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Sue Foley-Currie

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In September, I went on a quick trip to London followed by a tour to Devon and Cornwall, as they had always been on my travel list.

Travel, be it past, armchair, or present, seems to be a favorite activity for club members, and it certainly is not only fun but educational and cultural and a way to keep up with some international affairs and changes in the world. It is another form of continuing education.

London is a favorite city. Everywhere I went on this visit, diversity and new ethnic backgrounds were obvious, even in the South End. My first stop this trip was to get over to the morning line up at TKSK, the key theatre ticket booth, to buy tickets for the West End musical "Motow". Then, after a quick coffee at the Pâtisserie Valerie, I was off to the British Library to renew my three year library card and get in some research on tin mining.

Devon and Cornwall are at their best in September, so it was a thrill to get away early to head first to Windsor and Bath on the way to Bristol. Since I had been to the castle in Windsor, I did a town walk across the bridge to private Eton College and saw that there were still no girls or young women among the 1,300 lads destined for leadership, not just in England but around the world.

Bath was celebrating the Jane Austin Festival, and our hotel in Bristol was across a park with WWII bombed ruins of a church and homeless persons in tents. Then it was lovely countryside, a stately mansion of the 7th Marquess of Bath and the town of Laycock with cottages and 15th C inns (movie location for Pride and Prejudice and Harry Potter). The moorland and coastline were amazing. We had stops at medieval village Dunster, on to fishing town Lifracombe, and later the port town Bideford.

The north Cornish coast, with crashing waves and Tintagel Castle, steepes of King Arthur. A stop at a sheep farm made one realize how hard English farm life is now, and that creative ways for varied income are needed for survival. For example, the young women were combining giving dance and yoga classes with catering. At Plymouth, it was out into the harbour in a boat to see the military's largest destroyers where the Mayflower once left. Then on to the university city of Exeter where we were close to the campus, and music students performed in support of The Churches Conservation Trust. Then it was on to pure Poldark series country - villages, smuggler's coves, abandoned mines and St. Michael's Mount near Penzance. St. Ives was in the middle of its famous music and arts festival, and we went on for dinner in what used to be a monastery on the main road for horse carriages and wagons from London.

It all was far too short as a trip, and the next time I hope to connect with some women graduates in Britain. There are two possibilities for contacts – the University Women's Club of London and the British Federation of University Graduates (BFWG). The former is not associated with Graduate Women's International (GWI). It has been around since the 1880s and has had a fairly unknown house with 22 bedrooms in Mayfair since 1921. Their members are professional, business, student and graduate women. There is a reciprocal agreement for use with our CFUW clubs of Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal. The BFWG has many clubs around England with a national office on Battersea Park Road, and members can hold a university degree or equivalent diploma, licence or certificate from an institution of higher learning. The BFWG was one of the founding members of GWI, and their own membership still includes belonging to both GWI and the University Women of Europe (UWE), a regional member of GWI founded in 1981.

The UWE does advocacy on European issues and, as a regional umbrella, is a network of associations from 19 countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, France, Germany, England, Wales, Ireland, Italy, Moldavia, The Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Scotland, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, and the Turkish Cypriot Association.

It is amazing what a little scouting trip on prehistoric and first century tin mines unfolds!

CLUB NEWS



Joanne Cunningham
admiring the orchids

The autumn colours welcomed us to our first meeting of the year, as we enjoyed a light brunch and chatted with ladies we may not have seen over the summer. We were invited to sign up for the many interest groups, and some of us purchased a lovely orchid as part of our fundraising..

Our organization has supported the Semiahmoo Arts Council for several years. Following our regular business meeting, Melissa Gollan, the vice president on the Board of Directors of the Semiahmoo Arts Council, provided us with an outline of the many aspects of the arts that the council offers for participation and enjoyment. Melissa expressed interest in working collaboratively with our organization to explore ways that the Arts Council could extend and enhance our work in our community. *(Lynn Robertson)*



General Meeting and Program

(Penny Harrington)

When? Saturday, October 22
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

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



Program: Guest speaker, Paula Gallagher,
"60 Million Girls" <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/60-million-girls/>
Paula's belief is that empowering girls and women through the right to education is key to the improvement of all facets of life, from peace to economics to health for everyone.

