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VISIBLE VOICES AT THE AGM

A FIRST TIMER'S VIEW OF THE CFUW AGM

By Brenda Shanahan, UWC Montreal

Given I was a member of the Local Arrangements Committee for this year's Annual General Meeting, I must leave it to others to offer their opinions about the events and hosting of the CFUW AGM held between August 7th and August 10th, 2008 in Montreal. But it was my first time attending a CFUW AGM and I was fully registered for the workshops and activities being held (note to self: not a good idea if on LAC) because I fully intended to get every bit out of the AGM experience.

And I'm glad I did. First of all, I was impressed by the structure of the plenary session agenda, the quality of debate and attention to detail whether it was on a point of order or documenting a resolution on the floor. The chairing of the plenary sessions was professional and the readiness of the delegates to take to the microphones indicated to me that regardless of point of view or experience, all present were comfortable with speaking their minds.

The workshops I attended were also very welcoming, allowing for easy mingling of those with more expertise on the topic at hand with those of us who were neophytes. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet fellow CFUW members in this environment and learn more about topics ranging from political savoir faire for women to the making of the CFUW mission statement. I have copious notes and have come away

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CFUW Perth and District raises \$7000 for the Stephen Lewis Foundation



CFUW Perth and District's sold-out "Swing into Spring" Dance featured a silent auction, swing dance lessons and a 15-piece Swing Band. The successful event raised \$7000 for the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmothers to Grandmothers program and offered a fun-filled evening for everyone.

The **Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign** raises awareness, builds solidarity and mobilizes support for Africa's grandmothers who are raising families that have been devastated by HIV/Aids. Over 150 grandmothers' groups, including several CFUW interest groups, have formed in Canada and beyond to support the campaign. The Stephen Lewis Foundation provides grandmothers in

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ADVOCACY ALERT

It's election time again! Use CFUW's Election Questions to plan an all-candidates' debates in your area. This is a great way to increase your Club's visibility in your community and to have a chance to put CFUW's policy on your local candidates' agendas. You can find the Election Questions posted at www.cfuw.org, click on Policy in Action.

The 2008 Brief to Government on CFUW Policies is also available online. The Brief will give you the information you need to bring your elected officials and candidates up to date on CFUW's policy.

Remember, National Office is at your service to assist with planning advocacy and election strategies. Call 613-234-8252 x103, or email cfuwadvocacy@rogers.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE / MESSAGE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

Patricia DuVal

2008 AGM Speech

After a deeply moving speech about child soldiers by Senator Dallaire, I couldn't help thinking that we have to do something, but couldn't think how we can have an effect. Then I thought about the women who founded CFUW and IFUW, and why they were founded, and I am impressed by those women. They thought big, and they were the kind of people who got things done. In 1918, at the end of



World War I, Dr. Virginia Gildersleeve, Dean of Barnard College, and the only woman to help write and to sign the UN Charter, and Professor Caroline Spurgeon, the first woman professor at an English University met at a conference. "We should have an international federation of university women, so that we shall at least have done all we can to prevent another such catastrophe". Their aims for the organization were:

- Promote women's work in public bodies
- Secure the removal of sex disabilities (an interesting choice of words)
- Facilitate the intercommunication and cooperation of university women
- Afford opportunity for the expression of a united opinion upon subjects especially interesting to the group.

Canadian women also wanted to be part of IFUW, so six Clubs from across Canada (Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Victoria) founded CFUW so Canada could become one of the founding members of IFUW. They weren't afraid to take on a big job; they just did it. Two years later, CFUW & AAUW gave \$100,000 to Marie Curie to buy radium for her experiments. It doesn't say where they got that kind of money, but we could obviously learn something about fundraising from them.

Our theme for the biennium is again: Visible Voice. Voix

Visible. Never underestimate the power of words. We have the right to speak. We can let people know, we can let our governments know. And with that right to speak goes the responsibility to act. So, are we thinking big enough? Or are we afraid to leave our comfort zones? We can accomplish big things too. "Never underestimate the capacity of a few determined people with a shared vision to change the world. In fact, looking at history, nothing else has ever changed the world".

Those women did their part, and now it is up to us. I think we can do it. And even if we don't always succeed we will know that "we shall at least have done all we can".

Patricia DuVal

Discours de Patricia Duval lors de l'AGA de 2008

Après un discours profondément touchant du sénateur Roméo Dallaire sur les enfants soldats, je n'ai pu m'empêcher de penser que nous devons faire quelque chose, mais je n'arrivais pas à trouver comment nous pourrions avoir un effet.

