

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & POT LUCK

MAY 11, 2022 – DINNER AT 6 PM

ST MARK'S UNITED CHURCH, 201 CENTRE ST SOUTH, WHITBY



- Come for supper, friendship and the AGM at this *new location*
- Bring a dish to share (appetizer, main course, salad or dessert)
- Bring *servicing utensils* for your dish
- Bring your own plates, cutlery and mug/glass
- Bring a plastic bag to take your dirty dishes home
- Hot and cold non-alcoholic beverages will be served
- The church's dishes and cutlery will not be used for sanitation reasons
- Enter the church parking lot from Centre Street (south end of church)
- Enter the church through beige door off the parking lot at south end
- Recommended to wear a mask and only remove it when eating

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CATHERINE R.

The biggest news to report is that we will be holding our meetings at a new venue beginning with our May AGM. We are pleased to announce that we will now meet at St. Mark's United Church Hall, 201 Centre St. S., Whitby. The site is accessible, has a large parking lot and WIFI, and use of the kitchen, podium, microphone and screen. Thanks to Barb L. and Karen D. for helping to make this happen. We are grateful to Kingsview Church for the many years they accommodated us there.

Unfortunately, due to low registration, the Ontario Council AGM has been changed to a virtual event on May 14 instead of in Kitchener. However, that does allow for more members to attend if they wish. Details will follow.

Urgent We still need a secretary for the AGM minutes on May 11. As it is in person it may be easier than on Zoom as you can see everyone. It is important to have a written record of the proceedings of our AGM.

It will be nice to see people in person on May 11 and the food is sure to be great. Our Social Committee has been busy planning and are keeping Covid safety protocols in mind.

Sharing

Catherine R. and Janet N. attended a very interesting webinar on different models for long term care. Here are links to two related videos. Worth watching.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gcaElkEFfE&t=24s>

<https://projects.thestar.com/dementia-program/>

Quote of the Month

Every day may not be good. But there is something good in every day.

FRIENDSHIP

MAUREEN A.

Significant news about a member (serious illness or injury or death of member, or death of her spouse or child) should be reported to Maureen A. who will advise all members through an email from Barb L. and send an appropriate card on our behalf.

We send our deepest sympathy to **Marianne C.** who lost her husband Ed on April 17, 2022.

CFUW WEBSITES

National Website: www.cfuw.org

The CFUW Club Action newsletter is available via the sign-up link on the national website.

Ontario Council Website: www.cfuwontcouncil.org

The Ontario Council newsletter is available on-line on their website.

ADVOCACY

MELANIE K./HEDY G.

The Advocacy committee has shared much information on Aging in Place. With an election coming up we have the opportunity to change the conversation.

2022 ELECTION PROMISES & SUPPORT FOR ELDER CARE REFORM – MELANIE

The **Ontario Liberal Plan** to Revolutionize Elder Care <https://ontarioliberal.ca/elder-care-plan> is the only plan from the 4 main parties to offer insight, vision and solutions to begin a policy shift

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towards home and community care for frail and older citizens. Steven Del Duca said, “*the warehousing of seniors in LTC homes was one of the greatest mistakes of the past century.*”

Important elements of the Liberal Plan include \$2 billion towards home and community care over 4 years, 15,000 new assisted living spaces, fully funded clinical care for hospices, ending for-profit long-term care by 2028, allowing smaller shared home options instead of institutional care by designating new funding for LTC “beds” as “spaces” that do not need to be in institutional settings, zero tolerance for non-compliance of standards by long term care operators, and raising the base rate for PSWs to \$25/hour.

The **Ontario NDP Plan** <https://www.ontariondp.ca/platform/home-care-long-term-care> emphasizes the need for provincial standards for home and community care services, aligning long term care, home and community care services to communities’ needs so they are culturally sensitive, creating a provincial means tested *Care Giver Benefit Program* that provides direct payment to eligible family care givers of \$400 per month for informal care, removing profit from the LTC system making it public and not-for-profit starting in 2022, and, immediately build 50,000 new and modern long term care beds. In a previous NDP plan (October 2020) a commitment of \$1 billion was made for expanding Home Care but this promise was absent in this week’s release.

