

## Ottawa Council of Women January 2016 Bulletin

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



*2015 /17 Theme:  
Safety and Security  
of Persons*

*Welcome , 2015/16 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
- \* 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
- \* Ukrainian Women's Association – Ottawa
- \* Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health
- \* Zonta Club of Ottawa

### From the President

A peaceful, happy, healthy, and successful year 2016 to all our Ottawa Council of Women members. May our local Council be a positive force for women and their families in our City in the coming year.

Much discussion has been in the news about homecare. The critical report of the Ontario Auditor General, Bonnie Lysick, on the Community Care Access Centres (CCAC) " Financial Operations and Service Delivery " , and the Government of Ontario's December release of a discussion paper that would dismantle CCACs and move the administration of homecare to the LHINs, with many key players much in support of this measure . It is difficult for the lay person to distinguish which approaches should be taken with a service that will be in ever more urgent demand. As you know, our Ottawa Council has submitted a Provincial Council Resolution on the numerous client co-payments for home care services. We hope that our January 16 General Meeting will help us sort through some of the upcoming key elements and the key players of the proposed new system. I invite you most urgently to be part of this (cont. P.2)

Bring a friend

### **OCW January General Meeting**

**Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2016**

**11:30 am - Business Meeting**

**12:noon - Panel on Homecare**

**Lunch available**

**Where: Rideau Park United Church**

**2203 Alta Vista Dr./Cunningham**

**Topic: Homecare...**

**Why it is not an easy fix**

**Panel Members:**

- **Bob Cerniuk, CEO, Carefor Health and Community Services - a not-for-profit home health care service provider**
- **Zora Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President OCW**
- **Beverlee McIntosh- Vice President of Health, PCOWO, member of the Ontario Caregiver Coalition**

**Q&A- Recommendations**

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discussion. Our families and neighbours may all need this service in one way or another.

Homecare has been one of the cornerstone concerns of the Council of Women since its inception. Home care had been provided by the family, or through the charity of individuals and religious orders as best as they could. At its first AGM in 1894, Council raised the question of a “corps of trained nurses” in a paper entitled “Nursing the poor in their own homes”. And in 1897, the Halifax Council introduced a very activist resolution to support the establishment of the Victorian Order of Nurses. To counter the abysmal health and health care conditions of common folks then, this desired homecare would entail “bathing the sick, changing bed linen, simple medical treatments and midwifery care and the provision of needed items for mothers and infants,” and the teaching of health life skills to women and their families. You may have seen the recent CBC television report that called these measures the “Finnish model” in looking after new mothers. In 1898 the VON was established and it has helped provide compassionate home care to everyone not just the poor since. Ironically, recently, the VON has had to abandon some of its much needed services as part of the healthcare system in several regions. Why?

In 1894, our elders could only dream of our free Ontario provincial health care system. We have come a long way, but the compassionate adequate home care of many vulnerable individuals is still not guaranteed. Let’s try together to continue this more than 120 year old work in progress. Edeltraud Neal, President

From 1993 Centennial calendar,  
published by the Ottawa Council of Women



In the Klondike in 1898  
and in homes in Canada in 1993,  
VON Canada - Caring for Life

#### Halifax Council of Women Resolution adopted by NCWC in 1897: Urging Formation of VON

“Resolved:

1. “That the National council of Women of Canada being most heartily in sympathy with the establishment of the Victorian Order of Nurses, and having the utmost confidence in the complete success of the undertaking, pledge themselves to do through their Local Councils and Nationally Affiliated Societies all that is possible to further the collection of funds for this most worthy and noble object, which their beloved President is so earnestly endeavoring to accomplish for the permanent benefit of the Dominion.”
2. “ Each local Council should be asked to form a Press Committee which should be supplied with clear brief replies to current objections, and that the local Press Committees should keep the scheme well before the public and by frequent notices in the local newspapers.”

**VON Canada has been part of the Health Care System  
since 1898**

## 2016 Ottawa Council of Women General Meetings

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm at Rideau Park United Church – Theme: Home Care  
Tuesday, Feb.16, 2016 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm at Rideau Park United Church – Theme: Food Security & Safety  
Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm at Overbrook Community Centre -- Theme: Resolutions Meeting  
Monday, April 18, 2016 from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm at International Restaurant --Theme: AGM  
Algonquin College

## **OCW General Meeting Program October 20, 2015- “Family Violence – seeking solutions”**

Report by Sheila Perry, VP and Program Chair, Ottawa Council of Women

Happy New Year to all OCW members!

