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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



*Diane Salter Menzo*

Looking back over the past club year, I am amazed at how quickly the time has gone by from September when I chaired my first meeting as president on the zoom platform. Last summer, the executive team and program committee met on zoom to try things out and learn new technology. We hoped for the best, but were unsure of how things would unfold.

How happy we were to see record numbers of members join in for our zoom meetings.

While not everything has gone according to plan, when we had technology glitches, we plunged ahead and learned a lot along the way. In my first year as 'pandemic president', one of my favourite things has been seeing all of the smiling faces of our members, as we all clicked in to join the zoom meetings. Thank you to our members for your patience, to our program committee for their dedication to providing a rich program, and to our executive team for doing so much to keep our club moving along in the right direction.

We have certainly lived our year's theme, introduced at the September meeting, of '**Community-Connecting-Caring**'. As I compiled our annual report for this year, I was reminded of all that our club accomplished even during these challenging times. We have had a year of learning and experimenting with new ways of connecting via our zoom meetings, EBlasts, phone calls, and interest group activities, and continued with community commitments and advocacy work. What an amazing group of volunteers who have done their best to make this year a success.

May is a month of hope, as we look forward to the warmth of summer and good days ahead. We are still uncertain of how Covid will affect us next year, however, I am looking forward to serving as your president for my second year, and I am confident that working together our future will be bright.

## MESSAGE FROM Anne Low, VICE PRESIDENT

### WE ARE NOT ALONE!

CFUW National held an excellent town hall on long term care and elder rights on the May 4th Day of Action.

Four White Rock/Surrey club members joined almost 200 others from across Canada to listen to the seniors advocates from Newfoundland, New Brunswick and B.C., the only provinces to have such a position. COVID-19 let the world in and blew up the issues of systemic ageism, deficient services, communication failures and freedom of access.

The UN has stated Principles for Older Persons with a focus on human rights, but the Canadian Charter is problematic and convoluted in implementing these on a national level, because provinces guard their autonomy and the federal government governs the outcomes. There is lots of grass roots effort in developing a repository of best practices and systemic change. Most popular is having a National Commissioner as recommended by several associations and senators.

This club has connected with over 60 politicians in our community through the letter writing campaign. A small success is, that we have been contacted by 2 MLAs and a federal candidate to discuss the issues.

B.C.Council held its AGM and announced the theme of Perseverance for the coming year. What else could it be?

Please look back in the mail you have been receiving from national, and consider registering for the CFUW National AGM June 25-26. It is such a great opportunity to learn more about our organization and the amazing work that is ongoing.

## CLUB NEWS

### CFUW ARTISAN'S SHOWCASE 2021 *WHO KNEW?*

Colour

Design

Line



Texture

Imagination

The three artisans, all members of our club, expressed all of these creative features during the Artisan Showcase YouTube E Blast prior to, and then during the general meeting on April 24, 2021.

We enjoyed viewing Sandy McKenzie's mask painting, and particularly hearing the stories attached to each mask;

Bev King's glassworks studio tour and stepping stones in her garden, including meeting her four-footed companion; and being immersed in the colours, shapes and patterns in the quilts in Karen Casselman's quilting studio and living room.

A lively question period, moderated by Penny Harrington, brought out more lovely examples and much more detail – for me, what stood out was how all three became “lost” in their craft losing time in the pleasure of creating.

Who knew – just how many crafty and creative members we have in our club? This was the second member artisan showcase, and we wonder who and what will be featured in number three.

(Karen Webster)

## CFUW PROGRAM COMMITTEE



**Our AGM 2021 -- May 29, 2021**

**Zoom Meeting 10:30 am**

Presentation: ***Margaret Erickson***  
***"Where the Path Leads"***

Followed by: Business Meeting

Please join us on **Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**, at **10:30 am**, for our **Annual General Meeting, via Zoom**. This year, unfortunately, we will not be able to sit together and enjoy a lovely luncheon, but you are invited to create your own special treats, or try the recipes which have arrived via e-blasts.

