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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Chinese had a curse, "May you live in interesting times." The last few months since we met have indeed been interesting.



TrudyHandel

Vancouver was faced with an unprecedented drought, with Stage 3 and 4 watering restrictions across the province. Massive forest fires were caused by carelessly discarded cigarettes. On our farm, everything matured at least a month ahead of schedule. The continuous incredibly hot temperatures resulted in smaller than normal berries. Pickers were impossible to find as everyone needed them at the same time. Even with continuous watering, we couldn't save all the berries, so we lost about 2/3rds of the crop.

And then came the wind storm, and the power outage. What a wakeup call for the Lower Mainland, when every second house was without power. BC Hydro had a complete failure in corporate communications, even as their linemen worked long hours in terrible conditions. It was an education in emergency preparedness, and unfortunately many people found that they hadn't given it a thought. We were better prepared than most as our standby generator kicked on and continued running for the next forty hours. Since we're on a well, the generator gave us much needed water, and we were able to start up a second gas generator to keep the chest freezers frozen. When I went out the day after the windstorm, travel was difficult at best, between dodging downed trees and getting through intersections without lights. Gas stations were closed because the power was out, or they were out of gas. Milk and water were gone from store shelves. Batteries and extension cords were sold out.

All this was caused by a windstorm, but somewhere on the bottom end of Vancouver Island, there is a war of lands going on – two massive plates trying to push each other out of the way. Someday, one will win, as it has done several times in the past, and the Lower Mainland will have a catastrophic emergency – in fact, we're now considered "overdue" for that event. Our power was out for three days, but when the "big one"

hits, it could be out for three weeks. We may be on our own. Do you have room in your home for one five gallon bucket? Here's a list of things to put in a bucket, so that when (not if) that earthquake hits, you're prepared for at least a short time.

<http://fivegallonideas.com/emergency-kit/>

In my opinion, the provincial government is woefully underprepared for a "big" emergency but they do provide a list of what you should have available.

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/build-an-emergency-kit>

Hopefully this will serve as a learning experience for all of us, and we'll be better prepared for the next "event".



## CLUB NEWS



### Board Members 2015 - 2016

(Photo courtesy of Maureen Buchholz )

left to right:

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Elizabeth Bordeaux | - Secretary        |
| Anne Low           | - Membership Chair |
| Susan Wingate      | - Past President   |
| Trudy Handel       | - President        |

no photos available:

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Sue Foley-Currie   | - Vice President    |
| Diane Salter-Menzo | - Co-Vice President |
| Eileen Ennis       | - Treasurer         |
| Joanne Cunningham  | - Member-at-Large   |
| Penny Harrington   | - Member-at-Large   |
| Maureen Buchholz   | - Program           |
| Helen Christiansen | - Program           |
| Communications     | - vacant            |

## THE 2015 AGM in Pictures

(submitted by Lois Hunter)

The Club 2015 AGM was hosted by Mary Fran Bateman in her beautiful home on Saturday, May 23. A tasty lunch was provided by the Club Cuisine members, and those attending also enjoyed Café Femenino coffee that is being sold as a fundraiser for our Bursary Foundation. A special treat was the raffle of two boxes of Purdy's chocolates, one donated to our club by this local business and the other by club member Anna Ferguson.

Overall, a well-attended meeting with lots of opportunity for sociability in a most pleasant venue. Kudos to all who made this such a great event..

The following pictures (courtesy of Lois Hunter) capture some of the warm, friendly and congenial atmosphere of our Club, and this AGM in particular.





