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November/December 2024 CFUW Fredericton Newsletter

We are officially 80 years old! What a celebration we enjoyed. I want to thank those of you who helped create the celebration (you know who you are), those of you who came to the celebration, and those of you who couldn't but wished they could! It was a wonderful event. Celebrating with us - to name a few, were the Honourable Lieutenant Governor, Her Honour Brenda Murphy; the presidents of UNB and STU, Drs. Paul Mazerolle and Nauman Farooqi; Heather Allaby, NBCC Vice-President, Engagement and Experience; Fredericton Deputy Mayor Pike; Fredericton Chief of Police, Chief Forward; and our Atlantic CFUW VP, Karen Dunnett; thank you Karen for making the trip from Moncton to join us. Many more individuals and representatives were in attendance and also spoke, such as our previous scholarship winner, Casey Leonard and the STU Director of Advancement, Dionne Izzard. By the way, Casey spoke with such fervour, eloquence and appreciation for her scholarship that there was hardly a dry eye in the room.

Also a huge thanks to Rain Ting and Sandy Wu; these young women were winners at the Fredericton Music Festival and recipients of our CFUW prize. Each piano performance transported us away from the room and into a space of peace, joy and even whimsy. What a genuine treat we were handed to add to the experience of our celebration.

Until our next newsletter, happy fall and keep looking to the sky at night, what spectacular light shows the Northern Lights are providing us!

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President, CFUW Fredericton



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80th Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, September 29 we had a good crowd to help us celebrate our 80th Anniversary. We have a new logo. We are very happy with this logo and we will retire our 75th Anniversary Logo.

80th ANNIVERSARY 1944-2024



Many representatives of the various educational institutions, whose students we support, were present. There were also several scholarship recipients present, members of the public and CFUW- Fredericton members, including a delegation from the Moncton Club. Casey Leonard, recipient of the UNB CFUW Fredericton Scholarship (value \$4500) gave a very inspiring talk about what this scholarship had meant to her.

Brief History

In April of 1944, in Fredericton, a group of 44 university women gathered and within a short time, a constitution was adopted stating the aims of the Club: (1) to expand and deepen educational interests, (2) to promote friendship among university graduates and (3) to stimulate interest in problems of the day as well as to afford an opportunity for the expression of a united opinion.

The first project of this new Club, in cooperation with the Department of Health, was a showing of a film on venereal disease. Over 600 women attended; this was at a time when the population of Fredericton numbered approximately 10,000 people.

Over the years, the Club quickly promoted the development of libraries by recommending that the Legislative Library be opened to the public, a Fredericton

City and Provincial regional library be established, and by funding and maintaining of a hospital library. Activities during and shortly after the Second World War saw CFUW-Fredericton become active in community affairs; the members wanted a Juvenile Court, a day nursery for working mothers and the licensing of practical nurses.

In 1946, the CFUW Scholarship program came into effect with a Traveling Fellowship followed by an award of a post graduate scholarship of \$100. War efforts and relief programs fueled the need to raise funds. Contributions, clothing drives and the sale of paperback books helped fund these programs. Fundraising to help rebuild Crosby Hall, the IFUW headquarters and residence for overseas female university students in London was undertaken. In 1947 the Fredericton Music Festival was started, as was our Music Festival Prize.

In 1963, our first book fair was held. Deemed a success, the continuation of the book fair has enabled us to collect over 1.1 million dollars for scholarships, supporting the education of young and mature women at the University of New Brunswick, Saint Thomas University, NBCC and NBCCD. Our proudest accomplishment has been the establishment and endowment of the CFUW Fredericton post-secondary scholarships for women.

Over the years, we have been, and still are, involved in many activities outside of our scholarship program. We strongly act on behalf of women and children regarding: Funding of Creative Arts and Library initiatives in local and rural Communities, Pay Equity, Elimination of Violence Against Women, Women's and

Teen's Shelters and Transition Houses, International education for Women and Girls, Hunger in Schools Initiatives, Fredericton Turn Around Achievement Awards, and many more!







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Member News

We are very pleased to welcome 5 new members, this fall: *Jenn Hayes, Alicia McLaughlin, Viviane Edwards, Casey Leonard and Heather Allaby.*

Welcome!