J'ai alors songé aux femmes qui ont fondé la FCFDU et la FIFDU, et aux raisons qui ont motivé la fondation des deux organismes, et j'ai été impressionnée. Ces femmes ont vu grand et elles étaient le genre de personnes qui savaient faire ce qu'il faut. En 1918, à la fin de la Seconde Guerre mondiale, la docteure Virginia Gildersleeve, doyenne de Barnard College et seule femme à avoir aidé à rédiger, puis à avoir signé la Charte des Nations Unies, a rencontré, durant une conférence, la professeure Caroline Spurgeon, première femme à occuper cette fonction dans une université de langue anglaise. « Nous devrions avoir une fédération internationale de femmes diplômées d'universités pour pouvoir dire que nous aurons au moins fait tout notre possible pour prévenir une autre catastrophe du genre. » Les objectifs qu'elles ont fixés pour la Fédération étaient de :

- promouvoir le travail des femmes dans les organismes publics;
- faire disparaître les handicaps liés au sexe (un choix de mots intéressant);

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- faciliter la communication et la coopération entre les femmes diplômées d'universités;
- avoir l'occasion d'exprimer une opinion commune sur des sujets d'intérêt particulier pour le groupe.

Les Canadiennes voulaient aussi faire partie de la FIFDU. Six Clubs de toutes les régions du pays (Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton et Victoria) ont donc fondé la FCFDU pour que le Canada puisse devenir l'un des membres fondateurs de la FIFDU. Les membres n'ont pas eu peur de s'atteler à cette tâche énorme, elles l'ont seulement fait.

Deux ans plus tard, la FCFDU et l'AAUW ont donné 100 000 \$ à Marie Curie pour qu'elle achète du radium pour mener ses expériences. Nous ignorons où elles ont trouvé une telle somme, mais nous pourrions sans doute apprendre d'elles quelques trucs sur la collecte de fonds.

Le thème de notre réunion biennale est encore une fois :

Visible Voice / Voix Visible. Ne sous-estimez jamais le pouvoir des mots. Nous avons le droit de parole. Nous pouvons parler aux gens, nous pouvons parler à nos gouvernements. Ce droit de parole s'accompagne toutefois du devoir d'agir. Alors, voyons-nous assez grand ? Ou avons-nous peur de sortir de nos zones de confort ? Nous pouvons accomplir de grandes choses, nous aussi. « Ne sous-estimez jamais la capacité de quelques personnes déterminées, animées d'une même vision, de changer le monde. En fait, l'histoire nous apprend que c'est la seule chose qui y soit parvenu. »

Ces femmes ont fait leur part; maintenant, c'est notre tour. Je pense que nous pouvons y arriver. Et même si nous ne réussissons pas à tout coup, nous saurons que « nous aurons au moins fait tout notre possible ».

Patricia Duval

CFUW VISIBLE VOICES: PUTTING ADVOCACY INTO ACTION

Putting Advocacy into Action will be an ongoing series of club contributions that highlight club activities that make CFUW Visible Voices by supporting the purposes of CFUW. Send your submissions to cfuw.stratplan@gmail.com

Founder of Cancun Women's Shelter Educates Members of CFUW South Delta

CFUW proudly endorsed the appearance of the award-winning Mexican journalist Lydia Cacho as the keynote speaker at a forum on human trafficking, held at Simon Fraser University's downtown Segal Centre on June 27th and 28th. Norrie Valencia, past president of CFUW South Delta, arranged for Lydia's two-day visit to Vancouver and her presence at the forum, "Valuing Human Dignity – Challenging the Trafficking of Women," a part of SFU's Interfaith Summer Institute for Justice, Peace and Social Movements.

A successful press conference was held Friday morning, and amongst those in attendance were CFUW members Phyllis Scott, Maureen Johnston and Norrie Valencia. Prior to the conference we had the opportunity to meet and talk with Lydia. Phyllis asked her if she would be available to speak at the IFUW Conference in Mexico City in 2010 and Lydia said she would. On Friday evening Lydia was named recipient of UNANIMA's International Woman of Courage Award, 2008, at a colourful ceremony at the Segal Centre.

