

Canadian Federation of University Women



Kitchener-Waterloo

*An Abbreviated History: Celebrating 90 Years
1922 – 2012*

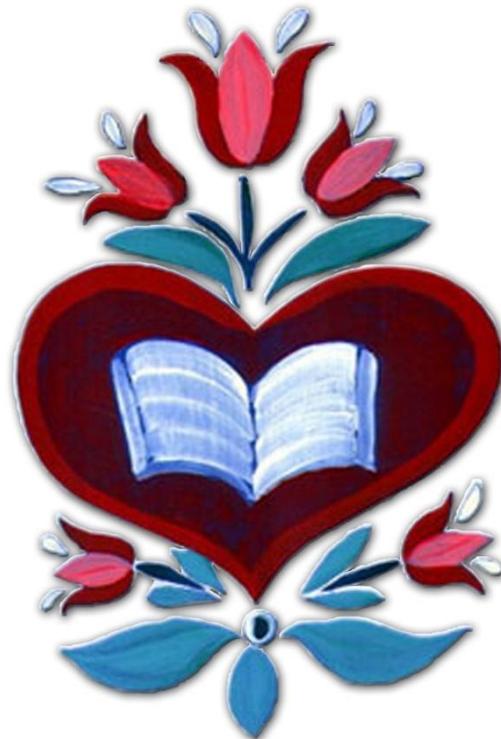


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"OF MEMORIES AND GROWTH"

Seventy-Five Years of C.F.U.W., Kitchener-Waterloo

"As the sanity of the individual lies in the continuity of her memories, so the sanity of a group lies in the continuity of its traditions."-- Ariel Durant

So with the Canadian Federation of University Women, Kitchener-Waterloo, we have our individual memories; but our Club's tradition of dedication to its purpose -- the advancement and education of women -- has remained the theme throughout this all too brief history.

	<u>1922</u>	<u>1982</u>
Membership	11	250
Scholarships, Prizes, Bursaries	\$10	\$6,000+
Fees	50¢	\$24

THE TWENTIES

A crazy, glittering, sweetly prosperous decade: the age of the automobile, new pavements, aeroplanes; the break from Victorianism to Americanism in radio, jazz and press.

- 1922 - Organization Meeting, March 16, at Cupid's Inn with 11 Charter Members - 1st Regular Meeting, April 27 - Studied art, music, literature (mainly British and European) - Enjoyed Travelogues - 1st President, Miss Mabel Dunham
- 1923 - Joined C.F.U.W., its 16th member club (then 1,313 members, now over 12,000) Miss Dunham spoke on the strength (representative) and weakness (Senate) of the Canadian Constitution
- 1924 - Presented plays at Suddaby School with invited guests, wearing our caps and gowns
- 1925 - Mabel Dunham a delegate to I.F.U.W. conference in Christiania (Oslo) - Visiting lecturers invited to Open Meetings - High Tea served prior to meetings held in homes
- 1926 - Donations to Crosby Hall begun (a residence for undergraduate women in London) – Vocations discussed with Collegiate graduates
- 1927 - Dr. Potter of W.L.U. spoke on "How Canada is Governed" - Supported Local Council of Women re. government positions for war veterans
- 1928 - Lecture by Dr. Blatz of St. George School for Child Study - Supported C.F.U.W. visiting lecturers to raise scholarship funds nationally
- 1929 - C.F.U.W. President, Miss Laila Scott, outlined development of C.F.U.W. and I.F.U.W. - "Appreciation of Music" lecture given by Mr. Hill with recordings on his "victrola" - Visited Homer Watson in Doon to view his paintings

THE THIRTIES

The "hungry" thirties: dead factories in the East and dust storms in the West; the stock market crash, the unemployed, and relief camps paying 20¢ per day wages; prime ribs, 24¢ per lb. and 5-room bungalows, \$3,800; Hitler, newly elected German Chancellor; F.D.R. and the "New Deal"; Father Divine and Empress Eugenie hats; the Dionnes and the Stork Derby; Amos 'n Andy on our Highboy radios; a polio epidemic -- perhaps the "dirty" thirties would be more descriptive!

- 1930 - Series of lectures on problems of the "Negro" - Debate on problems of Jews and Arabs in Middle East - Canadian poet, Charles G. D. Roberts, read his poems - Series of lectures on Mussolini and the Fascist Movement; the case for and against Bolshevism
- 1931 - Lectures on "Treaty of Versailles", "Growth of U. S. Nationalism" - Honored Miss Dunham on publication of her third book "Trail of the King's Men" - Donated toys to orphanage at Christmas party
- 1932 - Established Scholarship for \$50 - Continued Lecture Series, "Industrial Russia and the 5-Year Plan"

- 1933 - Commemorated "Petition for World Peace and Disarmament" with article in local paper - 1st Scholarship won by Betty Clement - Printed membership cards
- 1934 - Miss Dunham appointed to Library Committee of C.F.U.W. which helped to establish Canadian Library Council and National Library of Canada - Held Progressive Dinner (4 homes) at Christmas
- 1935 - Tea in June to honour graduates of Waterloo College
- 1936 - Donated cot to new K-W Hospital wing - Organized campaign to have women appointed to local boards and commissions - Presented film "Dodsworth" at Theatre Night to raise funds (sold 1,000 tickets at 10¢ commission each) - Listened to abdication address of Edward VIII at one meeting
- 1937 - Had 2 women appointed to High School Board - Arranged "Peace Meeting" with Canadian Club and Professional and Business Women's Club - Sent 3 delegates to C.F.U.W. Conference in Toronto
- 1938 - League of Nations study group formed - Members assisted during rush hours in Children's Library - Dr. Potter spoke on "Democracies and Dictatorships"
- 1939 - Home Economics Prize given for first time - Regular meetings held throughout the war

THE FORTIES

The War Years: a time of Volunteer service (Red Cross, C.W.V.S., W.T.P.T.B.); then post-war shock of the H-Bomb (an 8-year old when asked what he would like to be when he grew up, replied: "Alive!") Remember Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech and the "Cold War"; the duplicity of Russia in the Gouzenko affair; McCarthyism and the discrediting of "egghead" science; the age of the "Bobby-soxer" and the drab, skimpy wartime clothes; but the concern through all of it for our relief funds and the plight of the refugee graduate in I.F.U.W.

- 1940 - Supported C.F.U.W. Relief Fund for war victims - Worked every Tuesday at Red Cross rooms (except the 3rd) - Supported "Spitfire" fund
- 1941 - Members asked to contribute to Scholarship individually rather than having public project - Served as librarians at #10 Basic Training Camp - Knit aero caps, mitts and socks for Corvette "Kitchener" - Took charge of Red Cross rooms on alternate Tuesdays - Entertained for service men at dinners at Y.M.C.A. - Woman appointed to Hospital Board through our efforts
- 1942 - Sent boxes of food overseas (France) - Served cocoa at our meetings as tea and coffee were rationed (donated sugar coupons to Social Committee) - Served suppers to C.W.A.C.'s (nearly 1,000 in training at Knollwood Camp)
- 1943 - Members appointed to W.T.P.T.B. and C.W.V.S. - Helped distribute Ration Books - Opportunity Sale held for Scholarship funds
- 1944 - Had 2 women appointed to High School Board - Assisted Chamber of Commerce in "Survey for Postwar Planning" - Dr. Ursula Macdonnell, President of C.F.U.W., spoke on "Women in the Postwar" World" - Convention Fund established
- 1945 - Assisted in formation of Guelph club - Donated to Princess Alice Gift Fund, new Huronia Hall for the Blind, gifts at Christmas dinner for European children - Miss Dunham published "Grand River"
- 1946 - Members and husbands worked 600 hours at TB Chest X-Ray Clinic - Printed programs for the year - Donated to C.F.U.W. "Rehabilitation of European Women Fund"
- 1947 - Scholarship increased to \$100 in 25th Anniversary Year - Held Anniversary Dinner in Oak Room, Walper Hotel, with 9 Charter Members and 8 Past-Presidents present (reminisced on early years) - Dr. Dunham honored by Western (1st woman to receive Doctor of Letters' degree and second to receive honorary degree) - Dr. Dunham a delegate to I.F.U.W. Conference in Toronto
- 1948 - Canadian Library Association Medal for "Best Children's Book of the Year" awarded to Dr. Dunham for "Kristli's Trees"
- 1949 - Presented Music Concert for Scholarship funds: Mr. & Mrs. Harry Adaskin - Christmas dinner at Walper (\$2); donations given to Children's Aid

THE FIFTIES

The "boom" years of this postwar decade created a growing smugness in Government and Canadians – we were now called Canadian citizens; the Canadian \$1.00 was worth \$1.10 American; we were the

peacekeepers at Suez; because of exceptionally able diplomats, nations treated us with a deference out of proportion to our importance; veterans had degrees, growing families, cars, split levels; the St. Lawrence Seaway and Trans-Canada Highway were built. But C. D. Howe and the Pipeline Debate deflated Canadian complacency - the age of our national smugness was over and an age of anxiety began - the Parliamentary process was vulnerable... what of the future?

- 1950 - Sponsored Edmund Hockridge, baritone, accompanied by Leo Barkin in concert for Scholarship funds - 1st September Buffet Supper provided by Executive
- 1951 - Donated to new K-W Hospital wing - Mrs. Reinhold Lang spoke on "Fashions" (the "Shepherdess" and "Penguin" looks) - 1st Scholarship Tea and Bake Sale (the public amazed that we could cook!) - Subscriptions to Magazines taken as a fund-raising project
- 1952 - Status of Women Group promoted appointment of women to Boards and Commissions - Member appointed to Children's Aid Board
- 1953 - Member appointed to Family Service Bureau - Meeting place changed to Trinity Church because of building program at St. Andrew's
- 1954 - Purchased Gavel for President - Christmas Party: Movies of Coronation from balcony of Canada House shown by Mrs. C. S. Wilson - Dr. Broome introduced us to idea of rural pioneer museum in Cressman's Woods - Sold used books for the first time at the Scholarship Tea (most successful yet!) - 3 delegates to Regional Conference at McMaster
- 1955 - Invested some Scholarship funds in G. I. C. and raised Scholarship to \$200 - Invited area clubs to Christmas dinner
- 1956 - Education Group studying "Education of the Bright Child" - Members Debate: Resolved That Television Has a Good Influence on the Viewer (Negative won!) - Members appointed to Waterloo and Kitchener Public Library Boards - Bursary awarded to needy student for first time - Name tags now being used - Adopted a family at Christmas through Children's Aid
- 1957 - Supported C.F.U.W. fund drive for refugee Hungarian University women - 35th Anniversary Dinner held at which Miss Edna Haviland, a charter member, described our club's early years and was awarded a Life Membership - Opened our Scholarship to all Grade XIII graduates in K-W - Scholarship was renamed "Dr. Mabel Dunham Award" in her memory
- 1958 - Supported revision of Ontario Succession Duties Act - Formulated policy re donations to community projects (not to become a Service Club) - Three delegates sent to Montreal Triennial - Supported Canadiana Study Group in publishing short stories of Frederick Philip Grove - C.F.U.W. Representative Mrs. A. W. J. McQueen spoke on "Education of the Gifted Child" with teachers, inspectors and school board members as guests - In support of C.F.U.W. efforts for Penal Reform, reported on visit to Galt Training School For Girls
- 1959 - 2 delegates to Regional Conference in Windsor led in panel discussion on Education (Beth Clarke and Gail Smallbridge) - Meetings transferred to MacGregor School from Trinity - Bookkeeping standards established and audit begun - Special speakers: Dr. Sabia, "Women in Public Affairs" (remember her hats?); Dr. Noonan, "World Refugee Commission"

THE SIXTIES

The mood of the Sixties was one of change and contrasts: For the nation, "The Quiet Revolution" and F.L.Q. terrorism; the peaceful Pearson years then Trudeaumania; structured education then freedom of choice; Expo '67, buildings for the arts and student revolts; blue jeans and mini skirts; for us, serene social teas then frenzied book sales!

