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Diane Salter Menzo

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

G.R.E.A.T.

Gather. Reflect. Engage. Act. Together

September always brings happy memories for me as I recall 'back to school' rituals of my past, as a student and as a teacher. Return to school after summer semester always carried excitement - the prospect of new students, new colleagues, new books, but also a little trepidation about the new term. What unknown challenges lie ahead? I find myself experiencing these feelings again, as we prepare for the start of our CFUW year this September.

You may recall that last year our club theme was "**Connecting. Communicating. Caring**". We lived this theme through our actions to keep our connections alive with phone calls, virtual interest group meetings, and zoom general meetings. Although unable to gather in person, our connections and sense of community stayed strong. Our caring was apparent in the ongoing work of our bursary board and community donations.

We now look forward to the opportunity to gather once again. As we plan events for the coming year, we remain cautiously optimistic and ready for flexibility as needed. Your executive team and program committee are working with our venue to ensure that, when we gather in person, we will be able to do so safely and in full accordance with the health authority guidelines.

At the time of writing this newsletter item, it is still unclear whether our September 25 meeting will be in person or virtually. However, I know it will be a celebratory occasion!

Please watch for 'EBlasts' with program updates as our plans unfold. The club theme chosen for this year is: **G.R.E.A.T.** We hope to once again live our theme through our program and club activities as we

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Report on BC Council AGM, May 14/15, 2021.

(Diane Salter Menzo)

The BC Council AGM was held virtually this year on May 14/15, 2021. I attended as our club's president and voting representative.

On Friday, May 14, the opening event in the morning was a presentation from Michele Novakowski, consultant in "Ending Violence in BC" Association and former executive director of the Central Okanagan Elizabeth Fry Society. Michele spoke on 'Our Role in Reducing Violence Against Women in Today's World'. Michelle also spoke of the importance of the work done by communities, organizations and intergovernmental services in reducing violence against women.

In the afternoon a second speaker, Carla Huber, director of communications and Indigenous relations for M'akola Housing Society presented " Indigenous Relations - How Not to Tick the Boxes".

In the evening, from 6:30 h – 7:30 h, a virtual meet and greet and social was held. This was a wonderful event and an opportunity to 'meet' other members across BC, as we shared our experiences during the past year.

On Saturday, May 15, the business meeting was held virtually. The BC Council theme for the past year was 'Perseverance'. The executive reports and club reports showed how well clubs have managed to persevere and rise to the challenges of the covid pandemic. Bylaws and resolutions were presented and voted upon. Two BC resolutions were presented and accepted, topic 'Kinship Care Programs in BC', and topic 'Restore and Update Seniors' Home Care Services'.

An announcement was made about next year's BC Council AGM and plans to meet in Kelowna, May 13-15, 2022. The event will be held at the Coast Capri Hotel in Kelowna.

This shows great promise of an event to reconnect with our fellow BC club members, if we are safely able to meet in the spring.

Report on CFUW National AGM, June 25/ 26, 2021

(Diane Salter Menzo)

The National AGM was held virtually this year on June 25, and June 26.

I attended as our club's president and voting representative. Holding the event on two days enabled the separation of voting on resolutions from voting on bylaw and articles. This worked well for the flow of the meeting. Full wording of the resolutions and the revisions to bylaws and articles can be viewed on the CFUW National website. To access the member resources website, go to www.cfuwadmin.org This site is password protected. If you do not know the user name and password, please contact our club secretary Linda Tedman, or president Diane Salter Menzo.

The following resolutions were approved. The full wording for each resolution is available on the CFUW National website.

1. **Single Use Plastics and Plastic Packaging** -CFUW Nepean
2. **"Right to Repair" for Large Household Appliances** - CFUW Cape Breton
3. **Canada's Opioid Crisis..** -Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club
4. **Post-Pandemic Recovery for Women in Canada and Abroad** - CFUW International Relations Committee

At our face to face AGM's, there are many opportunities for networking and professional learning. In keeping with this, a total of 18 workshops were given leading up to the AGM. A virtual finance workshop

regarding CFUW finances was held on June 19.

Other virtual workshops included:

1. International relations panel presentation
2. Technology workshop
3. International advocacy workshop (with focus on what clubs are doing)
4. Reading financial statements and this year's budget
5. Indigenous peoples workshop

All workshops can be viewed on the CFUW National website. In the president's report 'Year at a Glance', it is impressive to see how much has happened during this pandemic year: 14 National webinars with 1535 registrants, weekly newsletters, a new website, 6 townhalls, continued international work with international partners, and more. A full report can be seen on the National website.

Normally, at the time of the AGM, an invitation is issued for the following year's AGM. If all goes according to plan, next year will be an in-person get-together. A host has not been arranged yet, but we will be updated as the plans unfold. It is hoped that a hybrid model may be possible next year, recognizing how many more people may be able to attend an online vs an in-person meeting.

I hope many of our club members will join next year, either in person, or virtually, this very rewarding opportunity to meet with members from across Canada.



CLUB NEWS

CFUW PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Fall is in the air as we still enjoy some nice warm summer days and walks in the evenings.

This past year posed new challenges for our club, but we passed with flying colours. We created new ways of doing things...and it worked! We are looking forward to welcoming new beginnings for our club to restart this year.

Your program committee has been working collaboratively with executive members to map out plans for this upcoming year. Once again, plans will be driven by federal and provincial guidelines surrounding Covid-19 safety protocols. We want all members to be comfortable knowing it is recognized that everyone's safety is of the utmost importance. Being supportive of each other, and other women and children within our community, continues to be one of our primary goals.

We are so very hopeful that we will be gathering together F2F (face to face) in the very near future to reconnect...or via Zoom.

