

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



Another great CFUW Fredericton Luncheon Social gathering at McGinnis Landing.

How better to spend a few hours in a bookstore (Chapters Fredericton), meeting and greeting people and raising money to support the Devon Middle School library! In three hours, we raised over \$700. Thanks to Chapters staff for all their assistance.





Thank you to Pam for organizing this fundraising event at Chapters (and reorganizing the event as the first time the snow storm won the night), for meeting with the Devon Middle School principal, for setting up the display and for sundry advertising and fliers. Two years ago Devon Middle School had a flood which damaged their entire library and they have been gradually rebuilding.

Oh Happy Day!!!! Recently Renee was the lucky winner of a two week all-expense paid trip to Spain! For more information, you will need to talk with Renee.



### Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to Tamara Maher, this year's recipient of the Canadian Federation of University Women Fredericton Bursary valued at \$1000. Jane and Judy attended this Awards Ceremony at the New Brunswick Community College and presented this bursary to Tamara.

## Take Action

### CFUW Fredericton Book Fair



Members and volunteers have been very busy over the past few weeks collecting and sorting books in preparation for the CFUW Fredericton 52<sup>nd</sup> Book Fair to be held May 26-28 at the Brookside Mall.

This is our Club's major fundraiser with funds going to support scholarships and bursaries at UNB, STU, NBCC and NBCCD as well as funds for the Fredericton Music Festival, school libraries, international students, Hunger in Schools initiative and sundry local issues. If you would like to volunteer to help at book sorting (Mondays from 1:00-3:00 and Thursdays from 9:00-11:00), please contact Edye; if you and/or your friends have books to donate, we would love to receive them; if you would like to assist at the Book Fair in May, contact Edye as she guarantees a great day of fun.

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### Indigenous Peoples Film Festival 2017

A CFUW National Study group under the leadership of Kathryn Wilkinson, CFUW VP Education, has been working on an Indigenous Peoples Film Festival and has invited Clubs, interest groups and individuals to learn more about the First Nations, Metis and Inuit heritage as part of CFUW's planning celebrations for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday since Confederation.

This is an exciting project and the group has already identified and acquired a number of films which speak to Indigenous Peoples and the need for each of us to become better informed. Realizing this is late in our CFUW Fredericton year and already looking forward to plans for the 2017-2018 year and, perhaps another Speakers Forum, I would welcome an opportunity to those interested in pursuing the Indigenous Peoples Film Festival initiative to come together and do some initial planning. If this is of interest to you, please contact me at [sharonacrabb@gmail.com](mailto:sharonacrabb@gmail.com).



## ***Interest and Information***



### **Launch by Public Legal Education and Information Service New Brunswick**

At a press conference on March 20, PLEIS-NB launched its latest publication, “Family Law and Immigrants”. This guide is intended to provide assistance to newcomers, specifically in the area of Family Law Issues. The guide addresses the topics of Marriage in Canada, Common-Law Relationships, Separation and Divorce, Custody and Access to

Children, Child and Spousal Support, Division of Marital Property, Family Violence, Immigrant Status and Finding Help and Information. The guide is available on line in English and French and the accompanying booklet, “Family Law Matters for Immigrants in New Brunswick,” has been published in six languages—English, French, Arabic, Korean, Mandarin and Spanish.

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### **Risks for Canadian Indigenous Women Transitioning to an Urban Environment**

During March 11-17, I was fortunate to attend the UNCSW61 as part of the CFUW delegation. On March 13, I attended a session, “Risks for Canadian Indigenous Women Transitioning to an Urban Environment”, a session which afforded the opportunity for Indigenous women to

share stories of heartbreak, violence, survival, difficulties and engagement in program development to address these issues. There resonated throughout this session insight into the lives of women who started the “Idle No More Movement”, who engaged in the “Truth and Reconciliation” process and women who were residential school survivors.

