

## This Issue

May Dinner Speaker: **Anthony Bastianon**

Secrets of the Music Industry

The Dinner Committee is excited to welcome you to our annual May celebration on May 4.



September's Speaker: **Patricia Debly**

The Emotional and Visual Dimensions of Music



Plan ahead to meet on September 21 when our speaker will show us, and let us hear, how music engages our visual imagination as well as our auditory senses.

We are looking forward to our next General Meeting with you at 7 pm on Monday September 21, 2026 at Trafalgar Park Community Centre.

Watch for more information in the September issue of In Touch and for your membership renewal form to arrive mid August.

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## Leadership Message

May is the month when we leave the lingering chill of Spring behind and anticipate the unofficial start of the outdoor season. We are warmed by the appearance of trilliums blooming in our gardens and are reminded that May is a month where we focus on growth, both in our gardens and in our personal goals.

Some of the special days in May include the International Workers' Day (May 1), Mother's Day (May 10), Victoria Day (May 18), International Tea Day (May 21) and the World Day for Cultural Diversity (May 21).

One of the most important and significant days we would like to highlight is Red Dress Day in Canada. Red Dress Day is observed annually in Canada on May 5th and is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQI + people. This day was initiated by the Métis artist Jaime Black in 2010. The Day features red dresses hung in public spaces and the colour red is inspired by the belief that red is the only colour spirits can see. The dresses call back the spirits of victims and represent both lifeblood and violence. You may show support by wearing red on May 5th, hanging a red dress in windows, trees, or on balconies and/or attending local event, vigil or walk.

Look for a symbolic red dress at our upcoming May Dinner!

As this is the last Newsletter until September we would like to acknowledge all of our wonderful members for participating in the numerous interest groups, attending our meetings, appreciating our incredible Speakers and purchasing tickets to our Annual Dinners.

Without our members, we would not be a group!

A very special and well deserved thank you to all those who hold leadership positions, including the Leadership Team, all of the Board members and all of the Interest Group Convenors. The effort and time required to volunteer for any leadership role is greatly appreciated and always valued.

We are reminded of the many ways we lead, nurture, mentor, care and demonstrate the quiet strength of showing up for one another.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our Annual May Dinner!

Warm regards, Katherine, Kyoko, Palma  
The Leadership Team

## Advocacy

Advocacy is one of the pillars of CFUW. In CFUW Oakville we need a leader, as well as members. That is the priority!

Perhaps you personally, have the time to do neither or you find some of the issues too painful. Does that mean you cannot be an advocate on an issue? No!

How can you as an individual get started?

1. Identify an issue that is of concern to you.  
Make sure you are comfortable exploring this issue.  
As a group we focused on violence against women.
2. Become knowledgeable about the issue.  
Suggested readings: Water Confidential by Susan Blacklin; Fireweather by John Vaill  
  
Attend the Ontario Council Speaker Series.  
Examples of previous topics: Affordable Housing; The Effect of AI on Education  
  
Become a member of a CFUW National subcommittee.  
Examples of Committees: Public Health; Environment and Climate Change; Status of Women
3. Gather data and/or evidence so you can identify inequities and/or patterns of injustice.
4. Determine how you as an individual can help. Yes as an individual you can make a difference!  
As a group we decided to collect feminine hygiene products, which were then donated to an Oakville Food Bank to assist women in need.

In 24/25 the issue for the Advocacy Group started with CFUW Oakville's resolution on VAW-P (Violence against Women in Politics). From there we expanded our search by looking at intimate partner violence and violence against women in general. To gain a better understanding of the issue we looked at a variety of documents such as the Canadian Association of Feminist Politician's pledge and articles such as the one about Cait Alexander and the resulting consequences of the Jordan Decision on sexual abuse cases.

This exploration culminates on May 11 with our special event speaker.

Through our newsletter articles this year, we have tried to raise issues for you to think about. Topics included were Sepsis, Inappropriate Comments, and Fraud.

