



100TH

Anniversary
1925-2025

*CFUW-Hamilton 100-Year Celebration Anniversary Luncheon
and Annual General Meeting: May 20, 2025*

11:00 am

Mix and Mingle

Photos and Historical Mementoes from the Archives

Photo taking with the 100th Anniversary Poster

Silent Auction

12:00 pm

Welcome, Grace and Land Acknowledgement

Greetings by Hamilton Deputy Mayor Maureen Wilson

Presentation of 100-Year Certificate of Recognition

Luncheon

1:00 pm

Guest Speaker: CFUW National President Linda Sestock

Recognition of 50-Year Members by CFUW Ontario Council

President Sandra Shaw

Cutting of Anniversary Cake

Announcement of Silent Auction Winners

2:00 pm

Annual General Meeting Annual

Call to Order

Introduction of the 2024-2025 Executive

Approval of AGM Business Agenda

Approval of 2024 AGM Minutes

Approval of 2024-2025 Annual Report

Treasurer's Report

Presentation of 2025-2026 Budget for Approval

Report from the Nominating Committee

Election of 2025-2026 Executive

Installation of 2025-2026 Executive

Incoming President's Remarks

3:00 pm Adjournment



The Canadian Sederation of University Women

This is to Certify that the
University Women's Club of Hamilton
was admitted in the year *1952* to Membership in
The Canadian Sederation of University Women

Signed on behalf of the Sederation this
18th day of *August* 1952

Theresa E. Grant *Virginia Brown Norton*
President C.S.U.W. Membership Sec. C.S.U.W.

Mrs. W.A. McIlroy (Thora)

Thora McIlroy was responsible for bringing together women in Hamilton to form the group that became CFUW-Hamilton.



Photo taken in 1949

A Message from the 2024–2025 President

Heady Days and Challenging Moments

How exciting it must have been at that first meeting of CFUW-Hamilton—then called the University Women’s Club of Hamilton—in 1925! Under the tutelage of Mrs. Thora Tracy McIlroy, a transplant of Ottawa, those first seven charter members had lots to talk about and plan that day on February 10 in the Children’s Room at the Hamilton Public Library.

These feisty young women—many of them teachers at the Hamilton Technical School—went on to participate in many meetings over the years with speakers on a variety of educational topics. They followed in the footsteps of CFUW’s first national president Dr. Margaret Stovel McWilliams who wished to “rouse” female university graduates to be leaders of their communities, as well as pilgrims of peace abroad and understanding at home.

Post-World War I topics ranged from the importance of the newly formed League of Nations (which was established in 1920 to resolve disputes between countries and promote cooperation and peace), women’s issues/women at work, human rights, entertainment, and travel, to name just a few. While our members have always sought to help those less fortunate than themselves, they also found the time to have fun through our many “Interest Groups”. Since then, as one of close to 100 clubs across Canada who belong to CFUW, we have broadened our membership from accepting only university graduates to include women who embrace our goals of achieving educational and economic equality for women and girls.

Looking back, locally and nationally, we have been part of enormous positive change for women in this country. We championed equal pay for work of equal value. Hamilton had the first family planning/ birth control centre in Canada, headed up by one of our members, at a time when birth control was illegal in Canada. Support for the Famous Five suffragists and activists who fought for women to be recognized as “persons” under Canadian law ultimately led to women’s eligibility for Senate appointments. Our Club’s scholarship program now includes those who are wards of the Children’s Aid Society (CAS). In reviewing these accomplishments, it is easy to believe that many of the women who belonged to our organization in those early years would be horrified to learn that there are now places around the world that are rolling back the advances we fought for, including the right for women to vote.

The next century will clearly be a pivotal one for women around the world. But I strongly believe that CFUW-Hamilton and our sister clubs will continue to play a critical role in healing our planet and promoting peace. Onward and upward!

Cathy McPherson
President, CFUW-Hamilton 2025

CFUW-Hamilton 50-Year Members

We are thrilled to recognize these CFUW-Hamilton members who have supported the Hamilton Club for over 50 years. Congratulations!



Doreen McKerracher
(1950)



Donna Cooper
(1963)



Sandra Gmell
(1969)



Marilyn Hill
(1970)



Margaret Johnson
(1972)



Carolyn vanHoevelaak
(1973)



Pat Wilson
(1975)

Certificate of Recognition



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is pleased to recognize

*of CFUW-Hamilton for over 50 years of valued
service to CFUW.*

Date

CFUW National President

CFUW-Hamilton—A Century of Learning, Advocacy & Impact

Since 1925, CFUW-Hamilton has empowered women through education, advocacy, and community engagement. Here's a look at our lasting impact!

