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## **What We Need to Know About Homelessness**

**Rob Crisp**

**Executive Director, Grace Inn**

**Wednesday, October 19th, 2022**

**St. Thomas Church**

**6:30 pm - Social; 7:00 pm - Program**



The nights are getting colder and we have a homeless issue in Belleville. In 2021, Rob Crisp started the *Calgary Dream Centre*, which is a residential

training center for homeless men. Today Rob is working towards a similar plan to provide shelter and training to help men (and women) get off the streets in Belleville. Not an easy task. Join us at our October meeting to find out how many loads of laundry Grace Inn does a day to how many beds are filled each night and how a little hope might go a long way to solving the homeless crisis.

**Note:** Our October meeting will be a hybrid Zoom/in-person meeting. If you wish to join the meeting by Zoom, the information is below:

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81968213239?pwd=cGVtSithM0ZuUmlweFVNWIZHeTdJQT09> Meeting ID: 819 6821 3239 Passcode: 322329

## President's Report – Margaret G. & Mary M.

### Change in Covid Policy

At the October CFUW Executive meeting, it was unanimously decided that, in line with current government guidelines and societal norms with regards to Covid, we will no longer be requiring members to be vaccinated.

However, to ensure that we all feel safe gathering in person (which is such a delight isn't it?) we gently remind everyone to practice Covid etiquette, e.g. not coming to meetings when experiencing Covid symptoms or when you have very recently been with people who have come down with Covid.

Thank you!

## GW International (Graduate Women International) – Sylvania T.

As promised at the September meeting, below is a brief background information on Graduate Women International, an organization in which we are members. This information is intended to provide you with an introductory understanding of what GWI is and what it does. Included are the statements of Mission and Purpose followed by an example of a recent action Canada has taken to support international concern about indigenous peoples.

Much more information about GWI is readily available to you at any time.

You can peruse the website. There you can learn of upcoming events and opportunities for you to participate in topics or projects of interest as well as communicate with other members from around the world. The GWI website is found at: [graduatewomen.org](https://graduatewomen.org)

You can register to receive newsletters simply by going to the Media/ Publications on the main page of the website <https://graduatewomen.org/media-publications/update-newsletter/> and click on the "Sign Up Now Here" link.

You can access any number of publications, webinars and other info. Go to [graduatewomen.org](https://graduatewomen.org) and click on the link in the upper right corner, "Member Corner". Once you complete the registration information you will be approved and immediately have access to all sorts of member information related to GWI.

### Mission

**Graduate Women International (GWI), founded in 1919 as the International Federation of University (IFUW), is a worldwide, non-governmental organisation of women graduates, whose purpose is to:**

- Promote lifelong education for women and girls;
- Promote international cooperation, friendship, peace and respect for human rights for all, irrespective of their age, race, nationality, religion, political opinion, gender and sexual orientation or other status;
- Advocate for the advancement of the status of women and girls; and
- Encourage and enable women and girls to apply their knowledge and skills in leadership and decision-making in all forms of public and private life.

**To achieve these aims, GWI shall:**

- Represent and advocate the views of graduate women in international fora;
- Enable graduate women to use their expertise to effect change at all levels;
- Provide an interdisciplinary approach to issues; and
- Promote cooperation, networking, support and understanding among graduate women.

**Our members volunteer their expertise in a wide-range of community projects, for example:**

- Literacy, financial literacy and vocational training programmes;
- Mentoring and workshops to promote girls and women's skills and learning;
- Programmes to promote women up to the highest levels; and
- Campaigns to increase women's awareness of their rights.

**Purpose**

Education, both formal and informal, underpins effective change. GWI encourages graduate women to use their expertise to bring about change, with particular reference to the education of girls, adult literacy and numeracy, access and advancement of women in higher education and the empowerment of women as leaders and decision-makers.

GWI provides a global voice for women graduates, working for the adoption and implementation of international agreements that will protect and benefit all girls and women. GWI enjoys special consultative status with ECOSOC and is an active advocate with the United Nations and other international agencies. These agencies play an important role in supporting country governments to develop and implement policies.

**GWI was primarily formed to take action! An example.**

GWI continues its global efforts to support indigenous peoples by submitting a written statement to the 51st session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) as a respectful and **urgent call for States to renew and rebuild their commitment to the UNDRIP that obliges them to take effective measures and, where appropriate, special measures to ensure continuing improvement of their economic and social conditions, including education.**

Canada has contributed to this effort recently by establishing a focus on **Truth & Reconciliation** celebrated on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Members in Graduate Women International, informed about indigenous issues, understand that events on the international stage reflect back to our nation which has a strong commitment to the UN and its important role in world peace and justice.

