



Greetings from the President

Since the last newsletter, in November, we really enjoyed an interesting talk and slide show by Anne Hart about her work on Mina Hubbard's expedition in Labrador. In January we had a successful Morning Coffee. Both events were well attended and all of you seemed to be having a good time. The food at both meetings was great. Thanks to everyone who contributed time and effort. Two of the undergraduate scholarship winners I invited to the Coffee Morning, Elizabeth Mason and Kristen Hynes, joined us. Both young women thanked us and assured us that our scholarships were a great help. Kristen also brought us a bouquet of flowers. From September on, the interest groups have been well attended and are thriving. They're really our great strength.

Our Annual General Meeting and Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 21, 12 for 12:30 p.m. in The Junior Common Room of R. Gushue Hall. Tickets are now on sale. Executive members and some group leaders will be happy to sell one to you. Please try to join us. The menu looks really interesting and we have various things to discuss. Among other topics, we should discuss our new Privacy Policy and a proposal to establish a standing nominating committee of three members. If we could start cultivating executive members much earlier in the year, we might avoid this scramble at the end of the term.

Since no one could be found to head the Nominating Committee for next year's Executive, I have been talking to people myself. Leila Clase helped me phone a few more people recently and some Executive members are trying to set up alternative strategies. Members, who have helped many times in the past, are heavily involved in other activities this year.

We have a strong base for 2007 - 2008. Kathy Simonsen will be president, Margaret Dohan will continue as secretary and Carolyn Hodych will continue as newsletter editor. Hopefully we have found a treasurer, a membership secretary and several people who are willing to act as social convenors for specific events. We still need a vice-president who will be willing to go on as president 2008 - 2009. Try to think of ways to attract some new, younger women to the Association. Lets make sure WAMUN not only survives but starts to grow again. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Eleanor Nesbitt, President
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Kristen Hynes, Eleanor Nesbitt and Elizabeth Mason at Morning Coffee in January.

WAMUN Graduate Scholarships Awarded

The WAMUN graduate scholarships were presented in a ceremony at the INCO Innovation Centre in December 2006. The four recipients are shown at right together with two committee members.

The Scholarship committee would like to thank warmly all those who have supported the scholarship fund in 2006. In addition to 35 cash donations, many WAMUN members devote considerable time to growing plants and organizing the successful annual plant sale, proceeds of which go to the fund. Contributions from members' recycling activities are also much appreciated.

Tonya Bassler, Chair, Scholarship Committee
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Left to right: Linda Hensman, scholarship committee member, Sylvia Reitmanova, doctoral winner, Joy Fraser, doctoral winner, Erica Pritchett, master's thesis route winner, Shaina Goudie, master's all-course route winner, and Tonya Bassler, scholarship committee chair

Special Interest Groups

Book Discussion — Fiction (mostly)

The book groups continue to meet on a monthly basis. Recently, two new members joined and we are delighted about that.

The two remaining books for April and May respectively are *Akhenaten: Dweller in Truth* by Naquib Mahfouz, translated by Tagreid Abu-Hassako, and *Gilead* by Marilyn Robinson. In June - isn't it nice to be thinking that far ahead - we will select the books for next fall and winter.

Happy reading,

Karen Herzberg, Afternoon Group:
753-6568 or e-mail karen_herzberg@hotmail.com

Book Discussion — Non-Fiction

On Apr. 12, the Non-Fiction Group will be reviewing book titles for 2007-08. *Riding the Iron Rooster* by Paul Theroux is scheduled for May 10. *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion will be discussed on Jun. 14

Coffee Break

Coffee Break Group continues to meet regularly at different locations.

Susan Murdey murdey@nl.rogers.com 726-0428

Scrabble Group

The Scrabble Group continues to thrive and has found congenial meeting places in a number of the coffee shops around town.

Joan Fuller, 726-0896

Saturday Walking Group ...

