



UCW Newsletter

May 2021

April showers are past and May brings tulips to our door and our thoughts turn to the Foster Family Farm's June strawberries. UCW activities usually wind down for the summer but this year **could be** different. Watch the weekly email and RPUC News for events that "PopUp" at a moment's notice. (Shortcake for sale?)

This year UCW members are invited to gather for the June general meeting and fellowship via Zoom. Please consider joining - we need everyone to participate. A welcome, devotional, a short business discussion and program time are planned. **Once again a suggested June donation of \$20.00 to the UCW helps our fundraising immensely.**

A presentation from one of the charities the UCW supports will be the evening's program portion. We look forward to a learning experience with Guatemala Stove Project - they were scheduled to join us at last year's meeting. Please RSVP to Nancy McPherson nmcperson@rogers.com.

**It's easy to donate to the UCW
any time by eTransfer:
ucwfinance@rideaupark.ca**

**The UCW AGM is coming by
Zoom! Join us on June 7th at
7:30 p.m.**

Attend a Town Hall on Long Term
Care, (May 6).

RSVP at this link

**[https://
www.catherinemckenney.ca/
longtermcare_townhall?
recruiter_id=382](https://www.catherinemckenney.ca/longtermcare_townhall?recruiter_id=382)**

Turkey pies are in the planning
stages - watch this space!

Anyone need to email the
Premier? [https://
correspondence.premier.gov.on.c
a/EN/feedback/default.aspx](https://correspondence.premier.gov.on.ca/EN/feedback/default.aspx)

Sweater—something
you wear when your
mother gets cold.

Daughter: Mum, what's
it like to have the
greatest daughter in
the world?

Mum: I don't know
dear, you'd have to ask
Grandma.

The family were
disappointed with their
Mother's Day
celebrations on the
moon. The food was
terrific but the
restaurant lacked
atmosphere.



The Rideau Park UCW pays annual dues to the Ottawa Council of Women, and has done so for many years. You can keep track of the organization and what it supports on social media.

Twitter: [@women_ottawa](https://mobile.twitter.com/Ottawa-Council-of-Women)

"We raise up & ally with ALL women in the National Capital Region by working with likeminded organizations to advocate against inequality, violence & inequity."

Some recent tweets:

The Ottawa Council of Women applauds the introduction of a National Child Care program in the federal budget. We've been advocating for this (like many Canadian women) for decades. One step forward...

When we finally put COVID behind us, many in Canada will be horrified to understand the number of women who've been killed / violently abused during this past year & the impacts to our society. There MUST be a gendered response to COVID from every province / territory.

You can also check out their Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Ottawa-Council-of-Women-1399743136911684/>

"Harmony House is Ottawa's only second-stage women's shelter. We bridge the gap between a woman needing a crisis shelter to eventually being able to live independently in the community. We are able to do that by providing safe, affordable transitional housing for women and children while they work through their trauma, learn new skills (how to budget, pay rent, further their education, etc), and have assistance with on-site childcare. Unfortunately, 50% of women who leave an abuser, end up returning to them as they do not have the resources or skills to live on their own - Harmony House aims to break that cycle and empower women to live independently."

Harmony House is a charity our UCW has long supported. You can find out more on their website.

<https://harmonyhouseews.com/>

***In gratitude for the women, past and present,
in our lives...***

Their Love Leaves an Indelible Imprint

By Leo Buscaglia

"I know for certain
that we never lose the people we love,
even to death.
They continue to participate in every act,
thought and decision we make.
Their love leaves an indelible imprint
in our memories.

We find comfort in knowing
that our lives have been enriched
by having shared their love."