

CFUW Fredericton Newsletter**February-March 2018****www.cfuwfredericton.com****CFUW-Fredericton Facebook****CFUW Fredericton Twitter**Sharon Crabb, [President—sharonacrabb@gmail.com](mailto:sharonacrabb@gmail.com)***In Memory*****With Great Sadness and Heavy Hearts, We Say “good-bye”:**

Carol-Ann Nicholson passed away on February 21, 2018, and Sandra Tucker passed away on March 13, 2018.

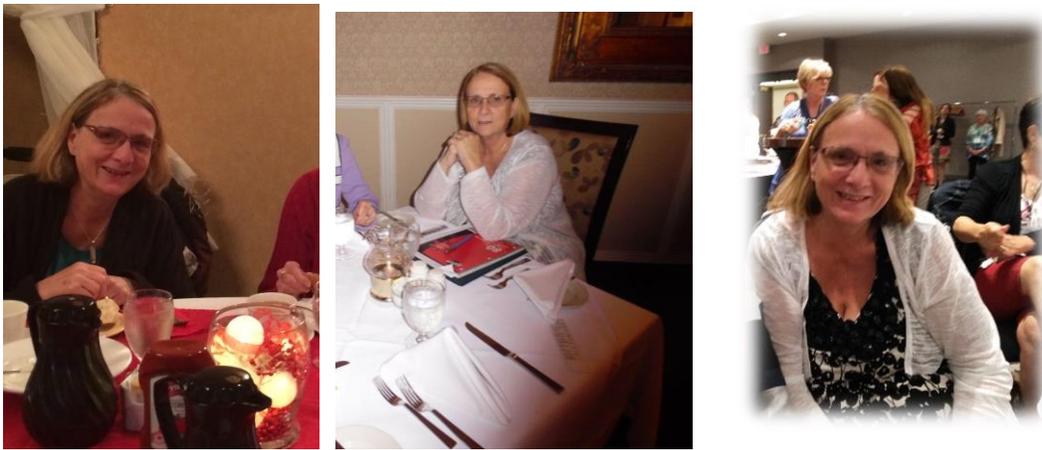
Carol Ann Nicholson:

Carol-Ann became a member of CFUW Fredericton in the fall of 2016. Her passion for books became quickly evident as Carol-Ann attended every book sorting day as well as participating in the Book Fair. Carol-Ann always had a smile; her laughter was infectious; she loved people and being actively engaged in whatever she undertook. In the 1970s,

Carol-Ann lived in Fredericton where she was the research chief for the Historical Resource Administration and a political consultant in the office of then Premier Richard Hartfield. Carol-Ann returned to Fredericton in 2015. Between those

times, Carol-Ann lived in St. Stephen where, besides raising a family, she worked as a broadcaster, a freelance writer and a teacher. Carol-Ann often referred to herself as a “news junkie.” Carol-Ann was also passionate about issues of particular importance to women as demonstrated by her work as a founder the Fundy Regional Transition House in St. Stephen, where she served on the Board for 35 years. Carol-Ann’s involvement in CFUW Fredericton was not limited to the Book Fair. She was a member of the Bridge Club, Convener of the Libraries and Creative Arts Committee and attended numerous luncheon socials. Carol-Ann was a wonderful friend and will be sadly missed.

Sandra Tucker:



Sandra

joined CFUW Fredericton in 2014. Initially, she volunteered at our book sorting venues and was convinced that she should join CFUW Fredericton as she was already very involved in our major activity, our Book Fair. Sandra loved being with people and being engaged in activities. In fact, it was difficult to locate a picture of Sandra by herself as she was always surrounded by friends. Besides being an engaged member of CFUW Fredericton, Sandra was a skilled quilter as demonstrated by the many quilts she produced, an avid traveler visiting numerous venues around the world with family and friends, enjoyed playing bridge and took advantage of all opportunities to play bridge and unite with friends. As well as her involvement with the CFUW Fredericton Book Fair, Sandra served on the Executive as Recording Secretary; she was a member of the Book Club, a member of the Finance Committee, a member of the Bridge Club and attended numerous luncheon and appetizer socials. Prior to her retirement, Sandra’s working career involved work in laboratories in both health care and agriculture. Sandra was a wonderful friend and will be sadly missed.

Celebrate Together

NBCCD Awards Ceremony:



On February 13, 2018, Judy McPhail, Education and Scholarship Committee Convener, and Sharon Crabb, President, had the pleasure of attending the NBCC Foundation Inc. Awards Reception held at the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design. During that ceremony, we presented our CFUW Fredericton Bursary to recipient, Frankie Francis., a student in the Fashion Design Program.



