

History of Scholarships given by the University Women's Club of Oakville

1949 – 2019

In putting together this history of scholarships given by the University Women's Club of Oakville, Donna Kraayeveld and Sue Stephens used information taken from the booklet "University Women's Club of Oakville: The First Fifty Years, 1949-1999". More recent information was obtained by talking with members who had been involved with the UWCO Scholarship Fund and the Awards Committee at some time and from personal experience.

We realize that the information that we have may not be totally accurate or complete and so we are asking for input from those who may be able to assist us in dealing with errors or omissions.

If you can help us in any way please contact Sue Stephens. suestep44@gmail.com.

- 1949** Club formed.
- 1950** **First Scholarship Awarded** (\$25) to a female student at Oakville Trafalgar High School (the only high school in Oakville) with the highest marks in English. The amount was soon raised to \$50.00 and was followed by additional prizes for French and History. Money raised by Strawberry Socials.
- 1957** Money raised by an Auction, a theatre night production and a tour of Old Houses.
- 1959** A scholarship of \$150 was awarded to a female student in each high school. There were only 2 high schools at that time.
- 1960** Scholarship was increased to \$300.00 and awarded to a female student from either high school obtaining the highest marks in Grade 13 and proceeding to University.
- 1960** The money for scholarship was augmented by a telephone Bridge to honour the \$300.00 commitment.
- 1961** **First Scholarship Fair was held.** This was a cultural fair which included music, drama, art and dancing. It continued for several years.
- 1967** Scholarships awarded to 4 Oakville high school female students.
- 1972** A bursary of \$100.00 was given to Sheridan College.
- 1974** Scholarships increased to \$400.00.
- 1975** Scholarship increased to \$400.00 in the first year, followed by \$200.00 for each succeeding year and the scholarship was to rotate among the high schools. **That year there was also a special award of \$350.00 for a mature student at Sheridan College.**

- 1976** The scholarship was raised to \$500.00 for the first year and to \$250.00 for the succeeding years. Money raised by a giant auction and garage sale. Terms of reference were clarified for the scholarship and application forms were developed. 2 mature student awards were given.
- 1981** **Jean Malcolm Smith Award (\$300.00) was established.** Its terms stressed community service as well as academic excellence. Intended to run indefinitely. The bursary was open to all schools so that it could go to someone with real need. There is flexibility to increase the amount of the award.
- 1984** Bridge/Luncheon to raise money for scholarships. JM Smith award increased to \$500.00.
- 1986** The proceeds from the third annual Bridge/Luncheon were used to provide 6 \$100.00 scholarships in recognition of the International year of Canadian Music.
- 1987** **The Scholarship Fund was set up with its own constitution enabling us to apply for a tax exemption.** An authors' night raised money for the Scholarship Fund.
- 1988** **The Scholarship Fund received a charitable number.** There were 46 applicants for 2 awards at \$1000.00 and 2 at \$500.00. Another author's night was held and \$1400.00 was raised for the Scholarship Fund.
- 1991** **Mildred Allworth made a bequest of \$20,000.00 to the Scholarship Fund.** Her niece who was executrix decided annual award would be \$1000.00. There is flexibility to increase the amount of the award.
- 1992** **First Mildred G. Allworth Scholarship awarded.**
- 1993** **\$6000.00 in Scholarships awarded to Oakville young women.**
- 1994** **Money was provided for a one-time \$1500.00 scholarship locally to honour CFUW's 75th Anniversary.**
- 1998** A new money raising concept was offered by Bookers Book Store. Our members would take over the store for three hours on an evening in early December. Twenty percent of book sales (and ten percent from the restaurant business) would be donated to the Scholarship Fund. This raised over \$1000.00 for the first year. The deduction per member for the Scholarship Fund was raised from \$7.50 to \$10.00.

- 1999** The Constitution and By-Laws of both the Club and the Scholarship Fund were reviewed and changes accepted. **A Past Presidents Party was held and \$1500.00 was raised for a one time scholarship to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of CFUW Oakville.** More money was raised by members who volunteered at the Waterfront Festival by 2 Book Beat groups holding book sales in a private home.
- 1999** Scholarships awarded on the basis of academic standing and financial need. Four University Entrance Scholarships of \$1000.00 are given annually. One of them is designated as the Mildred G Allworth Scholarship following her bequest to the Club. The Jean Malcolm Smith Award of \$500.00 stresses community service as well as academic standing.
- 1999** **Shirley Henderson Award** created after her daughter, Linda Savelli, donated money in her name to the Scholarship Fund. Shirley had been a dietician and an active member of the Club. Her daughter wanted the award to be designated for community service.
- 2003** **Miles Tisdale gave \$5000.00 (5 x \$1000.00) to a fund to be named “in memory of Beverly Tisdale.”**
- 2006** The first evening reception for Scholarship recipients is held.
- 2008** Beverly Tisdale Award finished.
\$10,000.00 in Scholarships awarded.
“Celebration “the 60th Anniversary cookbook sold over 500 copies and raised \$2700. Trustees voted to provide a \$5000.00 scholarship to be awarded in 2009 to celebrate CFUW Oakville’s 60th Anniversary.
- 2009** **Spring Luncheon Bridge and Games event raised \$3200.00.**
Evening with Elizabeth May raised \$150.00.
Lawrence Hill book presentation generated \$680.00.
All the projects plus personal donations for the 60th celebration total \$1400.00.
\$10,000.00 in Scholarships awarded plus the \$5000.00 Anniversary Scholarship.
- 2010** **Fund created by husband Ed Stone** and friends for a music scholarship **“in memory of” his wife Eleanore** was created in 2006. This was later expanded to include any performing art. The \$1000.00 award was offered every 1 or 2 years depending on the amount of

