
WAMUN

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you were able to spend some time outside to enjoy the warm, sunny days that we experienced in August! We've had such a short summer that we need to take advantage of every opportunity to be out in the fresh air!

The executive, and Karen Herzberg and Gloria Small in particular, have been working very hard over the summer months to plan WAMUN's program for 2004/05. The annual program for the year, together with details on the fall events, is included in this newsletter.

The first event is WAMUN's 8th annual **Plant Sale** (see below for more information). This year the plant sale is our only major fundraiser.

The **Fall Reception and Membership Registration** (see below for more information) will be the second event. It is extremely important that we increase our membership this year. If you hear of anyone joining MUN as an employee or leaving MUN as a retiree, please tell them about WAMUN, invite them to the reception and refer them to our Web site, www.mun.ca/wamun, for further information.

I would appreciate hearing from any member who would be willing to take on the position of **Fundraising Chair**. WAMUN needs someone who can (a) identify annually, in agreement with the executive, any appropriate fundraising projects, (b) see the projects through to completion in consultation with the executive and (c) maintain records of the projects and the funds raised. Please consider volunteering for this position. Call me at 726-3134 for further information.

I am looking forward to meeting you at the Plant Sale and the Fall Reception!

Marilyn Macdonald,
President

SOCIAL EVENTS UPDATE: Fall Program 2004

Plant Sale: See below

Fall Reception and Membership Registration:

Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 8 p.m.

University Club, 5th Floor, Arts and Administration Building, Memorial.

Please try to attend if at all possible to enjoy some punch or a glass of wine while renewing old and making new acquaintances. This is an excellent time to find out more about the interest groups and sign up if you choose. Please bring an item for the MUN Food bank.

Slide Presentation:

Thursday, Nov. 18, at 1:30 p.m.,

MUN Botanical Garden on Mt. Scio Road.

Joyce Cho has agreed to give a short slide presentation and discuss her art with us. If the Tearoom is still open, we can have a cup of tea there, or if not, tea and coffee will be provided by WAMUN.

Gloria Small (576-4433)

Karen Herzberg (753-6568)

PLANT SALE

The Eighth Annual Plant Sale will be held in the Atrium of the Arts and Administration Building on Wednesday, Sept. 15, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plant donations will be gratefully accepted on Tuesday, Sept. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Atrium. If you have plants to donate, but cannot bring them on Tuesday, please contact **Error! Contact not defined.** (722-8476) or Brenda Burness (895-2712).

If you want to help:

- on Tuesday evening, please contact Tonya Bassler (753-3135);
- during the sale, please contact Susan Haedrich (753-1087).

See you at the sale!

Plant Sale Committee (in alphabetical order): **Error! Contact not defined.**, Brenda Burness, **Error! Contact not defined.**, Karin Kahn, **Error! Contact not defined.**, Deborah Rehner, Elizabeth Rich, Maudie Whelan.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

To renew your membership, please complete the enclosed membership form before the Fall Reception and mail it, together with a cheque payable to “WAMUN”, to the address shown on the form. This will help to reduce the line-up at the reception, and allow you to partake of the refreshments and food sooner!

A few changes have been made to the form. First, unless members indicate a preference for a paper copy of the newsletter, it will be sent electronically beginning with the November newsletter. See “**Making The Newsletter Available Electronically**” at the end of the newsletter for more information about this. Second, members may now use their renewal of membership as an opportunity to make a donation to the WAMUN Scholarship Fund. To do this, complete the appropriate section of the form, enclose a separate cheque payable to “Memorial University” and mail it to the address on the form. Any such cheques will be sent by WAMUN to the appropriate person at Memorial and a receipt will be issued for taxation purposes.

In order to ensure that the WAMUN mailing list reflects its membership, the executive has set Dec. 1, 2004 as the deadline for membership renewal for 2004 – 2005. Until Dec. 1, newsletters and other information will be sent to those who were paid-up members of WAMUN as of April 3, 2004, as well as those who have paid membership fees for the current year. As of Dec. 1, members who have not renewed their membership for 2004 – 2005, will be removed from the mailing list. Of course, people who renew their membership (or become new members), after the deadline will have their names reinstated (or added) to the membership list.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Book Club (evening)

List of Books for 2004/2005

The Diary of an Ordinary Woman	Margaret Forster
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Mark Haddon
Donovan's Station	Robin McGrath
The Five People You Meet in Heaven	Mitch Albom
Good Women of China	Xinran
Middlesex	Jeffrey Eugenides
The No 1. Ladies Detective Agency AND	Alexander McCall
Tears of the Giraffe	Smith
Reading Lolita in Tehran	Azar Nafisi

Standby books

Samuel Pepys

Claire Tomalin

Sportswriter
Theory of Relativity

Richard Ford
Jacqueline Mitchard

The first meeting will take place on Sept. 21 in the community room at Tiffany Towers, 7 Tiffany Lane (off Mount Cashel Road). We will discuss Middlesex. New members are welcome at any time. Just come along with your own mug.

