

**CFUW Fredericton Newsletter****January-February 2016**Sharon Crabb, [President—sharonacrabb@gmail.com](mailto:sharonacrabb@gmail.com)**Celebrate Together**

*Members of the CFUW Fredericton Blue Belles Bridge Club enjoy an afternoon of bridge. Do you love to play bridge? If so, you are invited to join the Blue Belles Bridge Club. Just contact Edye.*

**Take Action****Let's Talk Resolutions and Articles/By-Laws:**

At the CFUW Fredericton January General Meeting summary information was presented related to the CFUW 2015-2016 resolutions. Since then there has also been some reference to the CFUW Articles/By-Laws proposed amendments. Let's

talk resolutions and articles-by-laws would provide an opportunity for members to get together to:

- ✓ Discuss how CFUW Fredericton engages (or can engage) in the resolutions process
- ✓ Discuss how CFUW Fredericton uses (or could use) the information once a resolution is passed (identify concerns and suggestions for improvement)
- ✓ Discuss/review the five proposed CFUW resolutions for 2015-2016 with a view to determining any amendments needed to meet the March 31 deadline
- ✓ Discuss/review the proposed amendments to the CFUW Articles and By-Laws

Your input/involvement is most valued so if this is a topic of interest to you, please contact me ([sharonacrabb@gmail.com](mailto:sharonacrabb@gmail.com)) so we might arrange a get together.

#### **Violence Against Women:**

*She's Not For Sale: End Violence Against Women in Canada. This is a campaign to end human trafficking in Canada. Visit the website at [www.joysmithfoundation.com](http://www.joysmithfoundation.com). You can view a video and support the campaign as outlined on this website.*

*Did you know: 93% of Canada's sex trafficked victims are Canadian girls*

#### *Exciting News!*

*Thanks to CFUW member Jennifer*

*We now have a facebook page*

*(still under construction so your recommendations are welcomed)*

*To access this page, google CFUW Fredericton Facebook*

*Please visit and join*

## ***Interest and Information***

### **Speaker at the January CFUW Fredericton General Meeting:**

Featured in this picture: Zoe Boone (war bride), Melynda Jarratt (speaker/presenter), Gwen (CFUW Fredericton Programme Convener), Pam (CFUW Fredericton Vice President)

Melynda Jarratt spoke at the January General Meeting of CFUW Fredericton about “New Brunswick War Brides.” Melynda is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick and currently Curator and Outreach Officer for the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame. She is also a researcher, writer and designer of print media. In this capacity, her work includes writing for both traditional and new media including film, content development for the web and heritage projects, proposal writing and design and layout of print media including posters and flyers. Melynda has authored or co-authored a number of books including “Voices of the Left Behind”, “War Brides: The Stories of the Women Left Behind to Follow the Men They Loved” and “Captured Hearts: New Brunswick’s War Brides.” Melynda has appeared before the Parliamentary Centre on Citizenship and Immigration, participated in numerous television and radio documentaries on Canada’s war brides and has created a war brides website.



Accompanying Melynda in her presentations and travels relative to war brides is Zoe Boone, a war bride who came to New Brunswick from Aberdeen, Scotland. (Thanks to Gwen, Programme Convener, for providing this information.)

## **CFUW Fredericton Scholarships Update:**

At the January CFUW Fredericton General Meeting it was decided that the following actions would be taken regarding our current scholarships:

- (a) Our three St. Thomas University scholarship would be valued at \$1500 each and would all be endowed
- (b) Of our 9 University of New Brunswick scholarships, 8 are fully endowed and one is partially endowed. It was agreed that this partially endowed scholarship be fully endowed.
- (c) We would continue to support our current New Brunswick Community College Bursary.
- (d) We would establish a new scholarship with New Brunswick College Craft and Design

With these recommended changes, CFUW Fredericton will have 14 scholarships/bursaries at these four New Brunswick (Fredericton) institutions. Special thanks to Jayne and members of the CFUW Fredericton Education and Scholarship Committee for all your work, to Edye and Ruth and all the Club members who work tirelessly at our annual Book Fair and to the Fredericton and Oromocto area communities for supporting our Book Fair through your donations of books for this Book Fair. This year we celebrate our 51<sup>st</sup> CFUW Fredericton Book Fair.