Public Events—Connecting & Celebrating

From lively discussions to milestone celebrations, CFUW-Hamilton brings women together.

- 1925:** First Club meeting at Hamilton Public Library
- 1926:** First annual dinner at Tam-O-Shanter Inn
- 1931:** Drama interest group stages a one-act play
- 1985:** CFUW-Hamilton hosts Ontario Council, with 200 attendees
- 1989:** Hamilton Club hosts Ontario South Spring Gathering
- 1992:** CFUW-Hamilton twins with the Takapuna University Women's Club in New Zealand
- 1996:** CFUW-Hamilton website "Homepage" created by Joanne Curtis & Barbara Ledger
- 1999:** 75th Anniversary Quilt created, celebrating club history
- 2000:** "From Hats and Lace to Cyberspace" skit performed to mark 75 years of CFUW-Hamilton
- 2007:** Launch of our newly-designed website
- 2007:** Hamilton Club hosts the Ontario South Fall Gathering
- 2009:** New CFUW-Hamilton banner designed and created by Maureen Czerneda presented at May AGM
- 2014:** Hosting of website moved to WordPress; launch of Facebook page
- 2016–17:** Roll-up banner with stand purchased for display at meetings
- 2019:** In May and October: A Jane's Walk organized to honour Women of Hamilton by Sheri Selway and Cathy McPherson
- 2019:** 100th Anniversary of CFUW-National: Sage Award presented to Hamilton Club member Doreen McKerracher; special donation by CFUW-Hamilton to CFUW Charitable Trust for additional scholarships and bursaries during anniversary year
- 2020–21:** The General Meetings for the entire year were held online via Zoom (and were open to the public) due to the COVID pandemic
- 2021:** Expansion of social media presence: YouTube, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter; adoption of CFUW-Ontario Council Social Media Policy and Guidelines
- 2025:** Addition of the Bluesky social network channel

Tackling Critical Issues—Advocating for Women & Society

CFUW-Hamilton: championing change for 100 years!

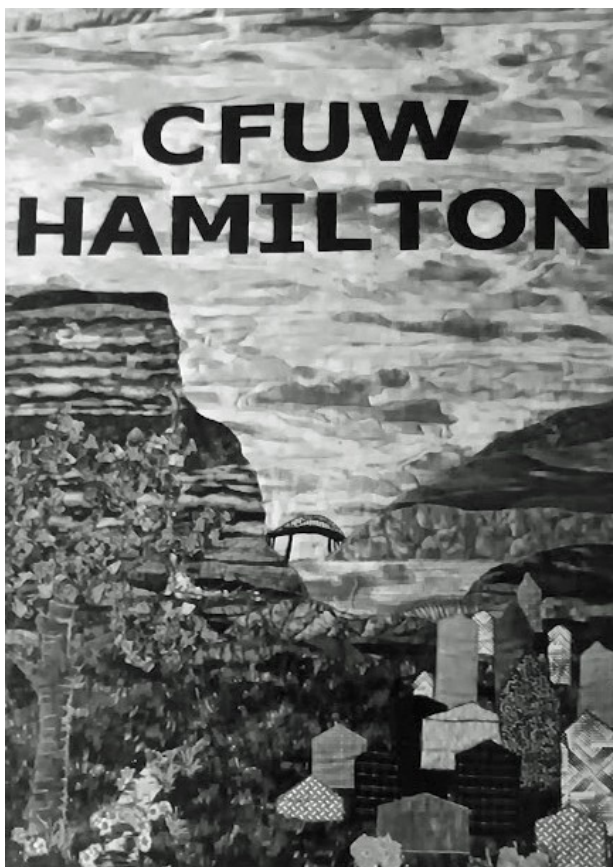
- 1932:** CFUW-Hamilton hosts talk on "Peace and Disarmament"
- 1939:** Adopted the York (U.K.) Club as a sister Club; items sent during war years
- 1939:** Adoption of war refugee Frau Zalad; supported her and her two sons during and after the war with financial donations; Frau Zalad became a qualified dentist
- 1970:** Maureen Sabia presents on Matrimonial Property Law reform

