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EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dianne Reddy

I am pleased to report that our Club has enjoyed another successful year. The various Committee and group reports show just how active and involved we are, but I will point out some highlights to illustrate our success.

Membership:

We welcomed 15 new members this year, while eight members did not rejoin. Our club membership stands at a record 128 members!

Communication with Members:

I have continued to send out the monthly "News and Notices," begun by past president Hazel Pritchett Harris. These notices together with our website have become the main methods of communication with our members.

Program:

The Program Committee continues to provide us with speakers whose interests cover a broad range of topics, making for interesting and informative monthly meetings. **Book Sale:**

Our Book Sale continues to be our only fundraising venture. This year we sold nearly \$64,000 worth of books! I was particularly gratified to see so many of our new members become involved in both the pre-sale and sale activities associated with this venture. We thank the many friends and relatives of members who helped in this venture, particularly those that helped with the heavy lifting and moving.

Scholarships/Outreach:

This year, we spent over \$60,000 on scholarships, bursaries and outreach activities.

Thanks and Appreciation:

I would like to express my appreciation to all the members of the Executive Committee for their support and hard work over the past year – Maureen Leat, Vice-President; Joyce Noseworthy, Past President; Lois Jeffrey and Daphne Lilly, Secretaries; Gillian Brown, Treasurer; Sharon Walsh, Membership; Libby Foran, Public Relations; Susan McNicholas, Program; Grace Stapleton, Scholarships; and Margie Greene, Outreach

Thank you to the Chairs and Convenors of our study and interest groups for making our Club so interesting and keeping it active between the monthly meetings.

Most of all, thank you all your advice, encouragement and support during my first term as President

REPORT OF THE TREASURER – Gillian Brown

Financial Report
August 1, 2018 to June 6, 2019

INCOME:

Membership Fees	9,880.00
Book Sale	65,744.45
Book Sale Float	5,740.00
Baskets	123.50
Ecole Polytechnique collection	200.85
Christmas Dinner	2,299.00
Scholarship	0
AGM Dinner	2,009.00
In Memorandum	0
Misc.	
• Interest (74.34)	
• Redeposit damage cheque (100.00)	
• Redeposit Conference (648.65)	873.03
Total	86,869.83

Expenses:

Membership Dues	•	8,965.00
Conferences		1,882.25
Meetings and Administration		2,434.54
Book Sale		6,911.58
Book Sale Float		5,740.00
Outreach		8,001.40
Baskets		552.42
Ecole Polytechnique Donation		200.85
Christmas Dinner		2,285.28
AGM Dinner		0
Scholarships		14,900.00
Other:		
• MUN Food Bank	• 5600.00	
• Kiwanis Festival	• 400.00	

• School Lunch Program	• 1000.00	6,650.00
• In Memoranda	• 50.00	

SUMMARY:

Opening Balance: August 1, 2019	51,482.17
Credits	86,689.83
Subtotal	138,172
Debits	58,523.32
Ledger balance as of June 6, 2019	79,828.68
GIG	14,869.07
Total Credits	94,697.75

COMMITMENTS:

Budget 2018-19	Special Project	2000.00
	Conferences	2766.40
	Book Sale	3088.42
	Meeting & Admin	565.46
	Sunshine Committee	100.00
	AGM dinner	2009.00
	Outreach and RNC	1569.68
Total:		12098.96

Total credit:	\$104,704.97
Less GIC	14,836.01
Less commitments	<u>14,889.72</u>
Unencumbered money	<u>\$74,979.24</u>

REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES – Lois Jeffrey and Daphne Lilly

The membership approved the following motions during the year 2018-20189:

October Meeting

- That CFUW St. John's grant an additional \$3000 to the Scholarship Committee. The usual criteria will apply.

Motion to accept: Gillian Brown; seconded: Barbara Clancy. Carried.

November Meeting

- That CFUW St. John's award the unassigned \$1500 in our account at MUN as a scholarship to a full-time female student in a Master of Arts program at MUN, the subject area and recipient to be determined by the university.

Motion to accept: Grace Stapleton; seconded; Janice Moores. Carried.

- That CFUW St. John's use \$3000 to fund two \$1500 scholarships for full-time female students in the Master of Social Work Program at MUN for the 2018-2019 year.

Motion to accept: Grace Stapleton; seconded: Michelle Sullivan. Carried

January Meeting

- That CFUW offer a onetime scholarship for \$1000 for a female graduate to take a placement for one semester with a non-profit group arranged through The Entrepreneurship Training Program of the Centre for Social Enterprise at MUN.

Motion to accept: Gillian Brown; seconded: Barbara Clancy. Carried.

May Meeting

- That CFUW accept the Archives Policy presented by the Archivist in response to advice provided by the Archives and Special Collections at MUN. The policy outlines how the Club is to acquire and prepare documents for future inclusion in our official Archives collection.

Motion to accept: Daphne Lilly; seconded: Bea Courtney. Carried.

