

**CFUW Oshawa & District  
invites you to celebrate the holiday season.**

**When: Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Where: virtually on Zoom (the link will be emailed to club members)**

- ✓ **Please dress in your festive finery. (red or green is great)**
- ✓ **Have a glass of your favourite beverage on hand to toast**
- ✓ **Be ready to socialize with club members and have fun!**



**FROM THE PRESIDENT: DONNA H.**



Dear Oshawa and District Club Members; it is hard to believe that nine months have passed since I first spoke to our club about videoconferencing and our need to stay connected with other CFUW members. There have been times of frustration and a longing to be back to our monthly club meetings and interest groups, the way it used to be. We ask ourselves when will things return to normal. However, it is not long before someone calls or emails offering a suggestion or asking for assistance. Then our thoughts return to the present reality and we begin making plans. We are problem solvers who see so many other women and children in our nation who need our support, guidance, and wisdom. Our professional education and careers have provided us with a variety of skills that have made us independent women.

CFUW members come together as colleagues and friends and, in doing so, we enrich each other's lives in the process. Our collective skills and wisdom are needed more than ever, as the world moves through the challenges ahead. *Donna H*

### **Zoom Advice:**

- Keep an email file for zoom invitations and delete old invitations.
- Do not be fearful of the waiting room: it is a security feature. The host will let you in soon.
- Find a quiet place to zoom away from pets and other distractions.
- Remember to stay muted in the meeting unless you are speaking. It helps with the sound quality.
- Turning off your video camera during presentations by guest speakers improves connection quality.
- Avoid having other devices and the telephone turned on near the computer.
- You can rename yourself by clicking on the three dots on the top right corner of your view. Click on **rename** and add your name and the first initial of your last name. This helps the hosts keep the meeting room secure.

During the next meeting, try clicking the **participants** and **chat** buttons so you learn how they work. Send a “hello” message to someone and ask for a response.

You can set up your own Zoom account for free. If two participants meet there is no time limit. However, with three participants there is a 45-minute time limit.

### **CFUW MEMBER INFORMATION- RE: COVID 19**

Some of CFUW Oshawa & District's Interest Groups are meeting either virtually, indoors, or outdoors. Covid 19 is spread by 1:1 contact between individuals. It is important that all club members remain informed regarding the latest updates from health authorities pertaining to in-person meetings, as a group, including two-person contact.

For the safety of everyone, it is expected that all Oshawa and District CFUW Members will follow the Covid 19 guidelines and directions when participating in in-person club activities. These directives may be provided by the Federal, Provincial and Regional governments, medical professionals, and government representatives.

The Durham Region Health Department provides up to date health information regarding the corona virus and other concerns. Members should check with the health department for accurate information when planning activities.

All CFUW Oshawa and District members are cautioned that they must take full responsibility for their own decisions and actions when participating in any in-person CFUW Oshawa and District activities.

*Board of Directors, CFUW Oshawa and District*

Resources: <https://www.durham.ca/en/health-and-wellness/novel-coronavirus-update.aspx>

This website provides updated information for Durham residents. Included is information regarding the responsibilities for those hosting and attending in-person events.

Durham Health Connection Line: 905-668-2020, 1-800-841-2729

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**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.

Pat B. has been in the hospital but is home again. A card has been sent.

**EDITOR BARBARA L.**

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 [barblewis@rogers.com](mailto:barblewis@rogers.com)

**Reminder: items for the January newsletter should be received by Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**SCHOLARSHIP HEDY G.**

A donation of \$575.00 was made to Durham College towards our CFUW Oshawa and District Endowment Fund. Much gratitude to the 23 members who contributed their refund money for their 75th anniversary tickets towards this goal. They will receive tax receipts from Durham College.

What a great way to celebrate our club's anniversary, and it is the season for giving! *Hedy G.*

**INTEREST GROUPS ELAINE L.****Book Lovers****"IT'S A MYSTERY" MARY K.**

Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> Discussion leader: Mary K. Contact Mary for details.

