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EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2012 – 2013

This past year has been a busy and exciting one for CFUW St. John's! We have had a great many successes of which we can all be justly proud and you can read all about them in the individual reports elsewhere in the Annual Report. In this report, I will touch on the highlights for me in my term as president.

One of my favourite duties as President of CFUW St. John's was to represent our club at various events. I attended the Atlantic Regional Council (ARC) meetings in Dartmouth, NS, in October where I participated in the President's Round Table discussions and gave a short account of our community outreach projects during the Business Meeting. On October 28th, I went to a reception for Sister Margie Conway who we all know is very much involved with the Laini Saba School that we support in Kenya. In November, I attended the MUN Entrance Scholarship Dinner (Nov. 7) and presented scholarships at the autumn Marine Institute Awards ceremony (Nov. 21) and at the College of the North Atlantic (Nov. 30).

On December 7th I attended the annual vigil for the women who were massacred at L'École Polytechnique in Montreal in 1989. This was a very moving ceremony and I strongly urge all those who can to attend it this coming December.

On March 31st, I attended the spring Awards Ceremony at the Marine Institute. April was a particularly busy month with the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary scholarship presentation (April 12), the MUN Partners and Patrons Reception with VP Hazel Pritchett Harris (April 16), the Awards presentation at the Department of Gender Studies (April 19), the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony (April 21) and the Volunteer Reception at Government House with Maureen Leat during Volunteer Week (April 25), and the Graduate Department Awards (May 27).

I will be attending the national CFUW AGM in Saskatoon on July 11th – 13th and will make a presentation about our book sale at the Scholarships: Publicity and Fundraising workshop.

There were 3 major accomplishments of our club this year of which I am particularly proud. The first is our community partnership with the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary. Grace Hollett and I met on several occasions with Chief Robert Johnston to lay the groundwork for the Police Cadets to help us with the more physical jobs in preparing for the book sale. During the course of these meetings we learned that one of the goals of the RNC is to promote women within its ranks and to encourage young women to join the RNC through the Police Studies program at MUN. The first of our Women in Policing scholarships were approved and were presented at a media event organized by the RNC to the 3 female cadets in this year's class. The cadets, in their turn,

helped us with the lifting and toting of boxes, loading and unloading the trucks, and with the set-up for the book sale. The publicity resulting from the media event is partly responsible for the tremendous success of this year's book sale. We hope that this partnership with the RNC will continue for many years to come.

The second achievement is the expansion of our community outreach program. In 2011 – 2012 we partnered with the IODE Sir Wilfred Grenfell Chapter and donated items for the Fresh Start Baskets which are given to Iris Kirby House, a shelter for abused women. This year, 2012 – 2103, we added the Gower Street Lunch Program to our community outreach initiatives. With the guidance of volunteers from the Gower Street Church Outreach Committee, members of our club supplied, prepared, and served a hot, hearty, and nutritious lunch in October and again in February to many of the disadvantaged of the downtown area. Members of our club who participated in this project found it to be a worthwhile and “feel good” experience.

The third of our achievements is more inwardly focused and that is the development of our new website. The website that we had before was limited in the amount of information we could include and depended on an outside web master to make changes and additions. The Website committee, Riva McKee, Gillian Brown, Joyce Noseworthy, and I, met several times to decide on content and format and then met with website designer, Graham Blair, to discuss style and design. The result is a colourful and informative new website for our club. Joyce will be the web “mistress” and we will unveil our new website to the membership at the 2013 AGM and then to the public after that. The cost of developing the new website is covered by the left-over profits from the tours at the 2011 AGM which were set aside for this purpose.

Thank you so very much to you, the members of CFUW St. John's, for your support and encouragement this year. Thank you as well to the Interest Group convenors and Committee chairs for their time and energy in keeping us organized as to where we have to be, what we have to do, and when we have to do it.

I would especially like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the members of the 2012 - 2013 executive for their guidance, advice, dedication, and hard work during this past year - Hazel Pritchett Harris, VP; Riva McKee, Finance; Elsie Wells, Membership; Bertha Schofield and Glenda Haynes, Secretaries; Gillian Brown, Communications; Elizabeth Piper, Teresita Walsh and the Program committee; Daphne Lilly, Newsletter; Joyce Noseworthy, Past-President; and Grace Hollett, Regional Director for Newfoundland, who is not officially a member of the executive but has been a huge help to me.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Parsons Clancy
President, CFUW St. John's

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
Summary of Income and Expenses
August 1, 2012 to May 24, 2013

	Cash Balance August 1, 2012	\$25,077.36
<u>INCOME</u>		
Membership Dues (incl. 93 pd. 2012-13, 1 pd. Apr 2012, 1 lifetime)	\$6,510.00	
Book Sale	\$48,383.21	
Scholarship	\$231.20	
GIC Cashed	\$12,167.76	
Christmas Dinner	\$2,160.00	
École Polytechnique Collection(incl. bank deposit error)	\$229.34	
International Women's Day Collection	\$93.80	
Adjustment to reconcile Actual Bank Balance	\$1,039.60	
Open House Float returned	\$200.00	
Bank Interest	\$11.74	
TOTAL INCOME	\$71,026.65	
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Membership Dues-National & Atlantic Regional Council	\$5,890.00	
Book Sale	\$6,546.01	
<i>Estimated Book Sale Expenses to come</i>	<i>\$3,200.00</i>	
Scholarships & Awards	\$13,830.00	
Gifts	\$148.00	
NAPS	\$953.79	
Travel	\$1,920.42	
Meeting Expenses	\$1,464.95	
Advertising, P.R. & Website Setup	\$1,101.74	
Christmas Dinner	\$2,149.37	
Bank - Deposit Bags & Cheques	\$166.24	
Fresh Start Basket	\$300.00	
Street Reach	\$406.31	
Other	\$39.85	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$38,116.68	
Opening Balance + Income – Expenses		\$57,987.33
GIC due November 2016		\$6,600.00
ACTUAL BALANCE		\$64,587.33
Less Commitments for 2013-2014		\$47,100.00
BALANCE AVAILABLE		\$17,487.33

This has been my first year as treasurer for our club. It has included a fairly steep learning curve to keep everything checked and balanced! Many thanks to our past treasurer Elsie Wells who passed along much needed information and was available for guidance throughout the year.

