



Canadian Federation of University Women

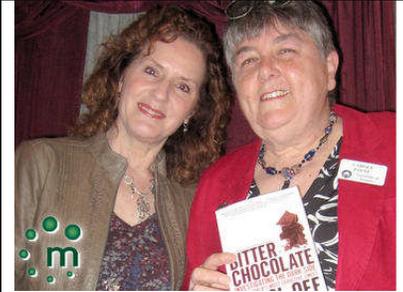
The Northumberland Network

September 2011

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Bitter Chocolate Author a Sweet Success!

Carol Off, co-host of CBC's "As It Happens" was the guest speaker at CFUW-Northumberland's May 12th scholarship luncheon. The event at the Best Western in Cobourg attracted over 190 members and guests. With the theme, "Women and War", Carol related some of her experiences in Afghanistan and Africa, and the insight she gained about the bonds that unite us. (Photo courtesy Metroland)



Carol Off with Carole Payne



Many thanks to our Town of Cobourg Councillors (Larry Sherwin, Miriam Mutton, John Henderson & Donna Todd) for their support! Thanks to Rotary for hosting the Scholarship Recipients.

Head Table:
Carol Off (speaker/author/ radio host), Carole Payne, Programme Chair, Karin Wells (CBC) introduced speaker Barbara-Jean Taylor thanked speaker Ruth Kerr, as VP and chair of luncheon committee, was emcee for the event.



Our banner! And members admiring archival display table with Ruth Kerr

Cecilia Barber collects prize on winner's behalf... a signed copy of Carol's book Bitter Chocolate.



List of winners on page 8



Carol Off "Women in War" "The glue that binds women is our shared sense of humour and our shared sense of pain," she said. "It's the universal language."

Our Focus.....

- Fellowship and support
- Educational, cultural, and social issues
- Special Interest groups
- Scholarship programs for secondary students

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Action Advocacy Education

President's Report

From the President's Desk:

Welcome all!

We are heading towards our 21st birthday, always a significant milestone for my generation. Let's make it a special year for our Club too.

While the friendships, interest group activities, speakers, and social gatherings are key to many members' enjoyment of CFUW-N, what keeps our club going is the work, often behind the scenes, of the volunteers on the Executive. Any president absolutely depends on these women for a myriad of tasks, as well as on their ideas and participation in decision-making. I would therefore like to use this column to recognize them for giving so generously of their time and talents.

I would first like to thank those women who "retired" from the Executive last June:

Helen Banfield, Pat Hoisak Eva Nichols, Linda Nicol, Carole Payne, Sandra Reisch, and Honor Shepley.

Between them they represent many, many years of volunteer service to all of us. So, **thank you!!**

Next, I want to thank those women who are **continuing** on the Executive.

***Jan Howard** will be our **Past President**. I am hoping to continue to count on her to keep me on track. I am not used to having to remember *everything*. I have been spoiled.

***Ruth Kerr**, our **Program** chair, has already led her committee very ably over the summer and has everything already lined up. Bravo!

***Charlotte Majic** will continue overseeing our **Awards** Program. A retired public school educator, she is very well suited for this. Charlotte is also an energetic community activist.

***Patricia McCaw** will continue in **Communications**. We are very pleased to have her considerable design skills on our team.

***Christine Sharp** is our amazing **Secretary**

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whose minutes are both complete and succinct. She too is active in the community in a variety of ways.

And, last but not least, I would like to welcome our **new** Executive members.

*The job of **Vice President** will be shared by **Monica Sheridan** and **Elizabeth Walker**. Both are still very much in the working world, so sharing the job is a good idea.

*Our **Social** convenor will be **Sharon Holmes**. I am sure we can continue to look forward to treats and good meals at our meetings.

*This **Newsletter** was produced by our new editor, **Nancy Fairweather**, another working woman, with novel writing talents too!

***Virginia Mair** will handle **Membership**. Ask her about her travels.

***Interest Groups** will be overseen by **Sandra Parcher**, among other things, one of the TEAM volunteers for our club. She loves, not in this order, Muskoka, sewing, swimming, travelling, visiting friends and seeing her grandchildren.

*Our **Treasurer** will be **Lynn Patry**, who has very generously agreed to do the job although she is moving closer to Toronto. Thank goodness for computers!

And so we are setting off with a fresh Executive, many of whom are recent members as well. I appreciate and applaud their willingness to step up to the plate, to learn about and carry out the work that is needed to keep our club humming along. I hope all of you will get to know these women.

