



January General Meeting

Bomb Girls of Defense Ministries Limited
Presented by
Elaine Lievaart



Wednesday, January 10th, 2018 7:15 P.M.

Kingsview United Church 505 Adelaide Ave. E. Oshawa

Open to the general public

Co-Hosts of the 2018 Ontario Council AGM

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK JONE W.

Happy New Year! I hope that this will be a year of happiness, health and peace for all of us personally, and an informative, enjoyable year of friendship, interest groups and advocacy for us as a club.

While I missed the Christmas Dinner on December 12th, I hope that the rest of you had an enjoyable evening and that many shoe boxes were collected for women in need. Thanks to those who donated to Oshawa's Luke's Place toward a Family Law Resource Room for Women. Reading the December 8th 'Gifts of Giving' edition of Dates & Data published by CFUW Ontario Council, I was awed by the generous level of donations by our sister clubs to many local charities around Ontario. As an individual club and cumulatively as a group, we ARE making a difference in the lives of women and girls.

The new year brings new activities. CFUW Ontario Council is hosting a speakers' event on ELECTION READINESS, A FOCUS ON ELECTION ISSUES on January 20th from 9:45am to 3:30pm at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church in Toronto. The morning speaker is the CEO of YWCA Canada and afternoon sessions include speakers on Education, Legislation and the Status of Women. Please contact me before the deadline of January 10th if you are attending. For information, go to <http://cfuwontcouncil.org/standing-committees/>.

There is a webinar on February 1 at 4pm on 150 ACTS OF RECONCILIATION, exploring actions to show support, appreciation and solidarity to indigenous peoples and to promote indigenous peoples' rights. To register, contact Jenna Smith at cfuwgen@rogers.com.

CFUW wants to hear from you by January 15th about your perception of challenges and opportunities for rural women in Canada. You don't have to live in a rural community to comment. The results of the survey will assist the CFUW delegation to prepare for the Commission on the Status of Women 62nd session with the priority theme "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls". The link to the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cfuwruralwomensurvey>

CFUW recently confirmed its membership with the CANADIAN COALITION FOR THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN. CCRC is a network of Canadian organizations and individuals who promote respect for the rights of children. This new partnership will enable us to better support our youngest and most vulnerable citizens. For more detail about CCRC's work, go to: <http://rightsofchildren.ca/>. CFUW is also supporting Bill S-206 to end corporal punishment of our children which is currently in the Senate. It aims to repeal Section 43 of the Criminal Code which enables parents and teachers to use "reasonable force" to discipline a child. This legal provision of the Criminal Code contradicts comprehensive efforts to end all forms of violence against children. CFUW National Office will be contacting the Senators to urge them to adopt Bill S-206.

Hope to see you at our January 10th general meeting with a speaker from BOMB GIRLS OF DEFENCE MINISTRIES LIMITED. Stay warm until then.

USEFUL SOCIAL MEDIA ADDRESSES:

National CFUW Website: <http://www.cfuw.org>

Ontario Council Website: <http://www.dfuwontcouncil.ca/>

CFUW Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cfuw.fcfd>

Oshawa CFUW Website: <http://www.cfuwoshawaanddistrict.com/>

Oshawa CFUW Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CfuwOshawaAndDistrict>

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.

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.

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Christmas Dinner at Harmony Creek Golf Centre: Mary K., Lina Z., Jo-anne T., Nancy I., Pat M.



Megan R., Sheila L. and Janyce C. in festive mood.

CHRISTMAS DINNER / ADVOCACY *JOANNE P.*

Although thirty-six members purchased tickets for the Christmas Holiday Dinner at Harmony Creek Golf Club, only 31 were able to attend with illness and family obligations coming between them and their plans. A smaller gathering was enjoyed by all present as we feasted on turkey, salmon or roast beef. The service at this venue was attentive and the staff most accommodating. Ten members were lucky enough to have their names drawn for a gift of a seasonal plant.

The O'Neill choral group, *The Treble Voices*, directed by Erin Collins, entertained us and did not disappoint once again. They were in high demand that evening as they had another gig after ours.

Thanks to the committee consisting of Janet N, Sandy P. Kathy B, and Jennifer C. for their assistance in putting on this successful evening.

