

Women of Peel honoured in book

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The Canadian Federation of University Women's Mississauga chapter is celebrating its 60th anniversary by publishing a book honouring many of the outstanding women who have made their marks in Mississauga and Peel.

Extraordinary Lives: Inspiring Women of Peel is an illustrated history that highlights the lives of 36 special women book who have lived and worked in Peel during the past two centuries.

The idea is the brainchild of then club-president Gail Crawford, who three years ago suggested sales of such a book would raise funds for the CFUW Charitable Trust that provides post-graduate fellowships and awards to top Canadian women pursuing studies in their chosen field.

Laurie Pallett

The local club's annual scholarship fund already helps Mississauga girls who are about to enter university after graduating with honours from high school.

Writing the book became a project involving almost everyone in the club. Some 15 women contributed to the manuscript through researching and writing.



Dorothy Jamieson

The book will be launched at the club's annual meeting on Sept. 10 at 7:15 p.m. at St. Bride's church on Clarkson Rd. N.

The volume begins with an account of the life of Eliza Field Jones, the wife of First Nations leader Peter Jones. It includes historical stories about artist Charlotte Schreiber and author Mazo de la Roche. There are sections on legendary Canadian cookbook author Kate Aitken (the Martha Stewart of her day), Ruth Hussey (who helped save Rattray Marsh), former Township of Toronto Reeve Mary Fix, historian Mary Manning and Bernice Inman, who helped run the Winding Lane Bird Sanctuary on Mississauga Rd.

Among the contemporary women profiled are Mayor Hazel McCallion, RAF war bride Dorothy Jamieson, former Mississauga Arts Council executive director Laurie Pallett, Justice Nancy Mossip, dancer Lata Pada, poverty rights activist Edna Toth and *Toronto Star* reporter Barbara Turnbull.

The book costs \$29.95. Visit the club's website at www.cfuwmmississauga.ca to order a copy.