

The Guelph Line

March 2010

CFUW Guelph

June Ayhart, President

CFUW Guelph is an organization of women graduates living in Guelph and Wellington County with a mandate to enhance the status of women and girls, promote education and encourage member participation in their communities. The Guelph club currently has nearly 200 members; new members are always welcome.

Club activities and membership details are available online: www.cfuwguelph.on.ca.



President's Message



Guelph's Local Membership Dues

We do have a first-rate membership! Thank you to all who brought food donations to the February meeting with Sister Christine and heard her informative and inspiring message. Thank you also to the many members who participated in, and helped with, the celebration at the Bookshelf on International Women's Day. We had a great turnout to meet the authors and artists and raised \$310 to go to Care Canada for Haiti relief.

Spring returning yet again reminds us that change is inevitable. At the February general meeting, Treasurer Elaine Koopmans presented three options for a draft budget for next year, some of which require an increase in membership dues. A copy of the material will be sent to all members and there will be an opportunity to discuss this further at the March meeting, in preparation for a vote at the May AGM.

Also, please make sure to attend the March meeting so that you can vote on the proposed changes to the club's by-laws that we have discussed in recent months.

Happy Spring!
June

Condolences



CFUW Guelph expresses deepest sympathy to Pat McRaid and her family on the recent death of her mother.

We also send our condolences to Barbara Gutsell and her family on the recent death of Barbara's husband Bernard.

March General Meeting

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Guelph

7:45 pm Business Meeting

Program

Refreshments* and Social

"Preparing for the Sandwich Years"



Tim Eastwood, CFP, CIM, FCSI, Associate Investment Advisor, will be presenting "Preparing for the Sandwich Years." The "Sandwich Years" can be an enormously demanding and stressful period in our lives when we care for our children (and/or grandchildren) and parents (and/or grandparents) at the same time. While this is not a gender-specific issue, statistics show that women tend to bear the majority of the responsibility in this role. Tim will be discussing the financial, emotional and practical issues that are common to this stage of life, and he will provide resources and ideas that will help you as you navigate through the challenges that lie ahead.

*Please bring your own mug!



Interest Group Announcements

Virtual Book Discussion Group

In March - April there will be two discussion groups reading novels by Michael Ondaatje. One group will read *Divisadero* (2007); the other, *In the Skin of a Lion* (1987). All CFUW Guelph members are invited to join one or both of these groups. We will read the book(s) in March and begin the overall discussion in early April. However, you are welcome to initiate communication at any point during the process.

Please contact Carol Dilworth cdilworth@golden.net if you would like to participate in any of these online discussions.

Tea & Treasures

March 25th Home of Nancy Litwak

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A Royal Gala

To mark the 65th anniversary of CFUW Guelph in 2010, we are planning a "Royal Gala" to be held at The Guelph Country Club, 133 Woodlawn Rd East on Tuesday, May 25 at 5:30 pm. The evening will be a fundraising event for our Scholarship Fund and both current and former members are invited to attend. Dr Cate Dewey, Chair of the Department of Population Medicine at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph and founder of the Children of Bukati project in Western Kenya will speak on "Women Empowering Women: At Home and Abroad"

The banquet will feature Marché-style food stations, a concept centered around fresh foods prepared to order in full view of guests at themed food stations, thus ensuring guest satisfaction and menu creativity. So visit the food stations, pick your ingredients and watch Executive Chef, Sheldon McInnis and his team prepare your dinner. Stations will include salads (choice of three), pasta (choice of pasta, sauce, vegetables, spices, chicken or beef) and stir fry (choice of vegetables, spices, sauce, rice or noodles, chicken or beef) followed by tea, coffee and strawberry shortcake served at your table. Members with mobility issues will be assisted at the food stations.

Tickets are \$50 with a \$10 tax receipt.

Tickets are available from Linda Hathorn (519 824 6135) , Sylvia Grant (519 823 5045) , Susan Anthony (519 821 6095) or at the March and April general meetings.

Cheques are preferred and tickets should be purchased before May 18

Scholarship Moments

In answer to queries from members about the scholarships we award:

Our club awards \$5,700 in scholarships each year:

- \$3,500 to women students at the University of Guelph, based on academic achievement:
 - the \$2,000 science undergraduate award and \$1,000 graduate fine art award come from the annual membership fee (\$5 from each member) and individual donations;
 - the new \$500 nutritional science undergraduate award comes from the interest on the Endowment Fund. The fund now stands at \$24,350, accumulated from generous individual donations over more than a decade;
- \$1,200 in bursaries to women students at Conestoga College, based on need;
- \$500 to the Kiwanis Music Festival to recognize promising young women studying music;
- \$500 to a budding female musician chosen by the Edward Johnson Music Foundation.

Ann Middleton, Chair, Scholarship Committee



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