Members were generous once again with \$550.00 in donations to Luke's Place. We also collected 16 Shoe Boxes which were delivered to Settlement House with our thanks by Kathy Brown who shared the following:

"We (sorority) had chosen this organization to support because they have lost a lot of funding support from the United Way and are in dire straits. They provide food on an ongoing basis, are having after school programs for children who need this support and support women and children. When I dropped off the boxes I asked what ongoing needs throughout the year were. The lady with whom I dealt, Pat Savage, said food of course but there was always an ongoing need for diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6) since they get newborn sizes from the companies that provide them but they need for older tots. They always need tampons, coffee, coffee creamer. I felt good, and hope you do too that we were meeting a real need with our donations."

WAYS AND MEANS

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

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FRIENDSHIP MAUREEN A.

No report.

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 February newsletter should be received by Monday, January 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, January 16 at 1:30 pm

Book Selection: *They Left Us Everything: a Memoir* by Plum Johnson

Leader: Janet N. Host: Sheila S. Refreshments: Sheila L.

MORNING COFFEE AND BOOK CHAT: MELANIE K.

Tuesday, January 9th at 10 am.

Book selection: *Quiet: the Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking.*

by Susan Cain

host: Marilyn F.-L. Presenter: Lindy K.

**DINING****FOOD WITH FLAIR BOBBY M.**

The *Food with Flair* group will be having a potluck lunch at Lindy K.'s home at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, January 9th

LET'S DO LUNCH MONTHLY ORGANIZERS

Friday, January 26 –12:30 pm

Stuttering John's Smokehouse, 1540 Highway 2, Courtice, Phone: 905-434-2444

Price range: \$11-30.

Please contact Sue Shinagawa at sueshinagawa@yahoo.ca or phone 905-576-7640.

**BRIDGE****BRIDGE BUDDIES: MONDAY EVENINGS KAREN D.**

Start time: 7:15 pm

January 08 at Melanie K.

January 22 at Lynn M.

February 05 at Carol T.

MONDAY AFTERNOON BRIDGE HEDY G.

Monday, January 15th and 29th at Northview Community Centre, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Please call a substitute if you cannot play on those dates.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE DOROTHY W.

All games start at 7:00 p.m.

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Message from the National President:

Hello CFUW Club Members.

I wish to send you an update on the payment of GWI dues. On January 1, 2018, CFUW and other NFAs will be expected to pay their regular dues to GWI for the GWI 2018 calendar/fiscal year. CFUW's amount due for that section of the GWI dues will be 15.5 Swiss Francs (\$21.70 Canadian) per capita, an amount that was provided for in the CFUW budget and collected when your \$70.00 was paid to CFUW this past year.

The payment of CFUW's second amount for 2018, the GWI dues increase of 6 Swiss Francs (\$8.40 Canadian) per capita has not been resolved. As you are aware, Article 15 of our Articles and Bylaws will not allow CFUW to pass a dues increase at an AGM in time to meet the June 30, 2018 deadline for payment of the 6 Swiss Franc increase.

A decision was made at the CFUW Board meeting of December 4, 2017 with respect to the payment of this increase of \$8.40 – that we invite Clubs to allow their members, who so desire, to submit this increased amount of dues increase on a voluntary basis to their treasurer. The Club can send the money to the CFUW national office as partial payment of the amount GWI asks to be paid by CFUW to GWI on June 30, 2018.

Each Club President is asked to circulate this message among her members and to ensure that voluntary payments submitted to the Club Treasurer are sent to national office by April 30, 2018. This money will be submitted by national office to GWI by June 30, 2018 as requested by GWI, in (partial) payment of the GWI dues increase. Club

Treasurers/Presidents are asked to keep confidential the information as to who has or has not paid the \$8.40, and to maintain for their own files a confidential list of members who make those payments. The amount submitted by her Club will be acknowledged by national office to each President and the total amount collected will be made known to the CFUW membership. Further details of how to make the payment to the CFUW office will be communicated to Clubs by Robin Jackson CFUW Executive Director, cfuwed@rogers.com.