- 1983:** CFUW-Hamilton Status of Women Committee established
- 1993:** CFUW-Hamilton resolution: Education, Monitoring, and Discipline of Judges (on issues related to women)
- 1999–00:** Members advocate for palliative care improvements and gun control
- 2000:** CFUW-Hamilton resolution: Hospice/Palliative Care
- 2004:** Fall public health forum on “Home Care/Nursing Home: Do I Have a Choice?” with Hamilton Cares and CFUW-Burlington
- 2005:** CFUW-Hamilton resolution: Inclusion of Home Care Services Under the Canada Health Act (with CFUW-Burlington)
- 2007:** Letter-writing initiative/campaign to Ontario Government requesting a review of social assistance rates and basic income
- 2022–23:** CFUW-Hamilton resolution: “Towards a Comprehensive Maternal Death Prevention Strategy”
- 2024:** CFUW-Hamilton sponsors the screening of “An Unfinished Journey” at the Westdale Theatre—a documentary about four Afghan women who are championing the rights of women following the Taliban’s takeover of Afghanistan
- Ongoing:** Support for U.N. Day of Peace; the Coldest Night of the Year; Indigenous Orange Shirt Day; collections for WomanKind; continuing the work of supporting and promoting provincial and national CFUW resolutions through letter writing and direct contact with those who have influence on policy

Inspiring Guest Speakers—Voices That Shaped Our World

In addition to presentations by our own members over the years, we have been honoured to host many thought-provoking leaders, activists, and artists to the podium, including the following:

- 1925:** First speaker, Mrs. J.A. Cooper, discusses “University Women in the Community”
- 1942:** Poet Earle Birney captivates members with a reading
- 1965:** Dr. A. Vibert Douglas, first Canadian president of IFUW, speaks on women in science
- 1975:** CFUW National President Ruth Bell discusses women’s leadership
- 2008:** Dr. John Corlett, Dean of Applied Health Sciences at Brock University, speaks on “Millennium Women Go to University”
- 2014:** Dr. Doug Oliver, mental health researcher, speaks on the Tapestry Project, a charity that champions mental health education and empowerment
- 2016:** Dr. Laurel Trainor from McMaster Institute for Music and the Mind speaks about her research on children, music, and behaviour
- 2022:** Emily O’Brien, entrepreneur and winner of YWCA-Hamilton 2020 Woman of Distinction award, tells the story of Comeback Snacks, which employs only former offenders
- 2024:** Our Club hosts an online panel discussion on Reducing Maternal Deaths in Canada by Drs. Jocelyn Cook, Jon Barrett, and Rohan D’Souza (a follow-up to our 2023 resolution)



CFUW-Hamilton Banners
throughout the years

Community Outreach—Making a Difference Locally & Globally

Supporting the community through partnerships, volunteering, and philanthropy.

- 1925–26:** CFUW-Hamilton donates to support a scholarship at Bryn Mawr Summer School for Women in Industry, helping women in trades
- 1930s:** CFUW-Hamilton members support local special community projects: Community Drive (now the United Appeal), Red Cross canvassing, Local Council of Women fundraising in aid of unemployable women
- 1940s:** Members take action during WWII—volunteering, fundraising, and aiding war relief; volunteered with Red Cross Society of Hamilton in workroom, canteen, and Opportunity shop
- 1950s–60s:** Fundraising for Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB), Children’s Aid, and local charities
- 1971:** In collaboration with Hamilton Board of Education, Club members volunteer to work with children experiencing learning problems
- 1985:** CFUW-Hamilton archives established at Hamilton Public Library, allowing the community access to our Club’s information, including information about influential local women
- 2014:** Collection of toiletries for Inasmuch House initiated

Scholarships & Education—Investing in Future Leaders

Empowering young women through financial support for higher education.

- 1925–26:** First recorded scholarship donation to Bryn Mawr Summer School, supporting women in trades
- 1937:** First CFUW-Hamilton scholarship awarded at McMaster University
- 1951:** McMaster University scholarship expanded to support top female students in any discipline
- 1968:** Ruby Brown English Prize established at McMaster
- 1992:** McMaster scholarships renamed "CFUW-Hamilton Scholarships" and award values increased
- 1994:** New award for Women’s Studies introduced at McMaster University
- 1997:** Two new bursaries established, including one for mature students at Mohawk College
- 1999:** CFUW-Hamilton pledges \$2,500 toward an endowed bursary fund at McMaster University
- 2000:** Author Nights have become popular and successful events that help raise money for our Scholarship Fund: first author was Maureen McTeer; others included Charlotte Gray, Margaret MacMillan, Terry Fallis, Marina Endicott, Lorraine Sommerfeld, and cookbook author Anna Olson (at this event butter tarts from her recipe were sold!)
- 2012:** Established scholarship for a woman in skilled trades at Mohawk College
- 2019:** Special \$2,500 scholarship given for youth in extended care at Hamilton Children’s Aid Society; renewed annually
- 2021:** Fall virtual (Zoom) event featuring Dr. Anne Innis Dagg—“the Giraffe Lady”: tickets included viewing of documentary “The Woman Who Loves Giraffes” and live interview with

