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EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Janet O'Brien

This has been a banner year for our club, with so much activity on a variety of fronts. I have to say a great big thank-you to all the club members who have led and participated in club events during the year and have encouraged me in my role as President. I would especially like to thank members of the Executive and Committees for all they do to make the club what it is today:

Beverly Clarke, Vice-President
 Joyce Noseworthy, Treasurer
 Marion Tilley, Executive Secretary
 Sharon Walsh, General Secretary
 Nadine Flannigan-Wheeler, Membership Chair
 Libby Foran, Outreach Chair
 Leslie MacLeod, Scholarship Chair
 Gladys Schofield/Jennifer Jeans, Program Co-Chairs
 Grace Hollett, Public Relations, Chair
 Gillian Brown, Past President.

In addition, Daphne Lilly does an excellent job of looking after our club's archives. Gerri Downey with her role as Regional Director has kept the club up-to-date on regional and national issues. Grace Hollett, a dual duty (and more) member, has kept us abreast of international issues, in her role as VP International. Grace is also a member of numerous national and international committees. Linda Coles is a member of the National Education Standing Committee, and she chaired the UN CSW Preparation sub-Committee.

Our year started with our Open House in September, with Margot Duley (CFUW member) as our guest speaker. The 54 women in attendance were treated to a lively talk by Margot about her book, *Extraordinary Passages*. A big thank-you to Program Co-Chairs, Jennifer Jeans and Gladys Schofield, as well as Committee member Monica Griffin, for arranging this event. All our monthly meetings have been well attended throughout this year, with attendance of 50 or more at four of our monthly meetings. The two Zoom meetings in January and February were very well-received, with guest speakers Dr. Cathy Balsom and Dr. Elise Thorburn. Thanks again to the Program Committee and the Public Relations Committee for making our meetings so successful. Please read their reports for further details.

A highlight of this past year was our celebration of our 80th anniversary/Festive Gathering. We were pleased to have as special guests Her Honour Joan Marie Alyward, Lieutenant Governor of NL and our National CFUW president, Linda Sestock. Both the 80th Anniversary Committee and the Program Committee worked hard to create this special celebration. We had a special trifold brochure and a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting our achievements throughout these 80 years as well as reflections from Janice Moores on her 56 years as a member. Thanks to both Committees for making this event such a success and to all 66 members and guests who attended.

An afternoon tea for all members was held on February 14, 2026, at the Retired Citizen's Club to celebrate Valentine's Day and Canadian Flag Day. This is the second year for this event, which is the brainchild of Gerri Downey and Sharon Walsh. Thanks to both of

them for organizing this event and to members who assisted them. A good time was had by all!

Our annual book sale, held March 25-28th, was the most successful to date, with record-breaking sales. Its success can also be measured by our increased visibility in the community, due to our excellent publicity surrounding the event. Only those living under a rock had not heard of our book sale! Thanks go out to all members and non-members who helped and to the public for their support. Special thanks to Joyce Noseworthy for once again doing an excellent job at managing this project.

The Outreach Committee has had another successful year with both the New Beginnings baskets as well as evaluating and awarding funds to the various organizations and projects that we support. We were pleased to hear from guest speakers Jan Buley, about the Phoenix project at HMP and from Genevieve Dooling, about dementia and the Alzheimer's Society at two of our monthly meetings, since these are both supported by our outreach funding.

The club has seen a significant increase in our membership over the past year, with our current membership at 122. This is up from 101 in June 2024 and 106 in June 2025. It is wonderful to see so many new faces and to get to know these new members through our many activities together. Our Open House, New Members Tea and our Book Sale and monthly meetings were all events in which new members learned about CFUW. We have also seen several new members join our committees and interest groups. These new members are a vital part of our success, and I thank them for their contributions.

Our club executive members, committees and interest groups have been very active all year. I have tried to capture some highlights, but I invite you to read through this whole report to get the sense of everything that we have been doing. Thanks to all of you for your kind words and deeds that have supported me throughout this year. It has been a pleasure serving you as club President for the past two years.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY – Sharon Walsh

There were 10 general/ business meetings held during the 2025-2026 time period. Seven were held in Room 4065 of the Earth Science Building, MUN, one at The Lantern for Open House in September and two at the RCAF Association in December and June. Speakers for the monthly meetings were organized by the program committee. A copy of the minutes will be sent to Daphne Lily, Archivist.

Reports at general meetings were presented by the President, Treasurer and Chairs of the Membership, Scholarship, Outreach, Program and Public Relations committees. The Chair of the Issues and Resolutions Study Group and the Book Sale committee also gave reports, when appropriate.

There were no policy changes or new policy enactments during the period September to May 2025-2026.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER – Joyce Noseworthy

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 1, 2025 - May 31, 2026

OPENING BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 1, 2025: \$40,603.57

INCOME

Bank Interest	\$108.91
Book Sale	\$109,523.96
Collection for CFUW Charitable Trust	\$715.00
Dinner – AGM	\$2944.00
Dinner – Christmas	\$2835.00
Donations – Baskets	\$325.00
Membership dues	\$7485.00
Valentine's Tea	\$780.00
Total Income	\$124,716.87

EXPENSES

Administration	\$1376.47
Baskets	\$1,041.95
Book Sale	\$5,648.78
Dinner – Christmas & 80 th Anniversary	\$3112.18
Donations	\$500.00
Donation to CFUW Charitable Trust	\$715.00
Membership Dues – ARC	\$215.00
Membership Dues – National	\$5,912.50
Donations	\$500.00
Meetings	\$594.57
Open House 2026 deposit	\$230.00
Outreach	\$19,008.50
Sunshine Committee	\$30.00
Valentine's Tea	\$845.76
Total Expenses	\$39,305.71

Current Account Balance as of May 31, 2026 \$126,014.73

Commitments Remaining for 2025/26 11,010.99

Balance Available as of May 31, 2026 \$115,003.74

Investments \$15,532.34

Note: The following Expenses were paid with 2025/26 fiscal year funds, but were paid in advance, before August 1, 2025:

Scholarships	\$45,000.00
MUN archives	500.00
Storage Locker Annual rental	2,483.28
Total	\$47,983.28

Proposed Budget 2026-2027

Administration	\$2000
Web Site Update	0
Archives	\$500
Conferences	\$1000
Donations	\$1000
Meetings	\$2500
Book Sale	\$6000
Scholarships	\$57,000
Sunshine Committee	\$100
Outreach	\$23,400
Baskets	\$1,500
Special Projects	\$15,000
Total Proposed Budget	\$110,000

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – Gillian Brown, Chair

In November 2023, CFUW St. John's adopted a Communications Policy for the club. The purpose of the policy is to identify communications priorities, messages and activities that will enable the club to communicate effectively with its members. The goals are to grow capacity, increase the use of social media and to improve the website. A committee was formed to help implement these goals.

This year the committee met three times this year. Our activities included:

- Producing an annual calendar of events
- Updating the Media list
- Producing of a one-Page communication plan for the 80th anniversary celebration
- Producing of a one- Page communication plan for the Great Big Book Sale
- Applying for an IT Grant from National Office to improve our website; unfortunately, we were not successful
- Securing a new host and provider for our website that is based in Canada. Daniel Barnes, the owner of Chudworth Solutions has waived the monthly fees and has asked that we use \$1000

of the \$3000 allotted for website improvement to go into an additional scholarship. This has been done. Work on the website is ongoing.

Thank you to committee members: Vivian Healey, Linda Coles, Grace Hollett, Janet O'Brien, Leslie MacLeod, Libby Foran and Susan McNicholas. Special thank-you to Joyce Noseworthy for her work on the website.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – Nadine Flannigan-Wheeler, Chair

Our Membership Committee, which includes Susan McNicholas and Dianne Murray, enjoyed welcoming many new members to CFUW St. John's since the summer of 2025. It was a terrific year that provided many opportunities to meet prospective members who were interested in our club. Our membership increased to a current total of 122. This includes five student members.

Membership Open House: The annual CFUW St. John's Open House, held on September 20th, 2025 at the Lantern, 35 Barnes Road, marked the beginning of the 2025-26 year. The event was publicized through various media and 55 women attended. Membership kits and program information were provided to many attendees.

The event was successful in supporting membership recruitment as many guests were interested in learning more about the CFUW St. John's club and several joined at the event. A generous donation from an anonymous club member encouraged new members to join by reducing the first-year fee to \$40. In addition, current members also had the opportunity to renew their membership.

New Members' Tea: A tea and social was organized to welcome new members. Those who had joined in the last year were invited to attend. Grace Hollett kindly hosted the tea and social at her home on November 16, 2025. It was a lovely event that gave new members the opportunity to get to know more about CFUW St. John's as well as connect with each other.

Monthly Meetings and Recruitment: Current members were encouraged to bring a friend to meetings throughout the year to support membership recruitment. This resulted in, not only an increase in attendance, but also several new members joining CFUW. Thank you to everyone who participated in recruitment at meetings and by referring prospective members to the Membership Committee throughout the year.

