

CFUW Wolfville May 2025

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Important Dates:

May 5 – ARC Executive Meeting via Zoom

May 5 – Red Dress Day

May 8 – CFUW Wolfville Executive Meeting via Zoom

May 10 – ARC AGM at 1:30 via Zoom. Registration poster in this newsletter.

May 21 – RD Meeting via Zoom

May 28 - General Meeting and AGM, Wu Welcome Centre, 7 pm

May 29 – GWI Conversation “From Strength to Strength: Conversations on Women’s Leadership. Registration poster in this newsletter.



Women and Gender Studies Award

Pat Alexander, Mary Norton, Helen Whidden, and I (Anne MacInnis) had the pleasure of listening to two outstanding presentations of Acadia students Eli-Aslan Dunlap and Nick Lundrigan. Eli-Aslan’s project #Search the Landfill was an examination and reflection upon the loss of Indigenous women whose remains were recovered from Winnipeg-area landfills. Nick Lundrigan’s paper, “Alice is a Friend of Dorothy: Queer Allegory in Wonderland and Oz was a comparative analysis between the work of Lewis Carroll and L. Frank Baum.



Eli-Aslan Dunlap and Nick Lundrigan.



Rabinda Chaulagain, Eli-Aslan, Nick, Emily L

David Duke, acting Dean of Women and Gender Studies, reported that the Adjudication Committee was impressed by all five presentations submitted but these two stood out for their impact and scholarly achievement. They found both students’ work to be compelling and mature, clear, and impactful. Therefore, they recommended that the award be split between the two students.

After hearing the presentations, I could understand why the committee could not choose between these two outstanding projects. However, Eli-Aslan and Nick did not have to split the award because an anonymous donor came forth and donated \$2000 so both students could receive the full award of \$2000 each! They were thrilled and so was everyone else.

This year, three members of the Adjudication Committee were present for the student presentations – Anne Quema (chair), Emily Lockhart, and Rabinda Chaulagain. Emily acted as facilitator and friends of the students were present as well. It felt like an event, and we were very pleased to be part of this event. We are grateful to David Duke for corresponding with us about the award recipients and we look forward to next year as well.



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.

National CFUW Website:
www.cfuw.org



Basin & Bloom
COOKERY

Spring Luncheon 2025

On April 23, we had our Annual Spring Luncheon at the beautiful Wolfville Legion where the view of Blomidon made us grateful to live in this beautiful area. We started with opening remarks by Anne which were followed by Winnie saying Grace for us. It was wonderful to sit together for pure social time. Everyone looked great and we enjoyed being together.



Mary Hanneman.



Judy, Eleanor, Elizabeth



Mary, Patricia G, Cathy, Fran, Pat

Our Guest Speaker was Mary Hanneman, Artistic Director of Stage Prophets. Mary is very well known in our area for the huge productions she mounts every couple of years using community volunteers of all ages. She spoke about the transformative power of community theatre; it has the power to engage and fulfil all who take part whether they are helping with props or performing a lead role. Everyone contributes and everyone benefits. She conducted an exercise with all of us; each table received enough “talking cards” for everyone to participate. The big questions concerned what made us feel as though we belong, and the answers made us all think about our membership in CFUW. Although we don’t put on a musical, we do engage in meaningful work to raise funds to support groups that promote educational and life betterment opportunities for girls and women. We are united in our task, and I hope you gain a sense of satisfaction from the projects we undertake.



Yolande, Noella, Christine, Winnie, Edyth



Jo-Ann, Heather, Marilyn, Pat, Mary

The meal was catered by Azhia Beaton of Basin and Bloom. For every meal prepared, Azhia donated one to the Community Fridge for those in need. I hope that everyone enjoyed our luncheon.



Marian, Sonia Gaul



Blanca, Mairi, Jean C, Jean S, Maxine, Ann McG



Winnie says Grace.



Pat M thanks Mary



Azhia Beaton

Atlantic Regional Conference AGM

The ARC AGM will take place on Saturday, May 10. The AGM portion will start at 1:30 AT. This will be followed by two speakers who will talk about how they have been ground breakers in their career paths. You can register by clicking on this link:

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

CFUW Atlantic Regional Council Virtual Annual Meeting



Women Breaking New Ground

May 10, 1:30-4:00 PM AT
Please register by May 8

Once you register, you will be sent a link for the meeting. For the AGM Business Meeting, sign in by 1:30 AT. For the presentation, sign in by 2:15 AT.



