

CFUW Fredericton Newsletter
September 2017

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Celebrate Together

CFUW Fredericton Open House:



On September 24, we had the opportunity to meet, greet and celebrate with our scholarship recipients from the University of New Brunswick and St. Thomas University.

As well, the Open House offered an opportunity for members to renew their CFUW Fredericton membership and for women to join CFUW Fredericton as new members.



Thank you to Executive Members for bringing the delicious food and for all your assistance in planning and organizing this Open House event, which begins our 2017-2018 year.

Take Action

Getting More Women Involved:

“CONDITIONS FOR ALL WOMEN WILL IMPROVE WHEN THERE ARE MORE **WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP ROLES** GIVING STRONG AND POWERFUL VOICE TO THEIR NEEDS AND CONCERNS.”

- FROM THE BOOK *LEAN IN*

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LEAN IN

We hear, and read, a lot of comments specific to “How do we get more women on Boards?” or “How do we achieve gender equality specific to local City Councils, Provincial sitting MLAs or National sitting MPs?” or “How do we empower women to take on Leadership Roles?”.

If this is a topic of interest to you, let’s get together and pursue this further as a CFUW Fredericton Study Group or a CFUW Fredericton Issues Committee topic. Share your thoughts

with me (sharonacrabb@gmail.com).

A Note from the Canadian Commission for UNESCO Report: Is your city (Fredericton) a member of the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination or a City for All Women? This is a call from CCUNESCO to “educate yourself” and “find out how to get involved.” Is this of interest to you? Contact me at sharonacrabb@gmail.com.

UN Commission on the Status of Women Conference:

This is a wonderful opportunity to you to attend the 62nd UN Commission on the Status of Women Conference as a member of the CFUW delegation. This conference is held at the United Nations, New York City, from March 12-23, 2018. **The deadline for your application to Robin Jackson, CFUW, is October 20, 2017.** I encourage you to consider this event and take advantage of this opportunity. Visit the September 13 CFUW Club Action Newsletter for more information.

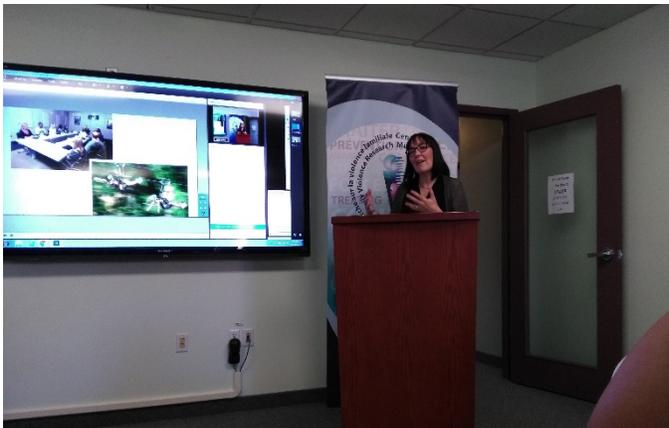
Interest and Information

Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre Annual General Meeting:

On September 21, Paula MacQuarrie and I attended the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research. In the presentation of his Chair's Report, Miguel LeBlanc focused on the five priorities accepted by the Board, to begin during their 2016-2017 year and to continue throughout 2017-2018. Those priorities are:



- ✚ Research
- ✚ Education, training, transfer of knowledge
- ✚ Heightening the MMFRC profile via a communications plan
- ✚ Implementation of policy and practices as identified
- ✚ Development of a governance manual, implementation of an action plan, establish a finance committee and hold regular Board meetings



Following the AGM, Dr. Diane Crocker, a professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminology, St. Mary's University, Halifax, NS, gave an informative and passionate talk titled "Understanding University Rape Culture Through Narrative and Complexity." This presentation

focused on Dr. Crocker's new research in the area of Rape Culture. To date she has been involved in collecting data, data which has been compiled using anecdote circles (stories) and is currently be analyzed for further reporting. Some

of the highlights of Dr. Crocker’s presentation included such references/statements as:

- Rape culture encompasses the “underlying cause of sexual violence on campus
- “we teach students about rape and expect them to change their behaviour
- “rape culture is complex rather than complicated or chaotic”
- In regard to sexual assault policies, Dr. Crocker is hearing from participants in this research that “making more rules and regulations in not going to solve the problem; you need to change the culture”

CFUW Creative Arts Award:

The 2017 CFUW Creative Arts Award came East this year—to St. John’s, Newfoundland. The recipients of this Award were the Shallaway Youth Choir and the School of Music at Memorial University. At last year’s ARC hosted by CFUW St. John’s, a speaker presented impressive information about the Shallaway Youth Choir. This short article would never do it justice, so I encourage you to google “Shallaway Youth Choir” and read their amazing story. Why two groups this time? The two organizations, Shallaway Youth Choir and the School of Music at Memorial University collaborated on a project titled “Promoting Inclusion and Wellbeing Through Singing.”

