

Ottawa Council of Women 2017 March/ April Bulletin

*Women working together to
Improve the lives of women,
their families and
communities*



*2016/17 Theme:
Safety and Security
of Persons*

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Welcome, 2016/17 Ottawa Council of Women Federate Members:

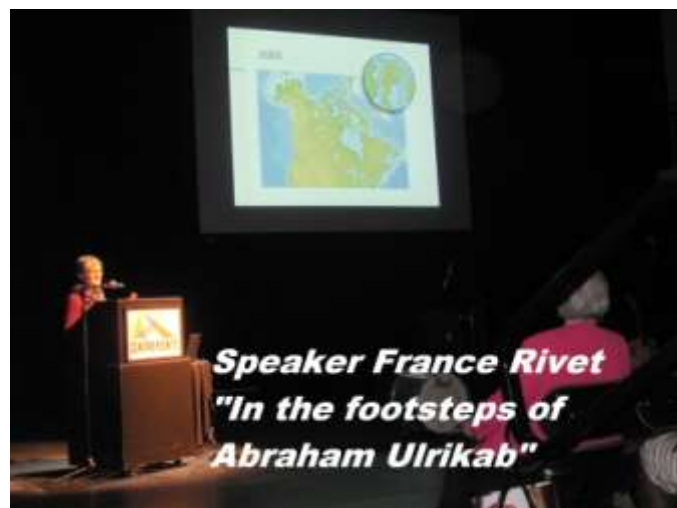
- * Acorn
- * Anglican Church Women, Ottawa Diocese
- * Beta –Sigma Phi, Ottawa
- * Carefor Health Community Service
- * Canadian Federation of University Women of Kanata
- * Canadian Federation of University Women of Ottawa
- * Dominion-Chalmers United Church Women
- * Home Economics Association of Ottawa
- * Multifaith Housing Initiative
- * Ontario Association of Social Workers- Eastern Branch
- * Ottawa City Union, Order of King's Daughters & Sons
- * Polish Canadian Women's Federation Ottawa #8
- * Ottawa Presbyterial United Church Women
- * Quota Club of Ottawa
- * Retire- at - Home
- * Retired Women Teachers of Ontario/Ottawa
- * Rideau Park United Church Women
- * The Council on Aging of Ottawa
- * Ukrainian Women's Association – Ottawa
- * Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health
- * Zonta Club of Ottawa



International Women's Day Celebration on March 8

Members and guests of the Canadian Federation of University Women Clubs –Ottawa, -Kanata, - Nepean and of the Ottawa Council of Women gathered at Centre Pointe Theatre to listen to France Rivet and her story of tracking down the remains of the Inuit man Abraham Ulrikab and his and another Inuit family who in the 1880 ties were transplanted from the Arctic to a German circus and who were paraded as living exhibits from the far North through the capitals of Europe. The Inuit died

of smallpox and were buried in a cemetery in France. Author France Rivets exciting and sad detective work, with the help of diaries of Abraham Ulrikab and others, led to the return of the remains to Canada. The story of Abraham has been told in a book by France Rivet and TV documentary. The indigenous band Twin Flames created a change of mood with their up- beat and also serious music. A dessert reception also sweetened up attendees. Congratulations on a very successful event to the organizing committee, composed of members of the four organizations, and a big thank you to OCW representatives to the organising committee, Zora Jackson and Beverlee McIntosh.



From the President

This is my last chance to speak to you in our OCW newsletter as president of the Ottawa Council of Women. After the US presidential election it has been a challenging time for attention for people that champion social justice. Time and time again, we see our democratic community values and facts twisted and denigrated. Some would have the clock on women's rights turned back. The inauguration of the American president brought the women out into the streets to protest marches in numbers not having been seen in a long time. Canadian women also marched. In Canada also, we see some of the racist, misogynistic, xenophobic sentiments expressed quite openly from some quarters. For my master's thesis, I had the opportunity to study Hitler/Nazi speech in depth. It can be unnerving to hear and see some of the same semantic and stylistic rhetoric devices used again to spread hate. Will the supportive Canadian societal fabric hold that groups like the Council of Women have helped to build during more than a century? Will we be staying in dialogue with each other, continue to bridge social class, sectarianism, political ideology, unbridled nationalism, sexism, ageism and racism?

We know that in times like these, the existence of groups like the Ottawa Council of Women is needed more than ever before. It is so good to see that you agree, and that you have renewed your federate and individual memberships. Thank you. We have a piece of work ahead of us, but together we can make more inroads towards equality, to improve the lives of women, of their children and family as well as their and our community. It has been a privilege and very rewarding to have been able to work with you all. Thank you for your trust and cooperation. Tonight, I will hand the OCW gavel to Sheila Perry. I hope that you will support the new president and her Board of Directors. I wish you much success with the work of your own organization and to everyone a happy spring and summer.

Edeltraud Neal



March Resolutions Meeting at Rideau Park United Church 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Every year, in March, we settle down, for the better part of a day, to one of the core tasks of our Councils: RESOLUTIONS. At its March 21 General Meeting, the Ottawa Council of Women evaluated and voted on whether to amend and approve, or reject the proposed national and provincial resolutions. Before this meeting, Resolutions Chair, Jeannette Logan, had observed and followed the necessary processes and timelines that legitimate resolutions have to fulfill. Jeannette and Ruth Brown had previewed the resolutions and brought in their recommendations and amendment suggestions for a starting out position. There was a lively, sometimes heated discussion. With the help of Jane Wandell and Ewa Zadarnowski, registrar/credentials, with Marianne Wilkinson, parliamentarian, and Petra Friedrichson, timer, the chair kept the discussion within the rules of debate and voting. Beverlee McIntosh and Barbara Grey performed the challenging task of keeping minutes. Sheila McKay provided the refreshments and lunch that raised everyone's energy. Below is a listing of the resolutions that our delegates are instructed to approve or reject at the upcoming provincial and national AGMs. The delegate was authorized that if at the AGMs sufficient changes have been made to a rejected resolution, it is at the discretion of the delegate to approve it.