Pamela Jeffery



Mana Mahmoud Zadeh

Founder of Women's Executive Network (WEN), Canada's Most Powerful Women - Top 100 Awards, and the Prosperity Project.

Mana came from Iran to study Sciences at UNB. She became part of Girls STEM Up whose mission is to promote diversity, inclusivity, and equity in STEM.

[Register here](#)



GWI Peer-to-Peer Conversation, May 29

CFUW Moncton and CFUW E-Club are hosting this conversation in May. Pat Patton and Hafsa Siddiqui will discuss their journeys in Leadership. This promises to be an informative session. You can register by clicking on this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/-tKjbHReQbyiwbfYe9nkTA#/registration>

They are always looking for volunteer breakout room hosts!



From Strength to Strength: Conversations on Women's Leadership

Thursday, May 29, 5:00 PM CEST (11:00 ET)

Join us for a conversation about women's leadership – successes and challenges; our experiences and hopes for the future.



Pat Patton, specialist in engagement and dialogue, 40+ years of leadership in business, not-for-profit and volunteer organizations. Member GWI Governance Committee, CFUW Finance Committee and CFUW International Relations.



Hafsa Siddiqui: PhD Student, Neuroscience, Psychological Science Program, Lakehead University and Research Associate at the Northern Ontario School for Medicine University.



[Register](#)



Interest Groups

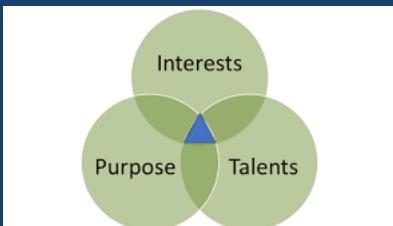
Lit Wits – They will discuss “Never” by Ken Follett on May 13 at 2:00 PM. Just for this month, they will meet in the library on the 2nd floor of the Wolfville Legion.

Book Exchange is continuing to go well.

Bridge Group Anne McG reported that the meets on the first Saturday of the month at Wickwire.

Creative Writing – Noella reported that they will meet on the first Friday of the month at the home of Jean S.

Art – We have had a great year making art at Mary Norton’s offices as well as occasionally at the booking site in the County Fair Mall. We look forward to more sessions in the fall.





Theatre – Here is the link for the Cineplex New Minas Arts and Culture offerings: <https://www.cineplex.com/events/arts-culture>

CFUW Science Fair Trophy News

Hello, I wanted to pass along the winner of the Canadian Federation of University Women's trophy from our Annapolis Valley Regional Science Fair that we held in Windsor over the past week. The winner was a close runner up that with just a few tweaks would have made it to the National Fair. She was a finalist last year, Emma Murimboh from Evangeline Middle School with her project Chlorine Killers: An Evaluation of the Consumption of Free Chlorine in Pool Water.

Thank you again for your continued support of our fair!

Sincerely,
Christine Popowich
Co-Chair AVRSF

General Meeting and AGM

Our last General Meeting and Annual General Meeting will take place on the last Wednesday in May. A package of materials will be coming out before the meeting for your perusal.

Poetry by the CFUW Wolfville Writers Group

Noella shared a number of lovely Haiku poems:

Broad-leaf trees
in varied stages of dress
the woods in spring

dandelion puffs
'neath billows of apple blossoms
spring in the orchard

Maritime spring
in the market
fiddleheads and dulse

Lunchtime at the marsh
a pair of ducks
bottoms up

National Club Action Newsletter News

CFUW congratulates prime minister Mark Carney and the liberal party for their victory in the 2025 federal election.



On April 30th, CFUW National President Linda Sestock sent a message of congratulations to the Prime Minister. In the letter, CFUW urged Prime Minister Carney to reinstate the position of Minister for Women and Gender Equality when forming his new cabinet. Read the full letter [here](#).

WE ENCOURAGE CLUBS TO ALSO SEND A LETTER TO THEIR NEWLY ELECTED MPS to congratulate them and familiarize them with your Club. For Clubs and individuals located in a Liberal riding, we encourage you to raise the issue of a Minister for Women and Gender Equality with them too. WE'VE CREATED THE FOLLOWING DOWNLOADABLE TEMPLATE LETTERS TO SUPPORT THESE EFFORTS:

- [Template letter for CFUW Clubs – Liberal MP](#)
- [Template letter for CFUW Clubs – Opposition MP](#)
- [Template letter for individual members of the public – Liberal MP](#)

RED DRESS DAY, 2025

On May 5, 2025, we recognize Red Dress Day, a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S). This day is an important opportunity to honour the lives lost, support their families, and commit to actions that address systemic violence.

