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November was a quiet month for Rendezvous Branch's financial business, but as we enter the month of December, when we traditionally make our annual donations and with the receipt of the rebate cheque based on our membership fees, the Branch balance will be affected. The Branch balance as of November 30th is \$2148.75 plus the Guaranteed Investment Certificate of \$1514.59, bringing the total amount to \$3663.34. The Executive chose two charities to receive a donation from Rendezvous Branch: Sleeping Children Around the World and the Daily Bread Food Bank.

Caring and Sharing,

DeHavilland Brown (Branch Treasurer)

Jean's Jokes

Take every birthday with a grain of salt. This works better if the salt accompanies a Margarita.

The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

My mind works like lightning. One brilliant flash and it's gone.

My idea of a super bowl is a toilet that cleans itself.

You may have a heart of gold but so does a hard boiled egg.

If you need a shoulder to cry on, pull off to the side of the road.

Jean Sauro

Stop the Violence Breakfast

Join **CFUW Etobicoke**, for the 9th annual Stop the Violence Breakfast on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 9 AM via Zoom. This year, they are presenting a conversation with feminist lawyer and advocate, Pamela Cross. Pamela will share her insight as an expert witness in the groundbreaking CKW Inquest, resulting from the 2015 femicide of three women in Renfrew County, Ontario by their former partners. Learn about the 86 recommendations that resulted, what kind of an impact they have on law, and the role that each of us can play to ensure their implementation. You will become informed, equipped and motivated about the role you can play to help reduce violence against women in Canada.



Speaker

Pamela Cross

Feminist lawyer and advocate

Pamela is a respected expert on violence against women. In 2022, she participated in the inquest of the 2015 triple femicide in Renfrew County, Ontario as an expert witness. She also participated in the Nova Scotia Mass Casualty Inquiry as an expert witness on intimate partner violence.

Contact Linda Rose (enfj1950@gmail.com) for registration information. Linda is a retired teacher and a member of the Canadian Federation of University Women.

News from Angela

Angela Kesthely, who is not a retired woman teacher, sent this news regarding milk bag mats. She provides many of us with new milk bags and finds locations that we send the completed mats to for distribution.

“Another calendar year is coming to a close. We have once again had a very productive year when it comes to making and distributing milk bag mats. As I always say, the need is great and when I watch the news I see more grief than there should be. This month, Somalia comes to mind. The famine is of epic proportions and the heartbreak is huge.

So far this year we have sent 5921 milk bag mats to people in need. Thank you for your support and willingness to give up your precious free time to make these mats. There is a group of weavers at the Ajax Presbyterian Church who have faithfully woven mats for years. They ceased to gather during the pandemic times, but they never gave up the project. They would take bags home, cut, tie them into strips and then pass them on to the weavers who wove the mats in their homes. They work at all kinds of eco-friendly projects and made a green Christmas tree with the milk bag strips.. Here is the tree they created that sits in their church foyer.



Rendezvous Branch continues to collect and weave milk bags into mats. Please join us in the new year to help cut and sort the colourful bags for weaving.

Merry Christmas & Happy Holiday from Judy, DeHavilland. Jean F H, Jean S. & Doris.