



## ***CFUW Fredericton Newsletter***

***April-May 2018***

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### ***Celebrate Together***

#### **CFUW Fredericton Women Enjoying Lunch Together:**



What a joyous day! Great food at the Palate Restaurant and wonderful fellowship with CFUW Fredericton members and guests. Thanks to all for sharing this hour together. This is our final luncheon social for our 2017-2018 year as our year ends April 30, 2018. There are, however, great luncheon social opportunities ahead: May 9 at McGinnis Landing and June 13 at Sam Snead's.

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#### **CFUW Fredericton June Dinner and Annual General Meeting:**

**When: Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**

**Where: Fredericton Inn Regency Dining Room**

**If you are attending and have not yet sent your RSVP, please do so as soon as possible so numbers can be confirmed**

## ***Take Action***

## **CFUW's Overview of the Federal Budget 2018:**



On February 27, 2018, the Federal Government tabled the budget for the 2018 fiscal year, a budget which contained measures for advancing gender equality via a gender-based analysis. CFUW has prepared an overview of and their response to this budget. The highlights of the 2018 Federal Budget

are outlined in this CFUW overview as follows:

Highlights	Shortcomings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• use-it-or-lose-it Parental Benefit</li><li>• more funds for organizations providing support to survivors of gender-based violence</li><li>• 5 days paid leave for survivors of domestic violence</li><li>• More funds for workers to access legal aid</li><li>• Funding for skills and job training</li><li>• More funds for Indigenous People and to build Nation-to-Nation relationship</li><li>• Gender-based analysis Plus/Gender budgeting legislation</li><li>• Proactive pay equity legislation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• no new funding for child care in a gender focused budget (no plans for Universal child care)</li><li>• no funding or timeline for Pharmacare</li><li>• No National Action Plan on Violence Against women</li><li>• Insufficient additional funding for safe drinking water for First Nation communities</li></ul>

**ACTION:** This is an opportunity for CFUW Fredericton members to learn more about a specific budget item in either the “highlights” section or the “shortcomings” section. This is also an opportunity for CFUW Fredericton members to “take action” specific to one or more of the budget items contained in this table. Please express your interest in moving forward with one or both of these opportunities by emailing me at [sharonacrab@gmail.com](mailto:sharonacrab@gmail.com). To read this

CFUW Overview in its entirety, please visit the April 3, 2018, CFUW Action Newsletter or email me and I will forward a copy to you.

## ***Interest and Information***

### **What Are We Reading?:**



The CFUW Fredericton Book Club met in April to discuss our book of the month, "Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shetterley. In May, the Club met to discuss, "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Schaffer. "Hidden Figures" affords the opportunity to discover the struggles of a group of Black Women who were outstanding mathematicians and how they carved a place for themselves with the NASA Space Program. "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" is set in 1946 and introduces you to life on the Channel Island of Guernsey during the German Occupation. There are currently 8 book suggestions for the 2018-2019 CFUW Fredericton Book Club. The members will soon make their selections from this list.

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### **The Shoe Project—“In Her Shoes”:**



What is the Shoe Project?  
"The Shoe Project was founded in Toronto in 2011. Its mission is to improve the written and spoken English of women immigrants and refugees and to make their voices heard in Canada's national conversation."

On April 20, the Shoe Project, sponsored by the Royal Society of Canada, held a

performance at the Wu Conference Centre. Eight women shared their stories and their journeys to Canada via their shoes. These women now live in Canada; however, most of them left everything behind to come to Canada, either as an immigrant or a refugee. They are: Tenzin Choden (Tibet/India), Maryam Nabavinejad (Iran), Cordelia Tang (China), Marcela Cameron (Venezuela), Atinuke Adeoye (Nigeria), Inae Kim (Korea), Patricia Figuerado (Columbia) and Maya Kabbani (Syria).

Special thank you to Gwen, a member of CFUW Fredericton and of the Royal Society of Canada for bringing The Shoe Project to our attention and for her assistance in organizing this event.



Thank you to the many CFUW Fredericton members who attended this outstanding, very informative and very emotional event.

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“Voices of the Struggle: Lesser-Known Activists of Canada’s Women’s Movement Given Their Turn in the Spotlight” review by Doris Mae Oulton and reported in the Winnipeg Free Press references these women: Lillian Beynon Thomas, Winona Dixon, Amelia Burritt,

Dr. Mary Crawford, Mary Shadd Cary, Margret Benedictsson, Josephone

Dandurand, Hideko Hyodo, Helena Gulleridge, Isabella MacDonald, Mary Darwin, Emily Stowe, Gertrude Richardson and Frances Marion Beynon. Here is an opportunity to research and learn more.