June Meeting

- That CFUW accept the proposed budget for 2019/20:

Income	
Sales from 2019 book sale ;	\$63,716.00
Early sale of books	1,008.00
Unused book sale funding - 2019 sale	2,000.00*

Membership fees (120 @ \$8)		<u>960.00</u>
Total	\$67,684.00	

*Estimate only, based on previous years' spending. Last year our expenses were \$6,800.00. This year's expenses may be slightly higher, but should not exceed \$8,000.

Proposed Budget for 2019/20

Conferences	3,500
Meetings / Administration	2,500
Pre-Book Sale Expenses	10,000
Outreach	8,000
Sunshine Committee	100
Special Projects	2,000
Scholarships & Bursaries	41,000
Total	\$67,100

The remaining \$584 will be allocated, along with any unspent money from the 2018/19 fiscal year, in October.

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

- That CFUW accept the proposed Scholarship / Bursary Plan for 2019/20:

MUN*	18,000
Marine Institute	4,000
College of North Atlantic	7,000
We Care Foundation	3,000
Kiwanis Music Festival	400
Campus Food Bank	5,600
School Lunch Program	1,000
Mature Student Bursaries	2,000
Total	\$41,000

* We propose giving 11 bursaries at \$1000, instead of 13; 5 to the School of Social Work (we gave 6 last year) and 6 to whatever underfunded departments MUN recommends.

Motion to accept: Joyce Noseworthy. Seconded: Bertha Schofield. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – Sharon Walsh, Chair

This past year CFUW ST. John's has experienced an increase in membership. The total 2018-2019 membership is 128.

Membership Recruitment:

• **September membership open house and social:** Membership recruitment began with the annual membership open house and social held on Saturday, September 22 at St Augustine's Church Hall. The meeting marked the beginning of the 2018–2019 CFUW year. The event was widely advertised through public service announcements, extending an invitation to all interested women. At this time, members were given the opportunity to renew membership and new members were registered.

Membership kits were given to the new members who joined at that time, and all members were given a program for 2018-2019. Program information was given to guests who expressed an interest in finding out more about the CFUW St. John's club.

• **Membership Drive:** A designated membership drive was held during March and April. Each member was asked to invite one person to our monthly meeting. Many members brought along a friend or relative to the meeting.

• **Online Membership:** The online membership once again resulted in several completed membership applications with 3 members joining. Personal contact was made with applicants who completed the membership application card. The potential members were provided with general information.

• **Book sale:** Our annual book sale provided an opportunity to promote membership in the club. The book committee, through their many interviews with the media in promoting the book collection and the book sale, provided a venue to highlight the history and mission of CFUW St. John's Club. Membership invitations were also available for distribution at this event.

• **Membership monthly meetings:** Throughout the year members were encouraged to bring along a friend at the meetings. This resulted in an increase in attendance at the monthly meetings. Thank you to everyone who participated in the membership recruitment throughout the year.

Membership:

- 2018-2019 (total membership 129)

The membership total includes 1 lifetime member, Audrey Lee, and 3 student members, Karen Gill, Justine Ammendolia, and Jacqueline Saturno

- **New Members:** We offer a warm welcome to our new members, Mary Andrews, Roberta Buchanan, Eva De Mariaffi, Jean Ann Farrell, Lois Finn, Carol Furlong, Sheila Genge, Kay Haynes, Judy Hudson, Cathy Kelly, Patti MacPherson, Sheilagh O’Leary, Margie Peckford, Stacey Piercey, Cathy Quigley, Catherine Ryan, Susan Sinnott and Nicole Strong.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT – Margie Greene, Chair

The Outreach Committee this year had a budget of \$10,000 sourced from our annual “Great Big Book Sale”. This year’s committee members included Gillian Brown, Maureen Leat, Bertha Schofield, Beverly Lee, Joan McCue, Libby Foran, Gwen Mercer and Margie Greene (Chair). We continued to support Iris Kirby House with baskets of household goods for those leaving Kirby House to set up their own households. We filled these with goods donated monthly by our members and we set aside \$1000 to top up the baskets with needed items.

We also set aside \$1000 for an initiative involving the RNC Violence Prevention to buy locks for women who need to change locks on their doors because of abusive partners and who can not afford to purchase them.

We provided financial support to a blind student from a rural community so that he could attend an orientation session of post-secondary institutions, sponsored by the CNIB. We supported the Just Us Women’s Program at Stella’s Circle and a nutrition education and breakfast program at the Association of New Canadians and we paid for participants to take a First Aid program at Thrive. We also supported Teachers On Wheels with the purchase of materials, the Home Again Furniture Bank and The Boys and Girls Club.