(left to right: Ann-Marie Steenge, Joanne Cunningham and Trudy Handel)



(Maureen Buchholz on the left and Gwen Arnold on the right)



(left to right: Marilyn Dyer-Seidel, Sherrill Berg and Sandra Kraft)



(our hostess Mary Fran Bateman on the left, Marina Witt-Taylor and Donna Freeze)



(Susan Wingate)



(right Margaret Rose with Gloria Tiede)



(left Ruth Liukkonen and Joy Thompson)



(left to right: Kathy Steele, Donna Schultz and Raelene Christie)





*"If not you, who will act?"*

It is very exciting to be starting the 2015-16 year with about 100 members in the club, and a list of prospective members generated from the 50 Plus Expo booth in the Spring. We anticipate several guests to attend the September meeting to check us out. I chair a fine committee of Marlene Howard, Faye Koll, Gloria Kelly, Monica von Kursell, Elizabeth Bordeaux, and two very new members, Barb Cook and Gill Adkins.

1. Our organizational job is to work out ways to increase membership, keep new members interested and connected with their mentors, and coordinate Interest Groups.
2. Our job at meetings is to meet and greet members and guests upon arrival. The friendly ladies at the sign-in table can give you a name tag, take your lunch money and answer questions.
3. At the September meeting Interest Group contact persons will explain how, when and where their group meets. Sign up sheets will be available. Ideas for new groups are welcome.
4. Another task is to compile the invaluable Member Directory which will be available at the October meeting.

Guests and prospective members are welcome at any meeting. We have a great deal to offer women looking for community involvement, fellowship and activities close to home. You must be a member to join an Interest Group - Golf, Art Appreciation, Bridge, Book Club, Dining (in and out) Stitch and Chat, etc. Prospective members may attend two meetings before joining.

We are an organization of long standing, almost 60 years in White Rock/Surrey and 100 years in Canada; and we believe in maintaining our vitality and being a strong part of a national and world-wide network of people trying to make a difference and enrich their lives.

I hope to see you at the meeting. Bring a friend! Remember, no university degree needed! Just women who want to work and play together.

*(submitted by Anne Low, Membership Chair)*







## **The One to One Literacy Program.....**

*(Submitted by Carolyn Oram, Mary Ann Rainer, and Pat Hyde)*

....is getting ready for the start date of October 5 in three Elementary Schools: H. T. Thrift, Peace Arch, and Sunnyside. For members new to the Club this is the

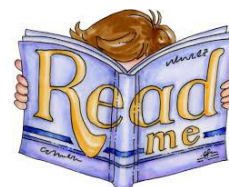
thirteenth year that we have been involved in the program. Pat Hyde, a Club member and retired teacher, began the program at H. T. Thrift, and she was responsible for its expansion to Peace Arch and Sunnyside. Pat continues to work with us and does excellent work with children.

Mary Ann Rainer is the volunteer coordinator and she is currently preparing lists of volunteers for each school. Volunteers read with students one morning or one afternoon weekly for a school year.

If you think that you would like to volunteer, please email Mary Ann - [mrainer8@gmail.com](mailto:mrainer8@gmail.com) - or call her [604-536-8472](tel:604-536-8472). You do not need to be a teacher to be a volunteer.

On September 25, there will be a new volunteer training session and on October 2, Linda O'Reilly will come to H. T. Thrift Elementary School to do a workshop for all volunteers.

For further information about the Program, please call or email Carolyn Oram - [604-531-3687](tel:604-531-3687) or [carolynoram@gmail.com](mailto:carolynoram@gmail.com).



## **This and That....**



On Saturday, October 3rd, there will be a talk by Prof. Francesco Freddolini from Luther College, University of Regina.

He will discuss the paintings from the Glasgow Museums that are on display.

This talk is arranged by the Consulate General of Italy in Vancouver and is to be held at 3 pm at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

Entrance to the Vancouver Art Gallery is free and tickets are available from 2pm. on Oct. 3rd.

For more information call **Betty Bishop**. [604- 536 2117](tel:604-536-2117).