(Note: Last year it was decided to change our fiscal year end to July 31st, extending the previous year from April 1, 2011 – July 31, 2012. Our fiscal year this year will be from August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2012.)

Respectfully submitted,
Riva McKee, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES 2012 - 2013

CFUW St. John's has two members acting as co-secretaries for 2012 - 2013. Bertha Schofield records and prepares the minutes for the Executive Meetings and Glenda Haynes records and prepares the minutes for the General Meetings.

Motions

The following motions were voted on by CFUW St. John's during the year 2012—2013.

October 2012 Meeting

1: That when a member of CFUW St. John's Club passes away, then the club will donate \$50.00 to the Dr. Edith M. Manuel and Olga Anderson CFUW Entrance Bursary in their memory.

Moved to accept: Riva McKee. Seconded: Hazel Pritchett Harris. Carried.

November 2012 Meeting

1: That CFUW St. John's donate \$1500.00 to the Memorial University Food Bank.

Moved to accept: Joyce Noseworthy. Seconded: Grace Hollett. Carried.

January 2013 Meeting

1: That CFUW St. John's allocate \$10,000 in extra funding for bursaries for the 2012—2013 academic year as set out in the written proposal circulated at the January 2013 General Meeting. The additional scholarships were:

RNC Police Studies Cadet Program (MUN)	3 @ \$1000
Memorial University Gender Studies	2 @ \$1000.
MUN Religious Studies	1 @ \$1000
MUN Psychology	1 @ \$1000.
College of the North Atlantic	2 @ \$1000
Instrumentation and Control Technician (Seal Cove campus)	
Welder (Prince Philip Drive campus)	
Marine Institute School of Ocean Technologies	1 @ \$1000
Moved to accept: Barbara Clancy. Seconded: Gillian Brown. Carried.	

March 2013 Meeting

Proposed Resolutions for 2013 National AGM:

Resolution #1: Bullying and Cyber-bullying. Proposed by: Montreal Lakeshore UWC
Presented by: Grace Hollett and Judith Prior

Resolved, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments of Canada to establish a framework to:

- (1) Raise public awareness about bullying and cyber-bullying and the legal remedies already in place.
- (2) Discourage and deter bullying and cyber-bullying, and ensure that educational institutions establish or develop programs which train educators and counselors to recognize and address bullying and cyber-bullying by integrating such training into their core curriculum and also into ongoing professional development.

Moved to accept: Grace Hollett. Seconded: Joyce Noseworthy. Carried.

Resolution # 2: Hyper-sexualisation: Countering Exploitative Child Images.

Proposed by: CFUW Cornwall and District

Presented by: Gillian Brown

Resolved, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to implement and enforce laws that prohibit the use of sexualized images of prepubescent and adolescent children in media.

Resolved, That CFUW recommend a nationwide education program be designed to raise Canadians' awareness of the hyper-sexualisation of children, especially girls in advertising, commercial products, and mass media.

Resolved, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to develop media literacy that counters sexist conditioning and provides positive role models as a fundamental part of a National Action Plan to End Violence against Women and Girls.

Resolved, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to allocate resources to

support programs that expose the relationship between hyper-sexualisation and gender inequality in society.

Resolved, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to allocate resources to programs that support the positive depiction of women.

Propose Resolve # 1, 2, 4, remain the same.

Amend # 3 Resolve, to read: That CFUW urge the government of Canada to develop media literacy programs that expose the relationship between hyper-sexualisation and gender inequality in society.

Moved to accept as amended: Gillian Brown. Seconded: Lois Jeffery.
Carried.

Resolution # 3: The Need for a Federal Commissioner for Canada's Children

Proposed by: CFUW South Delta

Presented by: Jean Marks

Resolved, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to:

- (1) Take the necessary measures to establish the office of an independent federal Children's Commissioner with the necessary human, technical and financial resources to secure its independence and efficacy in conducting comprehensive and systematic monitoring of all children's rights and to ensure the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in Canada.
- (2) Promote public awareness and education about the United Nations (UN) Convention on the rights of the Child and in particular of the need to ensure the implementation of the rights of Aboriginal and other marginalized children in Canada.
- (3) Review all legislation for compliance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and other international conventions and protocols which Canada has ratified including the UN Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography and the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking, and to fully implement the terms set out within these documents.

Moved to accept: Jean Marks. Seconded by: Judith Prior. Carried.

Resolution # 4: An Adequate Income for All Canadians. Proposed by: CFUW Guelph

Presented by: Hazel Pritchett Harris

Resolved, That the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the federal, provincial, and territorial governments of Canada to implement a basic income program that ensures that all adult residents of Canada as defined for tax purposes, receive an income adequate for the necessities of life including safe housing, nutritious food, clothing, transportation and other basic needs.

Moved to accept: Hazel Pritchett Harris. Seconded: Joyce Noseworthy.
Carried.

Resolution # 5: Reduction of Dietary Sodium. Proposed by: CFUW—Ottawa
Presented by: Thelma Hodder and Linda Patzold

Resolved, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to amend the Food and Drug Regulations to change the basis of the Daily Value (DV) for sodium calculations on food labels from 2300 mg to 1500mg to reflect the current Adequate Intake (AI) level.

Resolved, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to work with the food industry to establish sodium reduction targets by food category so that Canadians can consume a healthy, varied diet without exceeding the current Adequate Intake (A I) for sodium levels (1500 mg/day for adults).

Resolved, That CFUW urge the Provincial, Territorial and Municipal governments to establish sodium levels for food services and restaurant food so that Canadians of all ages may enjoy healthy meals in restaurants and cafeterias without exceeding age-appropriate recommended sodium levels.

