



OCTOBER 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.

We meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7th 2025
Initially in the Studio Room of Halton Hills Public Library – Georgetown Branch

Link for those who join on Zoom:

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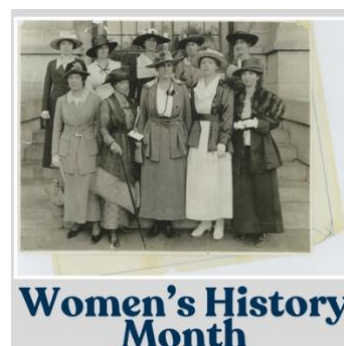
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Pro Tem President's Message ~ Margaret Teasdale

September has been busy. We attended our member Aditee Goswami's ***Safe Haven*** event on the 18th, ***Draw the Line*** for the planet on the 20th. I want to thank our Advocacy Convenor Jasvir Sodhi and Diane McDermott for handling our CFUW table at the Climate Action event. I write this message after Walking with CFUW members at the Hospital fundraiser on this beautiful Sunday, September 28th. It was such a pleasant way to spend the morning and at last count our team raised over \$800. Congrats CFUW Team, you have helped towards a new CT Scanner for the hospital. Now on to our future events. Do not forget to wear **Orange** on September 30th – ***National Day for Truth and Reconciliation***. I am looking forward to our October 7th meeting in partnership with the Halton Hills Public Library, we are attending the One Book One Halton Hills event with author David A Robertson who will be interviewed by Elamin Abdelmahmoud, CBC Radio host and writer. David will share insights regarding his book ***52 Ways to Reconcile***, answer audience questions and connect with the community. Such important personalities right here in Halton Hills. If you did not get your ticket at our last meeting, please make sure to let the box office person know that you are a CFUW member in order to receive your free of charge ticket. Only CFUW members are attending gratis.

October is Women's History Month! In 1992, the Government of Canada designated October as Women's History Month, marking the beginning of an annual celebration of the outstanding achievements of women and girls throughout Canada's history." Pictured here are the Canadian women in Winnipeg at inaugural meeting of CFUW 1919 in Winnipeg. Margaret McWilliams, CFUW first president, is front and centre. Let's celebrate the women and girls from our past, and our present, who are contributing to a better, more inclusive Canada.



October 18 is Persons Day in Canada

It marks the day in 1929 when the historic decision to include women in the legal definition of "persons" was handed down by Canada's highest court of appeal. This gave *some* women the right to be appointed to the Senate of Canada and paved the way for women's increased participation in public and political life. Though this decision did not include all women, such as Indigenous women and women of Asian heritage and descent, it did mark critical progress in the advancement of gender equality in Canada.

From CFUW National ...

The 2025-27 International Service Project (ISP) "**Young, Happy, Healthy & Safe – Zambia**" in partnership with the *Stephen Lewis Foundation* has officially launched. For each of the two years the hope is to raise \$15,000 from CFUW Clubs and members to support education for girls on health and rights that can protect them from early marriage and pregnancy, gender-based violence, HIV infection that directly impact their quality of life



From Ontario Council ...



Speakers Series begins Saturday, October 25th at 10 am. exploring the legislative process involved in declaring Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) an epidemic and why it should matter to women in Ontario. In 2024, the Government of Ontario introduced legislation declaring IPV an epidemic with all party support but it did not receive Royal Assent with the call for an election. The legislation is being re-introduced. The speakers will explore its impact on women's shelters and how families are affected by IPV. For more information and to register for the October 25th event, click [here](https://cfuwontariocouncil.org/standing-committees/)

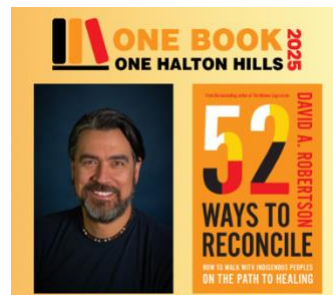
Programme Report

~ Naomi Clayton & Anne McGrath

Our first Programme for the 2025-26 year will be in partnership with the Halton Hills Public Library and will be on Tuesday, October 7th in the John Elliott Theatre starting at 7:30 pm. The presentation will be given by David Robertson, author of **52 Ways to Reconcile : How to Walk with Indigenous Peoples on the Path to Healing**, the pick for One Book, One Halton this year.

