



Annual
Report
2015-2016

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2016 CFUW Guelph Annual General Meeting Agenda

Guelph Cutten Fields Golf Club

May 24, 2016

5:00 Social

5:45 Business Meeting

6:45 Dinner

8:00 Guest Speaker: Dr. Catherine Carstairs, Chair & Associate Professor, Dept. of History, University of Guelph

Call to Order

Acknowledgement of Territory

Quorum

Welcome Members and Guests and Introductory Comments

Motion to accept the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of May 26, 2015

Motion to accept the agenda for the Annual General Meeting of May 24, 2016

Executive Reports

- Presentation of the Budget: Treasurer Jeanette O'Hara Hines
- Motion to accept the 2016-2017 Budget as presented

Committee Reports

- Report of the Nominating Committee: Presented by Cheryl Ambrose, Chair
- The members of the Nominating Committee are: Cheryl Ambrose, Chair, Margie Whyte and Terri Belyea
- Nominations from the floor
- Vote on nominees or motion to approve the slate of officers for 2016-2017 as presented by the Nominating Committee

Closing Words

- President's Message: Deb Thompson
- A few words from the Incoming President: Emma Louth
- A few words from the Past President: Cheryl Ambrose

Announcements

Declare that the Annual General Meeting of May 24, 2016 is adjourned.

2015 CFUW Guelph Annual General Meeting & Banquet Minutes

May 26, 2015

Guelph Cutten Fields Golf Club

5:15 Social
6:00 Business Meeting
6:30 Dinner
8:00 Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Semmelhack, Director/Curator of The Bata Shoe Museum

Call to Order at 6:17 p.m. by Cheryl Ambrose

Acknowledgement of Territory

CFUW Guelph acknowledges the Attawandaron/Attiwandaronk (Neutral) people on whose traditional territory our meeting is held. We offer respect to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe and Métis neighbours as we work to strengthen our relationships with them.

Quorum: There were 74 members in attendance –quorum declared

Welcome & Introductory Comments

Cheryl welcomed members and guests and gave thanks to Deb Thompson for her organization of the evening and for doing double duty as VP and Hospitality Chair over the past year.

Cheryl thanked the 70th Anniversary Committee, consisting of Mary McEwen, Mary Woodside and Janet Brenchley Krug. She also thanked musician Katherine Wheatley and the Anniversary Choir for the “CFUW Guelph Singing over 70 Years” and Tom Krug, our photographer for documenting the celebration. A good time was had by all.

She read greetings from CFUW Ontario Council President Brenda Robertson, who was unable to attend but sent her best wishes and a poem she wrote.

Approval of Minutes of AGM of May 27, 2014

Motion No. 1: Moved by: Sandra McCormick; Seconded by Heather Becroft

THAT: the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of May 27th, 2014 be approved.

Carried

Motion to Amend Agenda of AGM of May 26, 2015 Item 7

Motion No. 2: Moved by Teresa McKeeman; Seconded by Barbara Kuczynski

THAT the Motions in agenda item 7 regarding motions arising from the Ad Hoc Scholarship Review Committee Report be amended to read: “ ... *to receive and debate the report of the Scholarship Review Committee at Agenda Item 7, with vote by membership to take place at the September 2015 General Meeting*”.

Carried

Approval of Amended Agenda of AGM of May 26, 2015

Motion No. 3: Moved by: Heather Bailey; Seconded by Isobel Boyle

THAT: the amended Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of May 26th, 2015 be approved.

Carried

Executive Reports

Presentation of 2015-16 Proposed Budget: Heather Bailey for Treasurer Jeanette O’Hara-Hines and approval of budget

The budget as presented in the Annual report was acknowledged. Heather noted that the budget for Revenues paralleled last year’s actual figures, although the budgeted Expenses are higher than last year’s actual figures by some \$1421.92. This was due to (a) savings on the cost of National and/or Provincial meetings last year, (b) a new line item of \$500. for miscellaneous Advocacy expenses starting this year, and (c) minor increases as needed for insurance, hospitality, member services and communications/PR.

A budget with Revenues of \$6,339.00, and Expenses of \$6,035.00, leaving a surplus of \$304.00 was presented.

Motion No. 4: Moved by: Heather Bailey; Seconded by: Janet Brenchley Krug

THAT: the budget as presented for 2015-2016 be approved.

Carried

Standing Committee Reports

Report of the Nominating Committee: Presented by Janet Brenchley-Krug

The members of the nominating committee are: Janet Brenchley-Krug (Chair), Virginia Gillham (member), and Margie Whyte (member)

Slate of Nominees for 2015-16 Club Year

The Executive Committee:

Club Officers

Past President – Cheryl Ambrose
President – Deb Thompson
Vice-President (President Elect) Emma Louth
Secretary – Melodie Wynne
Treasurer – Jeanette O’Hara Hines

Committee Chairs

Advocacy– Isobel Boyle
Communications – Clare Irwin
Hospitality – Mary Woodside
Member Services - Connie Valeriotte
Program – Heather Muir Becroft

Scholarship Committee

Chair – Leslie Snell
Secretary – Cathy Farr
Treasurer – Esther Semple
Member at Large – Margaret Dryden
Appointed Member – Club VP -Emma Louth
Ex-officio – Club President and Treasurer - Deb Thompson & Jeanette O’Hara Hines

Nominating Committee

Chair – Cheryl Ambrose
Member – Terri Belyea
Member – Nancy Litwak
Member – Margie White

No nominations were received from the floor.

Motion No. 5: Moved by Cheryl Ambrose

THAT: the slate of officers for 2015-2016 as presented by the Nominating Committee be approved.

Carried

Special Committee Reports:

Ad-Hoc Scholarship Review Committee

Motion No. 6: Moved by Heather Bailey; Seconded by Heather Beecroft

That ground rules for discussion of the motions arising from the Ad Hoc Scholarship Review Committee Report, include: the several motions arising from the report will be dealt with separately; that motions may be amended; that motions and/or amendments must be presented to the chair in writing; and that speakers’ time will be limited to one minute.

Carried

Discussion of motions arising from the Ad Hoc Scholarship Review Committee Report

Motions to Retain:

- Master of Fine Arts Award – University of Guelph (\$1000)
- Conestoga College Bursaries – (3 x \$500 for a total of \$1500)
- Early Childhood Education Professional Development Grant – (\$200)
- Guelph Youth Music Centre Award – (\$500)

Discussion Concerning Motions to Retain: none

Motions to Discontinue:

- University of Guelph Undergraduate Science Award (\$2000)
- University of Guelph Graduate Award in Human Nutrition (\$1000)
- Kiwanis Music Awards (\$500)

Discussion Concerning Motions to Discontinue

Speaker 1 (Linda Hathorn): CFUW Guelph should not sever the relationship with the University of Guelph. The Undergraduate Science Award (\$2000.) should be kept, and if desired by membership, a needs-based component added.