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There are two matters that the Board wishes to stress:

1. Any involvement by members in this option must be strictly voluntary. The Board has no authority to institute additional dues or a levy.
2. We recognize that differences of opinion exist among the members of many Clubs with respect to CFUW membership in GWI, and the payment of both regular and increased GWI dues. This voluntary payment, introduced in this correspondence, should be accepted as a choice which each member is free to accept, or not, anonymously, without any hassle from other members, adhering to the CFUW Respectful Treatment policy. Just as we accept differences of opinion on other issues we must respect a member's right to volunteer payment of the \$8.40, or to refrain from paying this amount.

We remained GWI members when the vote on amending the Bylaw at AGM 2017 to remove compulsory membership of CFUW in GWI obtained 57%, and not the required 2/3 vote, in order to pass. As members we are expected to pay GWI dues even though GWI was long ago informed of the restrictions of our Articles and Bylaws preventing CFUW from making any additional increased payment in June 2018. Members suggested some form of voluntary payment of the increase and your CFUW Board is facilitating this particular option. Please address any questions to me at ghollett@nl.rogers.com. Best wishes, *Grace Hollett*

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7:15 p.m. – Jone W. announced the following Upcoming Events:

- World Day of Prevention of Child Abuse – Nov.19
- International Day to End Violence Against Women – Nov. 25
- National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women–Dec. 6
- Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique murder of 14 women engineering students – Dec. 6
- Toronto Caucus Luncheon at U of T with G&M columnist Elizabeth Renzetti – Dec. 6

Speaker – Dr. Amy Barron – Agatha Christie, Archaeology and Alzheimer's

Introduced by Janet B., thanked by Sheila L.

Call to Order- Jone W. called the meeting to order at 8:40 p.m. Thanks to Greeter – Donna H.

1. **Minutes** - October 11 general meeting minutes prepared by Secretary Catherine R. Thanks to this evening's Secretary, Linda P. Acceptance of minutes: Pat D, Hedy G. Carried.
Business Arising – None

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2. **Treasurer's Report:** Hedy G. Acceptance of report: Dorothy W., Betty S. Carried.
3. **Ontario Council (OC)**
 - **Next LAC** (Local Arrangement Committee) **meeting** – Nov. 20 @1:30 at Sheila S.
 - **Ontario Central Region Fall Gathering** : Oct. 28, *Talk it Out*: JoAnne P., Janet N. & Jone W. attended executives' discussion groups: president, advocacy, treasurer and membership.
 - **Next Speaker Series** – Theme of 'Elections' – Jan. 20 - 'Election Readiness'
4. **National News**
 - Oct. 24 – **Vote on GWI Motion to Increase Dues** (32nd General Assembly) by 6 CHF (about \$8.40 CAD) to \$30.10 per member (now \$21.70) payable in two installments yearly for 2018 and 2019 (extra \$20 per year). The earliest effective date for CFUW increases would be May 1 2019, if this is passed at the 2018 AGM. CFUW will not use reserves, cut back staff nor bankrupt itself to pay GWI increased dues.
 - CFUW is challenging the constitutionality of implementing a fee increase obtained by electronic voting.
 - CFUW has joined the International Alliance of Women. Our Cheryl Hayles has been appointed Regional VP of North America.
5. **Committee Reports**
 - Advocacy – The five clubs of the Toronto Caucus have organized the ORANGE campaign to support UN's mission to "END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN on Nov 25 at 2 - 4 pm with speakers at Trinity St. Paul Church.
 - Membership – Janet N. reported that we have 57 members to date, of which 3 are new. Several members have retired due to illness.
 - Interest Groups – Ruth F. reminded members of the next *Let's Do Lunch* on Nov. 24 at Bistro 67 in Durham College.
 - Christmas Dinner – Jennifer C. reminded members that the dinner takes place on a Tuesday this year, December 12. There are currently 32 members signed up to attend. Call Jennifer or JoAnne P. to buy a ticket.
There will be an opportunity to donate to Luke's Place, and members are encouraged to take part in the Shoebox Project. A list of items, value to be about \$50, suitable for inclusion in the shoeboxes has been published in the newsletter.
 - Program Janet B. January topic: Bomb Girls of Defense Ministries Limited. Speaker, Elaine Lievaart
 - Ways & Means – The club is considering the possibility of an evening production of the Oshawa Little Theatre as a fundraiser.
6. **New Business:** Bring books for sale to the January meeting. 50/50 draw – (Sue S.) won by Pat D. –Happy Bucks – Next meeting is January 10, 2018

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