This month, coffee and refreshments provided by Majorie Foxall's team: Robin Funk, Lorie Beddow and Maureen Buchholz. Thank you.

Please plan to attend and don't forget your cup

Notice of Motion for the General Meeting:

(Sue Foley-Currie, President)

Background: Our Board of Directors includes Officers (President, Past President, Co-Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary) and they usually are all elected at our May AGM, although last May there was no nomination for Co-Vice-President.

Lorna MacGregor later agreed to stand, and the Executive Board did appoint her at their August 30 meeting.

However our Bylaws state:

4.3.6 "If there are no nominations for a Director position at the Annual General Meeting, the Board shall appoint a member subject to ratification at the next General Meeting."

Since our September General Meeting had to be shortened – we will be concluding 4.3.6 on October 22.

A Quest for Help....

(Gloria Kelly)

There will be a sign-up sheet at the Membership Desk asking for occasional volunteers to be greeters.

At every meeting, we need one club member, plus someone from the Membership Committee, to greet people as they arrive, especially new members and guests.

The greeter will escort the new persons to tables, introduce them and ask someone to introduce them at the time when called upon.

Have you ever wondered why we have the blue paper name tags? They indicate that this member joined less than two years ago.

**CFUW WHITE-ROCK / SURREY GENERAL MEETING DATES
2016 - 2017 (REVISED LIST)**

Sept. 24	Welcome Back meeting Speaker Melissa Golan, Semiahmoo Arts Council "What's Up in the Arts World" (Please see "General Meeting and Program" for further details)
Oct. 22	"60 Million Girls" https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/60-million-girls/ Speaker - Paula Gallagher
Nov. 26	Senior Advocacy - Speaker Isobel Mackenzie, Seniors' Advocate for BC
Dec. 10	Christmas Potluck & Bake Sale
Jan. 28	Members' Night - Members' Stories
Feb. 25	Coalition for Early Childhood Education and Childcare
Mar. 25	CFUW Resolutions
Apr. 22	TBA
May 24	Closing Luncheon and AGM at Guildford Golf and Country Club

**A Message from the
Communications Chair**

(Beverly King)

I am actively thinking of new ways to interest women in joining the CFUW.

We always welcome our friends and family members who may be interested in what we are about.

Did you notice the ads in the local papers? Since I am a committee of one, I am inviting any of our members to join me in discussing future endeavours to promote our organization.

You can reach me by email: hmsfinlay@hotmail.com

Women's History Month

(Diane Salter)

Did you know? **October is Women's History Month in Canada.**

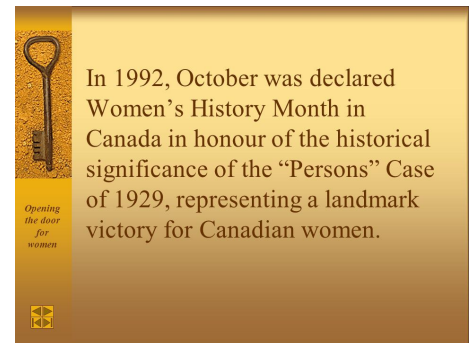
The theme of the 2016 Women's History month in Canada is '*Because of Her*', inviting us to tell stories of women who have been influential in shaping Canada's development as well as share stories about women who have influenced our own lives.

Two important commemorative dates for women and girls are:

Oct. 11 - 'International Day of the Girl'.

As stated on the Status of Women Canada website '*When a girl gets the right start in life, her potential is limitless. When a girl grows up knowing that she can follow her dreams, her dreams get bigger. When she believes she can succeed, she works toward that success. When she has opportunities to shine, she shows the world what she can do. A girl like this grows up expecting equality.*'

How can we help make this happen?