- 1960 - Regional Conference in Guelph: Panel Discussion on Education with Professor Northrop Frye, Dr. Laura Sabia, Dr. F. G. Stewart of K-W High School Board - Began donations to I.F.U.W. Refugee Relief - Reinvested \$1,000 and \$500 G. I. C. 's at 6% and 5½% respectively - Meetings now at First United in Waterloo - Sold Tickets to Ballet at 50¢ commission each

- 1961 - Member appointed to Advisory Committee of High School Board - Donated to Winnifred Cullis International Fund, assisting older women graduates returning to post-graduate study - Amended By-law re quorum from ½ to ⅓ of total membership
- 1962 - New name tag board donated by Lois Symons' husband - Donated \$100 to Chinese Medical student in her last year at Hong Kong University (a protege of Dr. Noonan) - Membership growing rapidly with establishment of two universities - Monthly Newsletter begun - 40th Anniversary: donated \$250 to each local University Library for books on Humanities and Social Sciences
- 1963 - Hosted Regional Conference with Galt Club co-host at Tea (used residences and facilities at both universities) - Continued yearly donations to C.U.S.O. (overseas women teachers project) - Mrs. Sabia reported new minimum wage law giving women 85¢ per hour and men \$1 - the beginning of Federation's struggle for "equal pay for work of equal value" - Wrote to local MP who assured us he was pressing for at least \$1.25 minimum for men and women
- 1964 - Scholarship revised to remove "Entrance to Teachers College" as option - Resolution to C.F.U.W. that we request the Royal Commission on B & B to urge the Canada Council to increase its financial aid for more translations of modern writings from French to English and from English to French - Book Sale Project begun this year--no more teas! - Began bursaries of \$100 per school to Grade 12 and Grade 13 students in need of financial assistance
- 1965 - Set up Talent and Interest Card File on members - Member elected to Waterloo Public School Board - Special donation of \$750 to adult woman student - Special Project: Sale of notepaper with Waterloo County scenes, proceeds for Conference Fund - Donated to CFUW Centennial Project, publication of "The Clear Spirit: Twenty Canadian Women and Their Times" edited by Dr. Mary Quayle Innes. Specially bound copies in blue leather and gold tooling were presented to Mme Vanier and Queen Elizabeth. Profits of \$4,000 from sale of this book were given by C.F.U.W. to the University of Waterloo Library's Lady Aberdeen Collection, the largest collection in Canada of material by and about Canadian women, originally started by the National Council of Women in 1954
- 1966 - Prepared and distributed brochure to High School students on "Advantages of Education for Women" - Began paying stated expenses and registration fees for voting delegates to conferences - Donated \$1,000 to Minota Hagey Memorial Building Fund (a residence for graduate women on campus of University of Waterloo) - Dr. Mabel Dunham Scholarship now became a Book Prize for top Grade XIII students - Bursaries for University entrance established - Published "Sauerkraut and Enterprise" by Edna Staebler as a Centennial Project
- 1967 - Quorum revised to be 20% of membership - 3 delegates to Vancouver Triennial - Donated \$500 to Alice E. Wilson Fellowship of C.F.U.W. from Centennial project profits - Constitution revised to extend our objective to bursaries - Profits from publication of "Sauerkraut and Enterprise" given to libraries of each local university to provide Canadiana resource material, with remainder of profits and future earnings to be donated to Kitchener Public Library to commission work on the Waterloo Historical Index (a return to the community for its support) - One \$300 Bursary and six \$100 Bursaries set up - Dr. Mabel Dunham Book Prize for highest scholastic standing in Collegiates
- 1968 - Sponsored booth at "Careers Exposition" for high school students - 70% of members now in Study Groups - Volunteers reading for blind students - Member Claire Coates appointed Parliamentarian at Windsor Council Meeting and for Triennial at York University
- 1969 - Participated in "Host Family Plan" to welcome International students - Awards extended by \$500 for special assistance when requested by Professor or Dean on behalf of female students - Established Emergency Fund of \$250 for assistance of needy High School student - Dr. Dunham Book Prize extended to top girl in each of the area Collegiates

THE SEVENTIES

The Sixties "Me" decade and age of experimentation led to the restless Seventies: the unsettling OPEC controls; the F.L.Q. crisis and Quebec separatism; the Olympics and Lotteries to finance them; a craving for leadership but distrust of leaders. A cutback in Federal funding in education changed the quest of youth from a "search for identity" to a search for job-oriented education. Our club's challenge has been to

maintain awards for excellence and assurance of assistance through bursaries for both young and mature women students.

- 1970 - Donated to John Adaskin Memorial Fund to assist a student to continue music studies - Changed our name to "Canadian Federation of University Women, Kitchener-Waterloo" - Donated \$500 to Alice E. Wilson Fellowship - Began our 50th Anniversary Project--republishing of "The Trail of the Conestogo" by Dr. Dunham - 7 delegates to Triennial at York University - Delegate to I.F.U.W. Conference in Philadelphia (donated objects of local art to be sold at conference to benefit the Dr. Hegg-Hoffett Relief Fund) - Member elected to Waterloo County School Board
- 1971 - Hosted Regional Conference at University of Waterloo - Financially supported formation of Big Sister organization - Project Committee was separated from Awards Committee - Member Dorothy Shoemaker, Chief Librarian in Kitchener, initiated a Literary Contest for original writing in prose and poetry which became known as "The Dorothy Shoemaker Literary Contest" to honour her upon retirement and funded by the Library Board - Past-President Joan Dengis awarded an Alice E. Wilson Fellowship by C.F.U.W. - supported "Miles for Millions"
- 1972 - Member appointed to Library Board - Assisted in coordinating services for Senior Citizens and UNICEF - Education Committee drafted report to be sent to Commission on Post-Secondary Education for Ontario - Donated to "Head Start" Nurseries - 50th Anniversary celebrated April 18 with guests from area clubs and Dr. Gwendolyn Black, C.F.U.W. President - A Life Membership was presented to Past President Margaret Philp in appreciation of her work on our 50th Anniversary Project and for past service to the club. Mrs. Philp was killed in a tragic automobile accident in the summer of 1972. In her memory, we established the "Margaret Dale Philp Fellowship" as our 50th Anniversary Project, to be administered by C.F.U.W. and funded by us in the amount of \$500 - Extended Emergency Fund to assist mature women students at either local university
- 1973 - Assisted Senior Citizens with Income Tax Returns - 7 delegates to Ottawa Conference (took photo display of club Book Sale) - Needlepoint wallhanging made by Arts Group for Auction to support school in Elora purchased by Mayor of Kitchener to hang in his office at new City Hall -Education Committee Report on "Religion in the Schools" presented to Board of Education (well received)
- 1974 - Member appointed to C.F.U.W. Education Committee for Western Ontario - Member Jean Johnston published "Wilderness Women" - Member Gail Bauman awarded Alice E. Wilson Fellowship spoke to club - Esther Brandon appointed Chairman of C.F.U.W. Fellowship Committee - Past-President Betty Sims appointed Chairman of C.F.U.W. Standing Committee on Legislation and as representative on National Action Committee on Status of Women - Initiated volunteer service in the schools for assisting disturbed children - Completed revision and updating of Constitution - Education Committee initiated the sending of questionnaires to Board of Education candidates asking for their views on educational concerns as a guide for our members in voting
- 1975 - International Women's Year projects: (1) published "100 Alternatives", a booklet on careers of 100 local women for use in guidance counselling; (2) worked with Council of Women to honour 10 local Women-of-the-Year as Oktoberfest project; (3) compiled Roster of competent women, provincial and national - Remainders of Book Sale sent to Cabot Archives Library in Neil's Harbour, N. S. - Established Elliott Grasset History Award through sale of his Rare Book Collection donated to the club by his sister, Anna Brown - Members Debate: "She Who Hesitates Is Lost"--ladies in history have either leapt in too soon or too late (Affirmative won!) - Mary Liz Hearn presented excellent outline of club's community participation over last 50 years--a valuable addition to the Archives - Education Committee presented brief to School Board: "Proposals for Employment and Promotion of Female Professional Staff"
- 1976 - Hosted Mini-Conference with theme "C.F.U.W. Issues and Priorities" - one hundred copies of "100 Alternatives" given to High Schools and Senior Elementary Schools in area. Professional women represented in Booklet and School Guidance Counsellors welcomed to meeting - Past-President Bonnie Kerr named "Woman-of-the-Year", Culture Division - Book Sale Profits now over \$4,000 (we're now known as "The Used Book People") - Dr. Dunham Book Prize raised to \$25 for each collegiate's top girl - 4 delegates to Saskatoon Triennial

- 1977 - Education Committee promoted Block Parent Plan and French program in Elementary schools - Book Sale Remainders donated to Cabot High School, Neil's Harbour, N. S., the Ottawa Overseas Book Centre, and the Salvation Army - Ann Dube appointed to C.F.U.W. Awards and Fellowships Committee - Three Special Entrance Scholarships donated to Music Program at W. L. U. provided by the sale of Mr. Howard Hallman's record collection which had been donated for our Book Sale - Nora Cowley donated sculpture which was raffled to members to pay for Past-Presidents' pins - Started using coloured identity name tags
- 1978 - 23 Past-Presidents invited to Christmas dinner, including Charter member, Edna Haviland, were presented with C.F.U.W. pins - 11 members attended Hamilton Regional Conference - 4 delegates plus 4 with 50% expenses paid went to Quebec Triennial - Delegates to Halifax Conference too
- 1979 - Fiscal year end changed to March 31 - Member Panel Discussion: "Careers and Planning on Re-entering Work Force" - Former member, Claire Coates, Co-editor of the C.F.U.W. coil-ring Calendar published to highlight its 60th Anniversary in 1979 with profits from its sale to the C.F.U.W. Charitable Trust Fund - Invitation to C.F.U.W. to hold its 1981 Council Meeting in Waterloo accepted

THE EIGHTIES

Would our Charter members even in their wildest dreams have foreseen the awesome events of the last sixty years? This new decade (with 1984 in the wings) will be seeking answers to several challenges: our ecological survival; space exploration; the twin threats of inflation and unemployment; separatism, East and West; federalism vs provincialism; an aging population (by 1990, the ratio of worker to retired will be 2 to 1!). The explosion of scientific knowledge signals an impending fallout in the 80's! As we approach the Triennial in Winnipeg, 1982, with its theme "Our Technological Society", may we in Kitchener- Waterloo increase our understanding of its implications. Let us help shape events rather than be overwhelmed by them and in so doing continue woman's search for self-worth, dignity and equality.