Resolved, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada and the Provincial, Territorial, and Municipal governments to promote public awareness of healthy, age-appropriate levels of sodium consumption based on the current Adequate Daily Intake (AI) (1500 mg./day for adults).

Moved to accept: Linda Patzold. Seconded: Linda Jamieson. Carried.

May Meeting 2013

Motion 1:

That CFUW St. John's accept the proposed budget for 2013-2014 as presented:

Cash Balance

	Cash on Hand May 09, 2013	\$62,281
	Less Book Sale Expenses TBA	\$ 3,200
Cash Balance	total	\$59,081

Projected Expenses/Commitments

	Travel	\$3,500
	Meeting/Administration	\$2,000

including post office box rental and liability insurance	
Book Sale Start-up Expenses	\$5,000
NAPS	\$1,500
Outreach	\$1,000
Gifts/Donations	\$ 150
Sunshine Committee	\$ 100
Archives	\$ 50
Scholarships/Bursaries/Awards	\$33,800
Projected Expenses/Commitments total	\$47,100

Balance **\$11,981**

Moved to accept: Riva McKee. Seconded: Thelma Hodder.
Carried.

Motion 2:

That CFUW St. John's spend \$33,800.00 on scholarships, bursaries, and other educational initiatives in the following manner:

Proposed Scholarship/Bursary Donations for the 2013 – 2014 Academic Year

Police Studies Cadet Program

3 @ \$1000.00	\$3000.00
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Memorial University

Manuel/Anderson Entrance Bursaries (top up)	\$1500.00
Gender Studies Post-Graduate Scholarship	\$2000.00
Faculty of Education Post-Graduate Scholarship	\$2000.00
Department of Human Kinetics Scholarship	\$1500.00
Faculty of Arts Scholarship	\$1500.00
8 bursaries – Departments to be decided in consultation with MUN	\$8000.00
	\$16,500.00

Marine Institute

4 bursaries @ \$1000.00 Departments to be decided in consultation with MUN	\$4000.00
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College of the North Atlantic

Early Childhood Education 2 @ \$1000.00	\$2000.00
3 bursaries to women in non-traditional occupation 3@ \$1000.00	\$3000.00
	\$5000.00

Laini Saba Primary School - Kenya

3 tuitions @ \$450.00	\$1350.00
Donation towards school supplies/administration	\$650.00
	\$2000.00

Kiwanis Music Festival

4 scholarships @ \$100.00	\$400.00
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MUN Food Bank

Donations	\$2500.00
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CFUW Charitable Trust

Donation to CFUW Scholarship Foundation	\$400.00
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TOTAL \$33,800.00

Moved to accept: Barbara Clancy. Seconded: Trudy Gosse. Carried.

Proposed Changes to CFUW Articles and By-Laws

Presented by: Joyce Noseworthy

1. **CFUW Board of Directors:** Reduce the number of Regional Directors in British Columbia from (4) to (3) and the total number of Regional Directors from (19) to (18).
2. **D 25:** The Board is accountable to member clubs and is responsible for the oversight and management of CFUW in accordance with CFUW policy and procedures as established by the CFUW eligible voters.
3. **Articles and Bylaws Committee:** "National" be inserted before "Committee" in L. (Amendments, Additions, Repeals, and Revisions).
4. **Articles and Bylaws Committee:** "Provincial/Regional Councils" be inserted after "Board" in L. (Amendments, Additions, Repeals, and Revisions).
5. **Articles and Bylaws Committee:** "8" be deleted and "7" inserted in Schedule 1- Definitions of individual membership.
6. **Articles and Bylaws Committee:** "Alumni organizations that become Member organizations may retain their alumni association name". Be inserted at the end of 8.

Moved to accept the 6 proposed amendments: Joyce Noseworthy. Seconded: Barbara Clancy. Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Glenda Haynes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Archives Committee met three times at the home of Wanda Saunders during the month of May 2013 with successful results.

When we rejuvenated this committee several years ago, the massive project seemed overwhelming. However, with diligent work, we are pleased to report that we have sorted and re-filed almost all of the club's archival material. The Club Archives have been stored in Wanda's home since 1997, when the former club archivist, Marilyn Lewis, moved out of the country. Wanda will complete the sorting of what is left, with plans to hand the remainder of the collection over to the Centre for Newfoundland Studies (CNS) at Memorial University by the end of June. This will be added to the material which was formerly sorted and placed in The Centre.

I wish to thank all members of this committee who have given time and effort over the past years to complete this project. It was a tedious job, but an important and interesting one. Thanks also to Linda White, Archivist with CNS, who has given us guidance along the way, supplied us with materials and attended meetings to answer questions.

Members who have served on this committee are: Janice Moores, Grace Stapleton, Fran Field, Jean Marks, Thelma Hodder, Clarissa Hiscock, Grace Hollett, Elsie Wells, Daphne Lilly, and Lois Baker.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda Saunders, Chair

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Communications Chair provided notification of upcoming meetings to the radio stations and print media for the meetings for which guest speakers were available. Members of the public were invited to attend these meetings.

As the vast majority of members now have computers, E-mail notifications kept members abreast of club activities and projects, as well as other non-CFUW items of interest. An email list for the club is maintained and updated as needed. The telephone committee also contacted members for various reasons during the year.

This year CFUW St. John's launched a new website. This site is better suited to meet our needs as it has unlimited space and it can be accessed directly by the public. Joyce

Noseworthy has agreed to be our webmaster. Many thanks go to the Website Committee for undertaking and seeing to the completion of this task. Committee members were Barbara Clancy, Riva McKee, Joyce Noseworthy, and Gillian Brown. Check out our new site at: <http://www.cfuwstjohns.org>

Daphne Lilly has undertaken the job of Newsletter Editor for the past two years. She has produced four informative newsletters this year and deserves a pat on the back for doing such a great job. Thank you, Daphne.

