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EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Joyce Noseworthy

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 a record 17 new members this year and have an additional two members who have already signed up for the 2017/18 year! This more than offsets the loss of the 7 individuals who, for a variety of reasons, did not rejoin.

Communication with Members:

I have continued to send out a short newsletter entitled “News and Notices” each month. 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 and we set another record this year with a **profit** of just under \$60,000. 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/Educational Ventures:

This year, we offered a record number of scholarships and bursaries. Overall, this year's Club contribution to all the scholarships, bursaries and educational initiatives we support amounted to a record \$46,600!

GWJ:

We shall have to make a very serious decision about the future of our national Federation in GWJ (formerly IFUW) at the upcoming national AGM. While the motion to withdraw from GWJ was narrowly defeated at last year's AGM, a similar motion will be debated again this year.

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 – Dianne Reddy, Vice-President; Gerri Downey and Karen Gill, Secretaries; Sharon Kieley, Treasurer; Bertha Schofield, Membership; Daphne Lilly, Public Relations; Gerri Andrews, Program; Hazel Pritchett Harris, Scholarships; and Maureen Leat, Outreach. On behalf of the entire Club, I offer special thanks for those whose terms on the Executive have ended and to those members who will replace them.

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 for allowing me to represent you as President. I truly appreciate the support and encouragement you have given me. It was a joy and a privilege to be in this position. I look forward to 2017-18.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER – Sharon Kieley

Summary of Income and Expenses for 2015-16

Opening Balance as of August 1, 2016	\$41,030.57
Income from August 1, 2016 to May 29, 2017	
Member Dues	9,000.00
Book Sale	65,668.90
Outreach / Baskets	362.50
Scholarships (from Book Club #2)	160.00
Ecole Polytechnique collection	225.45
Christmas Dinner	2,537.00
AGM Dinner	2,065.00
Other – TD Interest	14.21
TOTAL INCOME	\$80,033.06
Expenses from August 1, 2016 to May 29, 2017	
Member Dues	7,956.00
Conferences	1,387.65
Meetings	619.30
Administration	1,256.49
Book Sale	6,686.59
NAPS	700.00
Outreach / Baskets	8,252.95
Sunshine Committee	86.39
Scholarships & Bursaries	32,900.00
Ecole Polytechnique	225.45
Christmas Dinner	2,539.20
AGM Dinner	500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$63,110.02
Current Account Balance	\$57,953.61
Investments	14,803.26
ACTUAL BALANCE	\$72,756.87
Remaining Commitments	
From 2016-17 Budget	5,297.22
2017-18 Budget	45,500.00
Anniversary Scholarship	7,500.00
AGM Dinner	1,565.00
National Fees 2017/18 (x3)	210.00
ARC fees 2017/18 (x3)	6.00
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	\$57,078.22
BALANCE AVAILABLE	\$15,678.65

REPORT OF THE SECRETARIES – Karen Gill and Gerri Downey

The following motions were voted on by CFUW St. John's during the 2016-17 year.

March Meeting:

1. That CFUW St. John's support merging the amount of \$5000 for "Commitment: 75th Anniversary Scholarship Fund" and the amount of \$1500 for "Commitment to 100th Anniversary Scholarship" to form an amount of \$6500 to fund (all or in part) a scholarship to be awarded to a female student beginning study for a Master's Degree at Memorial University in the academic year 2019 - 2020 and the fund to be entitled "Commitment: A Scholarship to mark the 100th anniversary of CFUW and the 75th anniversary of CFUW ST. John's."

Moved to accept: Hazel Pritchett Harris. Seconded: Libby Foran. Carried.

2. That CFUW St. John's support naming the scholarship marking the 100th anniversary of CFUW and the 75th Anniversary of CFUW St. John's in honour of Grace Hollett, the first woman from our province to be elected national president.

Moved to accept: Hazel Pritchett Harris. Seconded: Cindy Musgrave. Carried.

April Meeting:

1. That CFUW St. John's support Resolution #1: The Right to Safe, Clean, Accessable and Affordable Drinking Water and Sanitation n First Nations Reserves in Canada.

Moved to accept: Gillian Brown. Seconded: Pat Collins. Motion Carried.

2. That CFUW St. John's support Resolution #2: Universal Pharmacare.

Moved to accept: Jennifer Jeans. Seconded: Maureen Leat. Motion Carried.

May Meeting:

1. That CFUW St. John's accept the proposed budget for fiscal year 2017 – 18

Amount Available for 2017 – 2018	\$65,167.75
Projected Expenses and commitments for 2017-2018	Amount budgeted
Conferences	\$3,000.00
Meetings/Administration: <i>Includes Advertising, Website, P.O. Box Rental, Insurance, Bank Charges, Office Supplies, Printing, Archives, etc.</i>	\$3,300.00
Pre Book Sale Expenses	\$10,000.00
NAPS	\$700.00
Outreach: <i>Includes Gower Street Lunches, New Beginnings Baskets, Donations to Charitable Organizations, etc.</i>	\$8,000.00
Sunshine Committee	\$100.00
Anniversary Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Scholarships, Bursaries, and Awards	\$38,400.00
Total Commitments	\$64,500.00

Moved to accept: Sharon Kieley. Seconded: Thelma Hodder. Carried.