Great Big Book Sale: Our annual Great Big Book Sale provided opportunities to promote our club through radio interviews, social media and various other forms of advertising. This publicity, organized by the book sale committee, provided an excellent forum to highlight the history and mission of CFUW St. John's club. Current members promoted membership to interested attendees during the sale and Membership invitations were distributed at the event. Many new members joined during the book sale and have already been included in Susan's Faces of Friends of CFUW (see page 27).

New Members: We are pleased to welcome our new members over the last year: Marilyn Bailey, Alison Carter, Cathy Collyer-Holmes, Heather Donovan, Susan Emberley, Rosemary Fowler, Chandrani Ghosh, Brigitte Godden, Karen Goodnough, Paula Hayden, Vivian Healey, Janet Henley, Camilla Hollett, Cecillia Hollett, Bonnie James, Sheila Keats, Judi Kelland, Jolene King, Sarah McDonald, Kyla Nicolle, Denise O'Brien, Yvonne O'Keefe, Sheilagh

O'Leary, Rebecca Roome, Nikita Ryall, Jenifer Soper and Sara Turner. These ladies have diverse backgrounds and bring an abundance of talents to CFUW. We are delighted to welcome them to our club.

Departing Members: We are sorry to have lost our long-time member, Sandra French, who passed away during this last year. She will be dearly missed.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT – Libby Foran, Chair

Our Outreach Committee included Margie Greene, Bertha Schofield, Joan McCue, Michelle Sullivan, Bev Clarke, Effie White, Bonnie Janes and Libby Foran. Heather Donavon joined us part way through the year. We met multiple times during the year and also communicated on decision making through email. Our main goal is always to support educational opportunities in the community. However, sometimes basic needs must be met first, as a support to moving along in life.

The CFUW executive reserved \$20,000 in our budget for 2025 -2026, with proceeds from the amazing Great Big Book Sale. We decided at the first meeting to earmark \$1,000 for the Iris Kirby New Beginnings Baskets and the remaining \$19,000 for community projects.

We continue to support **Iris Kirby House** with baskets of household goods for those leaving this women's shelter to set up their own households. Margie Greene and her team have continued to house the products and have managed the collection of products, by shopping, preparing and delivering the baskets. We fill these baskets with goods donated monthly by our members and using money from the Outreach budget to top up with needed items. We have supplied two baskets a month with kitchen and bathroom items needed to get through the first few days in a new place. Included items are mugs, teabags, sugar milk, tea towels, dishcloths, towels, soap, toilet paper, cleaners, bathroom towels and facecloths, oven mitts, a broom and dustpan and more. We're very proud of this long-standing project, of donating 24 laundry size baskets of product annually, to support these women in need.

We're very appreciative of the members of our club who annually donate funds or product to support this very worthwhile project. The staff of Iris Kirby House are repeatedly saying that the ladies are extremely grateful for our efforts. As the ladies prepare to leave for their new home, they are both surprised and delighted to receive such a useful and practical gift. Our club's work on this project is giving 24 ladies each year a head start in their new spaces, a new beginning!

The first donation from the committee for the **2025-26 year**, was to **Scientists In Schools**, a Canadian company based in Ontario. This will be our third year supporting them in their work in STEM education (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

Scientists in Schools is a national organization devoted to promoting science-based learning to children from Kindergarten to grade eight, through interactive online workshops, both in schools and community settlements. Scientists in Schools was started in 1989 as an outreach program of the CFUW women from the Ajax-Pickering branch. They became a registered charity in 1999 and quickly expanded across southern Ontario, and now remarkably have grown to include every province in Canada. The founder, Cindy Adams was honoured with an Order of Canada in 2023 for her efforts in promoting science to these young children. This year we were delighted to assist with this worthy educational effort by

Our donation of **\$3,500.00** will fund 10 English and French classroom workshops, impacting approximately 250 young scientists and 10 teachers across Newfoundland and Labrador. All workshops will be delivered by June 2026. They have been delivering workshops across our province since 2021. These programs can be user-paid and donor-funded workshops across the province, increasing their reach and engaging more young scientists than ever before. Each classroom workshop costs \$315, which covers the presenter fee, materials for up to 30 students, presenter training, quality assurance visits, evaluation and program development. Our donation enables them to reach out to areas with higher needs.

Through our donation, CFUW St. John's is helping to bridge the gap in STEM education, ensuring that all children have the opportunity to explore STEM in a meaningful and impactful way, with the hope it may encourage them in this direction in their future.

We awarded \$2,000 to the **St. John's Status of Women Council**, for their mental health program called "Connect and Care". This is a program for women and gender diverse individuals, with a goal of creating an environment for healing, connection and empowerment. The donations will help with transportation, food insecurity and child minding. It will give people access to support and also the opportunity to attend meetings and stay connected. The committee felt this was a very worthwhile initiative and also meets well with our goals.

We donated \$500 to **Bridges to Hope**, for personal care products to add to their hampers. We were made aware of the challenge in providing enough of this much needed product and felt meeting this basic need provides dignity to their female clients.

Rabbittown Learner's Program is an active program supporting locals and immigrants with their early education upgrading needs, up to junior high. This program that has been running for many years and seems quite underfunded. We agreed to fund them again this year with a donation of \$1500.00. The Rabbittown Learners Program is a Basic Literacy / ABE Level 1 Program which offers upgrading for persons wishing to advance to the Grade Six level of education, in order to continue on to higher education, increasing chances for employment. While there is no minimum level of education required to enter the program, New Canadian students are required to pass the Level 5 Canadian Language Benchmark. Curriculum includes: Communications, Math, Science, Social Studies, Government and Law, The Workplace, and Introduction to Computers and Consumer Education.

MUN Campus Foodbank meets the needs of many students during their study year. We have been donating to this worthy organization for multiple years, as studying requires a healthy mind. We donated \$1000 this year and had a lovely visit with the lead person there. She shared stories of the changing needs with food insecurity, especially for students.

Phoenix Garden Project at HMP was awarded funds last year, for the first time. The plan to use the funds for bird houses had to change as the wood working shop was not available to the inside gardeners to use. Instead, they created a raised bed outside for strawberries, which was very well received. The men were eating strawberries from the endeavor into October!

We decided to give the program another this year. This project is education-based and has many facets. Our member Effie White has joined the education team at HMP for this project. Effie has been attending a two-hour session most Mondays and assisting with the program.

Michelle and Libby visited HMP to make the presentation and were invited to participate in the two-hour program with the inside gardeners. Jan Buley and Effie took the

lead and we were encouraged to share in the planting, learning and appreciation of nature. It was truly an honour to see the program in action and share with the inside gardeners.

We donated \$500 to the **CFUW International Project** sponsored by the Stephen Lewis Foundation. The CFUW International Service Project (ISP) supports girls' access to education in countries where such is compromised, limited or unattainable. The 2025-2026 CFUW ISP project is Young, Happy, Healthy & Safe with our new partner, the Stephen Lewis Foundation. This is the first year of a two-year campaign with the Stephen Lewis Foundation. The project aims to support girls in learning about sexual and reproductive health in rural Eastern Zambia through health and rights information that can help keep them in school and protect them from early marriage and pregnancy, gender-based violence, HIV infection, caregiving responsibilities etc.

This project will support **Young Happy Health and Safe (YHHS)** in Chipata, Zambia, and will reach 5,000 children and youth with critical information on sexual and reproductive health and rights, including HIV prevention and testing. It will provide school supplies to 120 students annually, distribute reusable sanitary pads to 500 girls, and train peer educators to ensure girls stay in school and thrive. By addressing root causes like poverty, gender inequality, and stigma, and by building capacity at the community level, YHHS is making a profound impact. When girls complete secondary school, they are significantly less likely to contract HIV, and more likely to lead healthier, empowered lives.

We donated \$3500 to the **Alzheimer's Society of Newfoundland and Labrador**. They will use the funding to support their varied programs such as the Family Support Group, Dementia Passport Training and Links program. The online programming is especially helpful to communities across the island and those who cannot attend in person due to their circumstances. It trains caregivers and potential caregivers in the multiple levels of care and change that occurs with Alzheimer's patients. They offer valuable ongoing support to families, as they journey with their loved ones.

We donated \$2000 again this year to **Home Again Furniture Bank**, with the request to use this fund for mattresses for children. Children who are well-rested have a better chance of success in school. This organization has made a significantly positive impact in the community by helping people in need resettle into a home and live with dignity and comfort. They also save a lot of used items from the landfill and repurpose them. CFUW members are encouraged to donate their unwanted furniture to this organization, when they are downsizing. Home Again always has a wait list of people seeking furniture. They will collect the furniture from your home for a small fee of \$25, which covers the rental of the truck and gas. They have a large number of volunteers who support their work and just a few hard working staff to keep all the details flowing.

