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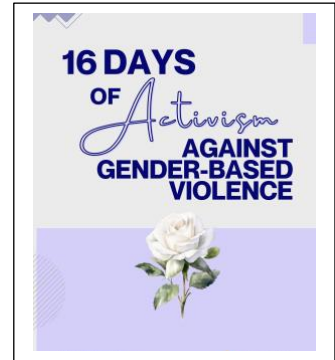
NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 2	10:00 am	Rovers' excursion to Coffin Ridge Winery and Christmas Market
November 3	1:30 pm	Bookmarks Book Club (Catherine Taylor)
	1:30 pm	Skoob Book Club (Pat Sanagan)
	7:00 pm	Between the Lines Book Club (Judy Moir)
November 5	7:00 pm	Advocacy Meeting (Samantha Trumbley & Suzanne Steed)
		Playing with Pages (Brenda Greenwood-Vernem)
November 6	9:30 am	Mindfulness & Meditation (Michele Cadotte)
November 7	1:30 pm	First Editions Book Club (Shelleen Nelson)
November 8		Indigenous Veterans' Day Click here to read more
November 9*	3:00 pm	Take Back the Night (24 Christine St., Saugeen First Nation)
November 11		REMEMBRANCE DAY
November 12	7:00 pm	Membership Meeting (Michele Cadotte, Fair Vote Canada)
November 13		World Kindness Day Do an act of kindness today!
	9:30 am	Mindfulness & Meditation (Michele Cadotte)
November 14-16		Chambettes' Holiday Home Tour
November 17	7:00 pm	Euchre (Brenda Greenwood-Vernem)
	7:00 pm	Zoomers Book Club (Mary Jane Moreau)
November 18	1:00 pm	Euchre (Heather Conlin & Michelle Jardin)
	7:00 pm	NEW Evening Euchre (Kathleen Wallace)
November 19	7:00 pm	Circle of Readers (Michelle Jardin)
November 20	7:00 pm	Executive Meeting
November 24	6:30 pm	Vigil Committee Presentation to Council at The Plex
November 25	5:30 pm	Dinner Club (Luz Maria Alvarez-Wilson)
		International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
November 25-December 10		16 Days of Activism: Theme "United to end digital violence against All Women and Girls"
November 25	6:00 pm	Cooking Club (Kathleen Wallace)
November 29	10:00 am	Ontario Council Speaker Series: The Role of Patriarchy: Historical and Present – Register Click here to register

*The **Take Back the Night** on November 9th memorializes missing and murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) and survivors of the residential school system. CFUW Southport members have been invited to participate with our First Nations sisters at 24 Christine Drive, Saugeen First Nation #29. You are welcome to bring non-members to this event. Contact Colleen Morgenroth at cfuwsp@gmail.com for more information.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

- November is also **Intimate Partner/Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. **November 25** is the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls**, and the beginning of the **16 Days of Activism**. Click on **CFUW National website [here](#)** for information about the campaign and topics related to gender-based violence, including 16 ways members and individuals can take action to support survivors and end gender-based violence. **CFUW Southport** has participated in the National campaign by sending letters to local MP/MPP asking that they participate in the Campaign Against Violence and Harassment in Politics. The three focus areas for CFUW this year are **Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls, Violence Against Women in Politics, and Gun Violence**.
- Please consider attending the **Take Back the Night** event on **November 9th at 3:00 pm** to march in support of Indigenous Women and Girls at Saugeen First Nation (24 Christine Street).
- The United Nations campaign theme is **Ending Digital Violence against All Women and Girls** with a focus on holding governments, technology accountable to create systems of digital safety as this is central to gender equality.
- **CFUW Ontario Council's October 25th Speaker** about Intimate Partner Violence and Bill 55, the proposed IPV Bill was presented by MPP Krystine Wong-Tam. If you missed it, you can reach out to Carol Sproule, Communications Chair at communications@cfuwontcouncil.org for a link to the private YouTube channel.
- On **November 24, 6:30pm** at the Town Council meeting, Judy Moir, on behalf of CFUW Southport, will have the opportunity to acknowledge and thank Saugeen Shores Town Council for passing a motion to recognize that Intimate partner violence **IS** an epidemic (November 2024), and extend the invitation to attend the **Vigil on December 6th at the Plex**.
- **Available: Executive position as the Secretary/Communications Coordinator**. If interested, please reach out to Judy, Kathleen or Odette. Thank you in advance for considering!
- If you are interested in **Advocacy** through CFUW, the first meeting will be held on Wednesday November 5th at 7pm. Email cfuwsp@gmail.com to be connected.



We look forward to seeing you at our next member meeting on **November 12th, 7pm** at the **Museum**. Member **Michele Cadotte** will share her knowledge about **Fair Vote Canada**. If you would like a ride, please email cfuwsp@gmail.com and we will help with arrangements.

