



CFUW St. John's Newsletter March 2014

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President's Message

Hello Everyone!

This has been a long and tedious winter. But if you stand way up on your tiptoes and have a good long look down the road, you can see spring approaching, plodding along ever so slowly but coming nonetheless. If you are like me, you can hardly wait!!

Our major focus since the last newsletter has been our huge used book sale that will be held from March 26 – 28 at the Arts and Culture Centre. We had a tremendously successful Book Collection Blitz in February and many of you have spent hours sorting and packing the donated books in preparation for the sale. Many thanks to you all! We are well ahead of the game at our sorting site on Hamlyn Road and everything is well organized. We still need members to sign up for shifts at the sale. There are jobs on the cash tables, selling, sorting, tidying and restocking the tables, selling tickets on the Read and Relax Basket, and so on. Don't worry – we'll find something for you to do! Please sign up for a

couple of shifts if you haven't already done so. We need all able hands on deck in order to make the sale a success.

As part of the CFUW National Initiative, *The Prevention of and Response to Violence Against Women*, CFUW St. John's is now a member of the Coalition Against Violence – Avalon East. CAV is an alliance of 41 community and government agencies dedicated to ending violence in our homes and communities and to raising awareness of the problem in our communities. Through networking, lectures, seminars, roundtable discussions, meetings, and other community activities we become more educated about what is being done to reduce the instances of violence in our community.

Our Interest Groups continue to meet as the weather allows. These meetings are always well attended and members enjoy getting together to enjoy spending time together with a common interest as the focus.

I look forward to seeing you at the Book Sale!!

Barbara Clancy



Upcoming Events

“China Uncensored: Confessions of a Canadian Correspondent”

Tues. Mar. 18. 4:00 – 5:30 pm. MUN
11C2001 (Bruneau Centre Lecture Theatre)

Speaker: Anthony Germain – Host, St. John's Morning Show, CBC. Parking available in Lot 15B (adjacent to the Music School).
CFUW is a co-sponsor of this event.

MEETINGS

There are three general meetings left in our CFUW year.

On **April 8th** the speakers will be Sister Sharon Basha and Sister Charlotte Fitzpatrick who will inform us about the programs at The Gathering Place.

The speaker for the May meeting (**May 13**) has not yet been finalized. The topic will be *The Health Benefits of Walking* in preparation for those lovely sunny days of summer! We will also be discussing our budget for 2014 – 2015.

Our AGM and Dinner will be held on **June 10th** at the Ramada.

There will be collections of donations for the CFUW New Beginnings Baskets at each of these meetings.

Interest groups will continue to meet on a regular basis. Contact your group coordinator for information.

CFUW AGM JUNE 2014

Our Emerging Mosaic



Notre mosaïque émergente

Registration is now open for the CFUW National AGM being held in Kitchener-Waterloo from June 19th – 22nd. You can find details at the following site:

<http://cfuwkw.org/index.php?page=2014-National-Conference>

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Bridge Group #1 – Pat Rahal

The Bridge Group 1 revised schedule has been circulated to all members. We meet on the second and fourth Thursdays.

Bridge Group #2 – Karen Butt

Our bridge group has been meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month since September. We have cancelled our game on March 26 to allow members to volunteer with the Book Sale that begins on that day. Our last bridge game for this year will be on May 14th.

Ladies Who Lunch– Clarissa Hiscock

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 12.30 p.m. Our next venues are at Press and Bean, 428 Torbay Rd on March 18 and at Smitty's Family Restaurant 26 Gibson Drive, Mt. Pearl on April 15.

Crafteas – Maureen Leat

Crafteas usually meets every second and fourth Thursday morning beginning at 10 am. Due to our annual book sale, crafteas will only meet on March 13th. Our Spring dates are April 10th and 24th, & May 8th and 22nd. We stitch, chat and share craft ideas.



