

**CFUW Fredericton
Annual General Meeting
June 2, 2016**



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June 2016 AGM
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CFUW Fredericton AGENDA—Annual General Meeting
Thursday, June 2, 2015
Alumni Memorial Building, UNB

- 1. Acceptance of Agenda**
- 2. Minutes of June 4, 2015, Annual General Meeting and Business Arising**
- 3. Correspondence**
- 4. President's and Vice President's Reports—Sharon Crabb and Pam Love**
- 5. Committee Reports:**
 -  Recording Secretary—Shirley Smith
 -  Corresponding Secretary—Edye Besner
 -  Archives—Leitha Dean
 -  Education and Scholarship—Jayne Nicki
 -  Issues—Sydelle Grobe and Sheila Laidlaw
 -  Membership—Ruth Holmes
 -  Libraries and Creative Arts—Maureen O'Sullivan
 -  Programme—Gwen Davies
 -  Publicity—Sydelle Grobe
 -  Book Fair—Edye Besner and Ruth Holmes
- 6. Special Interest Groups:**
 -  Luncheon Socials, Blue Belles Bridge Club, Book Club, Happy Yappy Appetizers Socials, Writers Club, Study Groups
- 7. Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget—Betty Lee**
 -  Report for year-end 2015-2016
 -  Proposed Budget for 2016-2017
- 8. Nominations Report—Jean Fisher**
- 9. Other Business:**
 -  CFUW Resolutions
 -  CFUW Fredericton Constitution--motions
- 10. Adjournment**

**CFUW FREDERICTON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
UNB STUDENT ALUMNI MEMORIAL BUILDING JUNE 4, 2015**

WELCOME: Following the dinner, the president, Sharon Crabb, welcomed the members to the Annual General Meeting.

AGENDA: One change was made to the agenda. Resolutions was added to Other Business. The agenda was approved on a motion by Maureen O'Sullivan seconded by Althea Macaulay.

MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of June 5, 2014 was moved by Edye Besner and seconded by Ruth Holmes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: There were several letters and thank you notes from scholarship recipients. It was noted that one of the scholarship winners from the 90's supported us at this year's Book Fair.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The president, Sharon Crabb, thanked everyone for their support and referred to some of the activities, special projects and events that took place over the past year, including increased visibility of CFUW Fredericton in the community, the launch of the CFUW Fredericton website and the purchase of a new banner. The president moved the acceptance of the President's Report. Seconded by Betty Lee. Motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The vice president, Pam Love, thanked the members for their support. Pam moved the acceptance of the Vice President's Report. Seconded by Marion Leaman. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ARCHIVES: Leitha Dean reported that the archives material received has been sorted and filed. A formal thank you will be sent to Elizabeth Malmberg who is retiring as Archivist after many years of service.

EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP: Jayne Nicki reported on a very active year, the highlight being the new scholarship open to full-time researched based women in the Master's or PhD Interdisciplinary Studies program at UNB Fredericton.

ISSUES: Co-conveners Sydelle Grobe and Sheila Laidlaw reported that two local interest issues among the many important issues of today were selected for further consideration—hunger in public schools and nursing home issues within the province. It was noted that the issue of Violence Against Women will continue to be on the agenda.

MEMBERSHIP: Ruth Holmes reported that we now have 38 members—36 plus 2 honorary members.

LIBRARIES AND CREATIVE ARTS: Maureen O'Sullivan reported that grants were awarded to four rural school libraries from the surrounding areas of Fredericton and Oromocto. Also, a special donation of \$1000 was made to the Fredericton Public Library on the occasion of the opening of their new space.

PROGRAM EVENTS: Gwen Davies reported the monthly program events for 2014-15: Lucy Jarvis Exhibit, Balloons from TB Hospital—Work by Miller Brittain, Tour of Children's Library at the Fredericton

Public Library, ELF Program (Elementary Literacy), Jo-Ann Fellows, Family Violence Research--Dr. Nancy Nason Clark, Legal Tool Kit for Seniors.

PUBLICITY: Sydele Grobe reported that the Firestone sign at the corner of Westmorland and Brunswick advertised our Book Fair.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS: Edye Besner reported on the following: Blue Belles Bridge Buddies enjoyed playing Bridge. New members are welcome. Luncheon Socials are held each month with very good turnouts. Happy Yappy Appetizers Socials were held in October, November, January and April.

70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: In the president's Annual Report, Sharon gave a detailed report on the many events that took place this past year.

BOOK FAIR: Edye Besner thanked the members for their support in helping make the Book Fair a success. She reported the gross sales were approximately \$24,000. After expenses are paid, the profit will be approximately \$22,000. Following Saturday's sale, members, spouses and guests met at Pizza Delight for supper and fellowship.

It was moved by the president to accept all Committee Reports, seconded by Hughena Macneil. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Betty reported that there were two sections to the report: 1. Administration Expenses and General Operations. 2. Funding Activities. See Annual Treasurer's Report for details. A motion was made by Betty Lee to accept the Financial Report for 2014-15. Seconded by Banny Belyea. Motion carried.

BUDGET: The proposed budget for 2015-16 was presented for discussion. Betty Lee made a motion to accept the new budget for 2015-16. Seconded by Pam Love. Motion carried.

NOMINATION REPORT: The slate of officers was presented to the meeting and no further nominations were received. Sydelle Grobe moved to accept the nomination report and seconded by Sheila Laidlaw. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Two Emergency Resolutions received from CFUW National were presented by Pam Love. Following a discussion, the decision was made for the president to vote based on the discussion at the CFUW AGM in June 2015.

The president thanked the members for their time and dedication and welcomed input from the new members.

