

**June 2025 Newsletter**

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*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.*

**The CFUW June Annual General Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 in the Hillsview Active Living Centre, 318 Guelph Street, Georgetown.**

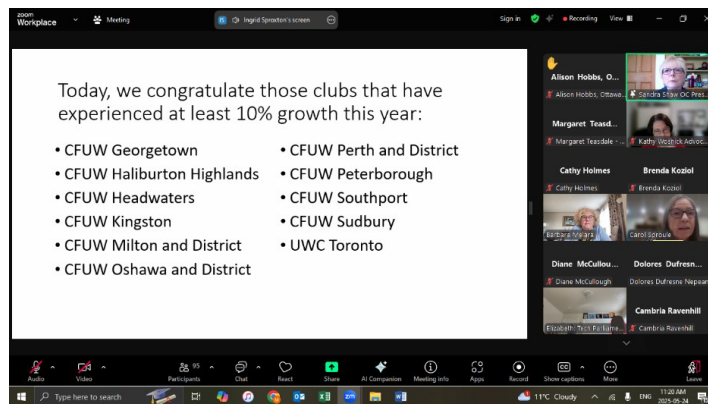
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*President’s Message... Margaret Teasdale*

My two years as President went by fast and I look forward to taking on the role of Past-President for the 4<sup>th</sup> time. I realize that filling the slate will not be an easy task and I am sure that Diane McDermott will be most thankful not to have to fill the slate for June 2026.

I attended the Ontario Council AGM on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and we were congratulated for having experienced at least a 10% growth this year. The year started in January 1, 2024 and ended December 31, 2024 for membership at Ontario Council and National. I took a print screen to share with you. I know that we had more new members in 2025, but they will count for next year.



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## *President's Message - Continued*

The two Ontario Resolutions passed and I will send our MPP Joseph Racinsky a copy of what we resolved for him to know what we in Halton Hills and Ontario Clubs will be working on in the future.

Since we finally know who the MP for the Milton East–Halton Hills South riding is, I sent a congratulatory letter to Kristina Tesser Derksen from CFUW Georgetown. I also sent an email from us to Michael Chong to congratulate him on being elected MP for Wellington – Halton Hills North.

We have just ended another busy, motivating and fun year and I wish to thank our Executive Members and their helpers for the past two years who made the task of leading the Club so easy. I enjoyed taking on the role and look forward to working with our next President.

I wish all of you a happy, sunny summer full of activities that will lead to good memories. “*See you in September*” as we sang back in the summer of 1966. Now I’m ageing myself for sure. See you at the AGM (there was no song for that).

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## *Past President's Report...*

*~ Diane McDermott*

You will read in the Annual Report the Slate to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting. It’s an excellent list – if I do say so myself – but not complete. Just as I persist in describing my sweet but bonkers bull terrier: it possesses “many fine qualities.” Perhaps that’s not the best model for a Club... Please consider putting your hand up for President, Social Media or Special Projects. It’s an open secret that the leadership team has the most fun.

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## *News from the Wider CFUW Beat...*

*~ Marilyn Mitton*



### **Proposed Resolutions 2024-25**

*(Editorial Note: The following is a quick and graphic review of the seven national resolutions proposed for this Club year. Thanks to Mimi and her working group, our Club received and ratified the groups’ report recommendations with amendments in April which were returned to National for consideration.)*



# PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS 2024-2025

**EXPANDING ACCESS TO SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES**



1

**ADDRESSING PERIOD POVERTY AND MENSTRUAL INEQUITY IN CANADA**



2

**SAFEGUARDING 2SLGBTQ+ RIGHTS**



3

**THE VIOLENCE LINK: ADVOCATING FOR AWARENESS AND ANIMAL SAFEKEEPING FOR INDIVIDUALS FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**



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**EQUITABLE PHASE-OUT OF FOSSIL FUELS**



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**ARCHIVING SELECT CFUW ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS**



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**HOUSING AS A HUMAN RIGHT AND SOCIAL GOOD**



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Thank you to Clubs who have sent in amendments to the 2025 Proposed Resolutions. The Proposers of each resolution are working on revising their resolutions based on the amendments. **The revised resolutions were published in a Special Newsletter on May 23, 2025.** Clubs are requested to review the revised resolutions, as there may be significant changes that may affect your support at the Policy Session.

*(Editorial Note: Clubs now have the opportunity to review the latest revised resolutions wording, submitting any further responses, after which the full text will be published in advance of the 2025 CFUW Virtual Annual General Meeting, July 11-13.)*

*(From the National Club Action Newsletter, May 9, 2025)*



We did it! After a sustained, vocal push from the feminist sector in Canada, the role of Minister of Women and Gender Equality is back in Cabinet. Rechie Valdez, MP for Mississauga—Streetsville, was sworn in as WAGE minister this week. Thank you to all CFUW Clubs and members who joined in the calls for a WAGE Minister.

*(From the National Club Action Newsletter, May 15, 2025)*



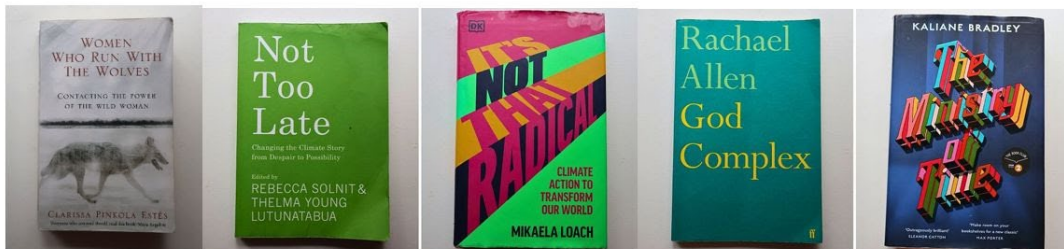
## New Year, New Reads

**Here are my favourite climate-related books from 2024**

From EuroNews by Lottie Limb

Looking for an inspiring climate read? Here are five books I mulled over in 2024 ... I recommend a small collection of books from different genres and years. All have deepened my thinking on the [climate crisis](#) in some way, and all would make great companions in 2025 if you've not come across them yet.