The **Progressive Conservative Plan** emphasizes the development of 30,000 new institutional beds and 28,000 redeveloped beds in current facilities while maintaining the for-profit system of operators, \$1 billion for Home Care over 3 years.

The **Green Party Plan** <https://gpo.ca/vision/people/> commits to monitor and improve the quality of care in long-term care home, appropriately address the needs of residents that require complex care, increase funding for home and community care, improve the availability of assisted living and transitional living for seniors, provide support for family members who care for an infirm relative full time, develop and fund research into smart home technology to enable us to age in place and stay in our communities.

SSAO’S ‘TAKING ACTION’ – Hedy G

A recent presentation by *Seniors for Social Action Ontario* stressed that the time to take action is now with the upcoming Provincial election if we wish to affect change in LTC and correct the imbalance in funding for home care. It is essential to take action to ensure that these priorities are widely shared with those who are running for office and those who will vote on June 2 for the candidate of their choice. At the present time, approximately 440,000 seniors are receiving home care but this number will double in the next ten years.

Some advice offered:

- petitions are not as effective now because politicians have become acclimatized to them
- send letters to **all** parties and candidates about your concerns
- ask the candidates what changes they foresee in elderly care from large LTC institutions to smaller housing options to home care. If their ideas do not align with yours, then tell the candidates that you simply can't vote for them.

Making our vote count in June.

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Advocacy Meeting, Monday May 9 – Donna H

The next Advocacy meeting will be on Monday May 9th on Zoom at 2pm. General Members are welcome. Contact Donna H to obtain a link to the meeting. Our focus is presently to advocate for “Aging in Place”. Members are involved in different activities and will be sharing information at the next meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP***HEDY G.***

Here is the information submitted to CFUW National for the year 2021 on their membership site.

a) SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS (bursaries)

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| • Ontario Tech University | \$6,400.00 - two awards of \$3,200.00 each |
| • Durham College | \$1,500.00 - one student |
| TOTAL | <u>\$7,900.00</u> |

b) COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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| • Durham Region Field Naturalists | \$75 - speaker honorarium April 2021 |
| • Luke’s Place | \$30 - donation; president’s thank you gift |
| • PHLAG Canada | \$75 - speaker honorarium Nov 2021 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$180.00</u> |

INTEREST GROUPS***MELANIE K.*****IT’S A MYSTERY*****MARY K.***

Monday, May 30th 1:30 pm Location: TBA
 Discussion Leader: Mary K.
 Book Selection: ***THE PUSH*** by Ashley Audrian

MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK CLUB 2***JANET B.***

Saturday, May 28th 1:00 pm Location: Janet B’s
 Discussion Leader: TBA
 Book Selection: ***THE GUEST LIST*** by Lucy Foley

READING GROUP 1***BARBARA L.***

Tuesday, May 17th 1:30 pm Location: TBA
 Discussion Leader: JoAnne P.
 Book Selection: ***THE BOOK OF LONGINGS*** by Sue Monk Kidd

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MORNING COFFEE AND BOOK CHAT**MELANIE K.**

Wednesday, June 1st 10:00 am

Location: TBA or Zoom

Discussion Leader: Melanie K.

Book Selection: *STONE MATTRESS* by Margaret Atwood**WALKING BUDDIES****MELANIE K.**

Thursday May 12 - 10am. We are going to walk in the **Rouge National Urban Park** with a guide organized for us by Pauline Browes who spoke to us about the creation of this park in April. It is a bit further away than we normally go but should be well worth the drive. More details to follow.



Tuesday May 24th – 10am. We will finish off the year at **Orono Crown Lands**. Many walkers were not able to make it when it was scheduled earlier in the year.



