



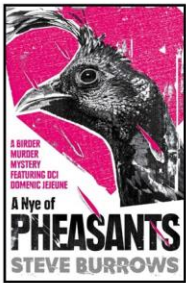


Newsletter February 2024

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February General Meeting
Birder Murder Mysteries
By Steve Burrows, Author

The
Mystery
Deepens

A light-hearted look at the worlds of birding, publishing and research abroad by the well-travelled author of the best-selling Birder Murder mystery series.

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.
All Guests Welcome - Free Admission
St Mark's United Church, 201 Centre St S, Whitby

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<http://cfuw-oshawa-and-district.weebly.com> 



It's been suggested that we wear red to this Valentine's Day meeting. There will be an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary so you may have to park in the (free in the evening) municipal lot across the street (Centre & Colbourne). Carpooling would be a good idea.

Friendship

Maureen Aikin

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 Aikin who will advise all members through an email from Barb Lewis and send an appropriate card on our behalf.

Advocacy

Donna Henderson

Advocacy Meeting; February 19 2pm via Zoom.

We will discuss Intimate Partner Violence and how we might advocate for change. If you are not able to join our discussion you might like to read about the resources CFUW makes available to us at <https://www.cfuw.org/current-campaigns-practising-advocacy/>, about the toolkit to convince municipalities to declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic.

<https://cfuwontcouncil.org/advocacy/advocacy-tools/#:~:text=This%20toolkit%20has%20been%20developed,live%20in%20fear%20and%20under.>

We have a wonderful local resource in Luke's Place to help educate us about this topic. Read A Short History of Partner Violence 2022 by Pamela Cross <https://lukesplace.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/family-violence-presentation-for-inquest-june-2022.pdf>. Also see the National Action Plan on Violence against Women and Gender based Violence on Luke's Place website <https://nationalactionplan.ca/>.

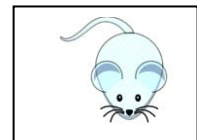
Please contact Melanie Kitchen for the link to the meeting.

Ontario Council

We have an exciting line up of topics and speakers for this year's Ontario Council Speakers Series. To make access to the Speakers Series equitable, CFUW Ontario Council will be using the virtual platform of ZOOM. Each event takes place on a Saturday morning and is two hours in length from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The format allows for questions from the floor through the chat function of ZOOM. Please save the dates and plan to join us.

February 24: Artificial Intelligence and its Potential for Women in a Digital World.

Experts in the field of artificial intelligence (AI) will discuss how AI will shape the near future for women. They will address the perils and possibilities in addition to giving a brief introduction to AI – what it is, how it works and where it lurks. This session will be chaired by [Helen Robb](#), OC Chair, Education.



Registration is now open. Go to cfuwontcouncil.org



Our speaker for January was Craig Kelman, who looks after bee colonies at Durham College and privately. He took us around the year in the life of a colony and told us many interesting facts about honeybees and how to care for them. Here he speaks during the break with interested guests.



Interest Groups

Janet Nisbet

Reading Group One

Barbara Lewis

Tuesday, February 20 at 1:30 pm.
Discussion leader: Sheila Smyth

Book selection: *The Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan
Host: Sheila Smyth

Book Chat

Jane Rowe

Wednesday, February 7, 10 am
Discussion leader: Marilyn Forster-Loturco

Book selection: *This Changes Everything* by Naomi Klein
Host: Lindy Kolodzie

It's a Mystery

Mary Kelcey

Monday, March 25
Discussion leader: Janet Nisbet

Book selection: *The Man Who Died Twice* by Richard Osman

Ladies Who Lunch**Shared**

Friday, February 23

Convenor for February: Jennifer Collins

Bridge Buddies**Karen Dixon**

February 12th and 26th - Northview at 1:15 pm. Please check the schedule to see if you have a "bye". We play social bridge, and we welcome Club members to join us. Contact Karen.

For Your Benefit**Barbara Lewis**

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 Barbara Lewis. 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.

**Theatre Night****January 17**

l-r: Lynn M, Melanie K, Jennifer C, Hedy G, Lina Z, JoAnne P, Barbara L.

We saw *Pride & Prejudice* (sort of) and had a wonderful time. Thanks to JoAnne for arranging and opening it to our club members.

If you wish to buy used books, spend Happy Bucks or buy 50/50 tickets, please bring loonies. We can't make change. The social team have asked that you bring your own mug for punch.

Program News

The Wednesday Morning Coffee group has enjoyed organizing the program for the club for the past two years, but it is time to pass it over to another group...Golf? Mystery book group, or another book group? Bridge Group? Or any other group of 6 friends. Six people 6 meetings, means one speaker per person. We have notes to share on the process that makes this a quick and easy task... that can be discussed when you are getting together anyway or even on Zoom. Please offer when the Nominating Committee calls.