Jenn Hayes



Jenn Hayes has had a long and varied career in fundraising for numerous charitable causes. Jenn has made a significant impact in the Moncton and Fredericton communities. Currently in Fredericton, Jenn serves as a co-leader for the national 20K Sock Day Campaign, Event Director for the Ride for Refuge, and a senior development officer at UNB. Additionally, Jenn is the Marketing and Social Media Lead for River Jam and a dedicated board member for Liberty Lane.

Balancing professional commitments with academic pursuits, Jenn is a part-time student at UNB, working towards a Bachelor of Integrated Studies with a minor in Sociology, along with certificates in Leadership and

Family Violence Issues.

Happily married to Dwayne, Jenn cherishes their blended family of seven children, four grandchildren (with one more on the way), and their beloved dog, Rocky. In her spare time, she enjoys live music, hiking, reading and the occasional evening of karaoke.

Welcome Jenn!

Heather Allaby



With over 25 years in public policy, engagement and communications, Heather is passionate about improving the lives of New Brunswickers and New Brunswick communities. Prior to coming to NBCC she held leadership roles in the Office of the Official Opposition and the Office of the Premier, as well as government departments and arts organizations. Heather joined NBCC in 2013 as the college's first Community and Government Relations Officer. She progressed through leadership roles and joined the

NBCC executive team in March 2020. As Vice-President of Engagement and Experience at New Brunswick Community College, Heather provides executive leadership for Enrolment Management and Alumni, Marketing and Communications, Policy and Engagement, and the NBCC Experience.

Heather is the former co-chair of the Colleges and Institutes Canada national government relations committee. Heather holds a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Victoria and sits on the Board of Directors for Friends of Kilayo, a small New Brunswick-based non-profit focused on providing educational opportunities to girls in the Masai Mara region of Kenya.

Welcome Heather!

Viviane Edwards



Viviane was the coordinator of second language education in the provincial Department of Education from 1972 to 1984. She was one of the founders and first Director of the Research Institute of Canada (L2RIC) in the Faculty of Education at UNB. She also directed the Estonian Language Education Project in the 1990s and was editor of the Canadian Modern Language Review (1989-1996). In 2004, Viviane retired as UNB Professor Emerita. In the following years, she travelled and enjoyed winters in Ajijic, Mexico with husband John until he died in 2011. She later spent winters in Nice (Southern

France) and summers at her cottage in Northern NB. In 2013, Viviane developed "Writing Our Lives", a life writing course which brings together men and women interested in writing about their lives. We meet regularly where we share our life stories and inspire each other to write. She has one son and he, his wife and two sons live in Edmonton and she is looking forward to participating in CFUW Fredericton.

Welcome Viviane!

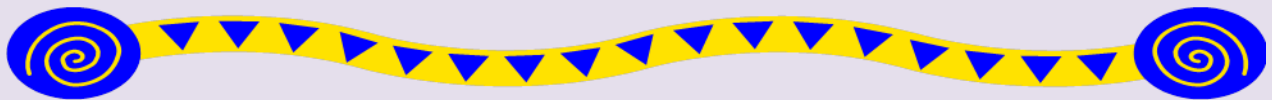
Casey Leonard



Casey (she/her) recently completed an honours thesis which involved isolating and determining the temporal dynamics of cyanophage (viruses) from the Wolastoq River. At UNB, she has been a part of the Girls STEM Up Executive Team, the UNB Undergraduate Biology Society Executive, and is currently the Sponsorship and Finance Director for the Unlock Your Mind Mental Health Conference. She has also volunteered at the Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity. Casey is grateful for the CFUW Fredericton Scholarship (\$4,500) as it allowed her to complete her final year at the University of Bergen in Norway.

Welcome Casey!

If you have not paid your 2025 membership fee (\$78) please e-transfer to our treasurer, Pam Love at pamdawnlove@gmail.com or email her if you want to send a cheque. Thanks





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On October 19, CFUW Fredericton participated in the city organized "Connect With Your Community: An Expo to Promote Healthy Aging". There roughly 50 booths representing all kinds of groups. We are pleased to report that our booth attracted a lot of interest. Thanks to Jean, Shelley, Anne, Linda, Deb, Wendy G, Wendy J, Pam and Bo.



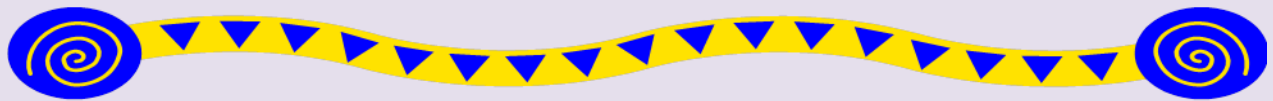
2024 Scholarship Winners

Each year we award 19 scholarships for female students attending post-secondary learning institutes in Fredericton. Here are the profiles of a few.