Oct. 18 - 'Persons Day' commemorates a milestone in Women's History in Canada when the *Famous Five* took their case to London in 1927 to ensure the right for women to be persons under Canadian Law.

Let's celebrate women from the past and the present who are helping to make Canada a better place for all.

For more information view the Status of Women Canada website at: <http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/commemoration/whm-mhf/index-en.html>



History of the Canadian Federation of University Women White Rock / Surrey Club



This short history of our club was written to mark our 50th anniversary. Members who were active in each decade have contributed their memories.

THE FIRST DECADE: THE 1960s

by Elizabeth Bordeaux in consultation with
founding members Terry Barry and Florence Sully

Jessie Casselman was undoubtedly the driving force behind the establishment of CFUW White Rock / Surrey. Jessie was both persuasive and persistent, so just about every female university graduate in the area was corralled into joining the new club, which was officially launched on June 18, 1959. For the rest of her life, Jessie was an active member who, each year, formally inducted the new club officers and was a commanding presence at meetings.

Membership in the 60s (at the bargain rate of \$5 a year) stayed at about 50, small enough so that everyone knew each other and meetings could be held in private homes. The locale alternated between White Rock and Panorama Ridge, with the format of a formal meeting and a speaker, followed by refreshments. The

hostess provided tea and coffee, and all the members brought homemade goodies on rotation.

The members were all ages, from young mothers to retired teachers. For the young mums, the club was a godsend, a place of calm and camaraderie where there were stimulating programs and good conversation. For everyone, friendship, mental stimulation and networking were major reasons for joining the White Rock / Surrey University Women's Club

The choice of speakers provoked a certain amount of controversy. Were we a "tea and biscuits" club or an intellectual group? A compromise was reached, with a combination of both at every meeting and one dinner meeting with a speaker, but also two social events without any speakers. There was a Christmas party with games and carol singing, and in June, a family picnic on the Ridge, where the mothers could take their toddlers and enjoy picnicking on the grass.

Even in those very early days, there were active interest groups: a bridge club, a cooking club and two book clubs. Committees were formed to discuss resolutions, one of which dealt with raising the minimum age for marriage in Canada from 14 to 16. The club also embarked on two major community programs in the late 60s: staffing a family planning clinic and running career days at local high schools.

The family planning clinic was not taken on with the approval of all members. Many of the older members were horrified to be supporting a clinic that offered birth control counselling and "the pill" to unmarried women. In those days, no family doctor could discuss birth control without involving the parents, and there were many unwanted pregnancies and illegal abortions with tragic results. The club decided that supporting family planning (and prevention) was preferable to that situation, and for many years we provided clerical and counselling volunteers. Eventually, when laws were changed, the clinic was taken over by the Department of Public Health.

The career days were much less controversial than family planning! They were all-day affairs held at Earl Marriott or Princess Margaret Senior Secondary schools, and our members found and introduced the speakers and provided refreshments. School staff did much of the organizing, so the career days were joint efforts with the schools.

University women have always been active in the community, and our club has provided many notable community leaders. In the 60s, Mary Sandford was a leading light in the Council of Women; Lorraine Amos and Margaret Primrose, founding members of the White Rock Playhouse, were starring on stage, and many of us were playing active roles in Peace Arch Hospital auxiliary groups, Brownies and Guides, and Cubs and Scouts.

Two major conferences for university women took place in the 60s. A provincial conference under the direction of our president, Dorothy Slaughter, was run by our executive, together with the Tsawwassen Club, and a CFUW conference was held at UBC. Both were attended by many of our members.

Small but active throughout the 60s, the White Rock / Surrey club set the standards and sowed the seeds for future growth.

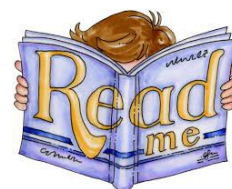
INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

One-on-One Literacy Project (Carolyn Oram)

The year opened on October 7, 2016 with a Reading Workshop facilitated by Linda O'Reilly at H.T. Thrift Elementary School Library.

