

## CFUW Fredericton Newsletter, December 8, 2018

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A very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah and a  
Very Happy and Healthy New Year.



Christmas, Hanukkah and end of year Holiday Lunch.



We had a very successful lunch event on December 6 at the Ramada Inn to celebrate the festive season. This lunch was well attended and a large number of items for the Fredericton Downtown Community Health Centre Community Room were collected.

With Sadness and Heavy Hearts, we Say "Good-bye" to our member  
Diane Campbell, 1955-2018



Diane Campbell passed away on October 31, 2018, after a brief illness. Diane was born in St. John's, Newfoundland, and even though her life's journeys took her to other destinations, Newfoundland was always home.

For Diane, her family was her life. She was a sister, a daughter, a wife, a friend and she was loved by all. As her mother aged, Diane and her sisters were committed to keeping their Mum comfortable and happy. You would often hear Diane say, "I'm off to Newfoundland to spend time with family."

Picture collages depicted Diane, her children and her husband engaged in activities, sharing with us a life filled with happy moments and fond memories. Diane always had a warm, welcoming smile. She saw joy in everything and everyone and she had a wonderful way of making people feel they had always known her. She made her home readily available, hosting events such as her annual Christmas parties as well as hosting the reception for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CFUW Fredericton.

Diane loved books and that connected her with CFUW Fredericton where she was a member and a great contributor when it was time for book sorting in preparation for our annual Book Fair and in assisting with the Book Fair. Diane was an eager participant in the life of the University of New Brunswick. Perhaps as wife of the UNB President, some might suggest that attending UNB events was expected. Not so for Diane. She attended hundreds of events during her time here in Fredericton, not because it was expected, but because Diane loved people, loved engaging with people, loved helping people and loved assisting in any way she could. As a friend said, "Diane was always there."

Diane's passing has been a loss to everyone and has left all who knew her heartbroken. In the words of a friend and a colleague, "Hers was a light that should never have gone out." We are all very saddened again by sudden passing of our ember Dianne Campbell.

Submitted by Sharon Crabb.

## 2018 Scholarship Winners

During our Open House, held on Sunday, September 23, many scholarship recipients attended. In attendance were CFUW Fredericton members, representatives from UNB, St. Thomas University (STU) and the New Brunswick Community College (NBCC), guests, parents of our scholarship recipients, and nine of the 15 recipients of our 2018 CFUW Fredericton scholarships. In each newsletter we will highlight one or two scholarship recipients.



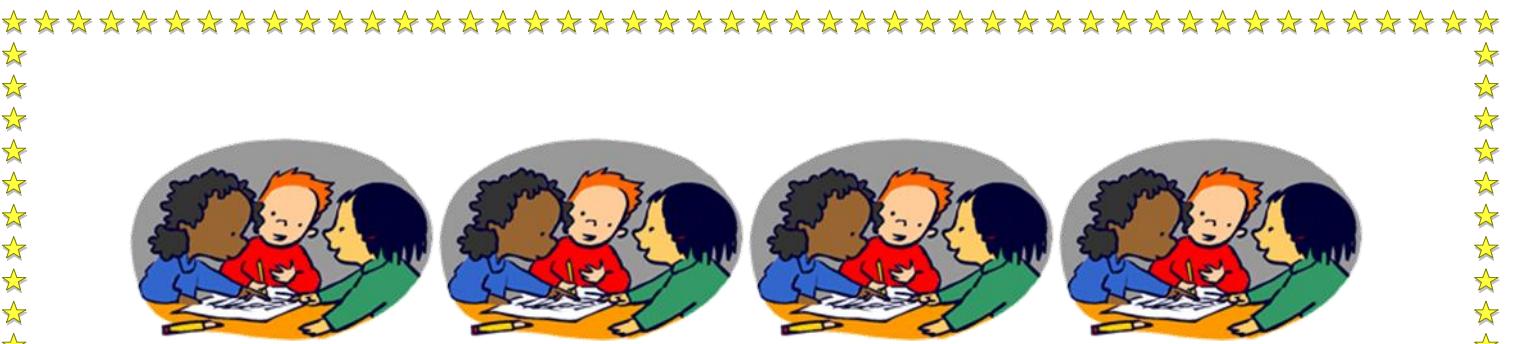
**Megan Hill**, a student at St. Thomas University, received the **CFUW Fredericton Scholarship** awarded in January 2018. Meagan is a 3rd year Sociology and Native Studies student from Fredericton studying at St. Thomas University. She wrote that the CFUW upper-year scholarship takes weight off her shoulders and gives her the ability to focus on her studies without stressing about working 20+ hours a week. She hopes to continue her studies in a graduate program, complete a PhD and one day become a professor herself. Megan wants to thank CFUW for bringing her one step closer to her goals.



**Rebecca Porter**, a student at St. Thomas University, was the recipient of the **CFUW Fredericton Entrance Scholarship**. Rebecca is starting her first year of a Bachelor of Arts program. She is from Fredericton NB, and attended Leo Hayes High School. She is working towards a Bachelor of Arts at St Thomas, and is coping to one day be an elementary school teacher here in Fredericton.



