

**CFUW Fredericton Newsletter  
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**Celebrate Together**

**Food, Fun and Fellowship—CFUW Fredericton Women Celebrating Together**



Luncheon Social at  
Swiss Chalet

**Christmas and Hanukkah at Ramada Inn**





## ***Take Action***

### **CFUW International Women's Day Project 2017**

March 2017 may seem like a long way off; however, time passes quickly, especially when you are contemplating a possible idea, turning it into a plan and taking action to complete the plan and achieve the goal. March 8 is International Women's Day and CFUW participates in this day by choosing a project with which to become involved, a project that brings awareness to the challenges women face. This also affords the opportunity to celebrate women's achievements. The

CFUW International Relations Committee's recommendation to the Board was to support MATCH as our "Global Giving of Choice for 2017." What is MATCH? MATCH International Women's Fund was created by two Canadian women in 1976. It partners with 650 women's groups in 75 countries with funding which focuses on:

- ✓ Dismantling barriers, changing systems, challenging perceptions, transforming society
- ✓ Provides basic support and services to women—shelters for women, workshops on empowering women, assisting women to bring about social change

How can we as a Club or as individuals participate in this initiative?










- ✓ Run a fundraising drive/activity with the funds being donated to MATCH
- ✓ CFUW National accept all donations from clubs and individuals and then disburses the funds as one lump sum to MATCH
- ✓ The deadline for contributing is May 1, 2017

Let us share our ideas/plans and see if we can make a difference and support women internationally.

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### **A Gift Which Keeps on Giving**

Perhaps you are still looking for a way to celebrate this Holiday Season. Here are some great worthy causes which support women:

-  CFUW Charitable Trust
-  Equal Voice—supports women running for office in Canada
-  Canadian Network of Women's Shelters and Transition Houses
-  Otherwild: The Future is Female (Planned Parenthood)
-  One Woman Project (educational projects in Cambodia)
-  Stop Telling Women to Smile
-  Emily's List
-  End the Backing (Joyful Heart Foundation)
-  Syria Relief

## ***Interest and Information***

### **Updates from the New Brunswick Coalition for Pay Equity**

Pay Equity for childcare educators: In August, 2016, the Child Care Review Task Force released its report, a report which supports the incentive for a strong child care system in New Brunswick. Some of the items outlined in this Report, which support the work of the Coalition for Pay Equity, are a recommendation to increase the wages of early childcare educators, the creation of a “public child care system—a new frontier of equal opportunity” and recognition of the expertise of the Coalition.

Specific areas where the Coalition is currently advocating are employment standards protections (specifically, issues around minimum wages and employment standards that would benefit women in the labour market), a “Who Cares?” Campaign which addresses the issues of group homes, special care homes, transition houses and home care and the “Closing the Gap” Campaign which urges the NB government to legislate pay equity in the private sector

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### **CFUW National Initiative—Early Learning and Child Care**

One of CFUW’s National Initiatives is Early Learning and Child Care. It is the hope that the 2017/2018 federal government budget to be announced in February 2017 will support a high quality, affordable, accessible national early learning and child care system. What can CFUW Fredericton do? We can contact our local MP and voice CFUW’s position on this. With other New Brunswick CFUW clubs we could host consultations on early learning and child care. We could become better informed about this issue. Templates, information documents and handouts for this initiative are all available on the CFUW Admin.org website. (user name is viewonly and password is cfuw4321).



## Announcing Five New CFUW Member Discounts

As a CFUW member, you can access a number of discounts on products and services. These discount areas include, but are not limited to,

- ✚ a CFUW Personal Insurance Discount (has been offered for a few years now)
- ✚ discounts of products from Lenova, Avis, Budget, Intercall and Novexco (new discounts)

For more information on these and other discount opportunities available to you as a member of CFUW, please visit the CFUW website.

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## Great News!! Accessibility Expansion Project

Recently you may have read about the Charlotte Street Arts Centre Accessibility Project. The Charlotte Street Arts Centre is a vibrant, active and exciting part of our Fredericton community, a school which opened in 1884 as the Charlotte Street School (for elementary children) and then in 2005 when it reopened as the Charlotte Street Arts Centre. The major issue with the Charlotte Street Arts Centre was accessibility as the wonderful auditorium is on the third floor, accessible only via somewhat winding flights of stairs. The Accessibility Expansion Project announcement indicated funding from the federal, provincial and municipal governments would be provided to support the expansion (including an elevator) thus ensuring people of all ages and abilities will be able to access all parts of the Centre and participate in all events held at the Centre.