On Saturday morning she facilitated a workshop called, "Run For Your Life: The Real Life of Victims and Survivors of Sex Crime." In this workshop Lydia put selected attendees into a real life situation of commercial sexual exploitation, and asked them to make choices that would determine their future. It was a frightening, yet totally absorbing two hours.

Following lunch, Lydia delivered her keynote address – an

engrossing speech in which she told us of Centro Integral de Atencion a las Mujeres (CIAM), a crisis centre and shelter she founded 20 years ago and directs in Cancun. CIAM, a centre for victims of sex crimes, gender-based violence, and trafficking uses a holistic approach to addressing the violations against society's most vulnerable populations. She spoke about the School for Peace which she initiated through the Centre, and how it works – and the School for Love, an offshoot of the School for Peace. Lydia is justly proud of her success with CIAM. Since its opening, only 3% of the victims of violence have gone back to their batterers. For the complete story of CIAM, log on to: www.ciamcancun.org/eng/

Lydia Cacho wrote an investigative book exposing a child pornography and trafficking ring centred in her home city of Cancun, Mexico. The book, "Los Demonios en Eden" (the Demons of Eden) implicates prominent members of the corporate/political power structure, reaching to the highest echelons. However, instead of receiving praise for a well-researched expose, she was arrested, incarcerated and tortured. Lydia's story is one of an orchestrated campaign to protect the marriage between organized crime, businessmen and a corrupt government. Her book resulted in repeated threats against her life and judicial harassment to silence her efforts.

In response to the tactics to intimidate her, Lydia filed a successful counter-suit for corruption and for violations of her human rights. She is the first woman in Mexico who has ever filed a federal suit for corruption and attempted rape in prison. Subsequently, she was the first woman in Mexican history to take a woman's rights case to the Mexican Supreme Court. For more information about this incredible woman log on to: www.lydiacacho.net/

Maureen Johnston
Chair, Status of Women
BC Council, CFUW

Your CFUW Board: Working For You

CFUW Vice President Atlantic Grace Stapleton

When Grace joined CFUW St. John's in 1993, it was a continuation of interests she had pursued since the 1970's, when she was one of the founders of the Status of Women Council in Labrador West, and helped set up a Women's Centre. In 1984, she chaired a provincial Status of Women conference, where the theme was "Balancing the Scales". From 1988-1997 she served on the Board of Regents of Memorial University, where gender equity and the status of women in university were major concerns.

With two degrees from Memorial and a graduate degree from the University of New Brunswick, Grace taught in high schools in Labrador and Newfoundland for thirty years. Now retired, she has been an executive member of CFUW St. John's since 1997, serving as President from 2004-2006. She was Regional Director for Newfoundland and Labrador 2002-2006, and is now beginning her second term as Vice President for the Atlantic Region. She has attended ARC conferences annually since 1998, every CFUW AGM since 2003, and the IFUW conferences in Ottawa, Perth, and Manchester.

As VP Atlantic, Grace is very proud of the work being done by the fourteen ARC clubs and the four Regional Directors, and will continue to support them in all their projects. She is particularly interested in encouraging the smaller clubs, and extending CFUW to other communities through outreach and advocacy. The scales are not yet balanced; so many causes still need our active support, especially the availability of quality affordable childcare, pay equity, women in politics, and issues concerning health and environment. Grace is committed to continuing work on these and other CFUW policies in Atlantic Canada.

CFUW Vice President Prairies Brenda Wallace

Brenda Wallace received her BEd degree from the University of Regina in 1977. Her leadership role has been apparent from childhood and has included team captains, chair and co-chair of events and conferences provincially and nationally. She has always been a team player and values the contributions of others.

Professionally, Brenda taught six year olds for 35 years, supervised interns for 25 years and lead seminars, and workshops for 15 years. She found that pursuing the different roles concurrently provided a balance in working with parents, children and administration. Brenda taught in many schools including the Department of National Defense School in Heidelberg. She has always been a liaison for colleagues as primary curriculum rep, mentor and team leader. Brenda's passion has always been early education, especially with children at risk, special needs children and ESL students. In her role, she was often the advocate/liasion for the child/family to ensure support and programs.

Brenda's CFUW-Regina membership has included executive

positions of archivist, membership, vice-president, president and newsletter. She was the liaison for hosting the AGM 2004 in Regina and has been on the committee for fundraising events. She initiated CFUW-Regina's International Women's Day Programs with Elaine Yeomans and a Women and the Law forum with the Regina Council of Women with Laura Ross.