Speaker 2 (Esther Semple): agrees with the previous speaker on all points related to the Undergraduate Science Award (\$2000.). As well, the field of engineering is still a “man’s world” and CFUW must support women entering this field.

Speaker 3 (Clara Marett): disagrees with discontinuing the Graduate Award in Human Nutrition (\$1000.). There are two different Nutrition programs at the University of Guelph - the Department of Human Health and Nutritional Sciences and Family Relations and Applied Nutrition. Generally, graduate students in Applied Sciences are not as well funded.

Speaker 4 (Heather Bailey): times have changed. The graduate students who are eligible for our current award are in the College of Biological Science and they are funded well (in excess of \$20,000, plus paid TA positions). The students in the College of Applied Human Nutrition and Social Science are not as well funded, but not eligible for our award. If we wanted to recognize the excellence and importance of nutrition research, we could keep the award, but reduce its value, possibly to the previous level of \$500.; the remainder of the funds could be redirected.

Speaker 5 (Brenda Coomber): regarding the University of Guelph Graduate Award, this award should instead be an undergraduate entrance award to encourage women to enter the field, not awarded in the 3rd year.

Motions to Redistribute:

- Increase the Early Childhood Education Award (by \$300 to a total of \$500/year)
- Increase the Guelph Youth Music Award (by \$500 to a total of \$1000/year)

Discussion Concerning Motions to Redistribute

Speaker 6 (Mary McEwen): supports increasing the Early Childhood Education Award; the extra funds go a very long way.

Motions to Establish:

- Family and Children’s Services Education Support Program (\$700)
- Hope House Bridges Out of Poverty Education Support Fund (\$1000)
- Wyndham House Emergency Education Fund (\$1000)

Discussion Concerning Motions to Establish

Speaker 7 (Linda Hathorn): has a question about establishing a Hope House Bridges Out of Poverty Education Support Fund (\$1000.); could this support come out of CFUW Guelph Bridges Out of Poverty budget?

Speaker 8 (Isobel Boyle): responded that the CFUW Guelph Bridges Out of Poverty (BoP) Community Outreach Fund budget is very limited. Funds come from pre-meeting dinners with very few other sources of funds.

Speaker 9 (Heather Beecroft): stated that if we (CFUW Guelph) take this on, we will have to raise the funds needed

Speaker 10 (Carol Herrmann): stated that the new funding in the Motion will come at the expense of other ones (discontinued; redirected initiatives).

Speaker 11 (Janet Fowler): there are only 12 leaders, and perhaps a certain number may not be interested in taking courses.

Speaker 12 (Carol Tyler): supported establishing the Hope House initiative and noted that there are 12 BoP leaders because of CFUW Guelph's involvement. This amount of money (\$1000.) spread over 12 leaders is not very much (\$83 for each Leader). The money supports course work but also other expenses that are barriers (e.g., child care, transportation and the like).

Speaker 13 (Cheryl Ambrose): in terms of statistics, the CFUW Guelph Club gives only \$37. per member to Scholarships and Awards; whereas, on average, other Ontario West clubs give \$97. per member.

Speaker 14 (Virginia Gillham): the total need is only \$3000; we as a Club could do it all (i.e., with 180 members, would be only \$16.70 each).

Speaker 15 (Teresa McKeeman): since many people have significant challenges in moving forward in their lives, it would be better to have money available through many organizations, and for more than just university tuition/expenses.

Cheryl thanked members of the Ad Hoc Scholarship Review Committee for their extensive work on this project on the Club's behalf: Teresa McKeeman, Chair, Ann Middleton, Past Chair Scholarship Committee, Barb Shaw, Current Member Scholarship Committee, Jo Ann Hayter, Member at Large and Heather Bailey, Executive Member.

Closing Remarks

President's Message: Cheryl Ambrose

A great honour to serve in 2014 and 2015 as your president.

Humbled by the work that has gone on before

I received strong support and encouragement and know that Deb will receive the same when she steps into the president's role.

As s Ontario Regional Director, I now see the larger picture and "what works". Our Club has much to celebrate.

Please join me in in welcoming and congratulating Deb Thompson for becoming our President for 2015 – 2016.

Incoming President – Debra Thompson

Happy 70th

Thank you for your trust and confidence in me and my abilities.

In my term I will focus on my key responsibility: “The President guides the work of the Executive and the Club in accordance with CFUW and CFUW Guelph Constitution and Bylaws and Policies and Procedures and is the Club’s official spokesperson, or appoints a designate in her place.” (as set out in Bylaw V of the CFUW Guelph Constitution and Bylaws, March 2014).

We are on path to new opportunities.

Strong support from both Emma Louth (incoming VP) and Cheryl Ambrose (PP) and members in reaching our goals, in keeping our Club strong and being relevant to the community we live in.

Looking forward to attending Ontario Council AGM with Cheryl and Emma.

At the CFUW AGM in Quebec City in June 19, 2015, that I vote as directed by Club membership (see March 24, 2015 General Meeting Minutes) on:

Amendments to CFUW National Articles and Bylaws

Two proposed Resolutions: “Saving Our Pollinators and Our Environment: Moratorium on the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides” and “Reducing Climate Change Through the Use of Carbon Taxes”

And as Club voting delegate, that I be allowed to have latitude based on any discussion at the National AGM to change recommended vote and to vote on any emergency resolutions.

Looking forward to the 1st General Meeting as President in September.

Past Presidents – Janet Brenchley Krug and Heather Bailey

Janet Brenchley Krug thanked Deb for her comments and thanked Cheryl for the many connections, networks and ties that she brings to the Club

Janet presented Cheryl with a CFUW pin in acknowledgement of her service to the Club and noted that she anticipates Cheryl’s continued leadership in exciting roles to come.

Announcements – Cheryl Ambrose

Pat McCraw, who recently suffered a broken hip in early and is in St. Joseph’s rehab. would welcome visitors or receiving a card.

June 10, 2015 – Bridges out of Poverty One-Day Workshop: Strategies for Professionals and Communities. \$60., includes refreshments, lunch and a workbook. Call 519-822-2715 x. 4133 to register.

June 12, 2015 – 1:00 to 4:00 pm. AGM and 10th anniversary of the Guelph Enabling Garden. To attend or become involved, contact Heidi or Wendy enablinginfo@sympatico.ca

The McMichael Canadian Art Collections Summer Exhibition showcases: Professional Native Indian Artists Incorporated. May 9 – Sept 7, 2015.

See <http://www.mcmichael.com/pniai/press.html> for details.