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

#### **CFUW National Committee Members for 2018-2020:**



There is an opportunity for you to become a member of a CFUW National Committee for 2018-2020. You can join the following National Committees as a Member: (a) Standing Committee on Advocacy, (b) Standing Committee on Education, (c) Standing Committee on Finance, (d) Standing Committee on International Relations, (e) Standing Committee on Membership.

You can join the following CFUW National Committees as Committee Chair or a Member of the Committee: (a) Standing Committee on Articles and Bylaws, (b) Standing Committee on Fellowships, (c) Standing Committee on Nominations, (d) Standing Committee on Resolutions. You can join the following CFUW Special Committees as a Member: (a) Governance, (b) 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, (c) Human Resources. You can join the following CFUW Subcommittees as Committee Chair or Member of the Committee: (a) Status of Women, (c) Libraries and Creative Arts.

You can indicate your interest in Other Board Appointments: CFUW representative on the United Nations Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization (UNESCO)



**The deadline for submitting your Letter of Interest by completing and emailing the Expression of Interest document is May 31, 2018. Visit the CFUW Admin site for more information and the Expression of Interest Form. To access this site: the User Name = viewonly; the Password = cfuw4321**

## **Advocacy and Action**

### **Earth Day: What Are Your Thoughts?:**



April 22 is official day for celebrating Earth Day; however, any day may be one in which you reflect upon the environment and the role you play in its sustainability. The CFUW International Relations Committee posted a very informative, thoughtful article in the April 20 CFUW Action Newsletter, stating “Through this piece the committee shares with members meaningful reflections on the state

of our environment and the urgency to act. They also discuss the interconnection between the environment and gender equality by focusing on the *Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls.*” This article is a combination of articles written by seven women and includes thoughtful and meaningful comments such as: “We are not kind to this planet we call home. As a society, we have developed a disposable lifestyle” (Valerie Hume). “Unfortunately, there are still people today nearly 50 years later, who strongly believe that the dangers to the environment are over-exaggerated, that jobs and the economy are much more important” (Nancy Mayberry). “After the dreary winter, Earth is resplendent in its rebirth. However, all is not well” (Audrey Thomas). “What we do in our daily lives makes a difference to the health of our planet. What we so often fail to realize is that environmental issues also have direct impacts on people and the quality of their lives” (Dr. Shelley Ball). To read this article in its entirety, visit the April 20 edition of CFUW Action Newsletter or email me and I will forward the article to you ([sharonacrabb@gmail.com](mailto:sharonacrabb@gmail.com)). Perhaps this is an opportunity for CFUW Fredericton members to commence a dialogue inclusive of environment impact, gender equality, empowerment of rural women and girls and other relevant topics as identified by you. Please send me your thoughts.



## **National and International News**

### **Read More; Learn More; Share More:**

If you wish more CFUW National news or more GWI International News, and if you have not already registered to receive CFUW and GWI newsletters, you may do so by visiting the CFUW website site and the GWI website and register there.

There is a plethora of topics addressed and articles shared in these newsletters. Here are just a few headings from the April newsletters:

- UBCM (University Women's Club Montreal) Announces the First Winner of the Olympes de la Parole in Canada
- Cyberbullying by Marianne Singh-Waraich (CFUW)
- On Zero Discrimination Day, GWI Recalls Resolution 5 on Tolerance
- International Girls ICT Day, 26 April
- WG-USA (Women Graduates-USA) Member Creates an App for Women Experiencing Abusive Relationships
- UN (United Nations) Women Releases “Turning Promises into Action” Report
- Interacting Grassroots Radio and Technologies to Reach Rural and Refugee Women
- Human Trafficking and CEDAW: Meeting Challenges and Utilizing Opportunities
- CFUW Continues Its Sustainable Development Series: Earth Day
- CFUW Presents the Conclusions of Its 2018 Rural Women Survey

CFUW also partners with IAW (International Alliance of Women). A visit to their website at [womenalliance.org](http://womenalliance.org) presents such topics as:

- Women and Terrorism
- End Child Marriages in Africa
- “Time Is Now: Rural and Urban Activists Transforming Women’s Lives”

## **CFUW Women on the Go**

### **CFUW Fredericton Book Sorting—Preparation for Our Annual Book Fair:**

At the end of February 2018, Ruth and Edye began preparations for our Annual Book Fair to be held May 25, 26 and 27. From March to the middle of May, book donations are received and must be sorted by categories, boxed and prepared for the Book Fair. What might that look like?