Her key concerns remain the rights of women and children, including safety and education. Her talents include organizing, problem solving, listening, and advocating for action.

Brenda enjoyed her time as Regional Director for Saskatchewan and is looking forward to expanding her circle of CFUW friends as Vice President of the Prairies. Brenda is looking forward to your comments, suggestions and questions during the next two years. She hopes to see you in Winnipeg at the AGM 2009 to help celebrate the club's 100th anniversary.

CFUW Vice President British Columbia Susan Murphy

Susan Murphy is delighted to be a part of the CFUW national board 2008-10. She has been an active CFUW member for over twelve years, getting her start in Manitoba at UWC Winnipeg and now in British Columbia belonging to CFUW-Nanaimo. Susan has held a variety of positions in both clubs, she has been active on BC Council and has been Regional Director for Vancouver Island for the past two years.

With a background in sociology, psychology, teaching and accounting, Susan has had a varied and interesting career. Susan worked for the federal and provincial governments in Manitoba, and two health authorities in British Columbia. She has been involved with many local and provincial organizations as a volunteer/leader, and wants to extend that experience in CFUW.

Susan says, "I think that the watchwords of 'Action, Advocacy and Education' really exemplify what CFUW is all about. CFUW Clubs are our public faces in the community and our members are the heart of the organization. Our achievements date back over nearly ninety years at the local, national and international level."

In CFUW, Susan believes that we must be the enthusiastic and energetic group that "can do", we must find our relevance to graduate women and students in today's workforce and communities, and we must welcome and reflect the diversity of our country.

In CFUW, we need to build for the future, consider change, try new ideas as pilot projects, take advantage of technology and innovation, and continue to honour and respect our past history.

Susan looks forward to working collaboratively with her colleagues on the National Board and the team in British Columbia to build on the excellent work done by Vice President Fran Mitchell and her team over the past four years.

Coordinator for International Relations Ardith Toogood

CFUW Past President, Ardith Toogood, will serve as CFUW Coordinator for International Relations during the 2008 – 2010 Biennium. Her experiences as a CFUW leader, as a volunteer at the 2001 IFUW Triennial Conference in Ottawa and as the leader of the Canadian delegation at the 2007 IFUW Triennial Conference in Manchester have given her insights into international work and have provided networking opportunities for promoting the goals of CFUW and IFUW. She and her committee members welcome input from CFUW members across the country on IFUW, UN and international issues.

Highlights of strategies and goals for the advancement of CFUW's influence internationally during this term:

IFUW Sphere

- Take leadership on issues involving the girl child
 - Strengthen connections with sister IFUW affiliates
 - Participate and take leadership in IFUW projects
- Increase member awareness of IFUW and international issues

UN Sphere

- Champion UN Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security
- Promote UN High-level Agency for Women and women's leadership at the international level

International Sphere

- Champion International Women's Day
- Advocate for strong Canadian Government leadership on international issues covered by CFUW and IFUW policy.

Information on international issues can be found in the *Communicator* under "International Scene" and on the CFUW and IFUW websites at www.cfuw.org and www.ifuw.org.

CFUW Director of Resolutions Teri Shaw

Being trained as a librarian with an undergraduate degree in political science, Teri Shaw naturally gravitated to the public policy arm of CFUW, and to resolutions, the basis for any policy work we might do.

Working for a newspaper library – in Ottawa during the time of the War Measures Act and the Royal Commission on the Status of Women! – and then a public library solidified Teri's belief in the power of information and the power of a few good women.

Resolutions are the foundation of any advocacy work that CFUW does. The initial research, the discussion throughout the country, and the subsequent vote ultimately create a statement that we can feel confident about using.

At the same time as being Director of Resolutions on the National Board, Teri is also a special appointment to CFUW Ontario Council as Advocacy Coordinator. "I now have the chance to see the whole process from the creation of policy to its acceptance to its ultimate use" says Teri, "Actually quite exciting"

"I am asked many times how Resolutions are used". Teri pointed out that they have three very specific uses: public education and awareness - as the resolutions are discussed across the country and later when Clubs hold public meetings and forums based on these resolutions; proactively - when Clubs, Councils and National tell governments what we are interested in either in general briefs or in letters about our new resolutions; and reactively - when we, as CFUW, respond to governments' requests for comments and input.