Adjournment

Cheryl declared the Annual General Meeting of May 26th 2015 adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

2016-2017 CFUW Guelph Proposed Budget

	CFUW Guelph Budget			
		Budget 2015-2016	Actual April 30, 2016	Budget 2016-2017
Revenue				
	Membership	\$5,965.00	\$5,736.75	\$6,000.00
	Extra Revenue and Losses		-\$546.53	
Total		\$5,965.00	\$5,190.22	\$6,000.00
Expenses				
	Nat'l and Prov'l meetings	\$2,200.00	\$2,997.43	\$2,300.00
	Hall Rental	\$600.00	\$580.00	\$600.00
	Hospitality	\$200.00	\$145.94	\$200.00
	Member Services	\$1,250.00	\$1,060.57	\$1,200.00
	Program	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
	Communication & PR	\$350.00	\$401.18	\$400.00
	Advocacy	\$500.00	\$227.93	\$500.00
Total		\$5,900.00	\$6,213.05	\$6,000.00
Surplus		\$65.00	-\$1,022.83	-\$0.00

Reports from Executive Committee Members

President

Respectfully Submitted by Debra Thompson

This Annual Report brings the 2015–2016 year to a close. The pages of this report show the many accomplishments and the considerable enjoyment of our club members over this past year.

Many of us here tonight will recall the marking of our 70th Anniversary last May when in this room we ‘kicked up our high heels’ with our best singing voices and wearing our finest ‘through the decades’ clothing.

In October of 1945 a small group of dedicated and engaged women lead by the first president, Florence Partridge, had their initial meeting of the University Women’s Club in Guelph. Since then we have grown and evolved in significant ways, which I think and believe, would make the women of those earliest days, pleased and proud.

I thank each and every one of you for your many and varied contributions to the club this year. In particular,

- Isobel Boyle and the Working Groups within the Advocacy Committee who are tireless in their efforts to sustain advocacy, education and community connections as the primary focus of our club.
- Vice-President (President Elect) Emma Louth and the Resolutions Committee who faced a particularly busy year, as there were five resolutions for review from CFUW National, one from Ontario Council and the 2016 proposed amendments to CFUW National's Articles and Bylaws.
- CFUW Guelph, in partnership with CFUW Kitchener Waterloo, presented a resolution on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. Emma and Past President Cheryl Ambrose worked countless hours in the crafting of the resolution to be presented at the AGM in St. Catharines in June and they are to be greatly congratulated.
- Cheryl and the Nominating Committee have encouraged all members to apply their knowledge and skills in leadership roles and to support the objectives and purposes of CFUW.
- Cheryl along with Barbara Kuczynski and JoAnne Oldridge of the Fundraising Committee worked diligently to plan and organise the hugely successful Quilt Raffle. Two beautifully made quilts were donated to our club by the talented ladies of the Textile Arts Group.
- Leslie Snell and the Scholarship and Awards Trust Fund Committee followed up after our scholarships were awarded and winners were welcomed and invited to join us at the April dinner and general meeting. Leslie has attended award ceremonies this year providing an opportunity for her to meet and speak with the winners on our behalf.
- Clare Irwin and the Communications Committee did an outstanding job producing the monthly Guelph Line newsletter and maintaining our website www.cfuwguelph.org and our presence on social media through our Facebook page.
- Connie Valeriotte and the Member Services Committee have a finger on the pulse of this club. For example, how many members we have at any given time, members who are new, continuing members, those who leave and those who return. Member Services are committed to ensuring a positive experience for all members within the club.
- Margaret Hull, working with the Communications and Member Services Committees as the Database Manager, updated and input all pertinent club information to the membership database. She has also been responsible for producing the scholarship contribution tax receipts, membership forms and the blue book for distribution.
- Treasurer Jeanette O'Hara Hines has kept us well informed with regular updates on our budget and financial records while Joyce Johnson presented an end of fiscal year review and examination of our financial records.
- Mary McEwen and the Archives Committee are the collectors and organisers of all things that make up CFUW Guelph. Should anyone be interested in writing about the illustrious history of our club they are in luck because, thanks to Mary, the archives are full of safely kept stories waiting to be shared.

- Thank you to the club members who have hosted our fundraising dinners this year and to those who attended them. All profits are directed to our Community Connections Fund. Coordinator Heather Bailey, promoted and accepted the dinner registrations this year.
- Heather Beecroft and the Program Committee provided us with an exciting roster of speakers in 2015 - 2016! We have delighted in the compelling and informative as well as entertaining presentations.
- We all know the importance of meeting minutes. They capture the essential information of a meeting and as such it is necessary to have accurate records. Secretary Melodie Wynne has achieved this goal. Even as I speak, she is on the job!
- To the Interest Groups who provided meeting snacks and desserts at social time while Mary Woodside and the Hospitality Committee contributed to the enjoyment of the evening with refreshments. Mary and the committee have done an exemplary job organising and arranging this year's AGM and Banquet. Please join me in congratulating them.

I have had the pleasure and privilege of representing our club while attending the 2015 National AGM in Quebec City, the Ontario Council AGM in Ottawa, the Ontario Council Standing Committee Meetings in Toronto and the Ontario West Fall Gathering in St. Thomas.

I am honoured to have had the opportunity to serve a leadership role in this club and I appreciate the many friendly messages of support and encouragement I have received from club members. Thank you for your confidence in me.

As Emma steps into the role as President, I wish her and all other new and returning committee members the best going forward. As members of CFUW there will continue to be exciting opportunities and new challenges to face and I look forward to participating with club members and club activities next year as Past President.

Vice-President

Respectfully submitted by Emma Louth

I joined CFUW Guelph two years ago. After my first year I was asked to take on the role of vice-president and I agreed. Not because I didn't know what I was getting into but because after only one year this group showed me what they are capable of; what a difference they can make in the community.

This year, under the guidance of Deb, Cheryl, current and past executive members I have learned how our club operates. I sat on the program committee and learned from Heather how our amazing speaker program is put together. I also sat on the scholarship committee with Leslie as chair and had the opportunity to learn how we fund and administer our scholarship as well as help finalize the updates and introduction of new scholarships. I am excited to continue as a part of this committee next year as we work on the CFUW 100th anniversary scholarship project. This year members came together and donated two quilts to raise funds for our scholarships which was extremely successful and I hope that this enthusiasm continues next year. As chair of the resolutions committee I learned about the resolutions process and had the great pleasure of working with Isobel, Teresa, Marion and

Sandra to assess and make recommendations on resolutions from other clubs. I also had the opportunity to work on the joint resolution with CFUW Kitchener on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder which is also the subject of my graduate research. Through working with the advocacy committee, Isobel and other members have shown me what a difference this club can make in our community. They should be commended for their work with Bridges Out of Poverty and numerous other events that I'm sure Isobel will have included in her report. I look forward to continuing to work with this group as we move forward on our Women in Politics work.

