



CFUW SOUTHPORT OCTOBER 1st, 2025, NEWSLETTER

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Scholarship: scholarshipsp@gmail.com **NEW!**

OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 1-31		Breast Cancer Awareness Month (See link below for more information)
October 1	7:00 pm	Advocacy Meeting (Suzanne Steed & Samantha Trumbley)
October 3	1:30 pm	First Editions Book Club (Shelleen Nelson)
October 6	1:30 pm	Bookmarks Book Club (Catherine Taylor)
October 8	7:00 pm	Membership Meeting – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
October 13		Thanksgiving Monday - Happy Thanksgiving to All
	1:30 pm	Skoob Book Club (Pat Sanagan)
	7:00 pm	Between the Lines Book Club (Judy Moir)
October 16	7:00 pm	Executive Meeting (Kathleen Wallace & Judy Moir)
October 18		Persons Day Canada (See link below for more information)
October 20	7:00 pm	Euchre (Brenda Greenwood-Vernem)
	7:00 pm	Zoomers Book Club (Mary Jane Moreau)
October 21	1:00 pm	Euchre (Heather Conlin & Michelle Jardin)
October 28	6:00 pm	Cooking Club (Kathleen Wallace)
October Date TBD		Dinner Club (Luz -Maria Alvarez-Wilson)
October 22	7:00 pm	New Member Orientation (hosted by Odette Bartnicki)
October 24 (see Leadership Message)		Take Back the Night (Saugeen First Nation)
October 30	9:30 am	Meditation Course 4weeks (Michele Cadotte)

OCTOBER 8TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

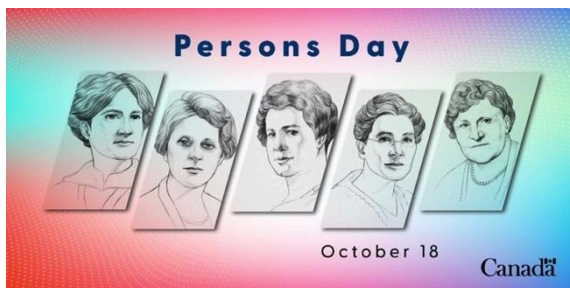
7:00 pm Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

Guest Speaker: **Ed Melanson, Director Fire Services/Fire Chief, Saugeen Shores**

Topic: **Emergency & Disaster Preparedness in Saugeen Shores**

This meeting is **Open to the Public** (bring friends, neighbours, partners, spouses)





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MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

On behalf of the leadership team, we extend a warm welcome to all our newest members. We are so glad you have joined us and look forward to getting to know you. We hope you will find our club to be a place of fellowship, lifelong learning, and meaningful advocacy, and we encourage you to join one of our many interest groups. Your unique perspectives and energy will strengthen our collective voice as we work to advance human rights and the status of women and girls.

As we move into Fall, we pause to recognize **September 30th** as the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. This is an important day to reflect on the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools on First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. Reconciliation is a journey that requires sustained learning and action from all Canadians. This is a time to listen to the voices of Indigenous peoples and honour the survivors, their families, and the children who never returned home. For a number of years, CFUW Southport has attended the annual **Take Back the night** event to support the Women's shelters within our community. It is a moving event that usually includes a drum circle, a message from the Chief, and a walk in support and remembrance of missing and abused women in our communities. If you have never attended, we encourage you to do so. We are still waiting for a date, but it has usually been in early October at the **Kaebashiwim Respite Women's Shelter at Saugeen First Nation**. We will email members once we are able to confirm the date.

Kindest regards, the Leadership Team: **Judy Moir** **Kathleen Wallace** **Odette Bartnicki**
 Judy Moir Kathleen Wallace Odette Bartnicki (Past President)

LEADERSHIP FOR 2025-2026

These members were inducted on September 10th.

Executive Officers:

Leadership Team:	Judy Moir, Kathleen Wallace, Odette Bartnicki
Treasurer:	Dee Schilling
Secretary:	Lynn Sanders
Membership Chair:	Lesley Anderson
Ad Hoc:	Judy Azzopardi Catherine Tolton



Standing Committees:

Advocacy Committee:	Suzanne Steed & Samantha Trumbley
Archives:	Marianne McKerlie
Caring Committee:	Jane Pritchard-Bowers
Program Committee:	Catherine Taylor & Debbie Doherty
Scholarship Committee:	Cheryl Grace & Lynne James
Vigil Committee:	Colleen Morgenroth & Janice Lace

If you are interested in participating in any of the committees, let us know at cfuwsp@gmail.com.

Sign up for Interest Groups and/or Book Clubs by contacting Lesley Anderson, Membership Chair at cfuwsp@gmail.com

INTEREST GROUPS

CFUW Southport Members enjoy 7 book clubs. We also have...