Our presenter for this meeting is **Margaret Erickson**, who was awarded our club's Jubilee bursary to work towards her doctorate degree. Margaret will walk us through the path her studies have led her during her research, and provide a glimpse as to where this path is leading her towards her career.

Here is some background information about Margaret's studies and research. She has provided us with some links, should you wish to explore a little more about her topic prior or post her presentation. Additional links will be provided following her presentation via an e-blast.

Margaret is a doctoral student at the University of British Columbia and a research associate at the Centre for Gender and Sexual Health Equity in Vancouver. Her PhD research explores how incarceration shapes experiences and health outcomes for cisgender and transgender women living with HIV in Metro Vancouver. During her presentation, Margaret will provide an overview of her research topic, as well as an update on some of the findings to date



*Margaret Erickson*

Her research is part of a larger research project titled SHAWNA (Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS: Longitudinal Women's Needs Assessment). The project actively follows over 350 women living with HIV in Metro Vancouver. SHAWNA is community-based and is built on ongoing collaborations and partnerships with community, as well as clinical and policy experts. Women living with HIV have been involved since the project's inception and play a key role in all aspects of the work, Margaret is humbled and privileged to take part in this important work, and is eternally grateful to all the project participants for sharing their time and expertise.

Learn more about the SHAWNA project, and findings from the cohort here:

<https://cgshe.ca/research/community-based-cohorts-social-policy-research/shawna/>

Other resources/background reading:

- Listen to a podcast episode about the cycle of incarceration for women in Canada:  
<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/cbc-podcasts/903-life-jolt/episode/15840760-episode-3-the-loop>  
Podcast: Life Jolt; Episode 3: The Loop
- Watch the documentary, "Conviction", that explores the experiences of women who are incarcerated in Canada and envisions alternatives to prison: <https://gem.cbc.ca/media/documentary-specials/episode-99/38e815a-01298a55b51>

More resources to come.

**See you on May 29<sup>th</sup>!!!**

*(Program Committee)*

## JEAN GARNETT, CFUW RICHMOND CLUB, WAS NAMED A "STAR VOLUNTEER"

Jean Garnett was chosen in April to be the star volunteer this year by "Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives." Please click on [Jean Garnett's Acceptance Speech](#), which will take you to the You Tube video.

First, Jean mentions her 30 years membership with CFUW Richmond, where she has held most board positions. At present, she is newsletter editor. She mentioned all the advocacy and community work being done by the club as well.

In the You Tube acceptance speech, Jean mentioned her second volunteer job which is TALK, or Third Age Learning at Kwantlen, where she has volunteered since 2003.

At present, she is chair for both Surrey and Richmond program committees. During Covid, she has hosted all of the TALK programs virtually, This was a new and demanding job, during which she learned many new technology skills. Jean has also been on the TALK board of directors since 2009.

The winners across Canada were asked why they volunteered. Jean said she likes getting people with divergent views together to work out a successful consensus for the group. This results in a better thought-out and stronger clear suggestions to present to the organization.

In her closing, Jean advised people to say "Yes" when asked to volunteer, or better still, to volunteer without being asked. Using your skills, learning new ones, broadening your own knowledge and meeting other volunteers, is the reward.

I found this short, yet very uplifting, acceptance speech filled with good advice for us from a fellow CFUW member.  
*(Helen Christiansen)*

## BOOKS FOR THE FOOD BANK PROJECT

We have a long history in our CFUW White Rock/Surrey club of advocating for the support of education and the promotion of literacy.



*(l) Anne Low; (r) Pat Poliquin*

One of the longest running projects, the provision of books to food bank clients has been championed by Anne Low and her team. Anne, a former school librarian, began this project when she volunteered for the Friends of the White Rock Library and noticed that they gave donations of discarded books to various charities. She offered a tall bookshelf to the food bank, and with support from the White Rock librarian and board, began keeping it stocked. She was passionate that children, as well as adults, have access to books of their own. So began a weekly routine of loading her car with boxes of books at the WR library and refilling the shelves at the Sources Food Bank.

