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CFUW Fredericton President's & Vice President's Report as it appeared in the annual report

It has been a very unusual year. We started in September with a very successful Open House at UNB and were very pleased that the brand new President of UNB, Dr. Paul Mazerolle, was able to attend. After the successful Open House, we organized the Annual Regional Council (ARC) meeting that was immediately followed by our Gala event to celebrate our 75th anniversary. The Gala was held in the Beaverbrook Art Gallery and was a huge success. The brand new New Brunswick Lieutenant Governor, the Honorable Brenda Murphy, was able to attend and say a few words. Various representatives of universities and politicians were present. The entertainment was fabulous. We raised a significant amount of donations from businesses in the community and therefore were able to recover our cost. The silent auction at the ARC was also successful. These funds go the ARC for future meetings. In fact the fundraising for both events was so successful that we had a surplus.

After a very busy October we moved to our regular mode of socializing and business meetings through lunches, happy yuppies and regular executive and general meetings. Our January meeting was successful with Lisa Bamford De Gante from the Multicultural Association of Fredericton Inc., as guest speaker.



Unfortunately, our February general meeting had to be cancelled due to weather; then came March 16, 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic forced a lockdown and we were not able to meet face-to-face anymore. Our March executive meeting was by teleconference while the March general meeting was cancelled. However, we purchased a Zoom subscription and moved to virtual meetings for our executive, general, and book club meetings. Our AGM was also be conducted by Zoom. So as a Club we are able to stay in touch.



The most upsetting aspect of the lockdown was that we had to cancel our 55th book fair for 2020. This has a significant impact on our finances and future scholarships, but we felt it was the correct decision to make.



The National CFUW will also hold its AGM virtually. Our club has been engaged in discussions and voting strategies for the upcoming amendments that are proposed for the Articles and Bylaws. Bo Miedema has volunteered to be a member of the CFUW National Mediation Group to come up with solutions for the CFUW Nationals and GWI dues impasse that has dragged on for a number of years. Sharon is completing her year as Regional Director for New Brunswick.



On a sad note, we lost two long term members: Sheila Laidlaw and Dr. Althea Warren Macaulay. Both had been very active members of CFUW Fredericton. They both lived very active and rewarding lives.



We also welcomed several new members: Marie Sutcliffe, Carole Dillworth (returning), Shirley Carroll and Dr. Sandra Byers. Thank you for joining CFUW Fredericton.



Many of the details of Club member activities can be found in the specific reports that follow.



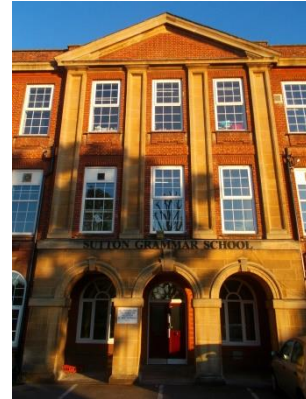
Bo Miedema and Anne Soucy



Library and Creative Arts Scholarships Committee 2020

The committee decided that **six grants of \$500** each would be awarded this year. The committee had received eight 8 applications. Discussions specific to the grant proposals received were held via telephone and/or email. Committee members sent in their recipient choices. When members submitted their proposed recipients, the unanimous decision was that the following schools would be awarded grants:

McAdam Elementary School,
Keswick Ridge School,
Doaktown Elementary School,
McAdam High School,
Cambridge-Narrows Community School and
Minto Memorial High School.



Thank you to Committee members Jean Fisher, Audrey Embree, Marion Leaman, Eileen Wallace and Brenda White for all your work throughout the year.

Congratulations to the grant winners.





Our Fredericton **AGM meeting** was held on Thursday, June 4 via Zoom. Twenty members attended. We prefer our dinner/AGM meeting format but meeting virtually is second best and we could take care of business.

The new CFUW Fredericton **executive/committee conveners** were acclaimed.

2020-2021 CFUW Fredericton Executive

Past President: Sharon Crabb
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Library and Creative Arts: Cheryl Stairs
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Programme: Gwen Davies
Public Relations and Publicity: Shelley Delano Parker

Our next event, our **Annual Open House**, is scheduled for Sunday, September 20; however, we are very unclear whether it can take place. We are not sure if we can have a face-to-face meeting, we are not sure if the students that have earned our scholarships will be here, etc. So please stay tuned.

Our next Executive meeting will be on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at the usual time of 1.30. We will have to take stock of the corona virus lockdown conditions and make decisions accordingly.

In the meantime, please enjoy your summer as best as you can.