Victim Services

**50/50 Draw**

**Break**

**Call to order-** 8:30- Sheila S.

**National Resolutions-** Sheila S.

To view all the resolutions, go to CFUW national web site- code 4321

**Resolution 1- Canada Health Act and Common Application of Medically Necessary Services**

Proposer-Markham/Unionville Club

Discussion- there are many discrepancies and inconsistencies among the provinces as to what medically necessary care is available/funded. For example- eye tests, prostate tests, midwife services. Transfer payments to the provinces should be consistent.

**Resolution 2- Payday Loans**

Proposer-Ottawa Club

-Lower cap on interest rates- current rates are very high- to borrow \$100 for 2 wks. you pay \$15. There is a service charge if you don't pay on time and interest keeps compounding. People can get into major financial trouble. Part of the problem is that major banks have pulled out of certain neighbourhoods and small towns that are not "profitable".

**Resolution 3- Achieving the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action**

Proposer-Stratford Club

-work to achieve the 94 actions that were recommended

-only 10 are complete; 26 not started; 37 in planning process; 21 underway

We will discuss the other three resolutions at the next meeting.

**4. Climate Change**

**5. Exposure to pornography on the internet**

**6. Exploited Persons Act**

**Motion:** Betty S., Pat D., to approve the minutes of February 12, 2020- **Carried**

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**Treasurer's Report-** Hedy G. CFUW National dues were paid.

Balance in general account as of March 11, 2020 - **\$3585.13**

Balance in Scholarship Fund - **\$269.55**

**Motion:** Hedy G., Betty S., to accept the treasurer's report. **Carried.**

**Program Committee-**JoAnne P.

Debra Masson from the YWCA will speak about the services of the Y and some of the issues they are seeing in the Region. That agency is also celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

**Advocacy-** Mary K.

- The flyers are ready and have been distributed for the March 25 Doctrine of Discovery event at St. George's Church at 7:00 pm.

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea-** Catherine R.- tickets are on sale tonight for the April 25 event at Adelaide House, Oshawa- see Karen D. After tonight they will be offered to past members and other guests. The YWCA is happy to receive donations at the tea of hygiene products, cash, or store gift cards. If you are unable to attend the tea you can bring donations to the April 8 General Meeting.

**Ontario Council**

- the next Speaker Series is in Toronto on March 28.
- the Provincial AGM is in Barrie on May 22/23.

## V. Announcements and Upcoming Meetings

Advocacy - March 17 Recruitment - March 24 at Jone W.

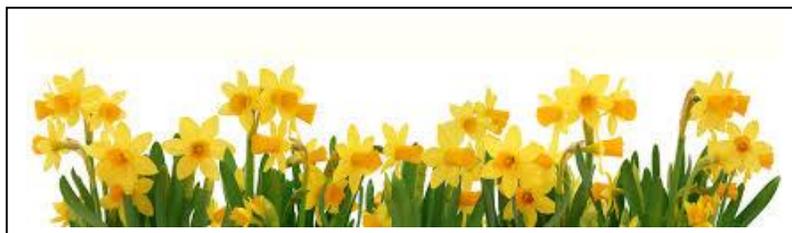
Executive - March 25, 1:30 at Donna H.

Let's Do Lunch - March 27, 12:30 at One - Eyed Jack - Taunton/Simcoe - RSVP to Catherine R.

General Meeting- April 8 at 7:00 pm.

**Happy Bucks**

**Adjournment-** 9:05 pm. Moved by Pat D.



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### **CFUW Oshawa: and District: The 60s and 70s**

These two decades were marked by numerous cultural events. In 1960 Ways and Means organized a Gala Theatre Night at the Plaza Theatre. The lobby displayed an art exhibit of works by art students of Miss Van Leuven and Miss Miochic and, upon arrival, attendees were entertained by the Navy band before the showing of a film of the Royal Ballet.

The following year 835 tickets were sold for the showing of the award- winning film Black Tights, a four-part segment of dance starring Cyd Charisse, Moira Shearer and Zizi Jeanmarie. The film is available on You Tube. In 1971 the Don Cossack Dance Troupe were brought in to raise funds for a donation to the first Kiwanis Music festival and the first Durham College Scholarship.

In addition, the Club sponsored many theatre groups to come to Oshawa and present plays for children and adults.

Our commitment to education went beyond scholarships; school volunteers from both inside and outside the Club were recruited and trained and two career counseling days aimed at counteracting sex stereotyping for girls were organized.

Club interest groups included Crafts, Bowling, Food with Flair, Literary and Travel Clubs and International Relations. Bridge lessons were offered and visits to the sick were made. Members produced and presented a television show of interest to women. In April 1965, the 20th anniversary of the Club, we were pondering how to attract new members; by 1977 membership reached 222. Four delegates were sent to the IFUW in Mexico City.

Annual Reports were mimeographed by students at Donavon Collegiate, a far cry from the ease of the computers we use today.

Programs then, as now, reflected the concerns of the times and included: Should Mothers work? Drugs: Their Use and Misuse (still current), The Great Pill Debate, Female Sexuality, The New Morality: Its Effect upon Youth, The Influence of TV upon Children. Some of the lighter topics were Research on Irish Queens, Shaw Festival's need for a proper playhouse, a tour of Durham College and My Life among the Eskimos. Our most honoured guest speaker was Pauline McGibbon.

Lina Zatzman, Archivist