CFUW Websites

National website: www.cfuw.org

Ontario Council Website: www.cfuwontcouncil.org

CFUW Oshawa & District <http://cfuw-oshawa-and-district.weebly.com>

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

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

Newsletter

Barbara Lewis

Please submit all newsletter items to barblewis@rogers.com

Items for the March newsletter should be received by Tuesday, February 27.

Personal contact information of CFUW Oshawa and District members is considered confidential and not to be used for personal or business solicitation purposes.

CFUW Oshawa and District General Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2024 7:00 pm. St. Mark's United Church, Whitby

CFUW Oshawa and District, acknowledges the lands and people of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, which are covered under the Williams Treaties. We are meeting on the Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas, a branch of the greater Anishinaabeg Nation. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture, and are committed to moving forward in reconciliation, respect and partnership.

Recording Secretary- Hedy Gadd.

Barbara Lewis welcomed 18 members to the meeting, as well as 12 guests and 4 online.

Speaker: Craig Kelman- "Urban Beekeeping"

Craig had an informative slide show supplemented by props used in beekeeping for us to see firsthand. He was introduced and thanked by Marilyn Forster-Loturco.

50/50 Draw - Ticket drawn by our speaker Craig Kelman. \$15.45 was won by a guest.

Break for refreshments

Business Meeting

- 1. Call to order-** Barbara Lewis called the meeting to order at 8.45 p.m.
- 2. Additions to Agenda** - none
- 3. Approval of minutes of Oct.11, 2023 as circulated in the Newsletter.**

Moved by: Lina Zatzman **Seconded:** Jennifer Collins **All in Favour:** **Carried**

- 4. Business arising from Minutes** - none.

- 5. Treasurer's Report-** Hedy Gadd

General account balance \$10,489.21
Scholarship trust fund balance \$239.55

Approval: **Moved** by Hedy Gadd. **Seconded,** Pat Davies **All in favour:** **Carried**

6. CFUW News – Barbara Lewis

- A. **National** - Highlights from Club Action Newsletter were emailed. The National office has a new website.
- B. **Ontario Council** - There is an Ontario central district meeting being held in Toronto on Saturday, January 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. So far, no representative from the board can attend. Another email will be sent out to our club inviting a member to attend to discuss succession planning, member attraction and retention and alternatives to executive model.

7. Committee Reports:

Program –Melanie Kitchen mentioned the February 14th speaker will be Steve Burrows, the author of the *Birds Murder Mystery Series*.

Publicity- Jone Webster: The January meeting flyer was distributed to Oshawa and Whitby Libraries, the Garden Clubs and the Facebook pages of various groups in Durham Region. Copies of the February flyers were given to several members to distribute in their communities.

Newsletter- Barbara Lewis: Submissions for the February newsletter by January 28th, please.

Scholarship – Sharron Barker:

Ontario Tech University CFUW Endowment Report for 2023

Danah Shanab was our award winner from Ontario Tech University for 2023. Danah, a student in Software Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science, was awarded \$4,000.

“Receiving this scholarship means I am one step closer to my dream. This award shows that there are so many great people willing to help out there. I can now focus more on my studies and stop thinking about getting a part-time job to pay for my tuition. Thank you so much for this award. ... With this financial support, I can continue to achieve my dreams and thrive to make a difference in the world! Thank you again!”

Fiscal Report for 2022-23

Opening book value at April 1	\$120,493.52
In year donations	\$175.00
Interest and dividends earned	\$3,679.86
Capital Gains Realized	\$494.32
In year Disbursements to Students	\$4,000.00
Closing Book Value as of March 31	\$120,842.70

Advocacy – Donna Henderson announced that the next committee meeting is on Monday, January 15 at 2 p.m. by Zoom. Ask Donna for the link.

Interest Groups – The lunch group will meet at *One Eyed Jack Pub* in Oshawa on Friday, January 26 at noon. Please contact Lynn Majoros if interested in attending.

8. New Business

a) **Holiday dinner** – Hedy Gadd – The annual holiday dinner was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at KB Bistro in Whitby. There were 21 attendees who all wore white ribbons to pay tribute to the women killed at École Polytechnique de Montréal on this anniversary. Lina Zatzman read a beautiful grace to start off our meal. Much thanks to Karen Dixon for bringing the poinsettias for the tables and for making the white ribbons. Gift donations were accepted for Denise House, a women’s shelter in Oshawa. They were delivered the following day to the home. Club members signed three seasonal cards that were delivered to Janet Beaton by Hedy, to Betty Siberry by Karen and mailed to Connie Sweet. A reply was received in which Connie expressed her gratitude for our kindness and thoughtfulness which touched her heart. Due to her poor health, she is not able to rejoin the club.

b) **Nominations committee:** Donna Henderson and Sheila Smyth will need two members at large to be appointed to the committee at the February general meeting.

9. Announcements/Upcoming Meetings/Events

Next month’s Lead is Sheila Smyth

Next month’s recorder – Barbara Lewis

Board meeting – Wednesday, January 24 at 2 p.m. on Zoom

General meeting - Wednesday, February 14 at 7 p.m.

10. Adjourn: 9:05 p.m.

Happy Bucks