Destiny Dunphy, from the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design, is the recipient of the Aboriginal CFUW Fredericton Scholarship (\$1000). Destiny was born in Fredericton and is a member of St. Mary's First Nation. She enjoys sewing ribbon skirts and creating beadwork. Her work has been shown at the St. John Arts Center and is sold locally. Destiny has taught ribbon skirt classes within her community. She will be attending the fashion design program in the future and intends to create formal wear non-traditional wedding dresses for First Nation peoples around Canada and the USA.



Emma Fackenthall is a fourth-year St. Thomas student and the recipient of Emma CFUW-Fredericton Scholarship (\$2000). She is planning to graduate in the spring of 2025 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, double majoring in English Language & Literature and Environment & Society and double minoring in History, Criminology & Criminal Justice. Since winter 2022, Emma has been working on two SSHRC-funded research projects on climate action and energy technologies affiliated with St. Thomas University. She is also currently employed as a Communications Intern for the Nature Trust of New Brunswick. In her spare time, Emma enjoys reading, hiking, biking, kayaking, knitting, baking, and her cats.



Guest speakers Series

On Thursday, Nov. 28 starting at 1:30 pm we will have a guest speaker.



The meeting will be held in the *Christ Church Parish Church* on 245 Westmorland Street

Guest Speaker, **Dawn DeCourcey**, **Friends of Kilayo**.

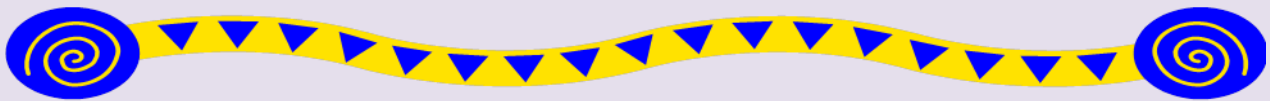
Dawn DeCourcey is a retired educator with over 30 years' experience in special education, methods and resources, and school administration. **She is the Founder and Chair of Friends of Kilayo**, a registered Canadian charity that removes barriers to education for women and girls in the Masai Mara.

Dawn holds a Bachelor and Master of Education from the University of New Brunswick. She taught Special Education and Methods and Resources in New Brunswick elementary schools, spending much of her career at Garden Creek School in Fredericton, where she also served as Vice Principal. She spent

over a decade as the New Brunswick Teachers Association Wellness Coordinator for District 18 Elementary Schools. From 2000 to 2012, Dawn led Garden Creek's involvement with UNICEF Canada. For her efforts, she was awarded the UNICEF Canada Volunteer Service Award (2009), and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012). She also ran the New York City Marathon with Team UNICEF in 2014. In 2014, after travelling with the Fundy Peace Foundation to the Masai Mara, Kenya, she founded the Masai Mara Project to help keep more girls in school in the region. After raising awareness with friends and community leaders, Friends of Kilayo was registered as a stand-alone charity in 2022. Active in her local community, Dawn has sat on the board of Hospice Fredericton and volunteered at Fredericton's Out of the Cold Shelter. She chairs the Provincial Artisan Bursary Selection Committee of the Fredericton Community Foundation, and volunteers with Victim Witness Services with the Fredericton Police Force, and as a Guide at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery. She is an avid artist whose watercolours are featured at Artisan District and at Isaac's Way Art Auction. She also has a story published in Stuart McLean's "Time Now for the Vinyl Café". Dawn has trekked the Camino de Santiago, as well as parts of the Chemin in France, and through Portugal. She has completed five marathons and enjoys hiking, biking and yoga. Dawn is dedicated to enhancing opportunities for marginalized individuals, with an emphasis on educating women and girls. And, most importantly, she is a loving and caring "Mimi" to her three young grandchildren.

Please join us to learn about this amazing organization.