On behalf of CFUW Fredericton, Pam gave a special thanks to President Sharon Crabb for her time and dedication.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Shirley Smith, Recording Secretary

CFUW Fredericton President's Annual Report June 2016

Women join CFUW Fredericton for a variety of reasons: meetings, social events, committees and interest groups, initiatives which support education and lifelong learning, advocacy, friendship or perhaps for the opportunity to meet new people. Throughout our 2015-2016 year CFUW Fredericton has provided numerous opportunities for its members to get together at monthly meetings, at our appetizers socials and monthly luncheon socials to enjoy great conversations and delicious food, with any of our committees and special interest groups and at a number of advocacy activities which occur throughout the year in support of our community. 2015-2016 has been a very busy year for CFUW Fredericton as we continued our focus on increasing our Club's visibility in the community, building our membership and supporting the interests of our members through our various activities. To our new CFUW Fredericton members, thank you for joining and to all CFUW Fredericton members, thank you for all your work, commitment and support throughout another successful CFUW Fredericton year.

CFUW Fredericton—Involvement in our Community: We have continued our partnerships with the NB Coalition for Pay Equity, the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Research Centre for Violence Against Women and the Fredericton Regional Resource Network (FRRN). A donation was made to the NB Coalition for Pay Equity in support of their work specific to pay equity and equality for all women. Our members have attended a number of the activities hosted by the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Research Centre inclusive of their Annual General Meeting and the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre Awareness Day workshop (violence against immigrant women). A member attends the monthly FRRN meetings where we share information about our various activities as well as offering our support as needed. This year support was requested for clothing for Transition House and for the SANE program. One of the initiatives of the Issues Committee was "Hunger in Schools". In support of this, CFUW Fredericton donated \$500 to the High School Enterprise Program as well as providing food donations to Greener Village in support of school lunch programs.

With the Federal Election slated for October, we held a Study Group titled "Wine/Cheese/Dessert/Politics" where members came together to review and discuss the various party platforms, to garner information, to pose questions and generally to be better informed about the issues as they affect or may affect our community. We attended the Seniors Vote Rally and Flag Raising session organized by CARP (in October), the Senior Care Panel (in September), participated in the NB World March of Women Rally and Workshops (in October) and the "CFUW Fredericton Wants You to Vote" poster campaign (in September and October).

Opportunities and Interests: This year CFUW Fredericton added Study Groups and Writers Club to our list of Committees and Special Interest Groups. Two Study Groups were organized, one on the Federal Election and a second one titled "Women of Afghanistan." The intent of the Study Group is to discuss areas of interest and importance to our members. Special thanks to Pam Love for all her work in organizing and chairing the "Women of Afghanistan" study group. The focus of the Writers Club is to capture the stories of CFUW Fredericton members. At an initial meeting of this group it was determined that, in pairs, we would conduct an interview, gather information and write the member's story. Our goal for this year was a minimum of four interviews with a long-range goal of interviewing all our long-serving members by 2019.

Each month we hold a luncheon social at a local restaurant. These are well attended by members and afford the opportunity to come together for great conversation, delicious food and wonderful camaraderie. We have also held three Happy Yappy Appetizers Socials at members' homes for members and guests. Thank you to those who volunteered their homes for these socials. The Book Club flourished with thirteen members, great books and lively discussions. The Bridge Club (The Blue Belles Bridge Club) has a number of new members this year and always welcomes those interested in bridge to attend these gatherings.

About CFUW Fredericton: This has been an extremely busy year for our Education and Scholarship Committee. In June/July we met with a representative from the University of New Brunswick to select our scholarship recipients. As needed, meetings were held with representatives from St. Thomas University, the University of New Brunswick, the New Brunswick Community College and the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design where decisions are made relative to increasing the value of scholarships, creating new scholarships, endowing scholarships and all other matters related to scholarships and bursaries. Currently, CFUW Fredericton has 14 scholarships distributed among these post-secondary institutions with all scholarships at STU and UNB endowed. Included in these 14 scholarships is our most recent scholarship at the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design. Special thanks to Jayne Nicki and members of the Education and Scholarship Committee for all your work on behalf of CFUW Fredericton. The Issues Committee, besides its initiatives of hunger in schools and senior care, assumed the task of garnering the plethora of information specific to CFUW/GWI relations and compressing the pertinent information into handouts and a presentation to members at the April General Meeting. Special thanks to Sydelle Grobe, Sheila Laidlaw and Betty Lee for all their work on this initiative. As needed, the Libraries and Creative Arts Committee met to identify the schools who were recipients of the rural school libraries funding; thank you to Maureen O'Sullivan and her committee members for all their work. The Membership Committee continued its work on membership recruitment and maintaining our membership roster; thank you to Ruth Holmes and her committee members. The Programme Committee presented an outstanding list of speakers for our general meetings; thank you to Gwen for all her work in identifying speakers and organizing the schedule of presentations. The Publicity Committee took pictures at our various events, maintained our new CFUW Fredericton Facebook site and organized all publicity specific to our Book Fair; thank you to Sydelle Grobe and Jennifer Hutton for all your work. Our Finance Committee and Resolutions Committee met throughout the year as needed. Archivist, Leitha Dean, has done an outstanding job this year of gathering CFUW Fredericton information/documents and delivering them to the UNB Archives.

For 51 years, CFUW Fredericton has held a Book Fair, our major fundraiser. The main work begins in March with book sorting and culminates the last weekend in May with the Book Fair. Proceeds from the Book Fair provide scholarships and bursaries at post-secondary institutions, funding for rural school libraries, prizes at the Fredericton Music Festival, school fees for three students in the Haitian for Life program and support for local issues as identified throughout the year. Special thanks to Edye Besner, Ruth Holmes, Jennifer Hutton and the many members and volunteers who give numerous hours for sorting and selling.