We are all looking forward to greeting you at our **first General Meeting** on **September 12, 7:30 p.m. at Port Hope High School**.

Together we can make this a wonderful year for CFUW-Northumberland!

~Margaret Schroeder, President

The Fall Program ~

Programme Committee –Summary for 2011-2012

Please note our meeting time: Of course, you are welcome to come a little earlier to catch up with friends, and please consider bringing friends who may be interested in joining us!

General Meetings: first Monday of the month at **7:30 p.m.**

Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 Port Hope High School Library | **Jan. 9, Feb. 6, March 5** Cobourg East High School Library

Thanks to a team effort from CFUW members, Jane Davis, Ruth Kerr (chair), Catherine Lees, Carole Payne and Barb Winfield, the upcoming year's schedule has been established. We hope that our selections interest you and that you will encourage friends to attend too. As usual, the Fall meetings take place at Port Hope High School and the others at Cobourg East Collegiate.

Sept. 12/11 – **“Getting Acquainted”**

Marguerite Dorrity, Pat Page Hoisak, Monica Sheridan, Elizabeth Walker – a brief sharing of members' interests

Oct. 3/11 – **“Exploring the Complexity of Poverty in Northumberland County”** – Open Public Panel in the PHHS Lecture Hall

Hunger– Adam Hudson - dietician at the Port Hope Community Health Centre

Homelessness – Diane Keast CEO of Transition House in Cobourg, a shelter for people who are homeless in Northumberland County

Community Response – Sam Majic – volunteer with Greenwood Tower project, St. Vincent de Paul Society , Rebound

Response of Our Justice System – Deb O'Connor – 30-year local poverty activist/advocate for Northumberland County

Nov. 7/11 – **Speaker –Tinie Evans**

-advocate for the Stephen Lewis Foundation's “Grandmothers to Grandmothers” campaign supporting children in Africa orphaned by AIDS

Jan. 9/12 – Speaker – Megan Dersnah

- “Gender Violence” – how it is addressed in post-conflict transition to peace

Feb. 6/12 – **Panel of CFUW-Northumberland members**

-summaries of CFUW's standing committees of Education, Status of Women, Legislation – from workshop presentations in October/January, including personal response of members to issues

Mar. 5/12 – **Speaker – Joanne Bonnebaker**

- co-founder of “The Learning Connection”

May Luncheon – Thursday, May 10, 2012 – **Speaker – Gill Deacon**

-environmental advocate, well-known broadcaster, author of “There's Lead in Your Lipstick”
(Look for a complete summary in our next newsletter.)

CFUW-N Presents

“Exploring the Complexity of Poverty in Northumberland County”

Panel Discussion By:

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This is an **OPEN MEETING** at the Port Hope High School. Bring your friends who are considering joining CFUW-N.

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December 5th or 6th we will have our Annual Christmas/Holiday Gathering.

Please mark your calendars and plan to enjoy some good company and good food!

Also, keep an eye out for a special recipe you'd like to try for the party...



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Apr 2nd Resolutions Meeting – location TBA

Thursday, May 10, 2012 – May Luncheon –

Speaker – **Gill Deacon**, environmental advocate, well-known broadcaster, author of “There’s Lead in Your Lipstick”

Throw all your change in a jar, you won't want to miss getting your ticket for this event!

June 4th AGM – location TBA

Notices:

MEMBERS:

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO BRING A **BOTTLE OF JUICE** OR SOME **BAKED GOODS** TO THE MEETINGS. PLEASE SIGN THE VOLUNTEER SHEET IF YOU COULD HELP OUT IN THIS WAY.

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Last December's Christmas party was also our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party, and we went 'all out'. This year will be a scaled back, but equally enthusiastic end-of-year gathering. Would any of you be willing to offer the use of your home? All set-up and clean-up is cared for by pre-arranged volunteers. Thank you in advance for considering this.

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It has been a beautiful summer, with many activities happening locally. We look forward to hearing about your summer:

was it an action packed adventure, or a peaceful rejuvenation?

Please submit brief accounts of moments you enjoyed for the Fall Newsletter!

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Visit to Niagara



Storm damage from Microburst



Enjoying the scenery



Photos by N Fairweather

*Remember: Our emailed newsletter arrives as a colour PDF file!  
~Easy to open, easy to read! ~*

# Special Interest Groups

Take a look at some of the things that our Special Interest Groups have been doing this year. This is a great way to meet other ladies and get the most out of membership in CFUW. Try some of them out!

