

**September 2025 Newsletter**

*OUR MISSION: Pursuit of knowledge; promotion of education; improvement of the status of women and human rights; active participation in public affairs in a spirit of cooperation and friendship.*

**CFUW 2025-26 Season Opener starts at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025  
In the Studio Room of Halton Hills Public Library – Georgetown Branch**

Link for those who join on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88362096341?pwd=DOd7OOapgZH34REyyqmE4a2ahVBFbb.1>

Meeting ID: 883 6209 6341

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**Pro Tem President’s Message ~Carol Collier**

Welcome to another exciting year for CFUW Georgetown. I am writing this in my role as Acting President for September. As you know we are still looking for a President! This can be a single person or a joint role. So cajole your colleagues into joining you in the esteemed role of CFUW President. Lots of support from Past Presidents!

I would like to extend a great big thank you to member Marilyn Mitton who for many years has contributed to the newsletter “From the Wider Beat”. Marilyn, we will miss your informative column and your garden pictures.

I would like to extend a welcome to member Jasvir Sodhi who has taken the role of Advocacy Chair. With Jasvir in the lead we will tackle topics of interest in our community, province and nation.

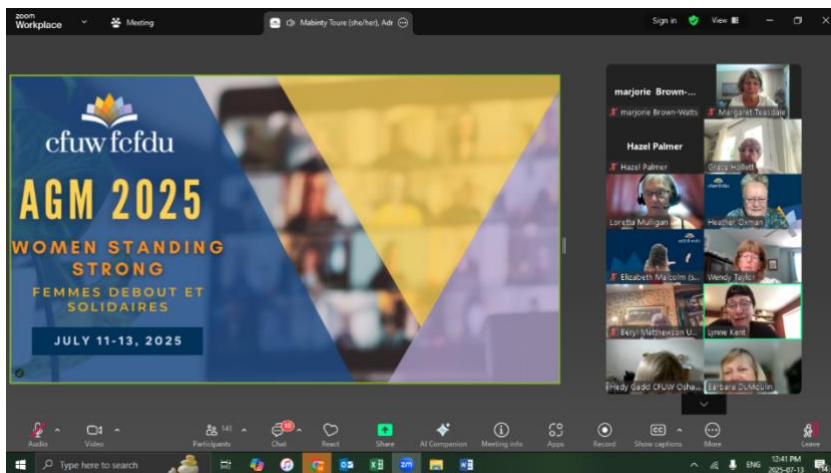
I am sure like me, you are looking forward to another year of informational speakers, activities and excellent fellowship.

See you on Tuesday September 2nd at 7:00 pm for social and 7:30 pm for the business meeting outlining what will be coming up!

## Past President's Report

~Margaret Teasdale

I do hope that everyone enjoyed our hot summer. I for one did. I don't mind the heat and I took advantage of the time off to go on a few trips here in Canada to visit friends & family and to just go somewhere fun like the Calgary Stampede. Upon my return from the Stampede it was back to CFUW activities such as attending the National AGM. That is me in the top right corner. The theme this year was *Women Standing Strong*.



CFUW National actually did a good job of running these meetings on Zoom, but it is not the same as being there and meeting all of those wonderful women. There were interesting speakers, awards for membership increases such as us increasing our membership over 10% and of course the AGM business meeting.

Mark your Calendar - Following are some of our upcoming activities and events in which CFUW Georgetown will be participating:

Sept.  
18th

Thursday, September 18th at the JET 6:00pm to 9:00pm **Safe Haven** Seminar/workshop working towards ending Intimate Partner Violence organized by our member Aditee Goswami. CFUW will be doing the Land Acknowledgement at the beginning of the event.

Sept.  
20th

Saturday, September 20th - **Draw the Line**: For People, For Peace. For the Planet! Seniors for Climate Action Event from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We will parade from the Dominion Gardens to St. George's Anglican Church Hall.

Sept.  
28th

Sunday, September 28th – Join the CFUW Team at 9:00 am as we **Walk** to raise funds for the **Georgetown Hospital Foundation**. This year they want the funds raised to go towards a CT Scan machine.

Sept.  
30th

Tuesday, September 30th - Wear an **Orange Shirt** – honouring the healing journey of Survivors of Residential Schools and their families. **Every Child Matters**. It is one way to support Reconciliation.

I look forward to seeing all of you on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at our Opening Meeting.

## News from the Wider CFUW Beat

~Your Name Here Next Time

### From CFUW National...

In the 2025 AGM Year at a Glance Report, we learn that there are 6,784 Individual members in 90 clubs across Canada, forty-seven of which experienced an increase in membership numbers. Twenty-One of these surpassed a 10% increase AND that included our Club! Also...



