

Fall 2015 Newsletter

Upcoming CFUW events

Sunday, September 13th, 2015

Open House and Membership Tea

W. A. Edwards Centre

333-4th Ave. North

Time: 2-4 pm

Guest Speaker: Lewanna Dubray

Human Rights Commission

Introduction to | Human Rights in Saskatchewan and Human Rights in Today's Workplace

Bring a friend!

Monday, October 5th

Scholarship Awards Reception

W.A. Edwards Family Centre

333-4th Ave North

Time: 7:30pm

Meet the recipients of the scholarships awarded by CFUW and hear their person stories

Monday, November 2nd

Social Media 101

Facilitator of workshop: Alix Tumback

Get more familiar and comfortable with all that new technology

W.A. Edwards Family Centre

333-4th Ave North

Board & Committee Chairs

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| President | Janie Charbonneau |
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| Program | Freda Toffelo Penny-Lynn Micklewright Sherry Smith Phyllis Austman |
| <u>Convenors:</u> | |
| Book Sale | Alverta Polson |
| Council of Women | Jean Thompson Ruth Robinson |
| Newsletter Editor | Tracy Muggli Gerlinde Sarkar |
| Scholarship | Mary McKay |
| Publicity | Malaika Charboneau Sherry Smith |
| Archives | Margaret Hendry |
| Social | Myrt Ryhorchuk Cathy Fry Donna Jean Gerrier |

A world of empowered women isn't one where men are marginalized. It's a world where everybody thrives.

President's Message

Welcome once again to a new year for CFUW Saskatoon.

We're going to have a great year. I was thrilled to represent our organization at the 2015 National AGM in Quebec in June. We're trying this year to see if we can get more Saskatoon members to attend 2016 AGM in St. Catherine. Quebec City is enchanting. St. Catherine has great art.

The AGM was an amazing learning experience for me. I was listening to the speakers explain that all clubs in Canada share our own concerns. We are all concerned with our declining membership or and the need to create an online presence to attract new members and brand CFUW.

CFUW Saskatoon Inc. is moving ahead rapidly with our online presence. We've had a website (Yea Angie!) and now, thanks to Malaika and Sherry, we have a social media presence with Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Please, if you are not already on these applications, join. They are free. Sharing and Liking them will spread our doings further! Our new VP Alix will be giving a 101 lecture on Social Media in our November 2nd meeting. There will be much to be learned and less to be feared.

On the 29th of August, we are having a Garage Sale, to which some have donated and you can still donate until Thursday, Aug 27 to raise money for publicity and awareness of the club. This money will go towards print, radio/TV and online publicity to promote the Garage Sale, Book Sale and our other Special Events, most importantly our Open House on September 13th. We have begun an online Initiative that has been picked up by the National CFUW and 24 CFUW Clubs from coast to coast. The initiative is a poster on Facebook that reminds everyone to vote. It is TOTALLY non-partisan. The poster reminds people that as Canadians, it is our Right and our Duty to vote.

To keep our social media sites active and relevant (Facebook, twitter, Instagram) please photograph events, interest groups etc. Send them to Malaika: mzc33.3@gmail.com as a pdf or jpeg, these formats are easy to upload. If you have any questions about uploading, please email Malaika mzc33.3@gmail.com

Purima Mane,
President and CEO of Pathfinders International

I am looking forward to seeing you all on September 13th and working and interacting with all of you.

Janie Charbonneau

President

Renewal of Membership is Due

Please complete the attached renewal form
and return it with your fee.

Regular member \$80, student \$40

Saskatoon Inc.

Additional Interest Items

Tribute to the Hon. Flora MacDonald Trailblazing Giant for Electing More Women in Canada

The late Hon. Flora MacDonald was a formidable trailblazer for a generation of women in politics. “It’s a huge loss for Canada. Her engagement in politics shifted the political landscape for women of her time and beyond. She was brave, politically astute, and had an infectious joyfulness which made her a natural leader. She paved the way for many notable women who would follow in her footsteps,” noted Rosemary Speirs, founder of Equal Voice.

