

CFUW Wolfville February 2025

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Important Dates:

**Feb 11 – GWI Peer-to-Peer
Conversation online**

**Feb 14 – Executive Meeting on
Zoom**

**Feb 18 – Board Meeting at
Booking Site at 2:00 PM**

**Feb 22 – Coldest Night of the
Year Walk**

Feb 26 – Club Night

**April 23 – Spring Luncheon at
the Wolfville Legion**



Panel on Homelessness Raised Awareness

Our panel on homelessness was thought-provoking and fascinating. Wendy Elliott's questions elicited a rich discussion of what it means to be homeless, what are the barriers to preventing this growing condition, and what can we do to help as ordinary citizens. As one audience member suggested, we can advocate for change.

Another pointed out the red tape actively preventing the establishment of buildings intended to serve the needs of those who are presently unhoused; we need to lobby for change. Wendy Donovan helped us to understand how the various levels of government are out of sync on this issue. Steve Wilsack helped us to see what he has seen and experienced while working with the unhoused. Debra gave us an international perspective and suggested we look to Scotland to help us solve some of the issues created by landlords by regulating them. We are grateful to the panel and moderator Wendy Elliott for helping us to see this issue with more clarity and compassion.

Thanks to our program convenors Fran and Pat M. for securing this excellent set of speakers.



On the left, we have our four experts. Former mayor Wendy Donovan, Town Councilor Wendy Elliott, Advocate Steve Wilsack, and Manager of Tiny Meadows, Debra Large. On the right, Steve brought a sample of the tents being used by unhoused persons and some of the equipment it would contain.

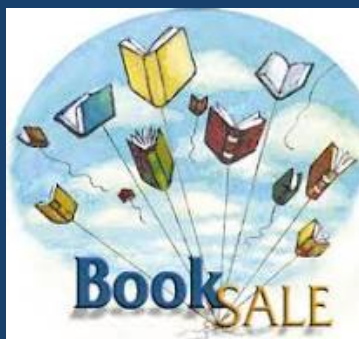
Enviro Depot at McConnell's in Greenwich: We have an account there, if you drop off your recyclable bottles/cans – you can designate our club as the recipient of the money you would have received for your recyclables.

New National CFUW Website Launched:

www.cfuw.org

Feb 11 – Lit Wits Meeting at St John's Anglican Church in Wolfville at 2:00 PM

Feb 21 – Art Group will meet at the Book Processing site at 9:30 AM



Coldest Night of the Year – February 22

At the time of writing this newsletter, we had raised a total of \$1055.00. The Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) in Kentville, Nova Scotia takes place at the Kentville Fire Hall, located at 463 Main Street. The 2025 CNOY will be held on Saturday, February 22. What to expect: **Check-in:** Registration opens at 2:30 PM, and walkers are sent off at 5 PM

Walk: Walkers can choose between a 5 km or 10 km route

Send-off: The fire department sends off the walkers at the beginning of the event

Meal: A light meal is served at the fire hall at the end of the event

If you would like to sponsor our team, here is the link:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1023557&langPref=en-CA>



Book Sale Update

Book processing continues Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am at our site at the County Fair Mall. Other **members** are encouraged to help when they have a spare hour – you don't need to come on both days, but any help would be appreciated.

Posters advertising the book sale have been printed and will be distributed in March. We are finding that if we post things too early, the posters get removed. Cathy will distribute the folders containing each area's posters toward the end of February.



Marian will soon be looking for volunteers to help with **Set Up Day**. The books will be delivered on Tuesday Night and setup will occur on Wednesday, March 19.

February Club Night

This month, we will celebrate our club! The Writing Group will share what they have been working on – an audience favourite for sure. The Art Group will display their work, and Helen will have a display of the Lit Wit's favourite books.

Anne has some "Years of Service" certificates from CFUW National to distribute before the Yankee Swap game starts. We will also share some cake to celebrate all our wonderful volunteers.

At last, we will play **Yankee Swap**. It costs \$5 to play. Each member will bring a gift (spending limit \$10 OR you can regift something you received and can't use). The gifts will be placed in a central location. You will be given a number, and it will correspond to a number in a basket. When your number is called, you can go up and pick a gift OR you can "steal" a gift that you saw opened by another participant. The participant whose gift was "stolen" will have to choose a new gift from the pile or "steal" someone else's gift. Substitute the word STEAL for SWAP and you will understand why it is called Yankee Swap (not sure about the Yankee part – perhaps it originated there?).

GWI Peer to Peer Conversation on February 11

If you would like to hear some experts speak about Climate Change, this would be an excellent choice for you. Pauline Witzke hails from an Ontario club, and the other speakers are from Japan, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Kelowna. The conversations usually last about an hour and are well worth your time.

*Poster on the following page.





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Global Warming is Here Again: How Do We Know?
Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 11 am ET, 5 pm CET

Join us for a GWI Peer-to-Peer Conversation
sponsored by CFUW E-Club



Keynote Speaker
Pauline Witzke



Dr Kazuko Hase
JAUW



Dr Genevieve Adukpo
GAUW



Jeanette Mergens
CFUW Kelowna

[**Register**](#)



Register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/nfaoRRRuSsi6ltmwFBHMSA#/registration>

Interest Groups

Theatre Group – Anne, Mary, and Pat A met for lunch at Rosie’s and then attended a performance of “The Mousetrap” at Centre Stage Theatre with Heather Regan. It was an enjoyable afternoon.

Art Group – This group met at Mary Norton’s offices in the Harris Block on January 17th. Their next meeting will take place on Friday, February 21 in the Booking Site at the County Fair Mall from 9:30-11:30 am.

Writing Group - Noella Basque reported that this group meets on the first Friday of the month and is currently preparing readings for club night.

Lit Wits – This group met to discuss “The Secret Life of Sunflowers” on Tuesday, January 14th. Helen Whidden reported that it received mixed reviews from the group. On

February 11, the Lit Wits will be discussing *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. In March, the book selection will be *The Last Beekeeper*.

Bridge - Ann McGrath advised that the group will be meeting on the first Saturday of the month at 1:30.

Book Exchange – Participants are using the list to keep track of who they pass their current book to and it seems to be working well.

Member Highlight submitted by Pat Alexander

One of the highlights of the Creative Writing Group's January meeting was Jean Casey introducing us to a cast of characters she collected as props when telling her grandchildren her story of Clarence the Snowman and his family. Creativity at its best!



Submit Articles of Interest to Our Club

If you have a photo or an article of interest to our members, please submit it to Anne. It makes our newsletter more interesting to everyone!

International Women's Day is March 8

A video about progress in the past 25 years.

<https://youtu.be/ry6uqYCOL88?si=txfvSTiKnZDD4-A->

Arts (An excerpt from. Linda Eyre's Status of Women Report)

*Poet and activist Amanda Gorman dedicated her recent poem entitled Smoldering

Dawn to the California wild fires.

<https://youtu.be/kDxlrn8N77I?si=wbYIRrNINMaJt4QD>

Gorman's recent children's book Girls on the Rise is dedicated to girls and young women and their allies.

<https://www.npr.org/2025/01/04/nx-s1-5239871/amanda-gormans-new-picture-book- emphasizes-strength-in-unity-for-young-girls>

Linda Eyre, CFUW Wolfville, Status of Women Convenor