Final Comments: As president, I have attended myriad activities associated with this role: organized and chaired monthly executive and general meetings, prepared and distributed a monthly newsletter, attended two CFUW National webinars—CFUW/GWI relations and CFUW pre-budget discussions, chaired our September Open House where we honored our scholarship recipients and welcomed CFUW President Doris Mae and Oulton and CFUW VP Atlantic Grace Hollett to our October general meeting. I have joined some CFUW National committees, specifically Education, National Study Group, Advocacy,

Status of Women, and participated as a member of the CFUW delegation to the UNCSW60 (United Nations Commission on the Status of Women) conference held in New York City. This committee work has included a number of meetings held by teleconference. Currently, Pam Love and I are working on the CFUW National Initiative, Sexual Assault in Post-Secondary Institutions. I have represented CFUW Fredericton at the CFUW National Conference and AGM in Quebec City, where I proudly accepted a Certificate for increased membership and an award for our Violence Against Women speakers forum initiative and I attended the CFUW ARC Conference and AGM in Halifax.

Together with other CFUW Fredericton members, we traveled to Moncton to attend a CFUW Moncton public meeting featuring Jan Wong, St. Thomas University professor, who spoke on "The Fog of Rape." Another member and I attended "Polytechnique," a film screening about the Montreal massacre of 1989.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support, your energy, your enthusiasm, your involvement and your friendship throughout our 2015-2016 CFUW Fredericton year. To our Club officers, Past President Jean Fisher, Vice President Pam Love, Treasurer Betty Lee, Recording Secretary Shirley Smith, Corresponding Secretary Edey Besner and Archivist Leitha Dean, thank you for your support throughout this year. You are an outstanding team. To all our Committee Conveners and chairs of our Special Interest Groups, thank you for providing the opportunities for our members to become involved in those areas of special interest to each of them.

I have enjoyed my two years as president and look forward to another great year as we work together on all initiatives important to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Crabb, President



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Vice-president's Annual Report, July 2015 - June 2016

In my second year as vice-president, one goal was to extend my role in supporting the president, as well as the club in general. In Sharon's absence, I chaired two general meetings and one executive meeting.

This year, our club has developed some new interest groups. I was pleased to take on the convening responsibilities for the "Book Club" and the "Women of Afghanistan Study Group". The summaries for these two groups are in separate reports. I also attended the "Wine, Cheese and Politics" Study Group that was organized by Sharon prior to the federal election.

At our holiday potluck in December, CFUW Fredericton has traditionally chosen a charity for gift giving. After doing some research and distributing information to the membership, we decided to make donations to the Fredericton Transition House. There was a particular need for night wear for women and children. Members brought pajamas, household items, gift cards and cash donations. When taking our donations to the Transition House, the staff were grateful to receive our gifts and thanked us for the generosity shown to women and families in need.

I continued as a member of the Issues Committee. I am also a member of the Finance Committee, but I regret that I was unable to attend the May budget planning meeting due to family commitments.

In November, CFUW Moncton invited Jan Wong, of the journalism faculty at St. Thomas University, to speak at a public event at the Moncton Library. Sharon, Jean and I attended. Jan gave an eye-opening presentation titled "Rape Culture on Campus".

At the regional level, Sharon and I attended the ARC Conference held in Halifax in October, 2015. The theme of the conference was "Advocacy" with speakers from diverse groups speaking of advocacy in both the private and public sphere.

At the national level, I joined one of the CFUW Study Groups and initially participated in a general teleconference for study groups. In particular, Sharon and I will be working on a project that will survey post-secondary institutions in Canada to determine if there are sexual assault policies in place and attempt to determine the effectiveness of any policies. This project will extend into next year.

I took the lead in organizing a committee to review the resolutions that will be presented at the National AGM. There were five resolutions this year. Doreen Kissick, Sharon Crabb and I met to review the resolutions and we suggested only minor amendments. The resolutions, though not fully amended, were presented at our April general meeting. The membership came to agreement as to our club vote of yes or no for 3 of the 5 resolutions and the other 2 will need further discussion in June.

Another goal for me this year was to represent CFUW Fredericton in the wider Fredericton community. I chose to attend some events organized by other groups whose goals are similar to those of CFUW with a focus on moving human rights and women's rights toward equality.

In the fall, along with several other CFUW Fredericton members, I attended the "World March for Women". After the march from the grounds of the old Fredericton Cemetery, we arrived at the legislature and heard from several groups and individuals about the continued need to speak up in the name of equality and human rights. After an excellent lunch at Wilmot Church, there were more speakers and question and answer sessions. This was a well organized and insightful event.

Another event was a one day conference titled "Including Immigrant Women in a Community Coordinated Response to Family Violence" held at the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre. This conference had several exceptional speakers and we came away with an understanding of the unique experiences of violence that immigrant women may have, as well as an understanding of the commonalities of violence experienced by women in all of society.

A community organization that works to end violence against women is "White Ribbon Fredericton". To commemorate the 14 women killed at Montreal's École Polytechnique on Dec. 6, 1989, "White Ribbon Fredericton" sponsored the showing of a film titled "Polytechnique". Sharon and I attended the event at St. Thomas University. The film is a dramatization of the events surrounding and during the day of the shootings. While a very difficult film to watch, it was a solemn reminder of the need to continue supporting organizations that work to end violence in society.

As my term as vice-president comes to an end, I wish to thank all those who have mentored me in this journey, and all the members who have supported me in so many ways.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Love



**CFUW Fredericton Committee Reports
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**CFUW FREDERICTON / YEAR 2015-16
ANNUAL REPORT FOR RECORDING SECRETARY
June 2016**

I attended and recorded the minutes for the monthly Executive Meetings and the monthly General Meetings. When I was unable to attend or record the minutes, Edye Besner or Jean Fisher recorded for me.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley A. Smith

**CFUW Fredericton 2015-2016
Annual Report for Corresponding Secretary
June 2016**

My duties as corresponding secretary consist of informing members of special programs suggested by our program chairperson, calling two members who are not comfortable using email, writing thank you notes to various business and individuals who support us and sending cards to members for special occasions.