## ***Welcome New Members to CFUW Fredericton***



### **CFUW Fredericton Welcomes New Member Renee Davis**

Renee writes: “I have lived in Fredericton since 1996. I have degrees in Philosophy and Education. I have had an eclectic work life including various positions as an educator, civil servant, technology trainer and more. Currently, I volunteer with the Community Kitchen school lunch program, the Multicultural Association and serve on the City’s Age-Friendly Fredericton Committee. I am a big supporter of the Arts and particularly enjoy theatre and dance. I also enjoy the outdoors and hike and camp whenever I can. I do tai chi, play bridge and am a voracious reader.”



### **CFUW Fredericton Welcomes Member Myrna Gunter**

Myra was a previous member of CFUW Fredericton and has rejoined our group. Myra is an avid supporter of social justice issues/work/groups as well as a supporter of the Arts, particularly the Charlotte Street Arts Centre. She has been, and continues to be, actively involved in numerous groups, including serving a President of PROBUS (Professional Business Group). Myra always has a simile, a humorous story and a laugh to share with others.

Renee and Myra, Welcome to CFUW Fredericton.

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

### **CFUW National Alumnae—Do We Have One in Our Club?**

The CFUW National Alumnae is currently comprised of over 60 past CFUW National leaders (Board of Directors, Regional Directors, Committee Chairs and others who remain active in and committed to CFUW. The mandate of the

Alumnae is to volunteer, mentor, act as ambassadors, provide feedback and viewpoints and support current CFUW initiatives. Do we have a member of the CFUW National Alumnae? Is there a member or previous member who might be interested in learning more about the CFUW National Alumnae?

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## January CFUW Fredericton Book Club

*The January CFUW Fredericton Book Club meets on Wednesday, January 4, for discussions of the book "Run" by Ann Patchett. As the winter weather cancelled the December meeting, the book "The Boys on the Boat" by Daniel James Brown may also be discussed. Wait for your email notice for confirmation*

## **Advocacy and Action**

### Silent Witness Project of New Brunswick



**"The Silent Witness Project is on a mission to bring hope, healing and an end to domestic violence."**

Many of us are aware of these life-sized red silhouettes, each one in memory of a New Brunswick

women who, since 1990, has been killed by an intimate partner. A few days ago I was attending a meeting at the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre and learned that three new silhouettes had arrived at the Centre, two of which would go to the communities where these women were killed and one which would remain in Fredericton for the women who was killed in our community.

With a visit to the website, you will learn more about the purpose of the Silent Witness project, which is to:

- ✚ “remember the women killed by a spouse/partner, ex-spouse/partner or intimate acquaintance
- ✚ create awareness of the risk factors for intimate partner violence and domestic homicide
- ✚ promote action to end violence against women” (quotes taken from the Silent Partner website)

Let us take a few moments to remember these women—they were mothers, daughters, nieces, aunts, grandmothers; they were neighbours, friends, employees; they were women who had a lot of life yet to live; they were women who died too soon; they were women who loved and were loved by all who knew them. Don't let their stories die. To learn more or to become involved with this Project, please google “silent witness project of New Brunswick.

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

#### **CFUW Special General Meeting**

To date you have received a number of bulletins regarding the Special CFUW General Meeting, the focus of which is GWI and their dues increase. Hopefully you have had an opportunity to read these materials which clarify the various aspects of an electronic general meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity for members to participate in a National meeting. **Please note that January 10, 2017, is the deadline for both voting and non-voting members to register for the Special General Meeting (contact Elizabeth Whyte at cfuwgen@rogers.com). The Special General Meeting will take place on January 30, 2017, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (EST). This time is 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Atlantic Standard Time (New Brunswick).**

By now you should have also received the Report from the Task Force on CFUW's Way Forward. In lieu of our CFUW Fredericton Executive Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 19, we will hold a special meeting to discuss the Task Force document and to give direction to those members who will be attending the CFUW Special General Meeting, specifically direction related to voting.



## Letter from the National President December 2016

The December 15 CFUW Club Action Newsletter includes a letter from CFUW National President, Karen Dunnett, specific to an October 18 Board motion which stated, “That no monies be sent to GWI from the CFUW National account in payment of any obligations, support or dues until the following has been satisfied.” The motion then continues to outline some specific actions requesting a response from GWI. Those actions include financial statements, GWI financial situation, disposition of directed funds sent to GWI, legal opinion, full report of the information requested and that the CFUW Special General Meeting has been held. To read this letter and accompanying information in full, please access the CFUW Club Action Newsletter of December 15, 2016. In the event you do not receive the CFUW Newsletters, a copy will be sent to you in a separate email.