film director and Dr. Innis Dagg. Dr. Innis Dagg nomination by the Club for honorary membership in CFUW approved by the CFUW National, 2022

2022: Partnership with TruEarth for ongoing fundraising initiative; 20% of sales by members through special online link generates scholarship funds

2024: “Mocktail” Party in April celebrated new trends in drinking socially while raising funds for Scholarships

2025: Enhanced Scholarships in celebration of CFUW-Hamilton’s 100th Anniversary–

\$3,000 pledged to enhance our McMaster University and Mohawk College scholarship commitments; total \$11,000 awarded

McMaster University :

CFUW-Hamilton Scholarship – \$3,000

CFUW-Hamilton Past President’s Prize – \$2,000

CFUW-Hamilton Memorial Political Science Prize – \$2,000

Mohawk College:

CFUW-Hamilton Scholarship – \$2,000

Children’s Aid Society of Hamilton:

CFUW-Hamilton scholarship awarded to a female Crown ward accepted into an Ontario college or university – \$2,000



Canadian women in Winnipeg at the inaugural meeting in 1919 of the group that became the Canadian Federation of University Women

The 2018–2019 CFUW-Hamilton President with former Presidents, celebrating that event almost 100 years later



Interest Groups & Lifelong Learning – Curoosity Never Ends

From literature circles to hands-on workshops, CFUW members never stop learning. As Alice Wray noted in 1975, “The Interest Groups are the backbone of the Club.” Any member of CFUW-Hamilton can establish a new group by simply announcing her suggestion at a General Meeting to gauge interest and support. We have been fortunate to have such a wealth of interests over the past 100 years!

Interest Groups of the Past

[Dates in parentheses represent start or restart dates.]

Literary and Drama (1925)
Child Study and Mental Health (1930)
Current Events (1930)
Music Appreciation (1930); revived 2022–23
Mental Hygiene (1930)
Book of the Month (1932)
Drama (1932)
Parent Education Group (1932) [Program taken from Parents Magazine]
Jaunters (1940)
Modern Trends (1948); name changed to Out and About (1998)
Conversational French (1941, 1958–62, 1988)
Young Grads (1946–51; 1954–mid-1960s)
Handicraft Group (1948)
International Affairs (1954)
Club House Crafts (1956) [To raise money for our own clubhouse!]
Collectors [The] (1960) [focus on Canadian items]; became Canny Collectors in 1964
Elegant But Easy Cooking (1974); became an eating out group (2010)
Gourmet Cooking (1975)
Ad Hoc Group (1978)
Community TV (1984)
Common Cents Investment (1986)
Hobbies and Crafts (1986); then continued as Crafts and Interior Design (1994)
Theatre (1986)
Super Artsy Film Expedition (SAFE) (1988)
Hikers (1990)
Women’s Investment Group (WIG) (1992)
Cross-Country Skiing (and Golf) (1993)
Cinema (1995)
La Conversation Française (1995), then Le Cercle Français (1997)
Artist’s Way [The] (2000)
Sew Many Friends (2000)
CFUW Garden Group (2007)



75th Anniversary Quilt: squares created by each Interest Group;
quilt created by Maureen Czerneda

Current Interest Groups

Art Appreciation

Art Appreciation had two early versions in 1926 and 1932, but the current group has been ongoing since 1961. The group has visited art galleries, such as the Hamilton Art Gallery, the Gardiner Ceramic Museum in Toronto, the McMichael Gallery, and the Aga Khan Museum, and members have presented papers on artists. In recent years, we have focused more on visiting local galleries and artists, such as Julia Veenstra, in their studios. Regina Haggo, local art lecturer, spoke to us annually for many years and as many as 30 members would attend. The current group has an average of 20 members at each meeting.