2. That CFUW St. John's spend \$38,400.00 on scholarships, bursaries, and other educational initiatives in the following manner:

Memorial University \$17,000.00

Manuel/Anderson Entrance Bursaries (top up)	None required
Gender Studies Post-Graduate Scholarship	\$2,000.00
Faculty of Education Post-Graduate Scholarship	\$2,000.00
Faculty of Science Scholarship	\$1,500.00
Faculty of Arts Scholarship	\$1,500.00
Bursaries in departments listed below:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science (1) • Geography (1) • Linguistics (1) • Psychology (1) • Religious Studies (1) • Sociology (1) • Social Work (4) 	\$10,000.00 (10 x\$1000)

Marine Institute \$4,000.00

4 Scholarships @ \$1000 each

College of the North Atlantic \$7,000.00

Early Childhood Education: 2 @ \$1,000.00

Women in Non-traditional Occupations 5@ \$1,000

Lanai Saba Primary School – Kenya \$3,000.00

5 Tuitions @ \$450.00 = \$2,250.00

School Supplies /Administration \$750.00

Kiwanis Music Festival \$400.00

4 Scholarships @ \$100.00

Campus (MUN) Food Bank \$4,000.00School Lunch Program \$1,000.00CFUW Charitable Trust \$1,000.00Advocacy Bursary: Mature Student \$1,000.00

Mature student bursary: recipient to be decided by our community partner Thrive.

Moved to accept: Hazel Pritchett Harris. Seconded: Elizabeth Moulard. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – Bertha Schofield, Chair**

This past year CFUW ST. John's has experienced an increase in membership. The total 2016-2017 membership is 111, representing an increase of 10 members from 2015-2016.

Membership Recruitment

• **September membership open house and social:** Membership recruitment began with the annual membership open house and social held on Saturday, September 12, 2016 at the EB Foran Room, St. John's City Hall. The meeting marked the beginning of the 2016–2017 CFUW year. The event was widely advertised through public service announcements, extending an invitation to all interested women. During the social the 2016-2017 program was given to the members renewing their membership and

membership kits were given to the new members who joined at that time. 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 from March 15 to April 30th. Each member was asked to invite one person to our monthly meeting. Many members brought along a friend or relative to the meeting. The result of the membership drive was successful. Four new members joined the club during this time frame.

- **Online Membership:** This year for the 1st time an online membership form could be completed on the St. John's CFUW website. The online membership resulted in several completed membership applications. Personal contact was made with applicants who completed the membership application card. The potential members were provided with general information. No members joined; the online application, however, is beneficial and provides another avenue for membership recruitment.

- **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 ranging from 50 to 53 members and including guests.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the membership recruitment throughout the year.

Membership: The membership total includes 1 lifetime member, Audrey Lee and 1 student member, Karen Gill. There are 2 members, Barbara Adams and Maguerite Drover, who have joined for 2017-2018 year. These are not included in 2016-2017 total membership number.

- **2016-2017** (total membership 111)

- 93 members renewed

- 1 life time member

- 17 new members

- **2015-2016** total membership 101)

- 7 members did not renew their membership for 2016-2017

- **New Members** We offer a warm welcome to our new members: Karen Coates, Linda Coles, Louise Dalton, Marilyn Dunford, Libby Foran, Jennifer Gill (who rejoined), Margaret Hall, Betty Hearn, Zainab Jerrett, Joan McCue, Dianne Murray, Cindy Musgrave, Doreen Neville, Elizabeth Tobin, Lorraine Tobin, Jean White and Karen Youden Walsh. Welcome also to our new members for 2017-2018, Barbara Adams and Marguerite Drover. My term as Membership Chair ends this year and I would like to sincerely thank the executive and the membership for their support and encouragement over the past two years. It has been a great experience working with all of you.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT – Maureen Leat, Chair

The Outreach committee was established in 2016. This year's committee includes Margie Greene, Gillian Brown, Hazel Pritchett Harris, Dianne Reddy and Ann Hinton (joined in April 2017). The committee was provided with funds as part of the Club's annual budget: club members also donated cash and household and personal hygiene items to support the Committee's activities. A list of the Committee's activities follows.

New Beginning Baskets

This year's group met bi-monthly to complete 2 baskets for each month for a total of 24 baskets. Members who volunteer for this project include Mabel Best, Pat Collins, Alicia Eaton, Libby Foran, Margie Greene, Ann Hinton, Maureen Leat, Joan McCue and Elisabeth Mouland. Each basket contains basic products and supplies for the kitchen, bathroom and laundry. One of the members stores the products and others share in the delivery of the baskets. Weekly flyers are checked to maximize the funds. We strive to maintain the quality of the baskets. Special items donated e.g. seasonal items, socks cosmetics, toiletries/ hygiene products are added to the baskets as "extras". Occasionally items received are not necessarily suitable for the baskets but are welcomed by Kirby House for the residents' use. Staff and residents of Kirby House praise us regularly for the baskets they receive.