News From CFUW National Office

CFUW at the 58th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

CFUW has 14 delegates currently in New York for the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW), participating in conversation circles, panel discussions, presentations, and observing official statements and negotiations on Agreed Conclusions focused on the priority theme, challenges and achievement

in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls. Yesterday the formal negotiations began on the [Agreed Conclusions](#) among Member State negotiators, and CFUW with the National Council of Women Canada (NCWC), has offered [recommendations on priorities to Status of Women Canada](#). Read a [blog post from CFUW President, Susan Murphy](#) on CFUW's experience at UNCSW so far, and don't forget to check our [Facebook group](#) for regular updates.

CFUW congratulates Malala Yousafzai for her role as a leading advocate for girls' education worldwide. Here is the text of the letter sent by CFUW national president, Susan Murphy:

Dear Malala:

On behalf of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), I want to send our congratulations to you on your work as an education activist on behalf of girls internationally. For such a young person, your passion for this cause and your influence are extraordinary.

You have been nominated for the International Children's Peace Prize by Desmond Tutu, a UN petition called "I am Malala" was initiated by UN Special Envoy for Global Education Gordon Brown, you were the winner of Pakistan's first National Youth Peace Prize and nominated for the 2013 Nobel Prize, and you were awarded the 2013 Sakharov Prize. We are particularly gratified that you also have been made an honorary citizen of Canada.

In spite of the horrifying attack that you suffered at the hands of the Taliban, it is heartening to see your recovery and the continuation of your commitment to the cause of education. Your comment that "Education is education and it is the right of every human being" brings focus to the overwhelming need to pursue this cause.

The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) shares your passion for education. CFUW has been a major supporter of education in Canada for many years, funding more than \$1 million annually for girls' and women's education through its national Fellowships Program and the

local scholarships, bursaries and awards programs of CFUW clubs.

CFUW is a non-partisan, voluntary, self-funded organization with over 100 CFUW Clubs, located in every province across Canada. Since its founding in 1919, CFUW has been working to improve the status of women, and to promote human rights, public education, social justice, and peace. CFUW is the largest affiliate of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW), the leading girls' and women's global organization run by and for women, advocating for women's rights, equality and empowerment through access to quality education and training up to the highest levels.

Malala, we send our best wishes for your future endeavours.

Sincerely,
Susan Murphy
President, Canadian Federation of University Women



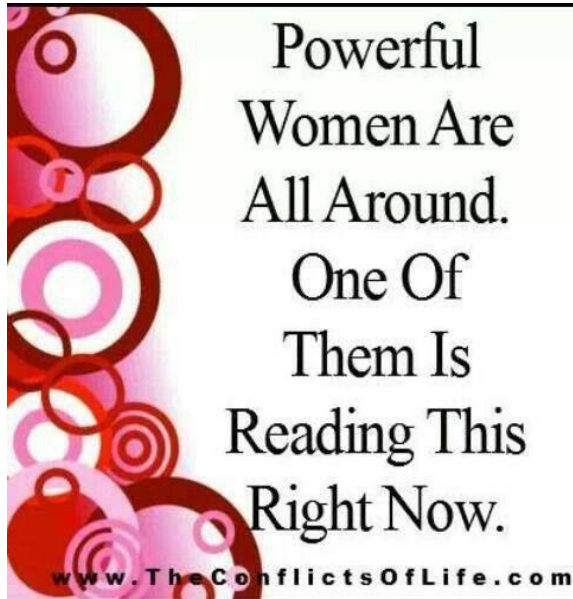
A girl getting an education learns much more than reading and math. She learns to stand up for her rights. She learns that she is important!



ADVANCE NOTICE ~ YEAR-END

FINAL REPORTS

A reminder to all Interest Group Coordinators and Committee Chairs.....the year-end report for your group or committee is due on *May 23rd*.



Barbara Clancy

Thank you to all who contributed to this newsletter. The next newsletter will be published in June. The deadline for receipt of items to be included is June 8, 2014.

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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