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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Lunch and Learn panel discussion that was held on youth homelessness was informative; discouraging, yet uplifting at the same time. Covenant House, the principals and volunteers alike, fill an enormous need for disenfranchised youth.

As November is upon us, my thoughts turned to another homeless segment of our society, our veterans. This month marks the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, the day the Germans surrendered to end the First World War.

We must all take the time to pause and reflect on the immense sacrifices these men and women made in this and the Second World War to ensure our freedom. But for many who served our country over the years, their entry back into society has not been easy. As of 2017, there were 145 homeless vets in Metro Vancouver whose collective experiences and needs are complex and complicated.

As our club advocates for, and helps, many of the less fortunate members of our community, perhaps we should add this issue of homeless veterans to the list of worthy, cherished and appreciated groups in our midst.

CLUB NEWS

WHEN THE STREET IS HOME

(Penny Harrington)

Our first Lunch 'n Learn at Guildford Golf Club on Saturday October 27th was a success on many levels. As part of CFUW White Rock/Surrey's 60th Anniversary, the series hopes to exemplify the club's "The Power of Women Working Together". The speaker series provides an opportunity to invite members and the public to meet and discuss issues important to our community.

Seventy members and guests shared lunch at Guildford Golf Club with three very dynamic women who act for positive change in our communities. Linda Annis - Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers, Krista Thompson - Executive Director of Covenant House and Joan Webster - volunteer at Covenant House, discussed the complexities of the choices and challenges facing our homeless youth.

Krista addressed the increasing homeless numbers and especially the "birth lottery" – children who lose the lottery are born into families rife with mental illness, addiction and abuse. She spoke of kids as young as twelve gravitating to Vancouver from Northern BC, other provinces and the US, and even refugees from around the world. They come here with the hope of a better life



left to right: Joan Webster, Linda Annis, Krista Thompson and our President, Kristin Baillie (photo by Lois Hunter)

and meet the stark reality of living on the violent downtown streets of Vancouver. These kids are the community's most vulnerable, alone except for other kids to protect them. A real wakeup call – as this is our backyard and they could be our kids.

Krista and Joan also spoke passionately and optimistically of the resilience, creativity and resourcefulness of these same kids and the programs provided by Covenant House designed to meet their needs. Joan shared her experiences as a volunteer greeting the most street entrenched youth at the drop in centre. Her unbridled enthusiasm and commitment to the youth did not fail to impress those present of the positive changes being made every day.

With support from our membership, future Lunch 'n Learn events can become an influential venue in which CFUW informs and promotes the conversations relevant to our communities.

NOVEMBER 24 GENERAL MEETING AND PROGRAM

(Penny Harrington on behalf of the Program Committee)

If you need help jump-starting your decluttering or downsizing for a move, our November 24th meeting should be of interest to you.

With the guidance of a professional organizer we will be discussing:



How to part with your treasures
Secrets to letting go
Making the move physically and emotionally
Who do you call
What do you need to get started
... and space planning



If you are overwhelmed by even the thought of tackling the clutter, be sure to attend.

And if you were looking forward to the **Cooking Demonstration: What's Old is New Again**: we're switching up our presentation from February because our guest, Chef Mathew Stowe, has recently taken on a new position and is no longer available for our November meeting. February, we will be visiting the Food Theme, so be ready with your cookbooks.

When? Saturday, November 24th
10:30am - 12:30pm
Doors open at 10:15am for sign in and coffee
Program Starts at 10:30am

Where? Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
2350 148th St, Surrey, BC

Remember your hug-a-mug and perhaps a book for our donation table.



DECEMBER 15 GENERAL MEETING

AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS



When? Saturday, December 15th
10:30am - 12:30pm
Doors open at 10:15 am for sign in
Program Starts at 10:45 am

Where? Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
2350 148th St, Surrey, BC

Mark your calendars with this date. It is our old fashioned Christmas party featuring a potluck luncheon. More details for this event will be sent to you in a special email.

Members are encouraged to invite guests to join us in the spirit of Christmas!





'CAFÉ FEMENINO' COFFEE A Successful CFUW Fundraising Project *(Lois Hunter, Project Coordinator)*

A fresh shipment of 'Café Femenino' coffee will be available at our November 24th General Meeting. All of your favorite blends as well as some Christmas trio packs will be on sale. This continues to be a great fundraiser for our club as \$4.00 from the sale of each 454 g bag goes to our Bursary Foundation. The

special trio packs (3 x ½ lb) are a nice gift packed item.