- 1980 - Past-President Eula Mae Myers appointed Provincial Director, Ontario West - Past-President Bonnie Kerr appointed to National Awards Committee - Two members elected to School Board - Delegates reported on C.F.U.W. and I.F.U.W. conferences in Vancouver
- 1981 - C.F.U.W. President Mrs. Eileen Clark spoke congratulating us on being one of the oldest and most active chapters of 120, with a "very liberal grants program" - Member and Past-President of C.F.U.W., Ruth Bell received Order of Canada - Mother-and-Daughter Night held - Program for June Council Meeting outlined with theme "Computers in Education" (237 delegates attended exclusive of K-W members) - Established "Edna Haviland Science Award" - Past-President appointed to Provincial Task Force on "Library Services for the Disabled" - 60th Anniversary Committee set up with plans to (a) update history of club; b) re-publish "Sauerkraut and Enterprise" as it is out of print; (c) investigate preparation of Walking and Driving Tours of area - Wrote M.P.s urging retention of Section 28 in Constitution re rights of women - Dr. Dunham Award increased to \$120 per school - Bursary for Conestogo College awarded
- 1982 - Video tape presentation "Goodbye Gutenberg" - Local Lawyer spoke on "The Constitution and You" - Panel Discussion on Bill 81 on special education - 60th Anniversary Dinner on April 20th at Valhalla Inn with special guests from C.F.U.W. and community. This Thumb-nail history augmented by "tongue-in-cheek" historical sketch by members of Anniversary Committee (series of skits showing a "Look Back, 1922-1982"!) Republishing of Edna Staebler's "Sauerkraut and Enterprise" was our Anniversary project (we had a ton to sell!) - Sent a brief to the Clerk of the Senate to reconsider "Dominion Day" as name for July 1st (acknowledged only, no action)
- 1983 - Open meeting at Kitchener Public Library with National Film Board "If You Love This Planet" co-sponsored by the library - Margaret Strongitharm, our National President, visited our Book Sale - Membership fees raised to \$30 - established the Grasset Award for History - Bonnie Kerr appointed to C.F.U.W. Fellowship Committee and Eula Mae Myers as Provincial Director, Ontario West - Sent letters to Federal and Provincial Governments urging immediate action on problem of child pornography

- 1984 - Gross sales at Book Sale \$12,052 - Letter of support to Women's Chair of Women's Studies Group at U. of W. in their application for a "Chair of Women's Studies" - Nineteen Study Groups now active - Change in our constitution authorizing us as a Charitable Trust and able to give receipts for Income Tax purposes - Archives transferred to the Kitchener Public Library
- 1985 - Membership largest ever (249) - Charitable Trust established with the view to making the awards self-sustaining - Ann Power appointed to Resolutions Chair for National C.F.U.W. - Questionnaire designed to assess interest in "Women's Issues" was issued, followed by Open Meeting on "Education with a Difference"
- 1986 - Highlights of Minutes of General Meetings to be published in our Newsletter to keep members in touch - 11 Collegiates now receiving awards with the addition of Rockway Mennonite - Dunham and Haviland awards raised to \$50 each - Book Sale proceeds \$15,000 - Gave leadership at Ontario Council Meeting re our "fund raising and travel funds" - Margaret Dale Philp award increased to \$1,000 from \$700
- 1987 - Meeting showing concern re waste disposal and recycling - 23rd Annual Book Sale a continuing success - Membership reached an all-time high of 297!
- 1988 - Book Sale proceeds over \$18,000 - Plans for publication of a history of past book sales in "Growth of a Legend" written by Betty Ann Rooke and Dee Sprung were set in motion - Fees were raised to \$50 - In April club member Hildegard Marsden, Dean of Women at the University of Waterloo died and an "Open Door" award was set up in her memory - Club member Christine Wylie was nominated for "Woman of the Year"
- 1989 - Book Sale History completed, recording a total value of books sold at \$159,000! - At Book Sale Anniversary Gala in March, Janet Burton presented awards - Edna Staebler who originated the idea of Book Sales received a painting of "Neil's Harbour" by Robert Myers. Twice our club had sold her book "Sauerkraut and Enterprise"-in 1967 and 1982-to raise money for awards. She has funded a 20-year project of forwarding books to Cabot High School in Neil's Harbour, N.S. - Certificates of Appreciation and C.F.U.W. pins were presented to members of the Project Committees who had served for more than five years - Our 50th Anniversary Book Sale dinner will be held in 2014 - Volunteer Service Awards were received from the Joint Ministries of Citizenship and Culture by Cathy Jenkins and Marcia Schofield (KWSO Women's Committee), Mary Johnston (Waterloo Historical Society), Jane Kramer (Kitchener Public Library), Dora Playfair and Margaret Rand (K-W Art Gallery), Bertha Thompson, Township of Woolwich (LACAC) - Fran McIntosh, Octoberfest Woman of the Year for Community Services - December tragedy at University of Montreal a shock to all members

THE NINETIES

We're in the closing years of a glorious Century, anticipating the Millenium; a pessimist might see in it a threat, a fear of the unknown; an optimist will see it as a challenge with dreams and visions of future greatness. Our ever-expanded vocabulary tells its own story: recycling, composting, global warming, loonies and toonies, down-sizing, cyberspace, Internet, cloning, "technobabble".

For our club we can hope for even greater things: membership growth, more self-sustaining awards through our ever- growing Charitable Trust, and the added incentive for our members to look forward with enthusiasm to our Centennial in 2022!

- 1990 - Membership Chair, Eula Mae Myers, introduced attractive new name tags - A questionnaire re social issues of balancing family and career was distributed - An Open Meeting to discuss hazards in our environment led by Genetics Professor Dr. J. Cummins of the University of Western Ontario - Arts Group I gave highlights of "Our Community in the Year 2000": water, housing, culture and heritage - Christmas Wine and Cheese Party at Seagram Museum
- 1991 - Five members attended the Ontario C.F.U.W. Council Meeting - A questionnaire about the future direction of our club was distributed for completion - Guests, C.F.U.W. Vice-president Susan Mohamdee of Ottawa and Annette Richardson, Ontario West Regional Director were welcomed in

- April - At our May Annual Meeting, Life Memberships were presented to Florence Mueller, Winnifred Snider, Lillian Snider, Dorothy Shoemaker, Eleanor Moore, Marion Schweitzer, Edna Staebler, and Carolyn Haehnel - September brought our usual gourmet potluck delight - Tribute was paid to Carolyn Haehnel who had recently passed away - Club member Elizabeth Witmer, M.P.P and Minister of Labour, spoke on "Education Today, Its Problems and Challenges" - At our Christmas dinner donations were made to the local Food Bank - Donations to our Charitable Trust in memory of Carolyn and Phyllis Shaw helped to make some of our awards self-sustaining - The New Hamburg Bellringers entertained
- 1992 - Our club approved a Resolution from C.F.U.W. asking the government to adopt measures to prevent violence against women - A panel of club members in the Social Issues group discussed "Career and Motherhood" - Club members Eleanor Currie, Heather Tees, and Silvana Handa discussed their experiences in entrepreneurship - Club member Lynne Woolstencroft challenged us to get involved in environmental issues - Our 70th Birthday was celebrated with Jean Carter and Eleanor Currie highlighting the life of Dr. Mabel Dunham, a charter member of our club - Eula Mae Myers presented to the club a handsome "Life Members" book which she had made in honour of the occasion - The Charitable Trust Fund has taken off due in no small measure to the enthusiasm of its creators Lynda Gyorffy and Ann Power - The Fund has been greatly enhanced by a donation from the estate of Carolyn Haehnel - Edna Staebler noted that the library in Neil's Harbour is most grateful for the donations of books from her and our Book Sales for the last 28 years - In September tribute was paid to Florence Mueller, a Life Member, who died recently. She had opened her home for our General Meeting for many years - The opening time for General Meetings was changed to 7:30 p.m. - New membership brochures were distributed to libraries, universities, Chambers of Commerce, Welcome Wagon
- 1993 - Dr. Ken Shonk presented a delightful mixture of stories, jokes, and cartoons to show us how to laugh our way to health - Our club hosted the 1993 Ontario West Spring Meeting in April - A panel discussion on "Women in Universities" urged women to be political and patient as they press for improvements in career status - The Forward Planning Committee presented resolutions on education, ozone layer, water preservation, funding of libraries and archives, women's safety on campus - Lois Symons and Dorothy Cressman were given Life Memberships
- 1994 - The 75th Anniversary History of the National C.F.U.W. was available for purchase (Clare Coutts, a former K-W club member now deceased was one of its authors) - Raffle tickets for a Robert Myers painting were sold with profits for the Charitable Trust - Two members from the staff at the K-W Y.W.C.A. spoke at an Open Meeting on "Homelessness and Hope" and their experiences with residents at Mary's Place - At our Christmas meeting our members modelled for a Victoriana Fashion Show
- 1995 - The Provincial Government appointed Past President Bonnie Kerr to the District Health Council - Marion Schweitzer and her late husband set up a Foundation for lectures in the humanities at Wilfred Laurier University - In January the Robert Myers painting was won by Cathy Snyder of Conestogo with net proceeds going to the Charitable Trust - W.L.U. asked for help in furnishing Lucinda House, a residence they own on Albert Street where the students are working on an archeological dig and the residence of their President, Dr. Lorna Marsden - MPP Elizabeth Witmer was honoured at an awards dinner by Toronto Life Fashion as "a woman who makes a difference" - Fees for 1995-96 were increased to \$65 - Outgoing executive members were presented with teaspoons in recognition of their work - Pat Sangster was made a Life Member - Ann Power announced that the Carolyn Haehnel/ Edna Haviland awards should be self-sustaining by 1997 - Carolyn Dey, Regional Director for Canada West attended and thanked our club for its donation to her which helped her visit many clubs over the past year - Joan Milburn, President of the Ontario Council brought greetings from the Council and the National Board of which she is Vice-President - Ann Power announced that two \$5,000 Fellowships will be awarded to native women as a special 75th Anniversary project of the National C.F.U.W. - Edna Staebler's nomination for membership in the Order of Canada was submitted by our Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Lynda Gyorffy - Silvana Handa was congratulated for her selection as Woman of the Year in the Business category - Edna

- Staebler established an award through W.L.U. for Creative Non-Fiction - The December Christmas meeting enjoyed the "Reminiscences of Christmases Past" by five club members
- 1996 - Our President represented the club at the Open House celebrating Edna Staebler's 90th Birthday - Ann Power was appointed Chair of our 75th Anniversary Committee - In February, Edna Staebler was congratulated on her appointment to the Order of Canada - In March in place of the General Meeting, Neighbourhood Potluck dinners were held with 128 participating (highly successful) - Ann Power appointed for second term to C.F.U.W. Director of Communications/Chair, Membership Services - A memorable Open Meeting for the 1996-97 year featured a history of the club written by Ann Power and portrayed by two members in the roles of Charter Members Mabel Dunham and Edna Haviland - Life Member Marion Schweitzer established a fund to perpetuate the Parry Michael Zehr Memorial Award to a promising String player in the K-WSO youth Orchestra - At the Ontario Council Annual General Meeting the guest speaker and two of the workshop leaders were members of our club - A reception at the Kitchener Public Library celebrated Edna Staebler's generosity in funding their Writer-in-Residence program - The Unity Committee chaired by Nora Kudrenecky provided an outstanding reception for members from the Sherbrooke club, our part in showing that we care about our Quebec clubs in the "Referendum Aftermath" - Our National President Betty Bayliss and Regional Director Carolyn Dey attended - At the Christmas meeting, Jean Steckle and Mary Anderson shared their work experiences and memorable Christmases spent in Africa
- 1997 - For our 75th Anniversary year, T-shirts were available with the C.F.U.W. logo - A new Theatre group was formed - Laura McNeil, V. P. of COM DEV Ltd. spoke on "Computers and Their Social Impact on the Future" - In February, Dr. Roger Suffling, biologist and plant ecologist of the U. of W. discussed "Lawn Wars", showing how lawns though popular are not environmentally a good idea and that "wild plants are a viable alternative to a lawn and you can have fun doing it!" - The club voted to accept our Anniversary project - The March meeting was organized by the Education Committee into three discussion groups: one on the Elderhostel programs, another on balancing Studies and Family, and one on issues concerning Sexual Stereotyping-- diverse and stimulating - April 4th and 5th, the 33rd Annual Book Sale. We remember with gratitude the bequest of our Life Member, the late Carolyn Haehnel in whose memory the Charitable Trust was established. We are grateful too for the donation of an original watercolour by the late Robert Myers which raised over \$2,600 for the cause. Individual donations, interest on investments, etc. have also contributed to the achievement of our goal: to establish a self-sustaining fund for the Carolyn Haehnel/Mabel Dunham Awards by this Anniversary year; in honour of our 75th, grants will be made to the Kitchener and Waterloo Public Libraries at a luncheon at the Westmount Golf and Country Club on April 20, 1997. Our guest speaker, Judith Finlayson, well-known author of "Against the Current" will speak on her experiences interviewing the Canadian women she has written about.

May all of you have the good fortune to celebrate the following:

2014 - the 50th Anniversary of our Book Sales!

2022 - the Centennial of the Kitchener-Waterloo C.F.U.W.!

Compiled by Dorothy Cressman

A Review of CFUW K-W from 1997 to 2007

1997 (cont.)