CFUW National has partnered with *Stephen Lewis Foundation* (SLF) on its **International Service Project** (ISP) for 2025-2027. The goal is to raise \$15,000 from Clubs and individuals by April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Their “Young Happy Healthy and Safe” (YHHS) Project aims to reach 5000 children with school materials and HIV supports and education. They are also hosting a webinar on the project with the *Stephen Lewis Foundation* on October 1, 2025 at 6pm ET. Mark this date in your calendars to learn much more

about this exciting new project and hear about our member’s experiences in Zambia. See National’s website for the many ways to donate.

### In mission related 150 year-old news,

Mount Allison University (formerly Wesleyan College) NB honoured its 1875 graduate of a Bachelor of Science degree, **Grace Annie Lockhart**, who made history as the first woman in the British Empire, let alone Canada, to graduate from university. At the time, she was not permitted to wear a convocation gown and cap, as you can see. This year’s Convocation included a special ceremonial robing in her honour.



## Membership Report

~Patti Smith-Gilbert & Pat Evans

Welcome back to all returning members and welcome to the club for any new or prospective members reading this newsletter. Pat Evans and Patti Smith Gilbert are your 2025-26 membership committee members. We both look forward to seeing you at the September meeting or at one of our interest group activities.

To assist everyone in remembering names or meeting someone for the first time, we will be providing temporary stick-on name tags at the monthly meetings.



## How to join CFUW Georgetown

Please complete the 2025-26 [online membership form](#) by clicking this underlined link and follow the instructions on the screen. The annual membership fee for Sept 2025 to June 2026 is \$110.

**Payment options:** E-transfer through online banking to: [payments@CFUW-Georgetown.ca](mailto:payments@CFUW-Georgetown.ca)  
Or mail a **cheque** payable to *CFUW-Georgetown* to the address below:  
CFUW Georgetown, 64 McKinnon Ave., Georgetown, Ontario L7G 5H4.

Need more information? Please email us at [inquiries@cfuw-georgetown.ca](mailto:inquiries@cfuw-georgetown.ca)

## Social Report

~Barb Baron, Fran Graham & Lydia Zavitz

### Welcome Back CFUW Members!!!!

Hope that you had a great summer and are ready to reconnect in September 2025!  
We want to invite you to our first of 8 social events in 2025. These pre-meeting social times will replace the mid-meeting breaks. Please join us at **7:00pm**, 30 minutes prior to the 7:30 pm meetings.

### Mix and Mingle >>> 7:00pm >>> Tuesday, September 2, 2025 >>> The Studio Room, HHPL

Enjoy a snack plus water, Iced tea.

No coffee or tea will be served.

Serviettes and cups will be provided.

The meeting will start at 7:30pm as usual.

We will be hosting the September and December socials. Carol Collier will arrange for the Interest Groups to provide snacks for October, November 2025, and March, April and May 2026.



**50/50** Draws will resume. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Please bring change to buy your tickets!

**BINGO** will hopefully resume in November 2025. More information will be provided in the October Newsletter.

Barb Baron will be handling this fundraiser.

Thanks to all of you for your support!



## Programme Report

~Naomi Clayton & Anne McGrath

Sneak preview of this year's Speakers Program can be found in the Bookmark attached to this email. We have assembled a variety of offerings that we hope everyone will enjoy. Two are in conjunction with the library and two will be via Zoom, unsurprisingly in January and February.

Our Speakers Program spans September to May and is the main event prior to our Club's business meeting which is the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm and normally in the Studio Room of the Halton Hills Public Library/Georgetown unless otherwise noted. All our Speaker offerings are open to the public and we encourage you to bring a friend.

## Interest Groups Report

~Carol Collier

It is time to complete your online Membership Enrollment form and select your **Interest Groups** for the new year! Once you make your selections, each interest group convenor will contact you.

JUST FOR FUN is a **new** Interest Group. Leigh Pedwell has a great suggestion for a monthly activity with some fun! Making jewellery, art lessons, cooking are just some of the ideas for this member led group.

Here is an overview of **some** other Interest Groups.

**Member to Member** is a roster of members' names who have volunteered to provide services or duties to another member who has a need. Sign up as a volunteer to maybe drive a member to an appointment (local or further), walk their dog, provide a meal, do grocery pick up. All simple tasks that a member may require in a time of need. Be sure to volunteer and sign up at the September meeting. Fran Graham is coordinating this initiative.

**Ladies Who Lunch** is a date for lunch on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:00. Participants will take turns reserving a table at a favourite restaurant and send an email requesting your attendance. Table size will be limited to 8. Just choose Ladies Who Lunch when you choose your interest groups during online enrollment.