CFUW members are free - you will need to identify yourself as a member of CFUW, and pick up a ticket at the box office. If you have friends or family members who wish to attend, their tickets will be \$10 each.

As usual, our business meeting will follow the presentation and will be held in the Studio on the lower level of the library. Looking forward to seeing everyone for the first Programme of an exciting year!



Social Report

~ Barb Baron, Fran Graham & Lydia Zavitz



Happy Fall! Hope that you are having a wonderful autumn! It was lovely to see everyone at our September 2nd meeting. Hopefully, members enjoyed the snacks provided by our committee. Interest groups will be providing snacks for the remaining meetings except for December 2025 and June 2026. Please join us for our Oct. 7th **Celebration of Fall** starting at **7:00 pm** in the **Studio**

Room of the Halton Hills Public Library. Snacks, beverages, serviettes and cups will be provided. The Library Presentation will start at 7:30 pm and our meeting will follow in the Studio Room.



Our 50/50 Draw will resume! Congratulations to Mary Siddall, winner of \$55.00 at the September meeting. Tickets are \$2.00 or three for \$5.00. Please bring change to buy your tickets!

Members will be asked to vote on whether proceeds are to be directed to the Scholarship Fund or to Club incidentals.

Membership



~ Pat Evans & Patti Smith-Gilbert

It was so great to see everyone at the September Opening Gala. We are pleased to report that as of September 29, 2025, we have 51 returning members and 1 new member.

Please welcome our newest member, Barbara Anderson to our club. Barbara became aware of CFUW Georgetown when she attended one of the Bingo nights last year.

For anyone reading this newsletter who hasn't signed up yet, we hope you will join us again this year. Both the Programme Committee and the Interest Groups have an exciting year of activities planned.

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 September 2025 to June 2026 is \$110.

Payment options:

- **E-transfer** through online banking to: 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.

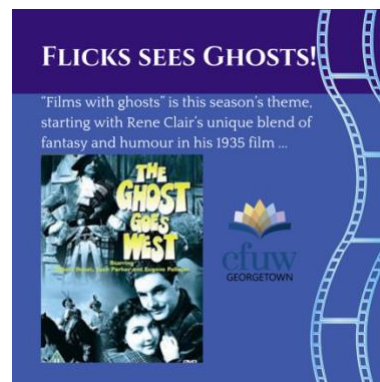
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Interest Groups Report

~ Carol Collier

Interest Group Activities AS SEEN in recent social media posts!



Newsletter Editor Notes

~ Diane McDermott

Clarification re: "anomaly" to look for in the **Readership Reward Draw**: This is a VISUAL add-in, something that has **no** connection to the content! ... Here! This one is free! Additional Hint: Halloween ones don't count this month.



I also want to alert you to an added feature in this and subsequent newsletters:

Life-long Learning Opportunities. Each month will feature a recommendation by a member. I'll count on YOU, dear reader, to share your entertaining information/learning sources.

Scholarship Trust 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.

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 by cheque, the payee is “CFUW Georgetown Scholarship Fund”. You can give your cheque to the current treasurer of the fund, Lis Turner. Her contact information is in the club directory.

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

In the Spirit of Reconciliation ...

Canada Post began a multi-year program in 2022 to honour First Nation, Inuit and Metis leaders who have contributed notably to their communities and our country. This year's series includes **Sophie McDougall** (1928-2023), a Michif Language Keeper who shared her extensive knowledge of her Metis culture and language with generations of students and community members over her long life, many years as a schoolteacher in Saskatchewan. She translated books and other materials into Michif which is categorized as critically endangered by UNESCO.



