



NOVEMBER 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, November 4th 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>

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Pro Tem President's Message

~ Barb Baron

NO sun hats.

NO patio meals.

NO canoeing.

NO mosquitoes.

NOvember!



As we leave those glorious days of fall and prepare our homes and gardens for the winter, we can reflect on the good things about the days to come. The personal connections that are so important to our members are demonstrated in many ways, and make such a difference to those who have encountered illness, surgery, or unexpected loss. Many examples of caring support for each other have been shown in this past month.

November 11th, **Remembrance Day** is the Tuesday following our meeting. Not only shall we remember and honour the men and women who have served our country in major conflicts and peacekeeping roles, we are aware of the values that we continue to fight for today.

It has become obvious that democracy is under threat, and that our country is not immune from that threat. CFUW is one way we can act together in small ways to fight for our democratic values. Locally and without cost, we can take action in many ways:

Take an active role in our club to help maintain its vitality and purpose; **Attend**, with a friend, a Halton Hills council meeting on a Monday evening; **Show up and contribute** to the information sessions about planned projects in our neighbourhoods; **Join a protest** event for issues that matter, either locally, provincially or federally; **Write** a personal letter to your Councillor, MPP or Federal MP. Free speech and all of our democratic traditions are worth fighting for!

It's a pleasure to be your interim chairperson for November. Please join us for our November 4th meeting and enjoy our speaker, Kara Bruce and the company of your friends. See you there!

News from the Wider CFUW Beat

~ Your Name Here Next Time!

From Ontario Council ...

NEXT up in their **Speakers Series** by Zoom Saturday Nov.29th 10-12:30pm will be ...

The Role of Patriarchy: Historical Perspectives and Current Issues. Kim Verwaayen, Associate Professor, Department of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies, University of Western Ontario, will explore the topic of Patriarchy from a historical and modern perspective to be followed by a thoughtful discussion of "Where do we go from here?" To register, click on the embedded link below:

REGISTER HERE



Please join us for our
next Speaker Series presentation

The Role of Patriarchy:
Historical Perspectives and Current Issues

10 AM
Saturday, November 29th
on ZOOM

This is a free, virtual event.
Please register to attend:
<https://cfuwontcouncil.org>



Join us at 10 AM on
Saturday, October 25th
for our first Speaker Series Event
for 2025-2026
as we explore...

**DECLARING INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE
AN EPIDEMIC IN ONTARIO**

Our panelists include:



Fartumo Kusow
Author, Teacher,
Mother, Podcaster



Kristyn Wong-Tam
MPP Toronto Centre

This is a free virtual event. For more information
and to register, see our website:
<https://cfuwontcouncil.org/standing-committees/>



FOLLOW UP: The Oct. 25th Speakers Series Event **Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic in Ontario** was excellent. MPP Kristyn Wong-Tam provided a back-grounder on the drive to have IPV designated an epidemic in order to channel resources to this massive problem. Watch for provincial news about Bill 55, which is a re-tableting of an earlier failed attempt. This one asks for action not just on the epidemic label but on all the recommendations from the Renfrew County Inquest of 10 years ago.

Programme

~ Naomi Clayton & Anne McGrath

Curator (noun): a person who uses their knowledge to select and present information or items such as pictures, video, music, etc. for people to use and enjoy. (Oxford Learners Dictionary)

When you visit the Helson Gallery and enjoy the exhibitions, have you ever thought about the behind scenes work that happens before you can do this? For our November programme, **Kara Bruce**, the Art Curator for the Town of Halton Hills, will tell us what this involves, what community and practical concerns she has to consider, and her own journey to this position. Being both Art Curator and Artist, she will also talk a little about her work in custom stone carving and stone carving restoration. Her work includes contributions to private and public buildings, such as the Legislative Building at Queen's Park and, more recently, the Hockey Hall of Fame.



The meeting will be held in the Studio at the Halton Hills Public Library in Georgetown, starting at 7:00 pm with a Social half-hour, then Kara's presentation at 7:30 pm, followed by the business meeting.

Social

~ Barb Baron, Fran Graham & Lydia Zavitz



"Lest we forget" November 11 is Remembrance Day. We will honour this day during our social time together. Snacks will be provided by the Couples Interest Group and beverages will be available.

We invite you to join us for our social time:

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 7:00 pm

The Studio Room in the Halton Hills Library, Georgetown

Snacks, beverages, serviettes and cups will be provided.

The Meeting will start at 7:30 in the Studio Room

50/50 DRAW

At the October meeting it was agreed that the proceeds would be accumulated until April and then a decision would be made as to where they could be most helpful. Tickets are 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. Please bring change to buy your tickets! Thank you for your ongoing participation and support!



Congratulations to our October 50/50 draw winner..... Diane McDermott who won \$24.50!



~Pat Evans & Patti Smith-Gilbert

We are pleased to report that, to date, we have 61 returning members and 2



new members. Please welcome our newest member, Cindy Lukas, to our club. Cindy was referred to our club by a friend, then learnt more about us online. Once again, it shows personal contact is one of our best tools in recruiting new members.

In October we also completed and sent out a **New Members' Orientation Guide**. Because it is the first edition, we thought the entire membership would enjoy reading it but, in the future, it will only be sent to new members. However, we will put a copy of the guide on our website (in the Members' Only section) for reference.

2025 – 2026 Membership Directory

We have finalized the **2025-26 Members' Directory**! It is **attached** to this month's newsletter email and saved as a Word document and in a PDF format for your convenience.