Commitments:

\$ 1 000 Iris Kirby Baskets
 \$ 1 000 Door Lock Initiative
 \$ 1 000 CNIB
 \$ 1 000 Just Us Women (Stella’s Circle)
 \$1 000 Fresh Start (Association of New Canadians)
 \$ 500 MATCH (CFUW)
 \$ 200 Gathering Place
 \$1182.40 First Aid (Thrive)
 \$ 800 Warm Bellies (St. John’s Boys and Girls Clubs)
 \$ 619 Teachers On Wheels
 \$ 1 000 Home Again Furniture Bank
\$ 700 Single Parents Association
 \$10,001.40 Total

From August 2018 to the end of May 2019 our group has put together 28 New Beginnings baskets for clients leaving Kirby House. We have given them additional baskets for the months of March, April and May. They have three baskets left and will need three more this month.

Several Club members have donated \$311 .00 in cash, along with various items collected at our meetings,. Members have also given cash donations to supplement outreach funds.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT – Susan McNicholas, Chair

The Program Committee for the 2018-2019 year was composed of Susan McNicholas, Brenda Martin, Cindy Musgrave, Yvonne Collinson and Zainab Jerret. In July and August, 2018 we met to organize our line-up of guest speakers and events for the year. Our speakers were:

September (Open House and Membership Tea, held at St. Augustine’s Church Hall):

Sheilagh O’Leary “Women’s Issues and Environmental Advocacy.

October: Jenn Brown “Women’s International Film Festival”

November: Sarah McHugh-Wade “The Journey Project”

January: Megan Morgan “Chair Yoga”

February: Larry Dohey “ This is Women’s Work: Finding Women in the Archives”

March: Al Antle “Personal Spending Limits from 16 to 101!”

April: Noura Bobaker “Personal Empowerment”

May: Sarah Crocker “Seed to Spoon: Food Security in NL.”

In December we held our Christmas Social at the Ramada Inn and followed it with rousing game of Christmas Trivia. Our AGM and Closing Dinner will also be held at the Ramada and we have planned a year-end outing to Bell Island on June 18.

The committee enjoyed working together throughout the year, and arranged for refreshments at all of the monthly meetings. Our members who attended the meetings took turns bringing wonderful baked goods, cheeses and fruit, so that the monthly meetings often fed the mind and the stomach. The Program Committee is looking forward to another successful year together.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – Libby Foran, Chair

This year we have continued to engage the community by publicizing our activities and events. Information on our Open House in September and monthly

meetings has been shared with the local media and churches, and posted on major websites such as the MUN Events page, the Community Sector Council, and Rogers Community website. The Go Guide in the Telegram has also been a great source in getting our message out to the general public, for all events. Our email contact list for members is updated regularly so that members can be informed of club activities and items of interest.

Joyce Noseworthy has maintained the CFUW St. John's website. Our website address is <http://cfuwstjohns.org>. Our President, Dianne Reddy provided members with a monthly Notices and News bulletin which has been very informative and timely. Our Regional Director for Newfoundland, Grace Stapleton, and National President, Grace Hollett, have represented our club at the national level and provided information on our activities.

The most widely publicized activity for our group is the annual Great Big Book Sale. It was held May 6, 7, & 8th, 2019. Bea Courtney, Jennifer Jeans, and I managed publicity for the Book Sale Committee. Activities for this event included the printing and distribution of posters, flyers and handouts, and organizing and maintaining a Facebook page for the event, a more current method of connecting with the community for many people. Our media contacts, church contacts and previously mentioned websites were most helpful in getting the word out. Public service announcements on various media were well received. Initially, the public were provided with information regarding the collection site, and this was subsequently followed by details about the sale. Thank you to our members who used personal contacts and social media to spread information about the activities of our club. We have been greatly supported by the community for this project and are very appreciative.

Our Scholarship Committee and executive members attend award ceremonies at MUN, CNA and the Marine Institute to present our scholarships or bursaries. Our Outreach Committee sometimes meet representatives of community groups, who benefit from financial support through our programs. Both of these types of events often have photo opportunities, with pictures posted on the websites of the organization we have supported.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT -
Grace Stapleton, Chair**

Once again CFUW St. John's had a very successful Book Sale, and was able to fund scholarships and bursaries for women at Memorial University, Marine Institute, and College of the North Atlantic for the 2018-2019 academic year. The list was approved at the 2018 AGM, and most of the funds disbursed in June/July 2018. The recipients of the awards were chosen by the appropriate faculty members at the institutions.

Memorial University of Newfoundland

On October 30, the School of Graduate Studies hosted a reception to celebrate the establishment of our **\$7500 CFUW St. John's Grace Hiscock Hollett 100th Anniversary Scholarship**. This is a one time graduate scholarship named in honour of Grace Hollett, the first national president from CFUW St. John's. It celebrates the 100th Anniversary of CFUW in 2019, and the 75th Anniversary of CFUW St. John's in 2020. It will be awarded to a full-time female graduate student in any Master's or Doctoral program at MUN. Our thanks go to the School of Graduate Studies for sponsoring this event, which was attended by Grace Hollett's family, and members of CFUW St. John's. At the time of this report the recipient had not been announced.