They also have a very successful social enterprise business on Hebron Way called **Again and Again**. In this shop they refinish furniture, train youth in running the shop and in furniture restoration. The proceeds go back into the Home Again business and many people are gaining valuable skills. If you'd like to check them out, they're open Wednesday to Saturday.

We donated \$2100 to the **Chalker Place Community Center**, for their after school programming. This included funding for three community centers, all of which are funded by Newfoundland and Labrador Housing. Nikita Ryall has been the operating manager for eight years. She is very passionate about offering quality services to the children who attend these centers. The centers include Chalker Place (45-47 Chalker Place); Eric Mackay Neighbourhood Center (71 Eric Street); and West Heights Neighbourhood Center (62 New Pennywell Road). Each center provides afterschool programs on various days of the week, youth groups, homework help, one on one tutoring and much more. The center provides a

meal to each child attending the after-school program and snacks in all other programs offered at each center on a daily basis. They not only provide support to the children attending the programs but also to the entire family, by employing youth from the neighborhood. This allows them to buy the basics in life such as food and clothing. They encourage youth to continue their education beyond high school and help them in any ways possible to ensure their success.

Nikita says that their numbers have doubled in the past eight years. They reach out to the elementary schools connected with these children, so they better understand the individual needs and therefore offer appropriate tutoring.

Having the supports so close to home for these children is critical. Nikita has witnessed some of the children grow up and go on to post-secondary school, due to the supports they received from the Neighbourhood Center.

We donated \$1200 to the **CNIB PREP Series** (Practical Readiness for Employment and Post – Secondary Series.) This program has run successfully for 15 years. It enables 10 – 12 youth with sight loss to spend a week at The Boulevard CNIB site, to work with the specialists learning the essential life skills needed for independent living. Some of these skills could include grocery shopping, safe cooking skills, finances, budgeting and how to find and care for an apartment. In addition, they tour local campuses, learn about supports available to them through the Blundon Centre, build their resumes, complete practice interviews, learn about latest technology that can support them, as well as enjoy the socialization and making connections with other youth with lived experience in sight loss.

The many successes of this program include graduates in the workforce in law, finance, administration, medicine and more. They currently have individuals in graduate studies and past participants have moved on to take on leadership roles in the PREP program, sharing their challenges and triumphs.

This spring three of our members, Margie Greene, Effie White and Sheila Genge had the opportunity to meet with the young students to observe and participate in the PREP program. They met with the students and practised mock job interviews with them. It was a wonderful opportunity to see how well our donation to CNIB was being used.

Team CFUW St John's were delighted to join the **Coldest Night of the Year 2026**, in support of Choices For Youth. Choices supports youth age 16 to 29 in helping them move forward with education, empowerment, homelessness, mental health, and more. For the second year in a row CFUW St. John's joined many other CFUW chapters across the country participating in the Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser. This campaign held each year raises funds for community organizations that provide supports and services to those living in precarious housing situations- from living on the street, moving from shelter to shelter or couch surfing with family or friends. CFUW St. John's members and friends raised \$2,375.00 for Choices for Youth, a community agency that provides education, employment, support services and housing for youth and young adults in our community experiencing homelessness. \$200 of this was a donation from the Outreach Committee Fund, with the remainder from personal donations.

To signify the end of this campaign and raise awareness, on the evening of February 28 a number of CFUW members participated in the Coldest Night of the Year Walk in downtown St. John's, with representatives from many other donors. We were lucky that our coldest night was 3 degrees and sunny. Thanks to all who participated in this worthwhile event. A special thank you to Bev Clarke for taking the lead on this fundraising event for 2026.

It has been a privilege to chair this committee for the last three years and meet so many community groups to understand their successes and needs. I plan to stay active with

the group, but welcome Michelle Sullivan to take on the role of chairperson for our Outreach Committee for the 2026-2027 year.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT - Jennifer Jeans and Gladys Schofield, Co-Chairs

The Program Committee was Co-Chaired by Gladys Schofield and Jennifer Jeans. CFUW members Janet O'Brien, Monica Griffin and Zainab Jerrett also contributed to the committee work throughout the year. The committee was happy to add the following four new members to the committee in March and April: Gillian Butler, Jolene King, Rebecca (Becky) Roome and Paula Hayden.

Guest Speakers for the General meetings were based on recommendations from CFUW St. John's committees, executive and the general membership. January and February meetings were both held via Zoom. This method enabled members to participate from their own homes, without having to worry about winter driving. An added bonus was sharing our program nationally with other CFUW members. Based on members' feedback, the Executive agreed that holding Zoom meetings in January and February was a good idea and should be considered for next year. A General meeting was not scheduled for March due to a large number of the CFUW members working on the Great Big Book Sale.

September 20, 2025: Our Open House which was held at The Lantern was very successful with 55 women in attendance. Dr. Margot Duley treated us to a lively talk about her research and experience related to *Extraordinary Passages*, her published biography of her aunt Margaret Duley, Newfoundland's first internationally acclaimed author. Margot also spoke of her activity as an active member of our CFUW club. She thanked the CFUW for our support and financial contribution to a passionate cause of erecting a statue of Armine Gosling in Bannerman Park, celebrating the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote. Both the presentation and refreshment break were of great interest to the current and prospective members in attendance.

October 14, 2025: Our guest Speaker Dr. Jan Buley shared her development of creative initiatives and experience with marginalized groups. She focused on The Phoenix Project at His Majesty's Penitentiary. Jan also thanked the club for their support and contribution to this project. Club member Effie White is a facilitator in the project. We wish to thank Grace Stapleton, Leslie Macleod and Dianne Murray for providing refreshments to support the informal Q & A and connecting of members.

November 18, 2025: Grace Hollett, VP International Affairs CFUW, National spoke about her travels to Zambia with a delegation of 12 members of CFUW to participate in the 35th Triennial conference organized by GWI. CFUW, including our club, is supporting the Stephen Lewis Foundation in their efforts to keep girls in school and away from early marriage. We wish to thank Nadine Flannagin Wheeler, Hazel Pritchett Harris, Daphne Lilly and Gerri Downey for providing refreshments.

December 13, 2025: Our celebration of the 80th anniversary of CFUW St. John's Club and festive season luncheon was held at the 150 Wing RCAF Building in Pleasantville, with 66 members in attendance. Her Honor Joan Marie Alyward, Lieutenant Governor of NL, attended and gave a very interesting presentation on our history and the significance of 2025

as the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in NL. Linda Sestock, CFUW National president, traveled from Montreal and gave an overview with a slide presentation of some visits to CFUW Clubs and activities. We had an enjoyable visit with her and along with the executive organized a number of ways for members to meet her throughout the week including 2 concerts, a book club and a meal at Gerri Downey's home and a luncheon at Grace Hollett's home.

The 80th anniversary committee along with the Program committee worked hard to create this special celebration. From arranging the catering, decorating with Poinsettias, (table prizes), trifold brochure and a Power Point presentation highlighting our club activities and achievements. Thanks go to the 80th anniversary committee consisting of Sharon Walsh, Grace Stapleton, Gillian Brown and Gerri Downey, with technical assistance from John Walsh, Marion Tilley and Joyce Noseworthy. Donations were collected for the Ecole Polytechnique Fund as well as The Fresh Start Baskets for Irish Kirby House. Thank you to the members for their generous donations.

January 13, 2026: Dr. Catherine (Cathy) Balsom, Memorial University School of Pharmacy, along with senior pharmacy student, Keana Janes, addressed the group of 56 participants via Zoom. She spoke of the pharmacist's scope of practice in helping clients with multiple medications in their plan of care. She also spoke of resources such as the Medication Therapy Clinic to assist individuals with medication management. The presentation was of great interest to the audience, which included CFUW members of other clubs across Canada.

February 17, 2026: Dr. Elise Thorburn, an emergency physician and community organizer, talked about her life-changing month volunteering with Gila, a medical solidarity organization that empowers low resource communities to build sustainable, locally-driven health care projects. Gila partnered with The World Health Organization to send medical delegates such as Dr. Thorburn into Gaza. We had 54 members of CFUW registered for the meeting which was conducted by Zoom.

March 2026: International Women's Day events included circulating information on the National Film Board film (NFB) *The Nest* provided by NFB to CFUW national and then to individual clubs. Members viewed the film, when they had time, via Youtube. This was due to a large number of CFUW members working on the Great Big Book Sale. Also nine of the members attended the International Women's Day Luncheon hosted by Persistence Theatre. Guest Speaker Sr. Elizabeth Davis spoke of AI and its impact on all of us, particularly women. Sr. Elizabeth has agreed to speak on the topic at our Open House on Sept. 26, 2026.

April 14, 2026: This meeting was dedicated to the research and presentation of CFUW National Resolutions by the Issue and Resolutions committee. Gillian Brown, Gerri Downey, Hazel Pritchett Harris and Janet O'Brien led this section of the meeting. Members discussed the resolutions and provided direction to our voting delegate at the National conference in July. Grace Hollett and Linda Cole spoke of their experience and presentations at the United Nations in New York. We wish to thank Zainab Jerrett and Mollie Butler for providing an evening lunch.

