

MEETING

Tuesday, March 13 7:30 pm  
**St. John's Activity Centre**  
 91 Lakeshore Road

SPEAKER: Tim Carroll - Artistic Director, Shaw Festival

## Shaw Festival - Looking Forward



Tim Carroll, a renowned theatre and opera director with over 25 years experience and international credentials joined Shaw in 2017. During his inaugural season he directed Bernard Shaw's *Saint Joan* and *Androcles and the Lion*.

Mr. Carroll began his career with the English Shakespeare Company in 1990 and during his career has directed work in theatres all over the world including Hungary, Norway, Roma-

nia, Portugal, New York, Italy and closer to home, the Stratford Festival.

In addition to his experience as an accomplished director, Mr. Carroll brings a wealth

of knowledge in artist development having taught master classes at conservatories internationally. Providing thoughtful, moving and engaging theatre is the priority for Shaw Festival as they look towards the 2018 season. Come hear Tim talk about their goals moving forward.

*Providing thoughtful, moving and engaging theatre is the priority*

## President's Report

Last year an Ad Hoc Committee worked to restructure our Executive Committee reducing the number of members who would be attending the five meetings from 26 to nine voting positions. The new format created a Chair of Standing Committees with sub committees under their leadership. While there are still 26 members taking leadership positions, only the Chairs are required to attend the meetings while the others are invited to attend any meeting and are included in all mailings and sharing of reports. The new format is working: the work has flowed well and the attend-

ance has been good. The meeting room was not bursting and meetings, while lengthy, allowed for good discussion and conclusions. An evaluation of this new format will be conducted in March.

Here are some of the highlights of actions from the January Executive Committee meeting.

- ◆ Survey re Pre-Meeting dinner: The 2018-2019 program committee will arrange for one pre-meeting dinner where members



Nancy Ferris-Hostick

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can come early, enjoy fellowship and a dinner prepared by Father Anton

- ◆ Ad Hoc Committee on Technology: established and working on various projects
- ◆ Ad Hoc Committee on Fundraising: There was a suggestion to look at alternative methods of fundraising in addition to our wonderful signature event House Tours. Looking into and safeguarding our future, the Executive approved that we research what other clubs and organization do. If you are interested in joining this group please

contact me ([nfhostick@gmail.com](mailto:nfhostick@gmail.com))

- ◆ The club will establish an Instagram account
- ◆ The Treasurer reported that things are in good standing and all the bills/dues are up to date
- ◆ The proposed Charitable and Club Grant Budget was reviewed by the Club Executive and will be voted on by all members at the April meeting.

It was such a pleasure to hear laughter and see smiles at the conclusion of this busy meeting. I invite any member to attend and get to know how it all works... contact me please.

## Volunteer Recognition

The City of St. Catharines

Annually the City of St. Catharines hosts a recognition event for organizations that have made a significant difference in our community. In the past few years, this honour has automatically been bestowed upon our President for accepting the three-year commitment to lead our club. This year the executive would like to open it up to any of our members. We feel there are many, including the President of course, that have advanced our club's mission with their volunteer efforts. Some of our volunteers have been doing just that for more than one year. **We are asking for your input...**please send your nomination

to: **Heather Hall** (Past President)

[hallway77@sympatico.ca](mailto:hallway77@sympatico.ca)

Here are some of the criteria:

- ◆ is in good standing with the club
- ◆ has never been given this award in the past from our club
- ◆ has advanced the mission, vision and values of the club
- ◆ their contributions of time and talent have led to positive outcomes for our club and/or the community
- ◆ their actions have benefited the health and longevity of our club

The **deadline** for nominations is **March 13th**

The United Way of St. Catharines

Members of our Club are invited to this event to celebrate the amazing year! Our CFUW club will be receiving recognition/plaque for our contribution of hygiene kits. Please consider attending this community celebration.

Sponsored by John Deere

**March 27, 2018**

Reception 5:30pm Dinner 6:15 pm

\$45 per person

Tables of 8 or 10 by request

Holiday Inn and Suites, Parkway Convention Centre

327 Ontario Street. St. Catharines

For tickets, contact Graeme at (905) 688-5050 ext 116

[gdargave@stcatharines.unitedway.ca](mailto:gdargave@stcatharines.unitedway.ca)

# Monthly Activities



## Breakfast Club – February

Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Crack Me Up, Grantham Plaza, 400 Scott St., St Catharines

Contact: Joan Clancy



## Movie Night – March

Wednesday, Mar. 7th, 2018

Movie: TBA Friday, Mar. 2nd

usually 7:00 p.m. @ Landmark Theatre, Pen Centre

Dinner: approx. 5:30pm

Contact: Pat Paulin

**Everyone WELCOME.**



## Jaunters – March

Thursday, Mar. 15th, 2018

11:30 a.m.