CFUW Director of Legislation Muriel Smith

Muriel Smith is entering her second full term as CFUW Director of Legislation. Muriel has received both the Governor General's Person's Award and the Order of Canada. She brings to her position a wealth of experience working on provincial, national and international policy in the public sector and the volunteer sector.

The Legislation Committee is charged with examining issues that do not fit easily into the mandate of the other two advocacy committees, Status of Women/Human Rights and Education. As the legislation mandate covers a wide spectrum of issues, in practice the Committee confines itself to issues it deems to be of high priority. It also responds to requests from the President to pursue specific, significant issues. Most of its work is done via the internet.

The role of committee members is twofold

- to alert the Legislation Director to emerging national issues, particularly those of importance to the local region
- to respond to issues identified by the Director by
 - ◊ drafting statements or resolutions, or
 - ◊ encouraging and assisting local Clubs to research and propose the appropriate resolutions.

Throughout the year, the committee is also called on to submit articles for the *Communicator* and write *Women in Action* two page background and action plans. The committee also supports advocacy efforts by the President and Clubs on existing CFUW policy.

One very useful source of information is the House of Commons legislative home page where Government Bills, Private Members Bills and Senate Bills can be tracked. Go to www.parl.gc.ca and click the link below "Bills" on the left-hand side of the page.

CFUW is non-partisan. Our major concern is whether the proposed legislation will improve the lives of women children and the community. We recognize that it is not always easy to discern the line between being non-partisan and political. Therein lies the challenge!

The work of the Legislation Committee is critical to keeping CFUW a strong *Visible Voice*. Cross-country representation is desirable, but anyone with a special interest or desire to learn is most welcome to join our committee.

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with a lot of great ideas for future projects for my club. My only quibble would be concerning the appropriateness of reciting a Christian prayer as an invocation. It is my understanding that we are a secular organization open to Canada's diversity of cultures and faiths. Why not invoke our mission statement instead? To declare that we are dedicated to "the pursuit of knowledge; the promotion of education; the improvement of the status of women and human rights and active participation in public affairs, all in a spirit of cooperation and friendship" is exactly the inspiration we need in order to focus the energies of our organization during our annual gathering of some of the finest women I have had the pleasure of meeting. So next year, Winnipeg- See you there!

Impressions d'une première expérience d'une AGA de la FCFDU

Brenda Shanahan, University Women's Club of Montreal

Comme j'étais membre du Comité chargé des arrangements locaux pour l'Assemblée générale de cette année, je dois laisser à d'autres le soin d'offrir leurs opinions sur les activités et l'accueil de l'AGA de la FCFDU à Montréal, du 7 au 10 août 2008. C'était la première fois que j'assistais à une AGA de la FCFDU. Je me suis donc inscrite à une foule d'ateliers et d'activités (note personnelle : une mauvaise idée quand on fait partie du Comité des arrangements locaux) parce que j'avais l'intention de profiter pleinement de l'expérience de l'AGA.

Et je suis contente de l'avoir fait. D'abord, j'ai été impressionnée par la structure de l'ordre du jour pour les

plénières, par la qualité des débats et par l'attention apportée aux détails que ce soit pour faire un rappel au règlement ou pour étayer une résolution dans la salle. La présidence des séances plénières a été assurée d'une façon professionnelle; l'empressement des déléguées à se rendre aux micros m'a montré que, peu importait leur point de vue ou leur degré d'expérience, toutes les femmes présentes étaient à l'aise d'exprimer leur opinion.

Les ateliers auxquels j'ai assisté étaient très accueillants; ils permettaient des contacts faciles entre les femmes ayant plus d'expertise par rapport au thème discuté et celles d'entre nous qui étaient des novices. C'était un plaisir d'avoir l'occasion de rencontrer d'autres membres de la FCFDU dans ce contexte et de s'informer davantage sur divers sujets allant du savoir-faire politique pour les femmes jusqu'à l'élaboration de l'énoncé de mission de la FCFDU. J'ai pris une grande quantité de notes et je suis repartie avec beaucoup de bonnes idées de futurs projets pour mon club. Ma seule critique concerne l'à-propos d'avoir récité une prière chrétienne comme invocation. D'après ce que j'ai compris, la FCFDU est un organisme laïc ouvert à la diversité des cultures et des convictions religieuses du Canada. Pourquoi ne pas invoquer plutôt notre énoncé de mission ? Déclarer notre engagement en faveur de « la poursuite de la connaissance; la promotion de l'éducation; l'amélioration de la condition des femmes et des droits humains et la participation active aux affaires publiques, le tout dans un esprit de coopération et d'amitié » c'est exactement l'inspiration dont nous avons besoin pour canaliser l'énergie de notre organisme durant l'Assemblée annuelle réunissant certaines des meilleures femmes que j'aie eu le plaisir de connaître. Alors, l'an prochain, à Winnipeg – on se reverra!

