



# CFUW St. John's Newsletter June 2013

Website: [new site to be launched at AGM June 11](#)

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## *President's Message*

Imagine – it's June already!! Trees are leafing out and dandelions are abundant as another CFUW St. John's year draws to a close.

This year has been filled with great success! We've had our most successful book sale ever, given the largest number of scholarships and bursaries that we have ever had the great pleasure to give, participated in a new community outreach project for CFUW St. John's in the form of the Gower Street Lunch Program, and a new website will be launched at the AGM on June 11<sup>th</sup>. A full report of the year's activities will be in the Annual Report which will be distributed at the AGM.

CFUW St. John's was recognized for our volunteer services and activities during the Community Sector Council Volunteer Week in April. I attended the awards ceremony where we received an award for our contribution to the community.



*L- R: Keith Hutchings, Minister Responsible for the Office of Public Engagement; Barbara Clancy, President, CFUW St. John's; and Paddy Daly, Honourary Chair, CSC Volunteer Week*

I look forward to attending the CFUW AGM in Saskatoon from July 11 – 13. I have been asked to give a presentation on our book sale for the "Scholarships: Publicity and Fundraising" workshop. It will give me an opportunity to sing the praises of our club and the success we have had with our book sales.

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Ramada. By now everyone should have been contacted by the telephone committee with details. We will be discussing and voting on Constitution changes and a new membership fee, launch our new website, and elect the executive for the 2013 – 2014 CFUW St. John's year. This will be an important meeting so please make every effort to attend.

The Open House and Membership Tea will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> so mark it in your calendars.

Many, many thanks to the current executive members for their dedication and hard work during the year. Their collective experience and wisdom have helped me as president and I have

always been confident in their advice and guidance. Thank you all so very much!!!

I wish all of you a wonderful relaxing summer with family and friends. Take care and be safe in your travels!

See you at the AGM.

*Barbara Clancy*



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** – The CFUW St. John's AGM and Dinner will be held on June 11th at the Ramada Inn, 6:30 for 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** - An end of year outing is scheduled for Manuel's River at 10:00 am. with a "Behind the Scenes" tour of the new Manuel's River Hibernia Interpretation Centre.



## **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

**Ladies Who Lunch** - *Clarissa Hiscock*

Our venues for the remainder of the year are:  
Eastside Mario's, Holiday Inn, 180 Portugal Cove Road on June 18  
Woodstock Colonial Inn, 1959 Topsail Road, Topsail, CBS on July 16  
Botanical Garden Cafe, 306 Mt. Scio Road on August 20.

## **Bridge Group #2 - Karen Butt**

The Bridge Group II held their last game for the year on May 8, 2013. We enjoyed a good year of bridge with mid-afternoon social breaks hosted by each member in turn. We will start again in September and continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month for 16 weeks. New spares are welcome. Please contact Karen Butt by e-mail: [kebutt@nl.rogers.com](mailto:kebutt@nl.rogers.com)



## **Bridge Group #3 - Sharon Butler**

Our group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. We held our last game for 2012-2013 on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all our members for their hospitality and to our substitutes for filling in. Enjoy the summer and we'll see you again in September.



## **Summer Saunters – Gillian Brown**

Interested in getting a little exercise this summer? Consider joining our newest Interest Group – The Summer Saunters. It has been designed to be flexible to meet many different needs. Here's how it has been working so far:

Each week we decide on a trail to walk for the coming week. So far we have walked Kent's Pond, Long Pond, Mundy Pond and the Rennie's River Trail. Members commit to one or two days on which to walk and do so on a weekly basis. On Sundays, the list of participants for the coming week is distributed to the group. Participants meet at the assigned time (9:30 so far) and the assigned days and then have a lovely walk / chat. You can walk on as many days as you like but we ask that you make a real effort to come on the day(s) you indicated. Dogs are welcome!

29 people have signed up but not all have walked yet. We try to go when the weather is suitable but as you can see, we are not always successful at making good decisions!!



Barbara says the caption under the picture should read “Yes, there is a pond behind us!”

If you are interested in joining, contact Gillian at [gebrown@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:gebrown@nf.sympatico.ca).