Over the past two years, it has been my honour to work with a very passionate and dedicated group of women who want to make a difference for women in this country.

Change does not happen without advocacy! Hopefully these suggestions will encourage you to participate in advocacy, in whatever capacity you are able.

**Diane McCullough, Advocacy Chair**

## Advocacy Events

### 1. Thursday, May 28 **Ontario Health Coalition Train Rally. Get on Board: Stop Privatization Train Wreck.**

Why is there a Rally?

Province is:

- reducing the number of hospital beds per capita
- reducing the number of LTC beds as % of people over 75 years
- reducing the number of nurses and PSWs per capita
- supporting hospitals 0.7% year over year and below inflation rate



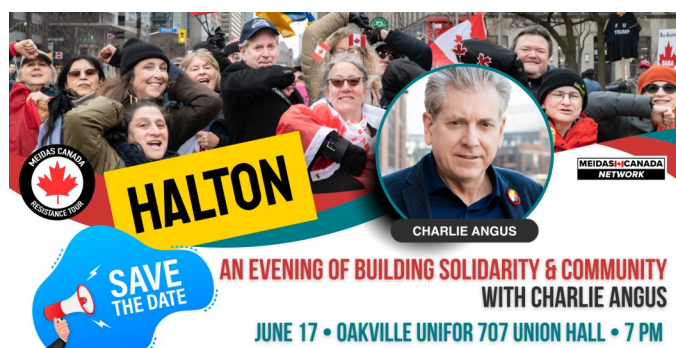
Ontario is transferring public funding away from local public hospitals to expensive private hospitals. Public hospitals are underfunded which exasperates wait times.

Is the goal to remove single-tier health care based on need? Private hospitals draw on the same source of medical personnel with higher wages and very high costs for patients who pay privately.

See details of the rally, train times etc and **sign up [here](#)**.

### 2. Monday, May 11 at 7 p.m. via Zoom, the CFUW Oakville Advocacy Committee invites you to hear **J. Nadia Headly, Executive Director, Women's Centre Halton.** "Piercing the Deafening Silence: How Storytelling Advocacy Combats Silencing Women, May 11 7-8 p.m. See page 5 of this issue and **register [here](#)**.