Fundraising/Special Projects

~Barb Baron



BINGO IS BACK! **The Hooded Goblin** on 30 Main Street South will host our bingo games in November. They have a very pleasant ground floor space with food and beverage service, no stairs to climb and an easily accessible washroom. We are excited to offer bingo again as our main **scholarship fundraiser** for the year. Please join us and bring a friend on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., **November 5, 12, 19 and 26**. It would be great to have a "grand opening night" turnout!



Interest Groups

~ Carol Collier

Participation in our interest groups is an important perk of your CFUW Georgetown membership. **Urban Walkers** walk on Tuesday morning, **Wicked Walkers** on Wednesday morning and **Hikers** hit the trails on Thursday morning. Leigh Pedwell launched our newest interest group - **Just For Fun** with some fun events planned. **Couples Outings** group have made

their plan for the year. **Book clubs** are reading a variety of literature. Many of us attended an excellent author presentation by David A Robertson discussing his newest book *52 Ways to Reconcile*. Many of us are playing **Bridge**, discussing **Flicks** on the last Wednesday of the month, and **Dining Out!** So many ways to be engaged with each other. Our **Arts Outings** interest group does not have a convenor this year. There are 34 members signed up to enjoy various outings. Please consider what Arts Outing you would volunteer to organize that our members would enjoy attending. There is an Arts outing planned for November and another to Stratford for early June. Some empty months need some plans! Do you have any ideas? Please let me know.

Attached to the email with this newsletter, you will find a 'Member to Member' roster of members' names who have volunteered to provide services to another member who may have a need. Do you have a need to be driven to an appointment, need help with a meal or need your groceries picked up? You now have a list of willing volunteers to lend a helping hand - **Members Helping Members**. Make sure you retain this for your future use.



Interest Group Activities AS SEEN in recent social media posts



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 ...

“**Humour** is the WD-40 of healing.” That’s what an elder from the Blood Reserve in southern Alberta once told Drew Hayden Taylor. He took it to heart and page. Humour can challenge stereotype, brush up against dark times, honour traditions and/or offer a different lens on our shared world. It can all be present. All part of resilience. Here are some more recent works from indigenous authors with Canadian content ... and humour:



There is **a lot** of funny stuff out there! You can explore other titles at these First Nation Booksellers/Publishers:

1. Good Minds: A First Nations family-owned business operating out of Six Nations of the Grand River. Online bookstore and gifts. See goodminds.com
2. Strong Nations: A Canadian Indigenous publisher and bookstore owned by Nanaimo Aboriginal Center, BC. Online books and gifts. See strongnations.com

Newsletter Notes

~ Diane McDermott



RE: Photos of Club Activities - Please forward - ACTUAL SIZE - any pictures of Club activities to me for possible inclusion in the newsletter or in social media.

RE: Anomalies – I hope you are keeping a tally of all the *visual surprises*.

Life-Long Learning Opportunities ...

~ As recommended by Diane McDermott

Coursera is a great online source for learning. If it's your first enrolment, **Indigenous Canada** offered by the University of Alberta is a good start. It covers a wide range of topics from Art History to Social Justice and the history of our Treaties.



**INDIGENOUS
CANADA**



**UNIVERSITY
OF ALBERTA**

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And once done that ...



You could go on to the University of Virginia's **Plagues, Witches and War: The Worlds of Historical Fiction**. It offers a history of this popular genre plus contemporary author interviews. You might be surprised by their dedication to accuracy and understanding of "historical truth."

About **Coursera**: This an American global massive open online course provider (MOOC). Many courses are free and provided by real professors at major universities across the world. The advantage is that you engage at your own pace and can replay segments. There may be mini-tests along the way to make sure you're paying attention. Although some of the offerings have been around for many years, there is still an opportunity to interact with a learning community from around the world. And there's a certificate of completion!

Kindred Spirits in our Community ...



Wednesday, Oct 22
John Elliott Theatre - 9 Church St., Georgetown, ON
Ticket pick up & table displays: 6:30 p.m.
PowerPoint Presentation & Film: 7:00 p.m.
Tickets at the John Elliott Theatre Box Office
or online at: www.haltonhills.ca/theatre
Adults: \$10 | Students: \$5



This Film is Garbage!

This film is a family fun and informative adventure through our everyday garbage! Filmmaker and environmental activist Andrew Nisker investigates our relationship to household waste by enlisting the help of an average urban condo couple and a typical rural family.



cfuw Supports!
GEORGETOWN



Congratulations! to Halton Hills EcoFilm Fest Team on their 10th Anniversary
CFUW Georgetown was there to showcase our advocacy history.

November Observances ...

Of War and Remembrance



There is our well-known November 11th **Remembrance Day**. But did you know that **Veterans Week** runs Nov. 5-11th? Or that **Indigenous Veterans Day** is Nov. 8th. Over 4000 indigenous men served in the First World War, many as valued scouts and sharp shooters. Less valued on return.

And **Holodomor Memorial Day** is Nov. 22nd acknowledging the genocide of Ukrainians by starvation enacted by Stalin in the 1930's.



Of Gender Equality

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence begins Nov. 25th and runs to Dec. 10th.



This annual international campaign begins with the *International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women* and concludes on *Human Rights Day*. The 2025 theme will focus on ending **digital violence** against women and girls, calling for safer and more inclusive online spaces.



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