Club member Karen Redman was congratulated on her victory in the recent federal election, when she was elected as Liberal MP for Kitchener Centre. President Ardith Toogood, reporting on the national AGM she had attended during the summer, quoted the keynote speaker's comment that one of the upcoming challenges for CFUW was to note and analyze the ever-widening wage gap between men and women in Canada. Lynda Gyorffy, one of the original trustees of our club's Charitable Fund, resigned after 9 years as trustee; she was replaced by Sue Clark. It was noted that CFUW Brantford recently published a 50th anniversary book called "Women of Brant County," researched and written by club members and funded by corporate donations, and that a similar project could be valuable to raise the profile of our own club. The University of Waterloo generously donated a storage area for books for our Used Book Sale in one of its warehouses. A survey on our club was handed out at the September general meeting, and was returned by 77 members. Of these, 48% indicated they attended 2-5 general meetings last year, while 26% attended 6-9. Respondents appreciated the recent variety of venues for meetings. The majority of the respondents (51%) were in the 40-64 age bracket; 34% were over 64, 8% were under 40. In advance of the November elections for school trustees, the Education Committee distributed information about candidates to interested club members. The November general meeting featured a special program on the Women's Institute, an organization over 100 years old with 6 million members worldwide, that works in the home and in education to promote women's issues. Margaret Zoeller of the Women's Institute was guest speaker. Congratulations were extended to club member Elizabeth Witmer, MPP, on her appointment as Ontario Minister of Health. In addition, at the November meeting, President Ardith Toogood congratulated club members Joan McKinnon on her election as Mayor of Waterloo, Lynne Woolstencroft on her election as Councillor-at-Large, and Kathryn Craig on her election as School Board Trustee. The December general meeting was held in the historic and festively decorated surroundings of Homer Watson House & Gallery, where members were welcomed by Gallery curator and club member Gretchen McCulloch.

1998

Guest speaker at the January general meeting was Marie-Andree Drouin, Warden of the Grand Valley Institution for Women, the federal women's prison located in Kitchener. She delivered a wide-ranging, highly informative presentation entitled "Rehabilitating Female Offenders." A club program of Neighbourhood Potluck Suppers was first mounted two years ago; the concept stemmed from a discussion at the national AGM. The suppers were mounted again this year, and enthusiastically subscribed to; they were held in place of the February general meeting. In March, CFUW members across Canada were proud to hear that Linda Souter had been acclaimed President of the International Federation of University Women for the coming triennium, 1998-2001. Linda is a graduate of McGill, a Life Member of CFUW Sudbury, a member of CFUW Orleans and CFUW Ottawa, and was National President of CFUW 1985-88. She was the second Canadian to be President of IFUW; the first was Dr. A. Vibert Douglas, 1947-1950. Also in March, the newsletter reproduced a letter from member Edna Staebler in which she thanked our club for birthday wishes on her birthday January 15. "But," she wrote, "my age was in error. You said I was going to be 93 and I am ONLY 92!" The following notice appeared in the May newsletter:

IN MEMORIAM

Lillian Ysabel Snider

Lillian Snider, who died on March 19, 1998 at the age of 95, was the oldest member of CFUW-KW. She and her four sisters had a privileged upbringing in their family home, which is now the Jakobstettel Guest House in St. Jacobs. Her father owned the flour mill there, as well as the felt factory which employed most of the men in the village; there is a monument in St. Jacobs honouring Lily's grandfather who was active in bringing hydro-electric power from Niagara to this and other parts of Ontario. The Snider girls were educated in private boarding schools, Kitchener Collegiate and the University of Toronto. Lily became a popular and inspiring teacher

of English Literature for a few years in South Africa and for many years at KCI. She was active in CFUW, President in 1943-1945, and a Life Member. When Lily and her sister Winnie, a librarian, retired in 1953 they lived first in the Snider mansion, then in a penthouse apartment in Kitchener near the public library, where they borrowed and read many books. They often attended plays in Stratford and Toronto and frequently travelled abroad; their last trip, in the late 1980s, was a cruise of the Amazon River.

The members of the Monday Night Book Group were always pleased when the Sniders came to meetings. Winnie was rather quiet and shy, Lily talkative and droll – her humour and keen interest were always refreshing. Every member of this Group could probably tell a delightful Lily story. It was fun to be with her. After Winnie's death a few years ago, Lily was lonely; she no longer drove their car but enjoyed being driven to Book Group meetings, where now she is sadly missed by all the members who loved her. The last time Dorothy Cressman called to give her a ride, Lily said, "No, thanks, I can't go, I think I'm losing my edge."

The September newsletter addressed a pressing financial problem: that membership fees of \$65 were insufficient to cover the club's operating expenses, which totalled \$67.95 per member. Senior members who could afford it were encouraged to pay the full \$65 fee, rather than taking advantage of the \$20 discount. The Education Committee thanked club members who had volunteered for the Reading in the Schools program, to be mounted next October-November. In the Annual Report for 1997-98, President Ardith Toogood said she had become aware, before assuming the Presidency, of the declining role of CFUW in Canada at a time when the need for it is increasing, and that reaching out to the wider community and increasing the visibility of CFUW became priorities for her. She also noted that our K-W club's first website had been established in 1997. A preliminary committee was formed to investigate producing a book to document the lives of significant local women, under the chairmanship of Editor-in-Chief Ruth Russell. This will be our club's Millennium project. An article in the December newsletter described the beginnings of the project and outlined areas where help was needed. "Women's lives are not expendable and they never have been, even though one prosperous 19th-century farmer in this area remarked dismissively that it usually takes two wives to raise a family. (The first wife presumably died from childbirth, unnecessary illness, or general exhaustion from overwork.) Please consider joining us in this important project."

1999

At the January Executive meeting, after considerable discussion the wording was finalized for a motion to be printed in the February newsletter raising seniors' membership fees to \$60; the regular members' fee remained at \$65. At the January general meeting, two speakers from the School of Optometry at the University of Waterloo spoke on the University's Eye Clinic in Mexico. In February, President Ardith Toogood congratulated the "cover girls" from the Monday Night Book Group who were featured in a recent article in the Record; the Record had also published an excellent article on our women's history project, and another on the annual Used Book Sale. In March, a letter was received from the President of CFUW Guelph requesting our support for their opposition to the proposed new Highway 7. It was agreed that we would send letters to our local MPPs outlining our objections. Excellent publicity continued for our book project, with television interviews on CKCO's Sunday-evening show, "Provincewide," and on Rogers Cable 20. Fundraising for the book project was to begin in the next few months. Our Charitable Fund trustees Ann Power and Sue Clark reported that in the 1998-99 year, total assets of the fund grew from \$66,833.67 to \$148,948.12. The bulk of this increase was due to a new Lenia Chamberlain Memorial Scholarship fund established by the Chamberlain family, in honour of the late club member and booksale stalwart Lenia Chamberlain. Her family donated \$65,000 to establish the fund and also \$7,000 to cover the \$3500 scholarships for 1999 and 2000. This represented the most significant single donation in our club history. The Annual General Meeting this year had an unusual format and setting. It was held at historic Doon Presbyterian Church, with members encouraged to explore the church, the graveyard, and Homer Watson House before the meeting began at 6:30. Then, while consuming the (creatively assembled) box lunch they had brought, they would be entertained by Mary Eileen McClear, Storyteller. The new club interest group, "Brunch and Bridge," reported a very successful first year. New President Gail Litt reported to the

September general meeting on the National AGM in Calgary which she had attended, along with Vice-President Margaret Walker. The next National AGM will be held in Guelph, and all interested members were encouraged to take advantage of the convenient location to attend. Members were asked to mail postcards to their MPs supporting gun control in Canada. Our book project has been tentatively named "Women of Waterloo County," and the committee announced that copies would be pre-sold to members for \$20 (the published price would be \$25) in order to raise the \$2000 down payment to the printer. The necessary sum was quickly raised. Ontario Council of CFUW offered \$10,000 to the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) as seed money for the upcoming triennial international conference in Ottawa in 2001. A proposal was brought to the club executive by Trustees of our Charitable Fund that every year a fixed percentage of the proceeds from our Used Book Sale be transferred to the Charitable Fund. This would replace the current system, whereby all Book Sale proceeds go to the Awards Committee, who then decide what portion will support local awards and what portion will be directed to the Charitable Fund. After considerable discussion, it was decided that the current system would be continued. It was felt to be important that the Awards Committee retain control of Book Sale proceeds so that local awards can always be supported, as well as the Charitable Fund.

2000

In January, it was decided that our club would host the Ontario AGM for 2001 on October 26-27, 2001. A grant of \$5000 from the Ontario Millennium Fund for the "Women of Waterloo County" book project was presented to our club by member Elizabeth Witmer, MPP. A proposal to save administrative expenses by not publishing and distributing our monthly newsletter (9 times per year) was turned down because of constitutional issues, and because it was agreed that the newsletter serves an important function in disseminating information on club activities throughout the year. It was announced in April that the full text of our book had been submitted to the publisher. A Millennium Grant from the federal government was received for the project, as well as interim approval for a grant from the Waterloo Historical Society. Fundraising was reaching a successful conclusion, and Sales and Book Launch committees were now at work. A questionnaire prepared by V-P Karin Manley was distributed at the general meeting on September 19. A total of 60 questionnaires were distributed, and 37 returned. Questions and responses were:

1) "What do you plan to get from your CFUW membership?" The conclusion from responses was that "Social contact is a big factor in why women join CFUW, but members also expect to be intellectually stimulated and to have opportunities to learn." 2) "How can you contribute to the goals and aims of CFUW and of our club?" Preliminary conclusions were that there are many members who are willing to participate in achieving these aims, but we need to motivate our members more effectively to do so. It seemed there were members who were not familiar with CFUW-KW except as a social club. A second questionnaire was distributed at the October general meeting, asking what issues members would like the newly formed Political Action committee to address. As well, this second questionnaire asked if we were fulfilling the principles of our mission statement, and all responses said that we were "meeting" or "essentially meeting" these goals. The club's Awards Committee announced it would present a copy of "Women of Waterloo County" as its book prize for the Mabel Dunham and Edna Haviland awards for the next 5 years. A large and very successful book launch for "Women of Waterloo County" was held November 5, 2000 in the appropriate historic setting of the Walper Terrace Hotel.

2001

It was announced that there will be a single-day conference fee of \$150 for Canadian members only at the upcoming IFUW triennial in Ottawa. A committee formed to research changing the venue of our club meetings to somewhere other than First United Church, reported that they would recommend staying at First United for the present. It was decided that our club dues will have to be raised to accommodate both our own increased operating expenses, and the proposed \$10 increase in national fees to be implemented in '02-'03. In her Annual Report, outgoing President Gail Litt noted that several club members had won elections during the past year, including Lynne Woolstencroft as Mayor of Waterloo and Kathryn Craig as a trustee of the Waterloo District School Board. She also drew attention to the continuing service of member Elizabeth Witmer, MPP, who had been the Ontario Minister of Health and was now the Minister of the

Environment, and of Karen Redman, MP for Kitchener Centre. Also, within CFUW, Past-President Ardith Toogood won election as Regional Director for Ontario West, and two other Past-Presidents, Ann Power and Nora Kudrenecky, became National Chair of Resolutions and National Co-ordinator of Homestay Programs, respectively. The Women of Waterloo County committee announced that many requests had been received, and filled, for speakers about our book project, with more speaking engagements arranged for next year. We printed 2000 copies of the book, and sales exceeded our expectations; the committee met to discuss the possibility of a second printing. It was eventually decided not to proceed with another print run. Incoming President Margaret Walker noted that it had been many years since our club's constitution had been examined, and a committee was formed to do so, beginning in January 2002. At the 2001 National AGM held in Montreal, three resolutions from our K-W club were passed (on water, on genetically modified foods and on trafficking), one (on uranium) was split into three parts and then carried, and one (on electoral reform) failed. Our club was presented with a Special Award, one of 14 given out, for "Women of Waterloo County." V-P Karin Manley reported that Canada did a great job hosting the IFUW triennial in Ottawa, which was attended by 966 delegates from 72 countries. The new President of IFUW is Reiko Aoki from Japan. The Ontario Council AGM hosted by our club in November was very successful, with 126 registrants. The Membership Committee reported there were 249 paid-up members. At the New Members party, Jane Cook did an informal survey on how and why new members joined our club: 13 came with a friend, three were transfers from other clubs, two noticed our website, one saw the Record ad, one saw advertising for the book sale. Club member Elizabeth Witmer MPP was seeking the leadership of the Ontario PC party. The minutes noted that "We are always pleased to see our CFUW-KW members participating actively in community and political life, and without endorsing her campaign from a political point of view, we wish her well."

