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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Trudy Handel

It's been a long, hot summer here at Xanadu Farms. We've picked blueberries, blackberries, mulberries and the rest until our fingers turned permanently blue. Finally, things are winding down with the farm, at the same time that events begin to ramp up with CFUW White Rock South Surrey.

This is my first opportunity to address the membership in my new role as President for 2014-2015. My experience with the Club is relatively short, starting when my next door neighbour, Gladys Utendale invited me as a guest to a "Dames Who Dine" and subsequently to my first club meeting. I know that there are members who are about to celebrate fifty years with the organization, so please bear with me for the next year as I "learn on the job". I welcome your

input as I find out more about the history and goals of the CFUW.

As your new President, I have spent a lot of time thinking about the future of the organization. Where do we go from here? Like many clubs, we have to look at ways to attract and keep our membership. We need to master new technologies in order to find like-minded individuals who might join our ranks. This year for the first time, we had a booth at the "50+ Expo" in White Rock. We learned two things – lots of people were interested in the club, and none of them had ever heard of us before. Facebook, websites, Twitter – all these aspects of social media need to be exploited in order to get our message out.

As the national CFUW continues to evolve, we must also evolve as a club. There are discussions on things as fundamental as the name of the organization. Should it change in order to reflect the expanded mandate for membership? What name would best reflect the new realities of the organization?

This club has done so much for the community, decade after decade. Community grants through fundraising, enormous numbers of bursaries for deserving students through the Bursary Foundation – these all reflect the dedication of hard working members. How can we continue and perhaps even expand these activities? This year, in addition to other fundraising ideas, we will be making an application for

gaming funds. We hope that we will be able to secure a substantial amount through this avenue. Some members may remember the “old” days of gaming funds, when we stayed up until four in the morning, counting twenty dollar bills in smoke filled buildings. Happily, gaining access to gaming funds today is far simpler, and involves a lot less smoke. Keep your fingers crossed!

While the club has done many good works externally, we have also had a lot of fun. There are many special interest groups within the organization. The September meeting each year is a good opportunity to meet the leaders of the special interest groups and join the groups that you’d enjoy.

We hope that many of you will join us for the first meeting of the year, which will be a “lunch meeting”. You’ll find more details later in this newsletter. I hope to see you at the meeting!

CLUB NEWS



Board Members 2014 - 2015

(Photo courtesy of Maureen Buchholz)

left to right:

Elva Reid - Programs Chair
Elizabeth Bordeaux - Member-at-Large
Anne Low - Membership Chair
Susan Wingate - Past President
Trudy Handel - President

(no photos available)

Sue Foley-Currie - Vice President
Eileen Ennis - Treasurer
Olga Friele – Secretary
Jocelyn Donald, Lynda Ecclestone - Members-at-Large

Communications - vacant

THE 2014 AGM AND PROGRAM

Submitted by Elizabeth Bordeaux

Program Chair Elva Reid led to Alexandra House, which was a great locale. First on the agenda was the AGM, which was run with efficiency and panache by our outgoing president, Susan Wingate. Susan added a new twist to her farewell meeting by presenting each of the outgoing board members with a long-stemmed red rose, a lovely gesture.

Next, the Club Cuisine produced a fabulous lunch, proving once again that they are gourmet cooks. Forty-three members enjoyed a delicious repast. The lunch made a handy profit – almost \$600 – which the group opted to donate to the club.

The grand finale of the day was a concert performed by our own Taylore Fox’s talented voice students, nine of them, ranging in age from five to adult. When the first performer, seven-year-old Olivia Vanderveen, started to sing, we were all hooked. Her pure, true voice, her enthusiasm and her personality enchanted us all, and her three sisters and one brother were equally gifted and charming. The one



Taylore Fox and her Students

boy, Evan, also had a flair for comedy that was most appealing, and all five of them exuded enthusiasm and inner goodness. What an amazing family!

Next we heard two teen-aged girls, Andrea Legaspi and Alysha Kartz, both with stunning voices and great poise and self-confidence. It was hard to believe they were only 13 and 15. They are certainly stars of the future, and someday we will say, "We heard them here first."

The final two performers were two experienced and talented young men, Dylan Braico and Jimmie Allen, who delighted us all with their singing and acting. Dylan sang the soulful "Lady" and a rousing version of "Sit down, You're Rocking the Boat," and Jimmie performed marvellous renditions of "If I Were a Rich Man" and the inspirational, "You Raise me Up."