Indigenous women face the challenges of poverty, education, employment, affordable housing and violence. Often women made the transition from the First Nations communities to an urban setting, hoping for an opportunity to positively address these challenges, only to find that they often faced the same situations. This time, however, they were separated from families, from their land, from their language and from their culture. When discussing what could be done to address these difficulties, it was stated, “what is currently being done for immigrants need to be done for Indigenous people” as they attempt to resettle in an urban environment. It was exciting to hear of the supports many communities are currently providing, “the Youth Care Certificate Program directed towards individuals who have experienced sexual exploitation or trafficking and the Family Violence and Resource Program focusing on community engagement projects and a toolkit provided to women and girls when moving into an urban community.

What needs to be addressed immediately? Families must be included in the inquiries of the missing and murdered women and girls. There is a need for transitional housing and better access to jobs and education. There is a need to review the trend of “children in care” process. “We need to be response able.” (Sharon Crabb, posted on CFUW Blog)

### **CFUW Fredericton Year-End Plans**

Ladies, April 30, 2017, is our year end and, as such, we have some items to consider. Your help would be most appreciated.

- ✚ CFUW Fredericton Dinner and AGM—June 1 (Thursday) at the Fredericton Inn—are you attending? If so, send your **RSVP Jean as soon as possible** so we can finalize numbers with the Fredericton Inn
- ✚ Executive Members—a final report is needed for each Executive position, including Committee Conveners; please submit your report (electronically) to Sharon by May 15 (Monday)
- ✚ 2017-2018 CFUW Fredericton Executive—please consider putting your name forward for a position on the Executive; contact **Jean** for further information

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



### **CFUW Fredericton Welcomes New Member Carol-Ann Nicholson**

Carol-Ann lived in Fredericton in the Seventies and returned last year after time spent along the border in St. Stephen. She works as a newspaper journalist, a broadcaster, a free-lance writer and a teacher, as well as Chief of Research for the Historical Resource Administration and as a political consultant. She is avidly interested in issues of importance to women. Carol-Ann was a founder of Fundy Region Transition House for battered women and children and remains as a board member after 35 years. She is a “news junkie”, a politics and history buff, a consistent swimmer and a frantic herbalist and gardener. She normally has a book in her hands so it was a given that Carol-Ann would join the CFUW Fredericton Book Club. Welcome, Carol-Ann

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

### **Council on Aging—New Brunswick**

In a previous CFUW Fredericton newsletter, there was an article on the Council on Aging; thus, this is just a note about their mandate and website.

The mandate of the Council on Aging is, “To guide the development of an aging strategy to address both short-term (1-3 years) sustainability and long-term (10 or more years) transitional change.” Googling their website will provide you with information on services, publications, children and youth, individuals and families, seniors and persons with disabilities. In the segment of interest specifically to seniors or people who care for seniors, there are such topics as financial assistance, healthy aging, residential services and long-term care services, protection and a series of “links” for additional information. The Council on

Aging—New Brunswick is co-chaired by Ken McGeorge (who lives in Fredericton) and Suzanne Dupuis.

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## **2017 Federal Budget**

This budget unveiled March 22, 2017, included the first gender-based analysis. So, what did it highlight in areas specific to issues of importance to women?

- ✓ Identified areas in Canada where gender inequalities exist
- ✓ Continued financial support/ investment specific to social infrastructure and housing
- ✓ Continued financial support/investment specific to childcare and continuing education

Where is more work needed?

- Child care and elder care
- Parental benefits
- Continuing education
- Youth
- Unemployment
- Gender-based violence
- Climate change
- Affordable housing and social infrastructure
- Poverty reduction for seniors
- Regressive tax measures which negatively impact women

Where might we, CFUW Fredericton, start?

### ***Advocacy and Action***

## **Updates from the New Brunswick Coalition for Pay Equity—Provincial Budget**

The following information is reproduced from a press release by the New Brunswick Coalition for Pay Equity. “The Liberal Party promised in the 2014 election platform: (1) the full implementation of the Pay Equity Act, 2009; (2)

improvements to the methodology of measuring pay inequity; and (3) the requirements of pay equity plans for organizations with 50 or more employees who do business with the government. While important progress has been made in the public sector under the Act, virtually none has been seen on the second and third promises.”

