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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Kristin Baillie

September already, and so we are entering the final few months of our 100th Anniversary Year.

There have been interesting and creative ways to acknowledge this milestone throughout the clubs across the country, culminating in an amazing AGM held in Winnipeg in August. Sue Foley Currie, Helen Christiansen and Lois Hunter attended as representatives of our club and Lois as our delegate, has written a recap of the event which is included in this newsletter.

One hundred amazing women from clubs across the country were feted at a banquet for "Notable Women". Our very own Helen Christiansen and Pat Hyde were among the select few chosen for their outstanding contributions to CFUW. Such an honour for two very deserving women!

Helen has also won a Sage Award given to the longest serving CFUW member of our club. Hard to believe Helen has been a member of CFUW for 57 years!

I'm looking forward to this, my third year of membership in this club filled with accomplished, creative and caring women. Don't think I'll make 57 years, but who knows? I'm on my way!



CLUB NEWS

CFUW PROGRAM COMMITTEE

(Submitted by Robin Funk and Lynn Robertson)



WELCOME BACK BRUNCH

September 28, 2019

It will be a time to reconnect with friends, meet our two bursary recipients to hear their stories, enjoy a club archival moment, meet new club members, sign up to bring treats for future meetings, and hear about plans for the year ahead.

We encourage you to bring books for our book exchange program. A table will be set up to display books and members can browse and pick up a new book by making a small monetary donation.

Welcome back! We look forward to seeing you at our CFUW kick-off to 2019/20.

When? Saturday, September 28th
Doors open at 10:00
Programme begins at 10:30 (doors are locked)

Where? Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
2350 148 Street, Surrey.

Remember to bring your mug/tea cup for morning coffee and tea, and be sure to bring books you have for the book exchange/donation table.

See you on Sept. 28th!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

DIRECTORY PHONE NUMBERS

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The membership committee has noticed that some members are now preferring that their mobile phone number be listed – we have done that already in last year's directory for quite a few members. Some members may want only their landline listed, while others might like to have both.



Even though you may have already indicated a preference in your renewal form, please click on the email cfuwdirectory@gmail.com address to let us know how you would like to have your phone(s) listed.

Otherwise, since the directory will be put to bed the first week of October, we would like to receive your information by **September 30th**.

(Monica von Kursell)

OUR MEMBERS

From the Membership Committee *(Faye Koll)*

Sixteen new members have joined our club in the past year. The warmest welcome to Jan Cook, Dolores Morrison, Bernice Tebb, Madeleine Ennis, Olga Rolin, Pat Shamlock, Cecilia MacKinnon, Louise Ritchie, Teresa Reid, Marion Coyne, Leesa Strimbicki, Carolyn O'Malley, Lynne Kent, Heidi McCurdy, Beverley Siggs, and Deborah Thorvalson. We hope that our new members will enjoy what our club has to offer and look forward to meeting them at meetings and interest groups.

In order to grow our membership, the most successful recruiting tool is encouraging club members to bring a friend. This was clearly evident last year when our "Bring a Friend Campaign" generated fifteen new members. Recognizing this success, the membership committee is repeating this campaign for another year. A club member signing up a friend is eligible to enter a draw for a \$50.00. So let's get started!



LOUISE RITCHIE

I was born in Vancouver, grew up in West Vancouver and went to UBC where I received my B.Ed..

I began my teaching career in North Surrey and taught for 20 years both in BC (North Vancouver) and Ontario (Port Colborne). I have previously been a member of CFUW in Niagara-on-the Lake, Ontario, where we lived for several years.

My husband was an engineer, and we travelled to various countries overseas throughout his career. We lived in Asia for 13 years, beginning with Thailand and including Sri Lanka (twice), Nepal, India and Perth, Australia. We continue to enjoy travelling as much as possible and last year

went to China, Israel, Jordan, France and England.

My husband and I moved to Ocean Park permanently in 2010 to be close to our oldest son and his family.

I look forward to getting more involved in CFUW and have enjoyed meeting some of the members who have been very friendly and welcoming.

The 'Newbies' just had their last summer session. This group moves from home to home, meets every Thursday and thoroughly enjoys a good bridge game and friends.

(Joanne Cunningham)

(L to R) Janice Henderson, Nadine Ewanchyshyn, Sherrill Berg, Sandra Kraft, Pat Branigan, Delores Morrison and Lynda Ecclestone.