**Interest Group Convenor:**  
**Sandra Parcher 905-885-8333**  
*Please call me with your special interests!*

**CFUW-N** Below is the list of the current groups. Please do call a convenor prior to 1<sup>st</sup> meeting if you have any questions about a particular group. **On September 12th there will be signup sheets and contact persons available to assist you.** If a group size becomes too unwieldy, we will start a new list, so indicate on the signup sheet if you are willing to be a convenor of an offshoot, should we need one. If you cannot attend the meeting, please call the contact person to indicate your continuing interest in the group. Some groups that need to be limited in size, for example, the luncheon groups or the bridge groups may be happy to have people who can substitute, especially during the winter.

**ANTIQUERS** meet the 2nd Tues of each month at 2 p.m. in members' homes, to share a love of something old or treasured or collectible. New members are most welcome.  
Contact **Dorothy De Lisle 905-373-1549**

**BOOK EXCHANGE 1** Members meet monthly from Sept - June. Books selected at Sept meeting. Members read 10 books for price of 1! Contact **Marilyn Harris 905-373-7024**

**BOOK EXCHANGE 2** Members each buy a book and circulate it among members.  
Contact **Kathy Upper 905-372-9361**

**BOOK DISCUSSION** Meets at 7:30 on the 2nd Thur each month at members' homes for review and discussion. This year's selection: That Summer in Franklin, The Forgotten Waltz, Sanctuary Love, The Charming Quirks of Others, Annabel, Brooklyn, Foreign Bodies, Best Laid Plans, Secret Daughter, Favourite Biography. Contact **Anne Tesluk 905-885-8279**

**BRIDGE 1** Meets Mondays at 1:30 at members' homes. We welcome new members.  
Contact **May Anderson 905-372-6602**

**BRIDGE 2** Two tables meet Wednesday at 1:30. We welcome spares.  
Contact **Marian Boys 905-373-8802**

**BRIDGE 3** (Advanced players) Meet Thursday evening. New experienced players are welcome.  
Contact **Eva Nichols 905-377-9454**

**COUPLES GOURMET** Dinners held on 3rd Sat of the month at member's homes. 4 couples meet & share in meal prep & costs. "Couples" means 'a member and her guest'. Rotation through the various homes gives all a chance to cook different items & socialize with other CFUW members, spouses, partners

& friends. Those unable to commit through the fall-winter are invited to sign "substitutes list" to ensure parties of 8.  
Contact **Pat Hoisak 905-372-2089**

**DISCUSSION GROUP** (Formerly called the **Focus Group**) Last year we shared technological expertise, learned about brain research, producing and directing plays, and promoting & marketing business, and more, as chosen by the participants.  
Contact **Charlotte Majic 905-885-5887**

**EATING OUT** Members get together to sample local restaurants either at lunch time or in the evening.  
Contact **Louise Stevenson 905-352-2556**

**ISSUES AND ADVOCACY** This is helping in the TEAM program at CDCI East HS Cbg. Members either work directly with the young women and their babies (tutoring, driving to doctor's appointments, tending to and playing with babies) or support the program by providing toiletries, diapers etc.  
Contact **Margaret Schroeder 905-372-8087**

**LUNCHEON GROUPS** Members take turns preparing food and hosting luncheon at each other's homes. Participation is restricted to available seating room.

**GROUP 1-** 4th Thursday each month  
Contact **Marilyn Harris 905-373-7024**

**GROUP 2** 3rd Thursday of each month  
Contact **Helen Banfield 905-372-7120**

**GROUP 3** Contact **Kay Nicholas 905-372-2863**

**GROUP 4** 3rd Thursday each month  
Contact **Joan Prlja 905-373-1432**

**RESOLUTIONS** This is a new group interested in looking into the process and development involved in writing a Resolution to present to CFUW chapters for discussion.  
Contact **Vivian Vanden Hazel 905-372-0618**

**JAUNTERS** Meets monthly for theatre productions, visits museums, local attractions such as wineries, exhibitions etc. Participants are contacted each month with details as to upcoming destinations and details. Participants must RSVP. Carpooling encouraged - payment to driver required.  
Contact **Janette Johnston 905-373-1432**

**WALKERS** Seeking New Leader! The group hikes various scenic trails in Northumberland. Previously met at 9:30am Tues throughout the fall and spring, weather permitting.  
**Pat Hoisak** has offered to be a co-convenor if someone else will share the responsibility with her. Pat's number is **905-372-2089**.

# Members' Corner

☆ *This is OUR page... submissions welcome!  
See Page 8 for details*

More on the Fundraising Luncheon:  
The Grand Entry!