Respectfully submitted,
Edye Besner

Archive Report 2015-2016

In May of 2015, I met with Elizabeth Malmberg (former Archivist) and delivered two boxes of relevant material pertaining to CFUW Fredericton activities which she had ready for the Archives.

Following this, a meeting with Francisca Holyoke in October was made and she provided useful information on what is important information to the Archives, such as photos, yearly reports, minutes of meetings, correspondence related to special projects, newspaper clippings, treasurer's reports, bank statements, etc. Francisca suggested putting pictures on a memory stick. All of this has been accomplished from May 2015 up until January 2016. Further to this, all other items and relevant information from January 2016 until 2016 after the AGM will then be delivered to the Archives.

In February of 2016 CFUW Fredericton received two inquiries requesting information. One was for information on one or more members from CFUW Fredericton who had submitted a brief at the time of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women between 1967 and 1970. Prior to this inquiry a request came from Grace Hollett for pictures of National Presidents—action photos.

Respectfully submitted,
Leitha Dean, Archivist

Education and Scholarship Committee Annual Report

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June 2, 2016

A prime focus of this past year has been the completion of full endowment for all of our scholarships at STU and UNB. The three STU scholarships are now fully endowed as well as our two graduate scholarships and six of our seven undergraduate scholarships at UNB. During the summer, our remaining undergraduate scholarships at UNB will become fully endowed. We also raised the value of two of our STU scholarships from \$1,000 to \$1,500 so that all three are now valued at \$1,500. Our two memorial awards to senior winners in the Fredericton Music Festival have been raised to \$225 each.

This past winter, we entered into an agreement with NBCCD to establish the \$1,000 CFUW–Fredericton Aboriginal Bursary to be awarded for the first time this fall to a female aboriginal resident of New Brunswick who has completed the first year in any diploma program at the College. Within the college system, we continue to provide a \$1,000 bursary to NBCC which is awarded each January.

Our commitment to recognizing deserving young women will be the impetus to recommending the establishment of further scholarships in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Nicki, Chair

Althea Macaulay, Honorary Co-chair

Edye Besner Ruth Holmes

Sharon Crabb Betty Lee

Gwen Davies Maureen O'Sullivan

Jean Fisher Eileen Wallace

The names of scholarship and bursary winners honoured in September 2015 and those selected during the 2015–2016 academic year follow.

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SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY WINNERS HONOURED IN SEPTEMBER 2015–16

NEW BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CFUW–Fredericton Bursary awarded in January 2015

Jessica Spilman, Fredericton, NB, Early Childhood Education (one–year program)

ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY

CFUW–Fredericton Scholarship awarded in January 2015

Carissa St. Amand, Plaster Rock, NB, year 3, BA Criminology and Sociology

CFUW–Fredericton Mature Student Scholarship awarded in January 2015

Krista O'Reilly, Fredericton, NB, year 3, BA Science and Technology Studies

CFUW–Fredericton Entrance Scholarship

Ashley Goodine, graduate of FHS, year 1, BA

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Bea Phillips CFUW–Fredericton Entrance Scholarship

Megan MacLean, graduate of FHS, year 1, BN

CFUW–Fredericton Scholarship

Nancy Ann Carvell, Fredericton, NB, year 3, BN

Charlotte Van Dine CFUW –Fredericton Scholarship

Kimberley Kavanagh, Fredericton, NB, year 3, BN

Jean Campbell Argue Memorial Scholarship

Falth Le Bouthillier, Fredericton, NB, year 3, BSc (Bio– Chemistry)

Marjorie Barberie Logue CFUW –Fredericton Scholarship

Megan Boucher, Fredericton, NB, year 3, BSc (Psychology)

Sohyun Park, Fredericton, NB, year 3, BCS

Danielle Hare, Fredericton, NB year 2, BBA

Dr. Althea Warren Macaulay CFUW –Fredericton Scholarship awarded in October 2014

Sarah Balcom, Quispamsis, NB, PhD (IDST)

MORE RECENT WINNERS

NEW BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CFUW–Fredericton Bursary awarded in January 2016

Jessica Andersen, Lakeville, NB, Human Services

ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY

CFUW–Fredericton Scholarship awarded in February 2016

Hanna Agnew, Fredericton, NB, year 3, BA (English)

CFUW–Fredericton Mature Student Scholarship awarded in February 2016

Annemieke Froning, Tracy, NB, year 3, BA (Sociology)

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK – FREDERICTON

Dr. Althea Warren Macaulay CFUW– Fredericton Scholarship awarded in October 2015

Shelley Parker, Fredericton, NB, PhD (Psychology)

Dr. Nora Ni Chuiv CFUW–Fredericton Graduate Scholarship awarded in October 2015

Edna Kalu, Fredericton, NB, MAHSR

FREDERICTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

CFUW Fredericton Jean Brown Memorial Scholarship (for a worthy senior competitor) awarded in May 2016

Chelsea Ahn

CFUW Fredericton Wenonah Wheatley Memorial Scholarship (for senior piano) awarded in May 2016

Martine Jomphe



**Issues Committee
Annual Report
June 2016**

Members: Sharon Crabb, Sydelle Grobe, Sheila Laidlaw, Pam Love, Betty Lee, Shirley Smith, Jean Fisher, Janet Phillipps

Issues Committee concerned itself with two topics this year: *Hunger in the Schools* and *CFUW/GWI*. The Nursing Home topic which was initiated last year was to be resumed after a scheduled speaker on the subject had presented this spring. As this presentation was postponed, further research was suspended.