Thank you to all the members who came out for this important discussion of our future policy, the basis of our advocacy. Thank you also to all who organized and made the resolution process and the meeting function smoothly. Edeltraud Neal

2017 Provincial Council of Ontario Proposed Resolutions

***Approved with amendments # 1,2,3,4, ** Not approved # 5**

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| 1. Safety and Security on Campus | Ottawa Council of Women |
| 2. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development | Ottawa Council of Women |
| 3. Adoption of the Ontario Minister of Labour's Gender Wage Gap Steering Committee's Final Report Recommendations | VP Economics, PCWO |
| 4. Use and Health Coverage for HIV Prevention Pill | Niagara District Council of Women |
| 5. Coordination of Social Services | Niagara District Council of Women |
| 6. The Need for Humane Holding Conditions for Migrant Detainees | Niagara District Council of Women |
| 7. Adequate Supply of Long Term Care Places in Ontario | Beverlee McIntosh, VP Health, PCWO |
| 8. Satisfaction Rating of Long Term Care Homes | Luba Podolsky, VP Seniors Issues, PCWO |

2017 National Council of Women Canada Proposed Resolutions

***Approved with amendments # 1,2,3,5 ** Not approved # 4**

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| 1. The Provision of Humane Holding Conditions for Migrant Detainees | Niagara District Council of Women |
| 2. Environmental Harm from Cigarette Filters | Niagara District Council of Women |
| 3. Safety of Food Additive Azodicarbonamide | Niagara District Council of Women |
| 4. Increasing Security by Relocating Railways to Outlying Areas | Gisele Saurette- Roche |
| 5. Addressing Aboriginal Suicide | <i>Provincial Council of Women of Saskatchewan</i> |

NATIONAL AGM HERE!

By Jeannette Logan

The National Council of Women, its members and federates will join together at the 124th Annual Meeting on June 22-25, 2017. As it is the 150th celebration of Canada's confederation, the meeting will be held in the National Capital Region's Best Western hotel, opposite the Museum of History. The views of Parliament Hill are fabulous!

As I experienced last year in Saskatoon, the fellowship and speakers are unlikely to disappoint. There is even an election for president! We are expecting a spokesperson for the Office on the Status of Women, hopefully Minister Maryam Monsef. The Embassy of France will treat us to a tour of its exceptional Art Deco edifice on June 23 at 4h45, followed by a cocktail reception. If you have never attended a national council meeting before, here's your chance – no accommodation necessary.

We will need volunteer welcomers and drivers. If you can help, please let me know.

Jeannette Logan, 819 682-4052, or jeclogan@gmail.com

International Council of Women Executive here too!

Dr. Jungsook Kim, President and her executive will hold their meetings on June 21-22, in order to attend the Canadian AGM. Having just returned from the Commission on the Status of Women 61st session in New York, I found her one well organized, impressive woman. Elizabeth Newman will also be here. I'm sure some of our members know her.

ICW hosted 2 excellent panel discussions at the NGO parallel conference: Empowering Women for Economic Rights, and Transformative Politics and Women's Leadership.

ICW held a conference last November in Taiwan "Transforming Society through Women's Empowerment" with 330 participants from 44 countries!

Remember our councils were formed after Lady Aberdeen attended the ICW meeting in 1888.

This is an opportunity to meet some of these international players acting on our behalf.

Jeannette Logan



**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF CANADA'S 124th ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING JUNE 22-25, 2017**

**BEST WESTERN PLUS Gatineau-Ottawa
131 rue Laurier, Gatineau**



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Celebrate Canada's 150th with NCWC

This is indeed a momentous year as we celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday! We are honoured that the Board of the International Council of Women has come to Ottawa to share this special occasion with us.

The AGM will be held at the Best Western Plus Gatineau-Ottawa which is on the scenic Ottawa River. There is much more information on our Accommodation Information Page.

***Please email this Registration Package to all your members and
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EARLY BIRD RATE
by registering no later than April 30th (postmarked by April 30th)!***

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Highlights of our 124th AGM/Conference Program:

Thursday 22nd June: Tentative 4:30pm Event – details to be announced as soon as confirmed

Friday 23rd June: 4:30pm -7pm **Reception and Tour of the Embassy of France**, a fabulous example of Art Deco architecture. (We must be there by 4:30pm)

Saturday 24th June: 6:30pm Banquet at Hotel with Induction of New Board and Guest Speaker

Please Note: Registration Thursday afternoon 1-3:30pm/Friday morning 8-8:30 am

Pre-AGM Board Meeting 2:30 pm, Thursday 22 June

Post-AGM Board Meeting – circa 12 noon following Sunday am Plenary Session

We hope this will assist you in making your plane reservations. **Basically, the AGM starts on Thursday evening at 4:30 (tentative) and ends around noon on Sunday. The Board meets Thursday afternoon and again immediately following the Sunday session as per times above. Plan to join us in Ottawa!**

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