Entrance Scholarship/Bursary	Recipients
Manuel/Anderson Entrance Bursaries 2 x \$1500	Amy Foote Chloe Holmes
These two bursaries are funded annually from the CFUW St. John's Endowment Fund at MUN.	
<u>Graduate Scholarships</u>	
\$2000 Edith Creighton Faculty of Education Post Graduate Scholarship	Haley Toll
\$2000 Gender Studies Graduate Scholarship (This award was shared this year.)	Ayat Zaheer Foroughassadat Emam
\$1500 Faculty of Arts Scholarship	Carla Bartlett (Humanities/Social Sciences)
\$1500 Faculty of Science Scholarship	Emma Walsh (Biology)
<u>Undergraduate Bursaries</u>	
\$1000 Computer Science	Brook Snow
\$1000 Geography	Faith Ford
\$1000 Linguistics	Natalie Penney
\$1000 Psychology	Sarah Higdon
\$1000 Religious Studies	Kristen Lewis
\$1000 Sociology	Megan Ryan
\$1000 Human Kinetics	Chelsea Hounsell
\$1000 Social Work	Kellie Beck

\$1000 Social Work	Emma Fifield
\$1000 Social Work	Robyn McDonald
\$1000 Social Work	Ashley Power
\$1000 Social Work	Megan Ropson
\$1000 Social Work	Alexandra Wheeler

Marine Institute

\$1000 2nd year Marine Environmental Technology	Megan Whyte
\$1000 1 st year Underwater Vehicles	Katelyn Jordan
\$1000 3 rd year Marine Environmental Technology	Elanor Dillabough (fall term)
\$1000 3 rd year Marine Environmental Technology	Elanor Dillabough (spring term)

College of the North Atlantic

\$1000 Early Childhood Education	Anita Dodge
\$1000 Early Childhood Education	Kara Snow
\$1000 Civil Engineering Technology	Edin Rumbolt
\$1000 Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Technician	Carly Gillingham
\$1000 Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Technician	Kaitlyn Harvey
\$1000 Renovation Technician	Annie Parrot
\$1000 Computing Systems Engineering Technology	Katie Batstone

Scholarships Added in November 2018

In November, 2018, CFUW St. John's approved the following additional awards for graduate students at Memorial University.

\$1500 Master of Arts Scholarship (This award comes from unassigned funds in a previous year's budget.)	Recipient not yet announced
\$1500 Master of Social Work Scholarship	Recipient not yet announced
\$1500 Master of Social Work Scholarship	Recipient not yet announced
\$1000 Graduate Work Placement Award*	Laura Squires, Sociology

*This is a new award intended to allow a graduate student to receive work experience at a non-profit organization.

Mature Woman Bursaries - Recipients to be decided by our community partner, **Thrive**.

\$1000	Julie Saunders
\$1000*	

* Recipient not yet announced

We Care Foundation - In support of the education of girls in Northern Nigeria. This is a new partnership for CFUW St. John's. We were pleased to give ten Tuitions at \$280 each, plus \$200 for school supplies.

Kiwanis Music Festival

We gave four \$100 awards for the 2019 festival. The winners were Ella Hickey, Jonah Healey, Sebastian Lind, and Rieley Coombs-Lush.

CFUW Charitable Trust

Once again we donated \$1000 to our national graduate scholarship foundation.

Awards Presentations Attended:

Marine Institute - November 21 and March 14

CNA - April 10 (Prince Philip Campus), June 18 (Gander Campus)

MUN Graduate Studies - May 27

MUN School of Social Studies - May 29

Thank you

Our gratitude for assistance goes to Hazel Pritchett Harris, previous CFUW St. John's Scholarship Chair; Carol Sullivan and Gail Lamkin (MUN Graduate Studies); Kay Kelly (MUN School of Social Work), Judy Casey, (Manager of Scholarships and Awards at MUN); Rebecca Hefferton (Marine Institute); Evelyn Doyle (College of the North Atlantic),and Ellie Jones (Thrive).

In June, 2018, the documents I had organized during the winter were delivered to the Archives and Special Collections section at the QEII Library, MUN. Our club provided funding of \$2000.00 to hire a work term student for the purpose of combining this material with two other collections of club documents. One set was already housed at the Archives, and the other one had been discovered during the winter at the Provincial Archives. A Deed of Gift dated June 12, 2018 recorded the presentation.

In November we received a copy of the Finding Aid, a comprehensive list of textual material relating to the non-current activities of the St. John's Club since 1945. It includes annual reports, correspondence, minutes of meetings, financial documents, conference material, reports and briefs. This collection also includes photographs, newspaper articles, and CFUW St. John's newsletters.

It was recommended that an Archives Policy be developed that would provide guidance for the selection and preparation of future material to be deposited in the collection. The new Policy was approved by members at the May 2019 general meeting.

PROJECT REPORTS

BOOK SALE REPORT – Joyce Noseworthy, Chair

I am pleased to report that, once again, our book sale was a great success – we sold nearly \$64,000 worth of books, clearing a profit of just over \$58,000.