### **Alley Cats - Gillian Brown**

The Cats stalked the alleys for the last time on May 29<sup>th</sup> and now look forward to a summer hiatus. The Presentation of Awards Breakfast was held on June 3 with all “Cats” winning an award. What good bowlers!! (Even the “Cats” get to eat!)

We look forward to our next season and encourage other members to join us for a wee bit of exercise and some great chat. As we always say “no skill needed”.



### **Crafteas – Maureen Leat**

Crafteas meets in the mornings beginning at 10 AM. on every second and fourth Thursday of the month. We continue to meet over the summer months. In June we will be getting together at Gillian Brown’s on June 13th and Thelma Hodder's on June 27th to work on our individual craft projects. We chat, share craft ideas and sometime show and tell.

### **Art Appreciation Group - Grace Stapleton**

On April 30 members of the Art Appreciation Group met at the James Baird Gallery in Pouch Cove. The view from Baird’s unusual home/gallery must be spectacular on a clear day; unfortunately the fog did not allow us to see it, but the waves swirling on the rocks below the living room window were impressive. We had a tour of the art on display, including paintings by Steve Driscoll, Thrush Holmes, Elzebieta Krawecka, Gabryel Harrison and a number of other international artists, most of whom have spent time in Newfoundland as part of the visiting artist program Baird has offered for over twenty years. We were also treated to stories of some of Baird’s adventures in the art world as he lives part of each year in Buenos Aires, part of the year in Pouch Cove, and travels all over the globe.

This was the last event for our CFUW Art Appreciation Group for this club year. Suggestions for next year are welcome.



### **Women in Policing - RNC Scholarships**

This year we awarded the first of our Women in Policing RNC Cadet scholarships to three very deserving young women - Kim Oates, Vanessa Sutherland, and Megan Dawe . Kim, Vanessa, and Megan are completing their Police Studies program through MUN and the RNC.



L-R ~ Cadet Vanessa Sutherland, Cadet Kim Oates, and Cadet Megan Dawe



Each of “our” cadets was asked to provide us with some background information and a short write-up as to why they chose policing as their career. Here are their replies:

**Vanessa Sutherland** (formerly Cooper)

**Age:** 26

**Hometown:** Carbonear, NL

**Hobbies:** Running, Recreation, Looking after my two dogs - Tonka & Ryker

**Past Employment:** Millwright (aka Industrial Mechanic)

“As a young girl my family and I were greatly impacted by the presence of a female police officer who went above and beyond the call of duty. She greatly impacted my life as a role model and I want to help members of the community as a lifestyle and not only as a career, as she did for my family and me.

**My goal as a police officer is** to be welcoming and approachable to those seeking help, quick to respond accurately and appropriately in emergency situations, and comforting and helpful in times of distress. A career in policing will give me an opportunity to be all of these things, and much more.”

**Kimberly Oates**

**Age:** 25

**Hometown:** St. John’s, NL

Graduated from Bishop’s College in 2006

**Hobbies:** Rowing, volleyball, hockey, spending time with family and raising my 16 month old Bernese Mountain dog, Willow, with my significant other.

Greatest Achievement besides being accepted into the RNC Program: Being a part of the women’s championship team in the Royal St. John’s Regatta back to back in 2010 and 2011.

“I will be the second police officer in my family. My father joined the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary in 1982 where he still works and holds the rank of Inspector.

Teaching was always a career I was interested in since a young age but as I grew older I began to see how I could teach through policing. It is not the type of teaching we would see in a classroom but instead teaching and giving guidance to any

one in need or who may have lost their way in life. The community I live in played a major factor in my decision of becoming a police officer. The community has given a lot to my life as I grew and now I believe it is time for me to give back. The career I have chosen will take me down many roads and I look forward to all the challenges and rewards this career has to offer. “

**Megan Dawe**

**Age:** 23

**Hometown:** St. John’s NL

Student at Memorial University for the last 5 years

“For as long as I can remember I have always been interested in a policing career. I am fascinated with the different aspects of the job and its diverse nature. As well, I also really enjoy working with the public and feel that a police officer is a position where communication and contact with many different aspects of society is an ongoing concern. My interests also lie on the different sides of society that always aren’t visible to the public, and as a current police cadet I hope to one day work in these areas as a police woman.”