In conjunction with Grace Hollett, the Publicity Chair for the Book Sale Committee, many messages went sent to radio stations, print and electronic media and church bulletins promoting the book collection blitzes and the sale. Grace also organized special TV and radio events concerning the Book Sale. Grace always does a great job and is owed a debt of gratitude for her work.

The following is a list of media events generated by the club during the year:

- Telegram Photo of Book Collection Blitz- Feb.
- Presentation of the first 3 scholarships to RNC cadets: News clip of President Barbara's speech were shown on CBC and NTV TV; the Telegram article ran an article, and Barbara was interviewed by VOCM radio.
- President and Regional Director interviewed by Zach Goudie on CBC Morning Show - April 18
- Photo in The Telegram of Barbara and Patricia Collins "sorting books" over info about the dates and times of the book sale, April 17th
- Article, written by Grace Hollett, concerning the Book Sale, published in CFUW National Communicator in May

Respectfully submitted,
Gillian Brown, Chair

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Our first meeting of the year, CFUW St. John's Open House, took place Saturday, September 22, 2012 at E.B. Foran Room, St. John's City Hall. The guest speaker was Kelly Fewer, Manager of Programs for Iris Kirby House, whose topic was an overview of Iris Kirby House.

During the social, membership kits and program information were given to new members, Elizabeth Cahill, Anne Marie Salter, and Rosemary Fowler. Previous members renewed, as well as others who expressed an interest in the CFUW and left with general information.

Membership (2012-2013) 95
 - 1 life member
 - 3 new members
 - 91 renewed members

Membership (2011-2012) 99
 - 4 members did not renew their membership for 2012-2013.

Thank you to all whom assisted with the membership committee during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
 Elsie Wells, Chair

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

This year's Planning Committee consisted of Teresita Walsh, Gerri Downey, Thelma Hodder, and Elizabeth Piper. The Committee would like to thank the Executive for their support and a special thanks to the telephone callers, and all the members who donated food and refreshments for the regular meetings, and the members who introduced and thanked speakers.

The Year started with a Membership Reception held on September 22nd, 2012 at the E.B. Foran room, St. John's City Hall. The guest speaker for the event was Kelly Fewer, Manager of Programs for Iris Kirby House.

The speakers for our Tuesday evening meetings have been very interesting and appreciated by all for taking the time to talk with us. This year's speakers were:
 October 9th, 2012 – Kimberly Dawson – Homelessness
 November 13th, 2012 – Linda Ryan – Decorating with Winter Greenery
 December, 2012 - Christmas Social was held at the Ramada Inn. Entertainment by Women on Tap.
 January 8th, 2012 – Helena Butler – Shakti Yoga and Fitness
 February 12, 2013 – Cancelled due to weather
 March 12th, 2013 – Issues and Resolution Meeting
 May 11th, 2013 – 10:00am - 12:00pm – Financial Business Meeting
 June 11th, 2013 – The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled at the Ramada Inn

The Spring Outing will be in June of this year. It is hoped that we can visit the Manuels River Interpretation Centre and have lunch in the area.

Respectfully submitted,
 Elizabeth Piper & Teresita Walsh, Co-Chairs

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT
Academic Year 2012 – 2013

CFUW St. John's awarded more scholarships and bursaries to young women during the 2012 – 2013 academic year than ever before in our history. We had a tremendously successful book sale in 2012 which allowed us to fund additional awards over and above the previous year. In January 2013 our club voted to fund an additional \$10,000 in awards from the surplus funds that resulted from cashing in one of our Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GIC).

The recipients of our scholarships and bursaries at MUN, the Marine Institute, and the College of the North Atlantic for the academic year 2012 – 2013 are as follows:

MUN

Edith M. Manuel Entrance	Kristen Slaney
Olga Anderson Entrance	Emily Ingram
Women's Studies Post-Grad	Ilaria Piri
Faculty of Education (Edith Creighton) Post-Grad	Deidre Keating
Department of Human Kinetics	Kate Hogan
Faculty of Arts Scholarship	Megan Walsh
Department of Sociology Bursary	Tamara Head
Department of Religious Studies Bursary	Charlotte Mitchell
Department of Computer Science Bursary	Megan O'Connor
Department of Folklore Bursary	Jules Helwig-Larsen
Department of Gender Studies Bursary	Julianne Mack
	Leslie Derraugh
Department of Psychology	Chelsea Gambin

Marine Institute

Ocean Instrumentation 2013)	Kayla Kerrivan (Fall 2012/Spring
Naval Architecture	Courtney Munn
Ocean Technologies	

College of the North Atlantic

Early Childhood Education	Eileen Pieroway
Mining Technician	Kimberly Earle
Chemical Processing Engineering Technology (Co-op Program)	Natasha Foote
Instrumentation and Control Technician	Melissa Ryan Smith
Welder	Heather Jenkins

We were also tremendously pleased to present the inaugural Women in Policing Scholarships to three Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Police Cadets, Vanessa Sutherland, Megan Dawe, and Kimberly Oates at a special ceremony organized by the

RNC. These scholarships were awarded directly through the RNC Police Studies Program and have resulted in a community partnership between the RNC and our club.

As a result of unprecedented profits from our book sale this year, a proposal to devote \$33,800 to scholarships and bursaries for the 2013 – 2014 academic year was approved by the membership at our May meeting. The specifics of the proposal are shown on pages 10 and 11.

We would like to thank Kathrin Gill, Office of Alumni Affairs & Development at Memorial University of Newfoundland, and Evelyn Hyde, Alumni and Advancement Officer at the College of the North Atlantic for their guidance and assistance over the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Clancy, Chair

BOOK SALE 2013 REPORT

Planning for the 2013 Book Sale began on January 14, 2013, with the first meeting of the 16-member Book Sale Committee. The first item of business was to find a suitable space for sorting, pricing and storing our books, as the Mount Scio MUN site was not available to us this year. We looked at and rejected quite a few possibilities, including basement rooms in the Newfoundland Housing apartments in Pleasantville and the dressing rooms at the Swilers rugby club, before we found what turned out to be an ideal spot in the former Pennington's Superstore retail space in the Hamlyn Road Plaza.