The Saturday Walking Group will really miss Rachel Kimor Paine. In 2003, this group was started with Rachel and Deborah being the only walkers the first week. Since then, Rachel was a regular walker whenever she was able and in town. She was a good friend to all of us.



Some Saturday Walking Group members (L - R) Karen Herzberg, Marjorie Evans, Kathy Simonsen, and Joan Fuller) enjoy Ruth Kimor Paine's post-hike hospitality.

Julia Mathieson, Evening Group:
722-3249 or e-mail gmathieson@nl.rogers.com

Fiction Group's Evening and Afternoon sections join forces for a Christmas Coffee.

Left to right:
Susan Jackson,
Ursula Sampath,
and Elke Molgaard.



and voting on 2007-2008 titles will also take place. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact:

Annmari Tougui, amtougui@rogers.com or 726-5567.

Discovery Investment Club

The Discovery Investment Club elected its slate of officers in January. Deborah Rehner, Diane Hogan and Elfi Boehm will remain as president, secretary and treasurer, respectively. Tonya Bassler will take over the job of vice president from Louise Dawe. The club thanks Louise for her service as vice president.

Deborah Rehner, President

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The walking group is also missing the company of Karin Khan, who has been in the hospital since the beginning of February. Karin has been a fairly regular walker when she is in town, and the group is hoping that she will be able to come walking again in the not too distant future.

In November and December, 2006, the group walked various places around town: Long Pond, Virginia River Trail, Signal Hill (Cuckold Trail), Bowring Park, etc. Rachel joined us on a couple of our walks and

Special Interest Groups

... Saturday Walking Group continued

other times invited us to her house after the walk. Although the weather was often iffy, we were still able to walk and enjoy ourselves.

On Jan. 6, we walked along the Waterford River (TRailway, near Southside Road). We stopped to watch a couple of Pine Grosbeaks feeding and Karen Herzberg got a really good picture



Pine Grosbeak eating dogberries along Southside Road.

of one. They were so interested in the dogberry bush that they didn't care how close we got.

Then on Jan. 13, we took our (now annual) walk around the MUN campus after the WAMUN tea and stopped for a picture at the Inukshuk in front of the C-Core building.



Inukshuk, front of C-CORE building .

The next two weeks were lost to the weather. Finally we had a walk around part of Quidi Vidi. The problem was that the weather had warmed up (only warm day in weeks!) and the snow was too

soft to walk on. After a half hour of up and down, ankle deep, calf deep, we fled to the road and walked back along Forest Road towards the Miller Centre. When we got to Lakeview Drive (we had parked by the Boathouse), it started to rain, so we fled back to the cars and went to Tim's to warm up. As a result,

we decided that we would become street-walkers :) So, there followed a Saturday exploring the streets north of Highland Drive and another exploring the area north of MacDonald Drive between Portugal Cove Road and Torbay Road.

As this item is being written, it seems as if at least one more Saturday walk will be lost to the weather.



At Cuckold's Cove

However, the Saturday group are intrepid walkers. We will walk whenever we can and we will adapt our walking plans to the weather. Soon spring will come and the trails will no longer be trials and we can get back to them. When we do walk, we would really enjoy your joining us.

Deborah is away at present, and Kathy Simonsen is sending out the messages about each Saturday's plans. If you are interested in joining the group, you can e-mail Deborah or



Along Southside Road.

Kathy. Your name will get on the list either way. If you need to call someone, you can call Kathy at 722-6339 (H).

Deborah Rehner, Convener
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International Food Group

The International Food Group has had a very successful season with 16 regular and some substitute members participating. We shall conclude our season with a dinner entitled "Mostly on the Lighter Side" on Mar. 31. We are always looking for new members as our dinners provide an opportunity to meet new and old friends and to enjoy cooking and eating dishes from around the world at very low cost. For more information, contact:

Susan Jackson 726-3808 or Brenda Burness 895-2712.