This year we decided to limit our book collection period to just four weeks in a deliberate attempt to have significantly fewer books than last year. As a result, we opened the sale with about 50,000 books, around 20,000 fewer than the previous year. This resulted in a successful sale, with very few books left for us to dispose of at the end. We started our collection on March 1 and continued until March 30, which gave us the month of April to complete the book sorting and planning for the sale itself.

This year, we moved the start time to 5:00 pm on the opening night. Buyers began to line up around 3:00 pm and it took about an hour after the doors opened for everyone in the line to enter the building. We received many favourable comments from both customers and volunteers, many stating that this year's sale was the best organized yet.

As always, many groups and individuals outside our Club were indispensable in making the sale a success. We thank Campbell's Rent-Alls for providing the tables at a reduced rate; Eldon Bessey for the storage locker for our supplies; Cyril Hayden for organizing the disposal of our recycling and garbage; Don Clarke, Garland Jennings, John Musgrave and Paul Murphy who helped keep things moving throughout the entire sorting, pricing and boxing process; and, of course, CrombieReit for the use of the Woodgate Plaza space, and the management and staff of the St. John's Curling Club. We are also grateful to the many relatives and friends of members who helped at all phases of the operation – from bringing our gear to Woodgate Plaza in March to moving material out of the ReMax Centre at the end of the sale and at every phase in between.

Thank you, everyone!

STUDY GROUPS

ISSUES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE – Gillian Brown, Chair

The Issues and Resolutions Committee of CFUW St. John's strives to support the work of the national organization by taking action on resolutions and other initiatives adopted by the national body at the AGM of CFUW. As a member of the Violence Prevention (Avalon East) the Committee also seeks to support the activities of member groups.

With no Resolutions to be debated at the Annual General Meeting in 2019, the Issues and Resolutions Committee has been relatively inactive this year. Two meetings were held to discuss actions that might be taken on the Resolutions passed in July 2018. As a result letters were written to our three MPs, the honorable Nick Whelan, Minister Shamus O' Reagan and the honourable Ken McDonald. Letters written concerned the following:

- Resolution 1: Fair and non- discriminatory management of refugees and asylum seekers
- Resolution 2: Ending Youth Homelessness
- Resolution 3: Education to serve as a vehicle for social justice for vulnerable children living in closed religious communities.

We received one response from Nick Whelan.

A suggestion was made to the Programs Committee to have someone from Choices for Youth speak to our group on Youth Homelessness in St. John's.

1. **International Women's Day:** CFUW St. John's held its second annual IWD luncheon at the Sheraton Hotel. Barbara Clancy read the poem "Bread and Roses"

and the 14 attendees reflected on the many changes women experienced during their lifetimes. It was an enjoyable event.

2. **Violence Prevention and Awareness (VP AE):** CFUW continues to be a member of Violence Prevention (Avalon East). The focus of their quarterly meetings seems to have changed in that many of the presentations are geared to building the skills of front line workers. We therefore have not attended quite as many meetings. We support the activities of their member organizations when ever possible. All CFUW members were invited to attend the Sisters in Spirit Vigil and the Day of Remembrance Vigil at MUN. This year 5 or 6 of our members (the largest response yet!) attended the Sisters in Spirit Vigil, held in October. At the Day of Remembrance Vigil held in December, President Dianne and RD Grace, dedicated the Ecole Polytechnique scholarship in remembrance of one of the victims. CFUW St. John's donates to this scholarship through a collection at the Christmas dinner. We participated in 16 Days of Activism to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls by forwarding a message from VP (Avalon East.).
3. In November, Members of CFUW St. John's were encouraged to participate in a Ban Hand Guns consultation hosted by the federal government.

Thank-you to all members of the Issues and Resolutions Committee: Grace Hollett, Jennifer Jeans, Jean Marks, Gwen Mercer, Linda Patzold, Dianne Reddy, and Grace Stapleton.

REPORTS OF INTEREST GROUPS

ALLEY CATS (Bowling) – Margie Greene, Convenor

The Alley Cats bowled for fun and exercise twice a month on the first and third Wednesdays. The Alley Cats met at Plaza Bowl on Ropewalk Lane from early October to June. Bowling began about 3:45 pm 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 was presented. Last year's winner was Gerri Downey.

All members of CFUW St. John's are welcome to become "cats" as no real skill is required, just a desire to throw a few balls and have a bit of fun. This year nine CFUW members participated in bowling.

BOOK CLUBS

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB – Dianne Reddy, Convenor

Afternoon Book Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month from September to June at 2:00 pm. We limit membership to 10, which allows each member to take a turn hosting. Each member selects a book of her choice to be read during the year. Books are scored from 1 to 10. Our discussions are lively with thought-provoking comments, socialization and humour. The books chosen for this year were:

Sept 25 – *Behold The Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue

October 23 – *Left Neglected* by Lisa Genova

Nov 27 – *Galileo's Daughter* by Dava Sobel

Jan 22 - *Warlight* by Michael Ondaatje

Feb 26 – *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman

March 26 – *The Master* by Colm Toibin -- canceled move to September

April 23 – *Lion* by Saroo Brierly

May 28 – *Conclave* by Robert Harris

June 25 – *A Long Way From Home* by Peter Carey

The March meeting was cancelled because most of our members were away or otherwise occupied. *The Master* has been rescheduled for the fall of 2019.