On Oct. 19 author Robin McGrath has agreed to join us for a discussion of her book, Donovan's Station.

Mary Chalker (753-4262)

Book Club (afternoon – non-fiction)

Guns, Germs and Steel

September selection

Jarred Diamond

Stupid White Men

October selection (before the U.S. election)

Michael Moore

Eats, Shoots and Leaves

November selection

Lynne Truss

Food Book: **Much Depends on Dinner**

December selection with food

Margaret Visser

For December, the following books have also been recommended:

An Omelette and a Glass of Wine

Elizabeth David

The Art of Eating

M.F.K. Fisher

Long Ago in France

M.F.K. Fisher

If you decide to join us, send an e-mail to the address below and I will provide you with more information about the books above and other books that have been suggested for the group to read. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m., so that means the dates for the fall meetings are: Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov, 11, and Dec. 9. On Sept. 9, we will be meeting at my house at 2 Reeves Place.

AnnMari Tougui

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Bridge Club

Information for 2004/05 is not available at this time. If you are interested in playing bridge with a group, please indicate this on your membership form and you will be contacted.

Yvonne Hurry (722-2749)

Coffee Break

This is a very informal group that gets together every second Wednesday morning to put the world to rights over coffee and goodies. We take turns to host – usually about twice a year, as there are 10-12 of us most days and occasionally 15 or more. We meet all year as we find enough members happy to see each other even in summer.

Susan Murdey (726-0428)

Discovery Investment Club

The Discovery Investment Club of WAMUN has been operating since late 1996. The club currently has 15 members and, according to its constitution, the maximum number of members is 16. We learn about investing so we can benefit both individually and as a group. So far, we have limited our group investments of \$25 monthly per member to Canadian equities.

Members take turns hosting our meetings on the first Wednesday of every month (except August). We sometimes invite speakers from the financial community to enlighten us further. In addition, at each meeting individual members report on the particular portfolio assets they are responsible for tracking as well as on possible acquisitions. This is followed by discussion and voting on buying and selling. Afterwards, we relax over refreshments provided by the hostess. Anyone interested in membership is welcome to contact me or another member.

Mona Gillespie (368-9623),
President

Hiking Etc.

2004 – 2005 will be the second year for this group, which has really become two walking groups! Deborah Rehner co-ordinated a Weekend (Saturday) Walking Group and Karen Herzberg co-ordinated a Tuesday Walking Group. Saturday's group headed out almost every Saturday

afternoon at 2:30 p.m. The Tuesday group walked every other week at 10 a.m. rain or shine. We have enjoyed discovering lots of interesting trails and bits of nature, walking in all kinds of weather, and meeting and talking with other women as we walk. We frequently find our way to a Tim Hortons for a treat afterwards. Please consider joining us!

If you would like to see some of the places that we have walked, go to WAMUN's Web site, and follow the link for Hiking. On the Hiking page, you will find a link to WAMUN Saturday Walks, which has pictures from both the Saturday walks and the Tuesday walks.

Karen Herzberg (753-6568)

International Food Group

We hope to have another interesting year of four varied menus from different countries. We get together for hors d'oeuvres one evening in October to meet each other. The four dinner evenings are scheduled from November through April, on dates that will be announced later. We are very interested in increasing the number of couples who participate in the Food Group, because that will make the rotation more interesting. If you have any questions, you may call Susan Jackson (726-3808) or Brenda Burness (895-2712).

Susan Jackson (726-3808)

WAMUN 's Web site

The WAMUN Web site will be found at www.mun.ca/wamun. There you will find information about the club, pages for interest groups, a membership form, photos from events, and schedules of activities.

Suggestions for additions are welcome. The Web site cannot be kept up to date without information from those involved.

Alberta Auringer Wood
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

1989 – 1990 (Five Years Ago) Janet Davis was the president. From the one newsletter for that year, “With our scholarship fund doing well, your executive decided that a major fund-raising project would not be needed this year.” [That’s interesting for several reasons: a) If we are having the 8th Annual Plant Sale this year, they must have had a plant sale that year. Also, they did have a Fund-raising Gala Concert!]