"There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish"

Michelle Obama

Keep well, take care of each other!

The Leadership Team: *Judy Moir* *Kathleen Wallace* *Odette Bartnicki*
Judy Moir Kathleen Wallace Odette Bartnicki (Past President)

OCTOBER 8TH MEETING RECAP

The **Scholarship Committee** provided a presentation on the Carolyn Day, Mature Women and Women in Trades scholarships. Several of the recipients were in attendance and two, **Amber Shular** and **Carly Greig**, spoke to the audience expressing thanks and explaining what the scholarship means for their future.
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2025 Scholarship Recipients in attendance:



L-R: Naomi Fontain (and son Keenan) – Mature Women Scholarship; Carly Greig – Women in Trades Scholarship; Naveah Giles – Carolyn Day Scholarship; Amber Shular – Mature Women Scholarship.

A guest from the **Saugeen Sparks** program, **Hugh Morrison**, Principal of Walkerton District Community School spoke, accompanied by **Jessica Ford**, mother of **Kaydance Ford** who was tragically killed in the May 2025 accident along with three other students and their teachers. **The Kaydance Ford Foundation** provides funding to assist with athletic and trades-related programs like Saugeen Shores Sparks. To learn more about the Kaydance Ford Athletic & Trades Foundation click [here](#).



Hugh Morrison, Principal, Walkerton District Community School and **Jessica Ford**, mother of the late **Kaydance Ford** (killed with three other students and a teacher in a horrific accident in May 2025) attended. Hugh spoke about the Saugeen Shores Sparks Program which provides free night school programs in welding, electricity and construction trades. Jessica has established the **Kaydance Ford Foundation** to support students in athletics and trades and was interested in learning more about the CFUW Southport Scholarship Program.

Women in Trades Scholarship Donors received certificates from Judy Moir and Kathleen Wallace:



Brooke Walker for Ryan Walker/Walker Homes
Melsi Hoxha of Shore Bound Construction was unable to attend.



Lynne James of Lynne James by Design

ALSO, ON OCTOBER 8TH – GUEST SPEAKER

Melanson, Director/Fire Services/Fire Chief/CEMC (Community Emergency Management Coordinator) provided information about the official **Emergency Plan for Saugeen Shores** based on the Province of Ontario's HIRA (Hazard Identification & Risk Management) model. Risks may include forest fires, floods, tornados and the low probability of nuclear disaster. The Town is working on a mass notification system called RAVE to which we can all subscribe. This system will be used to alert community members to imminent danger and provide direction. Chief Melanson explained the importance of personal emergency preparation and distributed a printed guideline to building an emergency kit. If you didn't receive one, click [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns about fire safety or emergency preparedness, contact Chief Melanson at (519) 389-6120 or ed.melanson@saugeenshores.ca.



SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE – The Final Graduation for 2025

On Friday, October 10th, **Jane Kramer** and **Odette Bartnicki** attended the **Saugeen Shores District Secondary School Graduation** at the Unifor Centre. Scholarships were presented to **Ava Cameron**, **Carly Greig** and **Parker Ribey**. We will have another opportunity to meet them at the June dinner.



Ava Cameron



Carly Grieg



Parker Ribey

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

On October 22, Lesley Anderson, Membership Chair and the Leadership Team hosted an orientation wine and cheese event for new members. We all enjoyed getting to know each other and learning about CFUW. Our new members are a dynamic group of women who will, no doubt, make wonderful contributions through their talents and energy.

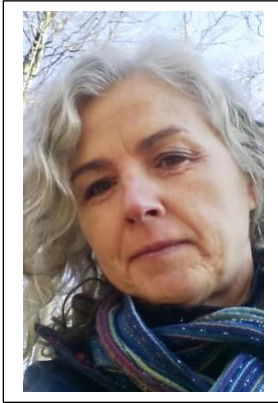
REMINDER PLEASE

If you haven't paid your membership dues (\$120.00) yet, please do so as soon as possible, but before December 1st. Participation in any of CFUW Southport's seven Book Clubs or the many Interest Groups is welcome AFTER dues are paid. You can e-transfer to cfuw.southport.members@gmail.com. If you wish to include a donation to the Scholarship Fund, you can add that too. We know that an amount over the \$120.00 for dues is meant for the Scholarship Fund. A CRA receipt will be issued for the Scholarship amount.