Gower Street Lunch Program

Under the leadership of Elisabeth Mouland and Marian Hayden members gathered to provide a lunch on October 13th. A menu was planned and supplies purchased for the meal prepared in the church hall kitchen. Volunteers split into two shifts to prepare serve and then clean up from the meal. This Lunch Program has been discontinued because of declining attendance.

Thrive /Community Youth Network

We were pleased to fund the purchase of educational / teaching resources, the Barton Read and Spell series for levels 7, 8, 9 and 10 to assist their students continue their studies.

The Anglican Parish of the Good Shepherd (Mt. Pearl)

The parish operates a Wednesday Café from the beginning of March until the end of November as an outreach to the community. They serve approximately 120 people from all walks of life every Wednesday. We provided funds for the purchase of 8 hot beverage carafes.

Bridges to Hope

We helped to fund the purchase of supplies for a Bread-making program that provides bread to food hampers and the Slow Cooking Tutorial for four participants. Each tutorial participant takes home a new slow cooker after completing the program. We funded the purchase of four (4) slow cookers.

The St. John's Boys and Girls Club - Buckmaster Circle

The Club saw a decrease in their government funding for 2016-17. We responded to their call-out for assistance with funds to help them purchase crafts supplies and resources for their Arts and Crafts Program.

Stella Circle Foundation

At our request the staff identified three under- funded programs. We gave a donation in March 2017 to be shared and help fund some activities for the Inclusion Choir, Just

Women's Centre and Employment Services group. The Inclusion Choir is a non-audition choir that provides an avenue for confidence building as well as social interaction for the participants. The choir meets weekly and shares in a nutritious supper after their rehearsals. The Just Women's Centre offers counselling and support to women over 18 who have a history with the justice system. Every Monday afternoon they meet for peer support and recreational activities. Recreation i.e. bowling, helps women overcome their isolation and loneliness in a safe setting. The Employment Service group helps people with limited work experience or interrupted career paths discover their talents and creates opportunities for employment. Once a month, participants gather for a supper meal to network with peers and Employment Services staff.

Marguerite's Place/St. John's Women Centre

The Centre provides residential services, supports and programming to women under 30. The Centre operates a Boutique. We purchased a supply of toiletries and hygiene products for their boutique in April 2017.

The Gathering Place

Once again we provided funds to help with purchasing supplies for the Christmas cake project in December 2016. A second amount was donated in April 2017 to help provide protein choices e.g. cheese, to enhance the Breakfast meals.

Refugee Immigration Advisory Council (RIAC)

We were able to help fund the purchase of educational resources and writing materials in April 2017 as part of supportive services provided to refugee and immigrants in our community.

Association of New Canadians

Staff suggested some underfunded projects. The committee decided to help support 2 programs. Mommy & PALS (Play Assess Learn Succeed) Program, a weekly service for stay-at home newcomer moms with pre-school aged children and newborns, and Summer Programs for Young Newcomers which includes a summer enrichment program for refugee and immigrant youth and a summer program for children.

Cochrane Centre

We heard in September that the Cochrane Street United Church had undertaken a restoration project. The project is operated by the Cochrane Community Outreach and Performance Centre Incorporation (CCOPC), a community-focused non-profit. Cochrane Centre is home to 10 supportive housing units, a mid-sized performance hall, community rehearsal and performance space, a commercial-scale kitchen, and a meeting/gathering place for community groups. We offered to put together 10 baskets of basic products and supplies for the kitchen, bathroom and laundry for the first tenants of the housing units. An electric kettle was added to each basket. The same group of members who fill the baskets for Kirby House participants helped out once more. The Baskets were delivered to the new centre on May 12, 2017. Our group were pleased to be invited for a tour of the renovations to date. We were informed that Cochrane Centre has hired a manager who will start on June 1st. Soon after tenants will begin moving into their units. We were given an update that another space in the building will be re-developed as 5 ground-level housing units for seniors.

Donation for International Women's Day (IWD) 2017 Project.

The total funds contributed by CFUW chapters will be donated collectively to MATCH from CFUW's national office. MATCH is Canada's only international

women's fund supporting grassroots organizations in the global South. MATCH funds programs developed by women's organizations in developing countries. Funds raised helps provide basic support and services that empower women and assist them to break new ground that brings about social change in their communities.

Project	Expenditures from Outreach Budget to date
THRIVE/Community Youth Network	\$1380.00
New Beginning and Cochrane Centre Baskets	*\$1355.89
Gower Street Lunch Program	\$246.20
The Anglican Parish of the Good Shepherd (Mt. Pearl)	\$358.80
Bridges to Hope	\$500.00
Stella Burry Foundation	\$1000.00
The St. John's Boys and Girls Club - Buckmaster Circle	\$200.00
Marguerite's Place/St. John's Women Centre	\$204.45
CFUW's donation for International Women's Day Project (MATCH)	\$500.00
Gathering Place	\$700.00
Refugee Immigration Advisory Council (RIAC)	\$500.00
Association of New Canadians (ANC)	\$1500.00
Program Speakers x 2 donations: Cochrane Street Church's Restoration project (Sept 2016) and For the Love of Learning (March2017)	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$8545.34

*This amount doesn't include cash and product donations from members

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT – Gerri Andrews, Chair

This year's program committee consisted of Gerri Andrews, Bea Courtney, Catherine Patey and Jackie Feltham. The committee greatly appreciated the support they received from all members who helped us in any way during 2016/2017.