The last meeting of the CFUW season was a day to remember.

INTEREST GROUPS



The Who can Host, Who can Play Bridge Group

played July 1 and toasted our home and native land together. Doreen Hoath, host Joyce Sorensen, Jay Donald, Patricia Hyde (pictured from left to right) and Margot Hollaway played great bridge!!

*Photo by Margot Hollaway
submitted by Patricia Hyde*



PICTURES OF ELVA'S SUMMER PARTY

Photos courtesy of Lois Hunter

As always, Elva put on a fabulous Party at her beautiful home on Crescent Beach in celebration of Canada Day and the 4th of July.



from left: Helen Christiansen; Anne Low; Marjorie Foxall; Margot Hollaway



from left: Joyce Beley; Margaret Rose



from left: Carolyn Oram; Joan Hoyles



from left: Gwen Arnold; Helen Christiansen



from left: Mary Fran Bateman; Marjorie Foxall; Carolyn Oram



Joan Hoath

Report on CFUW National AGM 2014 in Kitchener-Waterloo

submitted by Lois Hunter

It was my pleasure to represent our Club as the official voting delegate at the CFUW National AGM in Kitchener-Waterloo, June 19 – 22, 2014.

The theme of the conference was “Our Emerging Mosaic” and gave all 221 attendees, from across Canada, an opportunity to experience the rich

cultural diversity of the region. The format of the conference was modified to offer the first day as a learning and development day filled with theme sessions and workshops. I attended two excellent sessions (1) “From Buttons to Blackberry & Beyond- Waterloo Region Tech Talk” and (2) “Trailblazers: Indigenous Women in Canada at the Beginning of the 21st Century”. I also participated in 2 workshops (1) CFUW Clubs forming community partnerships and (2) CFUW Club Advocacy – locally and beyond. The next 2 days were devoted to the Plenary and Business sessions. All four of the resolutions that our Club studied and debated were passed except for the one dealing with “An Enhanced Canada Pension Plan”.



from left: Susan Murphy, outgoing Pres. CFUW National; Lois Hunter; Julie Jones, Pres. CFUW Vernon

After considerable discussion, it was divided into 2 parts and the section proposing to enhance the CPP by doubling the maximum pensionable earnings, and raising the maximum benefit from 25 to 50% of average earnings was defeated. In addition, 3 emergency resolutions were passed.

There was unanimous support for changes to the Articles & Bylaws that strengthen the efforts to increase membership. Membership has been declining and 12 clubs have closed in the last few years. Although overall club members are predominantly women graduates, there is now only one class of member in CFUW to allow for non-degree members, who constitute 3-4% of the total.



from left: Lois Hunter, Cheryl Hayes, CFUW VP International Relations; Susan Russell, VP IFUW

The opening reception on Thursday was a welcoming evening of fellowship, featuring speeches from local dignitaries. The Learning & Development Day keynote speaker was Dr. Mary Wells, Chair of the Ontario Network for Women in Engineering, who outlined the changes in number of women choosing a career path in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Her message is that engineering is fun and girls can be more than princesses. The luncheon speaker, Warren Stauch, a retired high school teacher, spoke about the historical heritage of the Waterloo region which is a mosaic akin to the colourful Mennonite quilts made in the area. The Speaker at the Charitable Trust Breakfast on Saturday was Miriam Avadistan, Ph.D. (Chemistry) Candidate who is the current holder of the CFUW Marion Elder Grant Fellowship. She told us about her research at the U of Toronto which is to inhibit cancer protein using a drug to glue the cancer protein to the cell membrane and is promising in the fight against breast cancer.



from left: Lois Hunter, Myrtle Siebert, CFUW Saanich Peninsula

The Tapestry Boutique & Silent Auction raised over \$6,000 to support the Trust which gives annual fellowships and awards for women pursuing graduate and post-graduate studies and a bi-annual CFUW Creative Music Award and a CFUW Library Grant. The conference was also addressed by Catherine Bell, the current president of IFUW and Louise McLeod, president of Women Graduates USA. A new slate of CFUW officers and committee members will be led by new president, Doris Mae Oulton. The conference provided many opportunities for sociability, fun and great food. We were entertained to a memorable evening of Oktoberfest at the Concordia Club and the closing Federation Banquet was in the Viennese Ballroom of the conference hotel with entertainment by the Joni NehRita Quartet. There were many tours available to be fitted into any spare time. I spent a day in the country, exploring the local Mennonite culture and also enjoyed afternoon tea in the gracious surroundings of Langdon Hall Country House Hotel. The next

conference in 2015 will be held in Quebec City at the Chateau Laurier.