*(submitted by Betty Bishop)*



## **A NEW WEBSITE .....**

The Club launched its new website this summer. The address is

<http://cfuwwhiterocksurrey.com/>



## **Interest Group 'Club Cuisine'**

...celebrated the end of the Club year and the beginning of summer with a 1920s garden party at the Bordeaux farm. As the picture shows, they all had a lot of fun. Hamming it up, left to right:

*Joan Hoyles; Betty Bishop; Helen Christiansen; Mari Dyer-Seidel; Marjorie Foxall; Sylvia Riddell; Anna Ferguson; Elizabeth Bordeaux; Diane Salter-Menzo.*



## Our Members



### **JOAN CLARK** **1921 - 2015**

We are much saddened by the loss of Joan Clark, whose vibrant personality, beauty and style graced our club gatherings from her arrival in White Rock in 2002 up until our most recent meetings. Joan belonged to both the Bridgets and the Dames who Dine Interest Groups, all of whose members will miss her greatly. She enjoyed the Fully Booked Book Club, to which she always arrived prepared for a lively discussion, and loved the club's VSO Concert Series. One book club member commented on what a valuable member of that group she was; because she always read the newspaper book sections, she often suggested books to read as well as contributing to the discussions. Joan was also an active participant in other club endeavours, including, at the age of 88, co-chairing the very successful twoonie drive for the club's Golden Jubilee. She used to say that she couldn't have done this without her co-chair, but the co-chair remembers Joan's efficiency and clear sightedness throughout the campaign and talks also of how much fun she was to work with.

In addition to being very active in CFUW, Joan also attended many TALK courses over the years and took advantage of the White Rock Concerts music program, which she considered excellent and often world class. In her apartment building, she kept track of the Council activities and attended meetings whenever she had concerns. Everyone in the building knew Joan and thought the world of her; it was a great tribute to her that everyone on her floor attended her memorial service.

Before her marriage, Joan had a successful career in music: teacher, supervisor, and mentor for music students. She especially enjoyed her years teaching in New York, when she took full advantage of the cultural life of the city. After marrying Allan Clark and moving to Canada, she took time out to be a full-time mother, but later continued her career in music. She made a significant contribution as a music teacher, a music consultant, and later Coordinator of Music for a large school district in southern Ontario. Her contributions were recognized in 1972, when she received a citation as a distinguished alumnus from the Crane School of Music at her alma mater, Potsdam State University.

Joan was born in the U.S. and always appreciated her American roots, but when in 1946 she moved to Canada with her husband, she became a loyal and proud Canadian. Her children, Nancy, Gary and Doug, were born in Ontario but eventually moved West; the opportunity of being nearer them prompted her to move closer to "my three wonderful children, my grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who have brought me much joy and love". She never regretted her move to White Rock in 2002, when she joyously named her email address "joanbythesea."

All of us who knew Joan enjoyed her intelligence, her positive outlook on life and her sense of humour. In the comprehensive autobiography she wrote for her family, she summed up her philosophy of life with Ralph Waldo Emerson's words, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared with what lies within us". Joan's inner strength and beauty provided inspiration to us all, and we will remember her with great affection and respect.

(submitted by Elizabeth Bordeaux)



## BURSARY FOUNDATION NEWS

(submitted by Carolyn Oram, Bursary Foundation Chair)



### Bursary Foundation Board Members 2015 - 2016

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Chair            | Carolyn Oram  |
| Past Chair       | Joanne Cunningham   |
| Vice-Chair       | vacant  |
| Treasurer        | Sylvia Riddell  |
| Secretary        | Sue Roberts   |
| Members-at-Large | Ann-Marie Steenge<br>Mary Fran Bateman<br>Maureen Buchholz<br>Mary-Ellen Johnston |

The Bursary Foundation Board has selected this year's three recipients of the Bursaries. The Board is in the process of doing the reference checks during the next week. We believe that the chosen young women are very deserving of our support. At the September club meeting we will announce the recipients.

We have cancelled the tea on October 17. The recipients will all be away at University and unable to attend. We may be able to introduce them to the Club at a future general meeting when they are in town.



## General Meeting and Program

(submitted by Maureen Buchholz)

Come out to the club's first meeting of the season and enjoy lunch, sign up for group activities that interest you, catch up with old friends and make new ones. You will also have the opportunity to comment on the club's new Strategic Plan.