Despite entering the political arena at a time when women were a rarity, Ms. MacDonald’s talent and determination assured her a place in Canada’s history books as a woman of firsts. She was born and raised in a small town in Cape Breton, N.S. It was in the ‘backroom’ of politics in the late 1950’s and 1960’s where Ms. MacDonald got her start. After serving in varied political roles for more than 15 years, she became the first and only woman to win the federal riding of Kingston and the Islands (John A. MacDonald’s old riding), securing it in 1972 as the only woman of 107 PC Members of Parliament elected. She held the seat for over fifteen years during a dynamic time in Canada’s political history.

Her keen political instincts and knowledge of international affairs would serve her well. She was appointed by Prime Minister Joe Clark as Minister of External Affairs, one of very few women in the western world to serve in such a senior capacity. Under her watch, her department brokered a unique arrangement that would facilitate the immigration of 60,000 Vietnamese refugees displaced by the war to Canada.

Former federal Minister Pat Carney who also served in Prime Minister Mulroney’s cabinet remembers her this way. “Flora the Fearless was a mentor to women MPs such as myself and coached Prime Minister Brian Mulroney on the importance of women’s issues. But she will be remembered the most for her humanitarian work around the world. There was nobody like her then or now.”

Ms. MacDonald was defeated in 1988 over the contentious issue of free trade with the United States, but despite over two decades of political service, Ms. MacDonald refused all offers of a political appointment and became heavily involved in international development. “Flora was a natural-born leader and a great humanitarian who always put people first. She devoted her life to making her party, her country and her world a better place,” commented Former Deputy Prime Minister and longtime Liberal Member of Parliament, the Hon. Sheila Copps.

Ms. MacDonald eventually formed her own non-governmental organization, *Future Generations Canada*. Its emphasis was on supporting girls and women to become educated – and promoting their civic participation as equal decision-makers. Her engagement with *Future Generations Canada* has shaped hundreds of Afghan communities.

“Whatever your political stripe, Flora MacDonald enriched politics and the world. Women in politics today owe her a debt of gratitude,” underscored Hamilton.

Source: Adapted from the obituary by Patrick Martin of the Globe and Mail.

How Many Female Candidates Does it Take to Make History?

In the 2011 federal election, 76 women were elected to the House of Commons constituting 24.6 percent of Members of Parliament (MPs). The five major parties (we list them according to their status in the House of Commons: Conservative Party, New Democratic Party, Liberal Party, Bloc Quebecois and the Green Party) had fielded, among them, 31 percent women candidates. The NDP led the way with 40 percent women candidates and, interestingly, elected almost the same percentage (39 percent) to their party caucus.

The other parties had more variable results:

- The Conservative Party fielded 22 percent women candidates and, of their total caucus of Members of Parliament (MPs), 17 percent were women;
- The Liberal Party fielded 29 percent women candidates and, of their total caucus of MPs, 18 percent were women;
- The Bloc Quebecois fielded 32 percent women candidates and, of their total caucus of 4 Members of Parliament, just one woman was elected (who subsequently crossed the floor to the NDP);
- The Green Party elected just one Member of Parliament, Elizabeth May, their national leader. In the 2011 campaign, however, they fielded just over 33 percent women candidates.

Where Are Things at Now?

Before nominations close on September 28 (21 days before the federal election date), women currently constitute 30.5 percent of all nominated candidates for the five major parties. So not quite at the 2011 historic high of 31 percent. In Saskatchewan 33% of all candidate are female.

As we said above, 76 women were elected in May 2011 which constituted 24.6 percent of the House of Commons. Throughout the duration of this Parliament, four other **women were** elected in federal by-elections (two from the Conservative Party and two from the Liberal Party). At the same time, three women (two New Democrats and one Conservative woman) stepped down. At dissolution, 77 women were serving as Members of Parliament.

