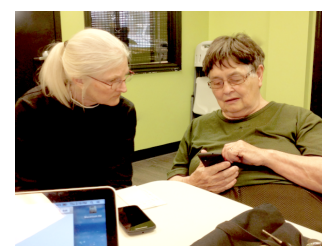


WAMUN Newsletter

Women's Association of Memorial University of Newfoundland



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President's Report

Welcome back to WAMUN, everyone, for the Fall and Winter seasons. After enjoying one of the loveliest summers in recent memory, we are embarking again on a program of convivial social events, interesting talks, coffee hours, and many lively interest group meetings. And, best of all, all these group meetings and events are open to you for the single annual membership fee of \$15.

I am happy to report that our membership is holding steady and even growing slightly. Many friendships are formed among the more than 90 women at our various events, especially those who meet and socialize during the year.



We remain firmly committed to our two main community causes: the MUN Campus Food Bank and the eight WAMUN Scholarships that are awarded each year. With the costs of tuition and food continuing to rise, many students are in greater need than ever. Please consider maintaining or increasing your support for these causes as you renew your membership this year.

--- *Kathy Simonsen*



Scrabble at the Grannies' fund raiser



E Toys group exploring



2017 AGM Luncheon

WAMUN PROGRAM OF SOCIAL EVENTS 2017-2018

☞ **SEPTEMBER 20** **FALL RECEPTION AND GENERAL MEETING**
7:30 p.m.
Member registration and program group sign-ups
A brief business meeting
Coffee, conversation, and presentation by Interest Groups

☞ **NOVEMBER 22** **FALL POTLUCK AND TALK**
Doors open at 6:00. Food served at 6:30
Talk begins at 7:30

Guest Speaker: Suzanne Sexty
Topic: William F. Butler: St. John's exuberant, prolific post-fire architect. The story of the man who designed many of the buildings you know and love. Photos and other pictures will accompany the talk.

☞ **JANUARY 13** **NEW YEAR'S COFFEE MORNING**
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Coffee, pastries, and socializing.
Members and friends welcome!

☞ **MARCH 14** **SPRING TALK**
Details will be announced later.

LOCATION OF THESE EVENTS: ER 4065

Earth Sciences Department Lounge, MUN Campus.

Parking available in the ER building's parking garage.

☞ **APRIL 21** **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON**

Location: THE FLUVARIUM

Doors open 11:15 Lunch served at 12:00 Meeting begins at 1 p.m.

Members and Friends welcome.

The 2017-2018 Executive



“Second verse, same as the first”

At the AGM in April 2017, the WAMUN executive for the 2017 – 2018 was elected by acclamation.

All of the 2016-2017 board members agreed to continue for this year. Nominations were called for at the floor of the AGM but no further nominations were received. Thus this year's board is the same as last year's.

The board would love to receive comments and ideas from all members, at all times. We also want to encourage other members to consider serving on the board.

President:	Kathy Simonsen	Membership	Susan Goold
Vice President:	Marilyn Porter	Social Convenors	Brenda Burness
Secretary	Lis Laverty		Ingrid Pardoe
Treasurer	Sue Murdey		Karen Lippold
		Website	Dorothy Milne

☞ COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee Mornings has been popular with our members for decades. Come and join our warm, supportive group.

As in past years, the Coffee Morning group is open to members who sign up at the Fall Reception (this year: September 20), or contact the convenor in advance. If they have not already paid their WAMUN membership dues, they may pay them at the first Coffee Morning they attend.

If at all possible, meetings take place in the home of a host volunteer. Those who join the group are expected to host a meeting, normally about once a year. The group meets every second Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m., starting in September and continuing till a final date in June, with adjustments made during the Christmas Season.

-- Bev Gardner, convenor <gardners@nl.rogers.com>

➤ CAMPUS FOOD BANK

The need is greater than ever

The number of students who received food from the Campus Food Bank between January and August 2016 was up 30% over the comparable period in 2015. However, revenue from contributions in that year declined by 6%. As tuition increases and food costs rise, students' finances are under greater stress than ever.

An impressive donation last year

WAMUN donations in cash and cheques totalled **\$1,045** in 2016-2017. We hope to equal or exceed this amount this year. Please help.

No more food items, please

We no longer accept food items because of their weight. The task of transporting these items to the Food Bank has become too onerous for the current team of volunteers.

We are therefore asking for only money donations from now on.