COSIES AND CLASSICS BOOK CLUB – Faith Balisch, Convenor

This year was the second year for CFUW St. John's new morning reading group "Cozies and Classics." The group meets at 10:00 on the first Friday morning of each month at the various members' homes and is limited to 12 members. This year we have had the full complement. The *modus operandi* is as follows: each month a single novel by a chosen writer becomes the object of discussion; the work chosen is usually either a cozy detective story or a classic by writers such as those of the "Golden Age" or earlier, with a few modern Classics as well. The hostess for the month provides tea or coffee and a nibble or two. This year the group read and discussed, or argued about, the following

works: Josephine Tey, *Brat Farrar*; Carolyn Hart, *Death on Demand*; Margery Allingham, *Sweet Danger*; Dorothy Cannell, *The Thin Woman*; Georgette Heyer, *A Blunt Instrument*; Katherine Hall Page, *The Body in the Lighthouse*; Edmund Crispin, *The Moving Toyshop*; M.C. Beaton, *Agatha Raisin and the Love from Hell*, and, to finish out the year, Arthur Conan Doyle's *A Study in Scarlet*. Since we all enjoyed Marie Anne Boulain's beautiful garden last year so much, she has invited us back for another session in July and we are looking forward to that. We are currently discussing books for next year's program and think we have some very interesting reading ahead.

MORNING BOOK CLUB #1 **Jean Marks and Thelma Hodder, Convenors**

Morning Book Club #1 met on the third Thursday of each month from September to June, at the home of a member. We met with Book Club #2 for a pot luck in December and June. At the December meeting we were fortunate to have as our guest, Vicki Hallett, who spoke to us about Phoebe Miller, the Conception Bay South resident who was the actual "Mistress of the Blue Castle".

We currently have 18 members with average attendance between 10 and 15. Our reading list was diverse, and discussions were lively and interesting. We read and discussed the following books:

Elizabeth Strout: [Olive Kitteridge](#).

Louise Penney: [Glass Houses](#)

Vicki Sara Hallet: [Mistress of the Blue Castle](#).

Susanna Kearsley: [A Desperate Fortune](#)

Sharon Bala: [The Boat People](#)

Anne Tyler: [A Spool of Blue Thread](#)

Mark Sakamoto: [Forgiveness](#)

Gillian Flynn: [Gone Girl](#)

Bridget Canning: [The Greatest Hits of Wanda Jaynes](#)

Thanks to members who hosted us in their homes, to those who provided food, to Sharon Walsh for arranging for library book kits, and to Gerri Downey for providing extra help when needed.

We will start again in September on the third Thursday, the 19th and look forward to another interesting year.

MORNING BOOK CLUB #2 – Joyce Noseworthy, Convenor

The Club meets at 10:00 am on the third Thursday of each month from September to June. Our club this year had its full complement of 16 members, although we normally have around 8-10 at each meeting. Our book club dues of \$10 per member were donated to the MUN Food Bank. Our members take turns either hosting the group or catering a light snack.

This year, 10 of our members were chosen to recommend a book for our reading list. We made no effort to direct our members' choices in terms of genre,

author or any other factor. The chosen books were:

Disclaimer by Renee Knight

'Tis a Glorious Country by Florence Clothier

The Wonder by Emma Donoghue

Mistress of the Blue Castle by Vicki Sara Hallett

This Is How it Always Is by Laurie Frankel

The Boat People by Sharon Bala

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

Do Not Say We Have Nothing by Madeline Thien

The 13th Apostle by Dermot McEvoy

The Greatest Hits of Wanda Jaynes by Bridget Canning

In December, we met jointly with Book Cub #1 for a pot luck lunch. We were fortunate to have Vicki Sara Hallett with us to speak about her book; she gave a most interesting talk. We plan to have another joint meeting and pot luck at our June meeting.

Opinion was often sharply divided about the merits of books we read; this made for 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. This year, our averages went from a low of 5.3 for *The 13th Apostle* to a high of 7.8 for *This Is How It Always Is*.

At our June meeting we hope to finalize our book list for 2019/20, as a guide for our summer reading!

MURDER AND MAYHEM BOOK CLUB – Joyce Noseworthy, Convenor

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 22 members who took turns hosting and catering to the group, although we typically have 14 -16 members at each meeting. Each month we read either two or three specific books from a particular mystery series or a specific mystery or thriller. We also devote one meeting to watching a movie based on a book we have read – we have a great time comparing the book to the movie adaptation! This year's pick was the first episode of Elizabeth George's Thomas Lynley series *A Great Deliverance*; most of us preferred the book to the movie

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. We will finalize our reading list for the upcoming year at our June meeting; this will help direct our members' summer reading!