Hunger in the Public Schools

The committee recommended to the Executive that a cash donation to the *Enterprise Program* serving needy students from Fredericton High School, Leo Hayes High School and Oromocto High School be applied toward food. The executive approved a donation of \$500. This amount was ratified by the general membership. Early in the new year a cheque for that amount was made payable to the Enterprise Program via the Minister of Finance.

Oakville Club's Resolution to Revise the CFUW Constitution with Respect to Membership in GWI

All CFUW clubs were asked to research this proposal and have their representatives attend the June 2016 AGM prepared to vote on whether CFUW should revise its constitution and enable CFUW to withdraw from GWI. A sub-committee consisting of co-chairs Sydelle Grobe and Sheila Laidlaw and Treasurer Betty Lee studied documents originating from many sources within CFUW and GWI. The President and two committee members participated in two CFUW webinars in late winter and early spring concerning the pros and cons of the issue. The sub-committee presented a draft report to the executive in April. A final report incorporating revisions from the executive was tabled and discussed at the April CFUW-F general meeting. A secret ballot was conducted. Members voted to recommend withdrawal from GWI.

Respectfully submitted,
Sydelle Grobe and Sheila Laidlaw, Co-conveners

**CFUW Membership Report 2015-2016
June 2016**

The Fredericton CFUW Membership has grown! We now have 39 members—36 plus 3 honourary members.

This year 2015-2016 we welcomed five new members: Doreen Kissick, Paula MacQuarrie, Bo Miedema, Judith Rau and Heather Richmond.

We are optimistic that the membership will continue to grow in 2016-2017.

Respectively submitted,
Ruth Holmes, Membership Convener

Annual Report of the Libraries and Creative Arts Convener for 2015-16

Our CFUW Fredericton club awarded grants to four rural school libraries in Zones 4-9, covering the greater Fredericton area, within the Anglophone West School District.

Two of the schools received a grant of \$1,000 each:

- Chipman Forest Avenue School
- Minto Elementary and Middle School

The other two schools each received a grant of \$500:

- Chipman Elementary School
- Sunbury West School

For the selection process the Convener formed a committee with the following members: Audrey Embree, Marion Leaman, Hughena Macneil, and Eileen Wallace. I appreciated very much their willingness to help with this task.

2015-16 marked the 35th consecutive year that our club has given grants for the development of rural school libraries. Because of many government cutbacks, our grants have been much more meaningful for the schools that receive them.

MAUREEN O’SULLIVAN, Convenor

Annual Report: CFUW Fredericton

Programme: August 2015-June 2016: Submitted by Gwen Davies

CFUW –Fredericton had six speakers scheduled for the 2015-16 year but because of cancellations had only three present:

(1) Doris Mae Oulton, CFUW President, Oct. 28 2015

(2) Melynda Jarratt, New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame, January, 2016, on “New Brunswick War Brides” (including a guest war bride accompanying her)

(3) Penny Ericson, Former Dean of Nursing, UNB, and current “health care watch dog” in the Fredericton Community on February 25, 2016, on the state of health care initiatives one year after her critical DECH Report. (This meeting was cancelled because of weather.)

(4) Constable Joan Harty, Intimate Partner Violence Co-Ordinator, Fredericton Police Force, March 24, 2016, on the challenges and initiatives of her office.

The three cancellations were Jennifer Dobblesteyn on nursing care reform (she had to cancel because of the demands of getting her PhD dissertation revisions submitted), Penny Ericson because of weather and Dr. Dolores Furlong, Faculty of Nursing, UNB, who had to cancel because of professional demands.

Speakers’ Series for 2016-17: Suggestions Solicited:

Thanks to Jayne Nicki, CFUW Fredericton is scheduled to have its November 24th (2016) meeting at the NBCCD followed by a tour of the facility. So that date is covered.

Jennifer Dobblesteyn (see above) has indicated that she would be happy to speak to CFUW in 2016-2017 as she completes her PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies at UNB. Is CFUW still interested in having her speak?

Jane MacLean, Woodstock high school teacher and part-time lecturer in Education at UNB, has developed a pro-feminist *Women, Media, and Culture* course for New Brunswick high schools. Having pioneered it with permission at Woodstock High School, she has, with the help of the Status of Women branch, developed several workshops with teachers to talk about critical pedagogy in introducing a stand-alone course on women into the NB high school curriculum. At this point, 7 high schools in the province offer the course and Jane hopes the course will expand within the system. Would CFUW be interested in having her speak?

Deborah Van Den Hoonard, STU, is now working on *ageism & how to combat it*. Any interest in this topic? Or in having a young woman lawyer (setting up in her own practice) talk about her work with Syrian refugees? Or in having Prof. Nicole O’Byrne from UNB Law (heard on the CBC on the Oland case) speak on her work as a professor of Criminal Law & on Aboriginal Peoples & the Law? **May 19, 2016**