May 12, 2026: Genevieve Dooling, who sits on the Minister of Health and Community Services Advisory Council for Dementia and is a volunteer with the Alzheimer Society of NL, gave a presentation entitled Dementia 101. She spoke of her own experiences of living with a person with dementia, discussed the different types and symptoms of dementia and talked about the services available to families and individuals in this province. Thank you to Gillian Butler, Becky Roome and Jolene King for providing snacks.

June 8, 2026: Our AGM dinner meeting is scheduled to be held at RAF Building in Pleasantville.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT - Grace Hollett, Chair

Thanks to Emily Rowe and Dr. Amrita Ghosh who before moving from St. John's were very active on the PR Committee. Joining the committee to date are Vivian Healey and Jolene King creator of our posters. More members are invited to the committee!

CFUW St. John's continues to focus on becoming better known in the community. In addition to individual members speaking about CFUW, there are opportunities at Club events, particularly during the September Open House, the Great Big Book Sale, and the meetings with speakers, to bring attention to the club and its activities. All such activities are promoted in the media and by members.

The Club's email distribution list continues to expand and is updated regularly by Nadine Flannigan Wheeler. When information is intended for both members and the community, members are asked to forward it on to their own networks. In addition to local club news, information from the Atlantic Regional Council (ARC) and the weekly Club Action News and special editions from national office are distributed. Notices of special events are sometimes extracted from Club Action News and sent separately as reminders. The St. John's president's News and Notices is distributed locally and also nationally/internationally through Club Action News.

Zoom Host: The Chair of the committee also involves being Zoom host for the Club's monthly Executive meetings, the January and February General Meetings and any Book Club or other meetings that would otherwise have to cancel due to weather problems. The Zoom General Meetings are promoted to a wider audience and result in national/international participation, depending on the topic

PR Relating to the Open House and the Great Big Book Sale: The media distribution list was revised with assistance from the Club's Communications Committee, and guidelines developed for timing of the promotion of the Great Big Book Sale. Two posters were used, with the first concentrating on the book collection and the second on the sale itself, providing information on sale hours, and free leftover books for charities and students. In addition to posting on social media, a number of posters were printed and posted on "real" notice boards. For next year's promotion, we will attempt to put all the information on one poster.

Promotion of the sale included Radio and TV interviews, some in studios and some at the Book Sale site when the sale was in progress. Information was sent to all media for their use. We are beginning to make better use of Instagram and other types of social media. All promotion linked the sale to scholarships and community outreach, with the phrase "CFUW Book Sale for Scholarships" being used frequently. All Avalon Peninsula schools were contacted via the Department of education and churches and libraries via their central offices. We found that the media needed to be contacted early about arranging interviews with personal contact following up closer to the date.

The Book Sale provides an opportunity to showcase CFUW St. John's and to encourage growth in membership. A flyer about CFUW St. John's prepared by Susan McNicholas was revised and handed out on site.

Press Release: CFUW National Office issued a press release about local members Dr Linda Coles and Grace Hollett attendance at the 70th UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70) in New York City, March 2026. This was picked up by local and national media who did interviews that provided more opportunity to promote CFUW and its Clubs. Prior to and during CSW70, members were given information on how to join sessions of CSW70. Recordings of many of those may be found on the UN website or the CFUW You Tube channel.

Thank you to all who contribute to promoting CFUW St. John's and the good work that we do!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT - Leslie MacLeod, Chair

I am delighted to submit this report on behalf of the members of the Scholarship Committee: Karen McGrath, Gillian Butler, Mollie Butler, Bonnie James, and myself. We had an excellent time working together to ensure the continued success of the scholarship and bursary program.

Your incredibly hard work and dedication to the 2025-26 Great Big Book Sale resulted in a record number of awards. The pot grew from \$42,000 in 2024-25 to \$45,000 in 2025-26. As a result, we created an additional undergraduate bursary at MUN (\$1,000), an additional scholarship at CNA (\$1,000), and an additional \$1,000 contribution to scholarships in Northern Nigeria.

Our partnership with the We Care Foundation NL is very rewarding for us and women in Northern Nigeria. Our \$4,000 contribution resulted in 36 scholarships for women in diverse educational programs and institutions, doubling the number awarded in the previous year!

Our annual Dr. Edith Manuel and Ms Olga Anderson Entrance Bursaries were once again awarded from the proceeds of our MUN Endowment Fund. This year they were valued at \$2,003 each, which brought our total award funding to \$49,006. You can be very proud of the support, recognition, and encouragement our Club provides to women striving to reach their educational goals.

We are pleased to share a detailed list of award winners (below), along with the messages of thanks we received from students this year (see page 32). We hope you enjoy reviewing the tangible results of this wonderful program.

Memorial University

A. Dr. Edith Manuel and Ms Olga Anderson Entrance Bursaries (MUN Endowment) \$2,003 each

1. Jocelyn Coates, Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, Grenfell Campus
2. Breanna Bromley-Clarke, Nursing, Main Brook, NL

B. Graduate Scholarships \$2,000 each

1. Masters of Education, Edith Creighton Entrance Scholarship -
Lucinda Austin-Bearnes, Holy Spirit High School Graduate
2. Masters of Social Work - Alida Kelly
3. Masters of Gender Studies - Susan Alteen
4. Masters of Environmental Studies - Alexis Johnson

C. Undergraduate Scholarships \$1,000 each

1. Caitlin Menchion, BA Psychology
2. Amy Baldwin, BA Sociology

3. Jenna Bennett, BSc Environment & Sustainability (Resource Management)
4th year, Grenfell Campus
4. Amber Kelly, Social Work 4th year
5. Hannah Babstock, Social Work 4th year
6. Laura Crummy, Nursing 3rd year
7. Serena Squires, Nursing
8. Arya Vaidya – Nursing

D. Undergraduate Bursaries \$1,000 each

1. Anna Philpott, BA (Honours) Political Science 4th year, pre-law
2. Brooke Osmond, BA (Honours) English 5th year
3. Justina Nawaz, BA Law and Public Policy 4th year
4. Hayley Moulton, BA Linguistics 3rd year
5. Meredith Hudson, BA French 4th year
6. Ally Georgia McFayden, BSc Human Biosciences & Mathematics 2nd year
7. Jessica St. John, BSc Human Biosciences 3rd year
8. Olivia Kinden, BSc Behavioural Neuroscience
9. Natalie Cotter, BSc Human Biosciences
10. Anastasiia Danylyk, BSc Computer Science, Visual & Games

E. Marine Institute \$1,000 each

1. Rachael Churchill, Fire Rescue, Paradise
2. Brittany Jones, Nautical Science Degree, New Harbour
3. Rebecca Ralph, Advanced Diploma in Food Safety, Grand Falls-Windsor
4. Emily Rogers, Marine Environmental Technology Degree, CBS
5. Hannah Snow, Marine Environmental Technology Degree, Paradise

College of the North Atlantic \$1,000 each

1. Alexis Fudge, Agriculture Technician Co-op, Corner Brook Campus
2. Kelsie Hodder, Early childhood Education, Port Aux Basque Campus
3. Tracey Musseau, Early childhood Education, Port Aux Basque Campus
4. Kylie Griffin, Medical Radiography, Prince Philip Drive Campus
5. Julia Forward, BAIT: Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning, Prince Philip Drive Campus
6. Kassidy Slaney, Early childhood Education, Prince Philip Drive Campus
7. Emma Nguyen, Electrical Engineering Technology (Biomedical), Ridge Road Campus
8. Savanna Wall, Heavy Equipment Operator, St. Anthony Campus

Thrive St. John's \$1,000 each

1. Student enrolled in Early Childhood Education
2. Award pending Spring graduation

WE CARE FOUNDATION NL - Northern Nigerian Scholarships – Total \$4,000

Thirty-six women in Northern Nigeria have been awarded scholarships to study in universities, colleges of education, polytechnics, and other colleges. All have received their funds. The We Care Foundation NL had two agents who shared the forms, collected applications, and distributed the funds. The recipients are:

Adama Bulama, College of Education, Waka-Biu – Health Education

Agnes Yala, College of Education, Waka-Biu - Education
 Anna Hyelaforiwa, Ramat Polytechnic Maiduguri – Banking and Finance
 Bilkis Lawala, Ekiti State University Damilola – Education (Chemistry)
 Blessing Bitrus, University of Maiduguri - Botany
 Blessing Zakariya, EYN College of Health Technology - Community Health
 Esther Andrew, College of Education Waka-Biu - Education (Biology)
 Esther Bitrus, Federal University of Kashere - B.Sc. Microbiology
 Fatima Idriss Ibrahim, Yobe State University - Biochemistry
 Ganiya Abdulkarim, Taraba State Polytechnic – Science (Lab Technology)
 Grace Gaius Dawang, Plateau State University – Plant Science & Biotechnology
 Happiness Yusuf, College of Education Waka-Biu – Education (Biology)
 Hauwa Mohammed, College of Education, Waka-Biu - Education (Geography)
 Helen Adamu, College of Education Waka-Biu - Early Childcare Education
 Hope Silas, Ramat Polytechnic Maiduguri – Business Admin. & Management
 Martha Pindar, University of Maiduguri – Biochemistry
 Mary Bitrus Zoaka, College of Education Waka-Biu – Education (Biology)
 Mary Peter, Gombe State College - Engineering
 Rifkatu Ibrahim, Gombe State College - Nursing
 Sharon Daniel, College of Education Waka-Biu - Education (Biology)
 Aisha Anisa Abubakar, College of Nursing Sciences – Nursing (Midwifery)
 Aisha Muhammad, Federal University Gusau - Microbiology
 Aisha Umar Latiko, Niger State College of Educ.–Education (Social Studies)
 Amina Abubakar, Ahmadu Bello University – B.Sc. Architecture
 Amina Aliyu Umar, Federal University Dutse – B.A. English
 Amina Ibrahim Ismail, Prince Abubakar Audu Univ.– Industrial Chemistry
 Asmau Maje Abubakar, Dangote University - Education
 Bilkisu Lawal Sani, Al-Qalam University - Education
 Fiddausi Idris, Abubakar Tatari Ali Polytechnic - Education
 Golit Grace, Plateau State school of Nursing – Nursing Sciences
 Hanifa Ismail, Federal University Dutse – Fisheries & Aquaculture
 Hawa’u Sulaiman, Gombe State University - Geography
 Naomi Bitrus, Federal Polytechnic Damaturu – Computer Science
 Rachael Emmanuel, Federal Polytechnic Damaturu – Business Administration
 Theresa Obodumu, Federal University Lakoja - Botany
 Treasure Deborah, Ahmadu Bello University - Biology

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT – Daphne Lilly, Archivist

The Club records are held at the Archives and Special Collections section of the QEII Library at Memorial University. The purpose of these archives is to preserve the non-current, unpublished records that have accumulated during past years. This section of the Library is the official repository for all our materials, and they have created and will maintain a complete record of the Archives.

The material is accessible for research upon request.

Each year the Archivist deposits documents received from Executive members as well as from committees and groups regarding their year's activities. At the end of each club year, an Annual Report is prepared and a copy is included in the Archives collection at MUN.

The collection is developed under the guidance of the club's Archive Policy.

PROJECT REPORTS

BOOK SALE REPORT – Joyce Noseworthy, Chair

I am pleased to report that our Great Big Book Sale was a great big success. We sold over \$109,000 worth of books and have realized a profit of over \$100,000! It is hard to believe that so much money could be made from used books!

Our book sale was scheduled for March 26-28 in the former Globo Shoes facility at the Avalon Mall; however, because of the huge volume of books collected, we opened the sale a day early, on March 25. We have decided to expand the sale to four days next year. We rented the facility from CrombieReit for 29 days; we collected books from the public from February 28 to March 25 and used the extra 10 days before the sale began to finish our sorting, pricing and set-up. We allowed students and former students to claim unsold books at the end of the sale, which left us with very few books to dispose of.

As always, there were groups and individuals outside our Club who were indispensable in making the sale a success. We are particularly grateful to Crombie Reit who offered the venue to us at no charge this year! We thank Hiscock's Rentals for providing the tables at a reduced rate; David Walsh, John Walsh, Bernie Noseworthy (and his truck!), Don Clarke, Sam Saunders, and Garland Jennings who took responsibility for disposing of our recycling and helped keep things moving throughout the entire sorting, pricing and boxing process; and the many relatives and friends of members who helped at all phases of the operation – from bringing our gear to the sale site on February 27 to returning it to our storage locker at the end of the sale and at every phase in between. And, of course, the sale would have been impossible without the hard work of all the Club members who volunteered their time and efforts.

We offer a special thank you this year to Eldon Bessey and Conn Coates, who provided the volunteers with an afternoon of free beer and pizza at Peter Easton's Pub. A great time was had by all who attended.

Thank you, everyone!

REPORT OF THE 80th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE – Sharon Walsh, Chair

This year our Club celebrated its 80th Anniversary. A Committee was formed to plan activities for a celebration. The Committee consisted of Gillian, Brown, Gerri Downey, Grace Stapleton and Sharon Walsh.

A special Christmas dinner was held on December 13, at the RCAF Club, Pleasantville and was attended by special guests, Lieutenant Governor, Joan Marie Aylward and CFUW National President, Linda Sestock as well as 66 CFUW members and guests. After dinner a toast to CFUW was given by Janice Moores.

The Committee developed a trifold handout detailing interesting facts about CFUW. This was accompanied by a Power Point presentation featuring members of CFUW through the years. Certificates of long-term membership were presented to several members. As an added touch of fun, festive fascinators were given to each member who attended the celebration.

Special thanks to those who assisted the committee with the planning and execution of Anniversary celebrations.

STUDY GROUPS

ISSUES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE – Gillian Brown

The Issues and Resolutions Committee met seven times during the past year. The committee has nine members who take turns Chairing the meetings and taking the minutes.

Actions undertaken by the committee include:

1. **Geogina's Law:** We followed up on correspondence with Georgina McGrath concerning next steps for the proposed Bill S 242 that was disrupted when the election was called last spring. It passed its third reading in the Senate in February 2026. It can now go the House of Commons, where if adopted, it will mandate the creation of a national strategy to prevent intimate partner violence.

2. **16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence:** President Janet led a delegation of members to the Purple Ribbon Ceremony at the Confederation Building on Nov. 25th. Posters prepared by National Office were put on our Facebook page.

3. **Afghan Women:** A letter was sent to Minister Joanne Thompson, the Hon. Tom Osborne and the Hon. Paul Connors concerning the increasing restrictions and denial of human rights placed on women living in Afghanistan. We listed five key steps that the government could take. These came from a paper written by Murwaud Zaire and Lauryn Oates.

4. **NL Long Term Care and Personal Care Home Report.** Committee members read the executive summary and the list of recommendations. A letter was sent to Health Minister Lela Evans supporting the report recommendations and encouraging the development and implementation of an action plan.

5. **Resolutions for AGM 2026:** Two resolutions were presented to the membership at the April meeting. After some interesting discussion the amendments that were proposed and accepted by the club were sent to the proposing clubs for their consideration.

Thank you to Committee members Gerri Downey, Maxine Genge, Hazel Pritchett Harris, Grace Hollett, Jean Marks, Janet O'Brien, Linda Patzold and Sharon Walsh.

REPORTS OF INTEREST GROUPS

BOOK CLUBS

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB – Gladys Schofield, Convenor

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club meets at 1:30 pm the fourth Tuesday of each month; there is no meeting in December or during the book sale. The book club welcomed two new members this year, Mollie Butler and Brigitte Godden. This year the Club had 11 members and each recommended a book for discussion. Normally the member who chose a particular book hosted the club at her home and, whenever possible, ensured that a book kit or multiple copies of the book were distributed to the club members prior to the meeting. The host also introduced the book and author. These introductions often provided much background information on the author or websites. References to look up further information regarding the book or movies which were based on the book were often provided. Information has been provided at times regarding meeting authors presenting or discussing their work at other venues such as literary festivals in Woody Point or Winterset or SPARKS.

The books we discussed in May and June, 2025 were:
Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague by Geraldine Brooks
Mr. Churchill's Secretary by Susan Elia MacNeil.

The books we discussed between September 2025 and June 2026 were / will be the following:

The Weather Diviner by Elizabeth Murphy
The Spoon Stealers by Lesley Crewe
The Book Club of Troublesome Women by Marie Botswick
The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
Rock, Paper, Sex, Volume 2: Trigger Warnings by Kerri Cull
Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See
Hello, Beautiful by Anna Napoitano
The Remembering by Susan Sinnott
Bluebird by Genevieve Graham, and
The Little old Lady Who Broke All the Rules by Catherine Ingleman-Sunderland.

Our discussions were lively with thought-provoking comments, socialization and humour. We rated the books and assigned an average score from 1 to 5; the average for the total books read was 4/5. Two books, *The Spoon Stealer* and *The Diamond Eye* tied for the highest score; however, all the remaining books received an average score of 3.1 – 4.

We are looking forward to another year of great book discussion and socializing.

COSIES AND CLASSICS BOOK CLUB – Joyce Noseworthy, Convenor

The Cosies and Classics Book Club meets on the first Friday morning of each month, from September until June. There is no meeting in March, because of the Great Big Book Sale.