1994 – 1995 (Ten Years Ago) Ingrid Pardoe was the president. In her greetings at the beginning of the year, she noted that, "Last year we combined a couple of meetings with the CFUW, which seemed to work out well for both groups, and we have done so again this year." One combined meeting was a follow-up to the January 1994 Breast Health Awareness Session with Dr. Robin Orr as speaker.

Also, 1994 – 1995 was the year that Elke Molgaard and Leila Clase began co-ordinating the Art Appreciation interest group!

1979 – 1980 (Twenty-five Years Ago) and
1954 – 1955 (Fifty Years Ago)

WAMUN Newsletter Archives do not go back this far (indeed WAMUN does not go back to 1954 – 1955), but our minds do! What were you doing in October – November 1979 and/or October – November 1954. Send your memories to me (or call me – or just talk to me about them) and I will try to put them together (no names, unless you want your name mentioned) for an article in the November newsletter.

Deborah Rehner, newsletter editor
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SOME GOOD NEWS

Myrtle Burry writes that she has recently become a grandmother and now has two grandchildren and a new puppy! Wow! Lucky babies, lucky puppy to find themselves such a nice grandmother/person. We won’t call Myrtle the owner of the puppy, because every cat and dog owner knows that the pet owns the person, not the other way around.

RECYCLING FOR THE WAMUN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

An account was established with the Waterford Foundation in 2003/04 in the name of the Women's Association of Memorial University of Newfoundland. WAMUN members who currently recycle items at any of the following Evergreen Recycling locations may, if they chose, have their refund credited to this account:

Mill Lane Enterprises (807 Water Street, 777-3400)
Cowan Avenue at Waterford Bridge Rd. (777-3832)
Regatta Plaza Building (92 Elizabeth Avenue, 777-3382)

All proceeds that are donated by WAMUN members will be directed into the WAMUN Scholarship Fund. Please consider helping out in this way! Ask the depot employee who counts your items to complete a blue credit slip for your signature; a receipt may be obtained at the refund desk if desired. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Marilyn Macdonald at 726-3134. A brochure outlining items that are acceptable for recycling will be available at the Fall Reception.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Have a "Brave Heart" and join us for fun and exercise

Bring a lass or laddie or come alone

There is a beginners' class for those new to Scottish Dancing

No need to travel "Over the Sea to Skye"

We dance closer to home at Gower St. United Church

Classes start Monday, Sept. 13 at 7:45 p.m.

Call Brenda 895-2712 or Pat 579-4218

EDITOR'S NOTE

Please feel free to submit articles of interest to WAMUN members for future newsletters.

If you have an article or any announcements please contact me by Octo. 15 to meet the deadline for the November newsletter. I will be glad to hear from you.

Thank you to Joyce MacKinnon of the University Relations Office for her assistance in editing his newsletter.

Deborah Rehner (739-5046)
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MAKING THE NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY

Beginning with Volume 32, No. 2, the newsletter will be available electronically.

How will it work?

When the second newsletter comes out, you will receive e-mail that looks something like this:

Hi!
[Click here to access the newsletter Web site](#)
 Any difficulties or questions: Send mail to: Deborah.Rehner@mi.mun.ca or telephone: 739-5046
 Good luck; enjoy!
 Deborah

When you get to the Web site, it will look something like this

[Click here for printer-friendly version](#) [WAMUN](#) home page

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[The text of the newsletter will appear here.]

The site will probably be in colour and have some pictures. The ‘printer-friendly version’ will be in black and white and will not have the pictures.

Why is WAMUN making this change? To save trees and waste-paper! Members who do not have a university address can save the cost of having the newsletter mailed to their homes.

What do I have to do? Give us your e-mail address and leave the rest to us.

Can I still get my newsletter delivered to my university address or my home? Of course you can! Just select the appropriate box on the Membership Form.

Will my privacy be respected? The e-mail you receive will be mailed to a group and the individual addresses of the members of the group will not be shown on the mail.

Will the e-mail fill up my mailbox? Since many of us hate seeing the message, “Your mailbox is full,” we will make the e-mail message as brief as possible. That is why the newsletter will not be attached to the e-mail message.

If you have further questions:

- a) mail them to: Deborah.Rehner@mi.mun.ca, include “Newsletter” in the subject;
- b) call me at 739-5046; OR
- c) ask me at the Fall Reception.

Deborah Rehner, newsletter editor