Lightning Strikes: Barb Legg interviews long-time members of CFUW, Helen Tutecky, Terri Pothier and Marion Cross

George's Greek Village Restaurant, 535 Queenston St., St Catharines, Cost: TBD

RSVP: Caroline Nolan or Judy Sewell



## Breakfast Club – March

Tuesday, Mar. 27th, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Sunset Grill, 300 Fourth Ave., St Catharines

Contact: Joan Clancy



## Lively Arts – April

Sunday, Apr. 22nd, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

*Key for Two* by the Thorold Community Theatre

Trinity United Church, 15 Pine St. South, Thorold

Lunch: 12 noon, Johnny Rocco's; 271 Merritt St, St. Catharines

Cost: \$15.00; RSVP with payment by March 13 to Karen Grognet or Julie Dennis

Organizers: Karen, Julie, Mary-Clare Cavin

## Lively Arts – March

Sunday, Mar. 4th, 2018

2:00 p.m.

*The Wizard of Oz* by The Port Colborne Operatic Society @ Lakeshore Catholic High School, 150 Janet St., Port Colborne

Lunch: 11:45 a.m., Canalside Restaurant, 232 West St., Port Colborne

Cost: \$25.00; RSVP with payment by Feb 13th to Susan Middleton or Joyce Little

Organizers: Susan, Joyce, Gill Okita, Elinor O'Neil.



## Games Night – March

Thursday, Mar. 22nd, 2018

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Monique & Michelle DeJonghe's home

Contact: Julie Dennis



## Stitch-to-Stitch – March

Monday, Mar. 26th, 2018

1:30 p.m.

Knitters, Sewers, Quilters and Needlecrafters welcome

Location: Anne Marie Brady's home

Contact: Anne Marie Brady or Chris McColeman

**EVERYONE WELCOME.**



## Movie Night – April

Wednesday, Apr. 4th, 2018

Movie: TBA Friday, Mar. 30th usually 7:00 p.m. @ Landmark Theatre, Pen Centre

Dinner: approx. 5:30pm

Contact: Pat Paulin



**For more information  
contact Noreen Vida**

# CFUW 44<sup>th</sup> Annual House Tour

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Our Lovely Homes—2 Shore Blvd., St. Catharines

Report from Sharon Lawler & Jean Tonogai



## What features describe “Mid-century Modern” architecture?



If houses reflect the times in which they were designed, mid-century modern is the architecture of ideas, a reflection of those who believed this forward-looking style could be a vehicle for social change. Characterized by flat planes, large glass windows and open space, these homes - built from 1945 to the 1980s - featured simplicity and an integration with nature. The style encouraged residents to explore the world in new ways, to become engaged and open minded, because the environment stimulated the

senses in a different way. The houses had open floor plans and large sliding-glass doors which created a desire to go outside and be healthy. The birth of mid-century modern architecture was after World War II designed by a generation of architects who fled the rise of Nazi Germany, including Walter Gropius and Marcel Breuer, who then taught at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Frank Lloyd Wright, who trained mid-century modern architects like Richard Neutra and Rudolph Schindler, was also a huge influence.

**On May 6th the CFUW Annual House Tour will feature a lakefront mid-century modern, ranch-style home built in 1967. From every room there is a spectacular view of Lake Ontario. The 1.5-acre property includes a vineyard where the homeowners harvest grapes to make their own wine. The appreciation of nature abounds at this lovely home. Don't miss it!**

## Exciting News...

### **The House Tour tickets will soon be available!**

Tickets for the Annual House Tour can be purchased at the March CFUW meeting. Also please consider taking tickets "on spec" to sell to your friends and family. For the very reasonable price of \$25.00, enjoy an afternoon touring homes in the Port Dalhousie area. Don't miss your chance to view "lakeside living at its finest!".

### **Can you help the House Tour Team distribute posters to advertise the tour?**

Please pick up posters at the March CFUW meeting and take them to your church, local Seniors Centre or place of employment. We appreciate your support!



