

**CFUW Fredericton Newsletter**  
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**Celebrate Together**



On a warm, sunny Wednesday afternoon a group of CFUW Fredericton women got together to celebrate fantastic August days with lots of stories, laughs, fellowship and delicious food. What a way to enjoy a day—on the terrace at the Crowne Plaza, looking out over the St. John River.

*“The great thing in this world is not so much where you stand, as in what direction you are moving.” —Oliver Wendall Holmes*

## **Take Action**

**Visit the CFUW Members Resources Website:**

[www.cfuwadmin.org](http://www.cfuwadmin.org)

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### **CFUW Club Action Newsletter**

**August 17, 2012**

#### **Highlights**

- ✓ Read About: Members of the CFUW Board of Directors
- ✓ Read: Board Meeting Minutes—CFUW AGM—June 23, 2016
- ✓ Read: Board Meeting Minutes—CFUW AGM—June 26, 2016
- ✓ Read about Initiatives—National Childcare Campaign and Sexual Assault on Campus—Research Project
- ✓ Read about pilots—Mentor Program and Pay Equity

#### **Women in International Security—Policy Brief:**

The focus of this Policy Brief is “Advancing the Leadership and Professional Development of Women in the Field of International Peace and Security.”

Google “Women in International Security to read the Brief.

#### **Electoral Reform:**

Every Voter Counts Alliance is a group of organizations, of which CFUW is a member, working to pressure the government to change our electoral system to Proportional Representation. On October 7 the Committee on Electoral Reform will be in Fredericton. This is an opportunity for CFUW Fredericton to attend this session and to add our support to the Every Voter Counts Alliance. CFUW Fredericton members are encouraged to come together for a Study Group session to review the documents from CFUW and to plan for this October 7 event. To date, Sydelle Grobe, Judith Rau, Renee Davis and Sharon Crabb have agreed to meet. I invite you to add your name to this group by emailing me at [sharonacrabb@gmail.com](mailto:sharonacrabb@gmail.com).

***Something to Think About—Something to Act Upon:***

**Representative from the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Addresses Education Faculty and guests at the University of New Brunswick:**



Charlene Bearhead, Education Lead, Truth and Reconciliation, was at the University of New Brunswick where she spoke about the residential schools and the impact these facilities had on the lives of children and their families, stating “89 years in thousands of children’s lives, 25% of the children at residential schools died there from physical abuse, sexual abuse or froze to death.” Ms. Bearhead reminded us that “First

Nations is a group, not a culture.”

Charlene Bearhead turned our attention to the importance of education in addressing these issues, the difficulties in making change happen in our schools and how we decide what changes are needed in the current education system. She addressed such topics as land acquisition, how the system is failing indigenous children, what constitutes good teaching practices relative to what students should know about indigenous people, what it means to be a treaty person and why we are still having conversations about treaty education.

Ms. Bearhead expressed hope that the people she speaks with as she travels across Canada will embrace the need for change, continue to foster and grow a respectful environment and continue what she sees as a “positive, authentic movement toward respecting nation-to-nation relationships.”

(shown in the above picture are Left to Right: Dr. Ann Shermann, Dean of Education, University of New Brunswick; Ms. Charlene Bearhead, Education Lead, Truth and Reconciliation; Imelda Perley, Elder-in-Residence, University of New Brunswick)

## Event: NB Media Co-op 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting:

“Jennifer Brant, co-editor of “Forever Loved: Exposing the Hidden Crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada,” member of the Tyendinaga Mohawk Nation and doctoral candidate in educational studies at Brock University, will speak about missing and murdered Indigenous women in her lecture, “Forever Loving, Forever Resisting: Recent Research on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women” as part of the NB Media Co-op’s seventh annual general meeting on September 29, 7:00 pm, Kinsella Auditorium, McCain Hall, St. Thomas University.” (Notice from WED/EDF September newsletter.)

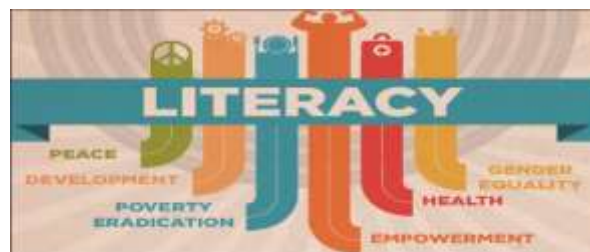
### International Literacy Day (September 8):

This day may have passed; however, the issues and concerns still remain. What is still a concern world wide?

- In South Asia, women are 38% less likely to own a mobile phone
- In many places throughout the world, women are less able to benefit from access to electronic devices and/or the internet

Where might our lobbying efforts have the most positive effect?

