

**CFUW Fredericton Newsletter**

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**Celebrate Together**



The first Happy Yappy Appetizers Social of the season was held on Friday, October 14, at the home of Edye and David. This is a wonderful social event for CFUW Fredericton members, spouses, guests—with great appetizers and a time for fellowship, sharing, laughs and a good time by all.

***CFUW Fredericton Dues 2016-2017***

*Thank you to the many CFUW Fredericton members who have renewed their membership through the payment of their 2016-2017 dues. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so by contacting Ruth, Membership convener.*

## Congratulations to the CFUW Fredericton Scholarship Recipients

The CFUW Fredericton Open House was held at the UNB Alumni Memorial Hall on Sunday, September 25.

This is our time to celebrate and recognize our scholarship recipients. Ten of the 14 scholarship recipients were in attendance. A major focus of CFUW Fredericton is the



establishment of scholarships for women attending post-secondary institutions.

We currently award 14 scholarships totalling \$29,500 to support women attending the University of New Brunswick, St. Thomas University, the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design and the New Brunswick Community College. This was, indeed, a joyous day!

### ***Take Action***

#### **United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW)**

The 61<sup>st</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City from March 13-24, 2017. The CFUW delegation will be in attendance from March 11-17, 2017. The themes of this year's UN Commission on the Status of Women are:

- ✓ Priority Theme: Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work
- ✓ Review Theme: Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls

- ✓ Emerging Issue/Focus Area: The empower of indigenous women

If you are interested in being a part of the CFUW delegation, you must submit name along with a completed application form to Robin Jackson by November 14, 2016. Please note that CFUW delegates must arrange for transportation and accommodation at their own expense.

***Interest and Information***

**“Equality Seekers”: 100 Years of Leadership by CFUW Presidents”**



Read about the amazing contribution of these CFUW Presidents from Dr. Margaret Stovel McWilliams (1919-1923)

to Doris Mae Oulton (2012-2016).

A committee under the leadership of Grace Hollett, VP Atlantic, has



written a series of biographies encompassing each of these CFUW presidents, from 1919 to 2016, and will continue this initiative to 2019, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CFUW. These biographies highlight each president’s contributions, career, community involvement and personal life. For a reading experience filled with delight, enlightenment, information and history, google “Equality Seekers 100 Years of Leadership by CFUW Presidents” or “Past Presidents’ Biographies.”

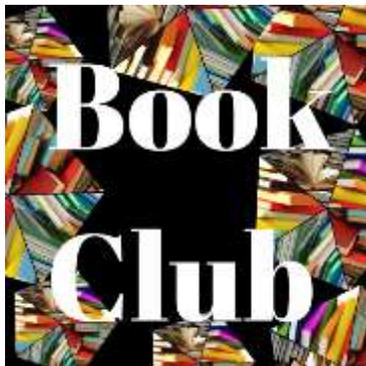


The Fall 2016 MMFC Networker (a newsletter by the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre) contains a number of pertinent informative articles titled:

- ✚ Building on the Strengths of Rural Communities
- ✚ Elder Abuse Research in the Maritimes: Integrating Community Building Strategies to Research Initiatives
- ✚ An Interview with Nancy Hartling: Pioneer Advocate for Single Parents
- ✚ A Strong Voice for Advancing Gender Equality in New Brunswick

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

**CFUW Fredericton Book Club  
Pam Love, Convener**



You are invited to join CFUW Fredericton members as we discuss the following books throughout the year. Perhaps all the books interest you. Perhaps only one or a few of the books interest you. Come to all the Book Club get togethers or only those where the books are of most interest to you. Contact Pam for dates/times/locations.

October—“The Forgotten Garden” by Kate Morton

November—“The Girl on the Train” by Paula Hawkins

December—“The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Quest for Gold at the 1936 Olympics” by Daniel James Brown

January—“Run” by Ann Patchett

February—“They Left Us Everything” by Plum Johnson
March—“The Illegal” by Lawrence Hill
April—“Last Dance in Shediac: Memories of Mum, Molly Lamb Bobak” by Anny Scones
May—“The Elegance of the Hedgehog” by Muriel Bayberry

**CFUW Fredericton Issues Committee  
Judith Rau and Sharon Crabb, Conveners**



This year’s Issues Committee is looking at:

-  Hunger in Schools
-  Senior Care—Access to Services
-  Electoral Reform

Please join the Committee as we discuss these issues and determine what action can be taken to address the issues and to move forward.