Attended but missing from picture: Lorna MacGregor and Joanne Cunningham

Missing and off hiking: Mary Thomas



BURSARY BOARD NEWS



Margaret Erickson

"I am humbled and grateful to be the recipient of the CFUW White Rock/Surrey Jubilee Bursary. When reading about Elizabeth's life, I felt immediately inspired. It is clear that Elizabeth left a lasting positive impression on her community and lived her life fully by employing generosity, care, and compassion throughout her work. It was incredibly special to have met some of Elizabeth's beautiful family during the luncheon, and to know that their generosity and support helped make this bursary possible.

This bursary will mean I am better able to protect my time to focus on my research – which is an immense privilege. I am deeply grateful to Elizabeth, for her leadership, commitment, dedication and humility as well as to her family, the bursary committee, and all members of the CFUW White Rock/Surrey club for honouring me in this way. I am extremely fortunate to have been raised by such an amazing community of women and it gives me so much pride to know that women from my community are committed to supporting other women in their lives as well as their academic pursuits."

The photo was taken on May 14, 2019, at the AGM and bursary presentation of the \$10,000 bursary in memory of Elizabeth Bordeaux. There are two places where members can access more information about Margaret Erickson's work: www.cgshe.ca and <https://ccphe.ubc.ca>.



Elizabeth Bordeaux's family together with the bursary recipient pictured from left to right: Rick Letestu, husband of Janet Gilray, Janet Gilray, Margaret Erickson, Jubilee Bursary Winner, Ann Gilray, and Barbara Wiebe.

The bursary board was hard at work last week reviewing the 45 applications received for our two regular \$2500 bursaries for this fall.

After two days of reading and discussing the applicants, the board arrived at a decision.

We will be awarding the two bursaries at our September 28, 2019 general meeting. The presentation will occur first before the business meeting.

I want to say a huge thank you to all of the board members for their time and expertise in selecting the bursary recipients.

(Carolyn Oram)



(L to R) Carolyn Oram, Monica von Kursell, Anna Ferguson, Susan Roberts, Maureen Buchholz



Club President Kristen Baillie presents David Young, CEO, Sources Community Resource Centres, with this year's community grant. (Photo by Amira Loosemore)

COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENT

The 2019 beneficiary of one of our club's \$1,000 community grants is *Sources* which, for more than 30 years, has offered help, encouragement and hope for individuals living in our town.

Sources (formerly *Peace Arch Community Services*) offers programs that support children, families, seniors and others. Their services encompass advocacy, counselling, early childhood development, employment, skills training, volunteerism, and the food bank to name but a few. Social justice is the underlying principle which drives *Sources* and its mission to promote social wellness for the local communities of White Rock, Surrey and Delta. (Maureen Buchholz)

REPORT ON THE CFUW 100TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE IN WINNIPEG AUGUST 2019

(Lois Hunter)

It was indeed a pleasure to be our club's voting delegate at the 100th Anniversary conference in Winnipeg, August 15 – 17, 2019. The conference was proudly hosted by the University Women's clubs of Winnipeg & Portage la Prairie and held at the historic Fort Garry Hotel, the location of our founding meeting in 1919. The theme of the conference was "100 years of CFUW – The Power of Women Working Together" and was attended by over 300 members from clubs across Canada. Winnipeg, located near the geographical center of Canada & North America, offered much to enjoy as there were many tours of historical sites and local attractions in the surrounding area and opportunities to partake of the unique foods and culture. The Canadian Museum for Human Rights tour was one of the highlights for me, and it was a most inspiring and impressive facility to experience. A tour to Gimli through the prairie landscape and a glimpse of the famous white pelicans on the red River was another treat.

The conference began with a reception on the Thursday evening with a welcome by Grace Hollett, our CFUW national president, and local dignitaries including Maryam Monsef, Minister for Women & Gender Equality. This was followed by an introduction of the CFUW board and regional directors who did a roll call of their clubs and presentation of awards. We were entertained by a youth jazz band.

Business sessions were held on the following two days of the conference and any voting was done using an electronic clicker system that greatly speeded up the counting of votes. The first day began with a breakfast featuring keynote speaker Elizabeth May, leader of the Green Party and a member of CFUW Saanich Peninsula, who reminded us of the very important difference between evidence-based decision making and decision-based evidence making and the importance of women in parliament.

The business meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by Sue Foley-Currie of our club. The morning session included the unveiling of a plaque from Parks Canada honoring CFUW as a significant national historic organization. Senator Marilou McPhedran spoke of the importance of women's organizations in social society leadership and the history of the struggle of indigenous women. Dr. Dianne Dodd, a historian, who has compiled a history book of the first 100 years of CFUW, gave a preview of her book which can be preordered from CFUW National office for \$30.