This project continued after Anne was no longer the primary facilitator, but the club welcomed the continuation of the activity, as it fit very well as a CFUW community initiative, and several other members took turns providing the books for the food bank. Over the years, the food bank has changed location, technology has changed reading habits, and the current pandemic has totally shut down the recycled book supply from the library. Anne stepped up again and was able to arrange with the local Rotary Club to share some of their huge book sale donations with us. Contributions from friends and members have also helped to keep the shelves full and ensure our efforts will continue. For several years, Pat Poliquin has done an excellent job of stocking the shelves (up to 100 books a week) and maintaining our relationship with Friends and the library staff.

This project is an excellent example of grass root efforts to promote literacy in a marginalized population of adults and children in our community. Feedback from the food bank tells us that the books are much appreciated by the clients, especially the children.

This is a worthwhile advocacy project and deserves our support. Any length of commitment would be welcome. Please contact Anne if you are interested and can help in any way. ([anne99low@gmail.com](mailto:anne99low@gmail.com)).

*(Lois Hunter)*



# BRINGING SUNSHINE TO AMA AND DURRANT HOUSE



*Gifts for the mothers of  
Durrant House*



*A gift for AMA  
House from  
Bev King*



*A gift certificate for the  
children of Durrant House to  
order pizza for their moms*



*Japanese dinner for AMA House*

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY TO AMA AND DURRANT HOUSE!  
SHERRILL BERG, CFUW LIAISON**

## AMA AND DURRANT HOUSE GARDENS



Each year, my wonderful neighbour friends grow hundreds of favourite and some new vegetables from seed. And each year, they are so generous with their plants. This year is no exception! Our neighbourhood will receive tomato or pepper plants in exchange for a donation to the Surrey Food Bank.

I am so excited to tell you that this year they have partnered with us and donated several tomato plants to the **AMA** and **Durrant House** gardens. We look forward to hearing from the women and children as they tend the tomato plants and vegetables in the garden beds our CFUW group has provided for them.

Thank you, Garry, and thank you, Mark, for your work throughout the year. You are wonderful community-minded people, and we so appreciate you!

*(Robin Funk)*

## QUILTS GALORE!

My mom-in-law, Nettie, has kept her 92 years young self very busy!

Through the years, besides caring for her 7 children and working at the college, she has volunteered her time, and crocheted for many charitable groups. Her projects include making baby hats for newborns at Surrey Memorial Hospital and quilts for all the new babies born to her church families. Further, Mama Funk has been passionate about making a personalized quilt for all her family members. All 40+ of us!

Now, Mama Funk has taken on a new charitable project. She has been busy crocheting quilts for the children, and adult lap quilts for the women at **AMA House** and **Durrant House**.

I quote, "This is something I can do and I plan to do it as long as I can!"

Mama is an amazing woman, full of energy. She loves helping people in her community, and we love her lots and are so proud of her!

This is a sample of some quilts she has made for the women and children at AMA House and Durrant House. Way to go, Nettie Funk!

*(Robin Funk)*







## Remembering Taylore Fox

*“Taylore could make any room come alive.”*

*Sherrill Berg*



Until recently, Taylore was an active long time member of the club. Born and raised in Manitoba, Taylore was blessed with great musicality and a beautiful singing voice. Although she dreamed of becoming an architect, it was not to be, as women were not welcomed into the profession at that time. Later in life, she earned a degree in industrial psychology. But it was her musical talent that lead her to become a Fox Studio starlet and to perform on Broadway, in theatre and film. She was an accomplished opera singer. Married, she often took her babies with her when touring. Her life and career led her to meet people like Albert Einstein, and performing with many ‘greats of the day’, such as Anthony Quinn and Robert Conrad, to name a few.

In moving to the west coast, she was a strong supporter of the Vancouver Opera Society, and the music scene in Vancouver. She managed various musical groups, brought major entertainers to Vancouver audiences and taught voice. Many of her students won gold and silver medals at the Vancouver Music Festival, and she encouraged and supported her students on to successful music careers. When she saw talent that could not afford lessons, she found a way to support them.

As a member of our club, she shared her music with us. Memorable are her gold medal students who performed at the club’s jubilee luncheon, and her devoted friend Jimmie, a former student and others, who performed for the members at special events.