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) was adopted 15 years ago and **Canada endorsed it in 2016**. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), adopted 15 years ago, is the most comprehensive international instrument on the rights of indigenous peoples. There are an estimated 476 million indigenous people spanning 90 countries and speaking an overwhelming majority of the world's estimated 7,000 languages and representing 5,000 different cultures.

## Vice-President of Education & Advocacy – Carol F.

### LESS MEANS MORE – Keeping Beneficial Bugs Happy in Your Winter Garden

Did you know that the less Fall clean-up you do the more beneficial it is for important bugs like bees, wasps, ground beetles, lady bugs and dragonflies?

#### Beneficial Bugs – Why Are They Important?

Beneficial insects are essential in the pollination process of all plants and they prey on harmful insects such as aphids which can damage the flowers in your garden or crops.

Pollinators and other insects need a place to live in the winter so doing less in your garden to clean up in the Fall provides more places for beneficial bugs to overwinter.

#### What Can You Do To Help?

1. **Leave the leaves** where they fall or rake them onto your garden beds. Not only will they help your garden beds by providing nutrients as they decompose but they are good overwintering sites for some butterfly species, ladybugs, ground beetles and centipedes.
2. **Keep the last mow of the season high** by leaving at least 3 ½ inches of grass when cutting the lawn for the final time. Bees will nest in the long grasses.
3. **Avoid cutting back plants** like Black Eyed Susan, Sedums, Coneflowers, Asters and Dogwood as they provide seeds for birds to eat and bees will overwinter in the hollowed stalks.
4. **Make a wood pile** by collecting fallen tree branches or other pieces of wood. Bumblebees will find a place under the rotting wood pile.

**If you wanted an excuse not to do Fall clean-up in your garden, now you have one, and you have helped our beneficial bugs!**

Your Friendly Environmental Education Advocacy Team



## Membership – Barb B. & Carol F.

Memberships are due by October 31. To renew your membership, you can e-transfer \$110 to [cfuwfinance@gmail.com](mailto:cfuwfinance@gmail.com) or mail a cheque (made out to CFUW Belleville & District) to Membership, CFUW Belleville & District, PO Box 20033, Belleville, ON K8N 5V1. Again, this year, there will be no paperwork required at all for membership renewal.

## Vice President of Planning & Development – Jane B.



I would like to say I am sorry that the much-loved Table Hoppers Interest group was left off the CFUW Belleville program. An updated copy of the information handout, which includes **Table Hoppers**, has been added to the website. Please add "**Table Hoppers** Mary M. to your copy of the information/program card.

This is a reminder that we will be having a **book sale** at our October meeting. It will be set up in the small room off the main hall. Don't forget to come to the meeting at 6:30 so you can drop off books and do some shopping. I have just found the sign and it seems that all books are \$2:00. So bring plenty of toonies.

At the executive it was decided it would be a nice gesture to give any unsold books to the Alzheimer's Society in Belleville for their sale in November. I have been in touch with them and they will be happy to have them. So, you do not have to take them home with you. Anyone who has a quantity of books to give away can drop them off at the Alzheimer's Society Office, 470 Dundas St., E. Belleville.

Besides the book sale there are several events to note as we approach Christmas. We will be having both the **Gleaners Foodbank collection** and the donation of **children's books at our Christmas event** in December.

I think most of us gave money last year to the Foodbank which enables them to buy items they are short of. Although I know anything you chose to give will be much appreciated. If your name and address is included, you will get a receipt for money donations \$20 and over.

Ryan who coordinates the Fireman's Toy Drive will be happy to receive children's books from us again this year to give every child a book for Christmas.

Perhaps this is a good time, before it gets too busy, to think about what you would like to contribute to our Christmas Auction. The Auction is a great place to pick up a one-of-a-kind gift for someone, or yourself. Cathy and Pat will be circulating a clip board at the Oct. and Nov. meeting so that you can write down what you would like to donate.



*Save the Date*

*Annual Christmas Party 2022*

*Thursday, December 8*

We have been successful in booking "The Grand" again for our Christmas party this year.

It will be a cocktail format as it was last year.

More details to follow.

## Website, Facebook, Instagram – Jane T.

The website, Facebook page, and Instagram page continue to keep members informed of our club happenings. Photos have been posted on our media sites regarding the strategic planning session, recent activities of interest groups, and the opening meeting.

Other information on the website, such as the Interest Group page, has been updated.

Please use my email address as in the directory when sending items to me.