**CFUW-F Publicity Convener
Annual Report
June, 2016**

- Photos of scholarship winners were taken at the open house reception in September. The UNB and STU scholarship winners were photographed in separate groups and sent to their respective campus publications, *The Brunswickan* and *The Aquinian*.
- In January 1 the *Firestone Tire* marquee was reserved for two weeks, May 15-30, to publicize the May 27-29 book fair.
- Jennifer Hutton created a *CFUW Fredericton Facebook* page and a new Gmail address for the purpose of signing into social media. The purpose of the Gmail address is to avoid overloading the main Club website with social media spam.
- An ad requesting book donations was placed in the Friday February 26 issue of *The Daily Gleaner*. Requests for book donations were submitted to the *UNB* e-newsletter and to a Vice President of *STU* for posting on the *STU* website.
- A radio public service announcement (PSA) requesting book donations was submitted to *CBC INFORMATION MORNING*.
- Requests for book donations were posted on *KIJIII* by Book Fair convener Edye Besner. Requests for books were placed on *Facebook* by Jennifer Hutton. An e-mail request for books was sent to *ARTS NEWS (Fredericton Arts Alliance)*, as suggested by Program Convener Gwen Davies.
- Flyers requesting book donations were distributed throughout Fredericton by Club members.
- Lori Gallagher wrote an article on the book fair that appeared in the *The Daily Gleaner* the week before the book fair. A three day ad in the Garage Sale Northside section of *The Daily Gleaner* was purchased announcing the book fair on the weekend.
- The announcement of the book fair was installed on the Firestone Tire marquee (Brunswick and Westmorland) on May 16.

Respectfully submitted,
Sydelle Grobe, Publicity Convener

**CFUW Fredericton Special Interest Groups
June 2015 AGM
Blue Belles Bridge Buddies, Luncheon Socials, Happy Yappy Appetizers
Socials, Study Groups, Writers Club, Book Club**

Blue Belle Bridge Buddies

The CFUW Fredericton bridge group now has 7 members: Leitha, Shirley, Marilyn, Jenipher, Sandra, Claire and Edye. They play at different homes and enjoy snacks and bridge. It is a great social time. New players are always welcome. We would like to meet every 2 weeks. Commitment is minimal because you only need 4 people for a bridge game.

Respectfully submitted,

Edye Besner

**Luncheon Socials
June 2016 AGM**

Luncheon Socials were held during the months of August, September, October, November, January, February, April and May with one scheduled for June. The March luncheon social was cancelled because of weather. The restaurants visited were Sweet Belgian Desire, Diplomat, Dolan's Pub, Brass Rail at the Fredericton Inn, Courtyard Restaurant at the Ramada, Swiss Chalet and Wolastoq Wharf.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Crabb

**Happy Yappy Appetizers Socials
June 2016 AGM**

The Happy Yappy Appetizers Socials met three times this year, October, November and January, where members and guests enjoyed a wonderful social time with great food and lots of conversations. The Appetizers Socials were held in October at the home of Edye, in November at the home of Jenipher and in January at the home of Claire.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Crabb

CFUW Fredericton Study Groups—2015-2016

The CFUW Fredericton Study Groups initiative was established to provide an opportunity for members to present topics for discussion, to learn more about those identified topics, to attend events related to those topics and to host get togethers for sharing/learning/discussing.

Wine/Cheese/Dessert/Politics

With a Federal Election slated for October 19, 2015, an opportunity was provided for those members who were interested in this topic to identify specific election issues for discussion, to attend any related events, to gather pertinent documents and to get together to share and discuss what we had learned about pertinent issues. In September members of this Study Group had the opportunity to attend a Senior Care Panel Discussion organized by the federal candidate for Fredericton as well as an All Candidates Night held at Wilmot United Church. In September a Wine/Cheese/Dessert/Politics get together was held Sharon's home where there was a lively discussion specific to all parties offering candidates in the October election. Pertinent information was provided prior to this get together which outlined party platforms, information which served as the "kick off" for discussions. In October members of this Study Group had the opportunity to attend the Flag Raising Ceremony and Seniors Vote Rally organized by CARP and held at Fredericton City Hall. On October 17, the NB World March of Women held a rally (morning) and information session (afternoon) on a number of issues of importance to women. Some members from this Study Group participated in this rally carrying posters drawing attention to the important of voting in the Federal Election.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Crabb

CFUW Fredericton 2015-2016 AGM Report for "Study Group - Women of Afghanistan"

The "Women of Afghanistan Study Group" was formed in January 2016. The current members are Sharon Crabb, Betty Lee, Jean Fisher and Pam Love. The purpose of the group is to develop our awareness of the ongoing situation that the people of Afghanistan, and the women in particular, face in their lives.

In January, we watched a film titled "LOSING AFGHANISTAN" which aired on the Global News Network. The narrator was Melissa Fung, a Canadian journalist who was kidnapped while working in Afghanistan and held for 28 days before she regained her freedom. In this film she returns to Afghanistan after 7 years to see the changes. She sees little change and finds the people, especially women and children, living in a perilous situation. The film emphasizes the hunger of the girls for education and to

hear the stories of these young women and their parents saying that they will risk anything for an education is astounding and moving.

On March 29, 2016, our group attended a public book reading and discussion held at the Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton. The book is titled “THE LIGHTLESS SKY: A TWELVE-YEAR-OLD REFUGEE’S HARROWING ESCAPE FROM AFGHANISTAN AND HIS EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY ACROSS HALF THE WORLD” by Gulwali Passarlay. Reading passages from the book and listening to the presentation and was an eye-opening experience.

While our group is still in its infancy, we hope to continue developing a better understanding of the lives of Women of Afghanistan. An organization called “CANADIAN WOMEN FOR WOMEN OF AFGHANISTAN” [www.cw4wafghan.ca] has chapters in Ontario, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Alberta and an Atlantic chapter with active members in Prince Edward Island, Halifax, and Pictou. Through the Atlantic chapter of this organization, we have an opportunity to bring a photojournalism exhibit and a speaker to Fredericton in the coming year. We hope to have the support of CFUW Fredericton in this endeavor. Anyone wishing to join this study group is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Love

CFUW Fredericton Writers Club—2015-2016

The CFUW Fredericton Writers Club was a new interest group established this year. The focus of this Writers Club was to capture HerStories, the stories of our CFUW Fredericton members specific to their affiliation with Club. Interviews would be held, information garnered and stories written. The goal is to prepare a CFUW Fredericton HerStories documents for the 2019 75th anniversary of CFUW Fredericton.

