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Hopefully you were all able to celebrate the holidays even though it was a strange holiday season. However, now is the time to look forward to a much better 2021.

As you all know, we were able to award **20 scholarships** last year as well as other school library grants. We hope that our fundraising ability will pick up this year. It is not clear whether we will be able to hold our traditional book fair in May.

However, in the mean time we have an alternative way to sell books that we have already collected. We are selling them via Facebook or via friends. "**Surprise Bag of Books**" is a bag of 10 books for \$20. See Facebook or contact Sharon Crabb at sharonacrabb@gmail.com if you are interested.

All our meetings will be held with Zoom for the time being. You can join Zoom with your computer, but also via your phone if that works better for you. Just call the phone number included with each meeting's Zoom information.

Bo Miedema, President CFUW Fredericton



**Named CFUW Scholarships:
The Charlotte van Dine CFUW Fredericton Scholarship
(Value \$2,000).**

Who was Charlotte van Dine?

Charlotte Van Dine was born in Fredericton but spent most of her working life in Montreal. She earned a BA from the University of New Brunswick in 1947 and attended secretarial school in Boston. She was employed by *International Paper Company* for many years, rising to become Vice President of one of the company divisions. She retired as Manager of Salary Administration for *Canadian Pacific Forest Products*.



Charlotte served as National President of the *Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Association* for a term and served on the Board of Directors. She attended meetings in many parts of the world on behalf of the Association and remained active in BPW clubs in Montreal, Fredericton and Moncton.

Charlotte was an ardent *Montreal Canadiens* hockey fan. In September 1972 she travelled to Russia to attend the famous Summit Series games and witnessed Paul Henderson's winning goal in Game 8, when Canada defeated Russia 6-5. She loved lawn bowling and was an active member of clubs in Montreal and Fredericton.

Charlotte believed in the value of education. She took a special interest in the education of girls in countries where gender issues made obtaining an education very difficult.

Following retirement, Charlotte returned to Fredericton. She joined BPW clubs in Fredericton and Moncton. She volunteered at the Fredericton Public Library and other organizations. As a member of **CFUW Fredericton**, she was a tireless worker for the book fairs.

Charlotte was a proud and loyal alumna of the University of New Brunswick all her life. A bequest from her estate and money raised at CFUW Fredericton book fairs fund the scholarship in her name.

From remarks prepared by Althea Macaulay, Opening Meeting CFUW Fredericton, Sunday, September 13, 2009 and biographical material found on the internet.

**The 2020 Charlotte van Dine Scholarship Recipient
University of New Brunswick-Fredericton
(Value \$2,000)**

Brook Billings (Year 4, BN program)

Brook Billings is in her fourth year of the Bachelor of Nursing program at the University of New Brunswick. She was born and raised in Fredericton, but has had the opportunity to travel globally, experiencing a variety of cultures. Although she hopes to continue to travel and live in different parts of the world, Fredericton will always be her home. She enjoys staying active in her spare time as well as spending time with family and friends. Her passion in nursing is working with those that are under serviced and under-represented in the community. She also has an interest in women's health. Working at the *Fredericton Downtown Community Health Centre* allows her to work with both of these populations. She is also member at *Sexual Violence New Brunswick Collective* and works on the 24-hour crisis line, supporting survivors of sexual violence.



University of New Brunswick houses 11 CFUW Scholarships.

Here are two more CFUW scholarship recipients at UNB.

CFUW-Fredericton Scholarship (Value \$4,000)

Angela Page, Mazerolle Settlement, NB, Year 3, BBA.



Angela is a mother of two young daughters. She has a previous bachelor's degree in Science (Geology major) from the University of New Brunswick which she received in 2010. In 2019, she made the bold decision to return to university and pursue a degree in Business Administration. Angela was the first in her family to pursue a university degree and wanted to be an example to her two daughters that anything is possible no matter your age, sex, or family background. This 2019-2020 academic year, Angela found support and allies from both students and faculty alike in the Faculty of Management at the University of New Brunswick. Her perseverance and hard work have earned her excellent grades and a place on the Dean's List. She is honouring in Accounting. Aside from being a full-time student and mother, she enjoys hiking and biking, and travel (when possible). Her future intention is to pursue a designation as a Certified Professional Account (CPA).



CFUW-Fredericton 75th Anniversary Scholarship (Value \$2,000)

Maggie McEwan, Waterville, NB, Year 1, Bachelor of Education



Maggie is from the small community of Waterville, just outside Oromocto, NB. She completed her BSc (Hons) in Biology at Crandall University in May 2019 and has recently begun her BEd degree at UNB. In her spare time, she enjoys being outdoors and spending time with her family. Last year, she worked as a kindergarten support worker at Geary Elementary, as a youth worker at the Gagetown MFRC youth centre, and she tutored on the side.

Maggie also volunteers with a youth group during the week. Working with kids in these various capacities through the years has led her to have a passion for education. Her goal is to teach high school science and to share her passion for science with her future students.



Welcome to Shirley Cleave, a new CFUW Fredericton member

Shirley was raised in Sarnia, Ontario and her first two university degrees were in Physical Education from the University of Western Ontario. She came to Fredericton in 1979 as the Campus Recreation Director at UNB. In 1988, she completed her PhD at the University of Illinois and transitioned into a full time faculty position in Kinesiology. Over the years, she taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses including Recreation Programming, Sport and Recreation Management, Leadership, Senior Seminar, Research Methods and Trends & Issues. Shirley also supervised numerous undergraduate internships and senior theses and served as the supervisor and/or



examiner for many graduate students. Her major research interests were in the areas of leadership, volunteerism, and serious leisure.

