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## ***December 2015 Newsletter***

### **Upcoming CFUW events**

#### **Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

W. A. Edwards Family Centre, 333-4<sup>th</sup> Ave. North

Time: 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Our Program committee promises an entertaining evening with a game and poetry recitations

*Please bring something sweet or savory. It is always a pleasure to sample everyone's offerings... and bring a friend!*

#### **Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (January meeting)**

Parktown Hotel

Speaker: Lori Blondeau, Artist

Time: 11:30 - 2pm

Topic: Indigenous Women in the Arts

Tickets: \$25 available from Cathy Fry at the Christmas Social

## Board & Committee Chairs

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

Purima Mane,  
President and CEO of Pathfinders International

## President's Message

Greetings!

Snow has finally found us in Saskatoon. It's time to take advantage of all the stimulating adventures that winter has to offer, or, to cozy up by a fire and read a good book.

These past months have been both busy and rewarding. All Interest Groups are in full swing and we had another successful Mammoth Book Sale. Thank you to Alverta, the Book Sale Committee and all the volunteers for a job well done.

The Resolutions for 2016 have been sent out. I will be forwarding the resolutions so you can familiarize yourselves with them for our discussion in February.

Our Christmas Social is on December 7<sup>th</sup>, Monday 7:30 – 9:30 PM at the Edwards Family Centre. Our Program Committee promises an entertaining evening with a game and poetry recitation. Everyone is to bring something sweet or savoury. It is always a pleasure to sample everyone's offerings.

### **Donations**

Again this year, we are asking you to make a donation to the less fortunate:

Lighthouse: - scarves, tuques, mitts, socks, men's underwear  
- disposable razors, toothbrush and toothpaste  
- feminine products, small bottles of shampoo

Friendship Inn: -nonperishable foods, (e.g. canned vegetables, meats and fish, whole grain cereal and whole grain pasta), 100% fruit juice (no sugar added), diapers, infant formula, and of course cash donations are always welcome.

I will also take donations of cat and dog food to the SPCA.

All donations will be delivered to charities within a week.

### **Biographies**

Last newsletter I put out a call for mini biographies from our members. Are you still working on them? If you need any clarification please email or telephone me.

Your stories will be an invaluable resource for all women, learning first hand of the challenges and rewards of your education and careers.

### **Bon Voyage**

Our past president will be in Australia with her sons for three months. We will think of her often as we slip, slide and shiver through a Saskatoon winter. Have a great holiday Gerlinde!

Also, congratulations **Gerlinde** on her being selected for a **Women in Leadership Award**. You've earned it.

Merry Christmas to all and let's make 2016 a great year for CFUW-Saskatoon.

Janie Charbonneau  
President

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

### Scholarship Awards Reception

The Honours Night, Monday October 5th, provided a wonderful opportunity to meet and congratulate the aspiring students who had been chosen to receive a 2015 scholarship. The evening was a fine success as several of the awardees had a representative speak on their behalf! It was good to meet these fine students and hear of their studies.

Thank you to all who attended the Scholarship awards night.

*Respectfully submitted, Mary McKay - chair*



In the photo above from L-R are

Michael Olaopa (Royal West Bursary)  
 Lauren Achtemichuk (Rowles Ugrad.)  
 Leanne Jaeb (Carolyn Hartney Ugrad.)  
 Mary McKay (Scholarship Chair)  
 Serena Cockwill (Mary Hallett Ugrad.)  
 Anya Pogorelova (Harriet Kaplan Ugrad.)  
 Felicitas Eguny (Newstead Doctoral)

The students unable to attend:

Sydney Fortowsky (Marie I. Gillespie Ugrad.)  
 Siqingaowa (Jacqueline McKenzie Newstead Ugrad.)  
 Sarah Grummett (Bennee Fine Arts Ugrad.)  
 Zhaoqin Li (Dr. Jean Murray Memorial Grad.)  
 Marie-Christine Dugal (Dorothea Friebe Grad.)  
 Veronica Norbury (Bennee Grad.)  
 Coralee Thomas (Jacqueline McKenzie Newstead Grad)

## **Special Interest Groups**

The various **Book Clubs** are up and running and enjoying a good turnout and lively discussions.

The **Art Appreciation** group enjoyed the art show of the Painter's Club at the Westminster United Church and purchased a painting that will be presented to a school.

The **Adventures in Dining** group had a number of very enjoyable meetings. We sampled Indian food at Spicy Bite, Burmese at the Golden Pagoda and enjoyed a home cooked meal featuring French cuisine in November.



The **International Relations Group** will host a Potluck lunch in partnership with the Graduate Student Association on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 – 2pm at the Graduate Students Commons. The purpose is to get to know immigrant women and students here in Saskatoon. Everyone is welcome to attend (See additional info items).

**Travel group** will meet on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 and will talk about Costa Rica. Angie Schmidt shared photos and experiences of her trip to Peru at the last meeting.

*If anyone has signed up for a group and have not received meeting notices, please let me know.*

*Gerlinde Sarkar. Past President*

## **Membership Committee Report**

Nearly all membership renewals are in. Please welcome our new members at our meetings and interest groups. Terri Chappell, Malaika Charbonneau, Michelle Rogers, Sherry Smith, Alix Tumback. Mae Popoff, Rita Mirwald, Mildred Kerr, 720 13<sup>th</sup> St. E., Saskatoon S7H 0L9, Telephone 652 -9379

Email: [kerr.ludd@sasktel.net](mailto:kerr.ludd@sasktel.net)

Please add Mildred Kerr's info to your membership booklet. If any info in the booklet is incorrect, contact me at 978-9784 or mchatterson@sasktel.net.