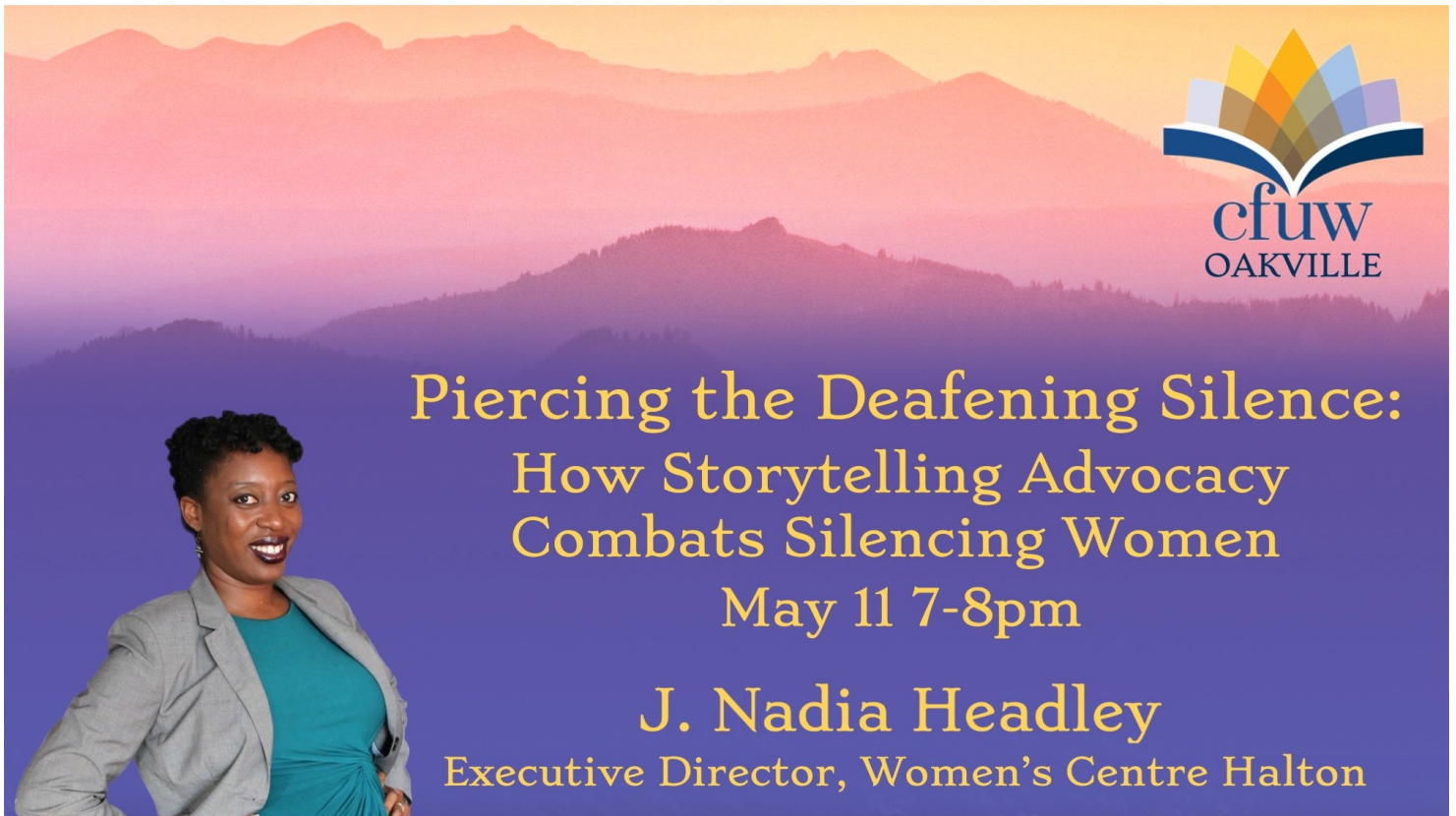
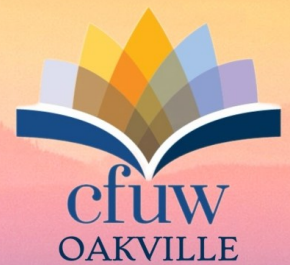
### 3. Wednesday, June 17 **Charlie Angus**, 475 N. Service Rd. E. (east of Trafalgar Road); doors open 6:00; presentation 7:00-8:00; pay as you can. Sponsored by AWH Advancement of Women Halton. Charlie is a retired, long-term politician speaking about Democracy and Community Building.



See the Advancement of Women Halton, AWH newsletter **AWsome** to read about local advocacy events lead by women for women. AWH is a collaborative of twenty women's groups and social agencies that advocate and amplify the voice of women. See: [www.awhalton.com](http://www.awhalton.com)

**Child Care \$10 a day** is SLOWLY rolling out in Ontario. It is essential to the healthy development of children, to the economic value of women entering the labour force, and to alleviate the affordability crisis that is affecting the wellbeing of families and communities across Canada. Please take a petition to your friends and family and send to Karina Gould, Burlington Centre, Suite 209, 777 Guelph Line, Burlington, L7R 3N2 and she will advocate on behalf of young families. You can see a copy of the petition to print [here](#).

**Anne Douglas, Advocacy Committee**



You are invited to join us for  
A special Advocacy Speaker Event  
**Piercing the Deafening Silence:**  
**How Storytelling Advocacy Combats Silencing Women**

**Featuring J. Nadia Headley**

May 11, 2026, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm via Zoom

Register [Here](#)

J. Nadia Headley is Executive Director of Women's Centre Halton. Nadia holds a Master's in Global Development and Social Justice. As a non-profit leader and consultant, she has over 20 years of experience leading organizations serving women, children and communities. Nadia will share with us how to unlock the power of our collective voices to stop the silence.