As in other years, we had agreed upon the books we would read at the final meeting of the previous year. In keeping with the name of our group, we read five Classics and five Cosies over the course of the year. We read the following:

The Antique Hunter's Guide to Murder by C. L. Miller

The Confessions of Arsene Lupin by Maurice LeBlanc

The Marlow Murder Club by Robert Thorogood

Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jessie Sutano

Hercule Poirot's Christmas by Agatha Christie

Arsenic and Adobo by Mia P. Manansala

The Middle Temple Murder by J. S. Fletcher

McNally's Secret by Lawrence Sanders

Bury the Lead by Kate Hilton

The Red House by A.A. Milne (to be read in June).

We have lively, and sometimes heated, discussions about the merits of each book. At the end of each meeting, the individual members each give the book a rating out of 10. This year, our overall top average rating of 7.5/10 was given to the cosy mystery *The Marlow Murder Club*; the lowest rating, 5.8/10, was assigned to the cosy *Arsenic and Adobo*. The book that garnered the greatest range of ratings was *McNally's Secret* – ratings ranged from 5/10 to 8/10 with an average of 6.1/10. Needless to say, this book engendered quite a bit of discussion!

MORNING BOOK CLUB #1 - Jean Marks, Convenor

Our book club has had a very successful year, with nine meetings where we shared ideas, thoughts, and laughter, based on the books we read. We currently have 15 members and meet monthly on the third Thursday of every month. This year six meetings were held at members' homes, one meeting via zoom, thanks to our techie, Grace Hollett, and two winter meetings at Mount Pearl Library. Our last meeting will be in June to bring our total for the year to 10.

In December we were pleased to host our National President, Linda Sestock, as part of her visit to CFUW St. John's, and our Club President, Jane O'Brien. Anne Marie Power, a member of a St. Catherine's book club joined us on another occasion. We always welcome new opinions.

Our books are chosen by our members from a list composed of members' suggestions, and the books that have been read by other CFUW book clubs. It has made for an interesting year of reading!

This year's books:

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins

The Adversary by Michael Crummey

Freedom by Angela Merkel

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

Snow Road by Elizabeth Hay

The Lady in the Lake by Laura Lipmann

The Precipice by Robert Harris

Year of Wonder by Geraldine Brooks

Summers in Squid Tickle by Robert Finch

Thanks to our members for hosting and catering. It has been another wonderful year of fellowship and we look forward to our reading adventures in the future.

MORNING BOOK CLUB #2 – Joyce Noseworthy, Convenor

The Club met this year at 10:00 am on the third Friday of each month, from September to June. We have 10 members, so each one is able to choose a book, either fiction or non-fiction, to be discussed by the group. This year we chose only nine books, as, because of the Great Big Book Sale, we had no meeting in March.

The books we chose and discussed this year were:

Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghase
Miss Morgan's Book Brigade by Janet Skeslien Charles
The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife by Anna Johnston
The English Understand Wool by Helen Dewitt
Mary Foley, Mary Doyle by Marjorie Doyle
Dragon Springs Road by Jamie Chang
The Adversary by Michael Crummey
Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder
Blind Spots by Marty Mackery (to be read in June)

Opinion was often sharply divided about the merits of books we read; for example, ratings for *Sophie's World* ranged from 4/10 to 9/10! 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. *The English Understand Wool* received the highest average rating, 8.8/10; *Mary Foley, Mary Doyle* received the lowest, 4.2/10.

MURDER AND MAYHEM BOOK CLUB #1 Joyce Noseworthy, Convenor

The Club usually meets at 2:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month from September to June. This year, we had no meeting in March because of our members' involvement in the Great Big Book Sale.

We try for a mix of male and female authors; Canadian, American and European writers; contemporary and historical novels; and police and non-police heroes. We are always looking to discover new writers of mysteries and thrillers. We 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 *Ice* by Ed McBain; we all preferred the book to the movie.

The other books we discussed this year were:

Dial A for Aunties by Jessie Sutanto
The Sticklepath Strangler by Michael Jecks
The Cliff House by Chris Brookmyre
Slaves of Obsession by Anne Perry
The Kingdom by Jo Nesbo

The Testimony of the Hanged Man by Ann Granger
Mind's Eye by Hakan Nesser, and
Killers of a Certain Age by Deanna Rayburn

We rated all the books we read, each member providing a rating out of 10. The ratings of most of the books were relatively consistent, although our member's opinions of *The Sticklepath Strangler* showed the most variation, ranging from 5/10 to 9/10. Our highest average rating, 7.5/10, was achieved by *Dial A for Aunties*; our lowest average rating, 5.3/10 was assigned to *The Kingdom*. At the time of writing, we had not yet rated *Killers of a Certain Age*.

MURDER 'N' MAYHEM BOOK CLUB #2

Jennifer Jeans - Convenor

The Club usually meets at 2:30 pm on the second Wednesday each month from September to June. We continue to meet in a smaller group following Covid-19. There were seven members in our group this year. The books chosen this year were recommended by group members or were winners/nominees for various mystery and crime writer awards.

The books discussed were:

1979 by Val McDermid
The Fortunate Brother by Donna Morrissey
The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner
Keeper of Lost Causes by Jussi Adler-Olsen
The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
The Stranger Diaries by Elly Griffiths
Long Upon the Land by Margaret Maron
Jar of Hearts by Jennifer Hillier
The Unquiet Dead by Ausma Zehanat Khan.

We rated the books we read on a scale from 1 - 5. The book that received the lowest rating was *Long Upon the Land*, 3.3/5 and the one with the highest rating was *The Stranger Diaries*, 4.4/5

SUBVERSIVE BOOK CLUB – Gillian Brown, Convenor

“Reading is the most subversive thing we can do in any culture.” Reading with others is even better: “The second most subversive thing is being a part of a book club.” Percival Everett.

The Subversive Book Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30. There are 8 members. During the 2025-26 year, we read the following books:

People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks
Maus by Art Speigleman
Salt Box Olive by Angela Antle
The Adversary by Michael Crummey
A Different Kind of Power by Jacinta Ardern

Prophet Song by Paul Lynch

Honor by Thirty Umrigar

The Reading List by Sara Nisha

An Accidental Villain by Lyndon McIntyre

We had some very lively discussions about the topics presented in the books and enjoyed the exchange of ideas. *Maus* received the highest rating while two books with darker subject matter (*The Adversary* and *Prophet Song*), although very well written, received slightly lower ratings.

BRIDGE GROUPS

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BRIDGE – Joyce Noseworthy, Convenor

A small group of five members meets every Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 to play bridge. We begin with a delicious snack (sometimes, a feast!) and then play 12 hands of bridge. After each hand, we discuss the bidding and the play, with the goal of improving the players' performance in both areas.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BRIDGE – Libby Foran, Convenor

We play most Wednesday afternoons at each other's homes from September to June, starting with a snack and sociable, followed by two hours of play. We have a regular foursome, but also call on several other CFUW members to fill in when needed. We had several interruptions in weekly play, often having to play a few times a month instead.

We're continuing to develop our knowledge base, often referring to resources to help us. We've found that patience with each other, and asking questions when you don't know what to do has helped our learning. We enjoy each other's company and the progress in our learning in this game.

CRAFTEAS – Barbara Parsons Clancy, Convenor

The Crafteas group meets on the second Friday of the month, September to June. Our meetings are held at members' homes with everyone taking a turn hosting. We work on our own various hand-held craft projects, such as cross-stitch, embroidery, knitting, etc. as we enjoy the delicious treats and a cup of tea or coffee provided by the host. The chat is always interesting and lively with lots of laughter. We currently have a membership of 16, but attendance is usually about 8. New members are always welcome to join us.

DINING OUT- Louise Dalton, Convenor

This group is scheduled to meet the first Wednesday of the month for dinner at a local restaurant. We have met five times during the past year; the April dinner was canceled due to stormy weather.

There are currently 30 members who participate. Turnout has declined over the past year, ranging from 3-8 members attending dinner. Piatto Pizzeria & Encoteca had the highest attendance.

We dined at the following restaurants:

October - Keg Steakhouse & Bar

November - Vu Resto & Bar

February - Piatto Pizzeria & Encoteca

March - Moxies Bar & Grill

May - Magic Wok Eatery

New members are welcome to join in the fall.

LADIES WHO LUNCH - Paula Redmond, Convenor

The Ladies Who Lunch Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:30 pm. Forty members are on the list with an average attendance of seven for each lunch.

In June we partook of the fare at Bannerman Park for the unveiling of the Armine Nutting Gosling statue where we viewed the new statue and celebrated the power of women working together. The Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club in CBS was our choice for July and the dining experience was enjoyed so much that we are planning to return this July. August found us back in St. John's at Piatto Pizzeria & Encoteca Catering on Elizabeth Avenue where we are always happy with our selections and where we discussed venues for September on. North 48 on Hebron Way was our choice for September and was quite enjoyable. Six of us met at Pur and Simple in Paradise in October where we are always satisfied with our meals. In November we dined at Wing'n It, also on Hebron Way, where the varied menu pleased everyone.