Our year started on September 12, 2016 with a Membership Open House and Social Afternoon which was held at the E.B. Foran Room, St. John's City Hall. Our Guest Speaker was Rev. Miriam Bowlby, Cochrane Street Church and her topic was "Repurposed with a Purpose"

Our monthly meetings were held in Room 4065, Earth Sciences Building, MUN and the following is a list of our Guest Speakers and topics which were discussed at our monthly meetings.

October 11, Dale Jarvis, Ghosts of Newfoundland and Labrador

November 8, Dr. Jane Gosine, Music Therapy

December 13, Christmas Dinner and Meeting postponed until January 10, 2017 because of winter storm.

January 10, Brittany Chubbs (CFUW National Aboriginal Women's Award Recipient 2016), Academic pursuits in MUN Medicine. Our Christmas Dinner was held that night and we had the pleasure of having Brittany as our guest.

February 14, Jill Whitaker, Terra Nova Grannies. This meeting was cancelled because of a winter storm but it was not rescheduled. Jill will be asked to speak at one of our monthly meetings in 2017/2018, if it is convenient for her.

March 14, Gemma Hickey, LBGTQ, Community Issues, Advances and Opportunities

April 11, Dr. Katherine Side, Patching Peace: Women's Civil Society Organizing in Northern Ireland

May 9, Terry Bishop-Stirling, Women's Role in World War 1

June 13, CFUW St. John's year-end Dinner and AGM

Our year-end outing is planned for Tuesday, June 20, A Day In Petty Harbour.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – Daphne Lilly, Chair

This year we have continued to engage the community by publicizing our activities and events. Information on our monthly meetings has been shared with the local media and churches, and posted on major websites such as MUN and the Community Sector Council.

Our email contact list for members is updated regularly so that they can be informed of club activities and items of interest that individual members might wish to share with others.

Joyce Noseworthy has maintained the CFUW St. John's website. We are grateful for her efforts to keep it up-to-date . Our website address is <http://cfuwstjohns.org> .

As President, Joyce also provided members with a monthly Notices and News bulletin which has been very informative and timely. Our Regional Director, Barbara Clancy, and National Vice-President, Grace Hollett, have represented our club at the national level and provided information on our activities. Recently, Grace was elected National President and we offer our congratulations on her accomplishment.

The most widely publicized activity for our group is the annual Great Big Book Sale. Held in March 2017, this was our most profitable sale to date. Grace and Bea Courtney, Publicity Chairs for the Book Sale Committee, organized the printing and distribution of posters, flyers and handouts. Members supported their efforts by assisting with the delivery of this information throughout the community.

The Public Relations Chair sent frequent notices to the media, churches, educational institutions such as MUN, CNA and the English School Board, and community websites such as CSC and Rogers TV. Initially, they were provided with information regarding the Collection site , and this was subsequently followed by details about the sale. These helped to provide wide publicity among the public.

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 our various projects.

As my term as Public Relations Chair concludes, I would like to thank the Executive and the membership for their support and interest during these past three years. It has been my pleasure to serve the club in this capacity

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – Hazel Pritchett Harris, Chair

CFUW St. John's awarded scholarships and bursaries to young women at Memorial University, the Marine Institute, and the College of the North Atlantic during the 2016-17 academic year. Because of our very successful Book Sale in 2016, we were able to increase the number of awards over and above the previous year. At the end of the fiscal year (July 2016) we managed to find sufficient money to fund three additional scholarships and these were awarded to students in the School of Social Work. In January, the scholarships office at Memorial University found that we had a credit of \$4000.00 on our account from un-awarded scholarships over a number of years. This enabled us to fund four bursaries in the School of Social Work. The recipients of our scholarships at MUN, the Marine Institute and the College of the North Atlantic for the academic year 2016-17 are as follows:

Memorial University

Scholarship/Bursary	Recipient
Manuel /Anderson Entrance Bursaries; 2 X \$1500	1. Jennifer Blundon 2. Rylee Forsyth
\$2000 Faculty of Education (Edith Creighton) Post-Grad	Hua Que
\$2000 Gender Studies Graduate Scholarship	Samantha Bokma
\$1500 Faculty of Arts Scholarship	Melissa Leist
\$1500 Scholarship, Human Kinetics	Rebecca Greene,
\$1000 Scholarship, School of Social Work	Melanie Burt
\$1000 Scholarship, School of Social Work	Laura Moores
\$1000 Scholarship, School of Social Work	Angelina Putt
\$1000 Bursary, Anthropology	Grace Sherwin
\$1000 Bursary, Archaeology	Emma Lewis-Sing
\$1000 Bursary, Computer Studies	Hanna Oksanen
\$1000 Bursary, Economics	Brenda Samalu
\$1000 Bursary, English	Melissa Kargus
\$1000 Bursary, Folklore	Sarah Budgell
\$1000 Bursary, Geography	Sarah Spurrell
\$1000 Bursary , Gender Studies	Bianca Pitre
\$1000 Bursary, Linguistics	Melissa Kargus
\$1000 Bursary, Newfoundland Studies	Jennifer Lyver
\$1000 Bursary, Psychology	Kaitlyn Jarvis
\$1000 Bursary, Religious Studies	Iris Casselman
\$1000 Bursary, Sociology	Iris Casselman
\$1000 Bursary, Social Work	Alicia Cooper
\$1000 Bursary, Social Work	Megan Power
\$1000 Bursary, Social Work	Briana Vallis
\$1000 Bursary, Social Work	Noreen Yetman

Note: Two young women have each won two bursaries; namely Melissa Kargus in English and Linguistics and Iris Casselman in Religious Studies and Sociology!

Marine Institute

Ocean Mapping ,2 nd year	Michaela Barnes
Naval Architecture, 2 nd year	Emma Williams
Marine Environmental, 3 rd year	Brittany Dalton
Food Technology, 3 rd year	Courtney Toope

College of the North Atlantic

Burin	Natasha Osmond, Welding Engineering Technician Assistant
Corner Brook	Courtney Pennel, 2 nd year Civil Engineering Technology Co-op Student
Grand Falls-Windsor	Terrilynn Healey, Renovation Technician
St. John's	Natasha Bartlett, Geomatics Survey Engineering Technology Co-op Victoria Gosse, Early Childhood Education Erin Grant, Early Childhood Education

New Gift Agreements for Undergraduate Awards

As we reviewed the recipients of scholarship and bursary throughout the autumn, we noticed that some of our awards were given to students who had received their secondary school education outside the province. After a discussion at the Executive meeting, we took our concerns to the November general meeting of the Club. It was felt that, as our money is raised locally, our awards should go to those students who have received their secondary school education in our province. After a prolonged discussion with MUN, our undergraduate gift agreements have been revised to reflect this. The new criteria were signed by the President in January and cover these awards both at MUN and the Marine Institute. Please note that criteria for graduate awards have not been changed. The gift agreements for the College of the North Atlantic have not yet been completed but they will be in place for the academic year 2017-18.

Mature Woman Bursary

For some time the Issues and Resolutions Committee had been thinking about a bursary for a mature woman, specifically a person who had suffered an interruption to her studies and who now had completed the equivalent of a secondary school diploma and wished to proceed to post-secondary education. The Committee was not sure how to go about the selection of such a candidate and we were fortunate to find a willing partner in Thrive. After some discussion we arrived at criteria for the award and a memorandum of understanding was signed. Thrive will handle the application and selection process and we simply cover the funding of this \$1000 bursary. The first of these bursaries will be awarded in June of this year and we are pleased that we have been able to begin this new venture.

Proposed Anniversary Graduate Scholarship

In 2019 CFUW will celebrate its 100th Anniversary and since 2014 the national office has been hoping that Clubs would celebrate this significant anniversary by awarding local scholarships. In recent years we committed the sum of \$1000 to the 100th anniversary

project and the sum of \$5000 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of our club in 2020. In our March meeting we decided to merge both these funds and allocate them to one graduate scholarship to celebrate both anniversaries in the year 2019-20. At the same meeting we voted to name the scholarship in honour of Grace Hiscock Hollett, a long-time and extremely hardworking member of our Club and the first woman from our province to serve as National President. Joyce Noseworthy and I have already had discussions with the Dean of Graduate Studies and her committee has begun to think about the appropriate type of candidate for the scholarship and the conditions under which the award will be made. In the budget for the year 2017-18, we have allocated an additional amount of \$1000 for this award, bringing the total to \$7500.

Thanks

We would like to record our gratitude to Kathrin Gill, Office of Alumni Affairs & Development at Memorial University, Rebecca Hefferton, Manager of Development and Engagement at the Marine Institute, and Anna Peddle and Evelyn Doyle, Office of Alumni and Advancement at the College of the North Atlantic for their guidance and assistance during the past year. It has been a pleasure to work with them.

PROJECT REPORTS

BOOK SALE REPORT – Joyce Noseworthy, Chair

I am pleased to report that, once again, our book sale produced a record profit – we sold over \$66,000 worth of books and cleared just over \$60,000!! It also saw a record attendance – we sold nearly 3000 entrance tickets!

Our sale this year ran from Tuesday, March 28 to Thursday, March 30, the first time that our sale started on a Tuesday evening. We were initially worried about customer turn-out on a Tuesday evening, especially as our sale had received little attention from The Telegram and local TV, but it became apparent even before the sale started that our worries were unfounded. Customers started to line up to get in almost an hour before the sale was to start and as soon as we opened the doors (15 minutes early!) several hundred people charged towards their favourite sections. Our sales on opening night were so brisk that we were able to remove several tables from the floor on Wednesday morning!