Myrtle Greve and Mary Barrette, Co-leaders 2024–25

Bridge

I think that the Bridge Interest Group has been going forever! In the early 1980s, there were three separate Bridge Groups, each having four or more members, and the groups were known as Alpha, Beta, and Omega. They met in each other's homes once a month in the afternoon and enjoyed tea and dessert before play began. For the last 20 years, wine has been included, but we were down to two tables. The group shrank to one table about 15 years ago. Over the years, the meeting day has varied, but currently we meet once a month, on the fourth Thursday, in the afternoon. From approximately 2000 to 2012, we held an annual Bridge potluck luncheon for 12 people, which was a great success.

For a number of years, the members of one of the Bridge groups enjoyed spending time in July at a member's summer home "up North," to the envy of the others!

Nina Macintosh, Group Leader, 2024–25

Creative Writing

When I joined CFUW-Hamilton in September 1999, a new group, "Creative Writing" was started. According to Pat Wilson, there had been an earlier Creative Writing Group, but it had run out of steam.

Diane Perrault held the first meeting at her house on the third Wednesday of the month at which time we decided to start at 1:00 p.m. and meet at each other's houses. I was amazed at what an experienced writing group I was joining. Some had been published, some had already written a couple of novels, and some, like me, were just eager. Diane offered "In the Box" as a short practice exercise for us. We read our pieces aloud and offered a few suggestions for improvement. Then we organized our meetings for the rest of the year.

In 2007, we published *Nine Modern Muses, an Anthology by the CFUW-Hamilton Creative Writing Group*, which we sold for \$5 as a fundraiser for the Scholarship fund. The muses were: Mimi Packham, Barbara Ledger, Diane Perrault, Alexandra Gall, Penny Gumbert, Jean Rae Bax-

ter, Linda Helson, Barbara Jepson, and Debbie Welland. Each of us contributed a piece of writing to the anthology. Of the “Nine,” we have lost some and others have joined; current membership is eight.

Since that time, we have continued to meet monthly from September to June, and occasionally in July, each hostess offering beverages and snacks as well as a prompt word or phrase for the next meeting. The only change was our time of meeting which became 1:30 pm. In 2020–21 the COVID pandemic caused a bit of a hiccup, but then we found we could use the Club’s Zoom account; each member emailed a pdf of her writing to the others prior to the meeting.

It has been a rewarding, sometimes frustrating, 26 years, but we all continue to look forward to these meetings of creative minds.

Linda Helson, Group Leader 2024–25



Art Appreciation 2023



Bridge 2021



Creative Writing 2019

Daytimers

In the autumn of 1990, the Hikers group was formed, but it was short-lived. It was revived in 1993 by Maureen Czerneda and renamed the Daytimers. Members enjoyed walks along local trails and frequenting antique shops in St. George. In the early 2000s, Brenda Wright assumed leadership of the Daytimers, which at times grew to 12 members. They walked both trails and city streets.

In 2018, the reins were handed over to Jan Armstrong, and the group of up to 10 women continued to explore area trails or interesting city streets/neighbourhoods, usually followed by a stop at a nearby eatery for a coffee/tea and chat.

Our walks have always taken place from September to June. However, during the COVID pandemic (starting in the spring of 2020), we “socially distanced,” masked up, and walked twice a month all year long. In 2023, we returned to our normal schedule, walking together once a month from September to June.

Jan Armstrong, Group Leader 2024–25

Deja Lu

In 2006, Deja Lu began as a book group to clean out our bookcases and read that book we always meant to read but never got around to.

In the first year, one of the members, Ethel Lapp, was awaiting a hip replacement and couldn't climb stairs. The decision was made to hold the meetings at Alexandra's apartment since there was good parking and an elevator. After 19 years, the group is still meeting in the same place! The membership has varied from five to 10. This year there are five members.

A topic is selected for each month. After enjoying a cup of tea or coffee and a pastry, each member gives a short review of the book she has read.

Alexandra Gall, Group Leader 2024–25

Friday Group

While we know the group has been in existence for many decades, unfortunately the actual founding date of the Friday Group is unknown. Membership during the 2000s consisted of over 20, but more recently we have eight members. The monthly meetings are held in members' homes and used to include speakers on topics of social, political, and environmental issues. In addition, we often visited local places of historic or contemporary interest. Since the COVID pandemic, the group has been meeting over a lunch of soup and sandwiches, mainly to have fun, but still to engage in discussion on all manner of issues, and to solve problems. We enjoy annual potluck lunches at Christmas and in June.