**Diane McCullogh, Advocacy Chair**



CFUW Oakville is fortunate to have a wonderfully loyal group of members. Let's celebrate a few.

70 years: Sybil Rampen

55 years: Susan Hierlihy, Jean Wettlaufer

50 years: Lila Amm, Ann Ferguson, Lise Moras

45 years: Joanna Blair, Susan Logan

40 years: Angie Vassalo

30 years: Joan Dunn

25 years: Marilyn Beamish, Joanne Best, Darla Campbell,  
Heather Gates-Warner, Sarah Sims

Thanks to our local businesses that donated prizes for our May dinner.

- Classic Bowl
- Abbeywood Spa
- Burloak Indoor Golf
- 5 wine/gift baskets - thank you to all those who donated wine and especially to Carolyn Collins Merk and her daughter who made up four beautiful baskets and to Angie Vassallo who also made one.



# University Women's Club of Oakville Scholarship Fund

## CFUW Oakville Academic and Service Award: Roxana Shams

The CFUW Oakville Academic and Service Awards (one of three, \$3000) require significant school/community service and leadership, as well as academic excellence. Financial need is a requirement for this award.



Roxana is a dedicated student who has successfully balanced studies, paid work, and volunteer commitments while maintaining a stellar academic record. With a strong academic foundation and passion for helping others, she's poised to pursue her childhood dream of a career in medicine.

She is commended by her school for the work she did as a LINK leader. Her dedication to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment, paired with strong organizational skills, helped her foster a sense of belonging for younger students.

Roxana's contributions extend beyond the classroom; she is involved in the art club, cross-country team, and athletic council, and has accrued over 100 volunteer hours.

Roxana's volunteer work includes the Salvation Army food bank, where she interacted with visitors one-on-one, and the St. Louis Running and Reading Program, where her duties included assisting with literary activities, supporting running practices, and mentoring students.

Roxana worked as a server at the Cogir Senior Living facility for two years. She is recognized for going above and beyond the call of duty by getting involved with improving activities and quality of life for the residents at the facility. A standout moment came during the COVID-19 lockdown where she demonstrated her ability to work under pressure, proposing creative strategies to overcome challenges.

Roxana is a young woman of Iranian heritage; she attributes her success in Canada to her single mother's sacrifices. She's committed to giving back, recognizing her mother's hard work and dedication. Her reliability, desire to help others succeed, and overall commitment make her a deserving recipient of this award.

It is with great pleasure that the CFUW presents Roxana Shams with the CFUW Oakville Academic and Service Award.

**High School:** Oakville Trafalgar High School

**Extra Curricular Activities:** HOSA Competitor for Forensic Science, 5 hours per week; LINK Crew leader, 5+ hours per week; Athletic Council, 2 hours per week; Cross Country team, 8 hours per week.

**Volunteering:** Start2Finish after-school program student volunteer, 5 hours per week; Salvation Army food bank, 10 hours per week; White Oaks Elementary School parent council volunteer, 2 months per year- 10 hours per week.

**Awards:** HOSA Forensic Science Leadership Conference-placed top 10% in Canada; FIRST Robotics Competition 2022-First place in Halton & District Chairman's Award; Honour Roll grade 9,10,11,12; ETFO Math and Science award 2021.

**Work Experience:** Cogir Senior Living – dietary aide, 20 hours per week; Dr. Airia Family practice, 2 week-ends per month; Flora Co. Small Business Owner, 2 summers.

**Post Secondary:** Health Sciences ,Western University

# University Women's Club of Oakville Scholarship Fund

## Mildred G. Allworth Award: Mariam Parvaiz

The Mildred G. Allworth Award (\$1500) honours Mildred G. Allworth, well known for her leadership and contribution to the University Women's Club of Oakville. The ideal candidate will have significant school and/or community service beyond 40 hours and will have demonstrated leadership skills. Financial need is a requirement for this award.