I look forward to sharing much more about the conference during the coming year and appreciate the support to attend and represent our Club.

BURSARY FOUNDATION NEWS



Bursary Foundation Hard at Work

Submitted by Joanne Cunningham

Foundation members from right: Carolyn Oram, Sylvia Riddell, Mary Fran Bateman, Sue Roberts, Margaret Long and Joanne Cunningham working to select the two Bursary winners from the twenty applications.



Important Notice !

Bursary Awards Luncheon Coming Up!

Date changed to: **Saturday, November 1, 2014**

Time: **Noon**

Place: **White Rock Community Centre
15154 Russell Ave.**

(where we usually meet, with parking in the underground garage off Russell)



This is your opportunity to meet our two award winners while enjoying a catered lunch by Candlelight Cuisine

Cost: \$25.00 including dessert and coffee/tea along with your choice of:

- crab and shrimp quiche
- vegetarian quiche (no mushrooms), or
- gluten-free chicken salad

You will be receiving the registration form shortly so that you may pay by mail or at the Sept. 27 General CFUW meeting.

Bursary Foundation Board Members 2014 - 2015

President	Joanne Cunningham
Past President	Ann-Marie Steenge
Vice-President	Carolyn Oram
Treasurer	Sylvia Riddell
Secretary	Sue Roberts
Members-at-Large	Mary Fran Bateman Maureen Buchholz Margaret Long

CFUW NATIONAL NEWS

compiled and submitted by Sue Foley-Currie



CFUW News Update

All clubs are members of the Canadian Federation of University Women (founded 1919) which has a national office in Ottawa. There are some 10,000 members across Canada. Doris Mae Oulton is President of CFUW until 2016 and Linda Russell is Vice-President BC. The CFUW Charitable Trust has \$1,252,807 in assets which are used for fellowships for women university graduates for advanced study and research, grants in the creative arts field and advanced education, and a new Humanitarian award. As well there is a new Aboriginal Women's Award to support women entering Law, Medicine or Nurse Practitioner.

CFUW adopted seven resolutions put forwards by clubs at the June 2014 AGM (Kitchener-Waterloo). They included: an enhanced Canada Pension Plan (CPP), the Government of Canada support a culture of peace, increasing voter turnout (national), the promotion of plain language, preservation of Canada's documentary and scientific heritage, fair elections for Canada, and to change taxation laws to allow married taxpayers to file a joint return (splitting incomes) and to change the CPP to allow homemaking spouses to contribute based one half of combined income.

CFUW has called for a National Public Inquiry and action plan on missing and murdered women and girls (some 1,500 over the last 30 years). CFUW sent a letter to the Minister of Justice and urges clubs and individual members to do the same.

A reminder – October is Women's History month. The theme is "Canadian Business Women – A Growing Economic Force."

The CFUW Board of Directors and National Office have worked to modernize the CFUW brand. This is to give a more professional and inclusive image and to encourage new members. It is hoped that clubs will consider their own changes (colours, tagline, logo, modernized name) and the CFUW site can give ideas. The 2015 AGM will be in Quebec City, PQ and more details will be announced in a few months.

CFUW – BC Council & Clubs Update

All 23 clubs in BC including ours have websites as does the BC Council.

The West Van Club is holding a fundraising event with Maestro Bramwell Tovey, St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Sept 30 @7:30. Tickets \$30. Ph. 604-921-0734.

The BC Council AGM is April 17-19 in Saanich. The theme is "Waves: Harnessing the Power." The keynote speaker is Dr. Kate Moran who is a world-renowned ocean engineer.

IFUW Update

All clubs are associated with the International Federation of University Women (IFUW, founded in 1919) which is made up of 66 national federations (ours is CFUW) and individual members in 40 additional countries. IFUW ("empowering women and girls through lifelong education") advocates for secondary, higher and continuing education for women all over the world. Headquarters is in Geneva which is the site of many other Non-Government Organizations (NGOs).

IFUW noted that Canada ranks tops for women in leadership positions (50% participation) while Japan (8%) and India (4%) are far behind. (From Forbes, Aug.5, 2014)

IFUW also noted that female farms account for 70% of all food production across the continent of Africa. The 2016 IFUW Triennial Conference will be held in Cape Town, South Africa, for five days. More information will be available in a few months.