2002

Ardith Toogood announced her willingness to run for another term as Regional Director for Ontario West; our club gave full support to her candidacy. The ad hoc committee reviewing our constitution presented a six-page document outlining "proposed amendments to the CFUW by-laws and standing rules for consideration at the CFUW AGM 2002". The new afternoon gardening group was reported to have 16 enthusiastic members. For the first time, a combined Bridge Party for all club bridge groups was organized – the January event was enthusiastically supported by club bridge-players. After another successful Used Book Sale in April, the sum of \$21,000 was transferred to the Awards Committee. A questionnaire was circulated to members at the May meeting – general subjects covered were communications, memberships, club programs and interest groups, education, CFUW policy, and advocacy. A banquet to celebrate our club's 80th anniversary was held on May 21, 2002. Although our millennium book project, "Women of Waterloo County", had not been conceived as a fundraiser, it was so successful financially that the proceeds were sufficient to endow a \$1000 entrance scholarship to the University of Waterloo. This scholarship was set up after many consultations among the WOWC Executive Committee and with our club's Awards Committee, the trustees of our Charitable Trust, and the University of Waterloo's Student Awards office. The scholarship will be "for full-time undergraduate students coming from a Region of Waterloo high school, with preference given to female students." Sue Clark, Trustee, reported that assets of our Charitable Fund stood at \$225,330 and that currently, all awards were self-sustaining. The Awards Committee reported that there were presently 17 high schools in the K-W area in which our club presented two awards each, the Mabel Dunham award to the graduating female with the highest average in 6 OACs, and the Edna Haviland award to the graduating female with the highest mark in OAC chemistry. A fifth Gourmet interest group was formed during the year, and the new Movies interest group had 30 members. At the September General Meeting, President Karin Manley spoke about the National AGM she had attended in August in Richmond, B.C., and mentioned in particular keynote addresses by IFUW President Reiko Aoki and by RCMP Deputy Commissioner Beverly Busson, who had been a member in 1974 of the first RCMP class to include women. Club members Nora Kudrenecky and Mary Reynolds received Volunteer Service Awards from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship.

2003

At the February general meeting, members of the Political Action Committee displayed copies of club-initiated correspondence with local politicians regarding the Kyoto Protocol. The March general meeting was held at the K-W Art Gallery and featured its Executive Director, Alfred Bogusky, as the speaker. Debbie Cook, our V-P, prepared an extensive brief – with very little notice – from our club to the Prime Minister’s Task Force on Women Entrepreneurs. A very positive book review of “Women of Waterloo County” that appeared in the Canadian Historical Review was reprinted in our newsletter. At the April general meeting, a motion was carried to proceed with a proposed application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for a grant of \$119,000 for an ambitious new club project. This will be a history – in book form, as well as a video and a website – of two major training centres for women in the Canadian Armed Forces that were set up in our community during World War II. These centres, forgotten by history, were a large base in Kitchener for women of the Canadian Women’s Army Corps, and a smaller one in Galt (now part of Cambridge) for women of the Women’s Royal Canadian Naval Service. The motion was carried. At our club’s AGM and dinner at the Walper Terrace Hotel in May, our splendid new club banner was presented by Mary Liz Hearn and Dee Sprung. The Banner Committee who actually made this happen, after many years of members’ lamentations about how badly we needed a new banner, was formed in 2002, chaired by Mary Liz Hearn, with members Dee Sprung, Eleanor Currie, Sue Clark and Janet Thomson Smith. The very attractive and appropriate banner is quilted, in reference to Waterloo County quilting traditions, and features *fraktur* art and a stylized book. The Trillium application for our proposed project was submitted in June; some adjustments were suggested by Trillium staff, including a reduction in the amount of the grant requested, and the amended application was resubmitted. In December of last year, President Karin Manley had noted that the December 6 memorial luncheon presented by the University Women’s Club of Toronto was sold out; this event commemorates the massacre in 1989 of 14 young women engineering students at the Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. Karin had asked if there was interest in our own club mounting such an event and after receiving a positive response, she volunteered to contact the Guelph and Cambridge clubs. A tri-club committee was formed and set to work, and it was announced in August of 2003 that a joint luncheon sponsored by CFUW K-W, CFUW Guelph and CFUW Cambridge was being planned for December 6. Proceeds from this fundraising event would be directed to the CFUW National Charitable Trust, as would proceeds from a raffle for a picture donated by member Elaine Rees. The lunch was to be held at the Whistle Bear Golf Club in Cambridge. Our V-P Debbie Cook attended the National AGM in Wolfville and reported on the resolutions process there, saying that our own club is well-informed about National CFUW matters and that we have good procedures in place for dealing with resolutions. Since the Ontario AGM was to be held in Ottawa this year, all clubs were encouraged to invite their MPs to the Friday night reception, and Karin issued invitations to Karen Redman and Andrew Telegdi. At the September general meeting, Ruth Russell, Lead Researcher for our military history project, spoke about the project and asked for help and input from club members in several specific areas. A group of MBA students from WLU did a study on this year’s Used Book Sale as part of a course project, and the report was reviewed by the book sale committee. A number of useful recommendations were made concerning logistics, pricing and publicity, and the committee planned to implement most recommendations. During the November Executive meeting Ardith Toogood, our Regional Director, conducted a Strategic Planning exercise which examined the broad impact of change, both in our club and in the wider society; developed a club profile listing strengths and weaknesses; and did some goal-setting.

2004

We received word just before Christmas 2003 that our club had been awarded a Trillium grant of \$73,500 for our history project; this excellent news was publicized in January to our membership and to the community. Lynne Woolstencroft, Chair of the new Community Development and Public Relations committee, presented a comprehensive business plan for action to be taken by this committee. In the Annual Report for 2003-2004, President Karin Manley said that the military history project was our “foremost new project” for the year. She added that another important initiative was the joint sponsorship with CFUW Guelph and CFUW Cambridge of the December 6 luncheon. This event raised over \$2300 for the National Charitable Trust’s special Ecole Polytechnique Award, and received front-page coverage in the

Record. Within our club, new initiatives included the first photo directory produced for club members, thanks largely to the efforts of Debbie Cook, and two new interest groups established at the beginning of the year: Health and Nutrition, and Beginners' Bridge. The two club members whom we nominated for Kitchener Awards of Distinction for Seniors both won in their categories: Dee Sprung for Leadership, Eleanor Kaufman for Service. Distinguished long-time member Eleanor Currie died in the summer. Many club members attended her memorial service. Prior to the opening general meeting in September, there was an interview and photo session with a reporter and photographer from The Record. Throughout the year, three additional new interest groups were formed: Bonnes Boissons, Jaunters, and New Members. The New Members group served to integrate new participants into the club, and to create a group for younger members. The Out to Lunch group, the Wine-Tasting group, and the Contemporary Books group each split into two groups. A 6th Gourmet group was formed, and the total number of interest groups stood at 36. Club member of many years, Past President and former Regional Director Eula Mae Myers has donated a painting by her late husband Robert Myers, Professor of French and artist, to be raffled at the 2004 December 6 dinner. In another successful promotion of our club within the community, Lynne Woolstencroft of the Public Relations and Community Development Committee will be writing a monthly 500-word article on the club for the Waterloo Chronicle. It was suggested that we consider distributing our club newsletter to the membership by e-mail, to save money on postage. After a meeting of the officers of our Charitable Trust and our Club President, it was announced that a number of changes were required in the administration of the Trust regarding its purpose; the method of appointing Trustees; the title of Trustees; their term of office.

2005

There was considerable discussion at both general and executive meetings about the membership category, "Associate Members", recommended for consideration by National, for women without a degree from a recognized university. This initiative was officially approved, and President Debbie Cook said in the Annual Report that she believed this decision will diversify our club and make it stronger. Our club continued to be in the news: the Record published a major article and photograph about our military history project, and the Chronicle featured an article about Edna Staebler's 99th birthday party, hosted by the club's Public Relations and Community Development Committee. Ann Power resigned from her position on our Charitable Trust; her many years of service as a Trustee were recognized at the April general meeting. Club membership increased by 26, or 10%, to a total of 276. This number included 13 Past-Presidents! A report was presented on the December 6 (2004) memorial dinner. The speaker was Marion Boyd, former Attorney-General of Ontario, on the subject of the religious arbitration in family law. A total of 144 people attended the dinner, and approximately \$3000 was raised for the 1989 Ecole Polytechnique Award, administered by the CFUW National Trust. The Interest Groups report showed an eventful year, noting that the Monday Night Book Group (which meets on Wednesday afternoons) had been active over 65 years and still had two founding members participating. Letters were received from John Milloy, local MPP and from Premier Dalton McGuinty in response to our letters opposing the use of religious arbitration in family law in Ontario. At the opening general meeting in September, a special program featured two of our own members, Karen Redman MP and Elizabeth Witmer MPP, discussing how women can create a successful career in politics. Ardith Toogood, our former President and Regional Director, announced her candidacy for President of our national CFUW organization, and our club gave full support to her campaign. Campaign literature was received by the Executive both from Ardith and from Edeltraut Neal, the other candidate for President. October is Women's History Month, and at the monthly general meeting there was a lively presentation in the form of an interview about our military history project with Ruth Russell, General Editor of the project and author of the history of the Army training centre, along with club member Anne Kallin, the researcher and writer for the story of the Navy training centre. The project has been named "Proudly She Marched: Training Canada's World War II Women in Waterloo County". Ruth Russell and a Canadian Women's Army Corps veteran were interviewed November 11 on CBC Radio's "Here and Now." Because of some confusion regarding our club's charitable status, which was brought to light through one of the grants applied for (and received) by the military history project, it was decided to apply to Revenue Canada for a second charitable number, for a new charitable fund to be known as our Project Fund.

2006

We were delighted to learn in January that our own Ardith Toogood had been elected President of the national CFUW for a two-year term. Since the fees payable to CFUW National will be raised by \$5 per member for each of the next 3 years, the executive voted to seek club approval for an increase in our own fees to \$100, to cover this National increase plus the cost of carrying our website. (We were now “hosting”, and paying for, our own club website, after several years of being hosted by WLU’s website.) This proposed increase was announced in the February & March newsletters, and members voted on it at the March meeting. The motion was carried. In February, the “Proudly She Marched” steering committee announced they had prepared a short promotional video for use in fundraising. At the February general meeting, a total of \$680 was generously donated on the spot by our own members to the project. It was agreed that the sum of \$2000 would be donated from our operating budget. It was agreed that, if it proved to be necessary, the club would offer an \$8000 interest-free loan for one year to the “Proudly She Marched” project. (In the event, this loan was not required.) Fundraising in the community proved successful, and grants received included those from the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation, the local Community Foundation, the City of Kitchener, and the City of Waterloo. Club member Linda Howe, a painter, donated a painting to be raffled as a fundraiser. In June Wendy Morrison, new Chair of fundraising for “Proudly She Marched”, reported that \$36,615.00 had been raised for publishing the book. Because of unforeseen delays, the committee decided to publish the two histories that comprise the project in two separate books, rather than one. The project as a whole, and Volume I along with the video, would be launched as planned in the autumn of 2006; Volume II would be published in 2007. This year’s Used Book Sale had gross sales (before expenses) of over \$30,000. Nora Kudrenecky was appointed as the new Managing Trustee for our Charitable Fund. The 2006 National AGM was held in Edmonton, and attended by President Anne Pidduck and Vice-President Margaret Binek. At the meeting, our own Ardith Toogood was inaugurated as National President for 2006-2008. The project launch for “Proudly She Marched” was held October 29 at the Sunshine Centre in Waterloo. Among the 200 guests were 45 women veterans of World War II, some of whom had come from as far as British Columbia. Excellent publicity was received for the event and the project, on local television (“Provincewide”) and newspapers (The Record, The Chronicle) as well as nationally: a large feature article appeared the following day in The National Post, and Ruth Russell was interviewed for CBC Newsworld on Remembrance Day, November 11. The December 6 Memorial dinner was held at the Holiday Inn, Cambridge, with writer Maggie de Vries as guest speaker. She spoke about her book on the murder of her sister, a sex-trade worker in Vancouver. Our club welcomed 36 new members this year, and our membership now stands at 282. We were saddened by the deaths of four long-time members of our club, including Dorothy Cressman, President from 1945-47 (Dorothy wrote the histories of our club produced at our 60th and 75th birthdays) and Edna Staebler, President from 1940-42, a noted local writer who died peacefully in September at the age of 100.

