



Newsletter March 2024

Realizing potential. For all women.



March General Meeting
Global Warming
With Sarah Shields, Town of Whitby



*What you
need to know
and how you
can help*



Join us as Sarah talks about the importance of keeping the global warming increase below 1.5 degree Celsius; what it will take to do so; and what actions each person can take.

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - 7:00 PM
All Guests Welcome - Free Admission
St Mark's United Church, 201 Centre St S, Whitby



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.



Our February speaker, Steve Burrows, is about to publish his 9th Birder Murder mystery.

He attracted a good-sized crowd to our general meeting, and we all were entertained by his stories of birding all over the world.



CFUW National

This year's Proposed Resolutions will be published for Clubs to review on March 12th. Clubs will have until April 24th to submit their amendments to the Proposed Resolutions.

This year, amendments will be submitted through Google Forms. The link to the form will be published on March 12th alongside the Proposed Resolutions.

National Office will be hosting a Workshop showing members how to submit amendments on March 4th at 4:00pm ET. The Workshop is also intended for Proposers to learn how they will receive and respond to the amendments.

See the weekly Club Action Newsletter for links.

Interest Groups**Janet Nisbet****Reading Group One****Barbara Lewis**

Tuesday, March 19 at 1:30 pm. Book selection: *Sea of Tranquility* by Emily St. John Mandel

Discussion leader: Sharron Barker

Host: Sharron Barker

Book Chat**Jane Rowe**

Wednesday, March 13 (changed from March 6) at 10 am

Book selection: *The Island of Forgetting* by Jasmine Sealy.

Discussion leader: Judy Herron-Graham

Host: Dianne Hunchak

It's a Mystery**Mary Kelcey**

Monday, March 25

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

Discussion leader: Janet Nisbet

Bridge Buddies**Karen Dixon**

March 11 and 25: 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.

Ladies Who Lunch**Shared**

An organiser is needed for the March lunch. Whoever volunteers can send out the information to club members through the Newsletter editor.

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.

Egg cartons are always needed by Sheila Smyth and Hedy Gadd for their food banks.

St. Mark's online auction will run for 8 weeks, from April 5.

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.



**Celebrate
International
Women's Day
March 8**

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 April newsletter should be received by Friday, March 29.

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

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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.

Sheila Smyth read the land acknowledgement and welcomed members and guests. Guests were invited to stay for refreshments following the speaker and also the business meeting if they wished. Attendance: 22 guests and 15 members.

Dianne Hunchak introduced the speaker, Steve Burrows, the author of the Birder Murder mystery series. He gave an interesting talk accompanied by a sophisticated slideshow on his writing and the extensive research he has done for each book. His ninth book in the series will be released next month.

Steve was thanked by Hedy Gadd, who referred to his initial visit to our club in 2016, just after the publication of his first novel. The author's books were available to buy.

Judy Brooks asked our guest speaker to draw the winning 50/50 ticket.

Break for refreshments and conversation

Business meeting

Chair: Sheila Smyth

Recording Secretary: Barbara Lewis

Sheila called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm.

Motion: Hedy Gadd, seconded by Dianne Hunchak, to accept the minutes of the meeting of January 10 as circulated in the February newsletter. Carried.

Treasurer's report: Hedy Gadd reported that national fees have been paid for this year. Our current general fund balance is \$7725.91.

Reports:

Publicity: Jone Webster distributed flyers for the March 13 meeting to everyone who could place them. Jone has advertised to local garden clubs, among other groups.

Newsletter: deadline is February 27 for the March newsletter.

Advocacy: Melanie Kitchen said that the next meeting will be on February 19 at 2 pm on Zoom.

Interest Groups: the Lunch Group date is at Hot Rocks, Whitby at 12:30 on Friday, February 23. Please contact Jennifer Collins by February 21 if planning to attend.

New Business: Sheila made a request for volunteers to form a Nominating Committee. The membership must be called in March for the purpose of making up the Executive Board for 2024-2025.

The next general meeting will be on Wednesday, March 13.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Happy Bucks



Spring is on the way!