Again this year, we were fortunate to have the support of Crombie-Reit who allowed us to return to Woodgate Plaza to sort, price and box our books. Using this venue meant that the public brought their donated books directly to our sorting site and we were able to dispense with a collection blitz. We started our collection towards the end of January and continued to mid-March, very deliberately aiming to collect fewer books than we did last year. We estimate that we were able to offer 45,000 books for sale!

Unfortunately, we did not have the help of the RNC cadets. Their Training Officer informed us early in the year that the cadets would no longer be able to help with the book sale as the timing of our sale (March – April) generally interferes with the cadets' schoolwork and exams. However, we were lucky in that we had a large group of male relatives and friends who provided the muscle normally supplied by the RNC.

As always, many groups and individuals outside our Club helped to make the sale a success. We thank the MUN School of Music for the use of the MMaP room for book storage over the week-end; 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 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. 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 January to moving material out of the Arts and Culture Centre at the end of the sale and at every phase in between.

Thank you, everyone!

NEWFOUNDLAND ART POSTERS IN SCHOOLS (NAPS) – Bea Courtney and Jennifer Jeans, Co-Chairs

This was the 21st year for NAPS – a Club project that distributes posters by Newfoundland and Labrador artists to schools (primarily in the Northeast Avalon region). In 2015-16, we had a total of 28 active schools. Fourteen CFUW volunteers distributed the posters. We currently have an inventory of 267 posters. We added 20 posters this past year, a combination of purchases and free posters from various art shows. Our focus this year was on acquiring posters from upcoming artists and art using new media (e.g. digital art) that would appeal to students.

A draft report was prepared on the survey of schools conducted in 2015. This is now being reviewed before circulation to members and the school boards and participating schools. The results will help inform our future directions.

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 Coalition Against Violence Avalon East (CAVAE), the Committee also seeks to support the activities of member groups.

The Issues and Resolutions Committee met six times during the year. Some time was spent in researching possible projects. The following ideas were considered:

- UN Sustainable Goals: Educate committee members and the membership on this issue?
- Letters to Federal MPs concerning the Resolution on Child Care. Need to evaluate the provincial situation before a letter can be sent.
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Day: September 9th. Can this day be supported in some manner to bring attention to FASD, which, is 100% preventable?
- Evaluation of the Sexual Assault Policies used at MUN, MI and CNA.
- Possible Resolution to be developed by CFUW St. John's regarding the treatment of women in sexual assault cases within the Justice System.
- Provision of information to the membership on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

During the year, the Committee was involved in the following activities:

- Encouraged CFUW members to write their MPs to support Bill C-242 to have "non-state torture" added to the Criminal Code of Canada
- With the Scholarship Chair, firmed up the criteria for distribution of the new "Woman in Need" scholarship and developed an agreement with Thrive to award the scholarship.
- Sent a letter to the 3 Federal MPs regarding the need for universal day care in Canada.
- Arranged with Katherine Side, MUN, to have a small number of students and staff at MUN complete a questionnaire on Sexual Assault on Campus. This was a repeat of a survey conducted by CFUW 25 years ago.
- Took part in a Status of Women initiative, Preventing and Responding to Violence Against Women and Girls: Sexual Assault Policies in Post Secondary Institutions in Canada. (Thank-you to Dianne Reddy for reading the policies at CNA and MUN and answering detailed questions about information contained within these policies.)
- Participated in the 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women
- Sent a letter to the Editor at the beginning 16 Days of Activism, which, once again, was not published.
- Researched and presented information to CFUW St. John's on the two resolutions that will be presented to the national AGM in June, 2017.

As part of our effort to support partners within the Coalition Against Violence Avalon East:

- The chair attended 4 quarterly meetings of CAVAE and sat on the planning committee for the 16 Days of Activism.
- Bookmarks were distributed at the November Meeting and at A.R. Conference highlighting Dec.6, Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women and the YWCA's Rose Campaign.
- Committee members, along with one or two CFUW members attended the Take Back the Night Walk, the In Her Name Vigil, the Dec 6th Vigil in remembrance of the students murdered at Ecole Polytechnique and seven CFUW members

attended the Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony held on International Women's Day.

- Gwen Mercer attended the Violence Prevention Month Seminar as a representative of the Issues and Resolutions Committee.

This year the Issues and Resolutions Committee aspired to communicate more frequently with the membership in an attempt to keep them informed on issues of interest. To that end the committee:

- Invited members to attend the Take Back the Night Walk
- Provided information on the arrival in St. John's of "Caribou Legs" a man who ran across Canada to bring attention to the missing /murdered indigenous women problem
- Invited members to attend the "in her Name Vigil"
- Provided information on activities for the 16 Days of Activism and invited members to attend various events
- During the 16 days of activism, sent one post card each day with information pertaining to violence against women. The post cards **16 Days, 16 ways to end Violence Against Women** came from the Labrador Coalition against Violence and provided interesting and pertinent information.