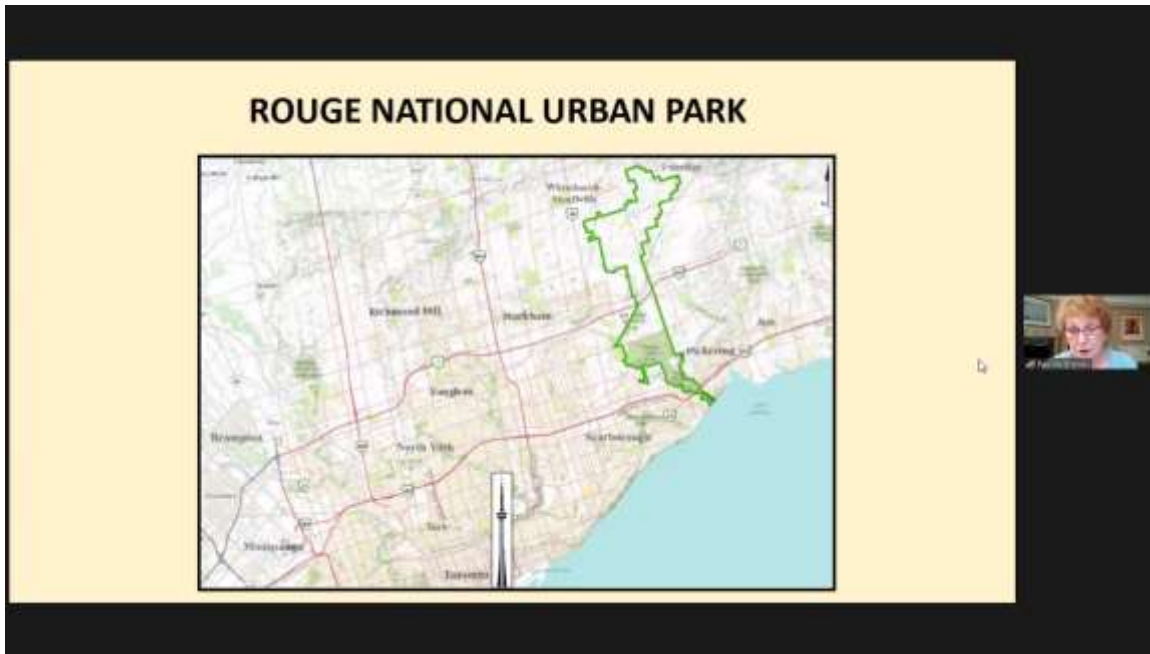
*April 26, 2022
Melanie, Pat D, Dianne, Catherine
Bowmanville Valley CA
Photo taken by Hedy*

LADIES WHO LUNCH**LINA Z.****May Venue: Berry Hill Food Company**

A warm, cosy and reliable neighborhood spot with a menu of handmade, locally sourced cuisine, plus cocktails/wine.

Address: 82 King Street West, Oshawa
north side of King, just east of McMillan Drive**Date:** **Friday, May 27, 2022****Time:** 12:30 p.m.**RSVP to:** **Pat D.**, patjdavies@rogers.com**Parking:** on King Street West (metered), or
parking garage at NW corner of King St. W., and McMillan Dr, or
outside at the McLaughlin Gallery.**Menu:** berryhillfoodco.ca**Special Diets:** Vegan Options, Gluten Free Options, Vegetarian Friendly

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PROGRAM***SHEILA S.****April's General Meeting speaker Pauline Browes***FOR YOUR BENEFIT*****JONE W.***

This is an information feature providing networking news from and for our members. This includes announcing local business affiliations of you or your loved ones, and charity/volunteer work that you are involved in that needs support from the public. Send submissions of ½ page or less to Jone W. Business notices will be posted once annually.

The criteria for submission to *For Your Benefit* are:

1. that this information is of benefit/interest to our members, and
2. you are involved/passionate about it.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**APRIL 2022****Date: April 13, 2022****7:00 PM****Virtual Meeting on Zoom**

CFUW Oshawa and District, wishes to acknowledge the lands and people of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, which is covered under the Williams Treaties. We are meeting on the Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas, a branch of the greater Anishinaabeg Nation, which includes the Algonquin, Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomi people.

Zoom Host - Donna H

Co-Host - Melanie K

Recording Secretary – Barb L

WELCOME by President Catherine R - 19 members and two guests attending**SPEAKER: Pauline Browes – Her efforts to establish the “Rouge National Urban Park”**

Introduction: Carol T

Thank You: Sheila L

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Break.....

BUSINESS MEETING (Recorded)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**- Catherine called the meeting to order at 8:15pm

2. **MEETING MINUTES - March 9, 2022**

Motion by Janet N, seconded by Melanie K to approve the minutes of March 9, 2022 as circulated in the April newsletter. All in favour. Carried.