Following the ceremony, we had the accompanied Frankie for a visit to her work area where she shared information about her current work project and her plans for the future. Frankie is currently designing and creating six dresses which will be featured in the NBCCD April fashion show.



Upon graduation from NBCCD, Frankie hopes to complete an internship with a fashion design firm in Toronto. Frankie is a member of the Tobique First Nations, grew up in Saint John and is a graduate of St. Malachy's High School. It was a pleasure meeting Frankie, hearing her story and participating in this Awards Ceremony.

Save the Date: The CFUW Annual General Meeting (electronic meeting) will take place on Saturday, June 23, 2018, from 12:30 p.m. (Atlantic Time) to 5:30 p.m. (Atlantic time). More information will be distributed at a later date.

Take Action

New Brunswick Women’s Council “Resonate” Update:



On October 17, 2018, Karen Dunnett, CFUW Moncton and Sharon Crabb, CFUW Fredericton, attended **Resonate**, the first public engagement initiative of the New Brunswick Women’s Council. The goal of **Resonate** was “to hear first-hand from the women and organizations about their experiences, priorities, challenges and ideas.



The following update on the **Resonate** initiative is provided by Beth Lyons, Executive Director of the New Brunswick Women’s Council. Following the gathering, a survey was sent out to which 1600 people responded; meetings were held with representatives from organizations who had

attended the initial event in Fredericton; focus groups have been held as a means of strengthening the data collected from individual women. In April, the NB Women’s Council will launch their first report on what was collected from these surveys, meetings and focus groups. This report-back will be in the form of a website, thus accessible to all.

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Women’s Equality Branch:



The March 7, 2018, edition of the Women’s Equal Branch newsletter, WED-EDF, contains the following news items: Tomorrow is International Women’s Day, Career Exploration Trades and Tech for Girls, 25th Anniversary Celebrations for the

Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre and the Provincial Government Update on Pay Equity. To read more about New Brunswick’s strategy for advancing women’s equality, read the March edition of the Women’s Equality Branch newsletter or google “New Brunswick Family Plan Advancing Women’s Equality May 2017.” This newsletter also presents the following quotes:

- ✚ “When it comes to total income, more men (45,840) have an income of \$60,000 than women (26,950) in New Brunswick. Men with disabilities are more like to have a total income of \$60,000 than women with disabilities.”
- ✚ “A woman caring for her children; a woman striving to excel in the private sector; a woman partnering with her neighbours to make their street safer; a woman running for office to improve her country—they all have something to offer, and the more our societies empower women, the more we receive in return. (Queen Rania of Jordan)”

If you wish to receive the Women’s Equality Branch newsletter, visit their website and register for the newsletter.

Interest and Information

Mayworks Fredericton 2018:



“Mayworks Festival of Working People and the Arts is an annual multidisciplinary arts festival that celebrates working class cultures.” From April 27 to May 5, Fredericton is hosting its fourth annual Mayworks Festival. This Festival includes the presentation of a play, Marx in Soho, poetry by El Jones, films, labour history, skill-building workshops, a ceremony for workers who lost their lives while at work

and opportunities to learn more about such issues as campaigns for a #Fightfor5, pay equity, migrant justice, #metoo and Black Lives Matter.

The Mayworks program includes:

- ✚ April 27—Film Screening—Bread & Roses, Justice for Janitors and other films
- ✚ April 28—National Day of Mourning Ceremony
- ✚ April 28 and 29—Marx in Soho play
- ✚ April 30—Death of Stalin film
- ✚ May 1—Mayday! Building union solidarity with progressive movement
- ✚ May 4—“WE ARE HERE” with poet El Jones, other poets and voices of the NB Immigrant Women’s Association
- ✚ May 5—“Organizing the World We Want”—a day-long workshop

For more information on attending this event (a full schedule of events) or how you might support this event, please google Mayworks Fredericton or Mayworks Festival.

Of Interest to You (and Possible Action)

New Brunswick Coalition for Pay Equity News Conference:



On March 6, two days prior to International Women’s Day, the New Brunswick Coalition for Pay Equity hosted a press conference in Moncton, New Brunswick, the topic being pay equity. Hash tag #nowNB will afford you information about the major focus of this initiative which is “advocating for a law on pay equity in the private sector to be adopted by 2020.” The panel was comprised of representatives from 15

organizations, including Unions (Labour, Nurses, United Food and Commercial Workers), CFUW, Common Front for Social Justice, university student unions, transition houses, United Way and YWCA.

Members of the panel were asked to explain why pay equity in the private sector is important, “both in their sector and for New Brunswick: to advance women’s rights, to ensure women’s financial security and autonomy, to reduce poverty, to ensure greater justice and to recognize the value of women’s work.” The messages delivered at the News Conference are intended to reach out to political parties for inclusion in their election platforms.