Taylore was an ardent club bridge player, enjoying the challenge and competition of duplicate bridge, but also the more social bridge group on Friday. The Friday bridge group, of which I was a member, recall many happy hours playing bridge with Taylore. She was a great raconteur. When wearing the ring given to her by Anthony Quinn after performing with him on stage, and asked about it, she would launch into stories with great flair and a sparkle in her eye about her life in the theater, and often we were left in gales of laughter. At Christmas, Taylore would host at her home a potluck luncheon with 4 - 5 tables of bridge.

(Seen here in the picture). Jimmie would decorate the house each year in different colors and style, and the table was set with great elegance.

Taylor was a kind, generous and positive person. She was intolerant of people who put themselves down, believing one should put a positive foot forward. Life had its ups and downs for Taylor, and her health in recent years was a constant challenge. But her positive attitude, faith, and with the help of her devoted friend Jimmie, she would pull through.

For the past year, she lived in a residence, and it was here in March, that COVID snuffed out her spark. To date, her family have not published an obituary, but are planning a celebration of life when people can gather again.

Taylor was a strong supporter of the club's bursary foundation. Donations in her memory can be sent to Monica von Kursell, treasurer, the Surrey/ White Rock Bursary Foundation

*(Sandy McKenzie)*

### ***Monica's Adventure at the Opera with Taylor***

Taylor and I shared a passion for Opera. She as a performer, and I as an avid spectator. A fond remembrance is our attendance at the Seattle Opera's presentation of Wagner's Ring Cycle, about 12 years ago.

"The Ring" is a series of four operas performed over a period of five or six days. Apart from the opera, we attended a satirical spoof of the Ring at the Civic Convention Centre. On leaving, we took a wrong turn and found ourselves locked in in a huge exhibition hall showing Chihouly masterpieces. When a security guard, appearing to be a retired gentleman, found us, he began to tell us we shouldn't be there, changed his mind and began to flirt with Taylor, while we walked around for about half an hour enjoying the incredible glass art pieces.

Many of us will remember fondly our annual Christmas bridge luncheon at her home decked out with beautiful decorations everywhere.

*(Monica von Kursell)*







## FOND FAREWELL TO

**Maureen Buchholz**  
and **Daphne Graff**



The islands have beckoned two of our club's longtime members, Maureen Buchholz and Daphne Graff. Not Bali or the Galapagos, but Brentwood Bay and Gabriola. Two idyllic and peaceful places away from the urban bustle that South Surrey has become.

Maureen, a member for over twenty-five years has been, until now, a director on the bursary

foundation board.

Maureen, in her own words, said:..." being a member of the White Rock/Surrey club has meant so much to me over the past 25 years. When I think of all the dynamic, committed, and truly interesting women with whom I've had the pleasure of working - on programs, bursaries, strategic planning, newsletter, stitch & chat, walking, dining, fundraising, movie nights and so much more - I am forever grateful for their friendship and support."

Daphne joined us in 2005, and was recruited almost immediately to become membership chair on the club executive. She was also on the Gardens in Bloom committee. Daphne took charge of the stitch and chat group when Joan Hoyles moved into her retirement home.

Daphne and Maureen will be missed, and we hope for contentment and happiness in their new homes.

*(Monica von Kursell)*



## CFUW White Rock/Surrey - FROM THE ARCHIVES GLIMPSES OF THE 2010s (2010 – 2020)

For this glimpse back in our history, we are focussing on the decade from 2010 to 2020, which included the celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019.

We will look at a few select highlights from our archives, that made this decade special and noteworthy.

In this decade, our club was guided by presidents: Sandra Kraft and Diana Sells (Co-Presidents), Susan Wingate, Trudy Handel, Sue Foley-Currie, and Kristin Baillie. This is the decade when the majority (60%) of our present members joined.

Our members participated at all levels of our organization, BC council, CFUW national and internationally in IFUW (now GWI). We were represented by Monica von Kursell in 2010 at the national CFUW AGM in Ottawa, and at the 30<sup>th</sup> IFUW Triennial Conference in Mexico City by Lois Hunter and our newest member, Lisa Chenier, who actively participated in the young members (under 40) group.

