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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



TrudyHandel

On October 19, 2015, we will be going to the polls to elect a federal government. This new government will have enormous power over the people of Canada – they'll decide whether our taxes go up, if our interest rates will rise and even whether we'll go to war.

In 2011, during the last federal election, 61% of the population turned out to vote, to decide which party would be responsible for all of the above. Approximately 61% of the female population voted, if our male/female ratio is equal. But at one time, not one single woman was allowed to vote in a Canadian federal election.

When Confederation began, women didn't get a vote in this brand new country called "Canada". One politician put it this way:

"Placing women on ... political equality with men would cause domestic strife. The majority of women are emotional, and if given the franchise would be a menace rather than an aid," said Manitoba Premier Sir Rodmond Roblin in 1914

Not unnaturally, there were many women who believed that they should have equal rights with men. One of those was Emily Stowe, who found herself as the sole support of her children and sick husband. She practised medicine illegally, and then in 1868 she became one of the only licensed female doctors in Canada. In 1876, Emily formed the Toronto Women's Literacy Club which was, in reality, a suffrage organization.

Another early suffragette was Adelaide Hoodless, who also campaigned for better health and education for women. She later founded the Victorian Order of Nurses.

In 1914, Nellie McClung rented a theatre in Winnipeg, where she presented a play that posed the question,

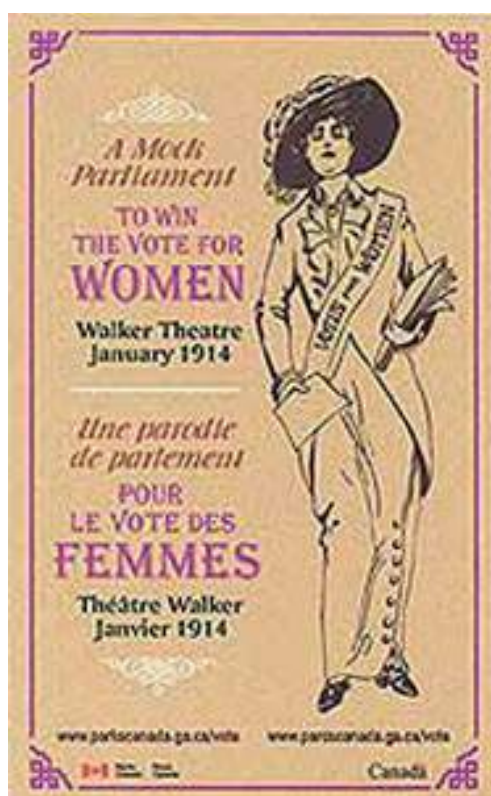
“What would happen if men had to beg for votes from women?”

The government began to feel the pressure from the womens' movement. In 1917, they passed The War-time Elections Act and the Military Voters Act, allowing a select few women the right to vote.

Finally, on May 24, 1918, every woman over the age of twenty-one in Canada received the right to vote.

So here we are, almost one hundred years later. We've won the right to vote through the efforts of the many women who came before us. And yet, even though we've worked so hard to get here, only sixty one percent of the women in Canada exercised their right to vote in 2011.

Make the efforts of those early suffragettes count. Attend our all candidates meeting on October 17, and find out where they stand on the issues that are important to you. Then exercise your right to vote, by getting out to the polls on October 19, and voting for the candidate of your choice. Use your vote, and make it count. Emily, Adelaide and Nellie would be pleased.



CLUB NEWS



Sue Foley-Currie (left) and Diane Salter Menzo (right) greeted members at the first meeting of the season. They dressed as suffragettes to publicize our October all-candidates meeting on October 17th. (submitted by Monica von Kursell)



Anne Low, Membership Chair, speaks about the program planned to promote the all-candidates meeting on October 17th. (Photo courtesy Sandra Kraft)



(Photo courtesy Carol Oram)

FLASH MOB REPORT

(submitted by Anne Low)

What fun we had!!!! A dozen of us wannabe suffragettes, some looking very much the part, paraded with placards around 16th and Johnston, got escorted out of the mall, lingered in Sawbuck's (Betty lost Joyce) and, as Carolyn says, woke up the streets of White Rock!

Thank you to all the members who contributed their good energy in making this event a success, whether you made placards, paraded, lent clothing, sent news releases, or otherwise supported this bit of street theatre designed to publicize our "Meet the Candidates" event. A photographer from the Peace Arch News did attend, so we have high expectations that there will be an article to follow.