Karen Dunnett, CFUW Past President, and current CFUW Moncton Vice President, attended this news conference and spoke to these issues. In her presentation, Karen states: “Since its inception in 1919, CFUW has had ‘improving educational opportunities for women’ as a priority. Today CFUW Moncton again stands here with these other organizations to say that civil society cannot make the changes on its own. We need all politicians to stand with us and act now”. In a handout, Karen notes that in 1968 CFUW passed a motion stating, “the Canadian Federation of University Women support the principle of equal pay of equal value and urge the enactment of legislation encompassing this principle by the Government of Canada and the provincial and territorial governments where such legislation has not already been adopted. This legislation should apply to all workers without exception.” Fifty years later we still need to hold press conferences calling for pay equity. When is enough enough? It is time to recognize that 65% of women work in the private sector and they should have the protection of pay equity legislation for the private sector.

For more information, please read “Women Call on Political Parties to Promise Pay Equity in Private Sector” posted by CBC News on March 7, 2018, and use the link below to listen to the interview, including the interview with Karen Dunnett. Thank, you, Karen, for being the voice for the CFUW New Brunswick clubs.

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Advocacy and Action

Take a Stand for Universal Pharmacare:



The February 2018 CFUW News Bulletin advocates for CFUW Clubs to take action in support of a “publicly funded and financially sustainable” drug plan that would cover prescription drug costs for ALL Canadians— Universal Pharmacare. What is the current

situation in New Brunswick? The New Brunswick Prescription Drug Program provides “prescription drug benefits to eligible residents of New Brunswick.” The New Brunswick Drug Plan is a “prescription drug plan that provides coverage for New Brunswick residents without drug insurance and only for drugs listed on the New Brunswick Drug Plan Formulary. The New Brunswick Drug Plan for seniors states:

- ✚ Age 65 or older
- ✚ Permanent resident of New Brunswick
- ✚ Valid New Brunswick medicare card
- ✚ Do not have prescription drug coverage from another plan

A CBC News NB article posted October 2014 is titled, “Pharmacare National Prescription Drug Program Gains Support.” A CBC News NB article posted February 2018 is titled, “National Pharmacare Finally Feels Within Reach, Saint John Doctor Says.”

This is a time for us to act. CFUW states their plan is to continue supporting the campaign for Universal Pharmacare and are inviting Clubs to join in this support.

What can we do?

- ✓ google “Pharmacare—A Plan for Everyone” and add your voice to the petition on this website
- ✓ write a letter to our Member of Parliament—Matt Decourcey
- ✓ attend a Town Hall Meeting in Moncton at the Beausejour Hotel, Moncton, on March 26
- ✓ as a Club, send a letter to our Member of Parliament, Matt Decourcey. A letter template is located on the CFUW Admin website

For more information about this CFUW advocacy initiative, visit the CFUW Admin site and log on as viewonly (user name) and cfuw4321 (password).

National and International News

CFUW Delegation Attend UNCSW62:



A CFUW delegation attended the UNCSW62 (United Nations Conference on the Status of Women62) in New York City from March 12-16, 2018. During this conference, CFUW had the opportunity to join the discussions and present their document titled, “Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Rural Canada’s Women and Girls.” This document focused on (a) increased vulnerability to domestic violence due to limited access to support services and lack of safe housing, (b) limited local employment opportunities, (c) minimal local access to higher education and (d) reduced access to technology.

This CFUW document addresses the tenets of UN Sustainable Goals Number 5 titled: “Gender Equality—Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.”

We look forward to hearing more about this initiative in the months ahead. Thank you to a team of outstanding CFUW women who travelled to New York and brought our Canadian message to those in attendance.



To read the entire document, please visit the March CFUW Special Edition: A Focus on Rural Women and the SDG’s.

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CFUW Brief on Bill C-65:



As reported in the March 8 CFUW Club Newsletter, CFUW submitted a brief on Bill C-65. Bill C-65 is “An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (harassment and violence), the Parliamentary Employment and Staff

Relations Act and Budget Implementation Act, 2017, No. 1. The first reading of this amendment was November 7, 2017. The CFUW Brief references four concerns:

- Addressing the fear for reprisal and financial barriers to reporting
- Creating an organization and cultural shift
- Ensuring adequate funding and human resources for training
- Adopting comprehensive definitions of harassment and violence

Please visit the March 8 CFUW Club Newsletter under Advocacy to read the full Brief.