In their different ways, they give hope that it's not too late to heal or grow. They delve into pain to take us somewhere better and strengthen us for action.



Read the book list and reviews [here](#).

*(From CFUW Ontario Council's Environment and Climate Change (ECC) Newsletter, April 1st, 2025)*

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**HAPPINESS** has been described as “living with meaning, connection and a grateful, joyful and playful heart” Author unknown

**Here's to happy summer days, whatever that means to YOU!**



*Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, November 2024 (Photo Courtesy of Marilyn Mitton)*

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*From Membership Convenor...*

*~ Patti Smith-Gilbert*

Well, it's hard to believe that another year is drawing to a close. Our membership remains at 69.

To help all of us try and improve your membership experience, we would very much appreciate it if you could fill out the short membership questionnaire attached to this email. You can either bring the form to the AGM on June 3rd or some paper copies will also be available that evening or email your completed form to [smokeycat87@gmail.com](mailto:smokeycat87@gmail.com). Your responses will remain confidential but it will assist the membership coordinators and the rest of the executive in trying to improve everyone's membership experience.

Also, the New Member's Orientation Manual is in the final stages of editing. A copy of the manual will be sent to all registered members (new and returning) in September 2025.

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*From Special Projects Coordinator...*

*~ Lydia Zavitz*

**THANK YOU to ALL CFUW members and the community  
for your support of the 2024/25 Special Projects!**

A special thanks to Jane Watson for her publicity of all of the events!

Our team included Barb Baron and Fran Graham who planned, reviewed and conducted all of the fundraisers which we undertook.



The community was supportive of the Terra Cotta Cookie Sale in November. Mimi Keenan sponsored the distribution location. The CFUW cookie crew sorted and distributed the cookies in St. John's UC Hall. Almost **\$1000.00** was raised in that event!



8 BINGO NIGHTS were held in November 2024 and April 2025 at the Furnace Room Brewery, Georgetown. 301 players enjoyed the fun, food and friendship! Prizes were distributed for 8 events, with proceeds totalling over **\$5000.00!**



50/50 Draws were held at the Library meetings with proceeds of **\$277.00**. There will not be a 50/50 Draw at the AGM on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.



I have reserved the Furnace Room Brewery for Wednesdays from 7-9 in November 2025.

I have found working with all of you a MOST enjoyable experience, however, I will not be acting in this role next year. I know that my successor will be able to count on all of you!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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*From Interest Groups Coordinator...*

*~ Carol Collier*

Our interest groups have had a busy year! To read about our activities check out the Annual Reports Interest Group section to get an update. Check out our Book Clubs for your summer reads! A great variety of book titles and genres to choose from!

Ready to go for a walk! You still have four weeks in June to join the Tuesday Urban Walkers. We meet at the Old Seed House Gardens at 9:00 am for a 9:15 start on our chosen route. Easy walking and always time for a visit to a local coffee shop.

Any new ideas for interest groups for next year? If you have ideas and are willing to organize your fellow members just let me know. We have a new one for next year already - "Just For Fun" - more information to follow!

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### *Photo Corner*

Below are photos from the Arts Outing in the Crawford Lake Conservation Area organized by Barb Baron this May. Crawford Lake is a rare meromictic lake (a type of lake where the water layers do not mix, resulting in distinct layers with different chemical and physical properties) with a boardwalk, the Wolf Clan Longhouse village, rare carvings as well as an outlook on the Niagara Escarpment. A most interesting and informative outing was enjoyed by all.





Red Dress Day – May 5<sup>th</sup> - CFUW Georgetown members and friends walk through Georgetown to raise awareness of women’s issues.



Couples Outing at the race track  
Mary Hughes studies the racing schedule to pick a winner at the Couples Outing at Woodbine Racetrack.



The Flicks Interest Group discussed the 2016 film “Hidden Figures” celebrating the amazing contribution of female African-American mathematicians in the glory days of NASA in the 60s.



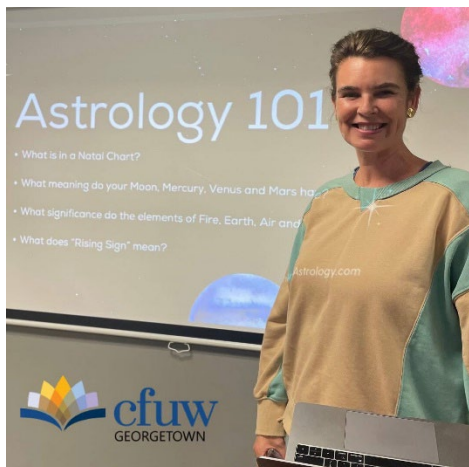
Mary’s Monday Book Club read *Finding the Mother Tree* discussing forest wisdom. Some chapters were challenging but gave everyone a greater appreciation for the science behind the trees.



CFUW Georgetown hikers enjoyed the Limehouse Trail and found trilliums in bloom.



White trilliums (*Trillium grandiflorum*) are the official floral emblem of Ontario.



May's amazing speaker was Shannon Cunningham, who enlightened us with her wisdom on astrology.



Shannon is shown guiding us through the magic of birth charts.

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## Scholarship Fund

~ 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 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.