COMING SOON: NOVEMBER 12TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7:00 pm Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

Guest Speaker: **Michele Cadotte - Electoral Reform – Fair Vote Canada**



FAIR VOTE CANADA by Michele Cadotte

Imagine you lived in a country where political parties had to collaborate with each other, where there was no need for strategic voting, where voter turnout was high, where personal attacks and polarization were rare and where citizens expressed a high level of satisfaction with their political system. This is not a fairy tale. It's the reality for many countries with voting systems based on *proportional representation* rather than the *first past the post*, winner-take-all elections that we have in Canada. If you believe that Canadians deserve a voting system where every vote truly counts, I hope you will join us to consider the benefits of electoral reform and how a change could support CFUW's work and progressive policy initiatives. ***Given what is happening around the globe, there has never been a***

more critical time to take steps to strengthen our country's democracy. Fair Vote Canada (FVC) is an advocacy group, run by volunteers, whose goal is to educate Canadians about alternatives to our current electoral system where a party can win a "majority government" with as little as 39% of the popular vote. FVC does not align with any political party and is about providing education and resources. Please visit [Fair Vote Canada here](#) for more information and to support this important work.

MEMBER DIRECTORY - PHOTOS

A new initiative this year is our Membership Directory **with photos**. This will help us to recognize and identify each other more easily. Sometimes we all have trouble putting names to faces. If you haven't had your photo taken for the Membership Directory, this November 12th will be your last opportunity to do so before the directory is released with the December 1st Newsletter. If you can't be present and haven't had your photo taken, please send a head shot to Brenda Greenwood-Vernem or Catherine Tolton at cfuwsp@gmail.com asap. The Membership Directory is confidential to members only and will only be available on the **Members Only** section of our website.

NEW EVENING EUCHRE GROUP

Great news for all card players! Due to the success of our current groups, we're launching an additional evening Euchre group. The new group, facilitated by **Kathleen Wallace**, will meet on the **3rd Tuesday of every month**. Our first night will be November 18th. We have room for a few more players, so if you've been looking for a fun night of cards, come join us! Contact Kathleen at cfuwsp@gmail.com

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, at 1:00 pm. 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.

TAKE ACTION – BILL 33

The provincial government's Bill 33: Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025 seeks to amend various Acts in relation to child, youth and family services, education, and colleges and universities. This proposed legislation would significantly expand control of education at all levels by the government of Ontario through increased ministerial power over school boards and post-secondary institutions. Particularly troublesome are provisions making it easier for the province to intervene or take control of school boards overriding locally elected trustees, as well as a requirement for a police presence in schools. In post-secondary institutions the province would be able to decide student fees and available supports as well as maintain oversight of an unclear merit-based admission system. Teachers, education workers at all levels and education critics have major concerns about the overreach of Bill 33.

Several CFUW clubs have expressed concerns about this bill. To this end, Ontario Council President Sandra Shaw has sent a letter to Premier Doug Ford outlining these concerns. You will find a copy of Sandra's letter [here](#). As members, you are always encouraged to use your voice to support initiatives that support and protect women and girls. Consider writing your own letter too. There is a template letter in both Word and pdf on the OC website you can use if you wish. Find it [here](#).

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ZOOMERS BOOK CLUB (Written by Mary Jane Moreau)

Zoomers online book club (via Zoom) has two advantages not found in other book clubs. Our members can participate wherever they find themselves – especially in warm locals in winter! In addition, our club can grow beyond the number of people we can each fit into our living rooms. (Okay, maybe it's three advantages if you count doing book club in your pjs!). **We meet on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm.** Currently the **Zoomers Book Club** has 8 members: Fran Barrick, Ilze Dreimanis, Pauline Harley, Marcia Hesse, Pam Kraft, Mary Jane Moreau, Pat Sanagan, and Maureen Simpson. If you'd like to join us, we'd love to have you! Contact: **Mary Jane Moreau** at cfuwsp@gmail.com. Note: In June we meet in person for lunch at a restaurant, where we enjoy time being physically together, and put forward ideas for selection of books for the coming year.

This year's book list includes:	November 17	Keeper of Stories by Sally Page
	December 15	Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver
	January 19	Broken Country by Clare Lesley Hall
	February 16	Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by VE Schwab
	March 16	A New Season by Terry Fallis
	April 20	Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty
	May 18	Barchester Towers by Anthony Trollope



COOKING CLUB – DOUBLE DOUBLE TOIL AND TROUBLE!

On October 28, members of the “coven” (Cooking Club) road in on their broomsticks for a devilishly good feast. These sorcerers conjured up concoctions such as a poison apple martini at the “Crow Bar”, cauldron of legs in white wine, dragon-bites sweet potato rounds, maggots (rice), and pumpkin mousse with witches’ finger garnish. The enchantresses showed off their finest attire and cooked up a wicked feast! A few neighbourhood children did not attend school on Wednesday after witnessing the arrival of the dynamic dozen too!



DECEMBER 6TH VIGIL AGAINST VIOLENCE

November 25 to December 10th is the annual **16 Days of Activism to End Gender-based Violence**.

