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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK JONE W.

Here we are heading into December – the month of special significance for many religions and of many happy social gatherings of family and friends. It is not however, a month without sadness for past acts of violence against women. December 6th in particular is a date to reflect on the untimely death of 14 innocent women at L'Ecole Polytechnique in 1989. Go to the CFUW Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cfuw.fcfd> to see the actions being taken by CFUW clubs to end gender-based violence.

The holiday season and end of the year is a time to count our blessings and share with those who are less fortunate. Many of you are involved with Christmas hampers and other charitable initiatives through your churches. As a club, we are again inviting members to donate shoeboxes of essential personal supplies to be given to a needy woman in a local shelter or otherwise not living in a caring family environment. A number of our members volunteer at Oshawa's Luke's Place providing specialized family law support to women and children seeking a way out of abuse. Luke's Place is currently fund-raising to provide a Resource Room for Women at their confidential location with educational resources, work stations, safe phone lines, and computers with internet access. Your support of these initiatives is greatly appreciated.

I wish for each of you and your loved ones, a safe and joyous holiday season and a very happy and memorable new year!

Next Executive Meeting - Wednesday, January 24 at 1:30 PM at Barb L's

Next OC 2018 LAC Committee Meeting - Monday, January 15 at 1:30 PM at Sheila S's.



It's a Mystery book group:
Lindy K., Lina Z., Hedy G. Mary K.



Mystery Lovers book club: Pamela G., Ruth F., Hildy S., Nancy M. Marianne C., Janet B., Pat D. & Jone W.

ADVOCACY

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all our club members. Again, this year we will be accepting donations to Luke's Place at the Christmas Dinner on December 12. We appreciate very much the past support you have given especially in view of your personal preferences at this time of year. Keeping in mind our CFUW mission and mandate at both the local and national levels, the committee is planning to review how we reach out to our community. We hope to develop policy that would help us connect further with our community and enhance our profile.

MEMBERSHIP *JANET N.*

. It would be much appreciated if club members would please check the roster to ensure that the information is correct. Please let Janet N. know by phone or email if there are changes to be made.

CHRISTMAS DINNER *JOANNE P.*

Tuesday, December 12th at Harmony Creek Golf Centre Social, 6:00 and dinner, 6:30 pm

Tickets - \$44. Each - Cash or cheque made out to CFUW Oshawa and District can be accepted.

Note that there can be no refund after December 4th



Please do not wear perfume or perfumed products to CFUW meetings. Some of our members have serious allergies.

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WAYS AND MEANS

Remember to bring books to sell at the General Meetings, beginning in January. Donated books should be for reading pleasure and in good condition. Books are sold for \$2.

FRIENDSHIP MAUREEN A.

Get well wishes have been sent to Pat Boyd after her recent surgery. Also a Thinking of You card was sent to Elaine Lopes, a former longtime member.

EDITOR BARBARA L.

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

Please refer to your roster for contact information.

Please submit all newsletter items to barblewis@rogers.com

Reminder: items for the January newsletter should be received by Friday, December 29th.

INTEREST GROUPS RUTH F.**Book Lovers****"IT'S A MYSTERY" MARY K**

.. Monday, January 29, 7:30 pm Book Title: *A High Mortality of Doves* by Kate Ellis
Host: Mary K. Leader; Lina Z.

MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK CLUB 2 JANET B

Monday, January 29 at 7PM (new time) Book Title *Vermillion Drift* by William Kent Krueger Host: Marianne C. Leader: Pat D.

READING GROUP 1 BARB L.

Tuesday, December 19 at 1:30 pm

Book Selection: *The Heart Specialist* by Claire Holden Rothman Host: Janet N.

MORNING COFFEE AND BOOK CHAT: MELANIE K.

Tuesday, December 5 at 10 am

Book selection: *Obasan* by Joy Kogawa Host: Maureen G.



DINING

FOOD WITH FLAIR BOBBY M.

. The December meeting will be our Christmas lunch at Bobby M.'s on December 6.

LET'S DO LUNCH MONTHLY ORGANIZERS

Friday, January 26 – to be organized by Sue S.



BRIDGE

BRIDGE BUDDIES: MONDAY EVENINGS KAREN D.

Start time: 7:15 pm

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December 04 @ Judy B.
December 18 @ Carol S.

MONDAY AFTERNOON BRIDGE HEDY G.

The new schedule has been handed out to all participants. Play resumes on these days at the Northview Community Centre in Oshawa. If you are unable to play, please call the person who has a bye first.

Monday, December 11 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE DOROTHY W.

All games start at 7:00 p.m.

December 6 at Mary Ann E.

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Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all



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