Lunch!

The Avid Reader ladies  
display Carol's books



Judy Knight displays 1 of 5  
centerpieces donated by  
Pine Ridge Nursery



It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves, especially our guests! More pics and info at SNAP here:  
[http://www.snapnorthumberlandwest.com/index.php?option=com\\_sngevents&id%5B%5D=98625](http://www.snapnorthumberlandwest.com/index.php?option=com_sngevents&id%5B%5D=98625)

Or here:

<http://www.northumberlandnews.com/news/article/1009437--cbc-radio-hosts-shares-stories-of-women-and-war>

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Our June get together and dinner at Palisades:



CFUW-N Bulletins!



Introducing new Executive members



Enjoying dinner & talk



Hostess Brenda



The Spread!

We wish to thank Palisade Gardens for their warm welcome and lovely rooms.

## Regional, National, and International News

It is with great sadness we have heard of the loss of Mr. Jack Layton, leader of Canada's Official Opposition Party, the NDP. We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of this dedicated individual, who didn't just talk, but 'walked the walk'. May he rest in peace.

*The following tributes were posted on CFUWs facebook:*

by member **Liette Michaud:**

The 500 members in the five clubs that constitute the Quebec Provincial Council of clubs affiliated to the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) were saddened to hear the news of Mr. Jack Layton's death yesterday. As we are a non-partisan group, we do not endorse the policies of the NDP. However, we do acknowledge that we share common values: striving for social equity and justice, respect for the environment and the quest for peace. The motto of the CFUW is as follows: "The right to speak; the responsibility to act". Mr. Layton's posthumous letter was eloquent in that regard. It will be important to continue to vigorously support these values especially when Parliament resumes as the members of the Official Opposition have less experience. As Mr. Layton's voice has been extinguished, let's unite our voices and roll up our sleeves as we work towards creating a future full of hope for our country.

**By member [Susan Russell](#)**

Today Canada lost a leader and a fine human being. In his letter to Canadians before he died I think we can all learn something - across party lines - and this is what he said: *My friends, love is better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair. So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic. And we'll change the world.*

### From CFUW- Week in Review

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> was **Sam Spady's** last day as Advocacy Coordinator. She will be missed, and we wish her well in her future endeavors. **Tara Fischer** will be taking over the position, and looks forward to working with all of you.

CFUW National President, Brenda Wallace wrote a [letter](#) to the Minister of International Trade urging the Government of Canada to ban the mining, use, and export of all forms of asbestos. The issue resurfaced in the media this week with articles in [the Toronto Star](#), [CBC news](#), the [Globe and Mail](#), and several other news sources.

### Interesting in light of last year's talk:

*New Documentary: Africa Rising*

This controversial documentary highlights the failure of Western policies towards Africa, asking whether it is time to reconsider the role of Western aid workers on the continent. It takes an in depth look at how one rural community in Ethiopia is taking steps to rise out of poverty.

### From CFUW Ontario Council:

**JUNE 8, 2011**

As a follow up to the Ontario Council AGM 2011 conference, Taking Off the Blinders, CFUW Oakville has created a blog where information can be posted concerning poverty in Ontario and work that CFUW clubs are doing.

Blog Address to be announced.

All the slides from the conference have been posted.

<http://cfuwpovertyinontario.wordpress.com/>

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### The 2011 AGM of the Canadian Federation of University Women August 4 – 6 St. John's, NF

Greetings were extended from the Region, by Karen Dunnett, Atlantic Vice President and from Joyce Noseworthy, the St. John's Club, hosts for the AGM. *The Minister of the Status of Women for NF, Susan Sullivan, brought greeting from the Premier, Kathy Dunderdale, and quoted the Premier as saying 'Women are tired of knocking on the door, asking to be let in; they are now knocking the door down.'*

### Brenda Wallace, president of CFUW, opened the AGM

She announced that CFUW had given over \$1,000,000 in scholarships across the country this year and had a goal of establishing a \$100,000 endowment for the 100th Birthday celebration.

She also announced that the establishment of CFUW had been recognized as an event of national historic significance, and that one of our early members, Alice E Wilson, had been recognized as a person of national significance.

