



### **Membership – Bilan des members**

The Club currently has 102 members (101 full members and 1 dual member), including 17 new members this year. Unfortunately, nine members did not renew this year due to other priorities but all indicated that they would return in the future. We continue to encourage our members to bring a friend. For the first time, we held two 5 à 7 for new members. The purpose was two-fold: one to get to know our new members better and for new members to learn more about CFUW. The Club published a Club Directory and included members other volunteer roles in the community as well as positions served in the Club.

### **Program and Activities – le programme et les activités**

Again, this year we have varied the format of our general meetings. The September and October meetings were evening ones. The March and April meetings were afternoon teas and the November meeting a breakfast; all with speakers. Topics ranged from a teacher working in Tajikistan with the Aga Khan Foundation, Mon Shack, a housing project for youths 18 to 35 with mental health issues, a palliative care facility and an organization that assists Neo-Canadians with getting established in the Sherbrooke area.

### **Fundraising – Levées de fonds**

- **Summer Market (Annual Book, Food Sale, Raffle, Attic Treasures and Silent Auction)**

This is the main fundraising activity of the Club. The monies raised goes to our foundation, the Lampe Foundation for support of scholarships, the Public Speaking Competition for local high schools and general club activities and expenses. The event raised over \$6000. The Silent Auction with 3 big ticket items this year helped to increase proceeds. Book sales were also up.

- **Interest Groups:** Our eight Interest Groups remain very popular amongst our members. The Grandmothers to Grandmothers continue to raise funds for the Stephen Lewis Foundation. They held their annual Used Clothing Sale in late October and have just held their Tea and Games afternoon; all open to the general public. Some of the Interest Groups collect loonies and toonies at each meeting and choose local charities to support.
- **Collection at Christmas party:** The Annual Christmas party collected funds again this year for food cards distributed to Aboriginal students studying at Champlain College in Lennoxville who are experiencing financial difficulties (usually near months end or end of term). Our members were very generous and enabled us to purchase 14-\$25 food cards.

### **Scholarships/Fellowships – Les Bourses**

The Lampe Foundation gave out \$39,400 in awards in 2018 at all levels of education; high school, vocational school, college and university. Our Annual Awards evening will be May 23<sup>th</sup> following our AGM. The Club also

raised \$25,000 to establish an endowment for the CFUW 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Indigenous Scholarship for a student at Bishop's University enrolled in the Education program. The first scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded in December 2019 and is renewable up to 4 years. The Foundation will award over \$44,000 in scholarships and awards in 2019.

#### **Advocacy-Defense d'Intérêts:**

- **CFUW:** Our Advocacy Committee participated in identifying five key issues for the upcoming Federal election and submitted them to VP Advocacy. Issues identified were the Economy, Immigration, Indigenous, Women's Issues and Pharmacare.
- **Aboriginal Initiative at Champlain College:** Our Club contributed \$250 for Food Cards and \$250 for Traditional Crafts again this year (this is in addition to the monies collected at Christmas). As well, 3-\$400 Dr. Roberta Cameron Awards were presented to deserving students at a luncheon at Champlain College.

#### **Communications and Publicity – Communication et la publicité**

We continue to publish our activities in local papers, including French media. As well the CBC English language radio station announces events. All events are posted on Facebook as a way of sharing information and some Interest groups share their photos. Our website is up and running and we have received a handful of inquiries about joining the club. All members of the Executive Committee subscribe to updates from National Office and motions discussed at Executive Committee as appropriate.

For our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we published eight articles in The Record on themes developed by the Committee and written by our members. We also had an article published in the Stanstead Journal about the 50<sup>th</sup> and the accomplishments of CFUW Sherbrooke & District. The primary purpose of the series was to raise our profile and awareness in the community in the hopes of attracting new members and we believe that is the reason for 17 new members.

**Links with other groups and CFUW—Liens avec les autres clubs et FCFDU:** Sherbrooke & District continues to participate in Quebec Council meetings. Our Club participates in the exchange of newsletters/bulletins with our sister Quebec clubs. Two members will attend the Winnipeg AGM.

**Sustainability and Governance—La viabilité durable et gouvernance:** From time to time we review our Strategic Plan at Executive and General meetings to ensure that we are on track with our key objectives. The Nominating Committee has been hard at work and will present a new slate of officers for approval at our Annual General Meeting on May 23, 2019. Because we were unable to fill the VP position in 2018, we developed a bridging strategy whereby 2 former Presidents have stepped up to split the role of President for 2019-2020. One will be President from June to December 2019 and one will serve as President from January to May 2020. This will enable an individual who accepts the VP position to have a year to become more informed about the workings of the Executive, etc. There are several committees that work off line in key areas and are usually headed by Directors who sit on the Executive Committee. The Directors report on activities at each Executive Committee meeting and at the Business portion of the General meeting to keep our membership informed.

Respectfully submitted,

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