

CFUW Wolfville April 2026

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Important Dates:

April 9 – last date to
submit to the Op-Ed
Challenge

April 22 - CFUW
Wolfville Tea at the
Wolfville Legion, 2-4 pm

April 23 – GWI
Conversation on
Peatlands



Our seventh meeting of the year took place on Wednesday, March 25th, 2026, at the Wu Welcome Centre in Wolfville. Our guest speaker was **Christina Sappington, Councilor for District 8 of the Municipality of the County of Kings**. She spoke eloquently about her life journey and how all of it led her to a place where she ran in local elections not once, but twice! Not everyone would get themselves up, dust themselves off, and march forward with determination after losing an election. However, the support of friends, her family, and strangers inspired her to try again and she won! It was not always a smooth road, but she faced her ups and downs with strength and courage. She made us laugh with her and often moved us deeply with her words. The title of her talk was “The Importance of Women in Politics” and it became very clear that women do make significant contributions, but they have to work extremely hard and face a number of obstacles. It is important for women to lift each other up and make that support well known to all.



Christina Sappington



Anne presenting Christina with a donation for her chosen charity,

Book Sale

Our 58th Book Sale was a big success! Many volunteers worked hard to make it happen – bookies, set-up day crew, cashiers, floor workers, and football players too. It is a massive operation, and we managed to pull it off once again.



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.



Bookies



We begin thinking about the Book Sale a year in advance. We approached Crombie at the County Fair Mall in the summer about obtaining a space in which to process and store our donations. They generously granted us space on November 22, and a small number of members and volunteers worked on donated books until Christmas.



Booking space at the mall.

After the holiday, more members and community volunteers pitched in to get those book donations sorted into genres. We were fortunate to have a space with a back door leading to the front parking lot of the mall, so it was easier to move the books out. We stopped donations at the end of February.



Football players after loading the truck.

On the evening of March 10, we set up the tables in the Lion's Club with the help of the football players who had loaded the truck at the mall earlier in the day. Anne parked the truck at the Club in preparation for unloading. The next morning, the football players arrived to unload the boxes from the truck and place them on the labelled tables. This takes at least an hour and a half to two hours. At 10 am,

members and community volunteers arrived to open the boxes and place the books on the tables. This was completed within a couple of hours with the help of many people!



Pat A, Blanca, Anne, Noella, Cathy, Debra



Photos: Football Players and Volunteers on Set-up Day. Thursday morning was designated for Vendors; they were lined up and ready to come in before opening. After a busy morning, we closed for lunch and returned at 1:00 pm to a long line-up of customers. Our cashiers, floor people and football players were fully occupied. That was our busiest afternoon!





MEMS quartet

We were open from 9-5 on Friday and from 9:00 until 2:00 on Saturday. The weather was not great – snow storms abounded– but people came out so we had a steady stream of customers coming in and out on both days.

We had a special surprise on Saturday, MEMS, a Valley Voices quartet came in to shop and treated us to a beautiful song about water.

The Bookies held a celebration lunch at Troy Restaurant in honour of completing the 58th Annual Big Book Sale. Not everyone was able to attend but we enjoyed those who were able to come.



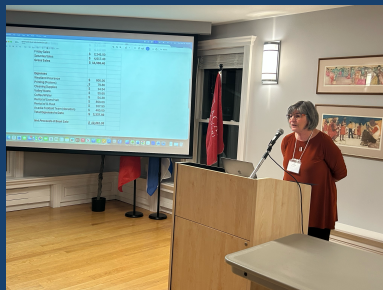
Cathy, Anne, Noella, Blanca, Debra

Treasurer Pat A. presented a Book Sale Financial Report at our March meeting, and we were impressed to see the results. We will cover our expenses, our scholarships, and our philanthropic donations. Pat and her Budget Committee will be meeting and making allocation decisions soon. We are grateful to everyone who helped make the Big Book Sale a success!

Business Meeting Reports

Projects/Fundraising/Publicity:

Anne reported on the success of the Book Sale and the enormous amount of work it entailed. Publicity consisted of posters, Facebook, Radio, the Grapevine and a local Wolfville magazine. She spoke briefly about eliminating some of the categories that don't sell - coffee table books, lifestyle books, and commercially produced cookbooks.



Pat A, Treasurer

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Website:

www.cfuw.org

Membership:

Noella reported that our membership remains steady. She is going to speak to the PROBUS Club in New Minas to promote CFUW Wolfville this week.

Program/Advocacy:

Anne reported that we will discuss Program as a club at our May Meeting in order to brainstorm of list of potential speakers. Our members have many connections in the community and we need to tap that resource.

