

News and Notices

June 2025

Annual General Meeting and Dinner – June 3, 2025

CFUW St. John's AGM and Dinner was a very enjoyable gathering and a celebration of a very successful year. Thanks to the Program Committee for all the arrangements. Please meet our Executive for CFUW St. John's for the 2025/2026 year:



From left to right: President Janet O'Brien, Executive Secretary Marion Tilley, Membership Chair Nadine Flannigan-Wheeler, Outreach Chair Libby Foran, Scholarship Chair Leslie MacLeod, Program Co-Chair Jennifer Jeans, Past President Gillian Brown, Public Relations Co-Chair Grace Hollett, and Program Co-Chair Gladys Schofield.

Missing from this picture: Vice-President Beverly Clarke, Treasurer Joyce Noseworthy, General Secretary Sharon Walsh, Public Relations Co-Chair Amrita Ghosh.

In Remembrance of Jill Whitaker – June 14, 2025



L-R: G. Stapleton, J. Marks, J. Noseworthy, Dick Whitaker, J. O'Brien, G. Brown, T. Hodder, S. Clarke, G. Schofield

On a sunny afternoon in Portugal Cove, we celebrated the life of our long-time member - JILL WHITAKER. We heard from friends and family about her energy and dedication to so many different causes. She will be sadly missed.

The family has established the **Jill Fernande Whitaker Memorial Awards for Single Parents** in her memory. If you would like to contribute, please contact Brianna Hunt at briannahunt@mun.ca or by calling (709)690-5829. Other causes that were dear to Jill's heart: Grandmothers to Grandmothers: <https://grandmotherscampaign.org> or Plan Canada <https://plancanada.ca>.

Raise Her Up Ceremony – June 18, 2025



Several members of CFUW St. John's attended the unveiling ceremony of a statue commemorating Armine Nutting Gosling in Bannerman Park. The statute was created by Sheila Coultas. Gosling led the suffragist movement in NL resulting in the 1925 granting of the voting franchise for women. The Gosling statue is the first singular statue of a named historical woman in St. John's. Our club contributed to Persistence Theatre's 'Raise Her Up' funding campaign for this endeavour.

Upcoming Events: National CFUW AGM – July 11-13, 2025



July 11th - Opening Ceremonies at 6:30PM ET -08:30PM ET

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/qKblmxjvT1mzMx zr1iCa-g>

July 12th - CFUW AGM Speaker Panel at 11 AM ET - 12PM ET

- https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KBqJd9ZUQRqpDkcdnpeLBw

July 12th - AGM Business Meeting at 12:30PM ET

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/krBb0Oo3SxGUCFniMaikoQ>

July 13th - CFUW Charitable Trust Brunch and Speaker at 11AM ET -12PM ET

- https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/5ZQdGn_ITPeOmXXJKkhciw

July 13th - CFUW Policy Session at 12:30 PM ET

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/VAq1-0mIR9-H6qJ06fgE6Q>

End of Year Barbeque - July 18th, 2025 @ 1pm



Gillian Brown and Susan McNicholas are excited to host an end-of-year barbeque. We're keeping our fingers crossed for good weather on Friday, July 18th at 1pm. If the weather doesn't cooperate, our alternate dates are Saturday, July 19th or Sunday July 20th. The BBQ will be held at 870 Thorburn Rd., a lovely property on Gull Pond, with a woodland trail beside it. Taking Thorburn Rd., just beside the Avalon Mall, it is a straight drive of 6kms. Gillian will be grilling hotdogs for everyone.

Open House – September 20, 2025 2-4 pm at the Lantern

We are pleased to announce our guest speaker will be historian and CFUW member Margot Duley. Margot will speak about her recently published biography of Newfoundland's trailblazing novelist, Margaret Duley and the role of the suffrage movement in her life and in the lives of women in Newfoundland.

New Interest Groups

Eclectic Book Club

In September, a new book club is being hatched: The Eclectic Book Club.

This is to be a club in which you will read books of your choice. The group will meet once a month and the most inspired person will tell why she found her book worthwhile or exciting. This book club will be unpressured and a way to meet for a casual afternoon or evening. **Convenor:** Susan McNicholas

Movie Night



Starting in the fall, a Tuesday night outing is proposed. This would be either the 1st, 3rd or 4th Tuesday each month. A movie will be chosen from those offered at Scotiabank Theatres. This may be a good outing for those whose husbands or friends won't go to the movies! **Convenor:** Susan McNicholas

Scholarship Committee Cheque Presentations

MUN & Marine Institute Presentation



L-R: Leslie MacLeod, Scholarship Chair, Janet O'Brien, Club President, Jennifer O'Neill, Executive Director, Development, MUN and Kathrin Gill, Development Officer, MUN.

A total of \$31,000 in scholarships and bursaries will be awarded to students at MUN - \$26,000 to MUN (excluding Marine Institute) and \$5000 at the Marine Institute.

We Care Foundation of NL



Zainab Jerrett, Executive Director and Leslie MacLeod, Scholarship Chair

The We Care Foundation provides scholarships to students in Northern Nigeria. Our member and Executive Director of the Foundation distributes these funds to many students. Last year, \$3000 was helped 18 students with their educational expenses. This year, we increased the amount to \$4000. We thank Zainab for all her efforts to help these students, who study a wide variety of programs – such as Education, Engineering, Environmental Health, Agriculture and Laboratory Science.

College of the North Atlantic



L-R – Leslie Macleod, Scholarship Chair, Janet O'Brien, Club President, Gillian Butler, Scholarship Committee and Ted Cadigan, Director, CNA Foundation.

A total of \$8000 in scholarships will be awarded to students at the College of the North Atlantic. A very productive meeting was held with College officials to discuss the programs/students who would benefit most from our funding and that would fit with our mandate.

Thrive



Jillian Kavanagh of Thrive and Leslie MacLeod, Scholarship Chair

Two bursaries of \$1000 each will be awarded again this year to women studying in Thrive's adult learner program and who are enrolling in post-secondary education. We are delighted to provide the women with tangible support for their educational goals.

Sunshine Committee:

The Committee strives to support ill members with cards/messages, and in-person visits where appropriate. Please contact them if you need transportation to the monthly meetings. The Committee welcomes being notified when members can be offered support and contact.

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A Few other things.....

- ✓ Susan McNicholas would like you to send her pictures of your interest group activities. She would like to post these on the Facebook page. Or, you could post them yourselves!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our BBQ on July 18, 2025
Janet

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More Information: CFUW-St. John's has a website. The URL is <http://www.cfuwstjohns.org> and our webmaster is Joyce Noseworthy. The current Program information is posted on the site as well as our annual reports, information and photos about our activities and interest groups. The club's email address is cfuwstjohns1@gmail.com Contact the webmaster, Joyce Noseworthy, to request a posting of your activity or to suggest edits.

CFUW St. John's has a public Facebook page and a Members Only Facebook page.

CFUW's national website URL <http://www.cfuw.org/> on the home page you can sign up for the club news and action updates. Sign in to the Members Only section for more detailed information about CFUW activities.