Perhaps your interests are directed to only one of the issues. If so, you can join the group discussing that particular issue. Please contact Judith or Sharon for more information or to indicate your interest in joining the Issues Committee.

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**Electoral Reform: What Does It Mean? How Are You Impacted?**



When you hear “first past the post,” “proportional representation,” “false majority governments,” or “wasted votes,” what comes to mind? These are just a few of the terms you will read about in news items headed “Electoral Reform.” Where does the New Brunswick government stand

on this issue? Where does the Federal Government stand on this issue? How might you become a more informed voter? On June 7, 2016, a motion was adopted by the House of Commons which established the “Special Committee on Electoral Reform” whose mandate was to travel across Canada, host public

meetings in each province and provide an opportunity for the public to submit and present briefs, to participate in the Open Mic sessions or to attend the sessions to listen to what was being presented. On October 7, the Committee held a public meeting in Fredericton. Some members of CFUW Fredericton attended this meeting throughout the day, gathering information to share with the membership. In July 2016, CFUW along with CFUW Leaside—East York and Etobicoke, submitted a brief in support of proportional representation to the Special Committee on Electoral Reform. On October 11, some members of CFUW Fredericton attended a Town Hall on Electoral Reform hosted by Matt Decourcey, Member of Parliament for Fredericton, where people were asked to consider the following principals for electoral reform: (a) effectiveness and legitimacy, (b) engagement, (c) accessibility and inclusiveness, (d) integrity and (e) local representation.

Where do we go from here? Some actions suggested by CFUW are educate yourself, write to your local MP, meet with your local elected representatives, organize a meeting with other interested groups, invite speakers to a CFUW Fredericton meeting, sponsor an event to raise public awareness or write letters to the editor of the local newspaper.

*Webinar: How can we educate the public about Electoral Reform? This Webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm (EST). If you wish to participate, RSVP Maddie at [cfuwadvocacy@rogers.com](mailto:cfuwadvocacy@rogers.com).*

### **Advocacy and Action**

#### **16 Days of Activism—November 25-December 10:**



What is 16 Days of Activism? This is a campaign, a focus, a take-action opportunity to end violence against women and girls. Much has been written about the need to address sustainable financing, to address the need for gender equality, to empower women, to hold/host public discussions,

to engage the government and to address the issue of a lack of adequate sustainable resources, programmes and practices specific to making a difference in the lives of women.

The 2016 UN Secretary-General's UNiTE campaign focuses on "Orange the World: Raise Money to End Violence Against Women and Girls. Here is an opportunity for you to get involved. Share your photos, messages or videos at [facebook.com/NO.UNiTE](https://facebook.com/NO.UNiTE), messages referencing gender equality, empowerment of women, programmes/practices that make positive change, and programmes that provide survivors access to service and to justice. Visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=5yvT85TitEI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5yvT85TitEI) for a visual presentation of some of the issues/concerns.

The Center for Women's Global Leadership at Rutgers University's theme for the 16 Days of Activism is "From peace in the home to peace in the World: Make Education Safe for All." Looking at the tenets of "educate," "engage," and "empower," what might CFUW Fredericton do to bring awareness to the 16 Days of Activism initiative and the importance of ending violence against women and girls? Let's hear from you.

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

#### **Participating with GWI Discussions**

As a CFUW member, you are a member of GWI and can participate in GWI Discussion and Connection forum. If you would like to join the discussion and connect forum to read the comments or to post a comment, you can go to the CFUW Club Action Newsletter of September 22, 2016, for information on how to join or email Robin Jackson at [cfuwed@rogers.com](mailto:cfuwed@rogers.com) and someone at CFUW will register you.