This year, I have also endeavoured to better understand CFUW as a provincial and national organization by attending the Ontario Council AGM, hosted by CFUW Ottawa, the Ontario Council standing meetings and our regional Fall Gathering hosted by CFUW St. Thomas. At these meetings I had the opportunity to connect with members and leaders of other CFUW clubs and gain insight into other clubs' accomplishments and challenges. One challenge faced by all clubs is declining membership. This year we strengthened our membership committee and they have come up with a plan to ensure our club stays strong. Clubs also have trouble recruiting members into leadership positions as most people believe that if they agree to do one thing it will snowball into a full time job. Cheryl often equates taking on these roles as doing the dishes. You don't get overwhelmed if everyone takes a turn. So I encourage anyone who hasn't had an executive role to get involved in a committee. It is a truly rewarding experience.

This has been an amazing year and I look forward to attending the national AGM as our clubs' voting delegate and to working with you all in the fall.

Past President

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Ambrose

Our year began where we left off in May, celebrating our 70th Anniversary!

In addition to attending executive and general meetings, it has been my pleasure to work with members on a variety of projects, most of which had little to do with my role as Past President, whose duties really are minimal.

I'd particularly like to thank Terri Belyea, Nancy Litwak and Margie Whyte for working with me on the Nominating Committee. We were successful in filling all but one position on the executive and it is my hope that between the time of writing and our first meeting in September, we have managed to convince one or more of you that this is a worthwhile use of your time. We are not the only club that sometimes struggles to fill positions on the executive.

As always, I've particularly enjoyed working with the members of the Advocacy Committee on various projects. I am extremely proud of the work we do with Bridges Out of Poverty and Circles and never more so that when I was able to arrange to have Elaine Weir speak at our September Ontario Council Standing Committee Meetings in Toronto. Clubs were clamouring for her contact information, and were very keen to have her present to their members. Because of our continued work with Bridges, we have been invited to present at both the Ontario Council AGM and the National AGM. But our financial support is not the only thing that is valued – twice a year the members of the Out of Poverty Working group come together to prepare a meal for Circles meetings.

This year, I had the pleasure of working with incoming President Emma Louth, and three CFUW Kitchener Waterloo Advocacy Committee members to submit a Resolution on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. We received an overwhelming 40 responses from clubs across the country, commending us on our work and offering suggestions on how to improve it. We look forward to presenting it at the AGM in St Catharines in June.

Recently, Teresa McKeeman and I wrote an application for funding from Status of Women Canada for a project to empower women for political and community leadership. Unfortunately, we learned too late that it was necessary to have a co-applicant. But the time spent is not wasted, we will scale back the budget as necessary and search for other sources of support so we can launch the first phase of the project later this year.

In addition to being Past President, I have the pleasure of being Regional Director for Ontario West, and will be continuing in this position for the next 2-year term. As I visit other clubs, I'm reminded of how fortunate we are to have the membership base to support the work we do in our community. Our executive works hard both to retain members and to attract new ones. More than a few clubs have experienced significant declines in membership over the years, and we should be proud that our numbers have held as constant as they have.

Treasurer

Respectfully submitted by Jeanette O'Hara Hines

Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenue and Expenditures (as of April 30, 2016)

Assets		Income	2015-2016
Current Assets		Membership	\$24,935.00
Bank (Meridian) adj.	\$5,067.34	Banquet	\$3,670.00
Bank (Meridian) GIC	\$9,818.41	Fundraising Dinners	\$2,815.00
share - Meridian	\$1.00	GIC interest	\$239.47
Total Assets	<u>\$14,886.75</u>	Wreaths	\$225.00
		Total Income	<u>\$31,884.47</u>
		Expenses	
		National Dues	\$11,760.00
		ON Council dues & insurance	\$1,048.25
		National & Provincial meetings	\$2,997.43
		Hall Rental	\$580.00
		Hospitality	\$145.94
		Member Services	\$1,060.57
		Program	\$800.00
Fund Balance		Communications & PR	\$401.18
Opening Balance (May 1, 2015)	\$ 15,437.69	Transfer to Scholarship	\$6,615.00
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$550.94	Banquet	\$4,216.53
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 14,886.75</u>	Fundraising dinners	\$1,046.16
		CO payments	\$1,536.42
Difference	<u>\$0.00</u>	Advocacy	\$227.93
		Total Expenses	<u>\$32,435.41</u>
		Excess of Revenue over Expenses	<u>-\$550.94</u>

Revenue and Expenses for Pre-meeting dinners for 2015-2016

Total revenue	\$2,815.00
Total expenses	\$1,046.16
Total profit	\$1,768.84

Project Funding for 2015-2016

Carry Forward from 2014-2015	\$2,179.18
Less Amount Spent	\$1,536.42
Unspent Funding	*\$642.76
Plus Profit from dinners 2015-2016	\$1,768.84
Project Funding for 2016-2017	*\$2,411.60

*\$326.39 of this amount is reserved for approved **Women and Politics** project

Project Profit Since Inception

2010-2011	\$684.04
2011-2012	\$1,310.46
2012-2013	\$1,595.16
2013-2014	\$1,735.00
2014-2015	\$2,070.11
2015-2016	\$1,768.84

The pre-meeting dinners had a profit of \$1768.84 while the AGM banquet had a deficit of \$546.53 including \$177.82 for the 70th anniversary celebration. The amount spent on AGM and OC meetings appears to be high only because the proposed amount was lower than it should have been because the National AGM in Kitchener was used as a guide. Community Outreach spent all but \$316.37 of the \$2179.18 carried over from 2015-2016, and there is \$2085.21 to carry over into 2016-2017. The amount \$326.39 that remained in the member suggested projects was voted by the executive to be used for the Women in Politics project that is continuing to be developed.

Secretary

Respectfully submitted by Melodie Wynne

- Documented 2015-2016 Meeting Minutes for CFUW Guelph General Meetings and posted on DropBox
- Coordinated with Program Chair to obtain number of member/guest attendees at General Meetings, with average attendance at approximately 55 to 65 members. As noted by the Hospitality chair, 20 to 26 members attended the pre-meeting dinner fund raising events.
- Sent General Meeting Minutes to Communications Chair to be included in the next newsletter as a link
- Documented Meeting Minutes for CFUW Guelph Executive Meetings and posted on DropBox
- Continued the addition of executive reports to Executive Meeting Minutes as attachments
- Maintained 2014-2015 Meeting Motions documentation for both Executive and General meetings and posted on DropBox
- Collected hard copies of all 2014-2015 meeting minutes and Executive reports and forwarded to the Archivist at the June changeover meeting.
- Worked with the President to compile the 2015-2016 Annual Report for the Club's AGM.

Report from CFUW Guelph Scholarship & Awards Trust Fund

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Snell, Trust Fund Chair, and Esther Semple, Trust Fund Treasurer

The Scholarship and Awards Trust fund is made up of a General fund and an Endowment fund. Money from our membership dues, general donations, and fundraising go into the General Fund to be disbursed in our various scholarships, bursaries and awards. Moneys that have been donated and designated for the Endowment fund must not be used directly for awards for a minimum of 10 years. Interest from the Endowment fund can be given out as an award. Currently because of low interest rates we are able to use only \$500.00 in interest from this fund towards our awards.

