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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to personally thank our Social Convenors, Karen Herzberg and Gloria Small for all their hard work in arranging the slide show of Joyce Cho's botanical art in November 2004 at the MUN Botanical Gardens and the New Year's Coffee Morning in January 2005 in the Genesis Board Room at MUN. Both events were well attended and informative.

Quite often, events planned for WAMUN members take place in small venues and it is impossible always to accommodate members' guests. It is expected that people who regularly attend WAMUN activities, including the Interest Groups, should become members of the Association. Annual dues are used to pay for WAMUN events included in the Annual Program. We need to have an enthusiastic group of dues-paying members to ensure that the Association can continue to offer an interesting program.

Concerning the WAMUN Entrance Scholarships for 2004/05, I have sent a letter of congratulation to each of the three winners. The fourth Scholarship is given to a Mature Student and is awarded in the Winter Semester. Olga Broomfield-Richards, our Vice-President, and Tonya Bassler, our Scholarship Chair attended the University Entrance Scholarship Luncheon in mid-October. In addition, I have notified the four winners of the WAMUN Graduate Scholarships of their awards.

On behalf of the Association, I would like to sincerely thank Gloria Small for donating 20% of her profit from the sale of Weekender Clothing to WAMUN members in November 2004 to the WAMUN Scholarship Fund. This amounted to a total of \$150.00 and has certainly contributed to our fundraising efforts this year.

WAMUN's next event, the Sunday Afternoon Tea, will take place at the Bowring Park Bungalow on February 20th, 2005 from 3-5 pm. This event was well supported last year and promises to be even better this year. Please mark the date on your calendar. Tickets will be sold through Interest Group Convenors and the Social Convenors. Further details are provided in this Newsletter.

The last page of the newsletter contains the Final Treasurer's Report for 2003/04. Please review this report carefully. In the absence of any comments, the report will be deemed to have been approved by the membership.

Every year WAMUN honours one of its members with a Distinguished Service Award. This award will be presented at the AGM (April 9th, 2005). If you would like to nominate someone, please contact any member of the Executive as soon as possible. Current members of the Executive are, of course, not eligible.

Please give some consideration to: (i) serving on the Nominating Committee for the 2005/06 Executive; (ii) serving on the WAMUN Executive for 2005/06; and/or (iii) becoming a member of the 2005 Plant Sale Committee. Without your help, the Association will not be able to continue to fulfill its mandate. In 2006, WAMUN will celebrate its 40th Anniversary. No doubt some special events will be organised to mark the occasion!

Marilyn Macdonald
President

SOCIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Afternoon Tea

Sunday, February 20, 3 to 5 PM
The Bungalow
Bowring Park

We have a new venue and a new menu! We do hope you'll join us for what we expect to be a delightful afternoon with a real, proper British tea. To tempt you, the menu includes, for example, Scones with Fresh Whipped Cream and Fruit Preserves. The tickets, \$17, are available from both Social Convenors and through the Interest Groups. For convenience, cheques would be preferred, but of course cash will be acceptable! Wednesday, February 16th will be the last day to arrange your ticket purchase. Please email or telephone either Karen or Gloria to arrange your ticket.

Parking: Using the Duck Pond Entrance, we can drive (slowly of course) right into the Bowring Park and park in the Bungalow parking lot. The Bungalow

is wheel chair accessible and we will have the entire dining room to ourselves.

Please bring an item for the Campus Food Bank.

The Annual General Meeting and Luncheon will be held on Sat., Apr. 9th at 12 noon at the Murray's Pond Club in Portugal Cove. Please mark this date on your calendars. More information will follow in the next Newsletter.

Gloria Small (576-4433; gloriasmall@hotmail.com)
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LOOKING BACK

The Slide Show by Joyce Cho at the Botanical Garden was so popular that we had to find extra chairs. What a wonderful retrospective of a true artist's work! Joyce noted that she appreciated the opportunity to share some botanical art with her WAMUN friends. Thank you, Joyce, for sharing your art with us! Thank you also to the members who brought treats.

The New Year's Coffee Morning was attended by approximately 35 women. Thank you to everyone who came and brought such delicious treats and generous donations for the Campus Food Bank. The Genesis Room was lovely and had beautiful views overlooking snowy Long Pond and the hills of Pippy Park. If we repeat this kind of event, we would ask for fewer treats, as we really had more than we could eat! Whoever would think that was possible? Thank you especially to Marjorie Evans, Deborah Rehner, and Rachel Kimor for their help in cleaning up.

MEMBERSHIP

Many thanks for renewing your memberships. We now have 91 members.

I would like to welcome our seventh new member this year, Rahat Iram. We look forward to seeing you at our events, Rahat.