SPECIAL EVENT MEETING

Where ? **WHITE ROCK COMMUNITY CENTRE,**
15154 Russell Avenue, White Rock, BC, V4B 0A6
When? **October 17th; 12:00 noon - 2:30 p.m.**
Note: Please go to pages 9 & 10 for program details
This meeting is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Guests are welcome.

INTEREST GROUPS ACTIVITIES



The Bridgets gathered at Monica von Kursell's home for the Annual Opening Luncheon of their bridge season on September 23rd.

Front row from left to right: Marjorie Foxall, Jutta Mordhorst, Claire Maynard, Joan Arwick, Mary Ann Rainer.

Standing from left to right: Diane Desjardins, Anne MacLean, Lorna MacGregor, Gwen Arnold, Margaret Ross, Doreen Hoath, Joan Hoyles, Jocelyn Donald, Pam Cowan.
(submitted by Monica von Kursell)

BURSARY FOUNDATION NEWS

(submitted by Carolyn Oram, Bursary Foundation Chair)



Congratulations to our three Bursary Winners!

The Bursary Winners were announced at the September meeting; they are Jessica Bergen, Brittany Visona and Alexandra Sakellariou. Their pictures and short biographies are below for your enjoyment.



Jessica Bergen

Moments after receiving the call from a member of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), notifying me that I was one of the three women chosen to receive the bursary, I couldn't help but cry tears of excitement and gratitude. CFUW has given me the opportunity to focus my time on my academic success and community involvement, instead of financial matters.

I am currently in my fourth and final year of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the University of British Columbia Okanagan (UBCO). Along with nursing, I have a passion for acting as a role model and leader.

I have been fortunate enough to act as teacher's assistant twice during my degree, and I am an active volunteer at UBCO and in the community. Some organizations I have volunteered for include The Boys and Girls Club and Special Olympics.

When I am not in school, I enjoy hiking, yoga and spending time with my family and friends. My family, teachers and friends have shown unconditional love and support for me to follow my dreams, and without them I would not be the person I am today.



Brittany Visona

After watching the movie "Free Willy" at the age of two, I became fascinated with marine mammals and told my parents that I wanted to become a marine biologist. I knew, to fulfill my dreams, I would have to obtain at least a masters degree in marine studies to become a scientist in the field.

I graduated from the University of Victoria in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. After graduating, I interned with the Cetacean Research Unit in Banff, Scotland, studying dolphin populations.

I instantly fell in love with the marine life surrounding Scotland and decided I wanted to study there. I found a masters program at the University of Aberdeen, studying Marine and Fisheries Ecology. Because of its variety of subjects, professors, and coastal location, I felt that it would be the perfect school for me to further my education. Because of financial hardships, I had to defer acceptance into the program until September 2015. With the decline of the Canadian Dollar, I was still unsure of my financial security for this year.

With the help of the CFUW bursary, I feel financially stable and would like to thank them for giving me the opportunity to complete my postgraduate studies this year.



Alexandra Sakellariou

Alexandra is a third year student at McGill University, studying Joint Honors Political Science and Philosophy with a Minor in Sexual Diversity Studies. She hopes to pursue a law degree and eventually work in the criminal justice system as a crown attorney.

Alexandra is an aspiring writer with articles appearing in The Huffington Post, Elite Daily, and BuzzFeed. She writes as a regular contributor to multiple magazines including The Prospect, Unwritten, and The Main. She is also an editor and writer for the True North Times, a political publication aimed towards educating youth in Canadian politics. In her spare time, Alexandra loves to be involved in her local community.

She currently serves on two executive committees at McGill; as VP Volunteer Coordinator for McGill Students for Geriatric Health (MSGH) and VP Awareness for McGill Students for Women International (GWI). In addition, she volunteers as a tutor with the Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill and with the Student Life Ambassador Program.

She hopes to continue to be involved in philanthropic activities that serve her community as she finishes her degree at McGill.



CFUW NATIONAL NEWS

compiled and submitted by Sue Foley-Currie



CFUW NATIONAL - NEWS UPDATE

- Oct 19 Federal Election. For those without a driver's license - remember the Voter Identification card is no longer valid as ID (it just helps to know that they have your name correct and where your polling station is). You need two pieces of ID – one with a photo to prove who you are, and one to prove your address.
- CFUW has begun a Mentorship Award for individuals, groups and clubs who mention women and/or girls in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Computer Science (the STEM fields) and Politics.
- The CFUW National Board is exercising due diligence and undertaking a review of CFUW's relationship with GWI (formerly IFUW). Fact sheets are on the CFUW national website.
- CFUW has 10,000 members in clubs across Canada.