### ***Of Interest to You (and Possible Action)***

#### **CFUW Fredericton Study Group: “Women of Afghanistan”**

“University Women Helping Afghan Women” is a study group begun by CFUW Ottawa in 2010. The goals of this study group are (a) to learn more about life in Afghanistan for women, to raise awareness regarding some of the challenges faced by Afghan women and girls, to advocate for the rights of Afghan women and girls and to raise funds in support of their education. In the fall an invitation to join the CFUW Afghanistan Study Group Coast to Coast was send out by CFUW Ottawa. Three CFUW Fredericton members responded to this invitation by joining this CFUW national study group.

In January 2016 four CFUW Fredericton members held our first meeting to discuss what role we could play locally in support of the CFUW Afghanistan Study Group. We watched a documentary produced and aired by Global news called “Losing Afghanistan” which featured such topics as the current repressive situation for women and girls, refugee camps, statements from women and girls about their struggles to go to school and their goals for the future. You are encouraged to view this documentary located at [www.globalnews.ca](http://www.globalnews.ca), in the search box enter “Full Story: Losing Afghanistan”. This documentary was first aired on December 12, 2015.

The next CFUW Fredericton Afghan Women Study Group will be held on Monday, February 29, at 2:00 p.m. at Pam’s. For more information please refer to Pam’s email of February 3, 2016, or contact her. Please check this date on your calendar and join us to learn more about Afghan women and girls and what we might be able to do to support the CFUW Afghanistan Study Group, specifically “women helping Afghan women.” (Thanks to Pam for chairing this Study Group initiative.)

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### **CFUW Fredericton Book Fair and Book Sorting:**

This year’s Book Fair will be held at the Brookside Mall from May 27-29. In preparation for this Book Fair, we need to collect, sort and box books and **YOUR** assistance with this fun and very rewarding activity would be most appreciated. Please note the following:

- ✓ Book collecting will commence on March 1
- ✓ Books can be dropped off at:
  - York Street Fire Station every day (commencing March 1) during business hours
  - Brookside Mall, former Zellers store (outside entrance) Mondays 1:00-3:00 p.m. and Thursdays 9:00-11:00 a.m. (commencing March 1)
- ✓ If books need to be picked up, please contact Edey, Ruth or Sharon (email me at [sharonacrabb@gmail.com](mailto:sharonacrabb@gmail.com) if you require telephone numbers)
- ✓ Again this year we will be preparing raffle baskets. If you have any items for these raffle baskets, please bring them to the February or March meetings.

## ***Advocacy and Action***

### **CFUW Advocacy Manual:**

Teri Shaw, VP Advocacy, has been instrumental in developing a new Advocacy Manual for use by CFUW clubs. This very thorough document can be read by googling “cfuw admin” and logging on by using “viewonly” and cfuw4321 (password), then click on “advocacy & resolutions” and from the drop down menu choose “advocacy toolkit”. The topics covered in the Toolkit are:

- ✚ Getting started
- ✚ The first step for involvement in advocacy at the Club level
- ✚ The Club wants to get more involved
- ✚ Act on it—locally, the Club now has an issue of interest
- ✚ The Club is enthused and has a project
- ✚ Case studies
- ✚ Resources on government

Perhaps you would be interested in meeting for a “Kitchen Table Talk” which would afford an opportunity for us to brainstorm various ideas/topics and determine if there is one we would like to pursue. If this is of interest to you, please contact me ([sharonacrabb@gmail.com](mailto:sharonacrabb@gmail.com))

### **Women Weave the Web Recommendations Report:**

Visit the website at [www.womenweavetheweb.org](http://www.womenweavetheweb.org) to read their recently published “A Powerful Call for Global Action.”

