

CFUW Guelph

June Ayrhart, President

The CFUW Mission

- Improve the status of women and girls; work for human rights and peace;
- Support education, life-long learning and research;
- Encourage graduate women, associate members and students to place their education and professional training at the service of the local, national and international community;
- Work in concert with IFUW, a global network of women working for social change.

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

President's Message



Many thanks to all of you who participated in the pre-meeting dinners. We had fun and raised a total of \$662.04 to be put toward supporting a worthwhile effort beyond our own club. Please read the material submitted by the Project Advisory Team (p 2,3) and decide if you wish to support the project they are recommending.

Our May AGM is planned to be a wonderful opportunity to socialize before the summer. Make sure you attend the meeting first and then enjoy a great meal. A bonus is you get to hear the Honourable Laurel Broten MPP, Minister of Children and Youth Services and Minister responsible for Women's Issues' talk about things near to our collective heart: Ontario's Mental Health Strategy and the move of child care from the Ministry of Children and Youth to the Ministry of Education. The evening will conclude with an entertaining talk by our guest speaker Eric Coates, Artistic Director of the Blyth Festival.

Have a wonderful summer, but, make sure you renew your membership before it ends. We want to see you all back here happy and healthy in September.

June Ayrhart



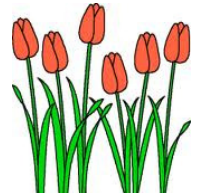
Annual General Meeting and Dinner

May 24, 2011
Guelph Country Club

- 5:00 Social
- 5:30 AGM
- 6:30 Dinner - Marché Style
- 7:30 Comments from Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of Children and Youth Services and Minister Responsible for Women's Issues.
- 8:00 Guest Speaker
Eric Coates, Artistic Director Blyth Festival
"The Arts: Why Bother? or How the Swineherd Learned to Sing"

Cost: \$45.

Tickets are still available, please contact Christine Chapman by email or phone on or before **May 15, 2011** to reserve your seat.



Last month, at our April meeting, the amusing and knowledgeable **Dr. Kevin James** explained the parallels and disconnects between popular history and academic history and introduced us to the ancestors in his attic.

[A Message from the National Board](#)

[Call for Discussion on the DRAFT National Strategic Plan 2010 - 2015](#)

This year, one of the goals of the National Board has been to revise our strategic plan and begin to set some concrete goals for activities. We would welcome your input and comments either by email or at the AGM on this draft document. It is an intended agenda item for adoption at the post AGM board meeting so we would appreciate feedback by that time. The strategic plan needs to meet the needs of the members. It is based on the questionnaires completed by members as well as information from previous discussion forums.

Please contact June Ayrhart for a copy of the plan and let June know if you are interested in meeting to help review and give feedback on the plan.

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A Report from the **Scholarship Committee**



Kaitlynn Hannaberg, a third year student in the Bachelor of Statistics program at the University of Guelph, was this year's winner of the undergraduate science scholarship of \$2,000. In addition to her academic achievements, Kaitlynn plays with the University of Guelph women's rugby team, has volunteered with high school and special olympics sporting activities and this summer plans to travel to Costa Rica with a local church group to help build a school. Kaitlynn has lived in Guelph all her life and is a graduate of Bishop Macdonell High School.

Kaitlynn is shown with club president June Ayhrhart and scholarship committee chair Ann Middleton.

The winner of the 2011 CFUW Guelph Master of Fine Art (MFA) \$1,000 scholarship is **Dawn Johnston**. Dawn, who comes from Acton, is currently finishing her Master of Fine Art in the prestigious limited enrolment program at the University of Guelph. She completed a Bachelor of Fine Art at the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design in Vancouver. She has a show at the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre in Guelph from May 12th to July 3rd as part of the Emerging Artists Series. In her work, Dawn deals with storytelling through objects that have historical, social and cultural significance.