'Cafe Femenino' is a Certified Fair Trade Organic Arabica coffee that is grown and managed exclusively by women farmers in the mountainous areas of Peru, Guatemala, and Bolivia. It is organically grown without the use of pesticides which makes it healthier for the farm workers and their families and is bird friendly as well.

Many girls are now being educated, as prior to the 'Café Femenino' project, it was common practice to educate only the boys in the family. Families are slowly rising out of poverty and creating a better life because for the first time, women are in charge of their own money and economic welfare. We often forget in Canada that many women around the world are not allowed to own anything, have their own money or make financial decisions for the betterment of themselves and their children.

The coffee we sell is roasted in Salmon Arm, BC by the Sushwap Coffee Company. This is truly an example of one of our main CFUW aims, women helping other women and their families. Your purchase really does make a difference.



DONATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY IN GRENADA

(A Note from Diane Salter Menzo)



Hello Everyone

Bill and I came back to Grenada this week with a suitcase full of books to donate to the Community Library in Grenada. As mentioned in my 'call for books' note in an earlier newsletter, this is a free library that provides books for children and adults in Grenada who may otherwise have no access to books of their own. Books are very expensive here, and in some cases children are not able to even hold a book of their own until they reach school. Also, adult literacy is low and this volunteer-run community library provides free books for adults as well as children.

Thank you so much to the CFUW members who donated books for Bill and me to take down this month, and a special thanks to Donna Freeze for the donations from the elementary school that was purging books. Those books are so needed here in Grenada. If anyone has more books that they wish to donate, I'll be taking more down in early January. That will be my last trip down, as I'll be home for Christmas and then going back until the end of February when I will 'retire'

and return to our home base in BC!!

Please email me if you have books to donate, and we will make arrangements to collect when I'm home for Christmas. (dianesaltermenzo@gmail.com)

Thanks again for the CFUW support.



BURSARY BOARD NEWS

(Carolyn Oram)

The bursary board met twice in October to discuss the Special Jubilee Bursary for this year. The Board will meet again in November to arrange guidelines for the Jubilee Bursary and to finalize the amount of it.

It is important that we consider unique guidelines for this bursary because the board wants it to be different from the usual yearly bursaries. The special guidelines will be published in the January newsletter.

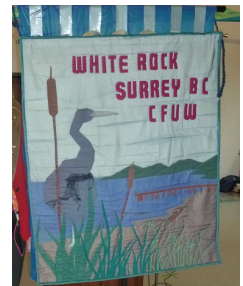
CLUB HISTORY

(Helen Christiansen)

Next year, in 2019, the club will celebrate its 60th anniversary. In recognition of this milestone event, the newsletter is featuring articles about our history in the issues leading up to our Jubilee Year. These articles, written by club presidents from each decade, are adapted from the historical booklet that was published to mark our 50th Jubilee.

CFUW White Rock/Surrey – the 1990s

*Contributors: Mary Fran Bateman; Helen Christiansen; Lorraine Ellenwood;
Lois Hunter; Patricia Jahnke; Marilyn Newman; and Pat Korechuk;*



Our club entered the 1990's on a very firm footing. We had 144 members, and we were the third largest club in B.C. The CFUW Vice President was Phyllis Scott from North Vancouver, who had been on the national board for many years, and the national president was Peggy Matheson from Vancouver Island. Having such high profile CFUW leaders on the west coast made us feel much closer to the national scene.

In this decade, we started a period of growth. This meant finding new meeting locations which was at times problematic. We also became much more advanced technology-wise. Our fledgling newsletter was brief, had no pictures, and was run off on an old duplicating machine. It was then enveloped, addressed, stamped and mailed to each member. Follow-up calls were made prior to the meeting by the telephone committee. Luckily, one of our members, Diane Strandburg, was the former editor of the Peace Arch News and was able to help with publishing articles in the newspaper.

Marjorie Mooney was president from 1990 - 92, and during her term the theme was "A Time to Share". White Rock Women's Place, and the Food Bank were recipients of our advocacy.

In the '90s, we also reached out to the Bellingham Branch of AAUW and became a "sister club". We shared ideas and invited each other to bursary luncheons, jaunts, and open meetings.