A hearty thank-you is extended to Barbara Clancy, Grace Hollett, Jennifer Jeans, Jean Marks, Gwen Mercer, Linda Patzold and Dianne Reddy – wonderful committee members.

REPORTS OF INTEREST GROUPS

ALLEY CATS (Bowling) – Gillian Brown, Top Cat

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 late September to June. Bowling began about 3:30 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.

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 twelve CFUW members participated in bowling. We were pleased to welcome two new members. There was at least one real "turkey" realized (none at all last year) and possibly three phantom turkeys!!

BRIDGE GROUPS

BRIDGE GROUP 1 – Pat Rahal, Convenor

Bridge Group 1 meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from September to June. Eighteen games were scheduled this year and all took place without weather problems. We have nine regular members and some spares. We would welcome new spares for September. Please contact Pat Rahal at prahal@nf.sympatico.ca

BRIDGE GROUP 2 – Karen Butt, Convenor

The Bridge Group 2, consisting of 8 members, held their last game for the year on May 10, 2017. We enjoyed a good year of bridge with midafternoon social breaks hosted by each member in turn. We will start again on the 2nd Wednesday 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- Marion Hayden, Convenor

We meet in the afternoon of the first and third Wednesdays of each month from September to May at our homes. The eight of us begin in September meeting at 1:30, but move it back to 1:00 when the time changes in November to allow our members to arrive home before dark and ahead of the 5:00 traffic. Substitutes are arranged by the member who is unavailable. There is always lots of interesting conversation intermingled with the bridge and, of course, a lunch, usually mid afternoon. Thank you to all our members for being such great hostesses twice a year and for the replacements who so willingly and ably come to our aid. If you would like to be added to our replacement list, please feel free to contact me.

BRIDGE GROUP 4 – Joyce Noseworthy, Convenor

For the most part, we start at 9:30 am on Tuesday mornings and, even with a cup of tea and muffin eaten while we play, we finish around 12:30. We stop a little earlier on those Tuesdays when the Ladies who Lunch meet.

BEGINNERS' BRIDGE – Joyce Noseworthy, Convenor

This group of novice bridge players met on Friday afternoons for about one hour of instruction in the basics of bidding, planning and play, followed by another hour of practice in a relaxed atmosphere. There was lots of laughter along with the home-made goodies! Four beginning bridge players participated.

CRAFTEAS – Maureen Leat, Convenor

The Craftteas interest group continued to meet every second and fourth Thursday morning of most months including the summer months. We meet at members' homes. This year we met once in December before the busy holiday season and had to cancel a meeting in January due to poor weather. We had 3 members join the group this year.

Everyone brings along her own project to work on. It could be needlework, knitting or a quilting project that the individual hopes to finish in good time. A good time is had by all attending the "crafty" morning. We share ideas, consult, encourage, show and tell and, best of all, 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/appointments that day.

We enjoy the time we spend together as "crafty" people.

DINING OUT- Jean Dymond, Convenor

The Dining Out Group had a very enjoyable and successful year meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month from October to June. Between 10 to 20 members chose to dine at Magnum and Steins; The Magic Wok; The St. John's Fish Exchange; Piatto Pizzeria; The Exile; Get Stuffed; Portobellos and The Oppidan.

Special thanks are extended to Gerri Downey who looked after the March and April arrangements. Any member of CFUW who wishes to join us is most welcome. Sign up sheets will be available at the Membership Tea in September.

LADIES WHO LUNCH - Barbara Parsons Clancy, Convenor

The Ladies Who Lunch group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 12:30. 28 members signed up this year with an average attendance of 8-10 for each lunch.

Since the last report we enjoyed delicious food and good company at MUN Botanical Gardens, The Tea Gardens in Holyrood, Wedgewood Café, Smitty's (Mount Pearl)), The Outport, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56, Finn McCool's, Merlo's Inferno, and the Guvnor Pub. We will continue to gather for lunch during the summer months at restaurants yet to be determined.

Any member wishing to join us should sign up at the Open House meeting in September. You will be most welcome to come to lunch with us.

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB – Dianne Reddy, Convenor

The Afternoon Book Club meets at 2:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month from September to June. There are currently nine members. Membership is limited to 10, which allows each member to take a turn hosting the group. Each members selects a book of her choice to be read during the year. Books are scored from 1 to 10, based on the votes of those in attendance.

The books read and scored this year were as follows:

The Girl in the Spider's Web, David Lagercrantz – 6.5

The Mistress of Nothing, Kate Pullinger – 7.5

A Man Called Ove, Fredrik Backman – 9

Somewhere in France, Jennifer Robson – 6.3

The Vegetarian, Han Kong – 3.5

The Sympathizer, Viet Than Nguyen – 7

Through Black Spruce, Joseph Boyden – 6.8

The Piano Maker, Kurt Palka

Our discussions are quite lively. We enjoy the thought-provoking comments, socialization and laughter, especially when there are vast differences in our opinions.