Congratulations to CFUW St. John’s for putting forth this CFUW Creative Arts Award application for consideration and success! The CFUW Creative Arts Award is valued at \$4000 and is awarded bi-annually.

Of Interest to You (and Possible Action)

CFUW Past Presidents Biographies:

Do you wish to learn more about the amazing women who served terms as CFUW presidents throughout the years of 1919-2016? If so, please google “CFUW past presidents biographies” and this will bring you to a active site where all CFUW presidents and the years in which they served in this position are listed. The information presented here is just a small piece taken from the website; however, I hope it tweaks your interest in reading more.

Meet Dr. Vivian Brown Morton (1896-1990), CFUW President from 1958-1961.



Throughout the tumultuous era of the late 1950s and into the early 1960s, the leadership of CFUW was well in hand with Vivian Morton at its helm. International events such as the formation of NASA, Fidel Castro's coming to power in Cuba, the Dalai Lama's being forced to flee Tibet, the construction of the Berlin Wall, and the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway frame the initiatives and challenges of the world during that period. Nationally, John Diefenbaker was Prime Minister and had appointed Canada's first female federal cabinet minister, the Rt. Hon. Ellen Fairclough in 1957. The next year he appointed Canada's first federal female Ambassador (to Israel), Margaret

Meaghen. In contrast, aboriginal women were not given the right to vote freely until 1960 when the Canadian Bill of Rights became law, but even then they could vote only in Federal elections. At a time when monumental changes were occurring on political, social, economic and cultural fronts, women's issues were moving more to centre stage than ever before and Vivian Morton made solid contributions as CFUW's National President. (copied from the website)

Are You Travelling:

There are a number of women's initiatives across the world scheduled for the months ahead. Perhaps they are of interest to you:

- ✚ 37th Congress in Nicosia, Cyprus—October 20-28
- ✚ Hong Kong Association of University Women celebrate their 60th anniversary in December
- ✚ Mexican Federation of University Women—National Seminar—November 24-25 in Mazatlan, Sinaloa

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CFUW's Latest Affinity Partnership:

Via Rail Canada, in partnership with CFUW, provides CFUW members with a 5% discount every time they travel using VIA Rail. It is for all destinations and all fare categories, with the exception of the Escape fare and the Prestige Fare, on the Toronto to Vancouver train. You can also add up to 3 friends, family, colleagues travelling with you who can also benefit from this discount. The discount code when booking is 811167.

Save the Date:

October 4—Native Women's Association of Canada website. The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls vigils being held in Fredericton on October 4 are:

Fredericton, NB – The Wolastoqiyik Sisters in Spirit are hosting a rally and walk on October 4th 2017 in Fredericton, NB. The vigil will begin at 6:00 pm with a healing walk from Officer Square, King Street, ending at St. Anne's Point, Woodstock Rd.

Fredericton, NB – The Under One Sky Friendship Centre will be hosting a march followed by candle light vigil on October 4th, 2017.

Fredericton, NB – The New Brunswick Community College (NBCC) Fredericton campus will be hosting a school assembly and vigil on October 3rd, 2017 beginning at noon.