# CFUW Math/Science Awards

Recipient: Vanessa Smith

Report from Sharon Lawler



Our CFUW scholarships support women going back to school to develop a career path. Vanessa Smith is one of those people who has enough determination to do just that. As she graduated from the NCDSB Lifetime Learning Centre, Vanessa received a CFUW scholarship as well as the Spirit Award issued from the Centre. She writes to us: "I am currently attending Brock University on a part-time basis, and planning to enrol in the psychology program full time next year. My hopes are to further my studies and obtain my PhD in psychology." As with other recipients, Vanessa wants to give back to the community by tackling mental health issues. To highlight just how motivated this young woman is, you only have to look at this graduation photo of Vanessa with her six children. This is definitely what CFUW scholarships are about, helping those educational aspirations become a reality! Best of luck Vanessa!

## Delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

Gail Neff, Vice-President and current Advocacy Chair of our club will be one of 20 CFUW delegates selected to attend the United Nations Commission on The Status of Women in New York City taking place March 12-23, 2018. The UNCSW is the principal global governmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women.

The Priority Theme of the discussions at this year's session will focus on the challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of **rural** women and girls.

In the lead up to this 62<sup>nd</sup> session, UN member states were asked to undertake an internal assessment of their progress in the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) identified to reach gender equality by 2030. Indeed, across the board, progress has been slow and uneven, with some countries much further behind than others. With the support of Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as the CFUW, the urgency of meeting these goals motivates

delegates like Gail to advocate for Canada and other countries to take the lead in accelerating progress for women and girls in all 17 SDGs.



Gail Neff (left) will attend the United Nations Commission on The Status of Women in New York City as a delegate, March 12-23. Heather Foss (right) has represented CFUW St. Catharines at a previous UNCSW.

# CFUW Ontario Council

Speaker Series, January 20, 2018

## Education Workshop

Report from Angie Manella

**Christine Corso**, Research and Project Co-ordinator for *People for Education* led the workshop focussed on **Funding, Equity and the Purpose of Education.**

Listed below are highlights of her presentation:

### Are we trying to move the wrong needle?

The “equity needle” in education is usually measured by scores in reading, writing, math and graduation rates. What if equity indicators focused on students’ competencies in social-emotional learning, citizenship, creativity, health, and equitable learning opportunities?

### The Trouble with Streaming:

Students who are successful on grades 3 and 6 EQAO

tests are less likely to be successful in applied programs than in academic programs. (EQAO, 2013)

### Education Funding Issues:

There is inequity in provincial funding. Ideally, a universal public education system should graduate all young people with the skills and competencies they need to contribute to a fair and prosperous society and to live happy, healthy, economically secure, civically engaged lives.

### Recommendations:

- ◆ Revise the funding formula to provide equitable opportunities
- ◆ Establish broader indicators of student success.

## Status of Women Workshop

Report from Angie Manella

It was an absolute pleasure and delight to hear **Maya Roy** the CEO of the YWCA Canada

Ms. Roy is a diversity specialist with 20 years of experience in a variety of sectors in public policy development, public health, adult education and social work. The Chair of YWCA Canada, Rebecca Coughlin, described the new CEO of YWCA Canada with these words: “Maya is an innovative, passionate and experienced leader whose commitment to gender equity is grounded in her own professional and personal experience.”

Maya suggested ways of obtaining support through: **ADVOCACY** – active verbal support for a cause or position

**ACTIVISM** - vigorous and sometimes aggressive action in pursuing a political or social end

**CRAFTIVISM** –a movement started by Sarah Corbett that combines craft and activism that engages people in social justice issues in a quiet and non-confrontational manner – e.g banners/wall hangings/posters.

“BEING IN THE KNOW IS BEING IN THE NOW”

Upcoming Speaker Series, March 24, 2018

**Maija Saari**, Associate Dean of Film, TV and Journalism at Sheridan College will address *Making Sense of Politics in a “Fake News” Era: Thinking Critically about the Ontario Election.* With an increasingly fluid digital information landscape, old touch points of reliable information are being called into question while emerging sources and new digitally-propelled social movements change the game. How best to navigate this with a critical eye?

In the afternoon she will be joined by **Ann Rauha-la**, Associate Chair, Ryerson School Of Journalism to deepen the discussion and explore themes related to women's issues and human rights, and the necessity of having an educated electorate. For this session, the Education and Status of Women and Human Rights groups will be combined.