We did not meet in December because everyone was in the midst of preparing for the Christmas season and our Christmas Dinner was scheduled. We began the New Year at the Rooms Cafe on Bonaventure Avenue which offers a lovely lunch menu. We were quite impressed with the delectable food and the excellent service. In February we dined at Boston Pizza on Stavanger which offers a delicious and reasonably priced lunch menu. We gathered at Hey Yang Yang on Topsail Road in March where we all tried the bountiful and quite delicious buffet. April found us at RJ Pinoy Yum on Cashin Avenue where we relished our choices of Filipino cuisine. In May we visited Quintana's in Churchill Square which is always a hit. I have to apologize for not getting the email sent out in May. I was locked out of my computer after an update. Barbara Clancy contacted those who had dined at Quintana's in the past and we went from there.

Our schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

June 16th - The Grounds Cafe, 1525 Portugal Cove Rd., 709-895-2800

July 21st - Royal Newfoundland Yacht Club, 108 Greenslades Rd., CBS, 709-834-5151

August 18th - Piatto Pizzeria Enoteca, 60 Elizabeth Ave., 709-726-0909

September 15th - The Station Diner, 426 Conception Bay Hwy, Holyrood, NL, 709-229-3814 (The Pantry, if inclement weather).

If you would like to be on the list, please contact me as you would be most welcome. Also, if you are on the list and wish to be taken off, please get in touch with me.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Sharon Walsh and Gerri Downey, Convenors

The Sunshine Committee continues to respond to club members in offering support where needed and welcomed. During this past year we sent cards of sympathy and condolences, and offered and provided transportation to members attending CFUW meetings, activities and social gatherings. We open to requests and appreciate being informed about where/when we can help support members. Our contact information is: Gerri Downey djd@nl.rogers.com and 709 682 8336. Sharon Walsh smwalsh3@gmail.com and 709 685 0572.

WALKING GROUP – Margie Greene, Convenor

Walking Group has moved permanently to Bowring Park and is from 9:30 to 10:30 Monday to Friday. We walk in most weather and any member is welcome to join us at any time. Contact Margie Greene by text at 709-693-354

WOMEN ON TAP - Riva McKee, Convenor

WOMEN ON TAP - in our 17th year! We are very fortunate to be led by our professional tap dance instructor, Tanya Lasby, who continues to challenge this year's 14 Tappers with rhythmical dance combinations and routines.

We meet every Monday morning for one hour at the Dance Centre Studio on Ropewalk Lane, from September to May. New members are welcome to come to the September class, on a trial basis. Please contact Riva if you are interested or need more information. No previous tap dancing experience necessary.

In addition to the physical benefits of tap dancing, consider the social ones, referenced here:

"Participation in tap dancing builds a strong sense of community and connection by providing a shared language of movement. Dancers support and learn from each other, fostering friendships and a supportive environment that thrives on collaboration".

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Gillian Brown, Chair

The Proposed Executive for CFUW St. John's for the 2026/27 year is as follows:

President	Beverley Clarke	1 st term
Vice-President	Karen McGrath	1 st term
Treasurer	Joyce Noseworthy	3 rd term
Executive Secretary	Leslie MacLeod	1 st term
General Secretary	Sharon Walsh	2 nd term
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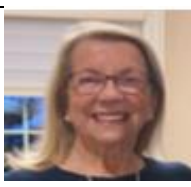
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Susan McNicholas

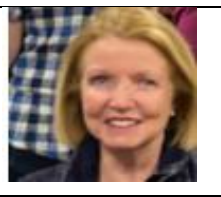
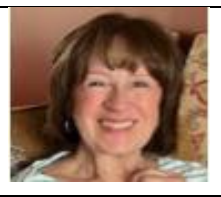
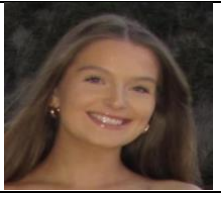
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<i>Kay Benson</i>	<i>Elizabeth Cahill</i>	<i>Shirley Clarke</i>	<i>Mary d'entremont</i>
			
<i>Suzanne Brake</i>	<i>Marie Cahill</i>	<i>Karen Coates</i>	<i>Heather Donovan</i>
			
<i>Gillian Brown</i>	<i>Allison Carter</i>	<i>Linda Coles</i>	<i>Gerri Downey</i>

			
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<i>Libby Foran</i>	<i>Jennifer Gill</i>	<i>Monica Griffin</i>	<i>Janet Henley</i>
			
<i>Rosemary Fowler</i>	<i>Roberta Gill</i>	<i>Carol Haddad</i>	<i>Ann Hinton</i>

			
Louisa Hoddinott	Barbara Hopkins	Daphne Lilly	Karen McGrath
			
Diane Hogan	Bonnie James	Christine Koch	Riva McKee
			
Camilla Hollett (student)	Jennifer Jeans	Leslie Macleod	Susan McNicholas
			
Cecillia Hollett (student)	Lois Jeffery	Jean Marks	Janice Moores
			
Diane Hollett	Zainab Jerrett	Brenda Martin	Dianne Murray
			
Grace Hollett	Gloria Kennedy	Joan McCue	Hilda Murray
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Mary Hood	Sharon Kieley	Sarah McDonald (student)	Linda Nickerson

			
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THANK YOU LETTERS
From
CFUW St. John's
2025-2026 Scholarship & Bursary Winners

MUN GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Dr. Edith Creighton Entrance Scholarship, Education - Lucinda Austin-Bearnes

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for my selection as the recipient for this year's scholarship. I truly appreciate the recognition and the financial assistance as I move on with my program.

Many thanks,
Lucinda Austin-Bearnes

2. Environmental Science – Masters – Alexis Johnson

My name is Alexis Johnson & I am the recipient of the CFUW St. John's Scholarship in Environmental Science. I am sending this letter to say thank you so much for this generous scholarship. I will use this award & the inspiration it has given me to continue my research & maximize the potential of my thesis.

Alexis Johnson

3. Gender Studies – Masters – Su Alteen

Thank you very much for your support through the CFUW St. John's Club Scholarship Program! My name is Su Alteen (they/them), graduate studies scholarship from 2026.

Since I was in Elementary school, my passion has always been rock climbing. I'm thrilled to be able to study and complete my internship with the Alpine Club of Canada – NL to host climbing events outdoors for women, transgender & gender-diverse individuals, Black, indigenous & people of colour, & 2SLGBTQIA individuals. Going outdoor climbing can be very difficult to access, and I am very excited to share my hobby with others.

As well, I sing with the Spectrum Queer Choir where I met my partner. We will both be travelling to Vancouver this year to sing in the Unison Festival of Queer Choirs. This scholarship will help me both study, continue my hobbies, as well as travel for this wonderful opportunity.

We attend classes in our seminar room, the recently revived "Ladies Reading Room" with banners announcing the founding of the CFUW St. John's chapter. I've also bought books at the book sale, and so have my teacher friends, who often buy them for schools.

Anyway, that's a bit about me, and my life, and how you've helped it.
Sincerely, Su Alteen

MUN UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Psychology 4th year - Caitlin Menchion

My name is Caitlin Menchion and I am a recipient of the Canadian Federation of University Women St. John's Undergraduate Scholarship. I am a psychology student in my last year of study at Memorial University.

Thank you so much for your contribution - receiving this scholarship means so much to me! I admire your dedication to supporting and promoting equality for women. I will be putting my scholarship towards my last semester of university at Memorial.

Many thanks,
Caitlin Menchion

2. CNS BsCN 3rd year - Laura Crummey

Dear Ms. Macleod and Members of the Canadian Federation of University Women St. John's,

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for being selected as the recipient of the Canadian Federation of University Women St. John's Undergraduate Scholarship. I am incredibly proud and deeply thankful to receive this prestigious recognition.

Being a woman is something I have always taken great pride in, and I have made it a personal priority to uplift, support, and advocate for the incredible women and girls around me. To be recognized by an organization that is so committed to advancing and empowering women makes this honour even more meaningful.

Your continued work and advocacy for women and girls in Newfoundland and Labrador is both necessary and deeply appreciated. The awareness, opportunity, and support your organization provides creates real and lasting impact in our communities.

Please extend my sincere thanks to everyone involved in making this award possible. I am truly grateful to those who contributed to this scholarship and to the decision to select me as its recipient. This recognition has strengthened my commitment to continue supporting and advocating for women, and it has inspired me to further deepen my involvement in causes aligned with your mission.

I look forward to following and supporting the work of your organization in the future.
With sincere appreciation,
Laura Crummey
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3. CNS BScN – Serena Squires

Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the Canadian Federation of University Women St. John's Undergraduate Scholarship. I am honoured to have been chosen.

This award will help alleviate some of the financial strain as I complete my nursing degree and continue working toward my goal of becoming a women's health nurse. This support is sincerely appreciated and will have a lasting impact on my education and future practice.

With my deepest thanks,
Serena Squires

MUN UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES

1. Political Science 4th year - Anna Philpott

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for making the Canadian Federation of University Women St. John's Undergraduate Bursary possible. I am honoured to be selected as this year's recipient.