### **World Economic Forum:**

Visit [www.unwomen.org](http://www.unwomen.org) to read more about the World Economic Forum held on January 21, 2016

## ***National and International News***

**The Club in a Bag:** This is a resource guide found on the Member Resource Website by googling [www.cfuwadmin.org](http://www.cfuwadmin.org), (viewonly and cfuw4321) click on Member Tools & Resources and then Membership Recruitment & Retention on the drop down menu. Thanks to the CFUW Membership Task Force for developing and posting this important resource for use by Clubs.

**CFUW International Women's Day Fundraiser:** "This year we are supporting InterPares and the Salvadoran Feminist Collective for Local Development, providing immediate and follow up care to women experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, situations of violence" (copied from CFUW Club Action Newsletter, January 29, 2016). This is a call for Clubs to make monetary donations to this initiative.

InterPares is a Canadian social justice organization "working in Canada and around the world to support people's struggles for peace, justice and equality." You can learn more about InterPares by visiting their website at [www.interpares.org](http://www.interpares.org). Contact me ([sharonacrabb@gmail.com](mailto:sharonacrabb@gmail.com)) with your thoughts and/or expression of interest.

**Climate Change:** CFUW has created letter templates for Clubs to send to their local elected representatives, both provincially and federally, "to remind them of our support for bold action on climate change. Our template is unique to New Brunswick. Is this an action of interest to you? Please contact me ([sharonacrabb@gmail.com](mailto:sharonacrabb@gmail.com)).

**Graduate Women International—GWI Update, February 3, 2016, Newsletter:**

Some topics of interest to you as published in the GWI newsletter are: (a) "Graduate Women International condemns Female Genital Mutilation", (b) "Australian Federation of Graduate Women moves ahead with STEM" and (c) "Women parliamentarians in Afghanistan and Pakistan—unmaking political patriarchy through gender quotas?". If you wish a copy of this newsletter, please contact me ([sharonacrabb@gmail.com](mailto:sharonacrabb@gmail.com)) and I will forward you the email or you can register to receive these GWI newsletters by visiting the website at [www.graduatwomen.org](http://www.graduatwomen.org).

## ***CFUW Women on the Go***



Shirley, Marilyn



Leitha, Judy, Pam



Jean, Ruth, Betty

## ***Notice of Dates/Activities—Save the Date***

- ✓ February 10 (Wednesday)—CFUW Fredericton Luncheon Social—Swiss Chalet—12:00 noon
- ✓ February 10 (Wednesday)—“Fredericton Arts Alliance & Expansion & New Directions of the Beaverbrook Art Gallery—Charlotte Street Art Centre—7:00 p.m.
- ✓ February 11 (Thursday)—Irish Heritage Celebration at the Fredericton Public Library—6:30 p.m.
- ✓ February 13 (Saturday)—“Fire and Ice Valentine’s Ball”—Charlotte Street Art Centre—tickets \$25
- ✓ February 14 (Sunday) Valentine’s Day
- ✓ February 18 (Thursday)—CFUW Fredericton Executive Meeting—Althea’s—1:30 p.m.
- ✓ February 25 (Thursday)—CFUW Fredericton General Meeting—St. Margaret’s Anglican Church—12:30 p.m.
- ✓ February 29 (Monday)—CFUW Fredericton Afghan Women Study Group—Pam’s—2:00 p.m.
- ✓ March 1 (Tuesday)—CFUW Library Award—Applications due



- ✓ March 2 (Wednesday)—CFUW Book Club Get Together
- ✓ March 8 (Tuesday)—International Women’s Day

***Do you remember . . .***



*CFUW Fredericton members and guests enjoyed another great Happy Yappy Appetizers Social. What better way to spend a Friday evening in January than*

*with wonderful friends, delicious food, stimulating conversations and an all-round great time.*



*Thanks to Claire for hosting.*