Mary Chalker (753-4262; maryc@mun.ca)

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee wishes to thank the 18 WAMUN members who very generously have donated \$606 to our Scholarship Fund during the fall term. This amount, in essence, fully funds one of our annual graduate scholarships.

Anyone may donate to the fund throughout the year. For WAMUN's record keeping, it is preferable for donors to send any donations directly to our WAMUN treasurer, Linda Hensman. Linda will then

forward the donations to Alumni Affairs and ensure that the donors receive appropriate tax receipts.

Tonya Bassler, Chair
WAMUN Scholarship Committee

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Evening Book Club

Books for the rest of the year have now been finalised.

February *The No 1 Ladies Detective Agency* AND
Tears of the Giraffe
March *The Good Women of China*
April *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*
May *The Diary of an Ordinary Woman*

At the January meeting we agreed to the following storms policy.

- Should it be necessary to cancel a meeting I will send an e-mail message. I will only telephone those without e-mail. (The decision to cancel is usually taken in consultation with a couple of members.)
- If a meeting is cancelled we will meet at the same time and place on the following Tuesday provided the room is available.
- I will send an e-mail to let you know whether or not the meeting is going ahead. Again I will only phone those with no e-mail.

Please, if the weather looks dodgy, check your e-mail. You can, of course, call me if you wish. You will then be one of those "consulted"

We continue to meet at 8 pm on the third Tuesday of each month in the common room of Tiffany Towers. Feel free to join us. Just bring a mug and, if you wish, something for the Campus Food Bank.

Mary Chalker (753-4262; maryc@mun.ca)

Afternoon Book Club

The books for the remainder of the year are:

February *The Millionaire Next Door*
Secrets of America's Wealthy
March *The Lesser Evil:*
Political Ethics in the Age of Terror
April: *The Botany of Desire*
May: *The Trouble with Islam*

We meet on the second Thursday of each month, from 2 – 4 p.m. in a member's home. Please feel free to join us, if you wish, for diverse reading, lively discussions and no food (just water)!

Annemari Tougui
(726-5567; amtougui@nl.rogers.com)

Coffee Break

After a pause for the Christmas holidays, this group began meeting again on Jan. 19. We plan to continue getting together for coffee and conversation every second Wednesday until the end of August. We welcome new members. Please call Sue Murdey to see where we will be meeting next.

Susan Murdey (726-0428)

Discovery Investment Club

Interesting things are happening, we continue to further our knowledge about the stock market. We win some, we lose some; at this point in time we are on the plus side, which is a good place to be.

At our December meeting we welcomed a new member to our group. In January, we elected our new executive.

Mona Gillespie	President
Louise Dawe	Vice President
Elfi Boehm	Treasurer
Alberta Auringer Wood	Secretary

Alberta is leaving the province in September and Deborah Rehner will replace her as secretary from September to December.

Our thanks to Diane Hogan who was our treasurer for the past couple of years and did an excellent job in that position

Mona Gillespie (368-9623)

Hiking Etc.

The Tuesday Morning Group has had several more walks: Oct. 26, the Virginia River Trail; Nov. 9, the Bowring Park woods loop; Nov. 23, Bowring Park to the Greenwood Motel via the Trailway; Dec. 9, twice around the treed side of Kent's Pond in blustery weather; Jan.4, 2005 around Quidi Vidi; and Jan.18 in Bowring Park. The Tuesday Group will take a break for the next month or so due to the lack of clear, safe trails. We intend to start up again in the early spring and members will be notified. Meanwhile, we hope everyone finds a way to keep moving and in shape, either in or outdoors!

The Saturday Group continues to walk almost every Saturday. We did not walk on Christmas, but on New Year's Day four gutsy (or crazy) walkers and two dogs walked in the rain on the Sunrise Trail in Mt. Pearl. In fact, since November, our walks have taken us from the White Hills to Powers Pond in Mt. Pearl! Although the snow kept us from walking on January 22, we are planning to continue walking throughout the winter. When it gets to the point that there is too much snow underfoot, we may be found on the MUN

campus, in Bowring Park or on the grounds of Government House. If you are interested in joining us let Deborah know and your name will be added to the e-mail list.

Even if you are not interested in walking with us, you might want to take a look at our web site:

www.mi.mun.ca/~drehner/walking/index.htm On the main page you will find information about our current activities, including pictures from our walks in 2005. In addition there are links to two pages of archives that show where we walked in 2004.

We are respectful of the weather and dress accordingly, which is a key factor to enjoying our walks. After our walks, we have become acquainted with several Tim Horton's.

We are always looking for new members. Please contact: Deborah Rehner re Saturdays: (739-5046; Deborah.Rehner@mi.mun.ca) and/or Karen Herzberg re Tuesdays: (753-6568).

Karen Herzberg (753-6568)

International Food Group

Our first two dinners were very successful and we are looking forward to a Japanese dinner on February 26.