Congratulations to Megan and Rebecca!



## 2018 Graduate Scholarship Winners

The Dr. Althea Warren Macaulay CFUW Fredericton Graduate Scholarship was awarded to *Corrie Sacha DeWolfe* of Marysville, NB. She is pursuing her Ph.D. in the Faculty of Education at UNB. The Dr. Nora Nichuiv CFUW Fredericton Graduate Scholarship was awarded to *Enom Alsayheen* of Dieppe, NB. She is pursuing a Master's in Applied Health Service Research in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies at UNB.

Congratulations Corrie and Enom.

## The Book Club: More Than Just a Book Discussion!

On November 7, members of the CFUW Fredericton Book Club gathered to discuss "*The Golden Sun*" by Shilpi Somaya Gowda". Cultural traditions, family expectations, responsibilities and, at times, contradictions present themselves throughout this novel. Anil finds himself in the challenging position of addressing traditional family expectations and roles he is expected to assume as the eldest son of a family living in a small village in India and trying to balance this with the opportunity to travel to Texas to assume a medical residency in a prestigious Dallas hospital. Anil struggles with the cultural expectations of India and the cultural freedoms of living in America. Leena, a childhood friend of Anil, remains in the village and adheres to the expectations of an arranged marriage, demanding relatives and any possible repercussions for herself and her family based on decisions she may make. The reader is presented with the identify struggles of both Anil and Leena as they navigate through these challenges and opportunities.



This gathering, however, afforded more than just an opportunity to discuss the book. President Bo shared with us the history and meaning of a very special India Holiday Celebration, Diwali, known as the "Festival of Lights"



which was celebrated, this year on November 7 [varies from year to year because the Hindu (lunar) calendar is different from the Gregorian (solar) calendar]. The conversations were both informative and enlightening as we learned about India generally and Indian culture specifically. Further, we enjoyed a wonderful sampling of Indian food prepared and served by President Bo.

Submitted by Sharon Crabb

### **General Meeting, November 22.**

Dr. Tracey Rickards was the guest speaker. Tracey is a clinician and researcher at the Fredericton Downtown Community Health Centre. This Centre provides health care to Fredericton's most vulnerable population. Tracey discussed the history of the Centre, how it has become an integral part of the Horizon Health Network and the unique way of providing patient centred health care. Her talk was very well received and our members had many questions.



### **A Time to Remember, December 6, 1989, Montreal**



Both nationally and internationally, November 25 to December 10 have been specifically identified as the "16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence;" since 1990, close to 50 women have been killed in acts of domestic violence. The Purple Ribbon Campaign commences on November 25 and ends on December 10. November 25 is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and December 10 is International Human Rights Day. December 6 is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Why December 6?



On that day, 29 years ago, 14 women were murdered just because they were women. These women attended the École Polytechnique in Montreal. This event is referred to as the Montreal Massacre. **Shelley Delano Parker** and **Sharon Crabb** attended a remembrance at the Chancery

Place, downtown Fredericton. In this remembrance service the New Brunswick Silent Witness Project depicted silhouettes of 31 known murdered women in New Brunswick and 1 silhouette standing for all those women who are missing and murdered but not yet found. The mission of the Silent Witness Project is "to bring hope, healing and an end to domestic violence." What can we do? We can remember what has occurred in the past; we can create awareness of not only what has happened and what continues to happen; we can promote action. During the 16 Days of Activism, some of the things we might consider are: we can support a women's shelter, attend a local event, support families of the missing and murdered indigenous women and girls, speak out on social media, purchase a Rose Button, organize a film screening, invite speakers to present at a meeting or to a group, and sundry other ideas you may have. This most assuredly does not need to be limited to November 25 to December 6.

Submitted by Sharon Crabb.

## Member News

### New Members



**Cheryl Stairs** was born in Scotland to an U.S. Air Force officer (Texan) and war bride Mum. Cheryl has six siblings. Because her father was in the Air Force, she lived in many places: England, Bermuda, state of New York, Washington, Illinois, Goose Bay and Anchorage. After high school, she moved to Michigan where she worked for the PBS station at Michigan State University. In the mid-seventies Cheryl moved to Fredericton and worked for thirty years as a television reporter, morning show host, TV producer; executive producer, station manager and internal consultant (Fredericton, Moncton, Saint John, Halifax and Toronto) at the CBC.

Fifteen years ago she retired from the media job; however, in "retirement" she enrolled in the *Hotel, Restaurant and Culinary Management* program at NBCC in St. Andrews. As a result, she worked for the Algonquin Hotel as concierge for a few summers and ended her new career after five years at the front desk of the Fredericton Delta Hotel. However, during her years in the service industry, she also

continued as a producer of Canadian Antiques Roadshow, travelling across the country for four months a year to produce a season's worth of programs.

