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Celebrate Together**CFUW Fredericton General Meeting:**

On January 25, 2018, CFUW Fredericton members gathered for our General Meeting and to listen to a presentation by Dr. Linda Neilson entitled “Domestic Violence and the Legal System”. This powerful presentation took us through the New Brunswick legal system specifically as it pertained to victims of domestic violence. As Dr. Neilson indicated, there is a “vastly different picture between what the laws say and what the legal system is actually doing. Needless to say, we were overwhelmed by the details of what a woman who is a victim of domestic

violence must go through once she makes contact with the criminal justice system. Dr. Neilson also reminded us that “when parents are in grave danger, the children are also in grave danger.” When asked what we could do, Dr. Neilson stated (a) don’t back down from taking action—get the information to our MPs and call for action to address the current legal system specific to domestic violence and (b) take necessary action specific to gender bias. Dr. Linda Neilson has a BA(Hons), LL.B., Ph.D. (Law from the University of London, L.S.E.) Professor Emerita, University of New Brunswick (Picture: CFUW Fredericton members Gwen and Sharon, Dr. Neilson, Presenter)

Take Action

Coldest Night of the Year 2018—Fredericton:

One of the CFWU Fredericton Issues Committee initiatives is homelessness in Fredericton. At our last Committee meeting, it was recommended that we invite members to participate in the Coldest Night of the Year 2018 Fredericton fundraiser hosted by Youth in Transition Fredericton and John Howard Society of Fredericton. This could involve individuals or a group registering for a 2.5 km or a 10km winter walk or it could involve making a donation. This event is held on February 24, commencing at 4:00 p.m. with Registration, 5:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies at the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre, 120 Regent Street and then proceeding from there.



Some information about Youth in Transition is:

- Provides assistance to Homeless and at-risk youth between ages 16-19
 - Provides safe and supportive housing for these youth
 - Provides social and personal support for independent living
 - Provides personal growth and life-skills training
- Provides individualized case plans—outside resources and community partners

For more information, please google the Coldest Night of the Year 2018 Fredericton website.

All CFUW Fredericton members interested in participating in this event are encouraged to contact me (sharonacrabb@gmail.com) or Renee. Let's show our support for our Fredericton youth.

Interest and Information

Jeanne Sarson and Linda MacDonald: An Update:



The most recent article by Jeanne Sarson and Linda MacDonald titled, “No Longer Invisible: Families that Torture, Traffic and Exploit Their Girl Child”, is dated December 12, 2017, and posted January 2018. “This paper discusses non-State Torture families that organize the sexualized trafficking and exploitation of their girl child to

their network”. For further information, please google the title of this paper, “No Longer Invisible: Families that Torture, Traffic and Exploit Their Girl Child” for the English abstract. For the full article, from the Truro Daily News, January 26, 2018, google, “Truro Women Continue to Educate on Non-State Torture” by Lynn Curwin.

Of Interest to You (and Possible Action)

International Women’s Day:

March 8 is International Women’s Day, an opportunity for women around the world to recognize women’s achievements and acknowledge the challenges women continue to face in their quest for gender equality. Did you know:

- ✚ The first International Women’s Day was observed in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland on March 19, 1911



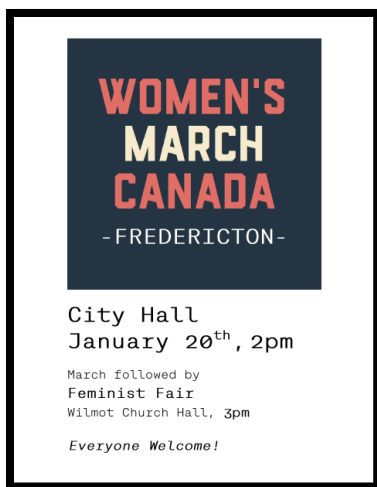
- ✚ Between 1913 and 1917, women elsewhere in Europe began to celebrate International Women’s Day
- ✚ Since then, International Women’s Day has grown to become a global day of recognition and celebration
- ✚ 1977, the United Nations adopted a resolution designating March 8 as International Women’s Day

As yet, the theme of this year’s International Women’s Day has not been announced. Let us determine how CFUW Fredericton would like to celebrate International Women’s Day. Please send your ideas/thoughts/recommendations to me (sharonacrabb@gmail.com).

International Women’s Day quote: “Girls are the future mothers of our society, and it is important that we focus on their well-being.” This quote is from Miriam Makeba, the first black African women to receive a Grammy Award, was a vocal civil rights activist. The apartheid state of South Africa had revoked her citizenship and banned her music. She was allowed to return to South Africa after Nelson Mandela became president.

Advocacy and Action

Fredericton World March of Women Canada:



On January 20, women and girls, men and boys gathered at Fredericton City Hall to commence the second annual Fredericton World March of Women Canada. A visit to the website yields the following quote: “WE MARCH: In solidarity with women and human rights groups from across the world we march to show that the progress made in 2017 was not enough. There is still so much work to do to protect and advance the rights of women, and the rights of all vulnerable citizens in our country.” Thank you to CFUW Fredericton member Renee for providing these

pictures.



National and International News

2018 G7 Summit:



As reported in the January 8, 2018, CFUW Club Action Newsletter, CFUW signed a joint letter urging Canada to focus on three issues:

- ✓ Supporting refugees, migrants and displaced peoples
- ✓ Tackling climate change and its impacts on poor and marginalized communities
- ✓ Ensuring the sexual and reproductive health

and rights of all people. To read the letter in its entirety, access the January 8 CFUW newsletter article and click on “here”. The G7 summit takes place in June 2018 in Charlevoix, Quebec.