Susan Jackson (726-3808)

RECYLING FOR THE WAMUN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The revenue collected to date for the WAMUN Scholarship Fund is approximately \$70.00. WAMUN members who currently recycle items at any of the following Evergreen Recycling locations can have their refund credited to the WAMUN account:

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

All proceeds 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, please contact Marilyn Macdonald (726-3134; m_macdonald17@hotmail.com).

CAMPUS FOOD BANK

Since we have been encouraging WAMUN members to donate to the campus food bank at our meetings, we asked Noel Veitch to provide us with some information about the food bank.

The Campus Food Bank had another successful year in 2004. We provided food to several thousand people, roughly half of whom were children.

While the university students are our main target group, we also serve former students, a few employees, a few students attending other post-secondary institutions, and people referred to us by the Community Food Sharing Association. The latter referrals are usually people with disabilities that prevent their going to other food banks.

In December just past, we provided more than 130 Christmas hampers, a big increase over the previous year.

Donations of food and money are certainly needed on an ongoing basis. We buy such food as fresh and canned milk, eggs, apple and orange juice. We spend about half of our income on fresh milk.

Our food bank is located on campus in Corte Real in space provided free by the university. We are an independent charitable organization and have our own board of directors. Our food bank is run entirely by volunteers.

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED US THE PAST YEAR!

FROM THE ARCHIVES

1999 – 2000 (Five Years Ago)

- In March 2000 WAMUN members had an opportunity to work at the clay studio of Devon House and also an opportunity to hear Joyce Cho speak on Botanical Art.
- The book group was reading *Colony of Unrequited Dreams* and *Home is Where the Heart Is*.
- The International Food Group had a Malaysian dinner, a Tex-Mex feast and a Viking feast.

1994 – 1995 (Ten Years Ago)

- The first event for the year was a meeting at which Dr. John and Doreen Ross spoke about their experiences in Uganda.
- The Art Appreciation group had visited exhibitions featuring the art of Anne Meredith Barry, Marc Cyr and Karin Scarth, Stephen Livick, and Christopher Pratt, between October and December of 1994.
- There were exactly 100 members on the membership list!

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER IN THE NEWS

Women Fishes These Days by Brenda Grzetic (Fernwood Publishing) is cited in "Books by Alumni" in the Fall/Winter issue of the Luminus. Brenda held a WAMUN graduate scholarship in 2001 – 2002! Brenda's research into the role of women in the fisheries became the thesis for her masters' degree. She received her M.A. in 2002 and is currently working on a PhD.

Women Fishes These Days was reviewed in the Alternatives Journal (Vol. 30, No. 5, Nov/Dec 2004):

'A glimpse into a nervous system' is the first chapter of Brenda Grzetic's book, which grew out of her Masters thesis research at Memorial University, Newfoundland. By the time I had finished reading this slender volume, I was feeling nervous myself, on behalf of the women who venture into the North Atlantic in small boats. The book is woven from many strands: discussions of fisheries management theory and practice, the history of the collapse of the northern cod fishery, and, most importantly, the stories and perceptions of women who work in that fishery. ...

Irene Novaczek, research associate, Institute of Island Studies, University of PEI

WAMUN MEMBER ON COMMUNITY EDITORIAL BOARD

One of our members, **Error! Contact not defined.**, has been named to the Community Editorial Board of The Evening Telegram. She was kind enough to answer a few of your editor's questions about this position.

What made you decide to apply to be on the board?

It all started when I went to Israel as the War on Iraq was about to break out and I had arranged with the Telegram to write a series of letters describing my journey. On my return I was surprised by the widespread reaction I received - it turned out that the readers found my viewpoint special, and my writing interesting. Thus encouraged, when recently The Telegram advertised that they were looking for candidates for this coming year Editorial Board, I felt it was a challenge worth tackling.

Your first editorial dealt with the 'water shortage' or, rather that we have a 'supply shortage', not a water shortage. Did you read Andy Wells' reply to you? What did you make of it?

I was flattered to see that Mr. Andy Wells found my piece to be disturbing enough to answer in length. That in itself is a compliment. As to his reply – yes, I

read it, and wasn't too impressed. I did not appreciate his attempt to flood us with details and statistics instead of supplying us with a plan and a promise to solve the problem. In a nutshell he claimed – everything had been done, or is being done, everything is fine, there is no problem. This kind of approach is an insult to the intelligence of the readers, and I'd like to say: Mr. Wells, if all is perfect and dandy, then where is our water?

How often will your columns be appearing in The Telegram?

Each member of the Editorial Board writes six pieces throughout the year, which would come to about once in two months.

What other topics do you plan to write about?

Our task, as the Editorial Board, is to serve as a tool for the community to voice its views on local (provincial) issues of concern and debate. That is why I welcome suggestions for topics. As much as I love Newfoundland and Labrador and enjoy the beautiful things it has to offer, my job, as I understand, it is to bring forth the grievances.