CFUW BC Council & Clubs Update

"If not you, who will act?"

- BC Council and several clubs are sponsoring evenings with Shannon Turner, Co Chair of Prevention of Violence Canada. Oct. 21 at 7:30 at Canyon Heights Christian Assembly Church, North Vancouver, and Oct. 22 at 7:30 pm at Ralph Fisher, Richmond General Hospital. RSVP to Linda Russell 604-929-7500.
- The Abbotsford Club is hosting the BC Council AGM April 22-24, 2016 at the Ramada Plaza Abbotsford Hotel. Our club is going to set up and look after and take down the Silent Auction and anyone interested in assisting can contact Sue Foley-Currie.

GWJ Update

- The Guardian published an article that noted tackling gender inequality could add \$10 trillion to the world economy.
- August 21-23, 2016 is the GWJ General Assembly in Cape Town, South Africa (members only), followed by the August 23-26 Triennial Conference (open to the public).
- Clubs in Canada are members of GWJ (CFUW National Clubs being the largest) which includes 150,000 women around the world.



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



Evening Book Club

3rd Tues., 7 p.m.
Marjorie Mooney

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)
Sandra Kraft

Golf for Fun

Wed. Afternoons
Sandra Kraft

Art Appreciation

3rd 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



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
***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)

www.cfuw.org

IFUW (International)

www.ifuw.org

Semiahmoo Arts

www.semiahmooarts.com

Arts Council of Surrey

www.artscouncilofsurrey.ca

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Friday, November 6, 2015**

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



**‘FROM THEN TO NOW’
OCT. 17, 2015**

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PROGRAM

**12:00
Welcome – Trudy Handel, President, CFUW White Rock/Surrey**

**12:10
Opening Remarks from the Candidates
(4 minutes for each candidate)**

**12:30
Moderators - Sue Foley-Currie/Diane Salter Menzo (CFUW)
Questions from CFUW**

**1:45
Questions from the Audience
(pre-written and collected during program)**

**2:00
Closing Remarks from the Candidates**

**2:15
Closing Remarks – Anne Low (CFUW)**

SOUTH SURREY–WHITE ROCK FEDERAL CANDIDATES

<i>Larry Colero,</i>	<i>Green Party of Canada</i>
<i>Judy Higginbotham,</i>	<i>Liberal Party of Canada</i>
<i>Pixie Hobby,</i>	<i>New Democratic Party</i>
<i>Brian Marlatt,</i>	<i>Progressive Canadian Party</i>
<i>Dianne Watts,</i>	<i>Conservative Party of Canada</i>
<i>Bonnie Hue,</i>	<i>Libertarian Party of Canada</i>

QUESTIONS to the CANDIDATES

**Moderators for the Question Period: Sue Foley-Currie and Diane Salter Menzo.
Each candidate will have a two minute time period to respond to each question.**

HEALTH CARE

1. Canada does not have a national food security policy at present. Would you work to install one?
2. Canada remains the only country with a universal health care system that doesn't include medicines. One in 10 Canadians cannot afford their prescription drugs. How will you and your party develop and implement a universal pharmacare program?

ENVIRONMENT

1. Canada is one of the world's most flagrant per capita emitters of greenhouse gasses (14.7 tons per person, per year). In 2005 goals were set by the government to reduce emissions. Environment Canada data indicates that we are less than halfway towards meeting these goals. What measures would your political party enact to address climate change and greenhouse gas emissions? Would they involve a carbon tax?
2. Coal trains traveling through this riding daily are not only a health hazard but also an environment issue. In your mind, what is the solution to this issue?

EDUCATION

1. In a country as diverse as Canada, a strong, non-biased, national broadcasting system is needed to educate and inform our citizens. Major government funding cuts (for example, CBC funding was reduced by \$115 million per annum in 2012), have significantly reduced the capacity of our national broadcasting system. What is your stand on this issue?
2. What is your position on the sharing of information by government employees and on the freedom of dissemination of research findings by scientists?

CHILDCARE

1. How will you and your party work to establish an overall strategy to reduce child poverty with measurable and attainable goals?
2. What priority would you champion for the creation of quality, universally accessible child-care across Canada?

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