In September, 2015, the club voted to increase our regular donations from \$6,700.00 to \$8,500.00 and to redirect some of our money to different beneficiaries. New awards this year were to Hope House - Bridges Out of Poverty (\$500), Wyndham House (\$500) and Guelph Family and Children's Services (\$500). The University of Guelph awards were maintained at \$2,000 for the undergraduate award and 2 graduate awards of \$1,000 each. We maintained our contribution to Conestoga to three separate \$500 awards. We cancelled our award to Kiwanis and upped our awards to the Guelph Youth Music Centre from \$500 to \$1,000 and to the Community Health Centre Early Childhood Education Program from \$200 to \$500.

Summary of 2015 – 2016 Awards

University of Guelph - Science	\$2,000.00
University of Guelph - Fine Art	\$1,000.00
University of Guelph-Nutrition	\$1,000.00
Conestoga College	\$1,500.00
Guelph Youth Music Centre	\$1,000.00
Guelph CHC - ECE Continuing Ed.	\$ 500.00
Hope House (BoP)	\$ 500.00
Wyndham House	\$ 500.00
GFCs	\$ 500.00
Total Scholarships awarded	\$8,500.00

During 2015-16 we received \$6,360.00 in member donations, \$100.00 in In memoriam donations and over \$3,200 in fundraising receipts. We are grateful for all those who have donated through individual donations or through fundraising which has allowed us to increase our scholarship donations.

The Committee is reviewing options for a special scholarship to help celebrate CFUW National's 100th anniversary in 2019 and will be presenting our ideas to the club in the fall of 2016.

CFUW Guelph Scholarship and Awards Trust Fund - Annual Report, Apr 30, 2016

	General	Subtotals	Endowment	Subtotals	Combined
Opening Balance (total) May 1, 2015		19,502.86		24,467.35	43,970.21
Cash, May 1, 2015	3,645.71		0.00		
Income/Revenue (May 1, 2015 - Apr 30, 2016)					
Interest (reinvested-included below)	316.86		377.15		694.01
Matured Term deposits (includes interest)	3,075.26		1,025.14		
Transfer-in (from Endowment)	1,025.14				
Membership -mandatory and extra donations	6,390.00				
<i>In memoriam</i> donations by members	100.00				
Fundraising Dec (gardening group)	225.00				
Fundraising receipts (Quilt) Jan27, 2016	2,945.77				
Fundraising Poppy Cards May 11, 2015	41.95				
Transfer in -short term interest	3.45				
Transfer in (MeridianShares)	24.00				
Total Income/Revenue:		13,830.57		1,025.14	
Disbursements (May 1, 2015 - Apr 30, 2016):					
Transfer to General for scholarship			500.14		
Scholarship Awards paid*	8,500.00				
Expenses	52.07				
Transfer to Endowment	525.00				
Term deposits purchased	4,000.00		525.00		
Total disbursements:		13,077.07		1,025.14	
Income less Disbursements:		753.50		0.00	
Assets, April 30, 2016:					
Term Deposits:	Principal		Principal		
Maturity Date					
Maturity Date	29-May-17	8,389.18	19-Nov-16	525.00	
Maturity Date	29-May-17	4,681.12	29-May-17	23,819.36	
Maturity Date	10-Dec-18	4,000.00			
Meridian - Capital Share		1.00			
Term Deposits: Total value		17,071.30		24,344.36	
Cash:		4,399.21		0.00	
Total Assets, Apr 30, 2016	(General)	21,470.51	(Endowment)	24,344.36	45,814.87

Reports from Committee Chairs

Nominating Committee

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Ambrose (Chair), Terri Belyea, Nancy Litwak, Margie Whyte

Slate of Nominees for the 2016-17 Club Year:

The Executive Committee

Officers

Past President, Deb Thompson
President - Emma Louth
Vice President (President Elect) – TBA
Secretary – Barb Hale
Treasurer - Jeanette O’Hara Hines

Committee Chairs

Advocacy - Isobel Boyle (will need a co-chair)
Communications - Heather Bailey
Hospitality - Helen Murphy
Pre meeting dinner Co-ordinator - Heather Bailey
Member Services - Kerry Detlor
Program - Paulette Cote

Scholarship Committee

Chair – Leslie Snell
Secretary – Cathy Farr
Treasurer – Esther Semple
Member at Large – Carol Herrmann

Nominating Committee

Chair - Deb Thompson
Member - Teresa McKeeman
Member - Terri Belyea

Program Committee

Respectfully submitted by Heather Beecroft.

This small committee has performed their duties in a most admirable and excellent manner all year. Each time one of the committee is asked to introduce or thank a speaker, they step up to the podium with grace and excellent preparation. Thank you so much to each of you!

Committee members: Janet Brenchley Krug, Virginia Gillham, Brenda Coomber and Heather Beecroft {Chair}

Program:

September 22, 2015 Dawn Owen, Acting Director, Art Gallery of Guelph
“New Directions for the Art Gallery of Guelph”

October 27, 2015 Chris Earley, Biologist & Education Coordinator, U of G
“Backyards are for the Birds”

November 24, 2015 Joe Tersigni Retired Teacher
“Canadian History: Leadership Uncensored”

January 26, 2016 Karen Farbridge, First Female Mayor of Guelph
“Women in Politics”

February 23, 2016 Marva Wisdom, President Guelph Black Heritage Society
“History of the Black Church in Guelph”

March 23, 2016 Doug Goff, Professor, Dept. Food Science, U of G
“100 years of Ice Cream Education at U of G

April 26, 2016 Dr. John F. Prescott, MA VetMB PhD, Professor Dept. Pathology, Ontario Veterinary
College, U of G
“Meeting the challenge of antibiotic resistance”

May 24, 2016 Catherine Carstairs, Chair & Associate Professor, Dept. History, U of G
“History of Professional Women in Canada”.

Hospitality Committee

Respectfully submitted by Mary Woodside and Heather Bailey

Our mandate and our desire is to promote a welcoming and friendly atmosphere within our club.

June 2015 – placed a deposit to reserve a room at Cutten Fields for the Annual General Meeting and Banquet for Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

August 2015 – met with receptionist (Shainna Poulin) and caretaker (Steve) of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church regarding the set-up of tables and chairs in the meeting space as well as use of audio/visual equipment, church key, etc. Reviewed and renewed our contract with St. Andrew's for the term Sept. 2015- April 2016 and submitted a deposit of \$300. for period Sept. - Nov. 2015.

Sept. 2015 – arranged for the provision of snacks for monthly meetings with the executive (for Sept. only) and conveners of interest groups; informed communications chair of names of interest groups supplying snacks for whole year.