Members interested in this initiative met in October at Edye’s home. During this meeting we identified the pertinent questions to be asked during an interview, the process we would follow in collecting this information and those members we would approach first for interviews. The initial goal was to have 4-6 stories completed by the end of the Club year in April 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Crabb

**CFUW Fredericton
2015-2016 Annual Report for “Book Club”**

On October 5, 2015, a group of interested CFUW Fredericton members met to organize a “Book Club”. We decided to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon. Meetings were to be held on a rotating basis at the homes of various club members. We decided to have a “sandwich sharing lunch” so each person attending brought a sandwich to share and the host provided beverages and some sweets.

During the year we read “THE TOWN THAT DROWNED” by Riel Nason, “THE LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS” by M.L. Steadman, “THE NINE LIVES OF CHARLOTTE TAYLOR” by Sally Armstrong, “A MEASURE OF LIGHT” by Beth Powning, “CRIPPEN” by John Boyne, and “ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE” by Anthony Doerr.

Our venture this year was successful. Usually at least 10 of our 14 members attended each meeting and we had lively conversation with mixed opinions. Thank you to all the ladies that hosted the meetings.

For the coming year, our first meeting will be in October 2016 [the exact date and place not yet set]. We have chosen several books, though I’ve also had further recommendations, so we could conceivably make some changes. However, the October book will definitely be “THE FORGOTTEN GARDEN” by Kate Morton. “THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN”, by Paula Hawkins and “THE BOYS IN THE BOAT: THE TRUE STORY OF AN AMERICAN TEAM’S EPIC JOURNEY TO WIN GOLD” by Daniel Brown are also definite.

We would welcome more “Book Club” members, so please let me know if you are interested.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Love
Book Club Chair



**CFUW Fredericton Annual General Meeting
Proposed Amendments to CFUW Fredericton Constitution
June 2016**

(a) By-Law 1—Membership, Item 4 (page 3)

Currently reads: “An honorary membership in the Club will be conferred on a member who has reached the age of 90. She will not be assessed CFUW dues.”

Proposed Amendment: Change “An honorary” to “A life”

This By-Law would then read: “A life membership in the Club will be conferred on a member who has reached the age of 90. She will not be assessed CFUW dues.”

Rationale: This change would align with the CFUW Articles and By-Laws which states that “life membership” can be conferred by a decision of the Club. The CFUW Articles and By-Laws state that an honorary membership can only be conferred by the Board of Directors of CFUW.

(b) By-Law 5—Duties of Conveners and Archivist—Item 5 (page 5)

Currently reads: “The Library and Creative Arts Convener shall administer school library grants, arrange for the purchase of memorial tributes and act as liaison with the National CFUW Libraries and Creative Arts Convener.”

Proposed Amendment: insert “and/or creative arts grants” after “library grant”

This By-Law would then read: “The Library and Creative Arts Convener shall administer school library grants, and/or creative arts grants, arrange for the purchase of memorial tributes and act as liaison with the National CFUW Libraries and Creative Arts Convener.”

Rationale: Currently CFUW offers library grants and creative arts grants in alternating years. This proposed amendment would allow our Club to consider either library grants or creative arts grants or both library and creative arts grants as determined by the membership.



CFUW Proposed Resolutions 2016 [amended]

RESOLUTION 1: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls - Ending the Marginalization of Indigenous Women in Canadian Society

Proposed by: CFUW Barrie & District: Amended Version

RESOLVED that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to adopt and implement the recommendations of the Amnesty International 2004 report: Stolen Sisters: Discrimination and Violence Against Indigenous Women in Canada:

1. Acknowledge the seriousness of the problem.
2. Support research into the extent and causes of violence against Indigenous women.
3. Take immediate action to protect women at greatest risk.
4. Provide training and resources for police to make prevention of violence against Indigenous women a genuine priority.
5. Address the social and economic factors that lead to Indigenous women's extreme vulnerability to violence.
6. End the marginalization of Indigenous women in Canadian society.

RESOLVED that CFUW urge the Government of Canada to engage Indigenous women's organizations and other Indigenous leaders, as well as provincial and territorial governments, to develop and implement a plan to end the social and economic marginalization, discrimination and violence against Indigenous women and girls;

RESOLVED that CFUW urge the Government of Canada to present Canadians with a status report in Parliament outlining progress made and an action plan for the future, to end the marginalization of, and the violence against indigenous women and girls by January 2018 and annually thereafter.

CFUW Fredericton [re: RESOLUTION #1]:

At the April 28, 2016 general meeting, based on the original resolution, our membership agreed that we would vote "yes" for this resolution.

At the May 19, 2016 executive meeting, we agreed to recommend that the general membership accept the amended resolution and vote "yes".

What is the decision of the general membership at the June 2, 2016 AGM meeting?

RESOLUTION 2: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) – Diagnosis, intervention and support plan for children, adults and families affected by FASD

Proposed by: CFUW Guelph and CFUW Kitchener-Waterloo: [Amended Version](#)

RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge federal, provincial, territorial, regional and municipal governments of Canada to work together to develop, implement and fund comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, early recognition and diagnosis of FASD to be followed by individualized intervention and supports for children, youth and adults with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) including:

1. On-going FASD-informed training for direct service professionals, including but not limited to:
 - a. Healthcare professionals
 - b. Education professionals
 - c. Social Service professionals
 - d. Child and Youth Care professionals, including adoption/child protection services
 - e. Law enforcement, justice and correctional system professionals
2. Lifetime support plans for all individuals affected by FASD
3. FASD-informed support, respite and education for families, including foster families
4. FASD-informed policies for correctional and treatment facilities
5. Culturally sensitive support for Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit and Métis) Peoples, on and off reserve, with consideration given to recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

CFUW Fredericton [re: RESOLUTION #2]:

At the April 28, 2016 general meeting, based on the original resolution, our membership agreed that we would vote "yes" for this resolution.