Mark on your calendar the following dates for our monthly general meetings:

1. September 25
2. October 23
3. November 27
4. December 8
5. January 22
6. February 26
7. March 26
8. April 23
9. May 18

Be sure to watch your emails for eblasts confirming details and reminders re meeting locations, formats and topics...it's going to be a **GREAT** year!!

For your information, this year's program committee members are:

1. Lynn Robertson and Robin Funk (*Co-chairs*)
2. Penny Harrington (*Executive Liaise*)
3. Karen Webster (*Secretary*)
4. Sherrill Berg and Lorna MacGregor (*AMA and Durrant House contacts*)
5. Sandra Kraft
6. Sandy McKenzie

This year, our committee will be minus one longtime member, Marjorie Foxall. On behalf of all of us, a huge thank you goes to Marjorie for all the years she dedicated to this committee.

The program committee will miss Marjorie's gentleness, positive thinking, input and hospitality during our planning meetings.

Is the tea kettle on, Marjorie???



BURSARY BOARD NEWS

(Carolyn Oram)

In the middle of June, the bursary board met at Anna Ferguson's beautiful garden to have lunch and choose the bursary recipients. The selection of the recipients was assisted by the location.

This year, we will again put the young women's videos online, so that all club members can meet them. We are giving three bursaries of \$3000, in memory of Joan Hoyles, Taylore Fox and Katharine Elizabeth Ibbott. If there is an opportunity this year, as we meet in person, we will invite the recipients to meet everyone at a meeting.

The bursary board members look forward to being part of in-person meetings, when they are possible.





Mary Fran Bateman

SOME VERY SAD NEWS

We wanted our members to know, that Mary Fran Bateman, a long-time member of our club, passed away on August 31, 2021, after a brave fight with cancer.



There will be a full 'In Memoriam' in the October newsletter.

(Helen Christiansen) (Photo by Cindy Lightheart)

OUR MEMBERS

Get to know our new members.....



HEATHER BRUCE

I was raised in Vancouver and attended UBC to gain my teaching degree, graduating with a Bachelor of Education in 1975.

I first became aware of the University Women's Club when my husband and I had our wedding reception at Hycroft. What a wonderful location that is!

As the years unfolded, I secured a teaching position in Surrey, where I taught for 34 years at various schools, completing my career at Crescent Park Elementary. We raised two daughters in Ocean Park.

After retirement, I searched for new avenues to explore, and Joan Henderson invited me to the White Rock club of CFUW. I have only attended two meetings in person. The first was the Christmas luncheon in Dec. 2019, and was a delicious way to begin my membership!! I was sold on the first bite.... One more meeting followed, and then Covid changed all of our lives.

I have appreciated the dynamic group of women, the interesting speakers, the satellite groups amongst other activities and look forward to finally being able to meet in person once again.

My husband and I also love to travel and have explored many parts of the world, including living for a year in Australia when our girls were young. I belong to a book club, love to swim, bike (on my new e-bike!) and walk.

Social activities are a highlight, and I look forward to many such opportunities with CFUW!

An Update from Daphne Graff

(Helen Christiansen)

We are enjoying our new life on Gabriola. It turned out to be a very good move for us. Our younger daughter and her husband live here and our older daughter moved to Gabriola with us, so our immediate family is all together again.

I miss the wonderful women I met through CFUW, but I have not renewed my membership. Even though, meetings will be on Zoom for a while yet, I knew, I would not be returning to South Surrey for in-person meetings once they resume.

I will find activities on Gabriola and in Nanaimo to fill my time. I have already joined the Quilt Guild in Nanaimo and look forward to their first zoom meeting in September.

I get out walking with Kath (the younger daughter) and her dog and have purchased a kayak, so I can join her family when they head out for a paddle. I am sure I will find other activities, once the fall sets in.

For now I am enjoying outside activities and getting to know the island and the people here.

Miss my fellow members of CFUW. A big "HELLO" to everyone.

Daphne Graff

INTEREST GROUPS



New CFUW Interest Group – for 2021-2022

(Diane Salter Menzo)

Couples Dining Out

(Convener - Diane Salter Menzo)

This new group will meet monthly to dine out for dinner at a local restaurant. Please send an email to express an interest, and I will connect about our first date in September.

Members of the group will volunteer to be the 'host of the month'. The host will choose the restaurant, confirm the numbers, and book tables. We will request small table groups for six, so that we can maximize conversation. I will 'host' for September.

Please contact Diane, if interested in joining - dianesaltermenzo@gmail.com

CFUW White Rock/Surrey Interest Groups ~ Activities and Leaders

Monday

Dames Who Dine
1st Mon., 5:30 p.m.
vacant

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

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.
vacant

**The Bridgets
Afternoon
Bridge**
1st & 3rd Tues.,
1:00 p.m.
Janice Cook

Wednesday

**Afternoon
Matinee-Dinner**
2nd Wed., 3:00 p.m.
(varies)
Barbara Cook

Golf for Fun
Wed. Afternoons
Sue Foley-Currie;
Donna Freeze

Art Appreciation
3rd Wed. (varies)
Lorna Patterson/
Marilyn Dyer



Thursday

**Fully Booked
Book Group**
2nd Thurs. 1:00 p.m.
Joanne Cunningham

Newbies Bridge
1:00 p.m., Thurs.
Sandra Kraft

**Couples Dining
Out**
Diane Salter-Menzo

Symphony
vacant

Travel
Diane Desjardins

Friday

Stitch and Chat
2nd Fri.
vacant

**French
Conversation**
Friday 1 p.m. on
Zoom
Sylvia Riddell



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/>

NOTE:

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 **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;**
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