## Corresponding Officer – Carol S.

Please send any information about significant events (90<sup>th</sup> birthdays, anniversaries, operations, death of spouse or member's child) in the life of members to Carol S. so that a card can be mailed or notices sent to members

The email address: [cfuwbellevillecomm@gmail.com](mailto:cfuwbellevillecomm@gmail.com) is intended to send out communications from the Executive and members. If you wish to respond to a particular person, after you have received an email, please do not reply to the communications email, but contact that individual directly. If you have misplaced your directory, a copy is available on the Website in the Members Only section.

Items for the **November** Newsletter are due by **6:00 pm, Friday, November 4**. Please submit your information in **Word, or Excel for financial reports, or in the body of an email**. Do **Not** send PDF files as that type of file may not fit the space as you have formatted.

### **Celebration of Life for Charlotte Kuntze, a former member.**

For those who knew Charlotte, this is a reminder that there will be a celebration of her life on Oct. 22, 2022, at Eastminster United Church. Please check the Intelligencer, closer to the date, for details.

## Interest Groups – Jane B.

### **Arts Group**

Covid remains the stickler behind the CFUW Arts Group's decision to continue with an ad hoc approach to outings for this coming 2022-23 season. We have been using this method as of late and it seems to meet people's needs at this time. We currently have 15 people in our group so chances are if you'd like to see/visit an 'arts' exhibit, you'll find someone to accompany you. If you'd like to join the group contact Barbara P.

### **Bridge Group – Susan P.**

We have 12 players and 3 spares signed up for this year's bridge. The opening party is planned for Tuesday, October 18 at 1:00 pm at my home. Please confirm with me either by email or phone whether you plan to attend. The round robin schedule will begin the week of October 31.

## Fundscrip

Fundscrip: <https://www.fundscrip.com//login>

**What is it?** – a very gentle fundraiser!

Fundscrip is an online site where you can order gift cards for delivery to you, or another mailing address. A percentage of the value of the card goes to CFUW Belleville and District. This percentage varies from retailer to retailer – anywhere from 2% to 10% or more. There are far too many participating retailers to list here. A visit to the site will answer that question!

You receive the full value of the gift card. CFUW's Fundscrip account accumulates the club's percentage and we apply for our payout a couple of times a year.

Each month, there are bonus percentages for certain retailers. For example, instead of 3% payout, they will offer 5%. These will be highlighted in each month's newsletter.

Our club has been a part of Fundscrip since 2017, raising about \$400 per year...and this is with only 4-5 regular users!

**How to participate?**

You need to have an account with Fundscrip which you can set up by going to this site: <https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group>

CFUW Belleville's information is: CFUW Belleville (38449) Invitation Code: 4LFZX5**Why participate?**

Income from Fundscrip has been used for special projects, such as an award for graduate from a non-traditional educational institution.

It's a win-win when you want to purchase gift cards, especially at Christmas/birthday/anniversary times, as the club benefits from money you would spend anyway.

**Any downsides?**

Fundscrip will downsize the club's percentage by 1.99% if you use a credit card to pay for the gift card. This means that cards for groceries and gas are pretty useless to the club when ordered with a credit card. The groceries and gas cards usually only pay 2 or 3% and the credit card charge wipes out the club's payout. However, there are many, many retailers offering 5+%, so a credit card purchase can give you your loyalty points, plus benefit the club.

The cards arrive by mail, so you can't do this at the last minute – it does require thinking a bit ahead.

**More questions?**

There is lots of information on the Fundscrip site on how the system works.

Regular club users will be happy to share their experiences: Laura H., Mary M., Barb K., Linda C.

## Scholarship Information – Kristina S. & Debi B.

Our first committee meeting was held September 28th. Pat L. and Susanne K. were welcomed as new members to the committee. The scholarships awarded to high school students in the spring have all been dispersed. To date, we have been unable to contact the recipient of the Adult Education Scholarship. If it remains unclaimed, the \$1,500 will be added to the amounts we can spend this fiscal year.

According to our bylaws, we are able to be spend \$20,119 this year. It will be dispensed as follows:

5 x \$2,200 university awards; 5 x \$1,500 college awards; 1 x \$1,500 Adult Education, totaling \$20,000. The \$119 remaining for expenses should be adequate as we are planning on continuing with Zoom interviews and hence will not need to hold back an amount for rental expense. The Helen Zurrer award will be made in the amount of \$1,200, the fund's earnings for this year.

**Note:** We plan to increase the university scholarships amount by \$200 this year as we do not have enough funds to add an additional award in any category. The committee felt this would be the best use of the funds as tuition for university is proportionately higher than for college.