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Celebrate Together



CFUW Fredericton members and guest had a great August luncheon social at Sam Snead's—delicious food, wonderful conversations, fabulous views of the golf course.

“The Power of Women Having Fun Together”

Take Action

Club Action: Electoral Reform:

At the CFUW AGM in St. Catharine's in June, members voted to adopt Resolution 4, "Electoral Reform: Changing the First Past the Post Electoral System to Proportional Representation in Canada."

What has occurred since June?

- ✓ CFUW has joined the Broadbent Institute "Every Voter Counts Alliance".
- ✓ CFUW has prepared a brief on electoral reform as well as a letter template. Both of these items can be utilized by any Club when contacting their local MP.
- ✓ CFUW has prepared a fact sheet on proportional representation for Club use only.

What can CFUW Fredericton do?

- ✓ We can come together as a Study Group and utilize these documents to become better informed on electoral reform as proposed by the Federal Government.
- ✓ We can use the letter template and fact sheet and reach out to our MP.
- ✓ We can visit the Broadbent Institute website and read about the "Every Voter Counts Alliance".

Contact me so we can begin this journey (sharonacrabb@gmail.com).

International Women's Day 2017:

International Women's Day may be a number of months away; however, time has a habit of slipping away from us so it is important to start the initial thinking/planning stage now.

The CFUW International Relations Committee has recommended MATCH for 2017 International Women's Day support and the CFUW Board has accepted this recommendation.

What is MATCH?

- “Canada’s only international women’s fund to support grassroots organizations in the global south” (stated by Cheryl Hayles, CFUW VP International Relations)
- MATCH has been in existence for 38 years and partners currently with 650 women’s groups in 75 countries

How do Clubs participate in this initiative? CFUW accepts donations from Clubs and individuals. Donations can be made between July 1, 2016, and May 1, 2017. CFUW will then forward all donations to MATCH.

What can a Club do? We can identify an activity, host an activity and forward all funds raised at that activity to CFUW (for MATCH) in support of International Women’s Day.

(google MATCH for more information)

Interest and Information

“Finally Girls Matter”—a statement from Mr. Ban ki Moon:

At a recent United Nations Conference, outgoing Secretary General Ban ki Moon commenced his remarks with these words, “finally girls matter.” The theme of this priority session was “Women’s Empowerment and the Link to Sustainable Development.” The major areas of focus statements were:

- ✓ “sustainable develop is not possible if women and girls continue to be denied the full realization of their human rights and equal opportunities”
- ✓ “rights are universal, indivisible, interrelated and interdependent”
- ✓ “there needs to be full integration of women into the formal society”
- ✓ “be aware of the importance of value chains from education and skill development to economic empowerment”
- ✓ “feminization of poverty is a fact”
- ✓ “women and girls who face inequality and discrimination are disproportionately impacted by climate change

Perhaps there is one of these statements which reaches out to you. If so, what part can we as CFUW Fredericton members play in order to bring greater attention to this issue. Please email me at sharonacrabb@gmail.com

A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence and Power”—Jimmy Carter, 2014:

Recently a CFUW Fredericton member sent me this link to this speech given by Jimmy Carter in 2014 which also included a link to another of his speeches titled “A Time for Peace: Rejecting Violence to Secure Human Rights”—June 21, 2016. I found this quote from Jimmy Carter powerful, uplifting and sad causing me to ponder whether we are moving in a forward direction specific to women’s empowerment. Please google either of these speech titles in order to read the speech in its entirety.

Mr. Carter states, “We must also realize that women are key agents of the changes we need. Women are excluded from leadership in religion, in family, and community decision-making and in legislatures and other political offices. When half of the world’s population is not consulted on important decisions and policies, it is no wonder that so many problems persist.”

Of Interest to You (and Possible Action)

What’s Happening:

- ✚ Women’s Equality Branch is launching new facebook pages and, starting August 31, the publication “Women Femmes NB” newsletter will be published quarterly. If you wish to subscribe to this publication, visit the Women’s Equality Branch website.
- ✚ The Roundtable on Crime and Public Safety campaign “Love Shouldn’t Hurt” is moving forward with its mandate to address “the societal issue of intimate partner violence (IPU).
- ✚ The “Conference for Integrative and Energies Therapies” 18th annual Canadian Energy Psychology Conference-2016 will be held in Halifax on September 16-18.

- ✚ GEN1: Help Build the First Generation Free from Violence Against Women. Join the GEN1 movement and pledge your support. Google GEN1 for more information.
- ✚ NB Summer Music Festival Programming for the 23th anniversary: August 17-20 at 7:30 p.m.—“Russian Composers with Canadian Connections” at UNB Memorial Hall.
- ✚ Acadian Day Celebrations in Fredericton: August 15 starting at 6:00 p.m. in Officers Square. There is a whole schedule of events.
- ✚ Blind Faith Productions presents “Evita” at The Playhouse: August 18-21 at 7:30 p.m.
- ✚ “Faster than Light”, an exhibition of photographs by Newcomer Youth in Fredericton: August 19 to October 10 at the Charlotte Street Art Centre.
- ✚ Gordon Lightfoot will perform at The Playhouse: August 22 at 8:00 p.m.