Ready to do **Urban Walking**? Every Tuesday morning we meet at Old Seed House Garden 9:00 am for a 9:15 walk and then coffee hour. Just choose Urban Walking when you chose your interest groups during online enrollment.

Please let me know if you have any questions re interest groups or have any new ideas!

\*\*\* SEE **Complete List** of Interest Groups in "Bookmark" attached to newsletter email \*\*\*

And speaking of Interest Group activities, Ann Rae wants you to know about an upcoming CONCERT BY KATHERINE WHEATLEY.



“The first Couple’s Group event for 25/26 is a concert featuring Katherine Wheatley and all members of our Club are invited to attend.

Katherine is a singer/songwriter from Guelph with many videos on YouTube if you’d like to have a listen. “Water Moves Me” is a favourite of mine.

The concert is SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT 2 PM, AT DEVEREAUX HOUSE, 11494 Trafalgar Road.

If you’d like to attend, please use e-transfer to send \$25 to my partner, Rob at [Rob.stokes@sympatico.ca](mailto:Rob.stokes@sympatico.ca). Or drop a cheque into my mail box at 15 Albert St.” ~ Ann Rae

## Scholarship Selection

~Melanie Dixon & Rosalind Harrison

The scholarship committee finished the year with five students being awarded with scholarships. The students were chosen by their respective schools, three from Georgetown District, one from Acton High and one from Christ The King High School. GDHS winners were Eryn Fleming, Katie Pinkerton and Sarah Johnson. Sage Anania from Acton and Rheyannah Dos Santos from CTK were the other recipients.

Melanie and I had the privilege of attending their commencements and presenting the awards. ~RH

Our 2025 Honorees:



## Scholarship Trust Fund Reminder

~Lis Turner

All donations are greatly appreciated. There are several ways to make donations to the Scholarship fund.

One popular option is e-transfer directly to the fund bank account. The e-transfer email address is: [donationsforscholarships@cfuw-georgetown.ca](mailto:donationsforscholarships@cfuw-georgetown.ca).

You can also donate on-line through Canada Helps. We are listed as CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN – GEORGETOWN SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

If you would like to donate Scholarship Fund". You can fund, Lis Turner. Her contact



by cheque, the payee is "CFUW Georgetown give your cheque to the current treasurer of the information is in the club directory.

The fund is a registered charitable organization so you will receive a tax-deductible charitable donation receipt.

## Newsletter Notes

~Diane McDermott

RE: **Photos of Club Activities**  
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RE: **Readership Reward Draw**

When Pat was passing the CFUW Newsletter baton to me this month, she shared a suspicion that the readership numbers didn't match the effort we put into producing it. This is something I also suspected when I curated our Meeting Minutes a number of years ago. Some of you may recall my "solution." No, I won't be putting in fake news this time. But I will include one **or more!** ... *anomalies*. You should know them when you see them. .... Did you? Keep track and your name will be entered into a draw at the AGM. It'll be for a nice something or other.

## In the Spirit of Truth and Reconciliation ...



**Date:** Tuesday, **September 30**, 2025 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, originally and still colloquially known as **Orange Shirt Day**, a Canadian day of memorial to recognize the atrocities and multi-generational



effects of the Canadian Indian residential school system. It occurs every year on September 30. Started by Phyllis Webstad, a residential school survivor from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, who recounted her first day of residential schooling at six years old, when she was

stripped of her clothes, including the new orange shirt her grandmother bought her, which was never returned. The orange shirt represents the efforts made by the residential school system to deny children their Indigenous identity.

## From Kindred Spirits in our Community ...



“Dear EcoPartners,  
Please 'Save this date' – Saturday, September 20, 2025. Put it on your calendar now.  
You are invited to be part of the Global Day of Action in Halton Hills. Last year, was a big success, at St. George's.  
September 20 is the day we [Draw the Line](#) in a huge global action for climate justice, democracy, and peace. We all need to be there. Bring friends, neighbours, kids, grandkids. Spread the word to everyone you visit this summer. With all the backsliding we're seeing, this needs to be big to break through!  
The theme is *Draw the Line: For People. For Peace. For the Planet.*

HOSTS: Halton Hills Seniors for Climate, [Halton Hills Climate Action](#), [GASP](#) (Grandmothers Act to Save the Planet)

SATURDAY, Sept. 20

2:00-4:00 p.m.

RALLY / PARADE from Dominion Gardens on 134 Maple Ave to St. George's Church Hall 60 Guelph St, Georgetown.

Collectively, we will carry 200 feet of blue rope and banners displaying the message

*Draw the Line: For People. For Peace. For the Planet.*

PROGRAM: Music, Line Dancing, Eco Fair, Speakers, 'Later is Too Late' Film, The Climate Song, Danny's flute.”



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