

Greetings From Your President

Time flies! We had another successful year for our 86 WAMUN members. Not only have we kept our friendships and good times going, we have truly again fulfilled our three-pronged mandate to welcome women associated with the university, provide social and cultural activities for our members and raise funds for scholarships. As my term of office winds down, I would like to thank all executive members for their exceptionally co-operative and efficient support. My heartfelt gratitude also goes to all interest groups convenors and committee chairs (including Plant Sale Committee, Nominating Committee, Scholarship Committee, and Brochure & Website Committee) for all their dedication and selfless contributions. Last but not least, my special thanks go to all the members for their participation and regular donations to support the Campus Food Bank. I am proud of you all! Enjoy the unusually mild weather that we are presently experiencing, looking forward to seeing you again at our AGM and luncheon on April 17, Saturday, at Gushue Hall. Take care. God bless you all!



Betty Wong, 754-1470

Let's Do Lunch!



2010 Spring Luncheon and Annual General Meeting

Saturday, April 17, 2010

Junior Common Room, Gushue Hall

Luncheon 12:00 for 12:30

AGM 1:30

Tickets are now available from convenors of Special Interest Groups,
or members of the Executive

Bring a friend! Win a door prize or a floral center piece. *Price* \$25.00



Plant Sales & Survey

After our two successful plant sales last year, the committee was hoping to do the same this year with an outdoor sale of garden plants in late May and our usual on-campus house-plant sale in September. However replies to our survey have been very disappointing. Maybe you are not sure yet, or hesitate to say how many plants you can bring. We fully understand that some people can't donate plants, for various reasons, nor are we asking for any promises, just an estimate contingent on weather, pests, etc. Some will find they can bring more and others less. Or maybe you dug up everything you could spare last year. If so please tell us and we can think about having garden plant sales only every 4th year or so. It is very hard to plan well in an information vacuum. If you haven't done so yet, please complete our short survey. We welcome any comments you think will help improve our fundraising through plant sales. Thank you for this help with our planning for this year's sales.

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

I expect I can donate approximately _____ plants for the spring Garden-Plant sale.

I expect I can donate approximately _____ plants for the fall House-Plant sale.

I would likely be able to assist at the spring sale (depending on date). Yes _____ No _____ I would likely be able to assist at the fall sale (depending on date). Yes _____ No _____ Please call to remind me of the spring sale. _____

Please call to remind me of the fall sale. _____ Please do not call me regarding either sale. _____

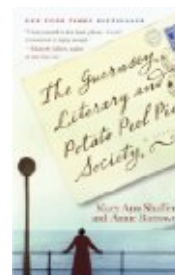
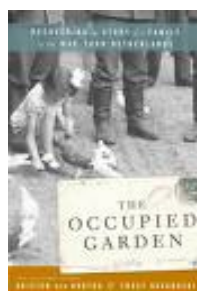
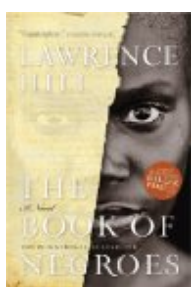
Please e-mail to annakralik@nl.rogers.com or phone Marjorie at 722-1925.

Marjorie Evans and the Plant Sale Committee

WAMUN Fiction Book Group Annual Report 2009-2010

The fiction book group has moved along swiftly this year. Both the evening and afternoon groups are meeting at the Tiffany Common Room, thanks to Julita Muzychka and Ursula Sampath. For September we read the sometimes controversial *Book of Negroes*. At an evening meeting in October both groups welcomed the young and charming author of *Skin Room*, Sarah Tilley. In November because we couldn't easily obtain the Doris Lessing book we read Quebec author Michel Tremblay's *The Fat Woman Next Door is Pregnant*. In December we had our Christmas Coffee for all book groups, including the non-fiction group. This is always special, but little did we know that it would be the last time most of us would have the pleasure of Gladys Deutsch's company.

In January we read *The Occupied Garden* and both groups were treated to Lydia Snellen's fascinating parallel account of her childhood in occupied Netherlands. For February the popular *Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* was discussed. At the time of this writing, we're all looking forward to meeting Paul Rowe, the author of *The Silent Time* at our joint March meeting. We will be reading *The Cellist of Sarajevo* in April and *Castle Rock* in May.