As always, Elva Reid hosted her annual garden party and potluck to celebrate Canada Day and USA 4<sup>th</sup> of July at her beautiful Crescent Beach home.

In **2011**, the membership committee staged an afternoon tea party in Sherrill Berg's award-winning Japanese meditative garden to honour our members - complete with silver tea service and fine china cups, along with finger sandwiches and scones. The age-old question "Do you pour milk or tea first into the cup" was posed. The answer – we have it on good authority that Her Majesty pours tea first.

In **2012**, the one-on-one literacy group added a third school, Sunnyside Elementary, to its reading program. Members hosted bursary dinners and raised over \$3,000 for our bursary fund; included a Danish luncheon

with Linda Lee Hendriksen, a Flemish dinner at the Bordeaux's, a tasting trip to Africa with Marilyn Dyer-Seidel, and a Slavic dinner with the von Kursell's.

Our club assisted with the 2012 BC council AGM held at the Coast Inn in Tsawwassen, hosted by the South Delta CFUW. Gwen Arnold and Lois Hunter coordinated the registration, while other members were co-hosts of the popular "at-home" hospitality dinners. Friendship proved universal at the tea and chat group, when members met weekly at Alexandra Neighbourhood House to discuss common issues with new Canadian women.

This decade saw us meet in various venues for our meetings. In 2010, we started meeting at the Rotary Field House in the South Surrey Athletic Park, a venue that provided ample free parking and was well lit at night. A central White Rock location was the White Rock Community Centre, alternating with the Victory Memorial Park for several years before we moved to the Mt. Olive Lutheran Church on 148<sup>th</sup> St. in Surrey.

We were encouraged by BC council to consider advocacy projects to find out what the face of poverty looks like in our own community. The support of AMA House, a transition house for senior women fleeing violence and abuse, the first of its kind in North America, became an ongoing club focus of support.

In the 2010s, CFUW membership changed to comprise only one class of member to allow for non-degree members, and was opened up to women of all walks of life.

In **2014**, three members, Ann MacLean, Elizabeth Bordeaux, and Patricia Pousette were honoured on attaining 50 years of club membership (1964 – 2014).

In Oct 2014, club cuisine participants went to either a Columbian or a Dutch dinner. Eileen and Richard Fuller, who lived for many years in Columbia, were hosts for the first, and Diane and Bill Salter-Menzo for the second (Bill was originally from Holland).

In **2015**, a new fund-raising project, the sale of Café Femenino coffee, was launched. All proceeds were directed to the bursary fund.

The program committee coordinated many notable workshops in this decade. Geoff Plant (nephew of Elva Reid), a lawyer, former MLA and Attorney General, was the speaker on "heart-mind learning" at the Feb. 2015 meeting. How do we raise our children to be happy and healthy, compassionate, secure and engaged individuals? This is the question being tackled by a new approach to education called "heart-mind learning" that balances core subjects (math, science) with life skills (personal & social responsibility).

The March 2015 meeting speaker was Diane Salter-Menzo, who discussed the research published in her book "Cases on Quality Teaching in Higher Education (2013) – an approach to learning-centered rather than information-centered teaching.

"Lunch & Learn" was a new format for some of our general meetings to celebrate our club's 60th anniversary and CFUW's 100<sup>th</sup>. Panel presentations with the goal of bringing awareness and profile to the workings and mandate of our club were held by extending an invitation to include the general public and members of other CFUW clubs.

In 2015, Jay Donald put out a plea to find out where the "stuff" belonging to the club, such as coffee pots, banners, gavel and other things the club owns, was being stored. An inventory list was successfully created.

New equipment: In **2016**, the club purchased a new multimedia projector. Our traditional Blue Heron banner was supplemented with a new roll up one.

This decade began the involvement of shorter-term members – many who "stepped up to the plate to become our leaders. Members began using Facebook and other social media sites to connect and for us to get our message out.

The decade ended in a most unexpected way with the start of the world-wide Covid-19 pandemic. With determined perseverance, we adapted to holding our meetings and some of our interest groups via the zoom platform, and continued to challenge our members to make the changes necessary to remain as a cohesive organization, both locally and further afield.