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Africa with much-needed assistance, including: food, school fees and school uniforms for their grandchildren, income-generating projects, counseling and social support, and coffins to allow for a dignified burial of their loved ones. For more information or to donate visit:

www.stephenlewisfoundation.org

CFUW Perth and District members first became interested in the project August 2007. But the "Swing into Spring" committee officially began planning for the dance in December when Diana Bracegirdle, Anne Neil, Isabel Joyce; Lois Perreault; Susan Roach; Clare McCartney; Jane Farrell; Jane Conley; Katie Hoffman; Pat Foulkes and Mary Lee came together and developed a plan and helped bring this vision to life. They wanted an international project and decided to help the Lanark Grannies with their mission to help the Grandmothers in Africa raise their orphaned grandchildren.

The "Swing into Spring" dance was held on Saturday, April 12, and the guests never stopped dancing. Even when the band took a break, a "Swing" dance demonstration followed by a few lessons kept us hopping. A Silent Auction consisting of items donated by CFUW members kept the action moving, making it a memorable evening. It was a huge success with net proceeds of \$7000. On behalf of the CFUW of Perth and District, thanks to all who took part, to make this event such a memorable evening. We couldn't have done it without you.

CFUW Bits and Bytes

NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: STUDENT MEMBERS APPROVED AT THE AGM

Clubs will need to update their constitutions and web sites to include the Student member category as well as to reflect changes in the IFUW standards for membership.

A woman is eligible for CFUW Student Membership if she is resident in Canada and is enrolled full-time at a university or college in a degree, diploma or equivalent program that could lead to graduate work. Student members are assessed 50 percent of the CFUW per Capita dues.

CFUW NATIONAL OFFICE WORKING FOR YOU

Need some help with communications? Have a question about working with the media? Looking for a CFUW policy to apply to a local situation? The National Office is there to help. Give us a call and we can answer your questions, help you find answers, and supply you with resources:

- Public relations and communications
- Advocacy and meeting with elected officials
- Membership growth and development—posters; manuals
- President's manual

**Resolutions Become Policy:
The Resolution Cycle**
Director of Resolutions, Teri Shaw

The enduring strength of resolutions is their ability to bring our organization together – coast to coast – to plan them, to discuss them and to use them.

This year's AGM, held in Montreal, saw the passage of five resolutions concerning Psychological Harassment in the Workplace, Preventing Hospital Acquired Infections, Student Debt, Closing the Gap in Living Standards for Aboriginal Canadians, and an emergency resolution concerning Cluster Munitions.

Within the next few weeks your Club will be receiving – via email – the *Resolution Reference Book*, which includes the Resolutions as passed and their suggested Action Plans. This booklet also includes the Background and Bibliography, which can be used as resource material. At the same time the National Office will also be sending out copies of their brief and letters that also can be used by your Club.

Already CFUW Windsor has linked with CFUW Parksville-Qualicum, sponsors of the Psychological Harassment resolution, in order to use the new resolution in their work concerning the death of Lori Dupont, a Windsor nurse killed by a doctor.

The cycle starts again each fall. If your Club is interested in presenting a resolution for consideration in this CFUW year, the first step involves the **Intents**, including draft Resolved clauses, which are due on **November 1st**. For all information concerning the Resolution process, please check out the *Resolution Information and Guidelines (RIG)* found on the Resolutions page on the CFUW website (www.cfuw.org) in the Members' section.

If your Club would like to present a Resolution as a Club project, but has no topic, there are several areas where CFUW requires policy: mental health—especially concerning children, urban planning, and services to immigrants. If you are interested in researching any of these topics, please think about preparing a Resolution for CFUW's consideration during 2009.

Herstory 2009

The Herstory Calendar is now available through National Office. Still only \$14 each, or \$26 for two, plus shipping.

International Scene

IFUW News

CFUW is the largest IFUW affiliate. Visit the IFUW website, www.ifuw.org, and learn how IFUW is implementing the Triennial Theme "*Women: Agents for Change - Building Sustainable Futures.*"

CFUW's emergency resolution on Cluster Munitions, adopted at the CFUW AGM 2008, is being sent to IFUW. Text of the resolution and CFUW's letter to the Canadian Government can be viewed at www.cfuw.org.