Our choices for 2018/19 were:

September:	Karen Slaughter	<i>The Good Daughter</i>
October:	C. S Harris	Sebastian St, Cyr series

November:	Stuart MacBride	<i>A Dark So Deadly</i>
January:	Joe Ide	<i>IQ</i>
February:	Linda Castillo	Kate Burkholder series
March:	Elizabeth George	Book and Movie
April:	Susanna Calkins	<i>The Masque of a Murderer</i>
May:	Liz Nugent	<i>Unravelling Oliver</i>
June:	Jane Casey	Maeve Kerrigan series

Our December meeting was cancelled due to poor weather conditions. Flynn Berry's *Under the Harrow*, which was also slated for this year, will be discussed at our September meeting.

We rated all the books we read, each member providing a rating out of 10. This year, our ratings were relatively consistent, with the high and low ratings only about 2.5 points or fewer apart. The biggest spread was 6 – 9 for *A Great Deliverance* and *IQ*; the smallest, 6 -7 for *Masque of a Murderer*. When the ratings were averaged, our favourite books were *The Good Daughter* and the Sebastian St. Cyr books; our least favourite, *IQ and Masque of a Murderer*. At the time this report was written, we had not yet met to discuss Jane Casey.

We plan to finalize our 2019/20 reading list at our last meeting in June.

BRIDGE GROUPS

BRIDGE GROUP 1 – Barbara Fitzgerald, Convenor

Bridge Group 1 meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from September to May. We start at 1:00 with a special dessert with treats and interesting conversations. Bridge is the reason we meet so we don't dally. We hope to get good hands, which doesn't always happen. We would welcome new members. Please contact Barbara FitzGerald at bcfitzgerald@bellaliant.net.

BRIDGE GROUP 2 – Karen Butt, Convenor

The Bridge Group 2 held their last game for the year on April 24, 2019. 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

BRIDGE GROUP 3- Mary Hood, Convenor

We meet in the afternoon of the first and third Wednesdays of each month from September to May. In September we begin our meetings at 1:30 pm but change to 1:00 pm when the time changes, to allow members to arrive home before dark and traffic.

If a substitute is needed, the member who is unavailable makes the arrangement.

While we play some interesting bridge, we also have some lively and interesting conversation, taking a break mid afternoon for tea/coffee and treats. Each member gets the opportunity to host twice a year.

If anyone is interesting in substituting with this group, please let Jennifer Gill know. She will be co-ordinating this group this September.

BEGINNERS' BRIDGE – Joyce Noseworthy, Convenor

This group of bridge players met on Friday afternoons for about one hour of instruction in the basics of bidding, planning and play, followed by another hour or so of practice in a relaxed atmosphere. There was lots of laughter (sometimes more laughter than bridge!) and lots of great home-made goodies! Twelve members signed up, although the number attending any particular session varied from 6 to 10.

COFFEE CLUB – Sheila Genge, Convenor

Coffee club members meet at 11 a.m. on the Friday of the same week as the CFUW monthly meeting. We will meet once a month from October to June at various coffee clubs around town. Our first coffee meet up of the 2019/20 year will be Friday, October 11th at Jumping Bean Coffee, 37 Elizabeth Ave. We enjoy coffee or tea, eat if we wish, and share laughter and small talk for an hour or so. All members are welcome to join.

CRAFTEAS – Maureen Leat, Convenor

The Crafteas interest group continued to meet every second and fourth Thursday morning of most months, including the summer months. We meet at members' homes. We met once in December before the start of the busy holiday season. In 2019 one crafteas day was canceled due to poor weather/road conditions. A second day was canceled as it fell during the busy week of our annual book sale in May.

Although we are a large group it seems that due to busy lives we average an attendance of 6-10 people at any one time. Everyone brings along her own project to work on. It could be needlework, knitting, hand-sewing or a quilting project that the individual hopes to finish in good time. A good time is held by all attending the

“crafty” morning. We share ideas, consult, encourage, show and tell, chat and have a laugh or two. Thanks to our hosts we enjoy a light snack with coffee or tea before heading off to other events or appointments that day. We enjoy the time we spend together as “crafty” people.

DINING OUT- Louise Dalton, Convenor

This group met nine times over the past year. Members enjoyed an evening of food and conversation at the following restaurants:

September: Yellow Belly Brewery Ltd

October: India Gate

November: Magic Wok Eatery

December: Milestones Restaurant

February: Evoo

March: Moxie’s Grill and Bar

April: Tiny’s Bar and Grill

May: Hong Kong Restaurant

June: Saltwater Restaurant

There are currently 35 members in the group. New members are welcome to join in the fall.

IFIXIT – Susan McNicholas, Conveor

A Home Maintenance and Repair class was offered to anyone who answered “Yes” to the question: “Do you wish to fix:

a dripping tap, a loose towel bar, a damaged wall and change a light fixture?