- ✓ Work toward achieving digital literacy for girls and women
- ✓ Work toward expanded digital connectivity for girls and women
- ✓ Focus on reading, writing and numeracy skills for all girls and women



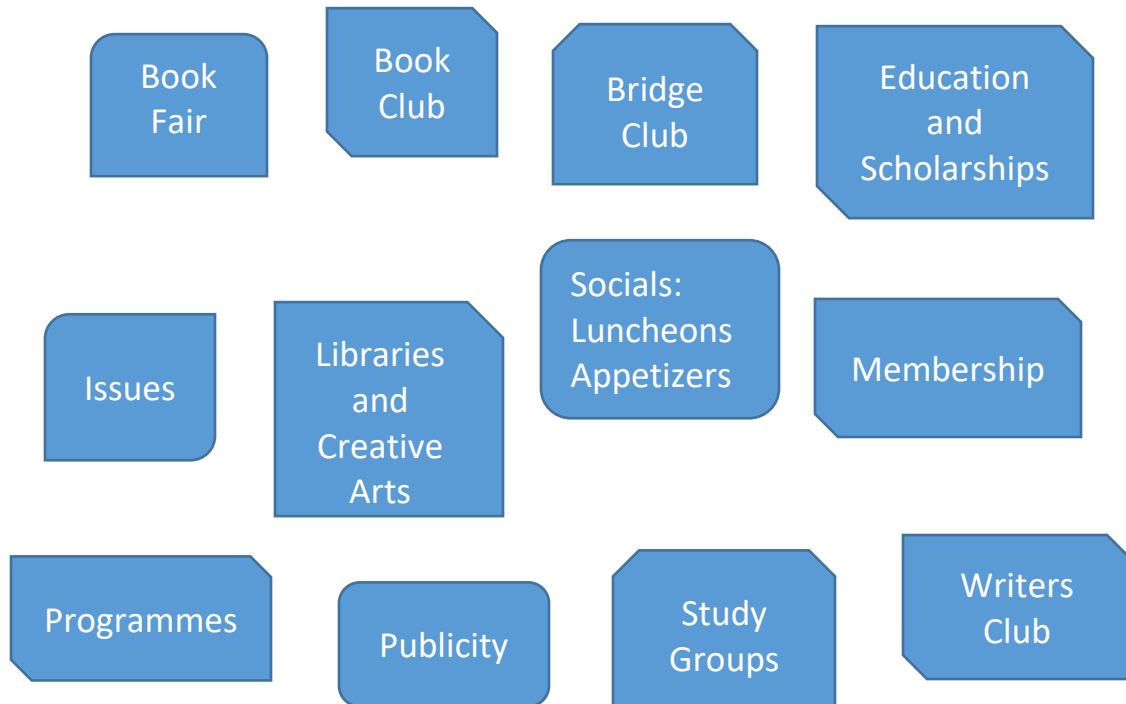
*It is that time of year when we need to renew our CFUW Fredericton dues for the 2016-2017 year. Your CFUW Fredericton Membership Committee will have a table set up at the September Open House for your convenience in paying your dues.*

## Women on the Go



Look at all the great activities and committees offered to members of CFUW Fredericton:

Join today!



## What's New:

*The New Brunswick Voices of Women Consensus Building Forum is now called "New Brunswick Women's Council"*

For members who subscribe to the Women Femmes NB newsletter, please note that the newsletter will now be published every four months, with the next edition being December. You can still send notices to [WEB/EDF@gnb.ca](mailto:WEB/EDF@gnb.ca); however, these notices will be posted regularly to their Twitter and Face Book pages and will no longer appear in their newsletter.

## ***Advocacy and Action***

### **House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women:**

The Committee will be examining violence in the lives of young women and girls with a focus on the following areas: cyber-violence, street harassment, rape culture, hypersexualization, best practices for engaging men and boys in the discussions and best practices and the impact of the issues on vulnerable groups.

### **CFUW Brief to the Standing Committee on the Status of Women:**

On September 6, 2016, CFUW submitted a Brief titled “Study on Violence Against Young Women and Girls in Canada.” This Brief references such areas as rape culture, peer pressure, misunderstanding or disregard of consent, abuse of drugs and alcohol, lack of disciplinary action and non-existent or inaccessible support services. Collectively, this presents a disturbing picture and reinforces the need for immediate action by Government.

In this Brief, CFUW urges the Government to:

- (1) Conduct research into best practises
- (2) Provide colleges and universities with a model reporting and confidentiality protocol
- (3) Pass legislation that would obligate universities and colleges to have a comprehensive sexual misconduct policy, conduct safety audits on campus and have transparent and specific disciplinary systems
- (4) Provide funding to universities and colleges to conduct workshops on bystander interventions and consent and train faculty on taking disclosures an trauma-enforced training

What can CFUW Fredericton members do?