This year’s theme is “Unite to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls”. To learn more, click [UN 16 Days](#) and watch our Facebook page for the CFUW 16 Days of Activism.

What can you do? On **November 24th at 6:30 pm**, CFUW Southport will make a presentation to Council. Please join fellow members to support **Judy Moir** and show how important this issue is. This only takes about 30 minutes and means a lot to those who have been or are victims of violence in our community. Please mark your calendars and join us at the Plex. *(continued)*

A NOTE FROM THE VIGIL COMMITTEE:

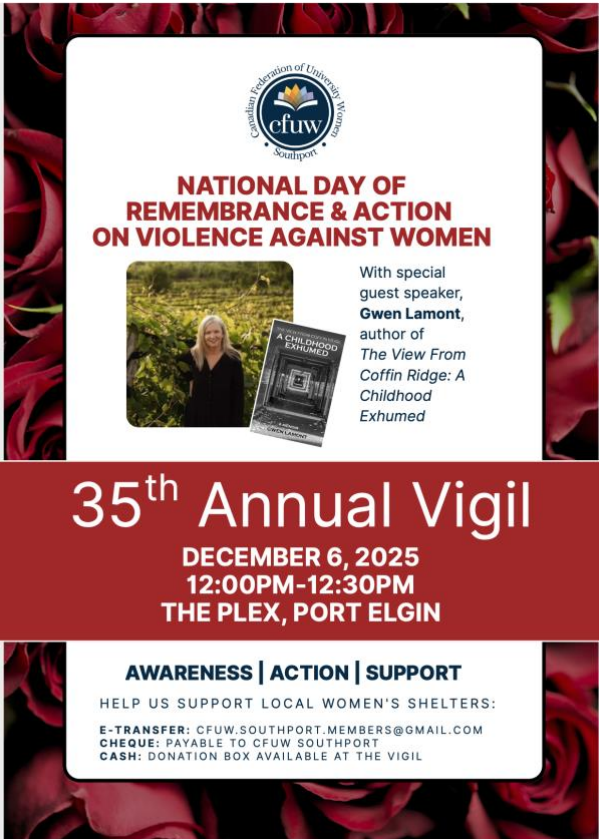
For those newer (and perhaps younger) CFUW members who may not know or remember why December 6th was declared a **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women** by Canadian Parliament in 1991, click on **Historical Information on the Montreal Massacre**. The year after this tragedy, CFUW (as well as many other Canadian organizations) began hosting annual vigils across the country, including here in Saugeen Shores. This day continues to be an annual commemoration of the 14 victims of the Montreal Massacre, as well as thousands of others who have died in Canada since due to Intimate Partner/Gender-Based/Domestic violence. We also remember more than 1200 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, including SFN's own **Maisy Odjick** who disappeared more than 17 years ago with her friend **Shannon Alexander**. As well, it is a time to raise awareness and renew the call to action to end the violence against women and girls.

Many wonder why, after 36 years, we continue to remember those 14 victims of Femicide. It's very important because they represent Canada's collective "awakening" to violence against women in its extreme form. This year marks CFUW Southport's 35th Vigil, and we are very fortunate to have **Gwen Lamont**, author of "**The View From Coffin Ridge: A Childhood Exhumed**" as our guest speaker this year.

Thanks to our Town Council, CFUW's annual Vigil is moving inside, out of the cold. The Town Council has shown their support by deferring the rental fee in Rotary Room A at the Plex each year going forward. The Vigil Committee is hopeful that a good number of CFUW Southport members will plan to attend this year's Vigil. This event is open to everyone. Bring a neighbour, partner, high school student and friends.

We will accept donations to support the three local women's shelters at the event and by e-transfer too, but your presence on December 6th is the most important thing you can do. For more ideas for action, click [here](#) for letter templates, etc. in the **16 Days of Activism**.

Together, we can make a difference for other women and families who are victims of violence!



The poster features a background of red roses. At the top is the CFUW Southport logo. Below it, the text reads: **NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE & ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**. A photo of Gwen Lamont is shown next to her book cover, *A Childhood Exhumed*. Text to the right of the photo says: "With special guest speaker, **Gwen Lamont**, author of *The View From Coffin Ridge: A Childhood Exhumed*". The central part of the poster has a red background with white text: **35th Annual Vigil**, **DECEMBER 6, 2025**, **12:00PM-12:30PM**, **THE PLEX, PORT ELGIN**. At the bottom, on a white background, it says: **AWARENESS | ACTION | SUPPORT**, **HELP US SUPPORT LOCAL WOMEN'S SHELTERS:**, **E-TRANSFER: CFUW.SOUTHPORT.MEMBERS@GMAIL.COM**, **CHEQUE: PAYABLE TO CFUW SOUTHPORT**, **CASH: DONATION BOX AVAILABLE AT THE VIGIL**.



November - We Remember