# ENDNOTES:

## The Executive 2011-2012

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| <p><b>MEMBERSHIP</b><br/>                 Women who have a university degree or equivalent from an accredited university anywhere in the world or have earned a professional qualification that currently requires a university or college degree, are welcome to become members of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW). In addition, CFUW Clubs offer associate memberships for women without a degree, who support our goals and objectives.<br/>                 Presently our annual dues stand at \$100.00.<br/>                 The dues not only include membership in our local Club, but also the Provincial Council (CFUW Ontario Council), the national Federation (CFUW), and the International Federation (IFUW).<br/>                 Members attend our monthly meetings and social functions and may join as many interest groups as desired, some free – some paid.<br/>                 In addition, members are invited to start up new groups reflecting their own specific interests. They will also receive our newsletter "The Northumberland Network" published three times annually.<br/> <b>To join us, please call our Membership Chair, Virginia at 289-252-0461, e-mail: vmair1@cogeco.ca</b> or send an e-mail to cfuwnorthumberland@gmail.com</p> <p>Unfortunately, membership fees are not pro-rated for late joiners, so <i>now is the best time to join.</i> ☺<br/>                 New members who would like to be listed in the directory need to have their applications in by the first week of October. ~Thank you.</p> | <p><b>The Executive:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; vertical-align: top;">                     President:<br/>                     Past-President:<br/>                     Co Vice-President:<br/>                     Co Vice-President:<br/>                     Secretary:<br/>                     Treasurer:<br/>                     Membership:<br/>                     Program:<br/>                     Newsletter:<br/>                     Communications:<br/>                     Awards:<br/>                     Special Interest Groups:<br/>                     Social Convenor:                 </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;">                     Margaret Schroeder<br/>                     Jan Howard<br/>                     Monica Sheridan<br/>                     Elizabeth Walker<br/>                     Christine Sharp<br/>                     Lynn Patry<br/>                     Virginia Mair<br/>                     Ruth Kerr<br/>                     Nancy Fairweather<br/>                     Patricia McCaw<br/>                     Charlotte Majic<br/>                     Sandra Parcher<br/>                     Sharon Holmes                 </td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Any errors or omissions are unintentional. For corrections, submissions or ideas <b>Contact: Nancy (mob) 905-269-0702</b> email: <a href="mailto:nfairweather@devpar.com">nfairweather@devpar.com</a></p> | President:<br>Past-President:<br>Co Vice-President:<br>Co Vice-President:<br>Secretary:<br>Treasurer:<br>Membership:<br>Program:<br>Newsletter:<br>Communications:<br>Awards:<br>Special Interest Groups:<br>Social Convenor: | Margaret Schroeder<br>Jan Howard<br>Monica Sheridan<br>Elizabeth Walker<br>Christine Sharp<br>Lynn Patry<br>Virginia Mair<br>Ruth Kerr<br>Nancy Fairweather<br>Patricia McCaw<br>Charlotte Majic<br>Sandra Parcher<br>Sharon Holmes |
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| *Best wishes to Eva Nichols and others who are recovering from surgery.* | Poetry's Own Weekend   6th September 18.30-20.30  **Palisade Gardens**, 240 Chapel at D'Arcy St. Cobourg  **Joe Denham, Poet** - The Year of Broken Glass   Nationally-acclaimed poet from British Columbia and author of "Flux" and "Windstorm"   Cobourg is the 1st stop on Joe's Book Launch Tour of Southern Ontario for "The Year of Broken Glass" (Nightwood Editions) & this great Evening of poetry also features from Peterborough Rick Webster plus Eric Winter, Poet Laureate Emeritus, Town of Cobourg  **Open to the public Free admission**  **Refreshments available**  Why not introduce a young(er) person or friend to poetry at this free event? |
| **COPIES OF CONDOLENCE LETTERS SENT BY CFUW TO BOTH MS CHOW AND THE NDP CAN BE FOUND ON THE NATIONAL WEBSITE AT [WWW.CFUW.ORG](http://www.cfuw.org)** | |
| This poignant cartoon by **James Clark** really reflects both the sadness and optimism so many of us feel with the passing of Jack Layton. It is from the Cartoons of James Clark on facebook.com | **CFUW WEBSITES:**   National Website: [www.cfuw.org](http://www.cfuw.org)   Provincial Website: <http://www.cfuwontouncil.ca>   Our website: [www.cfuw-northumberland.com](http://www.cfuw-northumberland.com)    *Shy daffodils -N Fairweather Presqu'ile* |
| **OUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS!**   ALLISON MARGARET SEARS— PORT HOPE HS   ROOKE MCKINLAY — COBOURG WEST   VICTORIA CLARE - CAMPBELLFORD   MADISON CHARD — COBOURG EAST   KELLIE FOSTER— ENSS   RACHELLE BERNIER — ST. MARYS  The CIS student did not receive her award as she withdrew. | |