In learning more about the CFUW, I've come to learn how deeply committed this organization is to supporting women in higher education through various scholarships and bursaries over the years, while also advocating for the rights of women and children. This is a mission that touches me deeply, as it is something I am also passionate about.

When not in school, I work closely with a family as their babysitter, taking care of three little boys (a set of four-year-old twins and their older brother, age 10). I am currently preparing for the LSATs in January, and after my graduation, I hope to attend law school in the 2026-2027 academic year.

My hope is to make a meaningful difference in people's lives, just as the generosity you've extended to me has made a difference in mine.

Thank you again for your kindness and support.

Warmly,
Anna Philpott

2. Law and Public Policy 4th year - Justina Nawaz

My name is Justina Nawaz, and I am a Law and Public Policy major at Memorial University who recently received an award on behalf of your organization. I want to express my sincere gratitude for being selected as a recipient of the Canadian Federation of University Women, St. John's bursary granted to Memorial University students. Your generous support has and will make a meaningful contribution as I continue in my academic journey.

The values and goals of the organization deeply resonate with me, and so receiving this award in recognition of them is an incredible honour.

Thank you again for this honour and for the meaningful work that you do.

Gratefully,
Justina Nawaz

3. English 5th year - Brooke Osmond

I am greatly honored to have been awarded the *Canadian Federation of University Women St. John's Undergraduate Bursary* for the 2025-2026 scholarship year.

Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to both you and your team for choosing me as the recipient of this funding.

Best Wishes,
Brooke Osmond

4. French 4th year - Meredith Hudson

This is Meredith Hudson, arts student at memorial university who received the Canadian Federation of University Women St. John's Undergraduate Bursary scholarship this fall. I'd like to pay you my thanks for this opportunity. I feel as though all my hard work these past four years is being recognized and appreciated. I hope you have a lovely winter break with family and friends in the coming month.

Kind regards,
Meredith Hudson

5. Social Work 4th year - Amber Kelly

My name is Amber Kelly, and I am reaching out to express how incredibly grateful I am to have been chosen as the recipient of the Canadian Federation of University Women St. John's Undergraduate Scholarship, for the 2025-2026 scholarship year.

I can recall starting the social work program a bit unsure of what direction my career would take me. As time passed, I noticed a large majority of my work focuses on the well-being of women in children, notably surrounding physical and sexual violence. From Zines describing domestic violence supports in St. John's to one-on-one conversations with children under child protection throughout my practicum, I am incredibly grateful for everything I've learned, and everything I've been able to share.

As I make my way into the new semester, your support has given me the means to compensate my grandparents for welcoming me into their home for my placement in Marystown. I'm extremely excited to reach more people in rural areas and empower them to make strong, educated choices that make sense for them and their families.

The end of my program is quickly approaching, and receiving this scholarship has only strengthen the belief that I have and will continue to do amazing work.

I look forward to seeing where our paths cross in the future.

Wishing you a happy and healthy new year,
Amber Kelly | Social Work Student

6. Human Biosciences & Math 2nd year - Ally Georgia McFayden

I am writing this to convey my heartfelt gratitude for being selected as a recipient of the Canadian Federation of University Women St. John's Undergraduate Bursary and to express my deep appreciation to you for making this possible. I was overjoyed to learn that I was being awarded this honour, and I am endlessly thankful for your support in my educational journey.

I am currently in my second year of university, majoring in Human Biosciences and minoring in Mathematics, with the hopes of pursuing a career in medicine. Since a young age, I have had an incorrigible fascination with the sciences and a desire to learn. The financial assistance you have provided will allow me to continue my journey for knowledge and thus, further my love for the vast world of sciences.

Thank you again for your generosity that will provide me with the opportunity and support to follow my dreams. I aspire to aid other students in following their dreams just as you have given me the chance to pursue mine.

Sincerely,
Ally Georgia McFadyen

7. Biology and Human Biosciences, 3rd year – Jessica St. John

Dear Canadian Federation of University Women,

I am writing to express my gratitude for choosing me as a recipient of the Canadian Federation of University Women St. John's Undergraduate Bursary. This generous award will help to fund my education at Memorial University of Newfoundland. I am very appreciative to learn I was chosen to receive your scholarship.

I am a third year student majoring in Biology and Human Biosciences (biochemistry) with the MUN Faculty of Science. I plan to complete my degree, Bachelor of Science Honours in Cell Biology and Human Biosciences next year in the spring of 2027. This summer I will be applying to MUN School of Medicine, where I hope to work to become a doctor.

As I fund my own education, this scholarship will be very helpful in allowing me to focus on my education and to reach my goals. Thank you for your generosity and your support.

Sincerely,

Jessica St. John's

MARINE INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Advanced Diploma in Food Safety – Rebecca Ralph

I am writing to express my gratitude for selecting me as a recipient of the Canadian Federation of University Women Scholarship. I am currently a full-time student in the Advanced Diploma: Food Safety program at the Marine Institute, and receiving this scholarship will alleviate stress and allow me to continue to focus on my studies.

Prior to attending the Marine Institute, I was a student at Memorial University's main campus, where I completed a BSc. Honours in biology, with a minor in biochemistry, and a concentration in molecular, microbial, and cell biology. Coming to MI has been quite a change; I find it much more close-knit than the main campus. I haven't yet decided what I'd like to pursue following my education, but I am excited to explore all of the opportunities this program and scholarship will provide.

It means the world to me to have the backing of women who were once in a similar position. I will continue to work hard in my program so that your trust in me won't be misplaced.

Thank you,

Rebecca Ralph

2. Marine Environmental Technology Degree - Emily Rogers

I would like to sincerely thank you for awarding me the Canadian Federation of University Women St. John's Marine Institute Scholarship. I am honoured to be selected and deeply appreciate your support of women pursuing education in science and environmental fields. I am currently a Marine Environmental Technology student at the Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University. Receiving this scholarship helps support my education and allows me to continue focusing on my academic and career goals in marine and environmental science.

Thank you again for your generosity and for supporting students at the Marine Institute. Your commitment to education makes a meaningful difference in helping students like me pursue our goals.

Sincerely,

Emily Rogers

3. Nautical Science Degree - Brittany Jones

My name is Brittany Jones, and I am a first-year Nautical Science student. I am emailing you to extend my sincerest gratitude for being selected to receive the Canadian Federation of

University Women Scholarship. Your kindness and generosity in handing out this award are extremely appreciated and are going to help me in many ways. These scholarships are really pushing me forward to stick with my commitment to the program.

I once again would like to extend my appreciation for this scholarship.

Have a lovely day,
Thank you,
Brittany Jones

4. Fire Rescue – Rachael Churchill

I am extremely grateful and honoured to have received this scholarship. I want to extend my deepest gratitude for recognizing my hard work and dedication with this award!

Thanks to your generosity I will be able to help fund my education and set myself up for success in the future. I am beyond please to accept this scholarship! I have wanted to attend the fire rescue program for as long as I can remember and this scholarship helps to give me this opportunity. Thank you very much!

Many thanks,
Rachael Churchill

5. Marine Environmental Technology Degree – Hannah Snow

I am sincerely honoured to have been selected for the Canadian Federation of University Women St. John's Marine Institute Scholarship. I was pleased to be selected as a recipient for this scholarship for the Winter 2026 Semester.

As a first year Marine Environmental Technology student, I am looking forward to learning ways to protect marine resources and managing environmental strategies. Your generous support for women certainly helps myself and future to pursue educational opportunities. Thank you for enabling to pursue my dreams.

Thank you,
Hannah Snow

COLLEGE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Agriculture Technician, Corner Brook Campus – Alexis Fudge

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship! I am truly honoured to be selected the Canadian Federation of University Women in St. John's. Your generosity is making a real difference in my education, and it motivates me continue working hard towards my goals. Your dedication to empowering women through education is truly inspiring, and I am deeply appreciative of the support.

Alexis Fudge

2. Early Childhood Education, Port Aux Basques Campus – Kelsie Hodder

I would like to take this opportunity to send the biggest thank you for choosing me to receive a scholarship. This year have been accompanied by many challenges, as having a toddler at home and giving birth to a new baby in January, this year. It's been crazy.

Thank you for everything. You have made the hard work worth it!
Kelsie Hodder

3. Early Childhood Education level 2, Port Aux Basques Campus – Tracey Musseau

I am writing a sincere thank-you for being selected as a recipient of the Canadian Federation of University Women Scholarship. I am honored to have my academic efforts recognized by this amazing organization.

This scholarship will help me in ways I would never be able to express so I want you to know how truly grateful I am to you for awarding me with this educational support.

Thank you for helping me through my educational journey!

Tracey Musseau

4. Heavy Equipment Operator, St. Anthony – Savanna Wall

Thank you very much to the Canadian Federation of University Women. This scholarship will help me greatly with my schooling journey! This scholarship is very appreciated! Thank you all.

Savanna Wall