The October 20<sup>th</sup> OCW General Meeting Program included 4 outstanding panel members.

**LeeAnn Burns**, Executive Director, Harmony House shared information about local support services. As a feminist, anti-violence and social justice activist for more than 25 years working in shelters both in rural and urban settings, LeeAnn ‘s experience as a family lawyer and CEO permits her to engage in legal and community-based advocacy. Police training, shelter support, child welfare, affordable housing, missing Indigenous women and poverty are all issues requiring support.

**Lise Martin**, Executive Director, Canadian Network of Women’s Shelters and Transition Houses reviewed the National Survey to End violence. The Network brings together 13 provincial and territorial shelter networks to collaborate, educate and innovate for ending violence against women. The Network recently launched Sheltersafe.ca as a tool for providing information on shelters across Canada.

For further information : [www.endvaw.ca](http://www.endvaw.ca)

**Nancy Worsfold**, CEO, Crime Prevention Ottawa spoke to the importance of partnerships that bring together City police, schools, child protection, housing, the United Way, as well as community, business and academic partners. Strategic roles include leveraging partnerships, capacity, research and education. Top priorities are violence against women, neighbourhoods and youth at risk. Innovative programs include: The Fourth R in schools, MANifest change and a speaker series.

Further information: [www.crimepreventionottawa.ca](http://www.crimepreventionottawa.ca)

**John Maxwell**, Inspector, with Ottawa Police Services has over 30 years’ experience working in most areas of police service, including the RCMP. Criminal investigations are involved with guns, gangs, violence against women, elder abuse and domestic violence. Training of officers, protocols with hospital, CAS, victim support and the victim’s optional choice of pressing charges are all issues. Ultimately, the role of the police is to prevent crime and disorder. The Philadelphia model should be considered for Ottawa where a committee is made up of some of law enforcement's sharpest critics: staff from the city's rape crisis centre, many of whose clients were let down by the police for years; experts in women's legal rights; and children's advocates. This model requires activists from the violence against women movement to review police decisions on these files on an ongoing basis and to work in equal partnership with police to correct errors.

**Recommended Actions for OCW** include building an awareness and promoting an integration of services to establish: Commitment, Resources and Provincial Prevention Policy .



## PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF ONTARIO CALENDAR 2016

January 15	Resolutions are sent to membership
February – 3rd week	Registration forms and Agenda for Annual Meeting are sent out
March 31	Deadline for submitting amendments to resolutions, and updates
April 8	Deadline for sending in registration forms for AGM
April 22-24	Annual General Meeting in Toronto



### **OCW November 17, 2015 General Meeting Program**

*Report by Sheila Perry, VP and Program Chair, Ottawa Council of Women*

#### **Topic: “Truth and Reconciliation ...moving forward”**

This topic was a timely discussion for our OCW members and guests. We were fortunate to benefit from the knowledge and experience of Gail Gallagher, Senior Manager, Violence and Safety from the Native Women’s Association of Canada (NWAC) and Elaine Kicknosway, Children and Youth Manager, Minwaashin Lodge – the Aboriginal Women’s Support Centre.

Gail Gallagher is a First Nations Cree woman from Frog Lake First Nation, Alberta, who currently resides in the Nations’ Capital. Her graduate thesis focuses on the sexual exploitation and marginalization of Aboriginal women and ways that activism works to reduce this. Her extensive work experience includes building partnerships and relationships at federal, provincial and First Nations regional levels. NWAC objectives include empowering Aboriginal women’s organizations, promoting equal opportunity for Aboriginal women and advancing issues of Aboriginal women. NWAC has designed “You Are Not Alone: a toolkit for Aboriginal Women escaping domestic violence”. Ending violence against Aboriginal Women and establishing a National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered women are key objectives.