Sept. – Nov. 2015 – organized committee for provision of beverages for social time at meetings. Purchased supplies of coffee, tea, etc. for meetings. Note that the organization of pre-meeting dinners was no longer the responsibility of the Hospitality Committee in 2015-2016.

Nov. 2015 – represented the Hospitality Committee at the orientation party for new members to help welcome and socialize with them.

Dec. 2015 – no meeting

Jan. – April 2016 – provision of beverages for meetings

Feb. 2016 – started preparing for AGM and Banquet to be held on May 24, 2016. Met with Cutten Fields representative (Rishi Thakker) to discuss menu, services and equipment provided in contract. With approval of Executive, signed contract.

Arranged for printing of tickets and flyer to start sales for Banquet at Feb. 23 meeting.

March 2016 – provided cookies and hot beverages for celebration of International Women's Day at St. George's Anglican Church; approximately 40 people attended.

April – as of April 1, about 26 tickets to AGM sold.

May 2015 AGM saw 75 people in attendance.

Pre-Meeting Dinners (Heather Bailey, Coordinator)

We had 6 pre-meeting dinners in 2015-16 and all were well attended. We had several guests join us including speakers, visitors and scholarship winners. The hosts included Teresa McKeeman and the Out of Poverty group, Heather Beecroft and Melodie Wynne, Fifty Fingers (Jo-Anne Oldridge, Anne Peters, Marilyn Watson, Mary Howlett-Nero and Liz Bayne), the Heather B's and Janet B-K, Isobel Boyle and friends and Cheryl Ambrose and friends. The profit from the 6 dinners was \$1768 which will be used to support our Community projects in 2016-17. Many members also look forward to the extra social time that attending the dinner before the meeting allows.

Hosting a dinner is not difficult; if you want to prepare all or part of the meal – that is great – but we also have a list of caterers that have been previously used. We have white tablecloths and the church kitchen has all the pitchers, glasses, plates, cutlery and serving utensils you need. All you need to do is come up with a theme, find some table decorations and napkins to match and make the contact with the caterer. Please consider hosting a dinner when we are looking for volunteers next September!

Membership Committee

Respectfully submitted by Connie Valeriotte

In 2015/16 we had a total membership of 175 members. Of these 17 were new or returning, 3 were students one was honorary, and 5 were dual members with other clubs. An information and welcoming evening was hosted by the executive in November for new and returning members. Members wishing to join specific interest groups or committees were put in touch with the respective coordinators or chairs.

A working membership committee reporting to the executive was formed to develop a focused membership retention and enhancement plan for the coming years. The committee is currently working to develop tools to assess membership satisfaction and engagement, to enable new members to feel more welcomed, comfortable and engaged at general meetings and in the club and to develop marketing strategies to attract new members.

Communications Committee

Respectfully submitted by Clare Irwin

Members: Cheryl Ambrose, Heather Bailey, Cathy Farr, Clare Irwin (Chair) Joyce Johnson

The Committee published eight editions of the Guelph Line in 2015-6. In response to feedback from club members, we discontinued producing the newsletter as a MailChimp email and began creating it, in colour, as a Word document that was sent to members as a pdf email attachment. There are 12 club members who do not use email and they received a black and white printed copy of the newsletter by post. Joyce assisted Clare with the production of the newsletter in preparation for taking on the role of editor in 2016-7. In addition to the Guelph Line, our primary means of communication with club members was through the Gmail account (communicationscfuwguelph@gmail.com), which was managed by Clare.

Cathy Farr took responsibility for advertising and promoting club general meetings and other special events using free community calendars hosted by various media outlets and other organizations. These efforts to raise awareness of the club and what we do were augmented by Cheryl's activity and postings on the club's Facebook page and Twitter account.

Despite her many other commitments related to being the Regional Director for Ontario West, Cheryl completed the re-development of our web site (www.cfuwguelph.org) and made regular updates to the content, especially the home page which also features links to information on current advocacy and other community-oriented activities. During the year, Heather Bailey was recruited to assist Cheryl with updates to the web site and Heather will continue to handle this task when she takes over as chair of the Communications Committee in 2016-17.

I would like to thank all members of the committee for their contributions to a successful club year.

Advocacy Committee

Respectfully submitted by Isobel Boyle

Poverty Reduction Strategies:

- **Community Connection – Bridges Out of Poverty**
 - Monthly Pre meeting fund raising dinners to support *Circles* (weekly meeting of those in poverty and their mentors)
 - Meals for Circles group twice a year
 - Funding for Child Care Workers for Circles meetings
 - Representation on the guiding Coalition –the decision making body for the BOP program
- Presentation on CFUW initiatives to address poverty in our community and beyond to the Guelph Men's Club
- Attendance at Basic Income Forum in London Ontario

Education/Child Care

- Attendance at a forum hosted by the Association for ECE and Child Care Advocacy where lack of Child Care Policy was highlighted
- Attendance at Waterloo regional Council meeting regarding regional divestment of Child care spaces (decision reversed)

- Meeting with Liz Sandals MPP planned to discuss French Immersion, Aboriginal Curriculum and wages and working conditions of ECE s in full day kindergarten

Indigenous Issues

- Sponsored *We are All Treaty* Forum with Indigenous Elders talking about the truth and reconciliation recommendations
- Circulated the Kiaros petition calling for mandatory education in Aboriginal history
- Participated in the Sisters in Spirit Vigil

Women and Politics

- Preparation of an application for a Status of Women grant to address and support women in politics

Other Activities

- Presentation at the Ontario West Fall Gathering on taking a resolution to action
- Meeting with MP Lloyd Longfield and correspondence with Michael Chong
- With KW Club prepared resolution on FASD to be presented at the 2016 AGM
- Prepared and sponsored nomination of Guelph's former Mayor, Karen Farbridge for a senate position

Fundraising (for Scholarships)

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Kuczynski

The Textile Arts Interest group donated two beautiful handpainted quilts, one a lap sized and another a queen bed quilt, to be raffled off to raise money for scholarships. Raffle sales were launched at the 2015 AGM dinner at Cutten fields. Tickets were sold during the summer at the Quebec Street mall during Painting on the Green and Art on the Street. During the fall volunteers helped with ticket sales at our monthly meetings, the Royal City Quilters Guild, Ontario Council meetings, the Guelph Studio Tour, Stone Road Mall, as well as individual sales through club members. Ticket prices were \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. The final draw was held at our November meeting with one of our members winning the lap quilt. After expenses \$2945.77 was donated to the scholarship fund.

Archives

Respectfully submitted by Mary McEwen

The 70th year of our Club was marked by the Archives Committee with a display of records at the September meeting of some of the major Club activities during that time. Photos and programs from previous anniversaries were displayed along with the CFUW Charter from 1945. Also included were copies of the minutes of the first few meetings as written by Margaret Carlton, the Club's Charter Secretary and also signed by the Charter President, Florence Partridge. Both of these women remained active members into the 21st Century.