L to R: Lois Hunter, Elizabeth May, Sue Foley-Currie

The afternoon session began with a panel on "Women and Leadership – Future Directions". The essence

of the panel's discussion dealt with the challenges that women face in taking on leadership roles and how some of the media undermine women's qualities, but this will lessen as more women get involved and help to change the laws that were made by men for men.

A "visioning" workshop session was held which divided us into groups to brainstorm and share ideas on how we see the CFUW of the future and how we can grow our organization – results will be sent out in a CFUW news release. The first business session approved a motion that Dr. Donna Strickland, a Canadian who was the 2018 recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physics, be made an honorary CFUW member.

The 100th Anniversary Notable Women Banquet concluded the day's events. This was an evening to remember as the 100 women who had been selected by their clubs were honored and their bios read out as they were presented. Our club had two Honorable Women named, Helen Christiansen and Patricia Hyde. They were also feted with an earlier reception at Government House.

The last day of the conference began with the Charitable Trust breakfast which was held at the historic Manitoba club, next door to the Fort Garry Hotel. The Charitable Trust which supports post-graduate education for women graduates, had a 100th Anniversary Scholarship Project whereby local, regional and national levels of CFUW were encouraged to provide an additional \$100,000 in scholarships and awards in 2019. Seventy-eight (78) clubs across Canada (including ours) took part in this initiative and the goal was exceeded to the total amount of \$215,269. The keynote speaker at the breakfast was Natalie Rogers Foidart, a previous CFUW Fellowship winner who is now Project Manager of Exhibitions at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

The Saturday business session completed the voting on the remaining financial motions. There were three motions and only the motion to increase our CFUW National dues by \$6 per capita was approved. This was the one our club supported, and the Winnipeg motion and the motion to increase fees by \$10 on May 1st, 2020 to support GWI were both defeated.

A report on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GWI, signed on July 17/19 was presented on behalf of the board and ratified. Although it was not the outcome that some had hoped for, it will allow both organizations to work together for effective collaboration and move forward to find ways that will still work to our mutual benefit. Much work remains to be done to activate some of the MOU provisions but this sets the scene for our members to provide new solutions.

Voluntary contributions from CFUW members and fundraising from the draw for the 2 antique IFUW pins helped to resolve our financial debt to GWI. It was a nice surprise to have Doreen Hoath, a long-time member of our club, win one of the pins.

The lunch time on the last day of the conference was reserved for the regional lunches. There are 5 regions of members in Canada – Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairies, and British Columbia. Our BC regional lunch was chaired by Barbara Du Moulin, CFUW Salt Spring Island, who is the president of BC Council and national VP for BC region. There was a large contingent of BC members (69) at the conference and this was an opportunity to network, renew former acquaintances, meet new friends and be updated on upcoming events.

I would like to thank our club for the opportunity to be a delegate at this momentous 100th Anniversary AGM in Winnipeg. I look forward to sharing much more than what could be covered in this report.

CFUW AGM in Winnipeg National President Grace Hollett's Message to Delegates

"I am proud to be part of an organization that has accepted, not the status quo, but the challenge to be a catalyst for change and to work for women's equality in all areas of life.

Today, when we are able to offer over a million dollars a year in educational funding to women, and when we see tangible results of our advocacy programs in the struggle for equal rights, we are justified in feeling proud of our contributions. "

(submitted by Helen Christiansen)



Grace Hollett

CFUW White Rock/Surrey Received Two Notable Women Awards in Winnipeg



Helen Christiansen Patricia Hyde

Our club had nominated Patricia Hyde and Helen Christiansen for the 100th Anniversary Notable Woman Award. The 100 nominees were chosen from clubs across Canada for the work they had done to further the goals of CFUW. Patricia Hyde was nominated for her many years of service. She worked to build "GARDENS IN BLOOM" into a very profitable bursary fundraiser. She not only chaired this large committee that involved most members in some capacity, but also sold passports to guests from other municipalities from around the lower mainland. It was an exceptional easy way to advertise for CFUW.

Patricia also introduced the One to One literacy program in local schools. This program continues today in four public schools. It involves our club members as student assistants, and also engages community members as helpers. In the community, Patricia served on the Surrey Public Library Board for eight year. During this time Surrey opened four new libraries.

