



South Shore University Women's Club Association des Femmes Diplômées des Universités – Rive-Sud

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back after a glorious summer! I have always loved the break that summer brings to abandon routine, enjoy the outdoors and leave your mind behind.

But that doesn't mean that many haven't been working on the Club's behalf this summer. Of special note are:

Website Marie-Pier Brossard has finished the revamp of the structure of the SSUWC website. When I say structure, I mean that she did not alter the content, only the look and functionality. Please take a look and tell us what you think. To keep on-going costs to \$6 a month, Marie-Pier had to work within the severe constraints of WordPress's personal website platform. She was creative and patient with our requests, and has produced a young, fresh look for our club. Thank you Marie-Pier!

St. Lambert Days This was the first year we participated in St. Lambert Days, and the experience was surprisingly fun. Our participation was free and reinforced bonds between club members and the St. Lambert community. Thank you to all the volunteers who womaned our kiosk.

CFUW AGM My report on the CFUW AGM follows in this newsletter, but I wanted to say a special thanks to Maryanne Griss, Pat Couture, Edna Ouellette and Jennifer Fallon for attending and holding this President's hand throughout the proceedings. It was my first face-to-face AGM and their support and guidance was invaluable to me.

And last but not least:

45th Annual Book Sale So many members participated in the collection, sorting and sale of books all summer long – it was a beautiful sight to see. All our efforts resulted in another successful sale to support the Club's primary goal – improving women's lot through education. Congratulations to Gretchen Cheung and her team for organizing our most important fundraiser!

Penny

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CFUW 100TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WINNIPEG, MANITOBA AUGUST 15-17, 2019

This year the CFUW celebrated its 100th anniversary by holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg – in the same month, in the same venue where it was founded in 1919 by representatives of University Women's Clubs of Canada. Thus this year's AGM was more than just an Annual General Meeting – it was a celebration of all that the CFUW has achieved over the past 100 years and hopes to achieve in its next century.



There were several special events commemorating the 100th anniversary. Dr. Diane Dodd described the writing of her book "The CFUW History Book" to celebrate the first 100 years of the CFUW. A banquet in period dress was held during which the CFUW honoured 100 Notable Women members who have made outstanding contributions to the CFUW and to their communities at large. And finally, the unveiling of a plaque from the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada recognizing the outstanding achievements of the Canadian Federation of University Women as an organization. The Local Arrangements Committee played a pivotal role in organizing the AGM, the venue and numerous fascinating and pleasurable tours, as well as inviting inspiring speakers – Elizabeth May, leader of the Green Party of Canada, and The Honourable Marilou McPhedran, an Independent Senator in the Senate of Canada.

Business of the day centred around the three (3) fee motions for CFUW's 2019/2020 fiscal year. (Each motion required a 2/3 vote to pass.)

- The first motion presented was the "Winnipeg" motion supporting a 2-tiered fee structure and permitting individuals to opt in or out of paying GWI fees. Approximately 60% voted for, 40% against. The motion did not pass
- The second motion was to increase individual fees paid to support CFUW expenses by \$6. This motion did pass.
- The third motion was to increase individual fees paid to CFUW by \$10 to fund the GWI fee increase of 6 Swiss francs. The motion did not pass.

This last vote dealt a heavy blow to CFUW. Here is why.

It is my opinion that for years two issues have been incorrectly intertwined when discussing GWI:

- First, whether the CFUW should remain a member of GWI, and
- Second, whether or not to support the GWI fee increase of 6 Swiss francs.

We were not voting on the first issue, only the second.

CFUW is a member of GWI and, as such, is obligated to pay the fee increase. Essentially, these organizations are "married" and until they "divorce", the CFUW is obligated to pay GWI fees as set by GWI. This obligation forms part of CFUW's constitution.

When CFUW members refuse to fund the GWI fee increase (as they did again at this August meeting), the CFUW must dig into its own pockets to pay. If this situation carries on, it will eventually bankrupt the CFUW.

By 2019, CFUW owed GWI \$113,125 in unpaid fees for GWI fiscal years 2018 and 2019 (GWI's fiscal year starts in January). Recognizing the threat to their continued existence, the CFUW formed a Negotiating Committee that hammered out a Memorandum of Understanding with GWI that will be in place until December 2022. Two significant outcomes of the Memorandum are:

- GWI will accept "services in kind" as partial payment for fees owed by CFUW to GWI (valued at \$63,671 for 2018 and 2019) until the end of 2022, and
- Greater transparency and financial reporting is to be provided by GWI.

CFUW paid its remaining fee obligation to GWI for 2018 and 2019 after consideration of services in kind of just under \$50,000 by using their unrestricted reserves. However, a similar shortfall for 2020 (as we voted against a GWI fee increase last year) and 2021 (as we also voted against a GWI fee increase this year) looms, even considering the continued acceptance of services in kind. The CFUW is not sure how it will be able to fund the shortfall.

It took me a while to understand the dynamics – as your representative I was obligated to vote against the motion to fund the GWI \$10 fee increase this year. However, I now urge you to reconsider your position in light of these latest developments.

Penny

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Book Sale
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You will be glad to know that all your hard work made us about the same profit as last year: \$6,300 (just \$350 less than 2018). We had about 300 customers in all (not counting the presales which were higher this year than last).

Without the expertise, hard work and encouragement of The Book Sale Committee, I would have been completely at sea. The members of the committee are: Jo-Anne Colby, Jennifer Hanna, Carol Lidstone, Edna Ouellette, Sharon Wallace, Marilyn Zaslowky and Margo Hamilton (ex officio). I cannot begin to list all the tasks you took on so cheerfully and efficiently.