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## Access to Education for Indigenous Girls and Women

This article on access to education was featured in the December 2016 GWI In Focus Newsletter. The article states: “Education is a fundamental human right and should be inclusive for all girls and women, regardless of age, ethnicity or circumstance. Discrimination against indigenous groups often stems from their social and economic exclusion, manifesting in higher levels of poverty and related health and social problems.” (quoted from the December 2016 issues of GWI In Focus)

It is interesting to note, that this article is addressing the plight of women internationally; however, these same issues can be applied to girls and women in Fredericton, in New Brunswick and in Canada. To read the entire article, please visit GWI In Focus, December 2016 issues.



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

### **CFUW Fredericton General Meetings—Change of Location**

**Please note the January, February and March CFUW Fredericton General Meetings will be held at the Forest Hill United Church, 45 Kimball Court (off Forest Hill Road just past St. Margaret’s Anglican Church) at 12:30 pm for these three months.**

January 26, 2017, Speaker: Margaret Crawford, CFUW Fredericton’s first Recipient of the CFUW Fredericton Dr. Althea Macaulay Graduate Scholarship; Topic: “The Letters of Lady Mary Wortley Montague (1689-1762)”

February 23, 2017, Speaker” Mike Smith, Fredericton Community Kitchen; Topic: “Student Hunger Program”

March 23, 2017, Speaker: Dr. Jane McLean, High School Teacher (Woodstock) and part-time lecturer in Education at UNB; Topic: “Women, Media and Culture Course for New Brunswick High Schools”



### **CFUW Fredericton November General Meeting**



CFUW Fredericton held its November 24 General Meeting at the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design. Following this meeting we received a tour of the College and saw first hand the exciting course offerings which included such programs as jewellery, fashion design, graphic arts, weaving, pottery, wool dying/knitting and sundry other programs where students

developed both their skills in the craft program of their choice but also learned how to market their creations thus forging a sustainable business opportunity. The pictures featured here display the products the NBCCD students created, some students in their first year of the program and some in their second year.

These pictures, however, do not just present a display of crafts. This was a showcase of work which was for sale. The NBCCD Craft Sale was open to the public on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 25-27. I had the good fortune to purchase some wonderful items—a wonder woven basket with copper inserts, some fabulous mugs and a beautiful ball of hand dyed merino yarn.



Special thank you to CFUW Fredericton member, Jayne, for arranging this tour. It was a wonderful and extremely informative experience. Our most recent CFUW Fredericton scholarship/bursary was awarded to an aboriginal student in her second year at NBCCD. She has designed and created beautiful pieces of jewellery.

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

- ✓ January 4 (Wednesday)—CFUW Fredericton Book Club—12:00 noon—Sharon’s home
- ✓ January 10 (Tuesday)—deadline for registering for the CFUW Special General Meeting to be held January 30, 2017
- ✓ January 11, (Wednesday)—CFUW Fredericton Luncheon Social—Wolastoq Wharf—12:00 noon
- ✓ January 19 (Thursday)—CFUW Fredericton Special Meeting (to replace the Executive Meeting)—discussion: CFUW Task Force document—location to be determined
- ✓ January 26 (Thursday)—CFUW Fredericton General Meeting—Forest Hill Church—12:30 pm
- ✓ January 30 (Monday)—CFUW Special General Meeting—7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

- ✓ February 10 (Friday)—CFUW Fredericton Happy Yappy Appetizers Social—Valentine’s Day Theme—Shirley’s—6:00 pm

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

**December Fun**

December is always such a hectic month with parties, get togethers, shopping, cooking, errands, lists, decorating . . . the list goes on. However, these ladies,



Ruth and Edye, always make time to plan and host a December event. This year it was our CFUW Fredericton Happy Yappy Appetizers Social. Even though the evening was frigid (minus 20 degrees and windy), we just knew there would be a place that was warm and inviting with delicious food, camaraderie and fellowship for CFUW Fredericton members and guests

and, sure enough, there was. With a cosy fire in the fireplace, an enchanting Christmas tree and a table spread with scrumptious food, we gathered for a December Happy Yappy Appetizers Social. The frigid temperatures and the windy night were long forgotten (until we had to bundle up for home). Thank you, Ruth and Edye.