Plus

other things suggested by you!”

Our first class met on February 13 and tackled the joys of gyprock (drywall) plastering and patching. Later we went on to do caulking (as in bathtubs) and tiling (as in backsplashes) cutting ceramic tiles, gluing and grouting. Our last session will be an electrifying experience of installing ceiling light fixtures.

There were two classes, each with four people. This meant that there was lots of hands-on work so that everyone got a feel for the skill and left with plans to tackle an “IFIXIT” project at home.

LADIES WHO LUNCH - Paula Redmond, Convenor

The Ladies Who Lunch group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:30. Thirty-eight members signed up this year with an average attendance of ten to twelve for each lunch. So far we have enjoyed delicious food and good company

at Tiny's, Jungle Jim's, Fionn MacCool's, Boston Pizza, Legion Bar and Grill, Klondike Jake's, Wing'N It, and Clovelly. Our schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

June 25th - Chafe's Landing, Petty Harbour, 747-0802 (changed to the 4th Tuesday due to the Annual Year End Outing)

July 16th - Denny's, 227 Kenmount Road, 700-7102

August 20th - Bivver, Sheraton Hotel, 726-4980

September 17th - Coffee Matters, 39 Commonwealth Avenue, Mount Pearl, 221-7700.

If you would like to be added to the list, please contact me as you would be most welcome.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – Sharon Walsh, Convenor

The Sunshine Committee continues its mandate to support club members in times of illness with get-well messages and visits. Transportation to monthly meetings is also provided to members who need it. The Sunshine Committee encourages club members to keep them informed when they know of circumstances where these services are needed.

WALKING GROUP – Margie Greene, Convenor

This was the fifth year for CFUW's walking group. Members of the group walked each day of the week (excluding Sundays) throughout the year. They met at an appointed spot at 9:30 a.m. and walked for approximately 60 minutes. We take a different trail each week. We walk Mundy Pond, Kent's Pond, Long Pond, Quidi Vidi Lake, Rennie's River, Virginia River Trails 1, 2 and 3, Power's Pond, South Brook Trail and others. During the past season, 21 CFUW members signed up to participate. On some days there were as many as 13 participants and on others as few as two. Participation in the group was flexible, with members deciding each weekend when to take part during the coming week. By the end of the summer the "saunterers" were quite familiar with the various trails in and around St. John's and Mount Pearl. The trip to the Botanical Garden, to walk the trails and see the gardens, when the Rhododendrons are in bloom, has become an annual event.

By late September, early October, the active participants had become a core group of 12 who decided to walk all year, weather and trail conditions permitting. Our core group managed to walk at least several days a week all year. We defaulted to Bowring Park as our meeting spot once the snow arrived, as the roadway there is

maintained by the City of St. John's for winter use. We walked most days as this was a good winter for walking. Spring rain has been our biggest deterrent.

New members are always welcome.

WOMEN ON TAP - Judith Prior and Riva McKee, Tap Dance Instructors and Choreographers

'Women on Tap' was formed in 2009 by Judith and Riva, after discovering they had similar backgrounds in tap dancing and school theatre productions. Over the past 10 years, they have choreographed and taught a variety of swing-jazz routines in 'gentle' tapping style to this group.

In addition to learning much about tap dance, these tapping 'divas' have formed a wonderful friendship and camaraderie, and continue to practice in a beautiful local dance studio they rent for one hour each week, from September to early May.

This has been another enjoyable and exciting year, culminating in an enthusiastically received performance at the Tiffany Village retirement home. Many thanks to the assistance of Francine Fleming and Joyce Noseworthy, who help to keep us focused on our tap dance instruction classes. Otherwise we would be chatting when we should be dancing!

'Women on Tap' look forward to their 11th year starting in September.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE Joyce Noseworthy, Chair

The proposed Executive for CFUW St. John's for the 2019/20 year is as follows:

President	Dianne Reddy	2 nd term
Vice-President	Maureen Leat	2 nd term
Treasurer	Gillian Brown	3 rd term
Secretary (Executive)	Daphne Lilly	3 rd term
Secretary (General)	Lois Jeffrey	3 rd term
Membership Chair	Sharon Walsh	3 rd term
Program Chair	Susan McNicholas	3 rd term
Public Relations Chair	Elizabeth (<u>Libby</u>) Foran	3 rd term
Outreach Chair	Margie Greene	2 nd term
Scholarship Chair	Grace Stapleton	2 nd term
Past President	Joyce Noseworthy	2 nd term

The term of office for all members of the Executive is one (1) year with the option of extending the term twice, for a total of three (3) years.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the AGM or by contacting the nomination chair at any time before the AGM. Nominations will cease at the call of the Chair at the AGM.

The positions of Webmaster and Archivist are appointed by the Executive and are currently occupied by Joyce Noseworthy and Daphne Lilly, respectively. There are no specified terms for these positions.