- ✓ Read the Brief in its entirety in the September 12, 2016, issue of the CFUW Club Action Newsletter
- ✓ Get involved with the current CFUW project titled “Sexual Assault/Harassment in Post-



Secondary Institutions in Canada (contact Sharon at [sharonacrabb@gmail.com](mailto:sharonacrabb@gmail.com) for more information)

- ✓ Get involved with the current CFUW project titled “A Woman Friendly University—25 Years Later” (contact Sharon at [sharonacrabb@gmail.com](mailto:sharonacrabb@gmail.com) for more information)

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

### **Notes from the GWI Update Newsletter (September 14, 2016):**

- ✚ The name Graduate Women International has been officially recognized by The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- ✚ GWI welcomes a new group, GWI-Netherlands, as a new association (earlier this year Netherlands had withdrawn from GWI)
- ✚ The newly elected President of GWI is Geeta Desai, a member of Women Graduates—USA
- ✚ The newly elected GWI Executive Director is Stacy Dry Lara



The CFUW delegates to the GWI Triennial Conference/AGM in Cape Town, South Africa, August 21-23, 2016.

### **A Note from Karen Dunnett, National President, CFUW:**

The following information is a partial quote from the CFUW Bulletin titled “Report on the 32<sup>nd</sup> GWI Triennial General Assembly” and makes reference to a number of reports which you can read fully by accessing the CFUW Bulletin.

**CFUW National President Karen Dunnett states:**

*“These reports and presentations will give you a broad picture of the information presented. Of course, the GWI dues increase motion that was passed is there. CFUW, as a large National Federation (NFA), gets a reduced rate, so our GWI dues rate increase will be a 9 Swiss Franc (CHF) for 2017, a 5 CHF for 2018, and a 5 CHF for 2019. Please remember that our bylaws state:*

*“Annual per capita dues shall be set by a special motion passed at an annual general meeting. Written notice outlining any proposed changes to the dues shall be sent to all Clubs at least one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days prior to the annual general meeting.”*

*This means that no CFUW national membership dues increase can take place this 2016- 2017 fiscal year.*

*Please note as well that the board has another report to do. It is the report that was requested via a motion made at the CFUW 2016 AGM and Conference. The motion stated:*

*In light of the close majority vote on June 24, 2016 with respect to Amendment #2 from St Thomas and the upcoming Triennial GWI meeting in Cape Town, we kindly request the Board to complete a report no later than 6 months after the GWI Triennial meeting in Cape Town to propose a proactive way ahead for CFUW.*

*On behalf of the board, I wanted you to know that the committee has been struck, and the board will have it and our financial situation as the main focus of our first board meeting on September 20th. We want to ensure that we gather as much information as possible, understand all the implications and explore numerous avenues in order to deal with our financial issues and fulfil the request for a proactive report going forward, while keeping the timeline as tight as possible to deliver the report.*

*Last but not least, I want to extend a special thank you to Cheryl Hayles, VP International Relations along with staff for compiling such a detailed report.”*

*Sincerely,*

*Karen Dunnett*

*National President, CFUW*

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

- ✓ *September 25-November 6—“Singing with Love” Singing Working—Shannex Parkland*
- ✓ *September 25—CFUW Fredericton Open House—UNB Alumni Memorial Building—2:00-4:00 pm*
- ✓ *September 29—“Forever Loving, Forever Resisting”—Research on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women—Kinsella Auditorium, STU—7:00 pm*
- ✓ *October 1—Beaverbrook Art Gallery—“The Case of the Blank Canvas*



- Bandit”, a murder mystery and killer fundraiser—7:00 pm—tickets are \$65*
- ✓ *October 12—CFUW Fredericton Luncheon Social—Dolan’s Pub—12:00 noon*
  - ✓ *October 14—CFUW Fredericton Happy Yappy Appetizers Social—Edge’s—6:00 pm*
  - ✓ *October 20—CFUW Fredericton Executive Meeting—Althea’s—1:30 pm*
  - ✓ *October 27—CFUW Fredericton General Meeting—McConnell Hall (UNB)—6:30 pm*
  - ✓ *October 28 and 29—CFUW ARC Conference/AGM—St. John’s, NL*

**Celebrate:**

*You are invited to  
a celebration Open House  
in recognition of our  
scholarship program and recipients  
Sunday, September 25, 2016, 2:00 p.m.  
UNB Alumni Memorial Building  
UNB Campus  
13 Bailey Drive*