We took possession of the Hamlyn Road site on February 18 and held our book collection blitz on Saturday, February 23. We had trucks at the Arts and Culture Centre parking lot and at the parking lot of Wal-Mart, Mount Pearl. Both were well attended; we collected an estimated 20-22 thousand books in that four-hour period.

The large floor space at Hamlyn Road enabled us to introduce several changes / improvements in the sorting and pricing process. More table and floor space meant that we could box all our fiction categories alphabetically. It also meant that we could hold large numbers of books in certain non-fiction categories until specific designated individuals priced all the books, ensuring greater consistency in pricing. Also, we were able to store all the boxed books on site, eliminating the need to rent a storage facility, and were able to store together all the books of a particular category, making set-up at the Arts and Culture centre so much easier.

We made several changes to how we sorted and priced books this year. Our collectible section was significantly reduced, with those books priced at \$10 or less moved into a

newly-created category of Vintage books. More expensive books that had been part of our collection for at least three years were reduced in price. Similarly, the Newfoundland book collection was split; many of the books were reduced in price and the less expensive books along with those for which we had multiple copies were moved into a second collection that would be offered for sale on the main floor. These changes paid off; the books on the main floor sold so well that we had a hard time keeping the tables stocked!

We were fortunate this year to have cadets from the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary move our books to the Arts and Culture Centre on April 16 and help to set up for the sale on April 17. Cadets were also present throughout the entire sale providing security for the collection of money and helping to count and package the cash. We hope that they will be available again next year.

Initially we were quite concerned that our income would be significantly reduced because our sale this year ran from Wednesday evening to Friday morning, instead of from Thursday to Saturday as it had in the past. However, our concerns were groundless. This year saw a record profit; total deposits at the end of the sale were over \$48,000 (this included the money from the sale of the entrance tickets and tickets on the Read and Relax Basket) and even with the increased expenses associated with the rental of the Hamlyn road and ACC sites, our net profit was over \$38,000!

This year, over 60% of the Club members helped with the book sale in some fashion, either during the sorting and pricing process, the sale itself or the clean-up at the end. This is a record level of involvement, but it can be even better. As this is the only fundraising venture undertaken by our Club and the sole source of the money donated to our scholarship and community outreach efforts, we hope to see even more of our members involved next year.

As always, many groups and individuals outside our Club helped to make the sale a success. The members of WAMUN and Beta Sigma Phi were there to help, as were Eldon Bussey, Chris Clancy, Don Clarke, Bud Dymond, George Murphy, Paul Murphy and, as already mentioned, the RNC cadets and their instructors. We would also like to thank Crombie Reit, the Arts and Culture Centre and the School of Music (for allowing us the use of their MAAP room).

Next year's Book Sale will be held on March 26-28, 2014. It will bring a whole new set of challenges as it will be the first time that our sale will not be held in April and once again, it will run from Wednesday to Friday. If you would like to be a part of the planning and organizing committee for this sale, please sign up during our Open House on September 14 or give one of us your name. The more, the merrier!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this our best sale ever!

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Clancy & Joyce Noseworthy, Co-Chairs

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORTS

FRESH START BASKETS

As in 2011 – 2012, CFUW St. John's continued our support of the Fresh Start Baskets in partnership with the Sir Wilfred Grenfell Chapter of the IODE. Every month they deliver baskets to Iris Kirby House, a shelter for abused women and their children. The baskets contain items which will help a woman make a "fresh start" after she leaves the shelter. CFUW ST. John's members bring such items as toothpaste, towels, cleaning supplies, paper products, kitchen items, tea bags, coffee, and laundry detergent, to our monthly meetings for inclusion in the baskets.

This year we contributed items to 24 baskets. We also made a \$300.00 donation which will help fill baskets during the summer months when our monthly meetings do not occur.

We received letters from Iris Kirby House thanking us for our contributions and telling us that these baskets send a strong message to the women that they are not alone and others care about them. We are pleased to be part of such a worthwhile project and will continue our support in 2013 – 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Hazel Pritchett Harris

GOWER STREET LUNCH PROGRAM

Background

From 2008 to 2011 members of the Street Reach Program served lunch at Gower Street United Church every Wednesday. The people they fed were at-risk-youth, street people, the working poor, and people with mental health issues. The Street Reach workers wanted to feed them and to also have a place to provide street people with social resources, which is the program's primary mandate.

The weekly lunch clients grew from a small group to about 80 people. However, Street Reach discontinued this lunch program because of limited staff resources. The Gower Street United Church Outreach Committee volunteered to restart the lunch program. However, the job was too big for one community group. So they approached businesses, other churches, community groups, and individuals for their assistance in keeping this lunch program going. Although the Street Reach organization no longer organizes the lunch program, the mandate remains the same – to provide a hot and nutritious lunch for the less fortunate of St. John's.

Gower Street United Church provides the cooking facilities, dining area, cutlery, dishes, community outreach volunteers from Gower Street United Church to orient and assist each community group, and an industrial dishwasher!

CFUW St. John's Experience

While volunteering at the lunch program last fall with my church's AMS group, I felt that this lunch program would be a perfect fit for CFUW St. John's and an excellent way to expand our community outreach program. So, after consulting with the executive, we committed to providing a 3H lunch (hot, hearty, and healthy!) on Wednesday, October 31st.

A sign-up sheet was put out at our Open House in September and 18 members signed up to work on this community outreach program. Our commitment was to decide on the menu, buy supplies, prepare, serve, and clean up a lunchtime meal for 60-80 people. To serve 80 people, previous groups have spent \$150.00 or so in the past. If numbers change, cost changes proportionately.