She has been married for thirty-five years to her husband, Neil (also retired TV reporter/producer). Her son Christopher is a teacher and lives in Yarmouth, N.S. with his wife Sandra and two little grandsons. Currently Cheryl has enrolled in UNB's Renaissance College to complete her last few credits to complete her university degree that she started about fifty years ago at the University of Alaska. Cheryl loves to read, cook, quilt (not very well) and travel.

### Brenda White (Stillwell)



Brenda grew up in Keswick Ridge with her parents and five siblings. She graduated from the NB Teacher's College and UNB and has a Bachelor's in Education, (Elementary) and a BA. She enhanced her knowledge by taking courses from Drake University (USA), the University of Waterloo and has a reading specialist certificate from Queen's University (ON). She taught

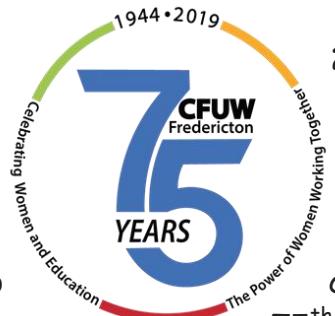
core French and elementary grades in private, Christian and public schools in the Greater Toronto area between 1980 and 2001. She returned to Fredericton in 2001 with her husband and her two sons. In NB she has taught core French and elementary grades from 2002 to 2011 and she is the past president of the Substitute Teachers Association. In addition, she has participated in various fundraising activities such as raising money for the Keswick Ridge Historical Society and the Lower St. Mary's Women's Institute. As the moment, Brenda has retired and is looking forward to enhance CFUW's goals.

Welcome Cheryl and Brenda.

- CFUW Fredericton is looking for a **Publicity Convener** and a Convener for the **Libraries and Creative Arts Committee**. If you are interested, contact Bo Miedema email: [baukjemiedema@gmail.com](mailto:baukjemiedema@gmail.com) or call 454-4207
- **Membership fees:** Please bring your membership dues, in cash or a cheque, to the next Executive, General or social meeting (\$72). If you wish you can also mail your membership dues to Jenipher Schousboe (454-6500). Call her for address or email her at [schous@bellaliант.net](mailto:schous@bellaliант.net)

- + **General Meeting Donations:** During our regular meetings, we will again collect items for the Downtown Health Clinic Community Kitchen (DHC) and for the Fredericton Community Kitchen Backpack Program (Backpack). The DHC likes to receive personal toiletries for males and females and coffee for the community room. The Backpack program is looking for canned meat, spaghetti sauce, noodles, or cups and
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- vegetables, fruit, beans, soup, meatless or tomato sauce; Kraft dinner, spaghetti other pasta, as well as instant oatmeal, fruit microwave popcorn.
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## Announcements

- + The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women's 63rd Annual Meeting in New York will be held on March 10-15, 2019. Twenty members of the National CFUW have been selected to represent CFUW Canada.
- + ARC/Gala going to Council 25 and 26, swing. This Gala event to Fredericton's
- The logo for the CFUW Fredericton 75th anniversary. It features a large blue '75' with 'YEARS' written below it. Above the '75' is '1944-2019'. A green curved line arches over the top of the '75', containing the text 'Celebrating Women and Education'. An orange curved line arches over the bottom of the '75', containing the text 'The Power of Women Working Together'. The entire logo is set against a white background.
2019. As you all know, we are host the Atlantic Regional (ARC) meeting on October 2019. Preparations are in full event will be concluded with a celebrate the CFUW 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. One of our scholarship recipients, **Ashlee Oleinokow**, an NBCCD student, was awarded the **CFUW Fredericton Aboriginal Scholarship** in 2018. She has created a beautiful logo for our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Thank you Ashlee
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## Upcoming Club Events

**Monthly Luncheons:** First monthly luncheon of the new year will be on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at the Hill Top on Prospect Street.



The February luncheon will be held on Wednesday, February 13 at the Wolastoq Wharf, 527 Union Street.

**Executive Meetings:** the January meeting is planned for Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> and the February meeting for Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>. All meetings start at 1.30 pm at Edye's.



**Happy-Yappy:** Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Ruth's (details to follow).

**General Meetings:** On Thursday, January 24 at 12.30 pm at Forest Hill United Church. Lisa Bamford de Gante, Executive Director of the Multicultural Association of New Fredericton (MCAF) will be the guest speaker.

The following general Meeting is planned for February 28 at 12.30 at the same location. The guest speaker will be Imelda Perley, Elder in Residence at UNB.



## Regional Director News

As a centennial goal, CFUW would like to see more women join the organization. In order to develop a strategy all Regional Directors have been asked to canvass their Clubs to get answers to the following question:

- ✚ What does success look like?
- ✚ What challenges have you experienced in recruiting and retain members?
- ✚ Can you suggest communities where we might consider creating a new club?

Please feel free to contact Sharon Crabb at [sharonscrabb@gmail.com](mailto:sharonscrabb@gmail.com)

## National CFUW

### International Relations Committee

For the 2019 United Nations Conference on the Status of Women, a session submitted by CFUW through the IRC has been accepted for the parallel session for the NGO Committee on the Status of Women Forum (NGO CSW/NY). The session is entitled "The Power and Promise of Education."

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