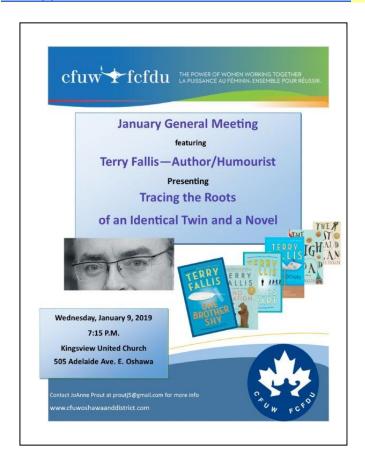
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK JONE W.

Happy New Year! I hope that 2019 will be a year of joy, enrichment and friendship for all of us.

Looking back at 2018, we had some amazing achievements while enjoying each other's company at interest groups and committees, Let's do Lunch and general meetings. The highlight of the year has to be the co-hosting of the Ontario Council (OC) Annual General Meeting on the theme of STEM. Members of other clubs that we meet still comment on how much they enjoyed this meeting. We cosponsored a Candidates' Forum in May and participated in 'Take Back the Night' in September. In June, a group of our executive experienced the first virtual AGM for CFUW. Our scholarship recipients took the time to thank us for the funds which help support their school year and provide some much-needed financial peace of mind. Our Durham College Scholarship Fund should have

received increased donations this year thanks to encouragement from our Advocacy Committee and Donna H. We also had some fun at our own AGM in May by wearing fascinators and dressy hats in honour of the royal wedding.

Looking forward, there is an Ontario Council Speaker Seminar on March 2 on "Women Helping Women" with a keynote speaker from **Equal Voice** which is dedicated to electing more women to all levels of political office in Canada. The registration deadline is February 20. Those who missed the November Seminar can view the reports on the keynote speaker and the two afternoon workshops on the OC website.

The theme for this year's OC AGM is "Helping Women on the Margins Through Education" with former Premier **Kathleen Wynne** as keynote speaker. Afternoon workshops include students from the Jane-Finch area discussing the financial difficulties of continuing their education, refugee women speaking about their experience in getting equivalencies, and women who have been incarcerated talking about change through education. May 10 & 11 at the U of T Faculty Club.

Thanks to each of you for being a member of this energetic club of generous and considerate women. Hoping for a great 2019 with all of you.

Next Executive Meeting: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 1:30 PM at Barbara L's.

Grace written for our December 5, 2018 holiday dinner: thanks, Lina Z.

For what we have received, let us be truly thankful: for those who encouraged us to reach our full potential, our good fortune at living in Canada, whether by birth or by choice, the love and thoughtfulness of our family and friends and for the gift of time.

For what we received today let us be truly thankful: for waking up this morning, a roof over our heads, water in our taps, the love and kindness of our family and friends and for the gift of time. For what we are about to receive, let us be truly thankful: for the meal we are about to eat, the camaraderie we are about to share, the love and kindness of our family and friends and for the gift of time.



Holiday dinner, December 5, 2018 at Harmony Golf Centre



The O'Neill choir once again sang for us and with us.

MEMBERSHIP JANET N.

Please let Janet N. know of any changes to your contact information. It's important for the roster to remain up to date.

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

EDITOR BARBARA L.

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

Please refer to your roster for contact information.

Please submit all newsletter items to barblewis@rogers.com Next deadline is January 29th

INTEREST GROUPS ELAINE L.



Book Lovers

"IT'S A MYSTERY" MARY K.

Monday January 28 at 7:30 pm Host: Lina Z. Discussion leader: Lindy K. Book Selection: *Fire in the Stars* by Barbara Fradkin

MYSTERY LOVERS BOOK CLUB 2 JANET B.

Monday, January 28 at 7:00 pm Host: Marianne C. Discussion leader: Janet B. Book Selection: *Behind Closed Doors* by B. A. Paris

READING GROUP 1 BARB L.

Tuesday, January 15 at 1:30 pm . Host: Barbara L. Discussion leader: Sheila S. Book Selection: *Old Filth* by Jane Gardam

MORNING COFFEE AND BOOK CHAT: MELANIE K.

Wednesday, January 2 at 10 am Host: Marilyn F. Discussion leader: Jane R. Book selection: *In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters with Addiction* by Gabor Mate



DINING

LET'S DO LUNCH MONTHLY ORGANIZERS

Next lunch: Friday, January 25-at 12:30 pm please contact Linda P.



BRIDGE

BRIDGE BUDDIES: MONDAY EVENINGS KAREN D.

Start time: 7:15 pm

January 7th and 21st at Melanie K. February 4th at Judy B.

MONDAY AFTERNOON BRIDGE HEDY G.

January 14th and 28th at 1:30 p.m. at Northview Community Centre on Beatrice St., Oshawa. Fee, \$1.00. There are two tables this year. If you cannot attend, please contact first a player that has a bye, secondly a substitute from the list and then notify Hedy.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE DOROTHY W.

All games start at 7:00 p.m. January 16th at Melanie K.

January 30th at Maureen A.



Wednesday Night Bridge: Melanie K., Linda P., Maureen A., Marianne C., Pat. M., Betty S., Lina Z., Dorothy W., Jo-anne T., Hedy G., Judy B.



Monday Night Bridge: JoAnne P., Melanie K., Sue S., Lynn M.; Hedy G., Joan M., Judy B., Jo-anne T., Karen D., Carol T., Carol S. Lynda B.



Annual General Meeting

May 10-11, 2019 U of T Faculty Club 41 Willcocks St., Toronto

Helping Women on the Margins Through Education

CFUW Etobicoke and UWC Toronto are hosting the Ontario Council AGM, at the U of T Faculty Club.

The theme is *Celebrating the Past,* Forging the Future.

We are so pleased that Kathleen Wynne will be the keynote speaker on the Saturday morning.

The workshops in the afternoon will all feature the theme

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Workshop moderators include

- Talisha Ramsaroop, winner of the first Pam McConnell Young Women in Leadership Award, UWC
 Toronto member, intake counsellor at York University, and former social planner for the JaneFinch area for the city, will moderate a panel of students from that area who will talk about the
 difficulties of continuing their education given their socio-economic background.
- Mary Jo Leddy, Order of Canada, founder of Romero House, will moderate a panel of refugee girls and women who will speak about their experiences in getting equivalencies and pursuing an education in Ontario.
- Rev. Dr. Carol Finlay, Order of Ontario, founder of the Prison Book Clubs, will moderate a panel of women who have been incarcerated and who see a new path through pursuing an education.