Lunch consists of items such as soup and sandwiches, chicken with rice and vegetables, ham with potatoes and vegetables, chilli, shepherd's pie, lasagna, hamburgers, macaroni and cheese. Dessert is also served – cookies, cake, pie, apple crisp, ice cream, etc., are common choices. Meals are usually accompanied by rolls (usually donated) and butter, juice, milk for use in coffee and tea, and dessert of some type (cookies, squares, cake, pie, etc). Gower Street United Church provides tea, ground coffee, sugar, and napkins; they also set up the site with table and chairs and put them away after the lunch.

For the meal we chose a hearty beef vegetable soup, rolls (provided by Bridge to Hope), juice, yogurt, and a huge Hallowe'en cake. Each client was given a large serving of soup, 2 rolls, an individual yogurt serving, and a piece of cake. Some clients came back for seconds which was a testament to the success of the meal. The cost to CFUW St. John's was approximately \$145.00 for lunch for 60 – 70 people.

After the success of the first lunch, we committed to provide another lunch in February. On February 27th we provided a lunch of hot soup, sandwiches, and cake for about 80 people. The cost for this meal was approximately \$250.00

CFUW St. John's has tentatively committed to providing lunch for this program again on Wednesday, October 30, 2013, and a second lunch during the spring of 2014, probably in April after the book sale.

MUN FOOD BANK

In 2012 – 2013, CFUW ST. John's donated \$2550 to the MUN Food Bank. \$1050.00 was given from the CFUW St. John's budget in 2012 and a further \$1500.00 was donated from our surplus funds in January, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Clancy

NEWFOUNDLAND ART POSTERS IN SCHOOLS (NAPS)

This year the NAPS program has continued to provide Newfoundland artwork to students and teachers in our schools. Eighteen volunteers have distributed approximately three hundred posters to thirty-seven schools throughout the Avalon area and eastern Newfoundland. These posters are distributed in October and February with an accompanying Artists' Profile Binder. Twelve new posters were laminated and incorporated into our collection so that it continues to expand and as well include new artists.

We would like to thank the faithful volunteers who make this program possible, - to those who drive to the schools and distribute the posters and help clean and maintain the collection - many, many thanks. The program is successful because of your continuing interest and efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Mallam & Karen Noel, Co-Chairs

STUDY GROUPS

ISSUES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Issues and Resolutions Committee of CFUW St. John's generally works on two main tasks each year. The first task is to take action on the resolutions passed by CFUW National. The second task is to present the proposed resolutions for the upcoming AGM to our local club for their acceptance/rejection. (Resolutions that are adopted by the National body at the Annual General Meeting become part of CFUW policy.)

Committee Members 2012-13: Barbara Clancy, Gillian Brown, Hazel Pritchett Harris, Thelma Hodder, Grace Hollett, Daphne Lilly, Jean Marks, Judith Prior, Linda Patzold.

At the first meeting the following issues were considered:

1. Possible invitations to female politicians to our open house in September.
2. The disproportional impact of climate change on women and on poorer countries
3. Retention of women in non-traditional jobs
4. Full access for persons with disabilities
5. Homelessness/Affordable housing
6. Food Security
7. Mental Health Strategy for Canada

The committee usually chooses one or two of the many resolutions to action. We generally work on the ones approved at the latest AGM but action can be taken on any of the adopted resolutions. During 2012-13, the committee met seven times and a possible eighth meeting is in the offing.

Highlights of the year included:

- a. Two speakers for the monthly meetings spoke on topics related to resolutions: Kimberly Dawson Yetman, on Homelessness, and Kristie Jamison, on Food Security.
- b. The Issues and Resolutions Committee recommended to the executive to forego the idea of inviting female politicians (federal, provincial, and municipal) to the September Open House.
- c. A committee member attended a meeting hosted by NL & Lab Housing & Homelessness Network at City Hall concerning possible changes in the Residential Tenancy's Act.
- d. Committee members researched local conditions for all the resolutions from AGM 2012 and reported back to the committee. A number of these were chosen for action.
- e. Letters were sent to the Prime Minister, and to our 3 local MP's concerning the passing of Bill C-400, An Act to Ensure Adequate, Accessible, & Affordable Housing. The Bill failed but we did receive correspondence from the Prime Minister's Office, Ryan Cleary, and Scott Andrews.
- f. Letters were sent to federal Minister Diane Finley, federal MPs, provincial Minister Joan Shea, and to provincial MHAs concerning the establishment of standards and the passing and enforcing of regulations to ensure that the disabled can participate in society to the fullest extent possible. Responses were received from the Premier's office, the office of Lorraine Michael (leader of the third party), and Dale Kirby.
- g. The proposed resolutions for AGM 2013 were presented to the membership at the March Resolutions Meeting.
- h. Letters concerning the disproportionate impact of climate change on women and the retention of women in non-traditional jobs are being prepared for both the federal and provincial governments. These are expected to be mailed before the summer break.

Thank you to the members of the committee for their work during the year. We had some great discussions!

Visit www.cfuw.org to see the resolutions in full.

Respectfully submitted,
Gillian Brown, Chair

REPORTS OF INTEREST GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION GROUP

On October 26th we visited the Christina Parker Gallery to see new works by Di Dabinett, and then went on to the Peter Lewis Gallery to view the Exhibit “In Bloom” by Julie Duff.

On November 30th we had a tour of the Plantation at Quidi Vidi Village where we admired the new building, which is used as studio space for artists as well as a community centre for the village. Several of the artists were preparing for Christmas exhibits, and we were able to see them creating their work, and to chat with them about their art.

On February 22 we planned to visit the Leyton Gallery to see “Living Gowns” by Brent Coffin and then view the NSO photographs by Greg Locke at Hava Java. Unfortunately stormy weather forced us to cancel on occasion.

On April 30th we went to the James Baird Gallery in Pouch Cove to see works by Steve Driscoll and other international artists, many of whom have lived at the studio as part of the visiting artists program Baird has offered for over twenty years. The gallery itself is right at the edge of the ocean, with an inspiring view. The tour was educational and entertaining; it included information about the artists and their painting techniques, as well as stories about operating a commercial art gallery out of Pouch Cove and Buenos Aires.