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GWI Highlights:

- A delegation from GWI (Graduate Women International) participated in the March 12-16 sessions of the UNSW62, specifically, “Intersecting Grassroots Radio and New Technologies to Reach Rural Refugee Women” and “Preventing Gender-Based Violence in Rural South Sudan.”
- The delegation from GWI hosted breakfast discussion briefings while at UNCSW62.
- GWI participated in the launch of Plan International’s Report, “Girls Rights are Human Rights.”
- The Hegg-Hoffet Fund has been providing financial help to refugee and displaced graduate women for over 82 years.
- GWI delivered an oral statement at the 37th session of the Human Rights Council on March 9, the highlights of which were outlining the “urgency of fostering tolerance of minority groups and creating a more inclusive world.”

- GWI 2017 Activity Report: From Theory to Action—achievements of 2017 and actions for 2018. Visit the GWI website to access this report in its entirety.

If you wish more extensive information about GWI, please visit their website and register to receive newsletters and updates.

CFUW Women on the Go

CFUW Fredericton February General Meeting:



Members had the pleasure of listening to a presentation by St. Thomas University student, Louise Touchbourne, who is also a member LyfeAid, a group of 20 people who travel to the Dominican Republic to work with the “stateless” population, which numbers approximately 500 000

Haitian people. Louise’s presentation, titled “A School for Ghost Children: Statelessness and Poverty in the Dominican Republic”, focused on Haitians who leave Haiti and come to the Dominican Republic. The Dominican Republic, however, does not recognize these people so they are stateless—cannot attend schools, cannot work, have no status and are not considered landed immigrants. This is in a country where more than 1/3 of Dominicans live on less than \$1.25 USD per day.

LyfeAid travels to the Dominican Republic on medical mission trips. They deliver six clinics per week for a month and treat approximately 6000 people yearly.



Colegio Evangelico Asher



They are also involved in supporting a school, Colegio

Evangelico Asher, where opportunities are provided for children to attend school; approximately 50% of those children are Haitian. The school is supported through sponsorships, 100% of which goes towards paying teachers salaries and providing a lunch program. The school also provided incentives for girls.

Following this presentation, members continued a discussion specific to how CFUW Fredericton might become involved with supporting this initiative in the Dominican Republic.

Notice of Dates/Activities—Save the Date

- ✓ CFUW Fredericton Book Sorting—Brookside Mall location—Mondays (1:00-3:00 p.m.) and Thursdays (9:00-11:00 a.m.)
- ✓ CFUW Fredericton Book Club Gathering—April 4 (Wednesday)—Bo's—12:00 noon (**note the change of venue**)
- ✓ CFUW Fredericton Strategic Planning Gathering—April 7 (Saturday)—Diplomat Restaurant—9:30 a.m.
- ✓ CFUW Fredericton Luncheon Social—April 11 (Wednesday)—Palate Restaurant—12:00 noon
- ✓ CFUW Fredericton Executive Meeting—April 19 (Thursday)—Edye's—1:30 p.m.
- ✓ Shoe Project Event—April 20 (Friday)—Wu Conference Centre—time not yet identified (**note the change of date**)
- ✓ CFUW Fredericton General Meeting—April 26 (Thursday)—Forest Hill United Church—6:30 p.m.
- ✓ Twitti Book Fair—April 28—(Saturday)—George Street Middle School

- ✓ CFUW Fredericton Book Fair—May 25-27 (Friday-Sunday)—Brookside Mall—times to be distributed
- ✓ CFUW Fredericton Dinner and Annual General Meeting—June 6 (Wednesday)—Fredericton Inn Recency Dining Room—6:00 p.m. start **(note the change of date)**

Do you remember . . .

Fredericton Community Kitchen Backpack Program:



For the past two years, as part of our Issues Committee initiative “Hunger in Schools”, CFUW Fredericton members have been supporting this program by bringing food items for the Fredericton Community Kitchen

Backpack Program to our general meetings. The pictures included here feature Carlos who works at the Fredericton Community Kitchen location where the backpacks are assembled for delivery to schools. The Fredericton Community Kitchen provides 76 backpacks of food for student to take home every weekend and this number is growing.

Some facts about the Fredericton Community Kitchen:

- The Kitchen prepares 358 student lunches daily and delivers these lunches to 14 area schools
- A bulk order of food is delivered to one area school every month
- The Kitchen distributes food to two high schools each Monday and the schools prepare the lunches as needed for students attending these high schools
- The Kitchen’s outreach program provides 50 hot meals a day at lunchtime five days a week to the John Howard Society

- The Kitchen has 7 staff and over 300 volunteers
- The Kitchen receives no government funding
- The Kitchen provides food boxes in emergency situations as needed
- The Fredericton Community Kitchen has been in operation since 1982.

What can we do?



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CFUW Fredericton Nominations—2018-2019. Please consider putting your name forward for nomination for the CFUW Fredericton Executive positions of Recording Secretary and Vice President. Contact Jean for further information.