Advocacy – the Advocacy Group will meet again to discuss a focus for them.

Social:

Helen thanked everyone for their refreshment contributions to our General Meeting Social Times. She reminded us to feed Charlotte the Pig so that we can stay solvent.

Archives:

Patricia G. will look at the materials we received from Eleanor Palmer's daughter recently. She will continue to monitor what is sent to Archives.

Status of Women:

Linda sent us a most interesting article on a woman from Hantsport who was one of the first female recruits of the RCMP – Inspector Trudy Murray.

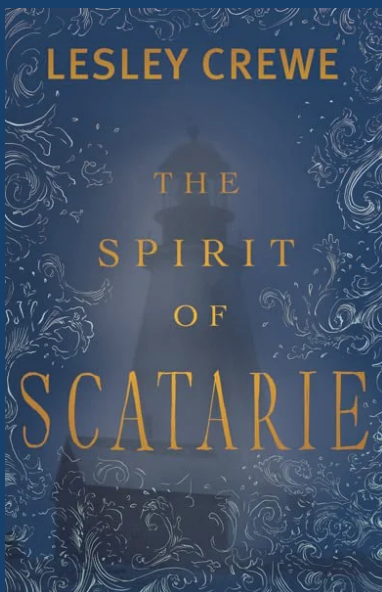
Interest Groups

Lit Wits – This group will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at St John's Anglican Church in Wolfville to discuss Lesley Crewe's "The Spirit of Scatarie". She asked if anyone else had finished the Hernan Diaz book entitled "Trust" – if you did, please send your evaluation to her.

Book Exchange Maxine McQuaig oversees this exchange.



Bridge Group - The Bridge Group meets on the first Saturday of the month at Wickwire. Please contact Ann McGrath if interested. **We need more players!**





Valley Art logo



Creative Writing – Noella reported that they will meet on the second Friday of the month at the home of Jean Casey. Their theme is “Games We Play”.

Art – We enjoyed our group art experience with Valley Art Workshops at Bent Ridge Winery. We plan to try another one!



Theatre – Here is the link for the Cineplex New Minas Arts and Culture offerings: <https://www.cineplex.com/events/arts-culture> The Al Whittle Theatre is showing a documentary on migration patterns of birds in Atlantic Canada on Wednesday, April 1.

ARC Spring AGM

The Atlantic Regional Council AGM will take place on April 25th at 1:30 PM via Zoom. There will be a half hour business meeting followed by two speakers. Margaret Therrien of the Halifax Club and National co-chair of the Adopted Resolutions Book and the Archived Resolutions Book will speak on the history of this process in the Atlantic provinces as well as sharing some anecdotes from the past. Gail Scott, RD-PEI, will facilitate a discussion on the future of ARC. I forwarded the poster and agenda to all of you by email along with the registration link. I hope to see you there!






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Spring Tea

When: April 22, 2026
Where: Wolfville Legion (upper)
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Guest Speaker: Julie Vanexan,
MLA Kings South
Members and guests are welcome!
Hats are encouraged!
Cost: \$20

Spring Tea

Our Spring Tea will take place on April 22, 2-4 pm, at the Wolfville Legion's upper level. There is an elevator in the building for those who may need it. Our speaker is Julie Vanexan, MLA Kings South. There will be many sweets and other delights to enjoy. Please come and enjoy this spring event! Payment may be made by cash, cheque, or e transfer (cfuwwolfville@gmail.com). The cost is \$20.00.

National Conference in July 2026 Anne is planning to attend. If anyone else is interested, please let her know. This will take place in Montreal from July 20-24, 2026.


2026 CFUW AGM & CONFERENCE
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MONTRÉAL, QC: 07/20/2026 – 07/24/2026

GW-ICFUW Conversation – Our Peatlands - RESCHEDULED

This conversation has been rescheduled for April 23. I will send a link to everyone in an email. The link is also available in the National Club Action Newsletter.




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Climate Mitigation: Peatlands of the World

On Thursday, April 23rd, at 12:00 EST, join us for a conversation co-hosted by CFUW N.Delta/Surrey, Graduate Women Scotland and the Paraguagu Federation of University Women about our imperiled peatlands



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 GW Scotland
 Past Chair of GWI Policy
 Resolutions






Please click here to register.

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Our meeting in April is our **Spring Tea**.

Our May meeting will take place on May 27th at 7:00 PM at the Wu Welcome Centre. I would encourage as many members to attend as possible as we would like to put together a speaker's program for next year – we would like to draw upon your many community connections to compile a list before we break for summer.

Our last General Meeting of 25/26 as well as our AGM will take place on June 24th at 7:00 PM at the Wu Welcome Centre.