UN News

September 21 is UN International Day of Peace

www.internationaldayofpeace.org UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon invites all nations and people to "send a real signal of our universal desire for peace." CFUW clubs can commemorate this day through education and public awareness, and through a minute of silence at noon.

2008 is the UN International Year of Sanitation. In 2008 CFUW donated \$5800 to WaterCan bringing safe, clean, drinking water to African villages.

2008 is the UN Year of the Potato – a versatile root vegetable that grows world-wide could help combat global food shortages.

Recommended Reading

The Human Right to Peace – Douglas Roche 2003
Julia Grace Wales: Canada's Hidden Heroine - Mary Jean Bean (member of CFUW Sherbrooke and District) 2005. Miss Wales's work for peace led to the League of Nations and later to the United Nations.

Notables Among Us

In May, our list of members of CFUW who had received the Order of Canada was incomplete. We apologize for the omission.

Amy Williams, CFUW North Bay, received the Order of Canada in 1985 for work to improve the Status of Women. Since 1968, Amy has been an active member of CFUW. She has worked to improve the Status of Women in groups including CFUW, the Council of Women, Zonta and the YWCA. While Economics Convener for the Council of Women, Amy undertook a 2 year study entitled *The Financial Situation for Older Women*. Results were presented Monique Begin, who was the spokesperson for the Old Age Security System.

Notables Among Us will continue as an occasional series. Watch for details.

CFUW Council Calendar



CFUW Atlantic Regional Council

Vice President Atlantic
Grace Stapleton

October 24-25, Atlantic Regional Council (ARC) Conference/AGM. Theme: "Searching for Solutions". Location: K.C.Irving Environmental Science Centre at Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia.



CFUW Ontario Council

Vice President Ontario
Myra Willis

ONTARIO CENTRAL Fall Gathering

Host: CFUW Etobicoke
Date: Saturday, October 18th, 2008
Location: Humber College North Campus
Theme: *Shaping Our Future*
Speaker: Kay Blair, Executive Director of *Microskills*
Contact: Patjoyce103@yahoo.com

ONTARIO SOUTH Fall Gathering

Host: CFUW Georgetown
Date: Saturday, October 25th, 2008
Location: Eagle Ridge Golf Club
Theme: *How Green is Your Club?*
Speakers:
Rick Bonnette, Mayor of Georgetown
Myra Willis, President Ontario Council
Arleen Midriak, Regional Director, Ontario South
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ONTARIO WEST Fall Gathering

Host: CFUW Owen Sound and District
Date: Saturday, October 4th, 2008
Location: Stone Tree Golf and Fitness Club, just south of Owen Sound
Speakers: Daryl Wood; *Change - The Path to Possibilities*
Bonita Johnson De Matteis; *Black History - A Local Perspective*
Contact: Klvenick0220@rogers.com

ONTARIO EAST Fall Gathering

Host: CFUW Nepean
Date: Saturday, October 25th, 2008
Location: Bells Corners United Church, 3955 Richmond Road, Nepean
Speaker: Marie Fortier, Chair, Champlain Local Health Integration Network
Contact: jddufresne@rogers.com



CFUW BC Council

Vice President British Columbia
Susan Murphy

September 13 – Vancouver Island Presidents Meeting, Nanaimo Golf Club, Nanaimo

October 4 – CFUW Victoria Ivan Sayers Fashion Show, Fairmont Empress Hotel, Victoria, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Club and the Empress

October 25 – BC West Gathering – Richmond

October 29 – CFUW Nanaimo hosting a Forum for Women Candidates for School Board and City Council

Please Note:

This year CFUW dues are \$60 per member.

Visible Voice Wall of Fame

**NO ACTION OR ADVOCACY IS TOO SMALL
GET THEM ALL ON THE WALL**

The 2006-8 Wall of Fame was displayed at the AGM in August. Now its time to start recognizing Visible Voices in our new biennium. The Wall of Fame honours members and clubs who make efforts to be visible voices in their community. It will be displayed at Annual General Meetings in 2009 and 2010. Send your nominees to cfuw.stratplan@gmail.com. The 2006-8 Wall of Fame can be viewed in pdf format on the website under AGM 2008 Highlights.

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