Throughout the years of the club's history, CFUW White Rock/Surrey has fulfilled the vision of our founding president, Jessie Casselman, that our club should be a source of inspiration for all members, and an influence for good in our community. Jessie would be proud



*Following the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our club, members, present and former, were invited, as part of a special project, to share their remembrances and reflections of their membership in CFUW.*

*To continue the "Memories" series of articles, we hear from Joanne Cunningham. She is a long-time active club*

**How I knew this was the club for me:**

Mary Ann Rainer was president when I joined CFUW in 2004. She had a new member tea for us, and it was at this tea I knew "this was the club for me". When asked what interest groups I was interested in, I responded: book club, foreign films, and I would love a golf for beginners. Mary Anne's response was that the book clubs were full, but they would start a new one for me. Mary Ann and two others left their book club to start the new fully booked book club. As for foreign films, the response was "we don't have this group, but why don't you start one". So I did, and we enjoyed many films for years, before the video stores closed. We also started a golf for fun group, that has grown over the years.

This 'open to new ideas' concept has continued throughout the 16 years I have been a member.

Joanne Cunningham

**CFUW White Rock/Surrey Interest Groups ~ Activities and Leaders**

<p><u>Monday</u> <b>Dames Who Dine</b> 1st Mon., 5:30 p.m. vacant</p> <p><b>Duplicate Bridge</b> 2nd Mon., 1:00 p.m. Betty Bishop; Donna Freeze</p> <p><b>Club Cuisine</b> 4 times a year Anna Ferguson</p> <p><b>One to One Literacy Group</b> once a week Carolyn Oram</p> 	<p><u>Tuesday</u> <b>Alpha Book Group</b> 2nd Tues. 1:30 p.m. Shirley Nord</p> <p><b>Evening Book Club</b> 3rd Tues., 7 p.m. Kathy Steele</p> <p><b>Who can play, Who can host? Bridge</b> Tues. &amp; Fri., 9:30 a.m. ?????????</p> <p><b>The Bridgets Afternoon Bridge</b> 1st &amp; 3rd Tues., 1:00 p.m. Janice Cook</p>	<p><u>Wednesday</u> <b>Afternoon Matinee-Dinner</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed., 3:00 p.m. (varies) Barbara Cook</p> <p><b>Golf for Fun</b> Wed. Afternoons Sue Foley-Currie</p> <p><b>Art Appreciation</b> 3rd Wed. (varies) Marilyn Dyer-Seidel</p> 	<p><u>Thursday</u> <b>Fully Booked Book Group</b> 2nd Thurs. 1:30 p.m. Joanne Cunningham</p> <p><b>Newbies Bridge</b> 1:00 p.m., Thurs. Sandra Kraft</p> 	<p><u>Friday</u> <b>Stitch and Chat</b> 2nd Fri., 1:00 p.m. ???</p> <p><b>French Conversation</b> Friday 1 p.m. on Zoom Sylvia Riddell</p> 
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**Interest Groups Info\***  
*For more information contact Interest Group Leaders,  
\*Groups subject to change.*

# MEMBER RESOURCES

## Web Resources for Members

### CFUW Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/CFUW-White-RockSurrey-1491088411167597/timeline/>

### and the closed group page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1547358335477392>

*(to access, you must be a member of Facebook)*

### CFUW White Rock/Surrey Website

<http://cfuwwhiterocksurrey.com/>

### BC Council

<https://sites.google.com/site/cfuwbccouncil/home>

### CFUW (National)

<http://www.cfuw.org/>

### GWI (Graduate Women International)

<http://www.graduatewomen.org/>

### Semiahmoo Arts

<http://www.semiahmooarts.com/>

### Arts Council of Surrey

<http://www.artscouncilofsurrey.ca/>

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**Send a Card...** Please advise Linda Tedman about any member of our club who is ill or bereaved, so she can send a card. Contact information: Telephone 604-536-4898; email: [lindatedman@gmail.com](mailto:lindatedman@gmail.com)



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