Special Interest Groups

Tuesday Morning Hiking Group

In November the hiking group enjoyed walking around Cuckold's Cove and Bowring Park. Unfortunately most of our winter hikes have been cancelled due to snowy weather! We did enjoy a New Year's family hike around Quidi Vidi on the first Tuesday in January which has already faded in my memory. I do remember having two four-footed friends, Boomer and Dancer, join us on that hike.

February hikes have been postponed since I shall be away until early March. Should the weather look promising upon my return, we shall resume our hiking then. We are certainly looking forward to some good hiking later on in the season.

Pat Collins, patriciacollins@nl.rogers.com, 754 0507



Hiking on a beautiful autumn day! (L - R) Pat Collins, Karin Khan, Marjory Evans, Elke Molgaard, Pat Rivers, Genny Gale, Nadia Fam and Karen Herzberg's dog Boomer.

Recruitment Ongoing - Suggestions Welcome!

WAMUN membership has remained constant at around 100 members for many years. To some extent, this reflects the very low hiring rates during that time. More recently, many retirees have been replaced and we need to ensure all recent female employees know they are welcome.

This year, Kathy Simonsen has represented WAMUN at orientation sessions for new faculty, and various members continue to involve new people in WAMUN activities where opportunity presents. Can you think of other ways to make people aware of our association and attract new members? WAMUN membership provides a very relaxed but effective way for women associated with or interested in the university to network.

Did You Know?

- WAMUN has been active for over 40 years.
- Membership is open to all women supporting the goals of WAMUN.
- The goals of WAMUN are: to provide social and cultural activities for the members and to raise funds for scholarships for students at Memorial.
- WAMUN provides for eight (four \$1,000 undergraduate and four \$1,200 graduate) annual scholarships.

From the Editor

This newsletter is coming out much later than intended. I am sorry. Various work commitments, failing equipment and family events resulted in unexpected delays. Many thanks to everyone who contributed information and also to Tonya Bassler, Karen Herzberg and Kathy Simonsen for the photos used in this issue. Public domain illustrations were found on various websites.

Let me know about upcoming events and other news and we'll include it in the next newsletter. Photographs of WAMUN events or related activities are always very welcome. Deadline for submission of information for the May newsletter is Apr. 30, 2007.

Hope to see you all at the Spring Luncheon. Carolyn Hodych, chodych@nf.sympatico.ca or 722-0795

WAMUN Friends Remember Rachel

A Memorial Service for Rachel Kimor Paine was held in St. John's on Feb. 25, 2007. Marjory Evans gave her remembrance of Rachel as a WAMUN and a Walking Group member. Marjorie's remarks are presented below.

"Rachel and Dana were regulars with our WAMUN Saturday walking and Tim Horton's group since November 2003. Sometimes in the last year we have been able to take donuts and after-walk discussions to Rachel. However we have missed that little yellow happy-face backpack and Dana ahead on the path looking back as if to say "What's taking you girls so long?". Of course we don't go just for the exercise but also the chance to solve the problems of the world, near and far, profound and trivial. Rachel's interesting and intelligent contributions always kept the discussions lively and entertaining. She was a cheering and understanding companion to others through their hard times and then bravely faced her own. We all thoroughly enjoyed those walks, whatever the weather, and we miss her greatly.

We also miss her at the biweekly coffee mornings which she also attended when not too busy writing or editing a book.

When Rachel realized she wouldn't be able to look after the garden she had put so much work into she feared her plants would all just die of benign neglect, as I understand Robert isn't into gardening. So she insisted that a number of us come and dig up various plants and bulbs to adopt into our own gardens. With half a dozen women mucking about under Rachel's direction it wasn't what is usually meant by "a garden party" but it was a fun afternoon. Now looking out of my kitchen window, in season, I enjoy several Rachel primulas and lilies. They will perennially remind me of a lovely friend who faded far too soon."



Rachel Kimor Paine and Ruth Noel at the Jan. Morning Coffee.