Advocacy and Action

Myths of Rape:

A recent edition of the Women Femmes NB newsletter featured an article headlined, “Myths of rape should be dispelled, says judge in Mandi Gray Case.” This statement was made by Ontario Justice Marvin Zuker on Thursday, July 21. The circumstance was a case of sexual assault at York University which was being heard in his courtroom. The accused was found guilty. To read more, please visit <http://bit.do/ceif2>

National and International News

2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development—Canada’s Commitment:

Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, states in a recent news release that Canada (Federal Government) is committed to achieving the sustainable goals specific to eradicating poverty and “leaving no one behind” by 2030. She indicates that specific issues tied to the eradication of poverty which need to be addressed are empowering women and

girls and the protection of their rights, climate change and support for clean growth, protection of human rights with attention paid to “accountability, governance, peaceful pluralism and respect for diversity, new opportunities for youth, respond to human suffering and instability specific to crisis and disaster.” In considering this topic, it is important to be cognizant of the correlation between economic growth (ending poverty) and education, health care, financial services and employment.

Some pertinent comments made in this release are:

“We cannot aspire to ending global poverty if half the world’s population is not part of the discussion.”

“No developing country has been able to reduce poverty without sustainable economic growth.”

When human rights are respected—and diversity and inclusion are promoted—real opportunities and tangible benefits arise locally, nationally, regionally and globally.”

“There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace and security without sustainable development.”

For more information on these specific issues of health and rights of women and children, clean economic growth and climate change, governance, peace and security and responding to humanitarian crises, including what is currently occurring and Canada’s position on these issues, please google “Canada’s International Assistance Review Consultations—Discussion Paper.

CFUW Members Featured in the July 27, 2016, GWI Update newsletter:

CFUW members Jeanne Sarson and Linda MacDonald (they are also members of CFUW Truro) are featured in the July 27 issue of GWI Update in an article which states that they “have helped bring the issue of non-state torture to the fore through their tireless advocacy.”

If you wish to read Jeanne's and Linda's story in its entirety, please google Graduate Women International website and on the first page scroll down the page to the list of newsletters and click on 27, July, 2016, or you can email me (sharonacrabb@gmail.com) and I will forward the copy of the GWI Update newsletter.

CFUW Women on the Go

CFUW Fredericton Extends Congratulations to the Following Women:

- ✚ Dionne Izzard in her recent appointment as Director of Advancement, St. Thomas University. We look forward to meeting Dionne as she brings greetings at our CFUW Fredericton Open House in September 2016
- ✚ Deborah Lyons in her recent appointment as Canadian Ambassador to Israel. Her previous posting had been Canadian Ambassador to Afghanistan. Deborah hails from the Miramichi area.
- ✚ Mandy Richard, employed by the New Brunswick Child Youth Advocate office, working on the Truth and Reconciliations Commission project and focusing on Aboriginal youth
- ✚ Jill Davidson and Kim Stewart, Literacy Co-Ordinators with the Anglophone West School District, in their recent launch of a Twitter account, ShelfieTalk, aimed at providing online professional development for teachers.

Notice of Dates/Activities—Save the Date

- ✓ Thursday, August 18—CFUW Fredericton Executive Meeting—1:30 p.m.—Althea's
- ✓ Wednesday, September 7—CFUW Fredericton Luncheon Social—Crowne Plaza—12:00 noon
- ✓ Friday, September 9—Fetal Alcohol Awareness Day
- ✓ Thursday, September 15—CFUW Fredericton Executive Meeting—1:30

- p.m.—Althea's
- ✓ Wednesday, September 21—International Day of Peace
 - ✓ Sunday, September 25—CFUW Fredericton Open House—2:00-4:00 p.m.—UNB Alumni Building
 - ✓ Wednesday, September 28—World Contraception Day



CFUW Fredericton dues for 2016-2017: \$60

Payable at anytime to Ruth, Membership Convener. As well, a table will be set up at the September Open House where dues payments will be accepted.

Plans are currently underway for our CFUW Fredericton Open House, September 25, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the UNB Alumni Building. Come and celebrate with our CFUW Fredericton scholarship recipients.

“The Power of Women Working Together”

Do you remember . . .



A time to say “thank you” to CFUW Fredericton members who served on various Executive and Committee Chairs during 2015-2016. A time to say “welcome” to CFUW Fredericton members who have put their names forward to serve as members of the Executive and Committee Chairs.



Welcome as we begin another exciting CFUW Fredericton year.