These awards to University of Guelph students, and the graduate scholarship in human nutrition worth \$500, are part of the club's \$6,100 annual scholarship, bursary and music award program. It is hoped that our generous members will help us increase the value of the smaller scholarships over the next few years. Low interest rates have curtailed the expansion of the awards program.

CFUW Guelph Project Proposal Recommendation April 2011

Background:

CFUW Guelph Executive asked that a committee be formed to develop the format for project proposal submission, and the criteria to be used for selecting project(s) that would be presented to CFUW Guelph members for support. Heather Bailey, Isobel Boyle and Melodie Wynne formed this committee in 2010-11.

A call for proposals, including the selection criteria, was e-mailed to all CFUW Guelph members who have e-mail addresses in our system, and was also posted on the CFUW Guelph website. The initial deadline was extended to April 15, 2011 after concerns were received from members about the short timeline. Five project proposals were submitted and reviewed by the committee.

Recommendation:

The committee recommends that the CFUW Guelph members sponsor a female Tanzanian student to attend secondary school for one year, through The Kanga Project <<http://thekangaproject.org/>>. The total cost would be approx \$300.00 per year. Although funding would be approved for one year, this could be continued if the project was submitted and approved in future years. Ideal support would see a student sponsored for all 4 years of high school. Please see the following website for an overview of the charity by The Charity Commission, an organization that registers and regulates UK charities.

<http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Showcharity/RegisterOfCharities/CharityWithoutPartB.aspx?RegisteredCharityNumber=1119375&SubsidiaryNumber=0>

Rationale for acceptance:

Although 3 projects met the defined criteria, the decision to recommend this particular project was based on a further assessment of the risks and benefits of each project. The grassroots partner, Rural Women Development Association (RWDA) is an organization that appears to have a well established structure and strong community connections which would lower any risk to our funding. It was also noted that other students would benefit from this support through the use of shared resources such as textbooks. Although the requested funding is minimal, we think that it would be valuable to see success before expanding our commitment beyond one year.

CFUW Guelph Project Proposals

submitted by June Ayrhart (I will also Champion any of these.)

All New Projects	Achieve in Africa http://www.achievein africa.org	The Kanga Project http://thekangaproject.org/	Caring for Congolese Children http://congolesechildren.org.uk
Meeting CFUW goals	Education by building schools	Secondary Education	Education, food, hygienic facilities and water.
What the group does & where	Builds Classrooms in Olasiti, Tanzania.	Supports women and girls in their fight against gender discrimination through scholarships supporting education in Ilongero, Tanzania.	Assists children suffering from malnutrition, diseases and lack of education in the Democratic Republic of Congo, by providing scholarships to very poor children who might otherwise be unable to attend school.
Time / money and materials	\$20 = 2 packages of cement \$40 = 1 multi-student desk and 1 table \$100 = window glass used to make 5 windows \$200 = 14 watt panel needed to run 2 solar panels \$5,000 = A classroom	£15 (\$24) a month (approx. \$300/yr) sponsors a girl so that she can get a full secondary education .	£25 (\$40) annually to become a member of Caring for Congolese Children and thereby help fund our work. Contribute to our general Education Fund which supports DRC schools and their pupils.

All New Projects	Malawi Orphan Care Trust Fund http://www.malawiorphancare.org/	The Valentino Achak Deng Foundation http://www.valentinoachakdeng.org/girlseducation.php
Meeting CFUW goals	Secondary & Tertiary Education, &/or help to care for young orphans.	Secondary Education
What the group does & where	Assists orphans and vulnerable children in Malawi to access secondary and tertiary education and; promotes awareness and understanding of global development issues in schools around the world.	Supports and educates Southern Sudan's future women leaders at Marial Bai Secondary School.
Time / money and materials	\$10 covers school fees at a Community Day Secondary School for one student for one term. \$40 covers the cost of Boarding school (where they get 3 meals a day) for one student for one term (\$120/year)	\$300 provides a girl's scholarship for a year \$5,000 pays a teacher's salary for one year