MORNING BOOK CLUB #1 **Fran Field and Jean Marks, Convenors**

Members of Morning Book Club, #1 have had a good year, with many interesting and provocative discussions. In October we organized our reading list for the year, using suggestions from members. In December we joined Morning Book Club #2 for a Pot Luck lunch, with Trudy Johnson, author of *From a Good Home* as a guest. We all enjoyed her insights, and the discussion of the book. We also hope to join Book Club #2 for lunch in June. During the remainder of the year we met monthly at members' homes, and discussed the following books:

- Kevin Major: *Far and Wide*
- Denise Chong: *Concubines Children*
- Margaret MacMillan: *History's People*
- Elena Ferrante: *My Brilliant Friend*
- Elle Newmark: *The Sandalwood Tree*
- Anderson Cooper: *The Rainbow Comes and Goes*
- Hannah Kent: *Burial Rites*

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 has 16 members, although we normally have around 12 at each meeting. Our book club dues of \$10 per member were donated to our Scholarship Fund. 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:

Lawrence Hill, *The Illegal*

Anita Rau Badami, *The Hero's Walk*

Julian Barnes, *The Sense of an Ending*

Trudi Johnson, *From a Good Home*
 Rosemary Sullivan, *Stalin's Daughter*
 Anna Jean Mayhew, *The Dry Grass of August*
 David Macfarland, *Danger Tree*
 Terry Fallis, *Poles Apart*
 Anderson Cooper, *The Rainbow Comes and Goes*

We had also decided to read Lionel Shriver's *The Mandibles: A Family* but our February meeting was cancelled due to poor weather and this book has been re-scheduled for next year. In December, we met jointly with Book Cub #1. We were fortunate to have Trudi Johnson with us to speak about her book and about the results of her research of the young girls who went in-service; 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 hovered around the 7.8 mark.

At our June meeting we hope to develop at least a partial book list for 2016-17, 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 the Miss Fisher's Mysteries series, *Cocaine Blues* by Kerry Greenwood; the movie was so well-received that the group decided to watch a second episode immediately afterwards!

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! As our meeting in February was cancelled because of stormy weather, *The Last Policeman* by Ben H. Winters will be discussed in September 2018.

Our choices for 2017 were:

September:	Stanley Evans	Silas Seaweed series
October:	Jacqueline Winspear	Maisie Dobbs series
November:	Jussi Slder-Olsen	Department Q series
December:	William Landay	<i>Defending Jacob</i>
January:	Linwood Barclay	Zack Waller series
March:	Kerry Greenwood	<i>Cocaine Blues</i> (book and movie)
April:	Kate Atkinson	<i>Started Early, Took My Dog</i>

May:	Lisa Gardner	Det. D. D. warren series
June:	Susan Hill	Simon Serallier series

We rated all the books we read, each member providing a rating out of 10. This year, we were unable to find any book /series that all our members rated consistently and opinion was often sharply divided. The best example of this was Started Early, Took My dog, the ratings of which varied from 6/10 to 10/10! At the time this report was written, we had not yet met to discuss Susan Hill.

We hope to finalize our 2017/18 reading list at our last meeting in June.

SUMMER SAUNTERS – Gillian Brown, Convenor

This was the third year for CFUW’s walking group, euphemistically called the Summer Saunters. Members of the group walked each day of the week (excluding Sundays) during the summer months. They met at an appointed spot at 9:30 a.m. and walked for approximately 40 -50 minutes. During the past season approximately twenty-five CFUW members signed up to participate. On some days there were as many as 10 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. 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 small core group who decided to walk all year, weather and conditions permitting. So the Summer Saunters morphed into the Autumn Amblers which then became the Winter Wanderers, and since the spring weather is so inspiring in the St. John’s area, the Spring Sufferers!

New members are always welcome.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – Sharon Walsh, Convenor

This year the members of the Sunshine Committee continued to send get well cards to the ill, to visit those in need of company, and to offer transportation to meetings to those without access to a vehicle.

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

Women on Tap continue to talk, laugh, and most of all learn to tap dance! Our tappers now have a repertoire of tap dances in their pockets that their feet remember as

they shuffle and flap along to the music. That's why we'll be tapping in rhythm into our "ninth year" together!!!!!!!

With thanks to Joyce and Francine.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Hazel Pritchett Harris, Chair

President	Joyce Noseworthy	2 nd term
Vice-President	Dianne Reddy	2 nd term
Treasurer	Gillian Brown	1 st term
Secretary (Executive)	Daphne Lilly	1 st term
Secretary (General)	Lois Jeffrey	1 st term
Membership Chair	Sharon Walsh	1 st term
Program Chair	Zainab Jerrett	1 st term
Public Relations Chair	Elizabeth (<u>Libby</u>) Foran	1 st term
Outreach Chair	Maureen Leat	2 rd term
Scholarship Chair	Hazel Pritchett Harris	2 nd term
Past President	Hazel Pritchett Harris	2 nd term

The proposed Executive for CFUW St. John's for the 2017-18 year is as follows:

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 Wanda Saunders, respectively. There are no specified terms for these positions.