CFUW White Rock / Surrey Meeting Dates (clip and save) 2014 - 2015

ALL MEETINGS TO BE HELD at the
WHITE ROCK COMMUNITY CENTRE,
 15154 Russell Avenue, White Rock, BC, V4B 0A6
 submitted by Elva Reid, Program Chair




DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
Sep 27, 14	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Board to provide potluck and program
Nov 1, 14	Bursary Luncheon	Details on Page 5 of this Newsletter
Nov 22, 14	11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Eliza Olson - Burns Bog
Dec 13, 14	11:00 am - 2:00 pm	Christmas Luncheon - Music Members to provide potluck
Jan 23, 15	10:00 am - Noon	Lois Peterson, author, presentation of “Writing Workshop” with members participation
Feb 28, 15	10:00 am - Noon	TBA
Mar 28, 15	10:00 am - Noon	TBA - Business: Resolutions. Community Initiatives Committee to facilitate
Apr 25, 15	10:00 am - Noon	TBA
May 23, 15	11:00 am - 2:00 pm	AGM - Club Cuisine to provide lunch - Music

Coffee (and snacks) provided by Refreshment Coordinators Joanne Cunningham and Monica von Kursell

Members planning to attend the September 27 meeting, **please RSVP ANNE LOW by September 20** (phone: 604-538-7104). **Bring a friend!** At this meeting, we'll have a review of our many interest groups and the activities planned for the coming year. It's a great time to introduce your friend(s) to CFUW - open to women from all walks of life.

**"Where we are,
 Where we are going,
 and a little bit of Where we have come from"**
 Please join us on **September 27** for our first get-together since May!
 Our Interests Groups will share their interests.
 We will have lunch.
 We will discuss our future goals and vision for the coming year

CFUW White Rock/Surrey Interest Groups ~ Activities and Leaders

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Dames Who Dine 1st Mon., 5:30 p.m. Trudy Handel; Georgia Fontaine	Alpha Book Group 2nd Tues. 1:30 p.m. Shirley Nord	Afternoon Matinee-Dinner 2 nd Wed., 3:00 p.m. (varies) Sandra Kraft	Fully Booked Book Group 2nd Thurs. 1:30 p.m. Joanne Cunningham	Stitch and Chat 2nd Fri., 1:00 p.m. Joan Hoyles
Duplicate Bridge 2nd Mon., 1:00 p.m. Eileen Fuller; Donna Freeze	Who can play, Who can host? Bridge Tues. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. Sandy McKenzie	Golf for Fun Wed. Afternoons Sandra Kraft	Newbies Bridge 1:30 p.m., Thurs. Monica von Kursell	Who can play, Who can host? Bridge Tues. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. Sandy McKenzie
Symphony at the Bell Centre ~ Contact Linda Lee Hendriksen	The Bridgets Afternoon Bridge 1st & 3rd Tues., 1:00 p.m. Monica von Kursell	Art Appreciation 3 rd Wed. (varies) Marilyn Dyer-Seidel	Evening Book 2nd Thur., 7 p.m. Marjorie Mooney	French Conversation 2nd Friday 1:30 –2:30 p.m. Sylvia Riddell
Club Cuisine 5-6 times a year Elizabeth Bordeaux		Interest Group Info* For more information contact Interest Group Leaders, or you may contact Anne Low , Interest Groups Chair, Telephone - 604-538-7104. Email – anne99low@gmail.com		Environment 4th Friday 1:00 p.m. Mary Ann Rainer
New Members Sandra Kraft				

Member Resources

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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

Web Resources for Members

CFUW White Rock/Surrey
www.cfuw-wrsurrey.org

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

CFUW (National)
www.cfuw.org

IFUW (International)
www.ifuw.org

Semiahmoo Arts
www.semiahmooarts.com

Arts Council of Surrey
www.artscouncilofsurrey.ca

Please contact Membership Chair, Anne Low, for notification of changes to your contact information:
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Send a Card... Please advise Elizabeth Bordeaux about any member of our Club who is ill or bereaved, so she can send a card. Contact information: Telephone - 604-538-1477; Email - ebordeaux@shaw.ca

Need a Ride to a CFUW Meeting or Interest Group?

If you are unable to attend club meetings or enjoy club Interest Groups because you don't have transportation to get there, please call **Sandra Kraft at 604-535-8824**. Sandra will find a ride for you.