money raised each year by Ed Stone. The last award was disbursed in 2010 following the death of Ed Stone.

Dragon boaters raised \$1930.00.

2011 \$1000.00 Access Award inspired by Melissa Vassallo awarded for the first time. Also awarded in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Dragon boaters raised \$2400.00.

2012 Dragon boaters raised \$2465.00

2013 The following Awards were given totalling \$12,200.00.

Mildred G Allworth - \$1200.00, 5 University Entrance Awards @ \$1200.00, Jean Malcolm Smith Community Service Award - \$1000.00, Shirley Henderson Community Service Award - \$1000.00, CFUW Oakville Community Service Award - \$1000.00, Mature Student Award - \$1000.00, Access Award - \$1000.00.

Dragon boaters raised \$2870.00.

2014 Scholarships totalled \$13,200.00 plus the Access Award inspired by Melissa Vassallo of \$1000.00.

Dragon boaters raised \$2520.00.

2015 Melissa Vassallo donates \$5000.00 to keep Access Award for 5 more years.

Dragon boaters raised \$1150.00.

2015 - 2017 \$16,500.00 in awards.

The following awards were offered: Mildred G Allworth - \$2000.00, 4 University Entrance Awards @ \$1500.00, Jean Malcolm Smith Community Service Award - \$1500.00, Shirley Henderson Community Service Award - \$1500.00, CFUW Oakville Community Service Award - \$1500.00, Performing Arts Award - \$1500.00, Mature Student Award - \$1500.00, Access Award (funded until 2019) inspired by Melissa Vassallo - \$1000.00

2017 Evening with Susan Aglukark raised \$4000.00

2018

Family of Miriam White donate \$5000.00 for a Miriam White Memorial Scholarship of \$1000.00 per year for 5 years.

Dragon boaters raised \$958.00.

Bring and Buy Book Sale \$723.00

Interest Group and individual donations \$1348.00

\$5000.00 for the 70th Anniversary Scholarship (to be awarded in June 2019) plus \$1132.00 which went to the Scholarship Fund.

\$19,000.00 in Scholarships were offered:

9 University Entrance Awards (one for each publicly funded high school in Oakville, the winner to be selected by the individual school's awards committee)- \$1000.00 each, Mildred G. Allworth Award - \$2000.00, Jean Malcolm Smith Community Service Award - \$1500.00, Shirley Henderson Community Service Award - \$1500.00, Performing Arts Award - \$1500.00, Mature Student Award - \$1500.00, Access Award inspired by Melissa Vassallo - \$1000.00, Miriam White Memorial Award - \$1000.00.

*We are very fortunate that the **University Women's Club of Oakville Awards Committee** can offer \$19,000 in scholarships to young women graduating from publicly funded high schools in Oakville. This year, thanks to the hard work of the Fundraising Committee of CFUW Oakville and the generosity of all members we have a one-time award of \$5000.00 to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Club.*

***Where does this money come from?** Each and every one of you who are members contributes \$15.00 when you pay your membership and you get a tax receipt for that donation. Many members also top up that \$15.00 when they pay their membership. People are also very generous when they honour a birthday or anniversary of a friend with a donation (often online through the CFUW Oakville web site) to the **UWCO Scholarship Fund** or when they give a gift in memory of a departed loved one. All of these donations help us to maintain a healthy investment fund of over \$200,000. It is the responsibility of the **University Women's Club of Oakville Scholarship Fund** trustees to oversee the prudent management and the disbursement of the money so that we can continue to support our young scholars. Thank you to all members of CFUW Oakville for your continuing support.*

*Please join us **November 18, 2019 for the Annual General Meeting of the University Women's Club of Oakville Scholarship Fund** and learn more about us.*

*** Dragon boaters have raised \$13,293.00 in total for the Scholarship Fund.**

**** Early information taken from "University Women's Club of Oakville, The First Fifty Years, 1949 – 1999"**

***** Later information compiled by Donna Kraayeveld and Sue Stephens**

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