Collection jars or piggy banks are available at many of our meetings. Coins and cheques can be put in them. Make cheques out to the *Campus Food Bank* (not to WAMUN). We can arrange a tax receipt for you if you wish. It is also possible to donate by payroll or pension deduction if you are a MUN employee or retiree. If you need help with this, contact Dorothy Milne at dmilne@mun.ca



➤ SCHOLARSHIPS

The need for donations to the Scholarship Fund is also greater than it used to be. For the past

decade, we have struggled to find enough money to fund our eight scholarships because of the low interest rates on the investments in our endowment fund.

Fund raisers used to provide the extra money needed. Now that we no longer raise money in that way, we depend on members' donation cheques to make up the shortfall. We need about \$30 per member annually.

Please be as generous as you can. The students who receive our scholarships are very worthy and very thankful for our support.

Make cheques payable to *Memorial University*. Donations are tax deductible.

Susan Goold will have print donation forms at the Fall Reception on September 22 and at other events. At other times, the forms can be found on the website at:

http://www.mun.ca/wamun/Scholship_Donation_Form_2016.pdf



INTEREST GROUPS news and plans for 2017-2018

∞ ART HAPPENINGS

The Art Happenings Group is beginning its fourth year of activities. A small but enthusiastic group has formed around its monthly visits. New members are most welcome.

Tonya Bassler and Olga Broomfield-Richards are stepping down from their roles as convenor and co-convenor. Many thanks are owed to Tonya for having initiated this successful group, and to both Tonya and Olga for planning so many great outings.



Plans for this year

Our group will brave the elements and downtown parking to visit the various art galleries and even some studios around town, and perhaps even one or two that are slightly out of town. We hope to get a feel for the flavour of the works and artists, some of whom produce renowned paintings and sculptures. Art should serve as an inspiration to our lives and can evoke a meaningful experience. To get the most out of our visits, we should ask questions of the gallery employees or the artists themselves, if they happen to be present. After our visit, we'll take a moment to reflect together on what we saw and how we felt about it. Those of us who can stay a bit longer can stop at a nearby café for a beverage and a chat.

Please note that *we have changed the day* for our outings to the *third Thursday* of the month. We will meet at the chosen location at 1:30 p.m.

The first event for our group will be a visit to the Botanical Gardens on October 19th to see the exhibit of paintings by the Botanical Garden artists.

Convenor --- Brenda Rishia bmrishia@hotmail.com

∞ SCRABBLE

Calling all Scrabble players from beginners to experts. A very friendly group of us meets at Starbucks at Chapters on Kenmount Road every Wednesday morning of the year from 10:00 a.m. till noon. The aim of the game is to have fun and try out our word knowledge (cheat sheets are allowed). You will never be without people to play with as there are no set partnerships. We mix and match freely. You can join us on a drop-in basis on any Wednesday morning.



∞ E TOYS

The Electronic Toys Group, is now starting its sixth year. Twice a month we meet to help one another use all things electronic, with an emphasis on iPads, computers and cell phones. We often address issues with handling photographs, as well as various apps for voice recording, music, Facebook, games, and so forth. No question or problem is too basic. We have all been there.



We are a self-help group; our method is simply assisting one another. It works amazingly well and is fun too! Occasionally we have a guest presenter. Last year, we began going for coffee after one of our meetings each month at the nearby Tim Hortons, a time to relax and just chat. We welcome new members at any time. Just drop in and see if you enjoy what we do.

We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 1:30 to 3 pm beginning in September and ending in late May or early June. We meet in the Conference Room at the Marjorie Mews Library on Highland Drive. Parking is free. The library staff have been wonderfully welcoming and the Wi-Fi connection is free. We have four co-convenors for this group: Deborah Rehner, Susan Goold, Dorothy Milne and Karen Herzberg.

Convenor --- Karen Herzberg karen_herzberg@hotmail.com

∞ SNAP & CHAT *A NEW GROUP*



Are you interested in photography? Would you like to get together once a month with friends to take photos of a variety of subjects at various places around town, or snap pictures of people or objects indoors? If so, why not sign up for this new WAMUN Group?

Any sort of camera will do, including the ones that most of us have in our cell phones. Rather than focusing on technical issues, we expect to explore the types of images we choose to capture. We will all see different things even walking through the same place.

We'll begin with a planning meeting, likely at the Marjorie Mews Library on a Thursday afternoon. We may start by having some short, very slow walks outdoors taking photos of what we see along the way. We may want to post our photos on a Shared Members Website. So far, we're at the planning stages. As the group gets going, we'll explore topics and places of interest. Come join us.