2007

The Edna Haviland and Mabel Dunham awards, presented at every high school in the Region, are now both in the amount of \$200. Our club’s national Kathryn Lippert/Margaret Dale Philp Award of \$3000, given in alternate years to a graduate student in the field of Humanities or Social Sciences, will now be paid annually thanks to the generous bequest of member Kathryn Lippert who died in 2004. Our club’s 85th anniversary was marked with a special presentation by National President Ardith Toogood at a general meeting. In February, President Anne Pidduck reported that in spite of a widespread search no-one had agreed to chair the 2008 Book Sale, and it was becoming increasingly difficult to get members to commit to supporting club activities. She told club members it might be necessary to implement a “service commitment” policy, and that “if such responsibilities are not accepted, it is very likely that the book sale will not continue in 2008 and awards to schools will be discontinued. In order to inform all the membership of this possibility, there will be a survey sent to the membership.” The results of the survey proved inconclusive. Jane Cook, Wendy Morrison and Maureen McVicar formed an ad hoc committee to determine our members’ commitment to the sale, and a survey/questionnaire was sent to members in June-July of 2007. Linda Howe, who had previously offered to chair the 2009 sale, offered to head the 2008 sale instead. Thus the important (and

highly lucrative) tradition of our annual Used Book Sale continued. (The 2007 Book Sale grossed \$28,500, with \$23,000 made available to the Awards Committee.) Information about ordering the “Proudly She Marched” books and DVD/video was placed on our club website. A grant of \$2500 was received from the City of Cambridge to aid in the publication of Volume II (of which the subject is the Wrens’ wartime training centre in Galt, now part of Cambridge). Volume II was successfully launched in June at a historic Cambridge location currently housing the UW School of Architecture. Sonja Bata’s address to the veterans was especially appreciated. Our Annual General Meeting was held at the Granite Club and featured a new format -- cocktails, appetizers, dessert only (no main course) -- which met with great approval. It was announced that almost twice as many members received our monthly newsletter “NewViews” by e-mail as by traditional (“snail”) mail: 173 versus 96. There was a record number of interest groups: 43. The 2007 national AGM in Vancouver was attended by five members: Ardith Toogood who presided as National President, Ann Power as Treasurer of the CFUW Charitable Trust, Lynne Woolstencroft as Chair of a Special Committee, Margaret Walker as technical support, and Wendy Morrison and Margaret Binck as delegates. Our Club was one of 22 clubs nationally, and one among 8 from Ontario, who received an Award for Special Projects, in our case for “*Proudly She Marched* release and CBC Newsworld Broadcast interview.”

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A Review of CFUW K-W from 2007 to 2012

2007/2008

June 2007 saw the launch of volume II of *Proudly She Marched* with a gala held at the University of Waterloo’s School of Architecture in Cambridge. By April 2008, the Proudly She Marched books had generated more than \$25,000 in profits, which was donated to the CFUW-KW Charitable fund for future scholarships. The October General Meeting celebrated the 85th anniversary of CFUW-KW with a cake, the return of many of the club’s past presidents, and a historical speech by Ardith Toogood noting the educational and literary focus of the club over those many years. The 5th annual December 6th dinner, held jointly with the CFUW Cambridge and Guelph clubs to commemorate the Montreal Massacre in 1989, featured human rights activist and lawyer Pamela Cross addressing “Why December 6 Still Matters”. Proceeds of \$2,500 were donated to the CFUW 1989 Ecole Polytechnique Commemorative Award. During the December and March general meetings, more than \$600 in donations was collected for the International Women’s Day project of IFUW, supporting WaterCan, an international clean water initiative. By the March general meeting, 27 new members had been added to the club’s rolls. At the April 2008 Resolutions meeting, National President Ardith Toogood once again addressed the club, speaking on the history of success of CFUW advocacy, internationally as well as nationally and locally.

2008/2009

New initiatives in the 2008/2009 club year included the implementation of an “Early Bird” free membership draw for those renewing their membership ahead of the September meeting, which resulted in many paid memberships on the books in advance of the year’s opening meeting. In addition, members were asked to indicate their shifts preferences for the Used Book Sale on the membership form, giving the sale organizers a head start on organizing shifts for the April sale. A new position, Advocacy Chair, was created as part of the Executive Committee. An informative and successful general meeting featuring small group discussions and feedback plenary on the question “Whither CFUW?” generated many ideas for taking the club forward and attracting more members, especially younger women. Another new program initiative was the offering by various members of “Wise Women Workshops”. By April membership reached a total of 259. And in the summer of 2009 a considerable number of club members took part of the Lila Willis Beach Habitat for Humanity Women’s Build on Cherry Street in Kitchener.

2009/2010

Highlights of the year 2009/2010 included the printing of cards advertising the club and the schedule of meetings, distributed to a wide variety of venues in the summer of 2009 in order to attract new members to the club. In October, the club hosted a very successful Regional Meeting, attracting over 100 members from clubs in Southwestern Ontario for a day of informative talks, interactive sessions, and informal conversation at Bingemans in Kitchener. On the constitutional front, the club voted to reject proposals for a new structure for the National Board, and to ask that the proposals be sent back to committee for further and more extensive consultation with the membership. In response to the ideas generated in the previous year by the "Whither CFUW?" discussions, a Strategic Planning committee was struck, and ways were found to more effectively use communication technologies, including the e-mailing of the Newsletter to all those with e-mail addresses and the launching of the club's Facebook page. In terms of membership, numbers peaked at 265 in March, and members voted to raise annual membership fees for 2010/2011 from \$100 to \$110, in order to cover the newly introduced HST and increased costs of renting space for our meetings.

2010/2011

The year 2010/2011 saw yet another update to the club's by-laws, and in October an innovative, participatory format for the general meeting titled "CFUW-KW: Where Everyone Knows Your Name", aimed at enabling those attending to get to know other members as well as having a good deal of fun in the process. The 25th anniversary of the Charitable Trust was celebrated at a general meeting - a very successful club venture, with assets now close to \$800,000. On the community front, the December 6th memorial dinner was discontinued after seven successful years, leaving each of the three clubs involved to commemorate the events of Montreal, December 6, 1989 in their own way. In addition, Ruth Russell took the lead in organizing a meeting in February of all women's groups in the Region, using the resources of the Social Planning Council, with the aim of facilitating greater communication and collaboration amongst these groups and avoiding duplication of effort. The proceeds from the year's Toonie Draws were donated to the Women's Campaign School, to help promote the involvement of women as candidates for elected positions at municipal, provincial and federal levels. The year closed with another successful Used Book Sale, bringing in revenues of over \$33,000, and a well-attended AGM featuring Dr. Jason Blackstock of CIGI speaking on the need for action on the global climate crisis. As well, our outgoing president, Ruth Russell, was recognized in the community with the WOW (Women of Waterloo) Region's award in the education category.

2011/2012

At the October meeting the club celebrated the 100th anniversary of Wilfrid Laurier University, with an anniversary cake and speakers from the WLU Aboriginal Initiatives office and Aboriginal Student Centre. Members continued to support the Centre throughout the year with donations of food, kitchen implements and personal items for the students, and attendance at the weekly lunches and other events. The club also continued to support the networking of women's organizations in the KW area, with the president and program chair attending a Networking Breakfast in February with upwards of 20 women representing a number of women's groups in the region; the club was also well represented at the International Women's Day dinner sponsored by the Zonta Club. And once again the club's Used Book Sale attracted hundreds of community members, resulting in a donation of \$24,500 to scholarships and bursaries. At the organizational level, this year marked the first time the club had co-vice-presidents, a successful initiative that provided the vice-presidents to work together on some tasks and divide the work at other times. A particular pleasure for the two VPs was taking the lead in creating ways of recognizing the club's 90th anniversary. These included updating the club's history, adding to it information on the many women who have been elected to public office or have served CFUW at the National level; and hosting in May a recognition tea to honour 75 members who have been part of CFUW for 25 years or more, some for over twice that many years. The year closed with another well-attended AGM, this time featuring philosopher Dr. Brian Orend of the University of Waterloo, speaking on "The Pursuit of Happiness".



CFUW Kitchener-Waterloo - Anniversary Celebration, May 2012

25 Years

Molly Buckrell	Vernanne Drummond	Sylvia Dugan	Norma Exley
Margaret Fannon	Fran Heath	Pat Hughes	Janet Prudham
Jan Stover	Bertha Thompson	Marilyn Truemner	Carol A Weber
Barbara Wyche			

30 Years

Robin Atchison	Deborah Cook	Cathryn Finch	Silvana Handa
Mary Liz Hearn	Gail Hovey	Jean Jennison	Joanna Keyzers
Stephanie Kirton	Wendy Kudsia	Marie LeLievre	Nanci Phelan
Ruth Russell	Joan Sobczuk	Ardith Toogood	Lorene Welch
Barbara Wurtele			

35 Years

Carolyn Anderson	Betty Blair	Jane Cook	Patricia Douglas
Carole James	Doreen Janicek	Ulka Khare	Pam Krokoszynski
Nora Kudrenecky	Elizabeth McPherson	Maureen McVicar	Betty Anne Rooke
Gail Roussy	Catharine Smith	Dee Sprung	Sandra Swann
Olga Taylor	Anne Walsh	Elizabeth Witmer	Barbara Leask Wynne

40 Years

Lois Bobier	Diana Cherry	Doris Cowan	Marilyn Dippell
Pat Graham	Mary Johnston	Irma Kadela	Joan Oille
Maureen Wallace			

45 Years

Pat Fitzgerald	Mary Ellen Forwell	Eleanor Kaufman	Veronica Kerr
Eula Mae Myers	Marcia Schofield	Lynne Woolstencroft	

50 Years

Elizabeth Kerr	Ann Power	Alice Reid	
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55 Years

Marjorie Geiger	Sylvia Keresztes		
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60 Years

Dora Mae Blayney	Eleanor Brubaker	Esther Gascho	Frances McIntosh
Mary Moore	Yvonne Weichel		

Stories Submitted By Long Service Members For 90th Anniversary Tea

Diana Cherry (Forty years)

During September, 1970, I attended the opening meeting of CFUW K-W. As a young mother with a two-year-old and a new-born, I was anxious to meet adults, and the club was a perfect fit. The most important event that occurred that evening from my perspective, was listening to Ruth Paape discuss her time at the recent national AGM. Ruth had many of those in attendance laughing heartily at her witty account. I decided that I wanted to become one of her friends, and we became good friends until her death. She was always positive, no matter what the circumstances were, and she helped to run our club over many years.

During the 1970s, K-W was a much smaller community with far fewer opportunities for social engagements than we currently enjoy. Our CFUW members were very much part of the various Interest Groups, as was I. It was wonderful to have evening meetings which enabled you to attend the groups. We had some memorable times over the years, including the time when we decided to have members exhibit their musical talents.