CFUW Saskatoon Inc. Meeting

April 6, 2015

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Gerlinde Sarkar called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.
1. Approval of Agenda – Motion: Moved by Janie Charbonneau and seconded by Freda Toffolo that the Agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.
1. Approval of the February 3rd Minutes – Motion: Moved by Cathy Maithel and seconded by Ann van der Wal that the Minutes be adopted as written. Carried.
1. Financial Report – Angela Schmidt outlined the 2015/16 budget and spoke to the financial situation of the past year. Instead of a deficit as projected, the Club at the end of the year \$530 in the black. The Club has \$610,000 in total assets. Interest rates are much lower on G.I.C.s that have been renewed so there will continue to be declining income on our assets. Angela said the budget for next year will reflect this decline as there will be about \$4,000.00 less in investment earnings. The number of scholarships has been reduced accordingly. Club members expressed concern about the cutting back of our scholarships and a lively discussion followed with various options being discussed e.g. if there is no-one qualified for the doctoral scholarship, could this money be redirected to the undergraduate scholarships was one suggestion. Our policy has been not to touch our capital but club members suggested that perhaps we should dip into the capital for a limited period such as 2 – 3 years as well as to take a more aggressive approach to our investment management. These proposed actions were supported by the membership since the general feeling of club members was that our purpose as a club is to support scholarships. We do not want to limit the ability to award scholarships. The matter will go back to the Finance committee and a revised budget will be brought forward to the AGM on May 4, 2015. A deficit budget, meaning that we dip into the capital would be acceptable.
Motion: Moved by Angela Schmidt and seconded by Cathy Fry that the financial statement up to March 31st be accepted as presented.
5. Business Arising –
 - International Women's Day – a report on our IWD program is in the Newsletter. Kathy Morrell thanked the planning Committee: Margaret Hendry, Laurie Shaw and the Saskatoon Library staff member. A follow-up report has gone to the four partners, Saskatoon Library, Yorkton Film Festival, Council of Women and CFUW. Report will be going to the Status of Women office regarding the funding.
 - CFUW Day September 14, 2015 – It has been decided **not** to have an event on the 14th but instead to have one on September 13th Open House. Eleanor Ritchie and Sue Lingard are on the CFUW Day planning committee. A speaker is needed.
5. Program Reports –
 - a. AGM – will be held on May 4th at the Western Development Museum.
 - b. Book Sale – no report
 - c. Membership Report – Marlene Chatterson reported that we have four new members and asked the three present to introduce themselves; Sherry Smith, Michelle Rogers and Alix Tumback. They were welcomed to CFUW and their participation encouraged and anticipated.
 - d. Scholarship Report – Mary McKay reported that applications for the scholarships are due May 31st. She is pleased to hear that the Club members want to keep the number of scholarships the same. The four graduate scholarships for the 2014/15 season have been awarded. The Royal West Scholarship will not be reduced. Mary spoke to the pleasure one gets from participating on the Scholarship Committee as the recipients are so grateful and the committee members work well together. Due to the declining income from investment income, the scholarship had recommend to the board that the value of each scholarship be reduced from \$1,750 to \$1,500 in the coming year. The board had accepted this recommendation and this change was communicated to the U of S so that their website could be updated.
 - e. Social – Gerlinde reported on behalf of Myrt Ryhorchuk that the Edwards Centre has been booked

for next year. A donation has been made to READ Saskatoon in lieu of rent for the facility.

- f. Publicity – Gerlinde reported that Candace Skrapek would not be continuing as Publicity chair in the coming year.
- g. Council of Women – Ruth Robinson spoke about a joint event with the partnership of CFUW, The Council of Women and the Library. Bernie Holzer is the CFUW representative on the planning committee. Laurie Shaw is also working with the committee. The event which focuses on Mental Health and Women will be held on May 7th from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Rusty McDonald Library. There will be a number of speakers and all are encouraged to attend
- h. Interest Groups
 - o Issues and Action – CFUW is still involved in the issue of the detention cell conditions for women. Gerlinde and Margaret Hendry are meeting with the Elizabeth Fry Society to explore ways of working together on this issue.
 - o Art Appreciation Group – Janie Charbonneau presented a painting to the Pope John Paul II School.
 - o International Affairs – Jenny Lawrence and Gerlinde will be hosting an evening on April 18th at 6:30. This will be a fundraiser to provide help to orphans in Africa and prevent HIV and teen pregnancies. All are invited; please let Gerlinde know. The menu will include African fried fish and other African dishes.
 - o Travel Group –this new interest group met and had sharing re member travels. Gerlinde has been invited to show her photos from Turkey to Rainbow 50 plus.
- i. Provincial - CFUW Saskatchewan Council AGM – Margaret Hendry, Regional Director outlined the plans for the yearly Council meeting. It will meet at April 25th from 9:30 to 3:00 p.m. at St. Martins Church. The cost is \$30.00 and lunch is included. There will be a business meeting in the morning and a workshop on questions for candidates regarding women's issues. Margaret also spoke to CFUW Day which is now entering its 5th year. She will be sending the letter in the near future and would like members to consider and share ideas as to how we can use CFUW day to give the Club a higher profile.
- j. National - Margaret also spoke to the Annual Conference that will be held in Quebec City in June (18 – 21). The theme is Charting Our Course and issues such as IFUW's renaming of the organization to Graduate Women International, membership (new ideas and approaches) and improving the Resolution process are on the Agenda.