Shirley was fortunate to hold a number of other positions at UNB including Don in the Lady Beaverbrook Residence, Assistant Dean of Kinesiology, Associate Vice President Academic, and a number of acting positions in Student Services. Through these roles she served on or chaired dozens of committees and got to know and work with people across the University.

Her major volunteer roles in the community include involvement at all levels of the United Church of Canada, and as a member and president of Greater Fredericton Social Innovation. In retirement, she now has more time for physical activity, knitting, sewing, quilting, reading, gardening and various volunteer roles. **Welcome Shirley**

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CFUW Committees

We have several committees which continue to do their work despite the pandemic and the lack of in-person meetings. So a new feature highlighting committee work has been introduced to the newsletter. All meetings will be held via Zoom in the near future; so please feel free to join a committee meeting.

Book Club

The Book club is a very active group and has many members. Currently the members meet via Zoom every first Wednesday of the month. If interested in the reading list please contact Pam Love at love@mta.ca

Book Fair/Fundraising

At this time, plans for a book fair are very uncertain due to COVID-19.

We are storing approximately 250 boxes of books at the homes of Doreen Kissick and Edye Besner. In the hope we will have a book fair in May 2021, the sign at Firestone has been reserved for advertising, if needed.

We will be selling "Surprise Bags of Books!" Each bag will contain 10 books and cost \$20 per bag. Please contact Sharon Crabb at sharonacrabb@gmail.com if you are interested.

Education and Scholarship

This Committee is comprised of 7 members. We meet a number of times each year, depending on the education and/or scholarship issues that arise. When a new scholarship initiative is proposed, we thoroughly discuss all aspects of it at our meetings to ensure it conforms to the vision of CFUW Fredericton. Then meetings are held with the receiving institution as well. Members attend various awards ceremonies where recipients of our scholarships are recognized. Members also meet and interact annually with administrators from the 8 institutions regarding our scholarships. These institutions are: St. Thomas University, University of New Brunswick, New Brunswick Community College, New Brunswick College of Craft and Design, Leo Hayes High School, Fredericton High School, Ecole Sainte Anne, and Oromocto High School. We meet and communicate with other CFUW Atlantic Education and Scholarship committees from time to time to gain ideas about awards they provide and how we might incorporate those ideas here in Fredericton. The committee does participate in some of the selection of scholarship recipients from the University of New Brunswick. That is a lengthy and involved procedure but a rewarding one. We assist with the planning of our CFUW Fredericton Open House each year by gathering biographies and photos of all the recipients from each institution to present at that event each year. We are a busy and hard working committee!

Luncheon

The CFUW Fredericton Luncheon Socials are held each month at various local restaurants. This provides an opportunity for members to socialize and engage in exciting conversations. This is also a way for CFUW Fredericton to support our local businesses. Guests are always welcome at our luncheon socials. However, due to COVID-19 the luncheons are not happening at this time and will resume when it is allowed by Public Health.

Issues

A public meeting via Zoom was organized in the fall to discuss Climate Change, Women and Atlantic Canada. Currently the committee will be working with the Long Term Care Action group to organize a webinar in the near future.

Library and Creative Arts

This committee is in the process of inviting applications from schools for \$500 grants to be used for library provisions.

Membership

We are pleased to welcome two new members to CFUW Fredericton. Shirley Cleave and Connie Bothwell joined our organization in the late Fall. We welcome the new members and look forward to meeting and working with them. Our membership now stands at 31 regular members and four Life Members for a total membership of 35.

Membership Engagement

There are times when a member may be unable to attend CFUW Fredericton events—executive/general meetings, committee meetings and other social events. Membership Engagement provides an opportunity for members to help each other as needed. It could involve telephoning or visiting a member, assisting a member if she requires transportation for such things as appointments, groceries and other such activities. In these COVID-19 times, CFUW Fredericton has resorted to Zoom meetings and gatherings and some members may be uncomfortable with this electronic format or technology in general. Membership Engagement can assist via other methods of communication. Edye Besner ebesner@nbnet.nb.ca has delivered 120 books, including Sudoku books, to Eileen Wallace (a CFUW Fredericton Life Member) at Windsor Court. If anyone has books to lend, Eileen is very good about returning them.

Programme

The program committee is responsible for inviting guest speakers for our regular meetings. Members always enjoy these talks because we learn a lot about activities in the community.

Publicity/Public Relations

We use both Facebook (CFUW Fredericton) and our website <http://cfuwfredericton.com> as a means to communicate with the wider public. Our Facebook content is updated regularly. Our website contains a lot of background information. We will post the poster for a "Surprise Bag of Books" on Facebook regularly for the time being.

Study Groups

Study Groups provide an opportunity for members to engage in a specific topic that may be of interest to all members or to a few members. In past years, Study Groups have met to discuss and learn more about Electoral Reform, Women in Politics, and Human Trafficking. Currently, the Study Group is looking at the New Brunswick Health Care System both in general and specifically at Long-Term Care Homes.

If you want to join one of these committees, please let me know and I will direct you to the Convener of that Committee baukjemiedema@gmail.com



If you are interested in becoming a CFUW Fredericton member, please contact Jenipher Schousboe schous@bellaliant.net.

If you are a student, we have student memberships.

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