Unfortunately, Patricia was not able to attend the AGM in Winnipeg but she was included in the commemorative booklet and will receive her certificate, book of notable women, and her gold pin to honour her years of service.

Helen Christiansen was nominated for 57 years of CFUW membership in four clubs across Canada. In each, she served on the executive as bursary fundraiser, program chair, vice president and president in three provinces. Growth often comes with shared ideas. The very successful secondhand book sales held annually in Montreal South Shore Club became a new and very successful venture for a decade in South Delta, usually earning over \$3,000 annually. Helen's aim was always to raise CFUW's profile in the community holding public events. She worked with Patricia Hyde on Gardens in Bloom, chaired the 40th Anniversary Committee, and the Celebration of the 40th Gala. For the 50th Anniversary chaired by Elizabeth Bordeaux, Helen organized the profitable Electra Choir Concert at Earl Marriott School.

100th Anniversary Notable Women Banquet Celebration was held in the Fort Garry Hotel Grand Ballroom. On Friday night of the AGM, after a long day of meetings, a formal dinner was held. It seemed even longer for the 70 notable women who had spent time lining up outside the Grand Ballroom to be arranged in alphabetical order. Meanwhile, the delegates and dignitaries were waiting patiently in the ballroom for us to arrive. Once ready, we were piped in by a female piper who paraded us to our tables.

After dinner, recipients were called to the stage to be introduced by the co-emcees Grace Hollett, President, and Doris Mae Oulton, past president and chair of the Notable Woman Committee. They alternated giving individual introductions and citing our CFUW contributions over the years. Even though it was a lengthy ceremony, it was interesting to hear the varied accomplishments of women from clubs across Canada. Before we left the stage, each was presented with her certificate, and the centenary gold pins engraved with the CFUW logo and the years 1919-2019.



Needless to say, I was pleased to see many members I knew from across Canada and happy to see their work recognized. The 100th birthday party was a spectacular success!
(Helen Christiansen)

INTEREST GROUPS



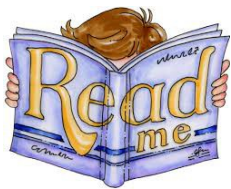
ART APPRECIATION GROUP

Artist Susan J Falk in Residence at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts Summer Program August / September, 2019

Explorer of the colour world and little bits of black and white.....Susan J Falk was selected to join in the Shadbolt Arts Centre Summer Residency program. From August to mid September she has been painting small plein air works on site at Deer Lake and then working in the large studio assigned to her, larger paintings from the small studies. Impressionistic imagery of

water lilies has been her muse as she examines her process in exploring colour combinations as well as the play of black and white and in between. Working in pastels on large scale black paper and incorporating her smaller plein air studies into large scale paintings, diptychs and triptychs, Falk uses her colours in vivid, strong brush strokes, taking the Deer Lake viewer into another colour world. *Artist Residency Exhibition: February / March 2020*

ONE TO ONE LITERACY PROGRAM



The One to One Literacy Program begins its 16th year and the program continues Monday to Thursday morning and afternoon at Peace Arch Elementary and H. T. Thrift Elementary. We have new volunteers this year and returning volunteers who have been with the program for many years. Once again we will have three sessions over the school year to read with the children.

If anyone is interested in volunteering with One to One, please email Carolyn Oram at carolynoram@gmail.com or call 604-531-3687. *(Carolyn Oram)*

The photo shows the One to One volunteers gathering for the annual potluck luncheon at Carolyn Oram's home.

Pictured from left to right seated are: Pat Hyde, Lori Vance, Rosemary Uyede, Nola Jardine, Carolyn Keith, Bev McLaughlin, and Judi Cumming. Left to right standing are: Karen Kroeker, Margaret Dumbrell, Sharon Walls, and Margo Durkin.



The Travel Group's first outing proved to be a huge success. Several of us attended the lunch and floral design demonstration at Northview Golf & Country Club.

A variety of floral arrangements were expertly created, showcasing amazing designs. There was a morning session followed by the lunch, then another presentation in the afternoon.

This event exceeded our expectations, and everyone was delighted to be there.

Lucky Faye Koll won a grouping of four, and lots of laughs were shared as we assisted her in transporting these to her car. A great fun day for us all! *(Diane Desjardins)*

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 I

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 Groups Info*

For more information contact Interest Group Leaders,

**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 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.graduatwomen.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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Send a Card... Please advise **Joanne Cunningham** about any member of our club who is ill or bereaved, so she can send a card.
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