150 Acts of Reconciliation CFUW Webinar:

CFUW WEBINAR

150 ACTS OF RECONCILIATION

February 1st, 2018
10:00 PM, EST

Crystal Gail Fraser
PhD candidate in Canadian History at the University of Alberta on the history of residential and day schooling in the Northwest Territories from 1955 to 1996.

Dr. Sara Komarnisky
Postdoctoral Fellow in History at the University of Alberta with the Object Lives and Global Histories of Northern North America project.

To register contact Jenna Smith at cfuwgen@rogers.com

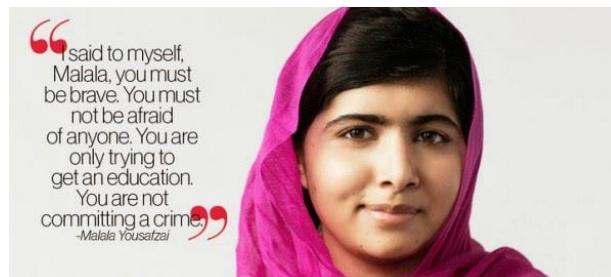
This webinar will explore concrete actions to show support, appreciation and solidarity to Indigenous peoples and promote Indigenous peoples' rights.

Reminder: The CFUW Fredericton December 2017 Newsletter referenced the “150 Acts of Reconciliation” CFUW Webinar being held on February 1, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. Atlantic Standard Time. To subscribe to this webinar, contact Jenna Smith at cfuwgen@rogers.com or toll free at 1.888.220.9609.



CFUW Call for Volunteers:

- ✓ Are you interested in working on an ad hoc committee whose focus is drafting the Terms of Reference for a proposed CFUW Policy Book Review Committee?
- ✓ Do you wish to be part of an initiative to explore ways to make the CFUW policy-book more user friendly?
- ✓ Would you like to be part of this CFUW National initiative?
- ✓ **Action/Information:** send your letter of interest or your questions to Cheryl Ambrose, VP Advocacy, at cheryl.d.ambrose@gmail.com by February 15.



CFUW Women on the Go

CFUW Fredericton Executive Meeting:



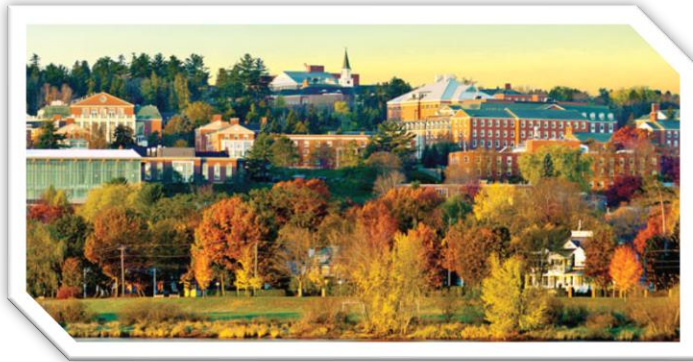
Meet some members for our CFUW Fredericton Executive. Starting at the far left, Marilyn (Archivist), Sandra (Recording Secretary), Pam (Treasurer, Book Club Chair), Ruth (Book Fair Co-Convener), Judy (Education & Scholarships Convener), Bo (Vice President, 2019 ARC Chair).

Notice of Dates/Activities—Save the Date

- ✓ February 1 (Thursday)—150 Acts of Reconciliation Webinar—5:00 p.m. AST
- ✓ February 7 (Wednesday)—CFUW Fredericton Book Club Get Together—
“The Zookeeper’s Wife”—Edye’s—12:00 noon
- ✓ February 14 (Wednesday)—CFUW Fredericton Luncheon Social—Wolastoq Wharf—12:00 noon
- ✓ February 15 (Thursday)—CFUW Fredericton Executive Meeting—Edye’s—
1:30 p.m.
- ✓ February 16 (Friday)—CFUW Fredericton Happy Yappy Appetizer’s Social—
“Chinese New Year—Year of the Dog—Edye’s—6:00 p.m.
- ✓ February 22 (Thursday)—CFUW Fredericton General Meeting—Topic: “A
School for Ghost Children (Dominican Republic)” —Forest Hill United
Church—12:30 p.m.
- ✓ February 24 (Saturday)—“Coldest Night of the Year 2018 Fredericton”—
Monsignor Boyd Family Centre—Registration—4:00 p.m.
- ✓ February 28 (Wednesday)—CFUW Board and Regional Director
Nominations due
- ✓ March 1 (Thursday)—CFUW Library Award Applications due

Do you remember . . .

2019 ARC (Atlantic Regional Council)—Fredericton:



Fredericton—Lord Beaverbrook Hotel

A beautiful fall in Fredericton and members of CFUW Atlantic Regional Clubs will visit Fredericton as CFUW Fredericton hosts the 2019 ARC Conference and Annual General Meeting.

- + Theme: “Women in Education”
- + Dates: October 25 and 26, 2019
- + Location: Crowne Plaza

but, wait, there is more:

CFUW Fredericton is celebrating our 75 anniversary as a Club with as fabulous gala at the recently renovated and enlarged Beaverbrook Art Gallery. What are we honouring:

- + 75 years as a Club
- + Scholarships given out to UNB, STU, NBCC, NBCCD and the recipients of these scholarships
- + Financial support to the Fredericton Music



Festival and the recipients of the bursaries

- + Financial support given to rural school libraries
- + Members/volunteers/support for our Annual Book Fair

Keep tuned—there is more to come!!!

If this interests you, please join the CFUW Fredericton 2019 ARC Committee.