

## **“Talk if Out Workshops” October 5, 2019**

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Both groups focused on Scholarships given out by clubs. While the specific methods used (to students directly at the end of high school, to post-secondary students through their chosen college/university, etc.), all have established criteria that involve marks, the student’s plans for the future and need for financial support. Many clubs specifically support mature students returning to or starting post-secondary education. Specific mention was made of supporting students aging out of (CAS) care who would otherwise likely not be able to attend college or university. Some clubs clearly designate a portion of membership fees going to their Scholarship fund, others ask for voluntary donations, most do a combination of both as well as specific fundraising events. Clubs have invited scholarship recipients to either a fall meeting or June dinner...this has not resulted in these young women joining the club but is an opportunity for students to say thank you and for members to see how much students benefit from support.

Some other highlights of discussions (clubs cited but others may do likewise):

- Most (all?) clubs have their own scholarships as well as providing an avenue to give to the National Charitable Trust
- Tax receipts are provided in some clubs for specific scholarship donations (Burlington)
- Some clubs incorporate or separate their scholarship programs from the club itself
- Many clubs created a specific 100 year celebration scholarship
- House Tours help fund scholarships (St. Catharines)
- Book sales help fund scholarships (Kitchener-Waterloo)
- Other funding through donations, legacy donations, smaller fund-raisers, fees either levied to all members on membership form or as an extra voluntary donation on form
- Decisions regarding which students are given scholarships vary at the club level, at the level of high school guidance counsellors or at the college or university students have already been accepted to attend
- Some support women specially entering STEM fields
- Education nights to celebrate specifically with scholarship recipients (North York)
- Scholarships for women aging out of CAS recently added as a specific need (Hamilton)
- Recipients invited to club general meetings or specific meetings spring or fall