During the next few years, when Louise Hutchison was president, the club focused on the community, as Louise had been on both, the city council and the school board. We worked in three areas during these years: the arts, business, and health issues. Our goal was to raise our profile in the community, and advocate more. We also began to have our meeting centrally at the Earl Marriot Secondary School library.

During Mary Fran Bateman's presidency, the club began the most lucrative fundraiser we ever held. Through one of our members, Dr. Wendy Fidgeon, we were offered the opportunity to take over the annual garden tours previously run by a local garden club. This started an 5 year "Gardens in Bloom" fundraiser which attracted hundreds of guests to visit the gardens on a self-guided tour. The result was that the bursaries we donated were larger, and we received more applications. Bursary luncheons were held annually, often at Hazelmere and Morgan Creek Golf Clubs.

In 1996, the club elected the first dual presidents, Carol Simmer and Helen Christiansen.

Many meetings were open to the public: Dr. Kendler spoke on Osteoporosis, Mi-Jung Lee from BCTV, a talk on electric cars, and also Dr. Robert Thirsk, the Canadian astronaut who had flown in space that year.

In April 1997, members hosted the AGM for B.C.Council at the Pacific Palace on King George Blvd. The secretarial and organizational work required full participation of our members and was a very successful provincial meeting.

Notable too this year, Dr. Marilyn Newman, our vice president, was able to get a "society" designation from government, so that we could apply to the government for a casino night. We were successful and were allocated a date in June 1997. In that one night, we earned over \$21,000 for bursaries and were able to have 18 bursaries in 1998, totalling \$25,200, and in 1999, they amounted to \$26,500.

When Dr. Marilyn Newman became president, we had to move from EMSS due to renovations and went to The White Rock Lawn Bowling Club. The theme for Marilyn's years was "Empowered Women".

We had many new interest groups, such as Music Appreciation, Investment, and Jaunts. We jaunted to La Conner to the tulip festival, to Metro Theatre to attend the Richmond Club fundraiser, to Burns Bog, to the water plant in White Rock, to the Abbotsford CFUW Garden Tour, and to Hycroft for symposiums and the Christmas Sale.

In 1998, we started to plan our 40th Anniversary. We rented the new Carsgill Manor on King George Blvd for our anniversary party and had a wonderful celebration with 80 attendees.

Terry Barry, our last surviving charter member, answered questions about the early years. Lorraine Ellenwood, the archivist, set up our sound system, and scanned forty years of photos for a historical wall display.

There were many laughs as members performed our story in fourteen skits. The most memorable were: spiking the Christmas Party punch, our pregnant members as counsellors for The Family Planning Committee, a spoof from the telephone committee, a take off of Career Day we held, and one unexpected act called "Florence's Cheerleaders!"

Florence Sully also wrote a song about the club to the tune of 'My Fair Lady', which was performed by The Phoenix Chamber Choir. The choir also did a grande finale number, an amazing historical piece written by Terry Barry. The evening brought tears of remembrance and joy to the eyes of many members.

To celebrate the end of the 90's, Hycroft held a formal masked ball on New Year's Eve, 1999. Six couples from our club attended.

After an elegant meal, we danced into the new century and a new decade for our CFUW Club.



ONE TO ONE LITERACY PROGRAM *(Carolyn Oram)*

The 16th year has begun and all the volunteers and students are enjoying their time reading together. The first session continues until December 6, and the second session starts January 14, 2019.

It is a pleasure to be part of the program. If anyone is interested to learn about this volunteer opportunity, please email carolynoram@gmail.com or call 604-531-3687.



left to right: Diane Salter Menzo, Helen Christiansen, Chantal Hébert, Lois Hunter

'PERSON'S DAY' LUNCHEON AT HYCROFT

(Helen Christiansen)

On October 22, Vancouver University Women's Club held a fundraising luncheon at Hycroft to celebrate 'Person's Day', when in October, 1929 women were finally recognized as persons in Canada.

The guest speaker was the national affairs writer and broadcaster, Chantal Hébert, who is one of the **At Issue** Thursday panellists on CBC's national news. She is also featured on two prominent Montreal French television shows, and she is a newspaper reporter for the Toronto Star and L'Actualité.