If members wish to invite friends/acquaintances/potential members to interest groups, please contact interest group coordinators to facilitate. It is often a shared interest that will encourage someone to join CFUW.

Thanks go to Melinda Waltz for sending out sympathy, get well and congratulatory cards to members. Please let her know if one is needed. Thanks go to Dorma Guedo who is updating our former member index card file so we can invite them to our 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration.

*Marlene Chatterton, Membership Committee Chair*

## In Memoriam Sheila Rodger (1934 – 2015)

We were saddened by the passing of a long time CUFW-Saskatoon member Sheila Rodger on August 13, 2015. Sheila was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1934. She came to Canada in 1960 at the age of 26. She briefly taught in Moose Jaw before coming to Saskatoon. She taught English and Latin at Aden Bowman Collegiate, Saskatoon. She was also involved in drama production. Sheila travelled a lot and collected many things, particularly bulls (she born under the sign of Taurus) and chimney sweeps.

We would like to share this autobiographical poem written by Sheila.

Scotland 1934 – 1960  
Edinburgh, the beautiful city  
Edinburgh the festival city  
With the castle running through it  
Between the hills and the sea  
Home and family, school and friends  
But – the wintery shadow of John Know  
Conformity  
And I hear the wind.

Canada 1960 – 1990  
I have fallen in love with Canadian names –  
Saskatchewan, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon –  
The prairies, the sky, the friendly people,  
Room to expand  
Again, home and school and friends  
And the wind blows more freely.

Canada 1990 - ?  
To travel, to think, to do,  
To enjoy family and friends  
Until  
Yours is the Kingdom. So be it.  
(I still hear the wind)



## 15 FEMALE FEDERAL CABINET MINISTERS!

Canadians voted October 19th and many women were elected into the House of Commons. Unfortunately not as many as we wished. However, the new PM has taken a great step in placing fifteen women into ministerial roles.

When PM Justin Trudeau was asked why he choose a 50% male and 50% female cabinet he spoke the words that have become a global sound bite: "Because it's 2015!"

Here are our new female cabinet ministers! Take the time to send a note of congratulations and welcome them to the leadership of our country.

1. Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs
2. Hon. Jody Wilson-Raybould, Minister of Justice, Attorney General of Canada
3. Hon. Judy Foote, Minister of Public Services and Procurement
4. Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of International Trade
5. Hon. Jane Philpott, Minister of Health
6. Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie
7. Hon. Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage
8. Hon. Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue
9. Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
10. Hon. MaryAnn Mihychuk, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour
11. Hon. Maryam Monsef, Minister of Democratic Institutions
12. Hon. Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities
13. Hon. Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science
14. Hon. Patricia Hajdu, Minister of Status of Women
15. Hon. Bardish Chagger, Minister of Small Business and Tourism

## Issues and Action Corner

### Graduate Women International News

#### **Women Graduates-USA launches guide to action for the Ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child**

The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), unanimously adopted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 1989, supports children's right to survival, protection, and right to education, as well as other social and cultural rights. Despite having an active role in drafting the convention, the United States is the only UN member not to have ratified the CRC. Women Graduates USA (WG-USA) has taken the lead in passing a resolution asking its members to urge the US Government to ratify this convention by November 20 2015, and has created a [website with information](#) about the CRC and letter templates. Interested parties are encouraged to use the available templates to write to President Obama urging him to move forward with the CRC, and commit to this vital legislation.



## *Additional Interest Items*

### **Sunday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Potluck Lunch from 11 – 2 pm**

CFUW-Saskatoon International Group and Graduate Student Association, U of S

Where: Graduate Students Common at the U of S. It is the old Emmanuel St Chad building on the northeast corner of Wiggins and College.

**Everyone is encouraged to share stories about special festivals**

**Purpose:** to bridge the divide between recent immigrant and those of us who have been here a little longer. Men are also welcome.

### **Canadian Club of Saskatoon**

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Speaker: Jeff O'Brien, City Archivist

Topic: Christmas in Saskatoon over the years

Where: Western Development Museum

Register 11:30, Lunch 12:00

Cost for non-members \$25

### **Canadian Club of Saskatoon**

Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Speaker: Dr. Maurice Moloney, SK Global Institute for Food Security

Topic: Food Security Christmas in Saskatoon over the years

Where: Sheraton Cavalier

Register 11:30; Lunch 12:00

### **You are invited.....**

To **READ Saskatoon's Annual Merry Mixer** on Thursday, November 26, 6:30 p.m. at the Honey Bun Café on 2nd Ave. This event honours literacy volunteers, board members, supporters, adult learners and literacy champions. For more details and to register, please visit: <https://www.readsaskatoon.com/events/details/2015-read-saskatoon-volunteer-appreciation.html>

We look forward to seeing you on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **SCOA/Saskatoon Public Library/Saskatoon Community Foundation presents:**

A workshop for older adults and caregivers:

Topic: Online banking, financial abuse, fraud awareness and how to avoid new bank fees.

Presenter: Affinity Credit union

January 26<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Francis Morrison Library

December 6<sup>th</sup> is the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Montreal Massacre of 14 women at the Montreal Polytechnique who were so brutally killed in 1989. We encourage participation in events that commemorate this day planned by other groups such as the YWCA Rose Campaign. This day reminds us of the violence against women and girls that still exists today in Canada and around the globe.

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(International Group)

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**Invite You To A**

**Potluck Lunch**

**11 am to 2 pm**

**Dec. 6, 2015**

**Grad Students Commons**

(Emmanuel St. Chad building - 1337 College Drive)

Get to know each other, share your experiences in Canada, learn about other cultures, and share childhood memories of special holidays.

For more information, call: 306-374-3006