Mariam's strong academic record and extensive volunteer work showcase her dedication to making a difference both locally and globally. As a hard-working and driven student, she co-founded Future Focus, a student-led initiative empowering high school students to navigate and adjust to post-secondary life through mentorship sessions, panels and resource sharing. This initiative benefited hundreds of students across various schools.

As Head of Outreach and Communications for MYNA Canada, Mariam planned large-scale events for Muslim youth, demonstrating leadership, compassion, and dedication to positive change. Her work earned recognition from the MYNA Team leader, who praised her exceptional organizational skills, communication skills, and commitment to volunteerism.

Mariam's various positions have made her a role model, guiding younger participants and promoting kindness, service, and collaboration. As Grade 12 Representative on her school's student council, she represented student voices and helped organize events like Multicultural Day.

While volunteering with Islamic Relief Canada in Morocco, Mariam worked with orphaned children in need of psychological support. This experience deepened her commitment to mental health advocacy and ignited a passion for humanitarian work. This ultimately inspired her career goal of blending psychology and business to create sustainable mental health systems.

With a multicultural lens, lived experiences, and a commitment to accessible mental health support, Mariam is a deserving candidate for this award. Her leadership and service have created tangible impact, from school initiatives to international volunteering.

It is with great pleasure the CFUW presents Mariam Parvaiz with the Mildred G. Allworth Award.

**High School:** Abbey Park High School

**Extra Curricular Activities:** Grade 12 representative on Student Council, 1 hour per week; Delegate in Abbey Park Model United Nations Club, 3 hours per week; Founder of Future Focus Club, 2 hours per week.

**Volunteering:** Head of Outreach and Communications at MYNA Canada, 4 hours per week; Islamic Relief Canada, volunteered in Morocco working with orphaned children.

**Awards:** Best Delegate X2- Kings Model United Nations Conference; Viola Desmond Visionary Award – Southern Ontario Model United Nations Conference; DECA Provincials Qualifier x 2; Abbey Park Eagle Award; Honour Roll – Grade 9,10,11,12; Recognized for excellence in 6 courses.

**Work Experience:** Staples Canada -Customer Service Sales Representative, 20 hours per week; Self-employed Private Tutor, 4 hours per week.

**Post Secondary:** Social Sciences, Western University



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See a recent edition of the OC newsletter [here](#).

Ontario Council organizes many events throughout the year. See a list of OC events as well as some individual Club events [here](#).

In particular, all members are welcome to attend the Speakers Series. Reports from past Speakers Series events are available [here](#).



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Click on the date to read a recent newsletter from **CFUW National**.

[April 2](#), [April 10](#), [April 17](#), [April 24](#)

Information about Nominations and Election for Board positions at CFUW National is [here](#).

**The CFUW National AGM and Conference** will be held in Montreal next July. Information and Registration can be found [here](#).

Three speakers have been announced for the 2026 AGM. [Julie S. Lalonde](#), [Carla Fehr](#), and [Na'kuset](#) will speak on Moving Forward Together.

## Our Business Supporters

I do know that our CFUW Oakville members are busy people who often just quickly scan In Touch for new information and just as quickly go past our page of advertisers. These businesses have regularly contributed to our Club's finances for many years and I do hope that you show your appreciation of this support by using their services when you can. From time to time we'll offer you more details about them....below is another such article.

Pat Zelonka, editor of In Touch

**Sarah Sims Photography** is a full-service photography studio specializing in the visual-story telling of families and businesses throughout Oakville and the surrounding areas. Sarah is one of Oakville's premier family photographers, in business for over fifteen years. She is known for putting her subjects at ease and works closely with her clients before, during and after each session to ensure that everyone is happy with the results. Clients of all ages regularly comment at the end of a session "That was more fun than I expected!"

Sarah has been a CFUW member for 25 years and has worked with many members for family photo sessions and for headshots.