What might CFUW Fredericton do to support the New Brunswick Coalition for Pay Equity in advancing action on each of these three promises? Your thoughts, recommendations and responses are welcome. Please contact me at [sharonacrabb@gmail.com](mailto:sharonacrabb@gmail.com).

***National and International News***

**Status of Women Committee on Women’s Economic Security**

Recently the Status of Women Committee on Women’s Economic Security indicated they would be examining:

- ✚ Factors contributing to higher incidence of poverty among women than men
- ✚ Elements that influence women’s income, including the gender pay gap and occupational segregation
- ✚ Effect of unpaid care work, as well as part-time and precarious work, on women’s economic security
- ✚ Effect on women’s economic wellbeing of federal income security programs such as Employment Insurance and the Working Income Tax Benefit
- ✚ Measures and strategies that can be used to increase women’s entry, participation, retention and representation in economic leadership positions

To read the “Brief Submitted to the Status of Women Committee for their Study on the Economic Security of Women in Canada” as prepared and submitted by CFUW, please visit the CFUWadmin site, user name “viewonly” and password “cfuw4321” (no quotations used when you log on).



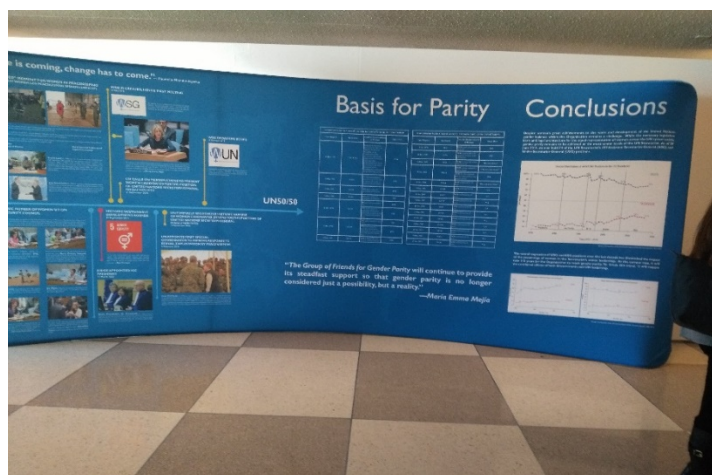


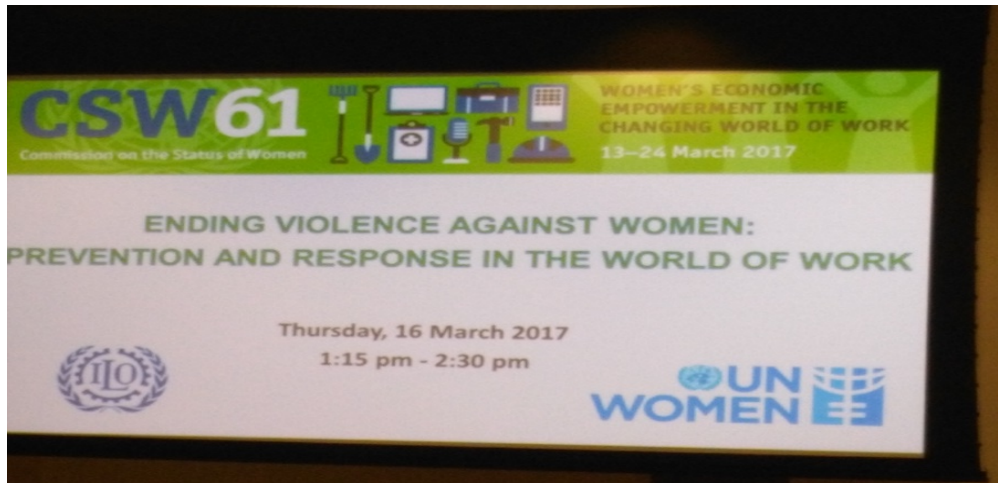
## 61 UN Commission on the Status of Women Agreed Conclusions