A friend and I had been playing violin duets, and were brave enough to play a duet in the talent show, which was in the church itself. This gave us an acoustic advantage over playing at my friend's home, where my baby, supposedly sleeping upstairs in a playpen, howled soulfully, while the dog next door joined enthusiastically as an unwelcomed third in the duet-cum-trio-or-quartet. Because of the applause we received in the church, my friend and I continued playing for several years, undeterred by those joining in with our practices.

As a club member for so many years, I have held a number of positions such as Chair of Education, Program Chair, and more recently, as President. I have also been on a number of other committees, and started and ran an Interest Group, Current Affairs, during the 70s. Accordingly, I have enjoyed the company of many women whose friendships I have valued. Amongst those who have passed away, are Lenia Chamberlain, who worked vigorously on book sale committees for years, Joan Enns, who, along with Ruth Paape and Carolyn Haennel, played with the Recorder Interest Group, at one club meeting, and Eleanor Currie, who was an inspiration in the Arts 1 interest group. It has been both a privilege and an inspiration to have been a member of CFUW K-W, and I trust that the club will continue to thrive for many years to come.

Sylvia Dugan (Twenty-five years)

After graduation from Victoria College, U. of T. in 1958 and a quick summer course at O.C.E., I began teaching French and German at St. Catharines Collegiate. The ladies on staff immediately explained to me that I had to become a member of CFUW if I wanted to remain intellectually vibrant. Of course this was one of my goals, along with finding a possible mate, which also happened in St. Catharines.

After a few years of teaching in Germany and Toronto, we moved to KW where CFUW beckoned to me again. Here I recall the years of Eula Mae Myers' presidency as particularly interesting. Two of the speakers we had were Margaret Laurence and Edna Staebler. Through Eula Mae and our club those two writers became great friends and gave each other tremendous support.

Personally I enjoyed immensely my time as leader of a French Conversation Group and as participant of a Spanish Conversation Group. I feel sorry that I cannot attend more general meetings as they conflict with my Scottish Country Dance classes. However I truly appreciate all the inspiration and fellowship which we enjoy in the various interest groups.

Hats off to a devoted executive and a very fine club, which is indeed "intellectually vibrant".

Marg Fannon (Twenty-five years)

A paternal aunt told me about CFUW after I graduated from university in 1979 and I joined the Whitby club when we lived there. Before I left Whitby I was told how lucky I was to be joining the Kitchener Waterloo club and I was told about our famous book sale.

I have enjoyed meeting many interesting people over the years and enjoyed the comradery and fellowship whether at a general meeting, or our annual book sale, or an excursion with Jaunters, or going to see a play at Stratford or Niagara on the Lake.

I think it is also worth noting that I was introduced to teaching ESL to adults through one of our club members and I enjoyed that particular job for seventeen years before I retired.

I think one of the best things the club does is presenting the monetary gifts we give each year to two deserving young women at our regional commencements. Hopefully some of these young women will be our future members, and will carry on the work of the club.

A dear friend Ruth Shackleton always said she made all of her friends at CFUW and I concur that I have made many friends in the club over the past twenty-five years.

Mary Liz Hearn (Thirty years)

It was in the early seventies that I joined the club, invited by Edna Staebler, a friend of the Hearn's. At that time it was expected that women would stay home and raise their families rather than continue with their professions. There were many other members who were in a similar position. At the interest group meetings we would exchange stories about the antics of our children and shortcuts to homework.

My more vivid memories are connected to some of the executive positions that I held. In the early seventies I acted as Interest Group Leader. At the opening fall meeting I stood up and announced boldly that the Monday Night Book Group was a closed group. Well that brought forward a strong reaction from a number of the members of that group. I learned I had to more discreet with what I said.

Around 2002 I was Program Chair. I had worked to get a doctor from Toronto to speak on the topic of stem cells. I had made many calls to him to assure his commitment to coming. Well the night came and no doctor appeared. I was extremely anxious and upset. Finally we made the announcement that there would be no speaker. It just so happened that on that evening the social committee had planned a ninetieth birthday celebration for Ruth Paape. So the cake was brought out and we toasted Ruth.

I have always enjoyed helping with the Book Sale. I can remember when the sale was just in Hilliard Hall, the paper backs on the stage and there being crowds and crowds of people. One year while kneeling down and bending over to sort books one of the club members arrived to help wearing a white suit. I never forgot how inappropriate such an outfit was for the task at hand. In 1977 my daughters Colleen and Kathleen along with Bryce Arndt had their photo taken as publicity for the Book Sale. Then there was the year when the sale opened and there was a pyramid of unsorted books in the corner where the pricers and cashiers were stationed. Buyers literally climbed up the pile to find prized books. We did get more organized. We stopped picking up and storing books before the sale and we started restricting the kinds of books we would accept. In addition the club had the foresight to bring in business students from WLU to do an assessment of the book sale. They helped us streamline our operation such as using the banana boxes for the paper backs.

At the 2003 AGM held at the Walper Hotel our club unveiled a new banner. One of the committee members was Eleanor Burrie. Around that time she had been given a diagnosis of cancer. I believe that was the last meeting Eleanor attended. She chose not to have radiation or chemo and a number of club members were among those who took turns nursing Eleanor in her home.

I did help with the club's millennial project, the book *Women of Waterloo*. My job was to gather photos for the different women. This took me all over the Region. I particularly remember trying to obtain a suitable picture of Sister Aloysia. I had to find my way onto Trussler Road to a home in the woods which was owned by the photographer David McCammon. He was so excited to show me Sister's photo, how he had taken a side profile, one that he felt had her looking towards heaven accenting her holiness.

Joanne Keyzers (Thirty years)

When I was younger and about 25 years ago, and Asst Head of English, I enjoyed chairing a Women and Education Group. At my home, I showed a rather blunt film on exploitation of women, with some nudity. As I have a huge picture window in the TV room, being a then-'prude', I kept glancing nervously outside, hoping the neighbours were not also watching. Now with maturity, I would be less concerned about the outside world and more about my inner spiritual growth.

Congratulations CFUW on your 90th!

Love, Joanne Keyzers, 64 years old or young as the case may be.

Eula Mae Myers (Forty-five years)

I joined CFUW in the fall of 1963. Since then, I held most of the executive offices. As Program Chairman, I introduced Margaret Lawrence to Edna Staebler, and they became close friends. As indeed Bob and I enjoyed visits to and from Margaret.

As provincial director of Ontario West, I visited all the 18 Clubs. A wonderful experience of meeting so many interesting CFUW members. I also had to be with Pauline McGibben, the Lt Governor of Ontario, see that she always had a drink, etc. In those years, I enjoyed many interesting trips and found many new friends. What a wonderful group – CFUW.

Ann Power (Fifty years)

I have been a member of CFUW for half a century, all of it with CFUW K-W except for the years 1974-78 when I lived in Quebec and belonged to CFUW Quebec (English) which is now defunct. Here are a few anecdotes spanning five decades of membership in CFUW K-W, activities with which I have been involved, and that may not be too well known to the present membership.

When I first joined the club held an annual Scholarship Tea as its fund raising event. The tea was held every spring at a spacious home of one of the "older" members. Everyone made cakes, cookies and dainty sandwiches. The silver tea services were brought out, tickets were sold and members served shifts, either in the kitchen or serving or pouring tea in the dining room. Everyone was dressed in their best complete with hats and gloves! The younger members in particular were getting a little tired of this, especially as the effort seemed to be far more than the money raised would justify. A "jumble table" had been added where people put things for sale such as handiwork and even the odd book. From this came the idea of holding a sale but of what? Waterloo at this time had no movie theatre, book store or even a decent restaurant. The University of Waterloo was rapidly expanding and so a book sale seemed a logical thing to try. The rest, as they say, is history.

In the early sixties many more of our members were young mothers, like me, at home with preschool children. CFUW was our intellectual escape. I belonged to the Canadiana Interest group. In the lead-up to Canada's centennial interest and pride in all things Canadian had become popular. Each year an Interest Group provided the program for one of the general meetings. The Canadiana Group spent a whole year writing and producing a satirical skit on Canadian history complete with costumes and music. Great fun for us and the audience appeared to enjoy it too.

I went to my first AGM at York University in 1970 which then went on for a whole week. To encourage and enable some of us young mothers to attend the club allowed us to share a registration. I shared one with Marjorie Banks. Marjorie went for the first three days and I for the last three, using the same registration kit and room. I enjoyed the experience so much I have since been to another twenty-one AGM's!

In 1981 we hosted the AGM at UW Village 1. As the local committee chair I had to find a keynote speaker. We were fortunate to get Pauline McGibbon who had just finished her term as Lt. Governor of Ontario. As she no longer had an official driver we had to supply the transportation. A very kind lady from CFUW Etobicoke volunteered to drive her up on the day. At the appointed arrival time the welcoming party assembled in front of Village 1 but no guest speaker arrived. As time passed we were really getting worried when at last up the drive came a very nice Cadillac car with a police motorcycle leading the way. It

appeared our volunteer driver had become lost and was rescued by a very kind policeman. The policeman inquired when Her Excellency might be leaving and told us he would return to make sure she got safely back onto the 401. However our volunteer driver was terrified of the return drive. What to do? Another of our guests was a lovely local soprano, Lilian Kilianski, who was to sing for us after the speeches. Her accompanist came from Toronto and was looking for a lift back so he volunteered to drive the car. It was quite a send off—the "chauffeur" in black tie and tails and a local police escort of not one, but two, motorcycles and a police car with sirens blaring. Pauline McGibbon would not get lost a second time in Kitchener-Waterloo.

In the mid-1990's some of us in the club decided that we ought to nominate Edna Staebler for the Order of Canada. She had been nominated once before by WLU but had not been awarded the honour. A small committee was formed and we poured over the rules wondering how we could present an original nomination which would catch the notice of the committee this time. The key, we thought, was in who we selected as the three references. After much thought we picked W.O. Mitchell and Pierre Berton who both readily agreed. The third one was the problem as we didn't want only authors. Then we hit on the idea of asking the Principal of the school in Neil's Harbour, Cape Breton to the library of which Edna sent books, gleaned from our book sale every year. When we received his lovely letter we knew we had the award in hand and indeed Edna did receive the Order of Canada in January 1996.

Janet Prudham (Twenty-five years)

I joined CFUW in the early 70's looking to meet women with similar interests. I had moved to K-W and was teaching high school, and was also a young married person wanting social and intellectual pursuits. CFUW offered both. I remained a member until the late 80's, and then took a break to focus on my three children and full time teaching career. I rejoined as soon as I retired and re-established friendships and made new ones too. As always, the Interest Groups were thriving and expanding and I joined several over the years – Book Exchange, Travel, Hiking, Women's Issues, Health and Nutrition, Antiques – with the result that I made a wonderful circle of CFUW friendships. I've enjoyed working on the Executive as a former Social Chair, Membership Chair & Directory and learned much from such a dedicated group. As a member of committees too over the years – Program, Awards, Membership – I had a good look at all we do. The Book Sale was a natural fund-raiser for our Club and has proven a winner! It really makes us a cohesive group.

From the pantsuits of the 70's to the jeans of today, CFUW's essence has remained solid for me – helping our community, stretching our minds and building confidence and friendships. CFUW membership is a rewarding time and experience for all of us!

Gail Roussy (Thirty-five years)

Since joining CFUW K-W in 1977, I was pleased to serve on various committees such as Program, Education, Awards, Resolutions/Political Action and to serve as Chair of Program, Educations, Awards and Nominations. It was a distinct privilege to also work at the national level on the Resolutions Committee chaired by Ann Power. Volunteering in Ottawa when Canada hosted IFUW's 27th Triennial Conference was another highlight. Later I was delighted to serve as Vice-President with CFUW K-W President Ardith Toogood (with whom I had taught at Franklin P.S.).