Minutes, membership lists and financial data plus records of special projects have been carefully kept since 1945. We have a 70 year tradition of contributing to the education of young women in Guelph and Wellington County! The winners' names can be found in our "fonds" at the Guelph Public Library. You can access part of the fonds online at the library's website.

Please contact any Executive or Archive Committee member if you would like to contribute items of historical interest.

Reports from Interest Groups

Arts and Entertainment

Respectfully submitted by Heather Bailey

Arts & Entertainment is a group of more than 20 CFUW Guelph members who plan movies, theatre and other events and attend those they are interested in and available to attend. We do not have regular meetings, but enjoy our post-movie discussions or getting to know each other when we travel to events further from Guelph. All members are welcome to suggest ideas that others might be interested in.

Any CFUW Guelph member may be added to our e-mail list and join us when the show/performance is of interest and works with their schedule.

Art Touring

Respectfully submitted by Heather Beecroft

Our group is always open to all members. Our numbers continue to grow as the year progresses.

Each art adventure is attended by only a few of the complete group. Sometimes a member suggests a tour or else we pick a date, time and place based on current shows. Our group hosted the Pre Meeting dinner for February 23, 2016. Many thanks to Melodie Wynne for her yummy salad to go along with the Laza's Eritrean food.

Some of the highlights are as follows: Christmas return visit to Carolyn Riddell's studio, Show Openings and lectures at the AGG, Christmas Open House at Blue Iris Studios, Visits to the Boarding House Gallery, visit to the Cambridge Galleries postponed due to Winter Flu[repeat in 2016 fall season], trip to Art Gallery of Hamilton for the women of Beaver Hall show, April, 2016 Kitchener Waterloo Gallery for Heather M. Beecroft's Lecture about Collecting ART both Inuit, First Nations and Canadian, Toronto trip to the Ontario Legislature to view their collection. Invited by KW CFUW club to join them in their visit to the Aga Khan Museum.

Suggestions continue to roll in from members. Consider joining us for 2016 -2017!

Book Discussion Groups

The CFUW Diverse Opinion Literary Society

Respectfully submitted by Marg Donaldson

The CFUW Diverse Opinion Literary Society has been meeting on the first Monday of each month, September to June, for twelve years. Many of the current members have attended this book club since it was formed.

These members include: Janet Fowler, Jeanette Dunke, Pearl Ho-Tai, Fran Holden, Gerda Charlton, Esther Devolin, Heather Bailey, Carol Bruce, Nancy Watson, Marg Donaldson, Mavis Johnson and Lynda Gilham. The booklist for 2015-2016 has included: Children Act(McEwan), Storied Life of AJ. Firky(Zevin), HIGH Road(Fallis), Husband's Secret(Moriarity) Left Neglected(Genova),

Nightingale(Hannah),Secret Daughter(Gowda), Longest Ride(Sparks), Mountain Story(Lansen). Our library liaison member Janet Fowler continues to coordinate our book sets with library personnel as soon as our yearly book selections are made in June.

Second Monday Book Group #1

Respectfully submitted by Gail Ranson

Another year of varied, sometimes controversial, challenging reading was shared by the 16 members, some who have been sharing the joy of reading for 25 years. Fiction dominated: The Night Stages, The Silent Wife, The Children's Act, The Truth about the Harry Quebert Affair and short stories in Suddenly a Knock on the Door. Non fiction selections included political and social issues: The Last Resort: A Memoir of Zimbabwe, Hard Choices by Hillary Clinton, Something Fierce:Memoir of a Revolutionary Daughter, and The Almost Nearly Perfect People.

The group offered support to members facing personal joy and grief. Highlights include an annual Stratford outing and cottage overnight to welcome summer.

Second Monday Book Group #2

Respectfully submitted by Virginia Gillham

The 'other' Second Monday book club has been meeting for more than 10 years; however with an evolving membership and only a few of the original members still involved. Books are chosen through electronic discussion and voting, and then the list is submitted to the Guelph Public Library who can almost always supply book sets. Meetings are in members' homes. Discussion is extremely informal and frequently strays from the main topic to other significant issues. The 2015/16 reading list consisted of:

- Urquhart: Night Stages
- Vaillant: The Golden Spruce
- Saucier: And the Birds Rained Down
- Raffan: Circling the Midnight Sun
- Zevin: The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry
- Doer: All the Light We Cannot See
- Thuy: Ru
- Atkinson: God in Ruins
- Mulroney: Middle Power. Middle Kingdom
- Sacks: On the Move. A Life

Third Monday Book Group

Respectfully submitted by Carole Stewart

This book group currently has nine members. It operates not in the usual manner of all members reading the same book, but rather a list of topics around a single theme is organized each fall (for example, this year we are doing literary genres, in a past year we did sources of immigration into Canada) and each member chooses their own reading on the topic.

First Thursday Afternoon Book Discussion Group

Respectfully submitted by Connie Valeriotte

Our 12 members read a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction from September to May.

Meetings are held in members' homes. This year's choices included **A Moveable Feast, The Paris Wife, Longbourne, All the Light We Cannot See, Quartet in Autumn, Major Pettigrew's Last Stand, The Spark, 17 Carnations, and Heretic.** We use the Guelph Public library's book group resources to provide us with our selections.

Book Exchange

Respectfully submitted by Virginia Gillham

Ideally, groups of this nature consist of between 8 and 10 members (one for each month during which the group is active). The group chooses the same number of titles as there are members. Group members share the cost of the books. A geographically logical exchange sequence is drafted based on home addresses and books are passed to the next person on the list at the beginning of each month. Members keep the last book they receive at the end of the rotation sequence.

In 2015/16 there were eight participants in this group, though never more than seven simultaneously. We were devastated, in January, by the death of Helen Coates. Joanne MacKinnon, who had been a participant last year, rejoined the group after Helen's death. Members in 2015-16 were: Helen Coates. Marilyn Crooks. Virginia Gillham. Nicki Groenwegen. Jalene Lumb. Joanne MacKinnon. Morag (Whale) McMillan. Connie Valeriotte.

Titles selected for 2015-16 were:

- Trudeau. Common Ground
- George. Little Paris Bookshop
- Hill. The Illegal
- Iverleigh. Great Reformer
- Hay. His whole life
- McLaren. A Better Man
- Walls. Half Broke Horses

Bridge Clubs

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Gilham-Fagan

No report for 2015 – 2016; from 2014 – 2015: Thank you to all bridge club members for the continued support of your bridge group. At the present time we have one duplicate bridge group and three groups of contract bridge players.

We are always in need of spare players. If you are interested, please consider adding your name to the list in September.