7. Announcements

- a) Women Leading the Way Luncheon will be held on April 16th at 11:30 at the Hilton Garden Inn. Cost is \$40.00.
- b) April 9th = 7-9 p.m. Francis Morrison Library – Screening of film about copyright and content creation called "RIP! A Remix Manifesto"
- c) April 14 – Equal Pay Day – organized by our new CfUW members
- d) April 16th – 7-9p.m. Francis Morrison Library – Ian Toews documentary on our Grasslands
- e) April 16th Ensemble "Dress for Success" event will be held at 545 Kreos Aviation, 16 Wayne Hicks Lane. For tickets call 306 956-6366 (\$200.00)
- e) April 18th – Shona LeMay is coming to Saskatoon and Inger Anderson is holding a "Come and Go" from 2 to 4 p.m. All are invited.
- f) May 4th – CFUW Regina celebrates their 100th Anniversary. Margaret Hendry will be attending
- g) May 8th – Living with Mental Illness Conference for Family and Friends – Travelodge – registration \$40.00 Anniversary.

- 8. Next Meeting – AGM on May 4th. Speaker Myrna LaPlante "Women Walking Together" Reports for the Annual Report are due April 15th (send to Gerlinde)

8. Adjournment – Motion – Moved by Marlene Chatterson that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Marlene Chatterson

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SALE**

**OCTOBER 20-22, 2015
9am - 8pm everyday**

**German Cultural Centre
(Formerly Concordia Club)
Cartwright St & Lorne Ave**

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Please send this form with your membership fees (\$80.00 cheque made out to CFUW/Saskatoon Inc.) to the Treasurer, CFUW/Saskatoon, P.O. Box 7405, Saskatoon, SK., S7K 4J3 **or** bring it with you to the CFUW Day meeting or the October General Meeting. If you are a student, the membership fee is \$40.00.

Information: Name, address, telephone, e-mail as you wish it to appear in the Directory.

Last Name _____ Phone (home) _____

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Interest Groups/Club Activities: Circle those groups you wish to join.

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| 1. Adventures in Dining | 8. Issues and Action |
| 2. Art Appreciation | 9. Mystery Book Club |
| 3. Biography Book Club | 10. Opera divas |
| 4. Cdn. Literature Book Club | 11. Piano Fridays |
| 5. Financial Literacy | 12. Travel |
| 6. Friendly Visits | 13. Theatre |
| 7. International Issues | 14. Wine Tasting |

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Signature _____ Date _____

For Board members and Conveners of an Interest Group:

I consent to have my name published on our CFUW website _____.

I consent to have my e-mail and telephone number listed on the CFUW website _____.

Signature _____ Date _____

Meet your 2015-16 CFUW board and committee chairs



Back: Kathy Morrell (past program chair and IWD chair), Ruth Robinson (Council of Women rep), Victoria Neufeldt (meeting secretary), Janie Charbonneau (President), Angie Schmidt (board secretary), Mary McKay (scholarship chair), Gerlinde Sarkar (past president)

Front: Malaika Charbonneau (Publicity chair), Michelle Rogers (Treasurer), Alix Tumback (Vice President), Marlene Chatterton (membership chair), Alverta Polson (booksale committee chair), Penny Lynn Micklewright (programs).

Missing: Myrt Ryhorchuk (Social committee chair)