Convenors --- Karen Herzberg karen_herzberg@hotmail.com & Dorothy Milne dmilne@mun.ca

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Both book discussion groups have planned a full roster of good books to read and discuss this Fall and Winter.



The meetings for all these discussions are held at the Marjorie Mews Library at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. The dates and details for each book are shown below.

All WAMUN members are welcome to attend these discussions. Come for some of the sessions or for all. Every book was test-read and recommended by a member of the group. Most of the books are easily available in town. We like some books more than others, but no matter what our reaction, the discussions are always lively and thought-provoking.

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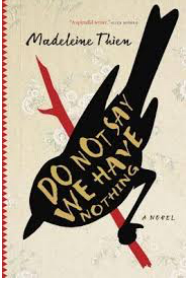
Nonfiction selections				
	September 5	October 3	November 7	December 5
January 9	February 6	March 6	April 3	June 5

The webpage for this group shows further details on the title and author of these books:

<http://www.mun.ca/wamun/BookGroups/nonfiction.php>

Selections for the Mostly Fiction book group are on the next page

BOOK DISCUSSIONS, continued

Mostly Fiction selections				
	September 12 & 26	October 10 & 24	November 14 & 28	January 9 & 23

				
	February 13 & 27	March 13 & 27	April 24	May 22


The webpage shows further details on the title and author of these books:

<http://www.mun.ca/wamun/BookGroups/fiction.php>

Convenors: Nonfiction: *Deborah Rehner dbrehner@gmail.com*

Mostly Fiction: *Pat Collins pat.collins@bellaliant.net & Karen Lippold klippold@mun.ca*

AND, MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!

	<p>CHRISTMAS PARTY</p> <p>FOR BOTH</p> <p>BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS</p> <p>DECEMBER 12TH,</p> <p>TIFFANY TOWER, 7 TIFFANY LANE</p>
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WALKING GROUPS

The Monday and Saturday walking groups continue to walk on their appointed days, meeting at a pre-arranged outdoors location at 1:30 p.m. If you ask to be put on the mailing list, you will be sent an e-mail with the details for that day's walk.

Saturday walks are chosen to suit walkers at all levels of ability. We walk on well groomed trails, and in winter avoid ice. We start and return at the same time but decide for ourselves how far to walk. We partner with others who walk at the same speed and walk for the hour. Thus, some walk farther than others. After the walk, we head for a coffee shop for conversation and refreshments.

Monday walks are more adventurous, longer and on tougher trails. In the winter, the group sometimes enjoys snowshoeing and cross country skiing on the trails.

Come whenever you have the time free.

Bring along a friend. Dogs are also welcome on most walks.



Some of our favorite walks

Monday walk convenor: Marjorie Evans marjjevans@nl.rogers.com

Saturday walk convenor: Deborah Rehner dbrehner@gmail.com



➤ MUSIC INTEREST GROUP

Now going into its fifth year, the Music Interest group continues to enjoy exploring various themes and styles of music. The range of topics is broad. This past year we explored the music and poetry of Leonard Cohen, the mysteries of making music from tubes (i.e. brass instruments), and welcomed a guest speaker: a young musician who runs an instrumental music program for children in the less prosperous areas of the city. We tried, and mostly failed, to sound a note from blowing across the opening of water bottles and across the mouthpiece of a flute. We explored the music of women composers, ancient and modern.



We search the internet for music related to the theme and share our reactions to what we hear. Our meetings are very informal. You do not have to have had any musical training to participate and enjoy them. New members are welcome.

Meetings are at the Marjorie Mews Library, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month.

Convenor --- *Deborah Rehner* dbrehner@gmail.com

➤ MEMBERSHIP ➤

It is that time again -- time to renew your WAMUN membership. Dues are still only \$15 a year. This one annual fee entitles you to join in all our events,

social gatherings, and interest group meetings.

One thing has changed. This year *you probably do not have to send in a membership form* to renew your membership. If your address or telephone number has not changed since the Fall of 2016, all you need to do is pay the dues.

Susan Goold and the interest group convenors will be accepting cash and cheques at events and meetings in September and October. If paying in cash or with a cheque that does not have your name on it, please be sure to indicate who the money is from. If you need to mail in the dues, please make the cheque payable to WAMUN and send it to:

"WAMUN, c/o Department of Classics, Memorial University, St. John's, NL A1C 5S7

If your address, telephone number or email address has changed in the past year, please contact Susan Goold at susan.goold@gmail.com to make sure that we have your correct information. If it isn't correct, please let Susan know. Also, when the membership list is sent out to you in early December please check to see if your information is correct.

Susan Goold, membership secretary