Because the afternoon group has grown so large it was recently decided to try having two Tuesday afternoon groups in April and May. We'll review this when we are all together at our June pot luck and book choosing event at the Anglican Cathedral Crypt. We look forward to this evening when each book group member can suggest and vote on books for next year. Food for the mind and body!

Submitted by Karen Herzberg & Julia Mathieson, conveners

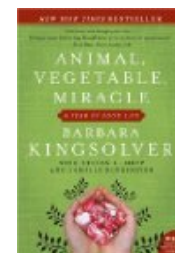
WAMUN Non-Fiction Book Group Annual Report 2009-2010

We have lively discussions due to the diverse experiences of our members and would love to have additional members to enjoy these discussions and share their varied opinions. These are some of the books that we've read so far this year.

Submitted by Annmari Tougui, convener



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Coffee Morning Group Annual Report 2009-2010



The coffee group continues to meet on alternate Wednesday mornings. Whenever we meet, we make our bi-monthly donations to the Campus Food Bank. Thanks to Karen and Tonya for looking after that. We are having a great year with no complications or cancellations due to weather as of yet. Let's hope that keeps on happening! We shall probably take a recess at the end of June and then resume meeting again in early October when our new season begins.

Submitted by Pat Collins, convener

Saturday Walking Group Annual Report 2009-2010



WAMUN's *Saturday Walkers* continue to walk (and talk) almost every Saturday afternoon. This year we began keeping a pictorial record of our walks in a Picasa web album, WAMUN Walks 2009-2010. This recent picture shows several regular walkers being entertained by some of the canine contingent. Since September, we have visited several old haunts, for example: the T'Railway; from the Railroad Station to Mount Pearl; around Quidi Vidi Lake; up Oxen Pond Road to Mt. Scio; Bowring Park; MUN and Nagle's Place. We have also enjoyed some new walks: Branscombe's Pond, a newly refurbished part of the East Coast Trail near Outer Cove and Old Petty Harbour Road, which we actually first walked about a year ago.

Of course, we love to have new people join us. There's no commitment, just get your name on the e-mail list and join us when it is convenient for you.

Submitted by Deborah Rehner, convener

WAMUN Archive Annual Report 2009-10

In April 2009 I submitted to MUN's Archive most of the material that had collected at my house for several years (2005-2009). Now I am beginning again to collect new material. A box of financial papers was brought to me by Faiza Enanny and I will soon process it along with some minutes of meetings that I have. All the WAMUN material at MUN is available to WAMUN members for research. I am collecting significant emails pertaining to the functions of WAMUN, those that are sent out to the full membership, for later deposit to the MUN Archive. This is considered correspondence. In the past I have collected and deposited to MUN our yearly membership lists. As these lists have personal information, like addresses, phone numbers and in some cases e-mail addresses, I have decided, in the interest of privacy and confidentiality, that from now on we should only keep a list of names and delete the rest of the information in those permanent records. Please keep the material coming.