There are over twenty members in our group, but most of the events were not well attended. The suggestion had been made that we schedule our art visits on a specific day each month, rather than arrange to attend exhibits whenever they opened. We chose the morning of the last Friday of the month; however, there were very few art exhibits open on those dates –at least during the past year – and it did not appear to be a good time for most of our members. I would appreciate suggestions re events and scheduling so more of our members can take part.

Grace Stapleton, Convenor

ALLEY CATS (Bowling)

Nine cats stalked the alleys during the present year looking, not for mice, but for TURKEYS! The turkeys, although a few appeared, were hard to catch!!

The Alley Cat Bowlers met at Plaza Bowl on Ropewalk Lane on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from late September to June. Bowling began about 3:50 and two games were bowled each day. Being rather independently minded, the “cats” did not

bowl in teams. Individual scores were kept and averages and other bowling feats were celebrated at the annual Awards Breakfast where the trophy for the highest average is presented. (Note: All cats are welcome as no skill is required, just a desire to throw a few balls and have a good yarn.)

Gillian Brown, Top Cat!

BRIDGE GROUPS

BRIDGE GROUP 1

Our group has had an enjoyable year of bridge. We've met twice a month on Thursdays from September to June. We presently have nine regular members, and a number of substitutes. This works out well because there's often someone travelling or is unable to attend. Thank you to the members for their great hospitality, also to the substitutes for filling in at short notice. We're finishing off the year with lunch at a restaurant, followed by bridge at Fran's.

Greta Spencer, Convenor

BRIDGE GROUP 2

Bridge Group 2 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 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month for 16 weeks. New spares are welcome. Please contact Karen Butt by e-mail: kebutt@nl.rogers.com

Karen Butt, Convenor

BRIDGE GROUP 3

Bridge Group 3 meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from September to May. We have eight regular members and a number of substitutes. We have enjoyed interesting bridge, discussions, and desserts during our sessions this year. Thank you to our members for their hospitality and to our substitutes for filling in.

Sharon Butler, Convenor

BRIDGE GROUP 4

Bridge Group 4 meets every Tuesday morning at 10:00 am. We play bridge until 12:00 and then break for lunch; initially the hostess provided lunch, but mid-way through the year we decided that each player would bring her own lunch and the hostess would

provide only coffee or tea and dessert. After lunch, we normally play some more bridge until about 2:30 pm. On those Tuesdays when the Ladies who Lunch meet, we begin our bridge at 9:30 am and end at noon so that we can join them.

Joyce Noseworthy, Convenor

COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY INTEREST GROUP

Activities began with free classes in November and December at the Mount Pearl Library where an intern, sponsored by the Federal Government, offered group classes or individual tutoring in Computer Basics, Emailing, Power Point, Facebook, and Twitter. Club members were contacted and the first class arranged for each group after which each group or individual person arranged for subsequent classes herself. When the Intern Program was discontinued by Government, we were able to connect with a series of 1½ - 2 hour free classes offered at the A. C. Hunter Library in St. John's on Introduction to Computers, Email, and Internet searching. Personal tutoring on downloading library books on an e-reader was also available.

Grace Hollett, Convenor

CRAFTEAS GROUP

The Crafteas special interest group has continued meeting every second and fourth Thursday mornings at members' home. We are a group that continues meeting during the summer months. Each member of the group brings her own handicraft project to work on. It could be embroidery, knitting, quilting, hand sewing/repair, or beading. We come together to share ideas, show and tell, laugh and give support and encouragement to each other. We enjoy the time we can spend together in craft-inspired camaraderie and friendship. A light lunch is supplied by the hostess before we each head off to our other events or errands that day.

Maureen Leat, Convenor

DINING OUT GROUP

The Dining Out Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month from October to June at different restaurants. We generally have 20 plus members who attend and everyone enjoys an evening of fun and good food. During the past year we went to the following restaurants: Magic Wok, The Outport, Taj Mahal, Papa's, Bacalao, Rumpelstiltskin's, Quintana's, The Keg.

As most of you already know, this is my last year as Convenor. I hope someone (or two) will take on this job at the opening meeting in September, 2013. This is a popular group and it would be too bad to see it die. I would be willing to get the next convenor(s) started if that is your wish.

Have a safe, relaxing and happy summer.

Trudy Gosse, Convenor

HEALTHY LIVING GROUP

The Healthy Living Group met for about six sessions with the dietician and the wellness counsellor at Sobey's Howley Estates for interesting discussions on various health topics that interested the group. We covered such issues as using nutritional food labels, incorporating less familiar healthy foods into our diets, adapting recipes for a healthier food choice, and preparing healthy and delicious menus for specific health issues and social situations. Susan and Katrina were always able to answer our questions and as well introduced us to many new products in the health food section.

We hope to continue the interest group in the fall. Please sign up at the Membership Tea in September if you are interested in joining the group. We will meet once or twice a month depending on the needs of the group.

Jennifer Gill, Convenor

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Twenty-two members signed up for lunch this year. We met on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:30 pm. We enjoyed the cuisine at the Oppidon Restaurant, Hong's Buffet, Press and Bean, Boston Pizza, Sequerra's Restaurant, Jack's Restaurant, The Bird's Nest, and Tiny's Bar & Grill.

You are welcome to join us at East Side Mario's at Holiday Inn on June 18; Woodstock Colonial Inn, 1959 Topsail Road, Topsail, CBS on July 16; and Botanical Garden Cafe, 306 Mount Scio Road on August 20.

Clarissa Hiscock, Convenor

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB #1

The Morning Book Club had become very popular with a membership of more than 30 people. In the fall of 2012, the group divided into two, and we began meeting separately.

Both groups met together in December and June. In December we were pleased to have Elizabeth Murphy, author of An Imperfect Librarian, our choice for that month, as our special guest. The discussion was followed by a pot-luck lunch.

During the year we had our usual interesting discussions on the third Thursday of each month at 10 am with the attendance of twelve to fifteen. The February meeting was cancelled due to bad weather, and we discussed two books in March.