Elaine Kicknosway shared the Minwaashin Lifecycle Service Model which includes sharing, respect, family, community and traditional teachings. Minwaashin Lodge envisions a world where all of creation, the earth, the air, the waters, animals and people are safe, honoured and respected; where children and elders are valued; where culture and diversity are celebrated. The mission of Minwaashin Lodge is to provide prevention and intervention services and programs for grandmothers, women, children and youth who are survivors of family violence and the residential school system, including those impacted by intergenerational effects. A full range of violence prevention and intervention programs and services is provided in the context of reclaiming the wisdom of First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultural teachings. Examples of success are the Oshki Kizis Lodge that provides safe shelter for 91 women and 77 children, Culture programs, Sacred Child Program, Spirit Movers and Fire Keepers Youth Program and outreach.

Recommendations for action:

1. Commission Report Recommendation
2. End Violence against Aboriginal Women – a call for a National Inquiry and Strategy.
3. Support Truth and Reconciliation
3. Celebrate Indigenous Culture

#### **National Council of Women Canada (NCWC) 2016 Calendar**

Jan 10	- Proposed Resolutions circulated to membership for review
Jan 30	- Membership renewal invoices sent out
Feb 28	- Notice of Motion from Constitution Convenor Virginia Schweitzer
Feb 28	- AGM REGISTRATION PACKAGES OUT
March 31	- Deadline for Proposed Amendments to Resolutions to be received by Resolutions Convenor
March 31	- Deadline for Emerging Issues Resolutions to be received by Resolutions Convenor
June 9 - 12	- Annual General Meeting/Conference in Saskatoon/Saskatchewan

**From the Organizing Committee:**  
**CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2016 - MOVING FORWARD - ONE STEP AT A TIME!**  
**You are invited**

For many years, the Ottawa Council of Women (OCW), the CFUW Clubs of Ottawa, Nepean, and Kanata have partnered to celebrate outstanding Canadian women for International Women's Day. **This year, we are focusing on the tremendous contributions to our community by Indigenous women in the Ottawa area.** Please join us on **Tuesday, March 8, 2016**, at the **Centrepointe Atrium and Chamber, Ben Franklin Place, 101 Centrepointe Dr.**

We will begin our evening at **6:00 p.m.** in the Atrium with a reception catered by Wawatay Catering which specializes in delicious contemporary and Algonquin cuisine. Check out their website at [www.wawataycatering.com](http://www.wawataycatering.com).

The program will start at **7:00 p.m.** in The Chamber with a fashion show featuring the creations of Laura Leonard, a fabulous Indigenous fashion designer based in Ottawa. Her creations include beautiful wraps, gowns, purses, jewelry, and incredible shoes and boots. View the Laura Leonard Originals YouTube video at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=94PNcrVEdVA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94PNcrVEdVA). Linda Grussani, the Director of the Aboriginal Art Centre at Les Terrasses de la Chaudière, will give a presentation and slide show on Indigenous art, which ranges from very traditional to the avant-garde. We are finalizing the third part of our program — so stay tuned.

Look forward to a fabulous evening of **Food, Fashion, Fine Art** and lots of **Fun!!** Registration is **\$30** and can be done online at [cfuw-ottawa.org/event-2134442](http://cfuw-ottawa.org/event-2134442) or, if you prefer, by sending a cheque payable to CFUW-Ottawa to Jean Chapman, 379 Hamilton Ave. South, Ottawa ON K1Y 1C8.



**Acorn Event: Trivial - Beer-Suit.**

Rally your trivia team... you're going to need them for team trivia. Also enjoy a host of Craft Beers from Ontario and Quebec to make this event a must for cold February. We will feature fantastic silent auction items and sweet raffle prizes all night. In the heart of city hall!

Craft your team identity. Dress in costume; write a team song, your efforts will be rewarded. Some team prizes are for:

- o Most team funds raised
- o Trivia Champion Prize
- o Best Team Costume - lumber jacks, 70's tennis stars, etc.
- o Best Team Spirit - write a song, a poem, or cheer
- Captains register your team here: (coming soon!)  
Organizations register with a minimum donation of \$400 and general public teams with a minimum donation of \$200. Maximum 8 per team
- Captains, motivate your teams to help with our fundraising drive and to meet our goals

If you're not a trivia buff but want to support your friends, donate \$20 to beer-lead and enjoy craft beer.