#### **Highlights from CFUW Club Action Newsletter—October 27**

- ✚ On October 20, CFUW Advocacy Coordinator Maddie Webb and CFUW Leaside-East-York member Sheila Lacroix spoke before the Committee on

Electoral Reform and used this opportunity to inform the Committee about CFUW's position on electoral reform

- ✚ 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence begins from November 25 and ends December 10. You can participate by wearing orange, by encouraging your neighbours/friends to wear orange and by contacting your Mayor and City Councillors to light up City Hall in orange.
- ✚ Monday, December 5, 2016, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (EST) the University of Ottawa is hosting "Older Women Count!", a participatory forum on the rights and living situations of older women in Africa and Canada.
- ✚ GWI Webinar: Boost Membership and Inspire Advocacy with MsGinko will be held on November 8 at 9:30 (Central European Summer Time) and repeated on November 8 at 17:30 (Central European Summer Time).

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

### **The Fall 2016 MMFC (Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre) Networker Honors These Outstanding Women**

**Baukje Miedema**, an outstanding researcher and alumni of the MMFC and her career in the fields of medicine and sociology

**Madeleine Delaney-LeBlanc**, a social justice activist and founding chair of the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women

**Nancy Hartling**, Founder and Executive Director of Support to Single Parents Inc.

**Tracey Rickards**, a health research

To read more about these of the four outstanding women, please visit the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre website and click on "newsletter".



## SOAR—Stories of Remarkable Women (E-Book)



Robyn Tingley is Founder and CEO of GlassSKY, a company dedicated to the “empowerment and advancement of women. We believe that all girls and women should be encouraged to reach their full potential. When we invest in women, we all win.” These statements appears on the GlassSKY website. Further, it states the focus is “Empower.

Invest. Engage.” Access to this e-book titled “Stories of Remarkable Women E-Book” can be reached by googling “SOAR—Stories of Remarkable Women E-Book” and scrolling down to “download the full page version” and click.

(note: Robyn Tingley lives in Saint John, NB)

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

- ✓ November 2 (Wednesday)—CFUW Fredericton Book Club—12:00—Edye’s home
- ✓ November 4 (Friday)—The Jian Ghomeski Investigation—Kinsella Auditorium—STU—12:30-2:00
- ✓ November 9 (Wednesday)—CFUW Fredericton Luncheon Social—Swiss Chalet—12:00 noon
- ✓ November 9 (Wednesday)—CFUW Fredericton Issues Committee—Second Cup Prospect Street—3:30 am
- ✓ November 15 (Tuesday)—CFUW Fredericton Women in Afghanistan Study Group—7:00 pm—Pam’s home
- ✓ November 17 (Thursday)—CFUW Fredericton Executive Meeting—1:30 pm—Althea’s home
- ✓ November 19 (Saturday)—Fergusson Foundation Food & Wine, A Gourmet Adventure—Delta Hotel, Fredericton—reserve your ticket at 1.888.673.MMFF

- ✓ November 24 (Thursday)—CFUW Fredericton General Meeting—NBCCD—Queen Street—12:00 noon (meeting and tour)
- ✓ November 25—International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- ✓ December 9—Women & Business Network—12<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Silent Auction—Gallery 78—Fredericton
- ✓ December 10—Human Rights Day
- ✓ January 19—Fergusson Foundation Annual General Meeting

**In Memoria . . .**

*Leitha Dean*  
 May 19, 1936, - October 18, 2016



*Leitha loved life; she was a proud mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, sister-in-law and wife. For CFUW Fredericton members, Leitha was a friend to all, a supporter of all things CFUW, a “yes, I can help with that” person. Leitha loved learning and believed in life-long learning. She went back to university after her children were grown and graduated from St. Thomas University with her degree in social work. This was a proud*

*moment for her.*

*Leitha had a broad network of friends from her involvement in many activities: a member of CFUW Fredericton since 2011, sorority sister of Beta Sigma Phi, a member of the Fredericton Art Club, an avid bridge player,*

*a golfer and she cherished time spent at her cottage, reading and playing scrabble and cards.*

*As a member of CFUW Fredericton, Leitha was actively involved in the Bridge Club, Luncheon Socials, Appetizers Socials, Book Fair, and she was our Club's Archivist. When CFUW Moncton last hosted the ARC Conference/AGM, Leitha attended as she wanted to learn more about CFUW*

*That was Leitha—always thinking of others. Our fond memories of Leitha will stay with us forever.*