Christine Gerth, Group Leader 2024–25

HEAL (Healthy Eating and Living)

HEAL began 25 years ago in order to start a new dinner group, as the existing ones were filled. After putting a note in the Club newsletter to seek members interested in starting another dinner group, three other members helped me plan this new group that would be based on healthy eating and be a more flexible group than just having sit-down dinners. We added activities, too, and coined the acronym HEAL: Healthy Eating And Living.

Over the years, we have enjoyed a variety of foods in the form of snacks, tapas, appetizers, soups, and sandwiches—and our wonderful potluck dinners—as well as some meals in local restaurants. For activities, we started with a program planned with suggestions from members. We had a series of workshops on everything from Tai Chi and Tai Kwondo to dream interpretation, acupuncture, personal trainer information, and Reiki. We now have individual members take on a meeting and plan something. These meetings have included activities such as sleep information, music empowering women, travel presentations, walks, games night, movie night, library program information, and health issues. Yes, we have wonderful food along with these meetings when we meet in person!

We meet on the fourth Monday of every month, usually in the evening, with the occasional afternoon activity. The group now has 17 energized and enthusiastic members, and we share information, fun, laughter, and friendship.

Heather Oliver, Group Leader 2024--25



Daytimers 2020



Deja Lu 2018



Friday Group 2018



HEAL 2017

Modern Book Group [The]

The Book of the Month Group started meeting in 1932 with a small number of members in their homes in the evening on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The first leader was Ruth Hogarth. The purpose was—then as it is now—to bring together those who enjoy reading and to keep up to date with current literature. Membership grew to reach a high of 60 women in the 1950s when they met at the Hamilton Western Branch Library (now the Westdale Library) and, in later years, at the Hamilton Teachers' College. In 1953, the name was changed to The Modern Book Group.

Since the 1970s, we meet in members' homes or on Zoom in the winter. We purchase books to review (usually two titles each meeting) and these are placed in our lending library. Titles are usually chosen from recently published fiction and nonfiction books written by both Canadian and International authors. Each month, members contribute to a lively discussion and the sharing of titles of books we are reading in "Quickie Corner."

In 2025 we have 12 dedicated members who enjoy learning, literature, and laughter. This interest group has met continuously for 93 years, still on the 4th Tuesday of the month!

Brenda Wright and Margaret Johnson, Co-leaders 2024–25

Readers' Circle (Tuesday Evening)

Readers' Circle is a book discussion group, where everyone reads the same book (except once, when it turned out there was more than one book by that title) and brings her opinions of it to the meeting. Our preference is to meet in one another's homes, but during the COVID pandemic, and since, in the winter months, we have used the Zoom platform to meet online.

Also starting during COVID, we added occasional "Bonus" meetings to our schedule, where we would each read a book on a certain theme, such as "a Christmas book" or "best non-Readers' Circle book we've read this year" and speak briefly about it. This helped to preserve a feeling of connectedness during a very disconnected time.

Readers' Circle started in 1994 as an offshoot of The Modern Book Group, to try to reduce that group's getting-too-big-to-meet-in-houses numbers (this didn't altogether work, as many of us continued with both groups).

In 2007, Readers' Circle split into two groups: Tuesday Evening and Wednesday Afternoon. The Tuesday group's numbers have ranged from eight to our current membership of 12. The two groups continue to meet together twice yearly: in March, and for a dinner and the next year's books selection in June.

In our 31 years, between the two groups we have read approximately 320 books, ranging from old classics like *War and Peace* and *The Moonstone*, to modern classics such as *The Stone Diaries* and *Room*, with lighter fare such as Kate Quinn's thrillers in between. We mostly read

fiction, but occasionally a non-fiction book, such as *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean, or *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, will take our fancy.

- Barbara Ledger, Group Leader 2024–25

Readers' Circle (Wednesday Afternoon)

The Wednesday afternoon Readers' Circle group formed in September 2007 with Lyn Hladun as leader. I took over the following year and have remained the leader since. Our group began with at least eight members, and had remained between six to eight members until two years ago. Unfortunately, members pass away, move, or become unable to attend.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm. Refreshments are provided by the host, and then discussions take place. Close relationships form and laughter is frequent. For the winter season we meet via Zoom.

Both Readers' Circle groups meet every June and each member presents two different book choices to the larger group. Then the groups separate to discuss the choices and decide which books their group would like to read for the next year. We also meet together the following March to discuss a book that both groups have chosen.