Book selection: *Eight Perfect Murders* by Peter Swanson

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

Please contact convenor for details.

**READING GROUP 1 BARB L.**

Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm Host: Zoom meeting Discussion leader: Sheila S.

Book Selection: *Welcome to the World, Baby Girl* by Fanny Flagg

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

Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am

Discussion leader: Marilyn F.

Contact Melanie for details

Book selection: *Truth be Told - My Journey Through Life &*

*Law and/or Full Disclosure* by Beverly McLachlin

**BRIDGE**

[www.trickstercards.com](http://www.trickstercards.com) contact JoAnne P. for times

**CFUW Oshawa & District, General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday November 11, 12020 7 pm Videoconference**



Host: Donna H, Co-host: Joan W., Recording Secretary: Sandra P

1. Welcome: Members and Guests: Information regarding meeting format.
2. Remembrance Day Reflections: Donna H & Catherine R
3. Introduction of our guest speaker: Carol T
4. **Speaker, Dan Buchanan, *The History Guy*- Topic: “The Wreck of the HMS Speedy”**
5. Thanking of our guest speaker: Janet B

*Five Minute Break*

6. Business Meeting: Donna H

A) **Motion:** Melanie K, Seconded, Susan H. to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2020 General Meeting as posted in the November 2020 Newsletter. Carried

B) Treasurer’s Report: Hedy G

Balance as at September 9, 2020.....\$4,008.12

Receipts:

Membership (40 x \$115.00)                      \$4,600.00

Disbursements:

Program    \$225.00

General Account balance    \$8,383.12

Scholarship Trust account balance    \$82.55

**Motion:** Hedy G, Seconded, Jennifer C. to accept the treasurer’s report. Carried

C) How to Donate to the CFUW Endowment Funds

Make cheque payable to “Durham College Foundation”. On memo line write

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“CFUW Oshawa and District Endowment Fund”. Mail to Durham College, Office of Development.

To Ontario Tech University make cheque payable to “Ontario Tech University”. On memo line write “CFUW Oshawa and District Endowment Fund”. Both Durham College and Ontario Tech University receive mail at 2000 Simcoe St. N. Oshawa, ON., L1G 0C5

#### 7. CFUW News:

CFUW National: We need a member or members of our club who are willing to attend the National Communication Session on Zoom: November 24&25, 2020.

Available in the National CFUW newsletters or on the CFUW National Website is the “Toolkit 16 Days of Action” Against Gender Based Violence”. Check out how you can become involved.

#### 8. Ontario Council:

+ Speakers’ Series, Saturday November 21, 2020, pre-register at [www.cfuwontariocouncil.org](http://www.cfuwontariocouncil.org)  
Topic: *Women in the Covid Economy*.

#### 9. Committee Reports

Membership: Janet N. There are 40 members & possibly 3 more. Perhaps once there are face to face meetings some former members may re-join.

Program: Catherine R

Winter Social Event, Wed. Dec. 9, 7pm. on Zoom Videoconference.

There will lots of opportunity to socialize using breakout rooms!

January; 2021 Program: Yoga Master

Interest Groups: Elaine L

Reading Groups are meeting on Zoom.

Trickster Bridge is meeting online. Contact JoAnne P for information.

Zoom Committee: Donna H, JoAnne P, Jone W. The Zoom Protocol is being finalized.

Publicity: Jone W. There are new areas where we can publicize our CFUW organization: City of Oshawa website as well as Whitby and Bowmanville sites, including Facebook under Community Groups.

#### 10. New Business

-Covid Disclaimer Preparation. The completed document will be included in the next newsletter.  
Information for the **December Newsletter is due by November 28!**

**Motion to Adjourn: Lina Z**

**9:20pm**

**Happy Bucks**

*Hope, Peace,*



*Joy, Love*

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