Please register on-line at <http://cfuwontcouncil.org/>

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## CFUW Ontario Council Resolutions for 2018

*Report from Gail Neff*

### “THE POWER OF WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER”

Part of why many of us joined CFUW was that we wanted to help make our community a better place in which to live, work and play. Our Credo, above, supports the idea that we can make a bigger difference if we work together. Resolutions are proposed goals that help focus the efforts of our members, making those efforts more effective in bringing about change. The most recent Resolution has been proposed by the CFUW Ontario Council Legislation Standing Committee and is titled:

### Housing For All Through Sustainable and Mixed Urban Development in Ontario

The background and purpose of this resolution will be discussed and possibly amended by an Advocacy Committee. It will then be brought to the membership for a vote on its acceptance at the March meeting. All clubs in Ontario will discuss and vote on this proposal. Anyone interested in being on the St. Catharines committee, please contact Gail Neff at [gail@neff.ca](mailto:gail@neff.ca)

The CFUW Ontario Council AGM will be held May 11-12, Oshawa Click [here](#) for information

## History Corner

### Historical Affiliation

*Report from Trish Loat*

Throughout the history of our Club, there have been many and various organizations and institutions to which our members have been affiliated. Once such institution is Ridley College.

St. Catharines in the late 1800s was known for its mineral springs. Ridley was founded in 1889 in what had been the Springbank Sanatorium at the corner of Yates and College Streets, with 48 boys enrolled. The annual fee was \$267. The school became co-educational in 1973 with the enrollment of ten girls. The school population today is close to 700 students from 54 countries. In 1921, among the 18 charter members of CFUW was Mary Louise Greenwood who had graduated from the University of Toronto in 1911. She was married to Dr. F.S. Greenwood who then served as Ridley's school doctor. Thus began the long connection of CFUW St. Catharines members and Ridley College.

Following a fire which destroyed Springbank in 1903, the school moved across the canal to its present location in west St. Catharines. The same year that CFUW St. Catharines was founded, 1921, the cornerstone was



*The Memorial Chapel and Miller House residence*

laid for Ridley's beautiful Memorial Chapel. Just a few years ago, Ridley generously agreed to have the Chapel and one of its residences, Miller House, as part of our annual House Tour. Other homes built on the school grounds have also been featured in House Tours. The support of Ridley to CFUW St. Catharines has continued through the years - we have held teas, dinners, meetings, workshops, and conferences at the school. For many years, back in the days of printed newsletters, one of Ridley's staff members typed and formatted our monthly newsletter and ran it off on paper donated to us by the school.

# Harriet Tubman Nutrition Program

*Report from Heather Sloan, Convener for Harriet Tubman Nutrition Program*

Calling for a volunteer to SHARE Friday morning Breakfast duties with another volunteer. You would decide between you which Friday to volunteer. This would cut down on your commitment of time. The Breakfast program runs from 8-8:40AM.

Note: Friday is the best day to volunteer. Most PA days are Friday. 😊 That means even fewer days to volunteer and you could possibly meet the therapy dogs that visit during school hours on Friday mornings.

We have four consistent volunteers for Monday to Thursday and all is going well.

We are continually being told that we are providing a very positive environment for the children. From time to time other volunteer requests have come our way. The Christmas Elf project was one. More recently we were asked to assist in other areas of the school such as scribing for EQAO testing and in the library. In these situations other members of CFUW can also be involved.

If you are interested at all contact Heather S at [hksloan@bell.net](mailto:hksloan@bell.net)

## Founders' Circle Campaign

CFUW St Catharines 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship Endowment Fund –  
Can You Help Us Reach Our Goal?

*Report from Martha Abra, Donations Coordinator*

Varied ways to encourage donations:

**1. In Memoriam gifts** are a wonderful way to honour our departed family members or friends.

**2. Talking about CFUW projects** is also a way to encourage donations from family, friends and coworkers.

My sister made a donation in memory

of our mother because of Mum's enthusiasm about my description of our Club's plans to start a new scholarship for a Brock student who is the first in her family to go to university. Would any of your friends, coworkers or family be willing to donate if you told them about this project?

**3. Members doing special projects** using their talents and

skills and donating the proceeds – One of my favourite hobbies is cooking for dinner parties. I have started having weekly dinner parties for women friends and asking them to contribute \$10 per meal to the Endowment Fund. I have

the fun of planning and cooking meals, as well as the enjoyment of spending an evening sharing a meal with friends, and they enjoy not having to cook, and getting together for

a fun evening of delicious food and great conversation. It is a win-win-win... for me, my friends, and the Endowment Fund.

Do you have any special talents you could use to ask for contributions?

This is such an important project as a way to celebrate our Club's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and it will have a long-lasting impact on our community. If you can help in any of these ways, or have any other suggestions about ways to reach our Founders Circle goal, please let me know. THANKS!!

## International Women's Day March 8, 2018

Join in the festivities both internationally and in Greater Niagara. Hear Betsy Myers COO of Obama's presidential campaign at a luncheon put on by the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce at Club Italia in Niagara Falls. Click or tap [here](#) and [here](#) for more information.