As President during the Millennium Year when calamities were predicted, I witnessed CFUW K-W's success in publishing the history book, Women of Waterloo County, followed by Proudly She Marched. On a more personal level, I remember the incredible pride of handing scholarships to graduating students from Grand River C.I. at a ceremony in the Centre in the Square – students I had taught in my first years of teaching grade 3 French Immersion! I was similarly proud to present scholarships to winners of the Concours de français at the University of Waterloo, my favourite alma mater, and to meet those whom I had taught there as well.

CFUW K-W is synonymous with the Book Sale, so no account would be complete without the mention of how much fun it always was to deliver and to sort books for this fund raiser. While attending the

AGM in Kelowna, B.C., what a delight to see a former high school classmate of my sister's! She later became President, CFUW St. John's, Nfld. While studying in Geneva, Switzerland, I had the privilege of delivering a copy of our publications to the IFUW office and meeting staff who I saw at other IFUW conferences in Ottawa and Mexico City. Sessions and pre and post conference tours, as well as excursions during the conference in Mexico City were fabulous.

It has been an exciting, stimulating 35 years of involvement in CFUW K-W. I look forward to many more opportunities to contribute as a photographer, as a member of the Resolutions Committee, and as a member of the Wine Tasting and Travel interest groups. After retirement, I hope to further increase my participation. A bequest in my will should significantly add to scholarships in our Charitable Fund and hopefully encourage others to make a lasting contribution.

p.s. Ontario Council meetings, AGMs in Calgary, Sudbury, Kelowna, a Past President's luncheon, celebration of Edna Staebler's 100th birthday, IFUW's 80th birthday and many other celebrations are part of a bank of fond CFUW/IFUW memories. Major contributions to our Charitable Fund by our members inspired me to also contribute.

p.p.s. While attending a regional meeting of CFUW in London, Ontario Council candidates presented speeches. Our very own Ardith Toogood was one such candidate. A member of another club attending this meeting asked who the candidate who had just spoke so well was and I had the golden opportunity to indelibly imprint her name in this member's head (a future voter for the position) by saying Toogood, Ardith, too good to pass up!

Marcia Schofield (Forty-five years)

I joined CFUW K-W after graduating in 1950. By 1951, I moved to other communities and returned to K-W in spring of 1966. I then rejoined that fall. I have belonged ever since.

Mostly the club has expanded those I know in the community. Many I also met in other community groups. It is a privilege to be able to belong to CFUW K-W. It bestows so many gifts to its members – all enriching our lives and community.

Mabel Dunham lived on Filbert St at Mansion St. When I was very young, we were neighbours. I remember my mother taking me to visit her. Miss Dunham showed me some old fashioned things like a button hook for doing up high shoes worn in "the olden days". Dorothy Shoemaker was another family friend who was a great mentor too. She was also a Sunday school teacher to me.

My favourite interest group is Arts I. I've heard many topics and presented a few myself. For instance, I've presented a look at Old Nova Scotia Churches Architecture and 'stories'. In another talk, I spoke about the architecture of old houses in Ontario – all interesting and fun to prepare.

Ardith Toogood (Thirty years)

My earliest recollection of involvement in CFUW K-W occurred in 1980, the year I joined the Club. Somehow, I immediately became a member of the Social Committee and the year always began in September with an extensive potluck dinner at Hilliard Hall where the food was arranged buffet-style down the middle of the hall and dining tables flanked the buffet. Both the set-up and clean-up were considerable, but I still have Marjorie Barber's recipe for Apricot-Yam Casserole and Sandra Kryn's for Blueberry Cheesecake!

That early committee involvement fostered a close connection with chair Jean Haalboom the other Social Committee members, and ensured my attendance at the General Meetings where, in those days, the social hour followed the speaker. It also led to my serving on almost every Club committee over the next two decades, culminating in my terms as Vice President and then President of CFUW K-W from 1995-1999 and setting the stage for leadership involvement for over a decade in the new millennium at the regional, provincial and national/international levels of CFUW and IFUW.

When I began my two-year term as CFUW K-W Club President, I decided to host a Past Presidents' Luncheon in my home, at which we toasted CFUW with President's Champagne, took many photos, and engaged in wonderful conversations that included tips on leadership that I had requested of each of the attendees. I recall an intimate chat with Edna Staebler about the Book Sale, and about her writings that

included a book - unpublished - of one of her professors who had been in love with her those many years ago. Even though you knew otherwise, Edna always made you feel like her closest confidante.

Food seems to have played an on-going role in my entire CFUW membership! At the 1999 CFUW K-W AGM I was still working full-time and because of time constrictions had to take a bag lunch of a tuna sandwich and an apple to the box supper event. As I walked around, greeting the members at the various tables in the old Doon church, I noticed the sumptuous repasts of the Gourmet Interest Groups who had scheduled their May get-togethers for that evening. Having remarked that I would one day like to become a member of one of these groups, I was delighted to receive a phone call during the summer, inviting me to join Gourmet 111. I have been a member of that Interest Group ever since!

During my four years as Regional Director most of the invitations to visit other Clubs were centred on their opening or year-end banquets. The same hospitality was part of my experience as I travelled from coast to coast as the National President, gaining twenty pounds in the process of speaking about the goals and achievements of CFUW and IFUW. And so I carry not only happy memories of visits and planning sessions with members across the country and with our international sisters at IFUW and UN functions, but also the effects of our meals together!

WE'RE THE BOOK PEOPLE

by Ruth Russell

Every member of our CFUW club, past or present, knows about our annual Used Book Sale. But every member may not know that we don't just sell books, we also publish them.

Our club's first publishing venture was memorable: as a Canadian Centennial project, we published the first book of a long-time member and former President, Edna Staebler. It was a collection of previously published articles in Maclean's about the Old Order Mennonites in this area, and was titled *Sauerkraut and Enterprise*. The small book went through 5 printings in 1966 and 1967, and in 1982 our club decided to reprint it as a 60th anniversary project. In 1970, our club republished an out-of-print book by the club's first President, Dr. Mabel Dunham: *The Trail of the Conestoga*.

CFUW-KW has always been focused on women's education, and members researched, wrote and distributed two brochures directed to female high-school students: "Advantages of Education for Women" in 1966, and "One Hundred Alternatives" in 1975, a well-researched pamphlet describing the careers of 100 local women.

In the late 90s, we decided to undertake the research, writing and publication of the first-ever book of biographies of local women. The resulting handsome volume, containing the biographies of 33 eminent women and entitled *Women of Waterloo County*, was launched in November of the year 2000. It was greeted with enthusiasm, and sold out within two years.

In 2003, our club embarked on the ambitious *Proudly She Marched* project. During World War II, Canadian women served in uniform for the first time, and some 15,000 recruits to the Canadian Women's Army Corps were trained in Kitchener, on a base near the present Auditorium. *Proudly She Marched* comprised two published volumes, on the Kitchener training centre and the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service training centre in Galt, as well as a DVD. The book launch in late 2006 received substantial local and national publicity, and was attended by women veterans from across Canada.

Every publishing project of our club, from *Sauerkraut and Enterprise* to *Proudly She Marched*, has directed its earnings to our substantial scholarship program. And it is books -- writing them, publishing them, selling thousands of them yearly at our sale -- that continue to fund it.

Notable Women of CFUW K-W

Below is a list of CFUW K-W members who have been elected to public service or have served on CFUW National.

- **Dr. Mabel Dunham** appointed to Library Council CFUW 1934.
- **Dr. Ruth Bell** elected as CFUW president 1973-1976 and is the CFUW Archivist Emeritus, an honorary CFUW title held since at least 2005.
- **Esther Brandon** appointed chair of CFUW Fellowship Committee 1974.
- **Betty Sims** appointed chair of CFUW Standing Committee on Legislation 1974.
- **Ann Dube** appointed to CFUW Awards and Fellowship Committee 1977.
- **Marjorie Carroll** elected as Mayor of Waterloo 1978 - 1988
- **Bonnie Kerr** appointed to CFUW Awards Committee 1980 and Fellowship Committee 1983.
- **Ann Power** appointed to CFUW Resolutions Chair 1985-88, Chair CFUW 75th Anniversary Committee 1992-94, Communications Chair 1994-98, Resolutions Chair 2000-02, CFUW Charitable Trust 2002-2008 (Treasurer 2006-08)
- **Elizabeth Witmer**, M.P.P (1990-2012): Minister of Labour 1995, Ontario Minister of Health 1997, Minister of Health and Long Term Care 1999, Minister of the Environment 2001, Deputy Premier of Ontario and Minister of Education 2002.
- **Lynne Woolstencroft** elected as chair of Waterloo Region District School Board 1979-1982, elected as Councillor-at-large and Mayor of Waterloo 2000-2003. Chair of the CFUW National Constitution and By-Laws Committee 2007 – 2008, Regional Director for Ontario West from 2008-2010.
- **Joan McKinnon** elected as mayor of Waterloo 1997-2000.
- **Karen Redman** elected as Liberal MP for Kitchener Centre 1997-2008.
- **Nora Kudrenecky** appointed CFUW Co-ordinator of Homestay Programs 2001. CFUW Director of Legislation on the National Board
- **Ardith Toogood** was Regional Director for Ontario West for four years. Director of Development, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee from 2004-2006, CFUW president 2006-2008, CFUW Coordinator of International Relations 2008-2011.
- **Mary Johnston** was an active member of many local education board committees and provincial committees and had a new school named in her honour in 1987.
- **Catherine Fife** –trustee and chair of Waterloo Region District School Board and newly elected NDP M.P.P. for K-W
- **Dianne Freeman** – currently Ward Four, Waterloo City Councillor
- Many **CFUW-KW members** have served as trustees on Waterloo Region District School Board. Over our 90 years, members of CFUW-KW have been appointed to the early High School Board, Public School Board, Hospital Board, Children’s Aid Board and Family Service Board starting in 1937. Recently, **Jane Mitchell**, a Waterloo Representative on Regional Council was elected chair of the Grand River Conservation Authority, Cambridge.



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**Canadian Federation of University Women – Kitchener Waterloo
Club Presidents 1922 – 2012**

1922-1924 Mabel Dunham	1967-1969 Eleanor Brubaker
1924-1926 Jean McKeracher	1969-1971 Betty Sims
1926-1927 Edna Haviland	1971-1973 Eleanor Moffat
1927-1928 Helen Foreman	1973-1975 Mary Ellen Forwell
1928-1930 Laurine Augustine	1975-1977 Eula Mae Myers
1930-1931 Gertrude Conrad Cowan	1977-1979 Veronica Kerr
1931-1932 Vera Doe Mistele	1979-1981 Jean Weller
1932-1934 Mabel Dunham	1981-1983 Marcia Shortreed
1934-1936 Edna Haviland	1983-1985 Ann Power
1936-1938 Ethel McGanity	1985-1987 Nora Kudrenecky
1938-1940 Margaret Philp	1987-1989 Lynda Gyorffy
1940-1942 Edna Staebler	1989-1991 Norma Exley
1942-1943 Lois Symons	1991-1993 Dorothea Sprung
1943-1945 Lillian Snider	1993-1995 Isabel Staal
1945-1947 Dorothy Cressman	1995-1997 Pat Graham
1947-1948 Muriel Carson	1997-1999 Ardith Toogood
1948-1950 Dorothy Shoemaker	1999-2001 Gail (Roussy) Litt
1950-1952 Nora (Eager) McKenzie	2001-2002 Margaret Walker
1952-1953 Catherine Brunk	2002-2004 Karin Manley
1953-1955 Enid Waterman	2004-2006 Debbie Cook
1955-1956 Margaret (Broad) Kent	2006-2008 Anne Pidduck
1956-1958 Frances Bean	2008-2009 Margaret Binek
1958-1960 Elizabeth Clarke	2009-2010 Diana Cherry
1960-1961 Margaret Rand	2010-2011 Ruth Russell
1961-1963 Gayle Smallbridge	2011-2012 Sharon Blom
1963-1965 Joan Dengis	2012-2013 Alison Watson/Kathryn McGill
1965-1967 Jane Kramer	