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**We are still without a Co-Chair for the Awards Committee.** Currently Jane Garnett is the solo Chair, with no one to Co-Chair with this year, and she will be stepping down at our year end in November 2026.

The committee itself is a well oiled machine They know the various tasks and the time lines, however they will require a new leader. So we are realistically looking for two volunteers to Co-Chair together! Start now with Jane as Chair and learn the ropes for next year.

It is a rewarding position, our future Scholarship winners need you!

**Deb Hindmarch, Chair, UWCO Committee**

We've noticed that we haven't been listing the names of the volunteers who keep the UWCO Scholarship Fund active and running. The Fund is separate from the CFUW Oakville Club but you can see that the names below are familiar Club members.

<b>University Women's Club of Oakville Scholarship Fund Trustees 2025-2026</b>	
Chair UWCO Fund Trustees	Deb Hindmarch
Past Chair	Carolyn Collins Merk
Vice Chair	Alison Gemmell
Treasurer	Lauren Fontaine
Secretary	Deborah May
Awards	Jane Garnett
Ex-officio	Katherine Beaudry (Leadership Team) Jillian Birnie (CFUW Oakville Treasurer)

**UWCO Awards Committee:** Jane Garnett (Chair), Helen Furman, Angela Vassallo, Krystyna Skrabka, Angela Hantoumakos, Cynthia Ferrier, Susan Stavin, Joyce Wayne

## Interest Group Activities

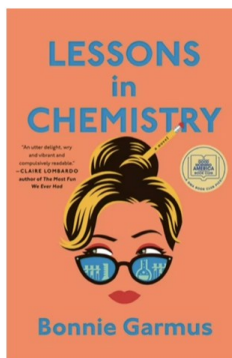
We had our first gathering at the Burloak indoor golf facility - had 2 hours of golf - some were "rusty" - others OK - followed by a nice lunch there at Casey's. Thanks to Katherine Beaudry for convening this group and for organizing this event. We are looking forward to the upcoming golf season 🏌️



Dinner at Il Fornello with the Ladies Singles Group.

## Interest Group Activities

This group now meets at 1 pm on the second Monday of each month.



### 'Page Turners' Book Club Seeks New Members!

Looking for something interesting to read?  
Something that is compelling and hard to put down?

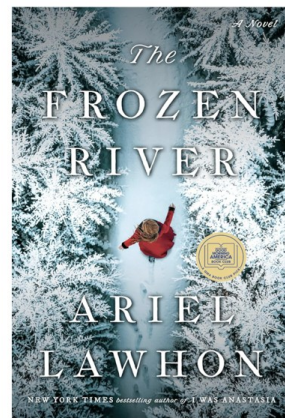
Come and join our lively discussions at our monthly meetings.

Reading selections range from historical fiction, to mysteries, biographies, and everything in-between. We also try to read one or more Canadian authors each year.

To date our selections have included "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon, "The Devil Wears Rothko" by Barry Avrich, "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus and many other thought provoking books.

We have room for new members and would love to have you join us!

Please contact Marla Newton or Martina Eisleb for more information.



**The CFUW Dragon boat team, "Sync or Swim"** is ready to paddle again this season! We will be practicing at the Burloak Canoe club for 8 weeks beginning in May. We will be competing in the regatta held at the Mississauga Canoe Club on Saturday June 20. Hope you can help to cheer us on! We are still looking for some subs to join us.

Please contact Susan Stavin if you are interested.

Through your generous donations over the years, the team has contributed to the CFUW Scholarship Fund. We will continue to do so this season as well.



**Susan Stavin**

## Interest Group Activities for May 2026

New and returning members who would like to join one of these groups are encouraged to let the Interest Group Chair know at [interestgroups@cfuwoakville.ca](mailto:interestgroups@cfuwoakville.ca). They will try to accommodate your wishes.

**Book Discussion and Exchange Clubs**, morning or evening. Members of these book clubs choose books to read and discuss each month. 'Playing With Ideas' members read one short selection each month from an anthology.