Books we read:

Michael Ondaatje - *The Cat's Table*

Molly Peacock - *The Paper Garden: Mrs. Delany Begins Her Life's Work at 72.*

Elizabeth Murphy - *The Imperfect Librarian*

Louise Penny - *A Trick of The Light.*

Kathleen Grissom - *The Kitchen House*

Mark Twain - *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court.*

Marina Endicott - *Good to a Fault.*

Paula McClain - *Paris Wife*

Geraldine Brooks -*March*

Thank you to members who invited us into their homes and to those who provided goodies to go with the coffee. We will begin in the fall with our first meeting in September as usual.

Fran Field, Convenor

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB #2

The Club meets at 10:00 am on the third Thursday of each month from September to June. We have 15 members who take turns hosting and catering to the group. Our book club dues of \$10 per member were donated to our Scholarship Fund.

This year we shared our reading list with Morning Book Club #1 and had joint meetings with them in December and June. We were fortunate to be joined by Newfoundland author Elizabeth Murphy in December when we discussed her novel, *The Imperfect Librarian*. Based on recommendations of the members, we decided at the September meeting on the books to be discussed. We chose books from a variety of genres – contemporary fiction, historical fiction, biography, mystery, classics, Newfoundland and Canadian authors.

Our reading list for this year was:

October	Michael Ondaatje	<i>The Cat's Table</i>
November:	Louise Penny	<i>A Trick of the Light</i>
December:	Elizabeth Murphy	<i>The Imperfect Librarian</i>
January:	Marina Endicott	<i>Good to a Fault</i>
February:	Molly Peacock	<i>The Paper Garden</i>
March:	Paula McClain	<i>The Paris Wife</i>

April:	Mark Twain	<i>A Connecticut Yankee</i>
May:	Kathleen Grissom	<i>The Kitchen House</i>
June:	Geraldine Brooks	<i>March</i>

We had spirited and quite lively discussions at our meetings. At the end, each member said what she liked best and least about the books and gave most of the books we read an overall rating out of 10. The averages of the ratings we assigned were: *The Cat's Table* - 6.8; *Trick of the Light* - 7.6; *Good to a Fault* - 7.8; *The Paris Wife* - 7.0; *The Kitchen House* - 4.7. We did not rate *The Imperfect Librarian* (the author was present during our discussion), *The Paper Garden* (our February meeting was cancelled due to bad weather) or *A Connecticut Yankee* (there were too few members present). At the time this report was written, we had not yet met to discuss *March*.

At our June meeting we hope to develop at least a partial book list for 2013-14, as a guide for our summer reading!

Joyce Noseworthy, Convenor

MURDER AND MAYHEM BOOK CLUB

The Club meets at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month from September to June. This year, there were a total of 20 members who took turns hosting and catering to the group. We normally read one or more books from a different mystery series each month; this year, in an attempt to better focus the discussion, we agreed to read specific books from the series. We also agreed to read a standalone novel in May; we chose *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn.

We were fortunate to have Lisa Moore, whose novel *February* won the 2013 Canada Reads competition, join us at our March meeting.

Based on recommendations of the members, we decide on the series to be discussed at our September meeting. We try for a mix of male and female authors; Canadian, American and European writers; contemporary and historical series; and police and non-police heroes.

This year our series choices were:

October:	Elizabeth Peters	Amelia Peabody series
November:	James Hawkins	David Bliss series
December:	Emily Brightwell	Mrs. Jeffries series
January:	Ross Macdonald	Lew Archer series
February:	Val McDermid	Tony Hill series
April:	William Deverill	Arthur Beauchamp series

June:

Robert Crais

Elvis Cole/Joe Pike
series

In rating the books we read, our members were near unanimous in their approval of *Gone Girl* and the Val McDermid books. Opinion was (often sharply) divided on the other series. At the time this report was written, we had not yet met to discuss Robert Crais.

Joyce Noseworthy, Convenor

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

The members on the Sunshine Committee continued in their role of sending get-well cards to the ill and of visiting with those in need of some company. We can also arrange transportation to meetings for those without access to a vehicle.

The members of the committee are Sharon Walsh, Patricia Collins, and Gerri Downey.

Sharon Walsh, Convenor

WOMEN ON TAP

Women on Tap wrapped up a fourth successful year on May 27, with a final lively lesson, and a luncheon get-together at Riva's home. At last, some time to chat!!

The focus this year was "getting it right" and the enthusiasm and dedication of every member of the group made it possible to learn a difficult new routine, and to review, revise and practice routines from the last three years. With the addition of three new warm-up steps, it is easy to see that no time was wasted.

We didn't do as much performing this year, but the group enjoyed bringing Christmas Cheer to the CFUW Christmas banquet.

We are fortunate to have had the opportunity to rent one of Connie Parsons' excellent dance studios. We are hoping to continue in that venue in the fall.

Many thanks to Joyce Noseworthy for her help in class and for taking over when needed.

Riva McKee & Judith Prior, Convenors

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Proposed Executive for 2013-14 is as follows:

President	Barbara Clancy	2 nd Term
Past President	Joyce Noseworthy	2 nd Term
Vice President	Hazel Pritchett Harris	2 nd Term
Treasurer	Riva McKee	2 nd Term
Secretary (General)	Glenda Haynes	3 rd Term
Secretary (Executive)	Bertha Schofield	2 nd Term
Membership	Elsie Wells	2 nd Term
Communications	Gillian Brown	2 nd Term
Programs	Gerri Downey	2 nd Term
	Thelma Hodder	2 nd Term
	Sharon Walsh	1 st Term
	Judith Prior	1 st Term

Nominations for all positions will be accepted from the floor at the AGM.

The term of office for all members of the Executive is one year, with the option of extending the term twice, for a total of three years.

Other Positions (appointed):

Newsletter Editor	Daphne Lilly	3 rd year
Webmaster	Joyce Noseworthy	1 st year

There is no specified term for these positions.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Noseworthy, Chair