Sandy Gmell, Group Leader 2024–25



Modern Books 2024



Readers' Circle (Tuesday Evening) 2020

CFUW-Hamilton List of Officers 1925-2025

Years	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1925–26	Miss Agnes Puddington	Mrs. Frances O’Heir	Miss Zerada Slack
1926–27	Mrs. A.T. Eaton	Mrs. Frances O’Heir	Miss Anne Smith (Myrtle)
1927–28	Mrs. A.T. Eaton	Miss Alice McNair	Miss Anne Smith
1928–29	Mrs. P. Ford-Smit (Olive)	Miss Gertrude Gavin	Mrs. W.E. Sheridan (Mary)
1929–30	Mrs. P. Ford-Smith	Miss Madeline Davis	Mrs. W.E. Sheridan
1930–31	Mrs. D.S. Coons (Norma)	Miss Madeline Davis	Miss Leslie Cruikshank
1931–32	Mrs. D.S. Coons (Irene)	Miss Murial Paul	Mrs. G.S. Otto
1932–33	Mrs. C.W. Houghton (Mercie)	Mrs. E.C. Lapp (Edna)	Mrs. W.L. McFaul
1933–34	Mrs. B. Ketchem (Maude)	Mrs. E.C. Lapp	Mrs. W.L. McFaul (Rita)
1934–35	Mrs. B. Ketchem	Miss Anne Graham	Mrs. W.L. McFaul
1935–36	Mrs. W.G. Cornett	Miss Anne Graham	Miss Mary McCready
1936–37	Mrs. W.G. Cornett	Mrs. H.F. McCulloch (Irene)	Dr. Elizabeth Brunton
1937–38	Mrs. E.R. Niblett (Noreen)	Mrs. H.F. McCulloch	Miss Maude Johnston
1938–39	Mrs. E.A. Huestis (Joy)	Miss Ruth Baldwin	Miss Maude Johnston
1939–40	Mrs. E.A. Huestis	Miss Ruth Baldwin	Miss Janet Penfold
1940–41	Mrs. F.W. Bray (Emily)	Miss Frances Wilson	Miss Janet Penfold
1941–43	Mrs. J.W. Watson (Jessie)	Miss Eva Wilkin	Miss Kay Wilson
1943–44	Mrs. K.E. Bond (Evelyn)	Mrs. H.S. Armstrong (Kay)	Mrs. Mary Primeau
1944–45	Mrs. K.E. Bond	Miss Helen French	Dr. Olga Jardine
1945–46	Miss Anne Smith	Miss Helen French	Miss Zoe Zimmerman
1946–47	Miss Anne Smith	Mrs. D.S. Stevens (Constance)	Miss Zoe Zimmerman
1947–49	Mrs. A.H. Wingfield(Marie)	Miss Eileen North	Miss Zoe Zimmerman
1949–50	Mrs. H.S. Armstrong	Miss Eileen North	Miss Irene Cole
1950–51	Mrs. H.F. McCulloch	Miss Marjory Wild	Miss Irene Cole
1951–52	Mrs. W.A. Morris (Muriel)	Miss Norma Leaf (Dorothy)	Mrs. Arthur Eyre (Dorothy)
1952–53	Mrs. W.A. Morris	Miss Virginia Hunter	Mrs. Arthur Eyre
1953–54	Mrs. D.D. Campbell (Katharine)	Miss Virginia Hunter (Helen)	Mrs. J.A. Lamont (Helen)
1954-55	Mrs. D.D. Campbell	Mrs. J.M. Minore	Mrs. J.A. Lamont (Mildred)
1955–56	Miss Jean Gall	Mrs. J.M. Minore	Miss Margaret Bennett
1956–57	Miss Jean Gall	Mrs. D.A. Cooper	Miss Margaret Bennett
1957–58	Mrs. F.M. J. Tenor (Jean)	Mrs. D.A. Cooper	Mrs. H. McKerracher (Doreen)
1958–59	Mrs. J.A. Lamont	Miss Janet Penfold	Mrs. H. McKerracher
1959–61	Miss Margaret Bennett	Mrs. W.B. Neeb (Mary)	Mrs. E.M. Webster (Isabel)
1961–62	Miss Erna Martin	Miss Kathleen Mathews	Mrs. W.T. Farrell
1962–63	Miss Erna Martin	Miss Hilda Borman	Mrs. W.T. Farrell
1963–64	Miss Eva Wilkin (Alice)	Miss Hilda Borman	Mrs. E.G. Wray
1964–65	Mrs. R.K. Warner (Berniece)	Mrs. J.W. Dickson (Florence)	Mrs. E.G. Wray
1965–66	Mrs. R.K. Warner	Mrs. J.W. Dickson	Mrs. P.D. Goulden (Heather)