Advocacy and Action

Indigenous Peoples Film Festival 2017:

In earlier CFUW Fredericton meetings, the Indigenous Peoples Film Festival 2017 CFUW initiative was discussed as a possible Speaker's Forum event for our 2017-2018 year. CFUW Education Committee as put together an exciting and informative Film Festival package which we can access if we wish to pursue this initiative as our Speaker's Forum Event. The films available to us to utilize are:

- # “Highway of Tears”—documentary about murdered and missing women along a stretch of highway in northern British Columbia
- # “Foster Child—Metis”—filmmaker Gil Cardinal searches for his biological family
- # “Totem: The Return of the G’psgolox Pole 2003”—traces the journey of the Haisia people
- # “Inuuvenga—I Am Inuk, I Am Alive 2004”—documentary featuring 8 Inuit teens
- # “Niigaanibatowaad: FrontRunners”—segregation of Aboriginal athletes—despair and abuse suffered in the school system
- # “We Can’t Make the Same Mistake Twice”—landmark discrimination case filed by the Assembly of First Nations and the Child and Family Caring Society in Canada

Let’s plan our 2017-2018 CFUW Fredericton

Speaker’s Forum Event now:

- ✓ Choose a date
- ✓ Choose a location
- ✓ Indigenous Film Festival (or another idea)
- ✓ Design a poster
- ✓ Identify speaker(s)



Thank you to all CFUW Fredericton members who renewed their membership at the September 24 Open House. To those who were unable to attend, it would be most appreciated if you would contact Jenipher Schousboe, Membership Convener, as she would be delighted to include you on our membership list. The CFUW Fredericton dues for 2017-2018 is \$72.

National and International News

Bina Roy:



Dr. Bina Roy was the first Asian president of the International Federation of University Women (now referred to as Graduate Women International).

You usually see the name Bina Roy as a line item on our CFUW Fredericton financial statement for any given year. In past years, CFUW Fredericton has made a donation to the Bina Roy programme. You may, however, not be apprised of what exactly Bina Roy is.

The full name is The Bina Roy Partners in Development Programme and it supports locally-developed projects initiated by GWI's National Federations and Associations from developing countries. Each year there are two or three identified projects. As a Club, we can choose a specific project or we can forward the funds and the Bina Roy programme will make the choice for us. In 2017, this programme funded the Mexican Federation of University Women for their project "aiming to improve oral health in low income groups, through talks and presentations" delivered to primary schools in Mexico City.

Human Rights Council:

What is it?—an inter-governmental body with the United Nations with responsibilities for "strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the globe and for addressing situations of human rights violations and make recommendations on them." To learn more, google "Human Rights Council.



CFUW Women on the Go

- Jenna Smith—joined CFUW as the New Member Engagement Coordinator. For more information, access the CFUW Club Action Newsletter (August 21, 2017). Welcome Jenna.
- Genevieve de Breyne-Gagnon—joined CFUW as the Advocacy Coordinator. For more information, access the CFUW Club Action Newsletter (September 7). Welcome Genevieve.

Notice of Dates/Activities—Save the Date

- ✓ September 28 (Thursday)—book launch—Jan Wong--Kinsella Auditorium, STU—7:30 pm
- ✓ October 4 (Wednesday)—CFUW Fredericton Book Club gathering—Edye’s—12:00
- ✓ October 4 (Wednesday) Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls—vigils in Fredericton (listed in this newsletter)
- ✓ October 11 (Wednesday)—CFUW Fredericton Luncheon Social—Dolan’s Pub—12:00 noon
- ✓ October 14 (Saturday)—ARC Conference/AGM—Moncton—9:30 am
- ✓ October 15 (Sunday)—Reception Tea for CFUW President and CFUW VP Atlantic—Sharon’s—2:00-4:00 pm
- ✓ October 19 (Thursday)—CFUW Fredericton Executive Meeting—Edye’s—1:30 pm
- ✓ October 19 (Thursday)—book launch sponsored by Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers—Westminster Books—7:00 pm
- ✓ October 20 (Friday)—Happy Yappy Appetizers Social—Edye’s—6:00 pm
- ✓ October 25 (Wednesday)—CFUW Fredericton General Meeting—Forest Hill United Church—Speaker: Nicole O’Byrne, “Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action”—6:30 pm
- ✓ October 26 (Thursday)—UNB Associated Alumni Speaker Series—Wu Conference Centre—Presenter: Sally Armstrong—7:30 pm
- ✓ November 15 (Wednesday)—deadline for intents to submit a resolution for the CFUW 2018 AGM