Name		Convenor	Date and Time
<b>BookBeat AM</b>		Angela Hantoumakos	1st Wednesday @ 10:00 am <i>The Frozen River, Lawhon</i>
<b>Page Turners</b>		Marla Newton Martina Eisleb	2nd Monday @ 1:00 pm <b>OPEN</b>
<b>BookBeat PM</b>	I	Charlotte Jeneway	Last Thursday @ 7:30 pm <i>The Resistance Painter, Jonathon</i> <b>OPEN</b>
	II	Mary Wood	1st Wednesday @ 7:00 pm <i>The Paris Library, Skestien</i> <b>OPEN</b>
	III	Helen Litton	First Tuesday @ 7:30 pm <i>The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store, McBride</i>
<b>Crime &amp; Caffeine</b>	I	Leigh Mayers	Last Monday @ 1:30 pm <b>OPEN</b>
	II	Carolyn Collings Merk	4th Monday @ 1:30 pm <i>The Vanishing Point, McDermid</i>
	III	Susan Walkinshaw	2nd Monday @ 1:30 pm <i>A most puzzling murder, Marais</i>
<b>Central Book Exchange</b>		Marion Davis	Books are chosen in September for the year.
<b>West End Book Exchange</b>		Sue Stephens	Books are chosen in September for the year.
<b>We the North Book Exchange</b>		Joan Dunn	Books are chosen in September for the year. <i>Atmosphere Jenkins Reid</i> <i>Mrs. Endicott's Splendid Adventure, Bowen</i>
<b>Literary Ladies</b>		Pam Schwartz	1st Thursday @ 10:00 am <i>Jennie's Boy, Johnston</i>

**Bridge, Scrabble and other Board games:** Friendly social groups to test one's skill and enjoy different scenarios.

Name	Convenor	Date and Time
<b>Marathon Bridge</b>	Margaret Pospisil Laurie Nordin-MacLeod	Times vary through the month. <b>OPEN</b>
<b>Word Power through Scrabble</b>	Wanda Crichton Lyndsey Thom	2nd Tuesday @ 1:00 pm

**Exploring Ideas Together:** Issues to Advocacy presents an opportunity to educate ourselves on current issues and explore ideas together. Aging Collaboratively members want to discover the possibilities to create a better journey later in life; Beyond Bloomsbury members meet once a month to listen to speakers and discuss topics of interest such as health, politics, education,

Name		Convenor	Date and Time
<b>Advocacy Committee</b>		Diane McCullough	2nd Wednesday @ 7:00 pm <b>OPEN</b>
<b>Aging Collaboratively</b>		Janice May	4th Tuesday @ 3:30 pm beginning January 27 <b>OPEN</b>
<b>Beyond Bloomsbury</b>	I	June Cockwell	4th Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

**Meditation and Mindfulness** Evening Meditation enjoys the relaxation of a guided meditation followed by a group discussion. Mindfulness and Meditation explores through readings, discussions and practice and Psychology / Spirituality explores the human soul in a cheerful and friendly atmosphere. Research is shared and discussed.

Name		Convenor	Date and Time
<b>Evening Meditation</b>		Leanne Siracusa	2nd Tuesday @ 8:00 pm <b>OPEN</b>
<b>Mindfulness and Meditation</b>	I	Jeanne Crockatt Reet Kazakoff	3rd Tuesday @ 10:00 am <b>OPEN</b>
	II	Chris Connell	1st Thursday @ 1:30 pm <b>OPEN</b>
<b>Psychology and Spirituality</b>	I	Sue McArthur	2nd Thursday @ 9:30 am

**Celebrating Good Food and Conversation:** Gourmet groups meet monthly to share fine food, menus, recipes and good company; Ladies@Lunch is a fun group that meets monthly for lunch and socializing; Foodie World Adventures members enjoy cooking, baking and experimenting with unusual ingredients from around the world. Social Eves focuses on exploring a wide variety of interests and topics while providing an opportunity to socialize, network and have lots of fun. Couples' Chat and Chow: Couples dine out on a weekday evening