Mme. Hébert spoke with great insight on our national issues, explaining the changing emphasis caused by upheavals in world happenings. She feels that with trade issues, the focus of the October 21, 2019 election will be totally different, and instead of carbon tax, voting reform, senate reform, and global issues of climate, the emphasis will be on trade.

She told us that the population demographics with the Millennials, now outnumbering the Baby Boomers, means we can expect the unexpected. The dynamics have changed drastically since the last election. She crossed her fingers and said she hoped there would not be an early election with the constant upheavals in world politics.

Mme. Hébert answered every question readily and with deep understanding. She obviously enjoyed her time talking to us as much as we enjoyed her profound knowledge of politics in both English and French Canada. She spoke with humour, wit, and gentle caustic pokes.

The final question was her opinion on the balance of male and female representation in the House of Commons to which she replied, "Parity is fair, but why not a female majority?"

BELLINGHAM AAUW CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

(Jennifer Lindsay)

On October 13th, Kris Baillie, Helen Christiansen, Monica von Kursell and I ventured south of the border to the Bellingham Golf and Country Club to help the Bellingham chapter of the AAUW celebrate their centennial. As at our own tea, period hats and clothing were worn by many. We were introduced and warmly greeted at the luncheon.

The program included a history of the club, a video of the club's accomplishments and a historical presentation of the evolution of Bellingham business women.

The picture depicts the passing of the International Jug from Judith Entwife, their president, to our president, Kris Baillie. The jug is passed back and forth in a tradition performed whenever the two clubs visit each other.



A GIFT OR A TREAT

(Anne Low)

The October Lunch and Learn door prize of a night for 2 and breakfast at the beautiful Wedgewood Hotel in downtown Vancouver is being offered for auction. The prize is valid until

March 31, 2019.

Please submit your bid to **Anne Low** by email (anne99low@gmail.com) and the highest bid winner will be announced at the December meeting.

Proceeds will go equally to the CFUW Bursary Foundation and Covenant House.

CFUW White Rock/Surrey Interest Groups ~ Activities and Leaders

Monday

Dames Who Dine

1st Mon., 5:30 p.m.
Trudy Handel;

Duplicate Bridge

2nd Mon., 1:00 p.m.
Betty Bishop; Donna Freeze

Symphony at the Bell Centre |

Linda Lee Henriksen

Club Cuisine

4 times a year
Anna Ferguson

One to One

Literacy Group

once a week
Carolyn Oram



Tuesday

Alpha Book Group

2nd Tues. 1:30 p.m.
Shirley Nord

Evening Book Club

3rd Tues., 7 p.m.
Kathy Steele

Who can play, Who can host? Bridge

Tues. & Fri., 9:30 a.m.
Sandy McKenzie

The Bridgets

Afternoon

Bridge

1st & 3rd Tues., 1:00 p.m.
Monica von Kursell

Wednesday

Afternoon

Matinee-Dinner

2nd Wed., 3:00 p.m.
(varies)

Barbara Cook

Golf for Fun

Wed. Afternoons
Sue Foley-Currie

Art Appreciation

3rd Wed. (varies)
Marilyn Dyer-Seidel



Thursday

Fully Booked

Book Group

2nd Thurs. 1:30 p.m.
Joanne Cunningham

Newbies Bridge

1:00 p.m., Thurs.
Monica von Kursell

Mahjong

3rd Thurs. 1:00 p.m.,
Majorie Foxall; Joy Thompson



Friday

Stitch and Chat

2nd Fri., 1:00 p.m.
Joan Hoyles

French

Conversation

3rd Friday
1:30 –2:30 p.m.

Sylvia Riddell

Environment

4th Friday
1:00 p.m.
Ann-Marie Steenge



Interest Group Info*

For more information contact Interest Group Leaders,

**Groups subject to change.*

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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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just click on the URL and you will be taken to the respective website.

Please contact Membership Chair, Faye Koll if you have changes to your contact information:
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email: kollfm@shaw.ca

Send a Card... Please advise Joanne Cunningham about any member of our club who is ill or bereaved, so she can send a card.
Contact information: Telephone 604-541-2432;
email: joannecunow@gmail.com

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Please submit news by email with the subject line 'Newsletter' to: vbichler@shaw.ca

Ads are prepaid. Please contact our Club Treasurer, Eileen Ennis. email: wennis@telus.net





Surrey-White Rock Bursary Foundation

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- ◆ Bequests

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