I wish to take the opportunity and thank all of you for reading my pieces and commenting on them. I find the feedback extremely important and do keep in mind that I do not expect everyone to agree with what I say. If my writing causes a debate, then I have achieved what I set out to do.

FIRST SPACE ART GALLERY

Last year, in preparation for a computer Commons, the reference collection, main floor of the Queen Elizabeth II, was downsized. The walls, which were exposed by downsizing the reference collection, became The First Space Art Gallery. The mission of the Gallery is to show the art of the students and graduates of the Visual Fine Arts program at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College (SWGC).

The latest show for the Gallery opened at the beginning of the winter semester. It is "Stills", an exhibit by recent graduates of the Fine Arts Program at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College. The show will continue until the end of the semester and can be viewed during regular Library hours.

CFUW BOOK SALE

The Canadian Federation of University Women Book Sale will take place in mid-April. If you have any used books to donate to the sale, please call **Error! Contact not defined.** at 753-6568 to arrange pickup.

LOST AND FOUND

Remember the Pot Luck held at North Bank Lodge in November 2003? Yummy food, good conversations, etc. Well, somebody (or perhaps several people) left without some of their serving stuff. **Error! Contact not defined.**, who rescued these items, would like to return them to their owners.

- 1 'Season's Greetings' silver cake server
- 1 large, white plastic serving spoon
- 1 small table knife with a black plastic handle.

If you recognize any of these items as yours, please contact Karen Herzberg (753-6568) so they can come safely home again.

FROM THE EDITOR

Well, we've made it through the first 'electronic' newsletter. There were a few glitches, but I hope not too many. It probably will help if those who get the newsletter mention it when they see other WAMUN members. It's no good to say in the newsletter, "If you don't get this tell me." If you know someone is not able to access their newsletter, or if they don't get one, please tell them to call me. (My phone number and e-mail address are below.)

I have attached an entire new address list to this newsletter. I apologize to the trees. However, there are a variety of changes, for example new e-mail addresses for some, so it would be very complicated to just make an 'update'.

This is an opportunity to thank those who have given me ideas for items for the newsletter, e.g., the book by Brenda Grzetic, the item on The First Space and the interview with **Error! Contact not defined.** If you have a suggestion for something that WAMUN members might be interested in reading about, please let me know.

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*Women's Association of Memorial University of Newfoundland
Statement for Year Ending April 30, 2004*

Cash Revenue

Membership Dues 2003-2004	\$ 1595.00
* Plant Sale	\$ 3545.10
Stone House Tea	\$ 585.00
Antique Tablecloth Tickets	\$ 205.00
AGM Tickets	\$ 652.00
Total Revenue	\$ 6582.10

Cash Expenses

Check#		
	Service Charge May 31 03	\$.95
	0233 Pippy Park Christmas Social Deposit	\$ 158.25
	0234 Plant Sale -float	\$ 200.00
	0235 M. Niefer	\$ 3.18
	0236 T Bassler	\$ 9.15
	0237 G. Small	\$ 29.85
	0238 M. Macdonald	\$ 16.10
	0239 M. Tuck Lewis	\$ 28.80
	0240 MUN Club Fall Reception	\$ 430.68
	0241 MUN Club Gratuity	\$ 56.18
	0242 Botanical Garden Room Rental	\$ 50.00
	0243 M. Macdiarmid	\$ 122.21
	0244 North Bank Lodge, Pippy Park	\$ 116.75
	0245 WAMUN Scholarship Fund	\$ 3293.63
	0246 M. Macdonald	\$ 35.88
	0247 M.K. Herzberg	\$ 54.49
	0248 D. Collingwood	\$ 30.91
	0249 M. Macdonald	\$ 5.64
	0250 M. Macdiarmid	\$ 24.79
	0251 Stone House	\$ 465.00
	0252 M. Macdiarmid	\$ 21.56
	0253 S. Jackson	\$ 25.70
	0254 G. Small	\$ 28.69
	0255 M. Macdonald	\$ 13.80
	0256 Murray's Pond Country Club	\$ 605.88
	0257 WAMUN Scholarship Fund	\$ 505.00
	Service Charge April 30 04	\$ 2.15
	Total Expenses	\$ 6336.22
	Beginning Cash Balance May 1 2003	\$ 1349.04
	Net Increase in Cash	\$ 246.88
	* * Extra Ordinary Loss	\$ (495.00)
	Ending Cash Balance	\$ 1100.92

* See Plant Sale Report for breakdown of expenses and revenue

** The 495.00 loss sustained by the treasurer, from the Stonehouse Tea, has been replaced by her in the form of a direct donation to the scholarship fund of WAMUN.