In Memoriam

KIMOR Paine, Rachel - Passed away Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007 at the L.A. Miller Centre Palliative Care Unit. Survived by mother Edith Bachrach, daughter Tene Kimor and Tene's fiancé, Nir Abraham, sister Naomi, all of Israel, and husband Robert Paine of St. John's. Lawyer and Anthropologist, columnist for *The Evening Telegram*, author of mystery novel, *Death Under Glass*, set in St. John's, she will be remembered fondly by her family and many friends. Burial will take place in Israel. The St. John's Jewish Community Havura held a memorial service in February.

Donations can be made to Hadassah-WIZO, 1310 Greene Ave., Suite 900, Montreal QC, H3Z 2B8 www.canadian-hadassah-wizo.org or the Canadian Cancer Society.



Karin Khan's family thanks WAMUN members for their concern and support following Karin's setback. Daughters Sabrina and Miriam are posting frequent updates on their mother's condition at <http://groups.google.com/group/karinbkhan>. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all.

Olga Broomfield-Richards had also written to our president thanking all members for supporting her and her family during difficult times last year. On her behalf, we are happy to convey these wishes to the membership at large.

New Year's Coffee Morning a Success!

As always, the holiday season came and went too quickly. The vacuum left by departing family and friends is often difficult to accept. That's why we need the WAMUN New Year's Morning Coffee!



(L - R) Julita Muzychka and Elfi Boehm

A cheerful venue, tasty food, excellent coffee, tea and valued friends delivered the right tonic to the 40 or so members in attendance. As you can see from these photos and others throughout the newsletter, members left fortified for the months of short days and winter weather to come.

Once again, Bev Gardner and Annette Murphy, WAMUN social convenors, organized a very congenial event for members to enjoy and they deserve hearty thanks.



(L - R) Sue Murdey and Margaret Michalak



(L - R) Annette Murphy and Linda Hensman



(L - R) Claire Martin and Mary Chalker



(L - R) Marilyn Macdonald, Nadia Fam and Leila Clase



(L - R) Olga Broomfield-Richards, Kristen Hynes, and Joan Fuller

Anne Hart and Mina Hubbard Attract Broad Audience

Last November, Anne Hart captivated a mixed audience with an interesting account of Mina Hubbard's life. From her origins in Rice Lake, Ontario, Mina's path into nursing and her 1901 marriage to Leonidas Hubbard were portrayed. Drawn to adventure, Leonidas convinced his friend, Dillon Wallace, to join him on an expedition to Labrador - one of the few remaining uncharted wilderness areas in North America - in 1903.

When the journey failed and Leonidas perished, Dillon Wallace wrote an account titled *Lure of the Labrador Wild*. Offended by the portrayal of her beloved husband, Mina Hubbard undertook to complete the journey herself in direct competition with Wallace. Thanks to the expertise of a native crew led by George Elson, she succeeded in a spectacular way. Her subsequent book, *A Woman's Way Through Unknown Labrador*, was well received. During the trip, Mina mapped areas traversed, collected information on flora and fauna and became the first non-native woman to meet and photograph the Naskaupi and Montagnais Indians and describe the Labrador caribou migration.

The variety of photos and maps added greatly to the talk and our enjoyment of it. Thanks very much, Anne!



Audience members attend closely during Anne Hart's talk last November in the Junior Common Room.



Want to contact WAMUN? Executive and committee members and special interest group leaders are listed on the WAMUN website at www.mun.ca/wamun. Phone any of these people, e-mail wamun@mun.ca, or write to the following address:

WAMUN, Arts and Administration Building, Mail Room Box 130, Memorial University, P.O. Box 4200, St. John's, A1C 5S7

CFUW Book Sale 20 - 21 April 2007

This year the CFUW Book Sale will be held on April 20 - 21 at the Arts and Culture Centre. Many WAMUN members are also CFUW members and the money raised in the Book Sale goes to scholarships and the Newfoundland Art Posters in Schools Program.