*THIS YEAR WE HAVE new features: Photobooth, food truck munchies, larger teams, seasoned trivia hosts, cheerleader section, team website, fundraising scoreboards and more!*

**When?** Friday February 26, 2016, doors open at 6PM event runs until 9:30PM

**Where?** 110 Laurier Ave West (City Hall), Jean Piggott Hall – main foyer

**Why?** Fundraiser for Ottawa ACORN, leader and winner of important social justice campaigns

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## Condolences

### **Ruth Marion Bell (Cooper Rolph), C.M., B.A., M.A., LL.D. DSL, (Hon. Causa) Ottawa Council of Women President from 1985 to 1987 and OCW long time Archivist**



Ruth Marion Bell passed away peacefully at the Queensway Carleton Hospital on December 16, 2015. A long-time resident of Nepean and Ottawa, Ruth was born in Detroit, Michigan, on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 1919, She was the daughter of the late Roy Lawrence and Olive Pearl (O'Mulvenny) Cooper. She was predeceased by her beloved husbands, William Kirby Rolph, Ph.D., (deceased 1953) and the Hon. Richard Albert Bell, P.C., Q.C (deceased 1988), and her step-daughter, Madam Justice Judith Miriam Bell, LL.B., (deceased 2000). Her close friend Susan, friends and colleagues will miss her wit, determination and generous nature.

Ruth Bell's life was based on her belief that volunteerism contributed to the economy and the quality of society and public life. Her work was recognized with the Order of Canada (1981), the City of Nepean's Distinguished Citizen Award (1982), together with her husband, Richard, their Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa from Carleton University (1984), the City of Nepean's Millennium Medal (2000), Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee Medal (2002), the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case (2005), the YMCA-YWCA Women of Distinction Awards: Scotiabank Lifetime Achievement Award (2007), and Carleton' University's highest non-academic award, the Founders Award (2008).

Ruth held a B.A. in Political Economy from the University of Toronto's Trinity College in 1955 and an M.A. in Political Science at Carleton University in 1965. Ruth was the University of Waterloo's Dean of Renison College and a political science lecturer at Waterloo, Carleton University, St. Patrick's College and Algonquin College. As a political scientist, educator, and volunteer, Ruth Bell devoted her life to changing attitudes and behavior towards women, to advance family property law reform, open up boardrooms to women, and end gender stereotyping in educational institutions, as well as protecting the rights of children, and creating more opportunities for lifelong education for men and women. She served more than 50 organizations in a variety of capacities. Some of the organizations included Match International, the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women, the Forum for Young Canadians, the Canadian Commission for International Year of the Child, the Governor General's Awards in Commemoration of the Persons Case, the YM-YWCA, the National and Ottawa Council of Women, the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council among others. Internationally, Ruth was a founding member and first Chair of UNESCO's Sub-Commission on the Status of Women, and a member of a series of International Federation of University Women's committees. She was a director of TVOntario, also of the Canadian Adult Education Association, and chair of the YM-YWCA's Fundraising Committee. As a supporter of literacy she worked tirelessly on behalf of regional and local library boards including the Ontario Library Trustees Association, the Eastern Ontario Trustees Association and the Nepean Public Library.

Her belief in the preservation of archives led to the creation of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada's Macdonald-Cartier Library. Her passion for history, a love also shared by her husband Richard, saw the formation of the Nepean Museum, and the donation of their beloved "Fairfields"—a 19th century farmhouse on Richmond Road—to the City of Nepean, now the City of Ottawa for public enjoyment. Ruth Bell's biography, "Be a Nice Girl...A Woman's Journey in the 20th Century" benefitted CFUW - Ottawa's Centennial Scholarship. She was a patron of the arts and music. A service of thanksgiving for the life of Ruth Marion Cooper Rolph Bell was held at Christ Church Cathedral, Sparks & Bronson, Ottawa on Tuesday, December 22. Interment at Pinecrest Cemetery.

( taken from the obituary in the Ottawa Citizen)

Our most sincere condolences go to Ruth's family and friends



This OCW Bulletin will appear monthly. Members' short contributions welcome. Please e-mail to [the\\_neals@sympatico.ca](mailto:the_neals@sympatico.ca) or mail your contribution by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to Edeltraud Neal, 1786 McMaster Avenue, Ottawa, ON, K1H6R8