As someone remarked, after a long and tiring day, the Book Sale, apart from funding our scholarship program, is truly a bonding experience for our members. So, many, many thanks to you all for your support and hard work. Stay bonded and keep on reading!

A follow up meeting and final report are coming soon.

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Work on the program is progressing nicely and I am looking forward to unveiling a full slate of speakers at the September meeting.

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Ladies, please remember to bring your check book at the first meeting on September 25th. The membership fee for the coming year is one hundred dollars (\$100).

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During our summer break hope you all enjoyed a nice book, a few games of bridge, seen some exhibitions, enjoyed a few good movies and last but not least been to some wonderful restaurants.

Now it's time to get back to our fall/winter activities and hopefully will have some new members.

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Newsletter
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As you can see, I have worked this summer on a revamp of our newsletter. I hope you like it. You will probably see other small changes in our next newsletters following a survey you will have to complete at our next general meeting. But please you don't need to wait till then...your comments or ideas are always welcome.

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Thank you so much to everyone who worked so hard for our recent book sale.

We have sent the cheques to Universities to cover our pledges. Our club also made its annual donation of \$500 to the CFUW Charitable Trust. And finally, we were invited to Champlain College graduation ceremony held in June. It was an honor to be able to represent the Club and to present the 3 awards to the recipients.

Our bursaries will be distributed during our September 25th meeting. Come to meet these impressive young women.

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SSUWC AWARD WINNERS 2019

Award	Amount	School	Recipient	Program of 2019 Recipient
SSUWC Bursary	\$1,000	CEGEP Champlain	Belle Phillips	Double major in Anthropology and History.
Madeleine Shaw Award	\$500	CEGEP Champlain	Ecaterina Kalcenko	Health Science
Mary Cyr Award	\$500	CEGEP Champlain	Angélie Roy	Education
Bourse de l'AFDU-Rive Sud	\$1,000	CEGEP Édouard Montpetit	Alexanne Léveillée	Biologie
SSUWC Vocational Award	\$400	ACCESS, Riverside S.B.	Fannie Gendron	Health, assistance and nursing
SSUWC Vocational Award	\$400	New Frontier S.B.	Sneika Clarke	Carpentry
Bourse AFDU Éducation Professionnelle	\$400	C.S. Marie-Victorin, CFP Pierre-Dupuy	Fatiha Ben Hamou	Comptabilité
Bourse AFDU Éducation Professionnelle	\$400	C.S. Marie-Victorin, CFP Jacques-Rousseau	Sylvie Robert	Cuisine
Bourse AFDU Éducation Professionnelle	\$400	C.S. Marie-Victorin, CFP Charlotte Tassé	Anie Coulibaly	Santé assistance et soins infirmiers
SSUWC Bursary to a Mature Woman	\$1,000	Concordia University	Amal Messaoudi	Engineering, Industrial Engineering (Co-op)
SSUWC Bursary to Student with Disability	\$1,000	Concordia University	Aniss Gamassi	Commerce, Major Finance
SSUWC Bursary to a Mature Woman	\$500	McGill, School of Continuing Studies	TBD in October/November	
Polytechnique Award	\$500	CFUW Charitable Trust		
Total \$8,000				

INTEREST GROUPS

Book Club

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The Group will be meeting Monday, September 9, 1:00 PM at Beverly Cote's home to discuss Stay With Me by Ayobami Adebayo. Furthermore, we will decide our selections for the next several meetings. New members are always welcome.

For more information contact beverly.cote@sympatico.ca

Out to Lunch

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Our summer outings were:

June 28: 7 ladies enjoyed perfect weather and lunches in the tree-shaded and private back yard of Restaurant Lou Nissart in old Longueuil.

July 24: 8 club members again had perfect weather for lunch on the terrace of Le Joséphil in old Beloeil.

Intermediate Bridge

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The intermediate Bridge group resumes on September 16th. We usually meet on Monday afternoon at 1:15 pm. and take turns hosting. The exception is the first Monday of the month when the book club meets.

For more information contact Linda Magher at lmagher@videotron.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

SSUWC Awards Ceremony

Sept 25

At 6:30 p.m at Saint Barnabas Church Hall, 95 Lorne Avenue, Saint-Lambert. The awards ceremony will start at 7pm and should come to an end by 8:15 p.m. Food and beverages will be served.

And General Meeting

Membership fees 2019-2020

Starting Sept 25

Membership fee for the coming year is **one hundred dollars (\$100)**.

SSUWC SUMMER PHOTOS



Photos of some of the ladies attending lunch and the last bridge meet of last year



Photos of the May closing dinner



Many thanks to our fabulous social committee team for making our socials so successful



Some of the members met for the discussion, led by Phyllis, of the book Brother by David Chariandy. The afternoon was hosted by Gretchen



Photos of the Champlain College Graduation Ceremony in June

It was a privilege to present our 3 SSUWC Awards to these great young women



Photos of our August annual Book Sale



Earlier this summer Beverly Côté had a delightful visit with former member Elinor Whyte in her hotel like residence in Ottawa. She served up fresh coffee and sweets. She misses us and welcomes visits from club members. Please contact Bev at Beverly.cote@sympatico.ca to have Elinor personal address.

Elinor welcoming Bev to her new suite at the Beacon Heights Residence

SSUWC kiosk at this year's St. Lambert Days



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