If you have books you would like to donate to the sale, please call or e-mail either Diane or Karen. Note that CD's, Video Tapes and DVD's are accepted, but not text books. For answers to questions or to arrange for a "pick up", please contact:

Diane Hogan 726-6028 dianehogan@nf.sympatico.ca

Karen Herzberg 753-6568 karen_herzberg@hotmail.com



Membership Secretary's Report

Thank you to all new members and those who renewed memberships this year. This year there are 101 WAMUN members - a slight increase over last year.

The 2006-2007 membership list is being sent to all members together with this newsletter. Please check to make sure your contact information is correct. Send changes and/or corrections to Kathy Simonsen, Department of Classics, MUN or to wamun@mun.ca

Miriam Simpson, our membership secretary, is currently in Georgia enjoying the balmy weather and learning a great deal about historic buildings and peaches! She would like to thank Kathy Simonsen for taking over membership responsibilities for three months.

Support for Campus Food Bank

Have you ever wondered what to select when choosing items for the Campus Food Bank? At a recent Investment Club meeting, Maire O'Dea spoke about volunteering at the Campus Food Bank over Christmas. She reported that Noel Veitch, the Campus Food Bank's heart, soul and lead hand, suggests items such as peanut butter, chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, canned milk, canned fruit, and Kraft Dinner (or similar macaroni and cheese dinners) are most requested by those using the Food Bank.



Many people bring their non-perishable food items to special interest group meetings or other WAMUN events but they can also be taken directly to the Campus Food Bank location at Corte Real, near Burton's Pond. Ongoing thanks to all who continue contributing, collecting and delivering these items to the Food Bank.

Recycling for WAMUN Scholarships

Looking for an easy way to raise money for the WAMUN Scholarship Fund? Consider donating recycling revenue! WAMUN members who recycle items at any of the following Evergreen Recycling locations* can ask the depot employee counting your items to complete a blue credit slip for your signature. A separate receipt for your files can be obtained at the refund desk, if desired.

All proceeds donated go directly into the WAMUN Scholarship Fund. Last fiscal year, recycling donations amounted to \$140.50. That represents a lot of aluminum cans and plastic bottles! Hats-off to all who took the time to contribute.



For more information on how to donate your recycling proceeds contact:

Marilyn MacDonald, m_macdonald17@hotmail.com 726-3134.

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

Annual General Meeting and Luncheon - Saturday, April 21

The WAMUN Annual General Meeting and Luncheon will be held on Sat., Apr. 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the Junior Common Room of R. Gushue Hall.



MENU



Mixed Baby Greens with Raspberry Vinaigrette

Chicken Cordon Bleu or Roast Leg of Spring Lamb
(or substitute plain chicken with orange sauce)

Roasted Baby Potatoes Lemon Buttered Asparagus

Ginger Bakeapple Cheesecake or Blueberry Parfait

Tea or Coffee

Luncheon tickets are \$25.00. Your choice of entrée and dessert will be noted when you purchase your ticket. If you prefer not to eat pork (the Cordon Bleu contains ham), plain chicken (with orange sauce) can be substituted for the Chicken Cordon Bleu.

Forty-four members attended this year-end event in 2006. We hope those members and more join us this year. Tickets will be available at WAMUN functions (morning coffee, book group, etc.). You may **order a ticket** by sending a cheque payable to WAMUN (\$25.00) to the Social Convenors. Please use the form below for mail orders.

Luncheon Ticket Request

Number of tickets: _____ @ \$25

Name: _____

(Enclose cheque payable to WAMUN)

Send ticket(s) to (campus mail if possible): _____

Menu Choices

(circle your preferences)

Chicken Cordon Bleu or Roast Leg of Spring Lamb

(or substitute plain chicken with orange sauce)

Ginger Bakeapple Cheesecake or Blueberry Parfait

Mail Ticket Request to:

Beverley Gardner c/o Dr. Grant Gardner, Dean of Science Office, Memorial University

OR 27 Dundas Street, St. John's, NL A1B 1X1

OR Telephone ticket request to either: 753 1875 (Bev) or 753 2363 (Annette)

