

## CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

**Ardith Toogood**, a member of CFUW for 26 years and former president of CFUW Kitchener-Waterloo, has been elected President of CFUW for the 2006 – 2008 Biennium. She served as Director of Development on the CFUW Board of Directors from 2004 to 2006, following four years as Regional Director of Ontario West. Over the years, Ardith has presented CFUW workshops in Membership Development, Leadership and Strategic Planning.

**Susan Russell**, CFUW Executive Director since 1999, has served on CFUW's committees on international relations, Status of Women & Human Rights (Chair), legislation, education, and resolutions. She is past Vice President of Ontario and RD-Ontario East. Susan has participated in many Canadian government preparatory meetings for world conferences relating to education, poverty, population & development, women, social development and health.

Our luncheon speaker, **Margaret Norrie McCain**, is ex-chancellor of Mount Allison University and former Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick. She is going to share with us an insight into a very special woman – her mother Senator Margaret Norrie.

### SESSION SPEAKERS

#### *Presidents Roundtable*

**Grace Stapleton**, ARC President 2006-07 Grace has just begun her term as CFUW Vice-President for the Atlantic Region. For the past four years she has been Regional Director for Newfoundland. A member of the executive of CFUW St. John's since 1997, she served as President 2004-2006. She has attended the ARC conferences each year since 1998, the CFUW AGM's in the past four years, and the IFUW meetings in Ottawa and Perth.

#### *Financial Wellness & Balance for Women*

**Wilma Evans** has worked in the financial services industry for over 10 years and is a Certified Investment Manager, one of the highest designations within her industry. Within her firm, RBC Dominion Securities, she manages portfolios on a discretionary basis as an Associate Portfolio Manager.

#### *Literacy: Lives in the Balance*

**Peter Sawyer**, has been a volunteer tutor with Laubach Literacy for over 27 years helping youth and adult struggling readers improve their literacy skills. He was part of the planning group that established the national organization, Laubach Literacy of Canada, in 1981 and was the founding president of Laubach Literacy New Brunswick (LLNB). Peter is currently president of the Moncton Regional Learning Council.

#### *Physical & Spiritual Balance of Tai Chi*

**Harriet Reid**, a retired Systems Analyst, happily returned to her native Moncton in 1993 from Ontario. Three years ago, she started Tai Chi (Moving Harmony) lessons at the Sorim Academy of Tai Chi, Moncton, under master Chung Won. Now, with her Brown Stripe ( 2 levels away from a Black Belt), this 66 year old says that it has "made her life blossom". Join her for a demonstration of how Tai Chi can bring harmony to you!

#### *Citizenship Education in a Diverse Canada*

**Mary Lalto** is a graduate of Mount Allison and Dalhousie, obtaining a M.Sc. degree in Microbiology. She has spent the last 10 years in educational governance, as provincial board representative during the previous structure, and in various capacities during the current structure NB District 2 Education Council.

#### *Acadian Women Writers*

**Dr. Monika Boehringer** is an Associate Professor of French in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at Mount Allison University. She has studied at Brock and MacMaster Universities and received her doctorate from University of Toronto. Her presentation will be with the accent of a German native speaker talking in English on Acadian women writers: a real embodiment of diversity and harmony!

#### *Aboriginal Women Working for Harmony*

**Millie Augustine**, Indian & Northern Affairs