Submitted by Julia Mathieson, WAMUN Archivist

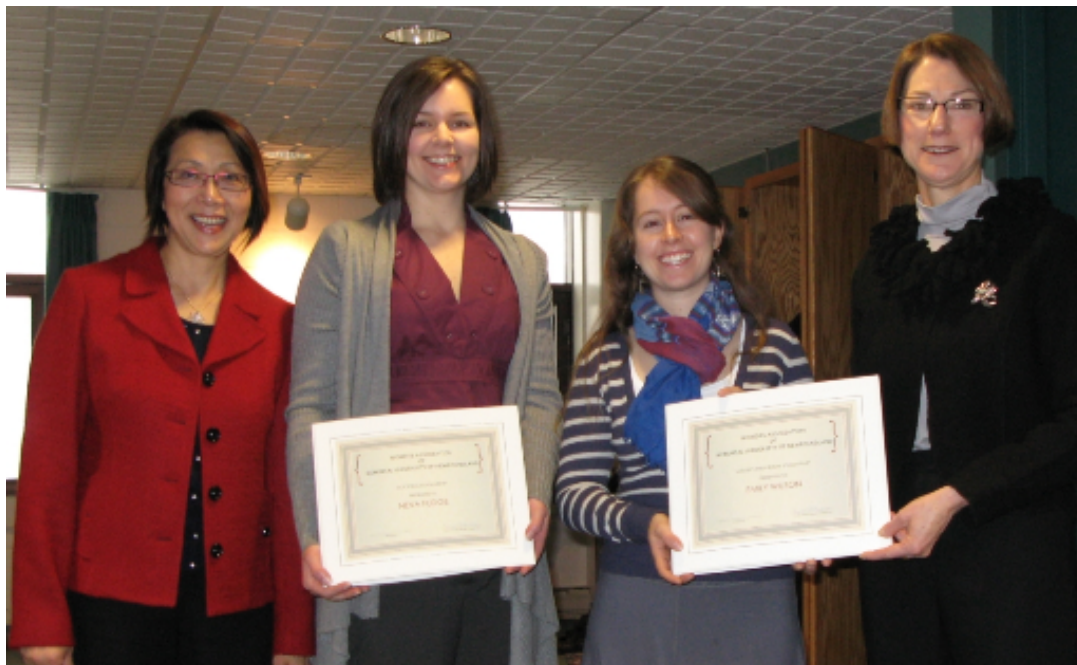
Scrabble Group Annual Report 2009-2010

The Scrabble group meets regularly at Chapters every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Our membership is up to 12 and we average about eight at each meeting. A Scrabble group pot luck was held at a member's home in December which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Submitted by Janet Fairley, convener



Scholarship Committee

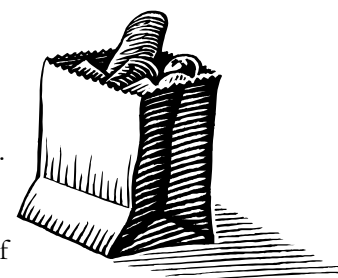


The Scholarship Committee will submit their annual report at the AGM.

WAMUN President, Betty Wong (far left) and Scholarship Committee Chair, Linda Hensman (far right) with our most recent scholarship recipients, Neva Fudge and Emily Wilson.

Campus Food Bank

Noel Veitch and the Campus Food Bank are extremely grateful for the generous donations we have continued to make. Several WAMUN members have asked if there were any items which the Food Bank might be looking for. I was able to discuss this with Noel, and he suggests the following items would be especially appreciated: tinned fruit, vegetables and stews (store brands are fine), evaporated milk, apple and orange juice, elbow macaroni, Cheez Whiz and toilet paper. Many of these things were a surprise to me; however, that is why it was good to ask the question. These are in addition to earlier suggestions from Noel for peanut butter, chicken noodle soup, tuna, and Kraft dinner. All the varied items we have donated continue to be appreciated of course! It is amazing how one or two items contributed by one or two or more members, can add up to so many bags of groceries! Please remember that your donations are voluntary and there is NO obligation to bring anything. Don't worry if you forget, because you might remember the next time. If anyone would like to make a cash donation, that is also welcome. A tax deductible receipt can be given to you for larger amounts. We pass both small and large amounts on to Noel who buys perishable items, such as milk and eggs with the money. Thanks are extended to the Group Conveners who have so kindly collected food at your meetings too.



Tonya Bassler and Karen Herzberg

Farewell to a Friend



Many WAMUN members will surely remember Gladys Deutsch's attendance at the Christmas book group social and were quite surprised to learn that after a brief illness we said good-bye this winter to one of WAMUN's earliest members. In her nearly 40 years with WAMUN she was a long time member of our book groups, a member of the first investment club, and an early promoter of the plant sale. As a big supporter of the scholarship program she was instrumental in organizing four concerts for scholarships. In 1997 Gladys received WAMUN's Distinguished Service Metal for her dedicated service. Gladys worked as a music promoter, managed an orchestra and received a BA at MUN later in life. She worked at MUN's QEII library until her retirement. Gladys was born in Toronto and also spent time living in India, London, England and Calgary, Alberta prior to moving to Newfoundland. She and her husband Ernst, a geophysicist, raised three children, Benjamin, Roger and Erika.