At the May 19, 2016 executive meeting, we agreed to recommend that the general membership accept the amended resolution and vote "yes".

What is the decision of the general membership at the June 2, 2016 AGM meeting?

RESOLUTION 3

To Strengthen the Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada in its Mandate to Approve, Register and Monitor Pesticides, in a timely manner, as well as to protect the health of Canadians and the environment.

Proposed by: CFUW Owen Sound and Area: Amended Version

RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) strongly recommends that the Government of Canada ensure that the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada continue to implement the recommendations of the 2015 Audit Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development to completion, within the time frame of March 2018.

RESOLVED, That the CFUW strongly urges the Government of Canada to ensure that the PMRA of Health Canada will include independent, impartial arms-length research, including medical evaluation, when assessing pesticide applications for its approval.

RESOLVED, That the CFUW strongly urges the Government of Canada to ensure that the PMRA has a sufficient budget so that it can fulfill its mandate of registering pesticides for use in Canada that will be effective as well as prevent unacceptable risk to people and the environment from the use of these pesticides.

RESOLVED, That the CFUW strongly recommends that the Government of Canada review and revise the member composition of the Pest Management Advisory Council of Health Canada to ensure the inclusion of Family Medicine Physicians who are well qualified to assess human-health risks of pesticide use and avoid unacceptable risk.

RESOLVED, That the CFUW urges that the Government of Canada ensures that the PMRA of Health Canada will publish, on the Public Registry, current, up-to-date information about approved pesticides, conditional registrations and their mitigating measures, re-evaluation decisions and products that have been removed from the market.

CFUW Fredericton [re: RESOLUTION #3]:

At the April 28, 2016 general meeting, based on the original resolution, our membership asked for additional background so that an informed decision could be made.

The amended version of Resolution #3 is expanded and considerable background information was provided.

At the May 19, 2016 executive meeting, we agreed to recommend that the general membership accept the amended resolution and vote “yes”.

What is the decision of the general membership at the June 2, 2016 AGM meeting?

RESOLUTION 4

Electoral Reform: Changing the First Past the Post electoral system to proportional representation in Canada

Prepared by: CFUW Leaside – East York and CFUW Etobicoke: Amended Version

RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to reform the electoral system by adopting a proportional representation (PR) model to ensure that each party's share of the seats in the legislature reflects the popular vote.

RESOLVED, That CFUW call upon the Government of Canada to proceed with a process for selecting and implementing a PR model that is transparent, adequately resourced, and involves, but is not limited to:

1. Consultation with electoral reform experts;
2. Public consultations and ongoing dialogue with citizens;
3. Public education throughout the process, during implementation and post implementation;
4. An unbiased and transparent review of the new electoral system after elections take place under the new system.

CFUW Fredericton [re: RESOLUTION #4]:

At the April 28, 2016 general meeting, based on the original resolution, our membership agreed that we would vote “no” for this resolution.

At the May 19, 2016 executive meeting, we agreed that the amended resolution was not substantially different and we agreed to recommend that the general membership vote “no” to the amended resolution.

What is the decision of the general membership at the June 2, 2016 AGM meeting?

RESOLUTION 5

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, also known as GLOBAL GOALS

Proposed by: CFUW Standing Committee on Advocacy, CFUW Standing Committee on International Relations, CFUW Standing Committee on Education: [Amended Version](#)

RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the Government of Canada to uphold its commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as Global Goals, both in Canada and internationally, to ensure that the established targets of these goals are accelerated and achieved before 2030, by, including but not limited to,

1. Increasing its Official Development Assistance (ODA) to 0.7 % of Gross National Income (GNI) as adopted by a resolution of the UN General Assembly in 1970, and
2. Ensuring that any country/state receiving aid
 - a. Is involved in the planning and delivery of identified aid,
 - b. Is accountable for their adherence to the implementation of the SDGs,
 - c. Guarantees that women have leadership roles within the process;
3. Implementing achievable, realistic plans of action for Canada, that have been developed in conjunction with provinces, territories, municipalities, Indigenous nations and civil society, that are published and promoted; and
4. Developing mechanisms to ensure accountability for money spent and progress achieved, both nationally and internationally.

CFUW Fredericton [re: RESOLUTION #5]:

At the April 28, 2016 general meeting, due to time constraints, we did not discuss the original version of Resolution # 5 and no decision was made.

At the May 19, 2016 executive meeting, we agreed to recommend that the general membership accept the amended resolution and vote “yes”.

What is the decision of the general membership at the June 2, 2016 AGM meeting?



CFUW-F 2016 Nomination Report

Nomination Committee: Jean Fisher (Chair), Leitha Dean, Shirley Smith

Position	Name
Past-President	Jean Fisher
President	Sharon Crabb
Vice-President	Jennifer Hutton
Recording Secretary	Jenipher Schousboe
Corresponding Secretary & Co-Recording Secretary	Edye Besner
Treasurer	Pam Love
Education & Scholarships Co-Convener	Jayne Nicki
Education & Scholarships Co-Convener	Judy McPhail
Book Fair Co-Convener	Edye Besner
Book Fair Co-Convener	Ruth Holmes
Book Fair Co-Convener	Jennifer Hutton
Membership Convener	Ruth Holmes
Library & Creative Arts Convener	Maureen O'Sullivan
Issues Convener	Sharon Crabb
Publicity Convener	Sydelle Grobe
Program Convener	Gwen Davies

Respectfully submitted by Jean Fisher