All meetings will be held at **Mt. Olive Lutheran Church**.  
**2350 148 Street, Surrey, BC**



**Mark your calendars for dates to the end of the year: Sept. 26, Oct. 17, Nov. 28, Dec. 12.**

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| <b>When?</b>  | <b>Saturday, Sept. 26</b><br><b>10:30 am -12:30 pm</b>  |
| <b>Where?</b> | <b>Mt. Olive Lutheran Church</b><br><b>2350 148 Street, Surrey, BC</b>                              |
| <b>Lunch:</b> | <b>Sandwiches &amp; Sweets \$10</b>   |
| <b>RSVP:</b>  | <b>Anne Low at 604-538-7104 by <u>Sept. 18</u></b><br><b>(remember to bring your plate and mug)</b> |



# **CFUW Surrey / White Rock 2015-2016 General Meetings Dates**

**When?** **Saturdays, 10:30am-12:30pm**  
*(unless otherwise posted)*

**Where?** **Mt. Olive Lutheran Church**  
**2350 148 Street**  
**Surrey, BC V4A 4M7**



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| <b>Sept. 26</b> | <b>Discussion of new Strategic Plan;<br/>Introduction of Interest Groups,<br/>(Lunch arranged by the Board)</b>           |
| <b>Oct. 17</b>  | <b>"From Then to Now" (Times and venue changed<br/>for this meeting ! Please see <a href="#">page 14</a> for details)</b> |
| <b>Nov. 28</b>  | <b>Guest Speaker</b>  |
| <b>Dec. 12</b>  | <b>Christmas Potluck &amp; Bake Sale</b>  |
| <b>Jan. 23</b>  | <b>Guest Speaker</b>  |
| <b>Feb. 27</b>  | <b>Guest Speaker</b>  |
| <b>Mar. 26</b>  | <b>Guest Speaker</b>  |
| <b>Apr. 23</b>  | <b>Guest Speaker</b>  |
| <b>May 26</b>   | <b>AGM &amp; Year-End Lunch catered by Club Cuisine</b>   |

# Experiences from the Quebec City CFUW AGM & National Conference 2015

(submitted by Lois Hunter)

The conference was held at the Hotel Château Laurier in Quebec City from June 18 – 22, a fitting setting as the theme was:

**"River And Tides, Women On The Move, The Power Of Women Working Together".**

Sessions and workshops offered attendees the opportunity to learn about some historical, scientific, aboriginal, and social aspects of the commitment of women in today's modern society. Results of the business meetings, conference speakers, and resolutions will be reported on by our official voting delegate, Helen Christiansen.



Quebec City, one of the most historic and beautiful cities in North America, offered much to experience through tours, dining, and networking as well as the myriad of information provided to us. The full day bus and walking tour that I took prior to the conference included stops at the Citadel, the Basilica, Parliament Buildings, the Seminaire de Quebec, Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, City Hall, Ursuline Monastery, Laval University, and Montmorency Falls. We travelled through the Plains of Abraham and along the St. Lawrence River and spent time in Lower Town. A highlight was a ride on the funicular railway between Upper & Lower Town to shop and marvel at the quaint shops and art work that lined the cobblestone streets. Travel also included rides in the horse-drawn calèches. All in all, the host clubs provided a most memorable and successful conference.

It was indeed a privilege to have attended this bilingual conference and I look forward to sharing what we learned, what is new, what is changing, and how we move forward throughout the coming year.



*White Rock/Surrey Delegates with Doris Mae Oulton, National President CFUW from the Winnipeg Club.*



*Our three attendees from White Rock/Surrey Club hard at work in a workshop.*



*All of the BC attendees following our Regional luncheon (all five regions met at separate luncheons).*

## **Collette Roy Laroche, Guest Speaker at CFUW National AGM**

*(submitted by Monica von Kursell)*

On July 6, 2013 at 1:15 a.m. a train heading through Lac Mégantic derailed near the centre of town destroying most of it and causing forty-seven deaths.

And so the story began.