Name		Convenor	Date and Time
<b>Gourmet</b>	I	Alison Gemmell	2nd Thursday @ 6:30 pm
	II	Anne Douglas	2nd Thursday @ 6:30 pm
	III	Laurie Nordin-MacLeod Sue Stephens	2nd Thursday @ 6:30 pm
<b>Ladies @ Lunch</b>		Lise Moras	3rd Thursday @ 12:30 pm <b>OPEN</b>
<b>Social Eves</b>		Marjorie Bell Nancy Stavert	4th Wednesday <b>OPEN</b>
<b>Foodie World Adventures</b>		Eva Baxter	3rd Wednesday, time TBD
<b>Bakers Club</b>		Hilary Vavasour	3rd Tuesday @ 2:00 pm
<b>Bronte Neighbourhood Group</b>		Sheila Aldoroty	TBD <b>OPEN</b>
<b>The Singles Network</b>		Dianne Murphy	Dates and times of events are determined by participants <b>OPEN</b>
<b>Couples' Chat and Chow</b>		Leanne Siracusa	Weeknight, during the last week of the month <b>OPEN</b>

Please take photos of your spring and summer Interest Group activities to send to Pat Z and Raine G so they can be shared with the whole Club in the newsletter and on Flickr.

We are happiest if the photos are sent in original size with the best resolution possible.

See you in September!

**Physical Activity:** Dragon Boating, Golf, and Happy Hikers are opportunities for members to participate in the activities they enjoy, in the company of friends and other members; Walking with Friends chooses flat paved routes.

Name		Convenor	Date and Time
<b>Dragon Boating</b>		Judy Pielsticker Susan Stavin	<b>OPEN</b> Any CFUW members who are interested in Dragon Boating are asked to contact Susan Stavin or Judy Pielsticker
<b>Golf</b>		Katherine Beaudry Angie Vassallo	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Happy Hikers</b>	I	Marcia Hays Jane Underwood	Tuesday am, weather permitting, Sept. to June
	II	Wanda Crichton Judith Setton	Wednesday am, bi-weekly, weather permitting, Sept. to June <b>OPEN</b>
<b>Pickleball</b>		Pickleball is no longer a CFUW Interest Group but play continues. Please contact Katherine Beaudry directly if you'd like to join them.	
<b>Walking with Friends</b>		Brenda Walker Jane Jewitt	Mondays @ 9:15 am <b>OPEN</b>

The **Hikers 2 Group** enjoyed a walk along the Oakville Waterfront on April 1.  
In the background is a historic working Lighthouse.



**Social Eves** had a great turnout for "Games Night" on April 29 organized by Gloria Tomlinson. Lots of laughs, fun, food, drinks and prizes. Jane Heakes was the top winner for the evening! Many thanks to Heather McKinlay for all her help and for hosting!



Event	Location	Date	Time
Last Issue of In Touch for this year		May 1, 2026	
Spring Dinner	Oakville Conference Centre	May 4, 2026	6:00 pm
See you next year! First General Meeting	TPCC	Sept 21, 2026	

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Kyoko Kobayashi	Katherine Beaudry	Palma Robinson
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## CFUW Oakville Board for 2025-2026

Executive Committee	
Leadership Team	Kyoko Kobayashi, Katherine Beaudry, Palma Robinson
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Secretary	Linda Williams, Helen Furman
Treasurer	Jillian Birnie
Standing Committee Chairs	
Advocacy	Diane McCullough
Finance	Jillian Birnie
Hospitality	Marlene Bristol
Interest Groups	Christine Forber
Membership	Sheila Aldoroty, Janis Fournier
Newsletter Editor	Pat Zelonka
Programme	Susan Bowen
Technology	Kyoko Kobayashi
Website / Social Media	Raine Greenwood

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Committees by Appointment Chairs	
Archivist	Hilary Vavasour
Nominations	Leadership Team
Dinners	Katherine Beaudry