Bruce Trail Hikers

Respectfully submitted by Teresa McKeeman

Typically, our hiking group hits the Bruce Trail from early April until November/December each year. During the winter months we maintain our schedule and fitness by tackling local trails. The unpredictable weather this winter has made this somewhat challenging – as I write this on April 4th

the landscape is covered with ice and snow after such a promising start to spring. We have hiked in -30° degree and 30°+. Every hike has been worth it. We have now covered more than 600 km. of the 885 km. trail.

We recently met with a new group of CFUW members who are interested in hiking the trail. We were able to share pictures, stories and tips to help them prepare. The ideal group size is between 4-5 members to share driving and to have a vehicle at the start and end of the hike. Some of the lessons we have learned include making sure you have the keys for the end car before starting out, having whistles and a code to find members who may wander from the trail and checking the Bruce Trail website for updates regarding trail conditions, detours and closures. Luckily we learn quickly, we have not made the same mistake twice. We are happy to share advice with anyone wanting to hike the trail. Members wishing to try out the trail on an occasional hike are welcome to join us when there is space.

Cycling

Respectfully submitted by Mary McEwen

June 2015 – Our trip to the Laurentian Mountains north of Montreal, Quebec was very successful. Ten cyclists rode the length of the Provincial Linear Trail called “Le Petit Train du Nord” for four days, staying in lovely B&Bs along the way. The trip was described in the September 22, 2015 Guelph Line under “Interest Group News” (click on: <http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=bb51073476d1e26e05227b205&id=79e53658ba>) The newsletter article also contains a link to the slide show.

Autumn 2015 – we organized rides twice a week, Tuesdays and Fridays. Our member list has 23 names; usual number of cyclists was four to seven. We covered our favourite rides within the city, e.g., to Hanlon Creek park in the south and the RRT to Victoria Road in the north east. We completed the Kissing Bridge Trail from Guelph to Millbank in both directions over three outings. We also travelled to Toronto to the Waterfront Trail from Etobicoke to Cherry Beach and return.

Spring 2016 got underway on April 29th and is scheduled to continue on Tuesdays and Fridays. Plans are to do longer rides on some of the rail trails in our area in preparation for 13 members to complete a four-day trip from Guelph to ports on the shore of Lake Erie and return in June.

Exploring Music Groups

First Exploring Music Group

Respectfully submitted by Paulette Cote

The program for the year was to explore Baroque Music (1600-1750) in the Fall, and Classical Music (1750-1810) in Winter/Spring 2016. Thanks to our scholar, Dr. Mary Woodside, we were introduced to these two periods via music of Corelli, Vivaldi, Handel, and Bach, and for Classical Music, composers Hayden, Mozart, and Beethoven. Members of the group took turn leading the discussion on favourite works of these composers. Our program next year will continue the historical development of music periods, Romantic Music (1810-1910), and Twentieth-Century Music (from 1900 on).

The “Exploring Music” group provided snacks for the CFUW November 24 meeting social.

In the last months, we were informed that a second music group had been formed. I met with Clare Irwin, the initiator of the new group. We had a fruitful discussion on potential events that might bring both groups together.

Second Exploring Music (Music Appreciation) Group

Respectfully submitted by Clare Irwin (Acting Convenor)

A second Music Appreciation interest group was established last fall (the first being at capacity). The initiative grew out of a conversation between members of the Executive and several new members of the club who were attending the new members' reception and expressed interest in being part of a music group. An email announcing the formation of the new group was sent to all club members and of the 12 members who expressed interest, eight have become regular participants.

Mary Woodside who is very active in the "first" group came to our first meeting and shared ideas and activities enjoyed by her group. Since then, we have met on a (roughly) monthly basis mostly in the homes of members. Some of the group also attended a performance by the Cambridge Symphony, in which Ruth Cooke, a member of the group, performs as a violist. Ruth led several of our meetings with a talk on the music to be played at the aforementioned concert and another on humour in music. At another meeting, members shared recordings of their favourite pieces of music. We are looking forward to more musical outings and sharing our enjoyment of all types of music in 2016-7.

Gardening

Respectfully submitted by Joyce Johnson

The CFUW Guelph Gardening Group had an active year in 2015/16. We meet the third Monday of the month, nine months of the year. Four of the meetings were home hosted, to tour member's gardens or enjoy guest speakers. The topics this year were "Putting the Garden to Bed" with Master Gardener Robert Pavlis, the "Trial Gardens at the University of Guelph" with Rodger Tschantz and "History of English Landscape Design" with Margaret Hull. The remaining meetings were outings and included tours of area gardens or nurseries, tour of the newly opened Royal City Nursery and the Galt Horticultural Society Dream Garden conference. In November we enjoyed an evening of festive wreath / seasonal greens arranging which is always popular.

Our membership has grown slightly but the increased numbers were easily handled. This is an enjoyable evening learning and sharing time with a congenial group of women who have a common interest and a breadth of gardening experience.

Hiking

Respectfully submitted by Carole Stewart

This group operates for three months each in the fall and spring. It has a nominal membership of over 50, but attendance is usually about 12. We hike both in trails around the city and out in further flung areas, such as parts of the Bruce Trail, the Grand River Conservation Area and the RBG in Hamilton. Each season usually ends with a potluck meal.

Lunch and Chat

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Macrea

The lunch and chat group meets for lunch monthly and then goes to a member's house for tea after. At this point, they are not looking for new members. See the Blue Book for the convenors contact information.

Scrabble Groups

First Monday Scrabble

Respectfully submitted by Linda Hathorn

Words, letters, consonants, vowels! Always a challenge, always fun!

We met the first Monday of the month from October until May with our annual Christmas gathering in December.

Second Wednesday Scrabble

Respectfully submitted by the group; regular convenor TBA

We meet the second Wednesday of the month for second rate Scrabble and top rate fun. It's great to learn new words and laugh so hard your sides hurt the next day. No meetings July and August.

Scribblers

Respectfully submitted by Sylvia Grant

Scribblers is a writing group made up of twelve people. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm. Each month we pick a topic for the following month which the group members might or might not choose to use. When we meet, we read our writings aloud and attempt to give constructive feedback to each other. It is a friendly and supportive group and we welcome new members.

Textile Arts

Respectfully submitted by Jean Julian

The Textile Arts Group met 8 times this year to learn new techniques and work on individual or group projects. Highlights of the year were 2 quilt retreats. At the September retreat held at Joanne Oldridge's cottage the group completed 2 comfort quilts for the Guelph General Hospital sexual trauma unit using the "quilt as you go" method. The March retreat was held at the Creiff Retreat Centre where each person worked on her own projects. Fibre artist, Millie Cummings, attended one of our meetings to discuss and show her impressive work. A video featuring the work of various textile artists, a "lesson" on how to make a cushion top using men's silk ties, and "show and share" meetings where members show and discuss their current projects encouraged members to "think outside the box" and try new ideas.