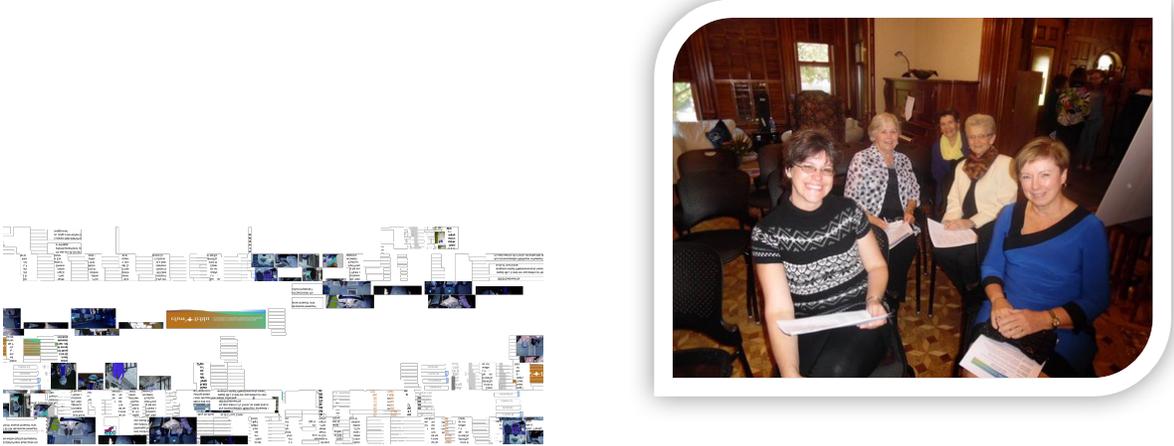
“We don’t meet people by accident. They are meant to cross our path for a reason.”

Do you remember . . .

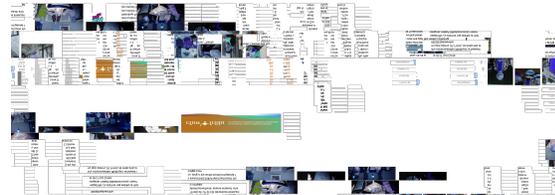
Following are some pictures from our 2017 CFUW Fredericton September Open House:



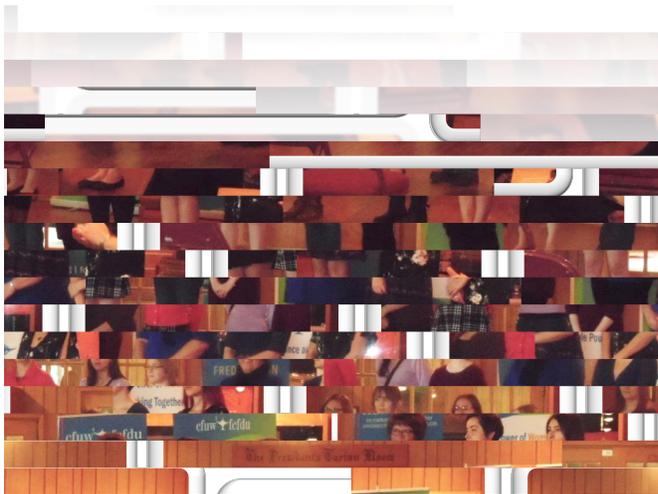
Memories of past CFUW Fredericton Open Houses:



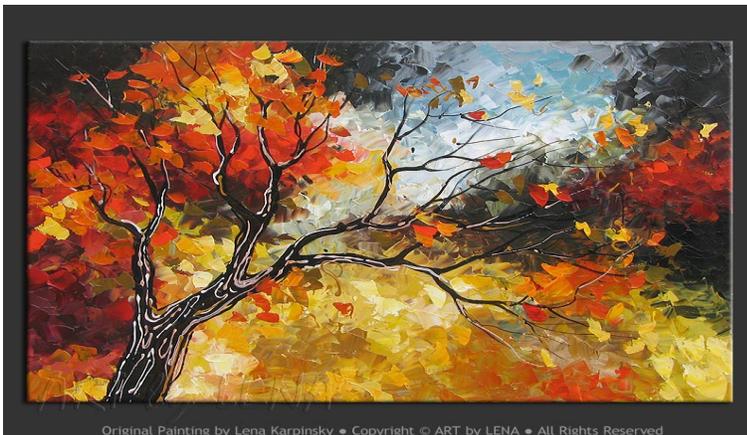
2015 Renaissance College



2016 UNB Alumni Memorial Building



2014 Government House



The glories of September, especially as we currently appear to be enjoying July weather. Happy September.