As the old adage goes, many hands make for lighter work. These many hands were hard at work on sorting day, emptying all these boxes and sorting books by categories. CFUW Fredericton members and volunteers come together to make the work a little lighter.

Ruth, Anne, Edye and Jenipher have been very busy today packing books once they have been sorted. They just stopped for a few moments for a photo opt so they could share the fun with you. Volunteers are always welcome on book sorting days—Mondays and Thursdays.

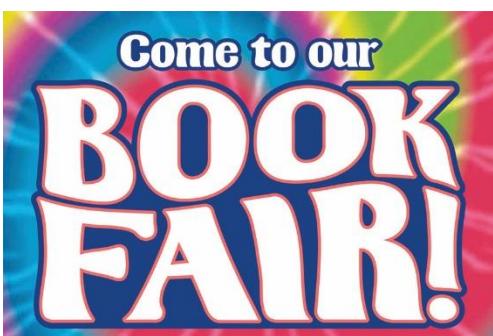




Our book sorting location is the Brookside Mall, free space kindly provided by Brookside Mall management. They also provided this large bin so donations could be left at times when the book sorting area was not open. Upon arrival most days, the bin looks like this, full to the top and boxes of donated books stacked all around. Many thanks to all those who donate books for our Annual Book Fair.

Some days we just need a few moments of rest from book sorting and what better way for Edye and Ruth to do this than to catch a few moments with the Easter Bunny. Way to go Ladies!

Money raised from our CFUW Fredericton Annual Book Fair goes to support: scholarships for women, rural school libraries, Fredericton Musical Festival prizes, our international school girls project, and local initiatives as identified by our Club.



Come to our  
CFUW  
Fredericton  
Book Fair, Brookside Mall, May 25, 26 and  
27.

**Please contact Ruth or Edye if you are able to volunteer at the Book Fair at times on Friday, May 25, Saturday, May 26 or Sunday, May 27**

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

- ✓ May 9 (Wednesday)—CFUW Fredericton Luncheon Social—McGinnis Landing Restaurant—King Street—12:00 noon
- ✓ May 17 (Thursday)—CFUW Fredericton Executive Meeting—Edye's—1:30 pm
- ✓ May 24 (Thursday)—Brookside Mall—set up for the Book Fair—9:00 am
- ✓ May 25-27 (Friday-Sunday)—CFUW Fredericton Annual Book Fair-- Brookside Mall
- ✓ June 1 (Friday)—deadline for registration for CFUW Annual General Meeting
- ✓ June 6 (Wednesday)—CFUW Fredericton Dinner and Annual General Meeting—Fredericton Inn Regency Dining Room—6:00 pm
- ✓ June 13 (Wednesday)—CFUW Fredericton Luncheon Social—Sam Sneed's at Kingswood—12:00 noon
- ✓ June 19 (Tuesday)—International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, Global
- ✓ June 20 (Wednesday)—World Refugee Day, Global
- ✓ June 23 (Saturday)—CFUW Annual General Meeting (Virtual)—12:30-5:30 pm (Atlantic Time)
- ✓ June 28 (Thursday) CFUW Fredericton Meeting of Outgoing and Incoming Executives—time and location to be announced
- ✓ July 30 (Monday)—World Against Trafficking in Persons, Global

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### **2018 CFUW Virtual Annual General Meeting (for more information review the CFUW Action Newsletter of April 20, 2018.**

- ✓ Member registration deadline June 1, 2018—indicate your name, email, club, voting/non-voting status, whether or not you require a telephone only option (for those members without internet access)
- ✓ Let us consider a group viewing using one computer—if you wish to make this a social time
- ✓ Link for registering: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cfuw-virtual-agm-2018-registration-45317421628>

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

### **New Brunswick College of Craft and Design 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fashion Show:**



Our CFUW Fredericton February/March Newsletter, featured Frankie Francis, a member of the Fashion Design Program at the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design, and the recipient of our CFUW Fredericton Bursary. Judy and Sharon had a tour of Frankie's Studio at NBCCD where she displayed her sketches of the gowns she had designed and was now going to create for the upcoming NBCCD 20<sup>th</sup>

Annual Fashion Show.

On April 15, Edye and Sharon had the pleasure of attending the NBCCD 20<sup>th</sup> Annual FashionDesign Gala. This picture depicts Frankie Francis on the screen; her gowns were modeled on the runway.



This picture depicts a model wearing one of Frankie's gowns.

The NBCCD 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fashion Design Show also featured collections from 1<sup>st</sup> Year students in Fashion Design, a celebration of Alumni Collections and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Collections featuring Frankie and two other students who are graduating from the Fashion Design Program.