All are Welcome





Calendar of Events November - December 2024

Luncheons: (you will get a separate notice with details for all these events)

Wednesday, November 6

Wednesday, December 6 (Holiday lunch)

Meetings:

Thursday, Nov. 21 9:30 am Executive Meeting,

General Meeting:

Thursday, November 28,

Guest Speaker Series: **Dawn DeCoursey, Friends of Kilayo**, at 1.30 pm at the Christ Church Parish Church Lounge, 245 Westmorland St. Thursday,

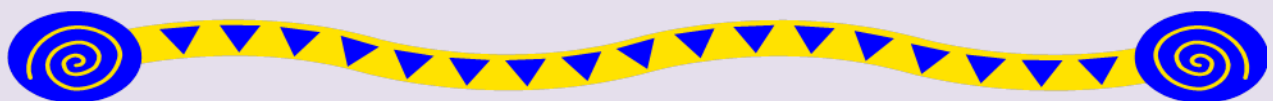
Book Club: Club Christ Church Parish Church, 245 Westmorland St.

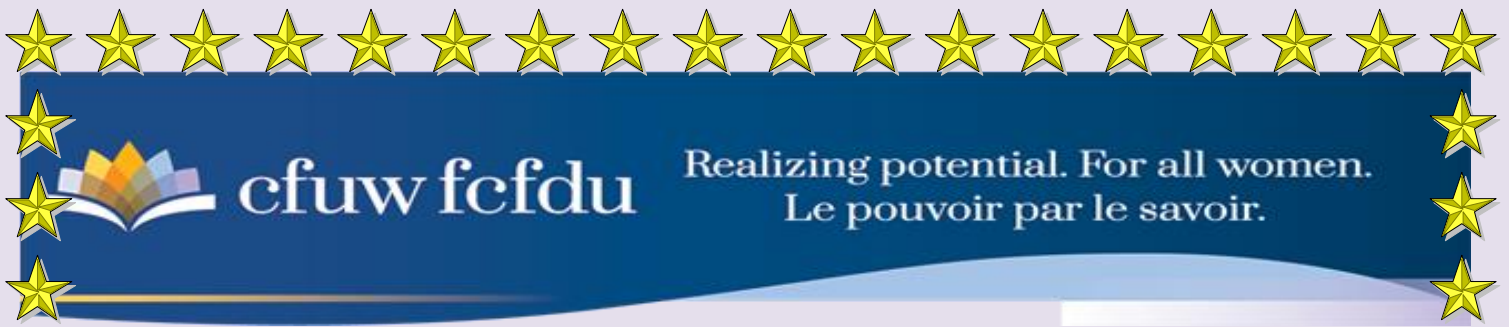
Tuesday, Nov. 12 1:30 pm Book Club

Tuesday, Dec. 10 1:30 pm Book Club

Social Events:

Friday, Dec. 13 5:30 pm, Happy Yappy Appetizers Social (will get a notice by email)





Our Annual Support for female students in the community.

New Brunswick Community College

- 1. CFUW-Fredericton Scholarship (\$1000)

New Brunswick College of Craft and Design

- 2. CFUW-Fredericton Aboriginal Scholarship (\$1000)

Kingswood Turn Around Achievement Award

- 3. **NEW!** Kingswood Turn Around Achievement Award (\$1000)

St. Thomas University

- 4. CFUW-Fredericton Scholarship (\$2000)
- 5. CFUW-Fredericton Mature Student Scholarship (\$2000)
- 6. CFUW-Fredericton Entrance Scholarship (\$2000)
- 7. **NEW!** CFUW-Fredericton 80th Anniversary Part-time Student Scholarship (\$1000)

University of New Brunswick

- 8. Bea Phillips CFUW-Fredericton Entrance Scholarship (\$2000)
- 9. CFUW-Fredericton 4 year Renewable Scholarship (\$8000, annually \$2000)
- 10. CFUW-Fredericton Scholarship (\$4500)
- 11. Charlotte Van Dine CFUW-Fredericton Scholarship (\$2000)
- 12. Jean Campbell Argue Memorial CFUW-Fredericton Scholarship (\$6000)
- 13-15. Three Marjorie Barberie Logue CFUW-Fredericton Scholarships (@\$4000 each)
- 16. CFUW-Fredericton 75th Anniversary Scholarship (\$2000)
- 17. Dr. Althea Warren Macaulay CFUW-Fredericton Graduate Scholarship (\$2500)
- 18. Dr. Nora Ni Chuiv CFUW-Fredericton Graduate Scholarship (\$3000)
- 19. **NEW!** CFUW-Fredericton 80th Anniversary Part-time Student Scholarship (\$1000)

Other: Support for rural School Libraries and Creative Art Programs (\$4000) and for the Fredericton Music Festival: Wenonah Wheatley Scholarship and the Jean Brown Memorial Scholarship, valued at \$225 each.



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