Julia Haogak Ogina (b. 1962) is known for her tireless efforts to protect and promote Inuit culture and traditions. She worked as a translator and research assistant on the book, *The Northern Copper Inuit: A History* (1996) with anthropologist Richard G. Condon, which documented the rapid pace of socio-economic change in Ulukhaktok, Northwest Territories (her birthplace). An accomplished drum dance teacher and leader, in 2017 Ogina helped publish *Huqqullaarutit Unipkaangit (Stories Told through Drum Dance Songs)*.

Bruce Starlight (b. 1947) is an Elder and Knowledge Keeper who has spent more than five decades working to save his language and culture from extinction. Born on the Tsúut'ínà Nation near Calgary, Alberta, he served as a language commissioner for his community and was among the founders of the Tsúut'ínà Gunáhà Nás?ághà, an institute dedicated to the preservation and revitalization of his mother tongue. A skilled teacher and speaker, Starlight has developed extensive materials for Tsúut'ínà instruction, including dictionaries and recordings.



Life-Long Learning Opportunities ...

Western Alumni Lecture Series: October 17-November 21



This is a six-week lecture series curated and hosted by Western alumni volunteers featuring leading research, stimulating discussion in the interest of life-long learning. And all of this comes in the comfort of your own home as a zoom Webinar.

Click the link below for detailed information and to register.

https://www.westernconnect.ca/site/Calendar?id=151234&view=Detail&utm_medium=cta&s_src=email&s_subsrc=organic

Registration for all 6 lectures is \$60. Topics include:

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| Oct. 17 th | Politics of Food from a Global Perspective |
| Oct. 24 th | It Takes a Village: Supporting Children, Youth and Families in an Age of Anxiety |
| Oct. 31 st | Ingersoll's Potter's Field: Remembering Forgotten Community Members |
| Nov. 7 th | Wartime Postcards: Gone, But Not Forgotten |
| Nov. 14 th | TBD |
| Nov. 21 st | Canada's Economic Future |

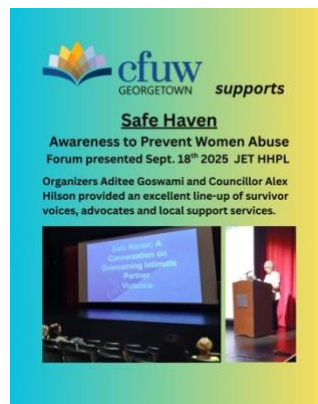
~ As Recommended by Mimi Keenan.



Kindred Spirits in our Community ...

Follow-up on last month's community engagement:

Safe Haven, a forum on Intimate Partner Violence held Sept. 18th 2025 in the John Elliot Theatre of Halton Hills Public Library was organized by our member Aditee Goswami and Councillor Alex Hilson. Past President Margaret Teasdale delivered the Land Acknowledgement. Powerful voices and valuable information on resources were provided.



We had a table at Georgetown's **Day of Action**, a public forum organized by a coalition of our local environmental groups to participated in this cross-country push for green change. It was an ECO fair, with stirring and motivating speeches, song, film, topped off with line dancing (by some) and a March along Guelph Street. Our Club had the opportunity to showcase our advocacy for the environment over the years.



Georgetown Hospital Walk Sept. 28th - Team CFUW Georgetown



Team CFUW Georgetown's participation raised at least \$750 in support of the purchase of a new CT scanner for Georgetown Hospital. Thanks go out to all the donors and participants!



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

We trust you all found/will find your own way to observe **Orange Shirt Day** on September 30th, a day that honours the children who never returned home and the survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.



And Following up on an earlier story ...

RE: Last month's item about Mount Allison's Grace Annie Lockhart, the first woman in the British Empire to earn a bachelor's degree ...



To mark this milestone, the Mount Allison Alumni Board will be awarding Grace Annie Lockhart Pins to Mount Allison alumnae of all ages from across Canada and around the world who are making a difference in their fields and communities. ~ Update by Alumna, Patti Smith-Gilbert

October occasions the Favourite Observances of Many!

Yom Kippur > Simchat Torah Oct. 2-15th

Thanksgiving Oct. 13th

Diwali Oct. 18-22nd

Halloween Oct. 31st



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