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Previous Balance as of March 9,2022 \$7,205.92

Disbursements

Program honorarium \$75.00

Current Balance **\$7,130.92**

SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

Current Balance **\$465.55**

Motion by Hedy G, seconded by Janet B to accept the Treasurer's report. All in favour. **Carried.**

4. **CFUW NEWS**

National

- A company has been hired to develop a new Branding and Marketing Plan. There is a survey online requesting member input. Deadline is April 15.
- We are all celebrating, finally, the Child Care Agreement for more affordable childcare after years of advocacy on the part of many.
- CFUW National will be launching a Young Working Women's Network to attract younger members. The first event will be held the end of May.

Ontario Council

The OC AGM is May 13th and 14th. Theme is "Reconnect, Renew, Reinvigorate". Registration deadline is April 30. Cost is \$150. It is in Kitchener at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel. Catherine will attend as the voting delegate. All welcome. Hedy noted that our club pays the president's registration and mileage.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) **Membership** - Barb L; no report
- b) **Program** – Sheila S; no report. Jone praised the committee for the excellent set of speakers.
- c) **Publicity** - Jone W The committee members for the new year are Jone, Marianne C and Elaine L. There is no chair. This fall, with in person meetings, we will need a bookmark and other advertising.
- d) **Newsletter** – Jone W Deadline for the May issue is April 28th.
- e) **Scholarship** – Hedy G

Information submitted to CFUW National for the year 2021.

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Hedy will invite university and college representatives and will ask them to invite award winners to our AGM and potluck on May 11 and will let Karen D know about numbers of guests to expect.

- f) **Advocacy** - Donna H; the next meeting will be April 18. Melanie K was commended for her recent advocacy work.
- g) **Social** - Karen D; Kingsview has been cancelled. Karen will pick up our belongings that are stored there. Ruth F and Karen will be going to inspect our new meeting place, St. Mark's UC in Whitby, next week. Catherine will give Karen a copy of our CFUW insurance policy to give to Arleane Ralph, St. Mark's administrative assistant. Karen and Ruth will sign the rental agreement.
- h) **Interest Groups** - Melanie K; please send all interest group reports to Melanie for the annual report by April 20th with a picture if possible.
- i) **Archives** - JoAnne P, no report
- j) **Zoom** - Donna H is pleased with her team's work over the last two years.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **RESOLUTIONS** - Deadline for amendments is April 15.
 - Resolution #3 - Pay Equity and Employment Equity - Catherine R
 - Motion to approve – Catherine Seconded by Sheila L In favour-4 Opposed-12
 - Motion defeated.**
 - Resolution #4 - Violence Against Women in Politics - Sheila S
 - Motion to approve – Sheila Seconded by Ruth F In favour-16 Opposed-0
 - Motion carried.**
 - Resolution #5 - Bail Laws - Melanie K
 - Motion to approve – Melanie Seconded by Ruth F In favour-16 Opposed-0
 - Motion carried.**
 - Resolution #6 - Healthy Environment as a Human Right - Catherine R
 - Motion to approve – Catherine Seconded by Lorraine V In favour-15 Opposed-0
 - Motion carried.**
- b) **VENUE FOR MAY 11 AGM** - pot luck- 6:00 pm - St. Mark's United Church, Whitby
Ticks all our boxes - Parking, accessibility, kitchen, wifi, screen, washrooms.
- c) **NOMINATION COMMITTEE** Update- Donna H
We still need a vice-president who will carry on to become president after Catherine. Also needed is either a .5 general secretary or 4 volunteers to take minutes at one meeting each next year. Catherine will ask Jennifer C to take minutes at the AGM on May 11. We could use more people on committees.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

AGM Reports	due Apr. 20 to Melanie K
Lunch Group	Apr. 29 at 12:30 pm at Piano Café- RSVP to Pat D
Board Meeting	Apr. 27 at 1:30 pm on Zoom
AGM	May 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm
OC AGM	May 13/14
Walking Group	Apr. 14 and 26 at 10:00 am - details in the newsletter

10. MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:51 pm

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NEWSLETTER

JONE W.

Only the last name initials of members are published in the newsletter.

You may refer to your roster for contact information.

Please submit all newsletter items to whitbywebsters@rogers.com.

Items for the June newsletter should be received by Saturday, May 28.