- Dinner Club (Luz Maria Alvarez-Wilson) **New Format!**
- Cooking Club (Kathleen Wallace)
- Knitting Club (Suzanne Steed)
- Board Games (Lynn Sanders) **New this fall!**
- Euchre (daytime – Heather Conlin and Michelle Jardin; evening – Brenda Greenwood-Vernem)
- Meditation (4 week morning workshop by Michele Cadotte) **New this fall!**

If you have an idea and want to start something new, please contact the Leadership Team.

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

2025 was the first year for the **CFUW Southport Women in Trades Scholarship** which has been generously financed by three local contractors, including our own member, **Lynne James** of **Lynne James by Design**, **Melsi Hoxha** of **Shore Bound Contracting**, and **Ryan Walker** of **Walker Homes**. You may get to meet them at the October 8th meeting. The following are the successful applicants for the **Women in Trades Scholarship**:

Faith Clark graduated from St. Mary's High School (Owen Sound) on June 26th And is studying Welding at Fanshawe College. Faith aspires to a career as a boilermaker to finance her dream of establishing a livestock refuge and help her family. Faith wrote *"Going into the trades world as a woman is scary, but I'm so happy to be a part of it to show that women can do it too."*



Carly Greig managed a dual credit program, a co-op placement and she attended the Sparks Program while in high school. Carly officially graduates from Saugeen District Senior School (SDSS) on October 10th and is currently studying Welding Techniques at Fanshawe College. In her scholarship application letter, Carly wrote, *"As a young woman pursuing a future in trades, I understand the importance of representation and mentorship, and I hope to inspire other young women to follow similar paths."*

A **Nespresso Citiz Platinum Coffee Maker** (valued at \$298.00) will be raffled off at the October 8th meeting. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or three for \$10.00. Please bring cash. **All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.**

Cheryl Grace & Lynne James, Co-Chairs

Kim Hallman, Treasurer

Jane Kramer

Jane Pritchard-Bowers

Judy Azzopardi

Odette Bartnicki



Catherine Tolton

Contact **Cheryl Grace** or **Lynne James** if you are interested in joining the Scholarship Committee or if you have any questions or comments about the CFUW Southport scholarship program.

Scholarship Committee has a new dedicated email: Scholarshipsp@gmail.com

Scholarship donations are welcome at any time during the year. You can e-transfer to cfuw.southport.members@gmail.com or write a cheque payable to **CFUW Southport Scholarship Fund**.

BUDGET 2025-2026

On October 8th, Membership will vote to approve the proposed budget **provided in the September Newsletter**. If you have any questions, please contact Dee Schilling, Treasurer before the meeting.

Motion:

That the Proposed Budget for 2025-2026 be approved by Membership. Moved by _____ Seconded by _____.



Thank you to our sponsors! If you want to advertise in our monthly newsletter, talk to Dee Schilling, Treasurer.

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ONTARIO COUNCIL:

Where do membership fees go?

Membership Dues:		\$120.00
Less: Ontario Council Insurance:(\$5.50+.75)	\$ 6.25	
Less: CFUW National	<u>\$55.00</u>	
Total payable to CFUW National/Insurance	\$61.25	
Balance: (to CFUW Southport)		\$58.75

ROVERS ON THE MOVE AGAIN



Coffin Ridge Winery is hosting a **4th Annual Outdoor Christmas Market** on **Sunday, November 2nd**. If you are interested in going along, contact Dee Schilling at cfuwsp@gmail.com We will meet to carpool at the Museum, probably early afternoon. While the market isn't large, it attracts artisan-style vendors. They will have the pizza oven fired up and a good selection of wine to take the chill off. Watch for more details later in October and be sure to register at that time. Hope to see you there.

SEPTEMBER 10th FASHION SHOW

The first meeting of the 2025-2026 year was a rousing success, thanks to the Program Committee co-chaired by Cathy Taylor and Debbie Doherty. **Melissa Good**, owner of **Mensch**, provided commentary during a fashion show featuring four of our members.



*Melissa Good, Owner of Mensch
with Jane Pritchard-Bowers*



Suzie Leith



Dale Sherwood



Luz-Maria Alvarez-Wilson

Mensch provided discount coupons for all attendees and sponsored a draw for three great prizes which were won by **Carmen Stefanich**, **Bev White** and **Martha Bowden**. Congratulations to all! We will all be watching to see what our three lucky members wear from Mensch on October 8th!

Member Photos taken before the event will be used in our Membership List which will only be published to members confidentially and on the **Members Only** section of the website. If you were missing, come ready to have a photo taken before the meeting starts on October 8th

HAPPY THANKSGIVING