This Commission was held at the United Nations in New York City from March 13-24. The theme of this year's Commission was "Women's Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work". After two weeks of sessions, side events and parallel events a 17-page synapse was produced which emphasizes the need to empower women economically in order to substantially improve their status, with a "call upon Governments to strengthen the authority and capacity of national mechanisms for promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls at all levels." There were numerous recommended conclusions outlined in this document, some of the most notable specifically address such topics as climate change related to sustainable development, equal opportunities for decent work in both the public and private sectors, quality education, elimination of gender-based price differentiation and the need to measure the value of unpaid care and domestic care.



These displays, pictured here, were in the lobby of the United Nations and spoke to the theme of this conference.





***In Memoriam***

*Rebecca (Becky) Watson  
1919-2017*



*It is with sadness that CFUW Fredericton members say good-bye to our long-time member, Becky Watson. For many years, Becky was CFUW Fredericton's financial advisor, treasurer, auditor and oversaw all*

*financial matters. Becky lived her entire life in Fredericton, spending most of it in the home where she was born. After graduating from high school, Becky attended the University of New Brunswick, graduating in 1941 with a Bachelor of Arts and in 1986, Becky was awarded an honorary LLD by UNB.*

*Becky joined the staff of the Bank of Montreal on Queen Street where she worked for 22 years before transferring to the Bank of Montreal UNB Campus Branch where she was appointed the first female manager in the history of the Bank of Montreal. Becky worked at the Campus Branch for 19 years, retiring in 1982.*

*Becky was a member of the St. Paul's United Church, the Canadian Federation of University Women Fredericton, the UNB Alumni—becoming the first female president, the YMCA Endowment Board and served on the Chamber of Commerce and as Treasurer of the United Way.*

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

- ✓ Book Sorting—Mondays (1:00-3:00) and Thursdays (9:00-11:00)—Brookside Mall
- ✓ April 27 (Thursday)—CFUW Fredericton General Meeting—Forest Hill United Church—6:30 pm—Speaker: Sula Levesque, Human Rights Officer, University of New Brunswick; Topic: “Parameters of this Position at UNB”
- ✓ April 30—Deadline for Special Projects Award application
- ✓ April 30—Deadline for CFUW National Initiative: Preventing and Responding to Violence against Women and Girls Award application
- ✓ May 1—Deadline for submitting the Mentorship Award Application to CFUW

- ✓ May 1—Deadline for submitting the International Relations Award application to CFUW
- ✓ May 10 (Wednesday)—CFUW Fredericton Luncheon Social—Picaroons Roundhouse—12:00 noon
- ✓ May 12 (Friday)—CFUW Fredericton Happy Yappy Appetizers Social—Edye’s
- ✓ May 18 (Thursday)—CFUW Fredericton Executive Meeting—1:30 pm—Althea’s
- ✓ May 26-28—CFUW Fredericton Book Fair—Brookside Mall
- ✓ June 1 (Thursday)—CFUW Fredericton Annual Dinner/AGM—Fredericton Inn—6:00 pm

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

### **“Afghan Women: Peach Through Education”**



On Thursday, April 19, CFUW Fredericton hosted a Speakers Forum event organized by Pam Love.

Presenter, Susan Hartley, is a global scholar and a social activist and continues her work nationally and internationally. She is a member of the “Canadian Women for Women of Afghanistan.” Her work in

Afghanistan focuses on advancing education opportunities for Afghan women and girls as well as working to increase, in Canada, the understanding about human rights in Afghanistan.

CFUW Fredericton currently has a study group, “Women Helping Afghan Women.” You are encouraged to become a member of this study group as we determine what we might do to advance an understanding about Afghanistan and the current struggles of women and girls including the gains made over the past years. There is also an opportunity to strategize how we might move forward in supporting education for Afghan women and girls.



Below are some additional picture of the evening's event.



*Moments of quiet reflection:*