Years	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1966–67	Miss Grace Robertson (Mrs. R. Wildfong)	Miss Eunice Smillie	Mrs. P.D. Goulden
1967–68	Miss Grace Robertson	Mrs. R.S. Stamp	Miss Lois Powell
1968–69	Miss Margaret Hegler	Mrs. R.S. Stamp	Miss Lois Powell
1969–71	Mrs. J.W. Dickson	Miss Ella Harris	Miss Eloise Baxter
1971–72	Doreen McKerracher (Mrs.M)	Miss J.C. Murray	Mrs. J.P. Wright(Jean)
1972–73	Barbara Souter(Mrs. J.A.)	Mrs. D.B. Crawford (Nora) Mrs. A.J. Pell (Barbara)	Mrs. J.P. Wright
1973–74	Maude McLennan(Mrs. G.D.)	Mrs. A.J. Pell	Mrs. G.A. Wycliffe(Margaret)
1974–75	Ethel Lapp (Mrs. D)	Mrs. A.J. Pell	Mrs. G.A. Wycliffe
1975–76	Marilyn Mallard (Mrs. E.C.)	Joan Frame(Mrs. J.A.)	Mrs. L.G. Bedford(Lynn)
1976–77	Miss Gwenyth Day	Pat Lyons(Mrs. G.P.)	Mrs. L.G. Bedford
1977–78	Nancy Williams(Mrs. L.G.)	Amy Wadley(Mrs. W.M.)	Sandra Gmell(Mrs. R.)
1978–79	Mary McCague(Mrs. L.G.)	Joan Brignall(Mrs. D.L.)	Sandra Gmell
1979–80	Mary Moule	Joan Brignall	Sandra Gmell
1980–81	Amy Wadley	June Hogg	Sandra Gmell
1981–82	Mabel Stamp(Mrs. (R.S.)	June Hogg	Miss Alexandra Gall
1982–83	Alice Lamoureux (Mrs. W.J.)	Nancy Zuraw (Mrs. A.)	Miss Alexandra Gall
1983–84	Alice Lamoureux	Margaret Leyland (Mrs. D.)	Miss Alexandra Gall
1984–85	Dr. Florence Irvine	Nina Macintosh(Mrs. J.)	Miss Alexandra Gall
1985–87	Trudi Down	Eileen Canfor	Nina Macintosh
1987–88	Barbara Blake	Eileen Canfor	Barbara Mahaffy
1988–89	Diana Beacham	Eileen Canfor	Alison Wiskel
1989–90	Barbara Jepson	Alexandra Gall	Marion Bramwell
1990–91	Barbara Mahaffy	Diana Beacham	Debbie Welland
1991–92	Maureen Czerneda	Diana Beacham	Debbie Welland
1992–93	Margaret Johnson	Karen Anderson	Debbie Welland
1993–94	Barbara Ledger	Trudi Down	Isabell Gilbank
1994–95	Charlotte Graham	Diana Beacham	Isabell Gilbank
1995–96	Debbie Welland	Diana Beacham	Isabell Gilbank
1996–97	Alexandra Gall	Eileen Canfor	Diana Beacham
1997–98	Lynda Martiniuk	Eileen Canfor	Diana Beacham
1998–99	Catherine Duffy	Eileen Canfor	Diana Beacham
1999–00	Beatrice Deadman	Barbara Ledger	Diana Beacham
2000–01	Barbara Ledger	Dorothy Inksetter	Sandra Gmell
2001–02	Joanne Curtis	Dorothy Inksetter	Sandra Gmell
2002–03	Joanne Curtis	Lenore Pastuzak	Sandra Gmell
2003–04	Myrtle Greve	Lenore Pastuzak	Sandra Gmell
2004–05	Myrtle Greve	Joyce McCorquondale	Sandra Gmell
2005–06	Mary Tompkins	Joyce McCorquondale	Joanne Curtis
2006–07	Mary Tompkins	Joyce McCorquondale	Joanne Curtis
2007–08	Marilyn Hill	Barbara Ledger	Joanne Curtis
2008–09	Marilyn Hill	Barbara Ledger	Joanne Curtis
2009–10	Clare Sumler	Barbara Ledger	Dian Kuzyk

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