Collette Roy Laroche, Mayor of Lac Mégantic, keynote speaker at the CFUW National AGM and Conference in Québec City, held her audience in awe and thrall as she related with grace and controlled passion what happened from beginning to end – in French. From the way she spoke and from what she said, we could identify the many roles she was made to play over the days and weeks that followed – even as a mourner who lost two members of her family. Ms Roy Laroche had to be the administrator to the many tasks at hand, the voice to the media, the diplomat to the entities demanding answers, and a friend and comforter to her people, the residents of Lac Mégantic. Her courage and strength without let-up was so evident throughout the whole disastrous weeks and months that followed. We were privileged and blessed to have heard her story.



A majority of those attending are not bilingual, yet it was evident when surveying the room that most everyone understood. At the end, a delegate thanked Ms Laroche and commented how she had to put her brain in gear to recall her high school French. She was surprised that she understood practically all that was said because of the fairly slow and clear delivery of the speaker's words. There was a murmur of assent throughout the room. We all rose in a burst of applause; that was all we could do to acknowledge the sharing of a very special moment.

It has been announced that Ms Roy Laroche will not be seeking re-election as mayor after thirteen years in office. She saw her town through two years of rebuilding and healing. A lawsuit was finally settled this summer. She felt that is a good and proper time to leave.

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## 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**

5-6 times a year  
Elizabeth Bordeaux

#### **New Members**

Elizabeth Bordeaux

#### **One-to-One**

#### **Literacy Group**

once a week  
Patricia Hyde

### Tuesday

#### **Alpha Book Group**

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

#### **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**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wed., 3:00 p.m.  
(varies)  
Sandra Kraft

#### **Golf for Fun**

Wed. Afternoons  
Sandra Kraft

#### **Art Appreciation**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. (varies)  
Marilyn Dyer-Seidel

### Thursday

#### **Fully Booked Book Group**

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

#### **Newbies Bridge**

1:30 p.m., Thurs.  
Monica von Kursell

#### **Evening Book**

2nd Thur., 7 p.m.  
Marjorie Mooney

### 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.  
Mary Ann Rainer

#### Interest Group Info\*

For more information contact Interest Group Leaders,

or you may contact **Anne Low**, Interest Groups Coordinator  
Telephone - 604-538-7104.

Email – [anne99low@gmail.com](mailto:anne99low@gmail.com)

*\*Groups subject to change.*



#### Need a Ride to Meetings?

If you are unable to attend because you don't have transportation, please call **Sandra Kraft at 604-535-8824**. Sandra will find a ride for you.



# 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**

<http://cfuwwhiterocksurrey.com/>

**BC Council**

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

**CFUW (National)**

[www.cfuw.org](http://www.cfuw.org)

**IFUW (International)**

[www.ifuw.org](http://www.ifuw.org)

**Semiahmoo Arts**

[www.semiahmooarts.com](http://www.semiahmooarts.com)

**Arts Council of Surrey**

[www.artscouncilofsurrey.ca](http://www.artscouncilofsurrey.ca)

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Anne Low, for notification of changes to  
your contact information:  
Telephone - 604-538-7104;  
email: [anne99low@gmail.com](mailto:anne99low@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:ebordeaux@shaw.ca)

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**Deadline for October Newsletter submissions is  
Friday, October 9, 2015**

Please submit news by email with the subject line  
'Newsletter' to: [vbichler@shaw.ca](mailto:vbichler@shaw.ca)

Ads are prepaid. Please contact our Club  
Treasurer, Eileen Ennis. email: [wennis@telus.net](mailto:wennis@telus.net)





**Mark Your Calendar and Don't Miss .....**

## **'From Then to Now'**

**CFUW Meeting**

**Oct. 17, 2015 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.)**

**Time: 12:00 pm -2:30 pm**

**White Rock Community Centre**

**15454 Russell Avenue, White Rock, BC**

### **Program:**

**South Surrey – White Rock Riding**

**Federal Candidates**

**Respond to the Issues of**

**Education, Environment, Healthcare, Childcare**