*L-R: Grace Hollett, CFUW RD for NL, Barbara Clancy, President CFUW ST. John’s, Cadet Megan Dawe, Cadet Kim Oates, Cadet Vanessa Sutherland, Insp. Marlene Jesso OIC Police Studies Program, RNC Chief Robert Johnston*

*Barbara Clancy*

## *Members' Travels*

### **CFUW St. John's Sponsored Children, Laini Saba Primary School, Kibera, Nairobi, Kenya**



*It was my delight and privilege to visit in May with the three CFUW Sponsored children, (L to R) Yvonne Omusula, Gillian Museve and Carlyne Mueni.*

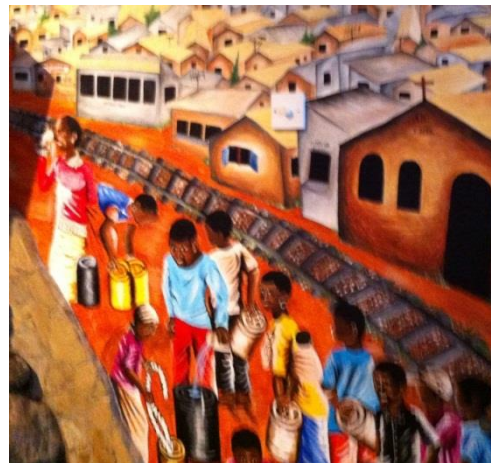
Yvonne and Carlyne we have supported for several years. There was widespread fear during April and May that the Kenyan elections would be violent and dangerous. (I didn't book airfare until mid-May when I felt it was safe to visit Kibera). The family of our former child, Sally Meya moved back to live with relatives because of their fear. The petite, smiling Gillian has replaced Sally. Gillian is an AIDS orphan living with her aunt. She walks an hour each way to the school.



*View of Kibera from Laini Saba School*

These children live in the Kibera slum, with at least a million people. It is a slum with huts wall to wall and narrow pitted, debris-cluttered lanes. Most of the people have to buy water, a basic need of life, getting it at various points in their jerry cans. Most families live in single rooms. They have to go to public latrines and pay to use them.

The railway track is the main road in Kibera slum, with all kinds of foodstuffs, clothing and utensils on sale on either side. The track is full of women, children and men with yellow plastic jerry cans collecting water and buying necessities. When a train comes all the goods are gotten to a safer place and people leap off to the side in a split second.



*Mural Scene at Kibera Parish Church*

I became involved with the projects of the Sacred Heart Sisters in Uganda and Kenya because my mother and Sr. Margie Conroy's mother were lifelong, childhood friends. Margie, a young 84, who has lived 43 years in Uganda accompanied me to Kibera, and Sr. Anastasia Shibuste, principal, spent many hours with us and provided me with the information for this article.



I was deeply moved by many experiences at Laini Saba Primary School: children happily playing games during recess, meeting two young men I had sponsored from Grade 5 – now finished post-secondary education and working; one as a teacher and the other as an IT specialist outside of Kibera, meeting with Sr. Anastasia Shibutse, principal, whose knowledge of each of the 465 children under her care was astonishing, thanking the school counsellor for painstakingly investigating and following each child in Sr. Margie Conroy's Sponsorship Program and just being in a caring school environment.

Life is a Lottery. I was born in St. John's. I could have been born in the Kibera Slum. My latest visit to Kibera reinforced my belief that - while I had no power over where I was born – I have power over how I can help others.

**Feel proud you are giving Yvonne, Gillian and Carolyne an education – the means to a better life.**

*Barbara C. Fitzgerald*

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Thank you to all who contributed to this newsletter. The next newsletter will be published in September. The deadline for receipt of items to be included is August 29th, 2013.

Please send your items to Daphne Lilly.  
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*If you like drinking tea or coffee at the meetings, please remember to bring your mug to all meetings at MUN.*



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