The purpose of this workshop was to prepare volunteers for the school year and their work with the students at both H.T. Thrift and Peace Arch Elementary schools. There were 16 participants who really enjoyed Linda's presentation, and they felt that she shared some excellent new reading strategies.

We began our sessions October 11, and continue until December 1. In January, we commence session two, and in April we start session three. We are most fortunate to have a full schedule of volunteers at each school, and a list of volunteers that we can call on to substitute when necessary. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Carolyn Oram - carolynoram@gmail.com



The Bridgets

(Monica von Kursell)

The Bridget season began with the Annual Bridget Opening Luncheon at Monica von Kursell's house on the 27th of September. The ladies gathered for wine and lunch followed by a mirthful and occasionally noisy afternoon of bridge. Diane Desjardins won the day with the high score.



The first scheduled game of the season on October 4th saw Elizabeth Bordeaux with the high score, with Marjorie Foxhall fairly close behind. The PooBah keeps a record of all scores for the year. There really isn't that much competition during the season for the prizes in May, and the grand winner is always a pleasant surprise.



Here is a photo of some of the Bridgets. In no particular order there are Diane Desjardins, Joanne Cunningham, Pamela Cowan, Marjorie Foxhall, Lorna McGregor, Anne MacLean, Sandy McKenzie, and Joan Hoyles.... probably.

What is a PooBah?

BURSARY BOARD NEWS

(Carolyn Oram)

The first meeting of 2016 took place on September 28 featuring the exchange of information between the former and new Board Members.

A committee from the Board was formed to revise the Application for our Bursaries. This committee meets October 12, and the revisions will be put on the website.

The most exciting news is, shortly after the meeting was over, we received word from Victoria that the constitutional change passed at the AGM was accepted and certified. The change will allow more local women to apply for our bursaries.

The Bursary Board will meet again in January to prepare for the application process and the selection of bursary recipients.



Bursary Fund Donation Reminder

(Anna Ferguson)

Bursaries are awarded each year and are a very worthwhile way for club members to help women complete their education and be able to acquire better jobs for their future.

You can pick up a donation sheet when you sign in at the meeting or you can find a donation sheet on the website.

CFUW NATIONAL AND BC COUNCIL NEWS

(Diane Salter)



CFUW National

Community Advocacy / Community Affairs

Do you know about the many wide-ranging initiatives that take place across Canada in more than 100 CFUW clubs working with their communities? Examples of clubs' community initiatives are shown on the National web site. For example, last year our CFUW White Rock/Surrey club used the story of the destruction by vandals of a beautiful sculpture of a horse, 'Tattoo', to generate discussions among children, young adults and their parents about the serious problems for those who are bullied and those who bully. Our club member, Mari Dyer-Seidel, created this beautiful piece of art. You can find information about this initiative on the link to 'community service' from CFUW National's home page ([cfuw.org](http://www.cfuw.org)), or go to the community service link directly at: <http://www.cfuw.org/en-ca/whatwedo/communityservice.aspx> to find out more about 'Tattoo' and other projects.

If you are interested in community affairs and would like to join our club's community affairs group – please contact Diane Salter dianesaltermenzo@gmail.com

Resolutions

Every year, CFUW clubs develop resolutions that are voted on at the National AGM. Adopted Resolutions become CFUW Policy and, hopefully, will be adopted by the national, provincial and local governments. Visit the National website <http://www.cfuw.org/> for the home page and link to the members' only area for additional information and resources about resolutions (to log in to member resources - username: viewonly, password: cfuw4321).

Sexual Assault on Campus

In September, CFUW National submitted a brief to the Status of Women Committee for their Study on Violence against Young Women and Girls in Canada. The brief focused on the danger women face on university and college campuses. In the brief they discussed rape culture, lack of institutional support and victim services, and what the government can do to address these issues. The government will study the CFUW brief and has posted it to its website.

GWI Updates

Following the GWI Triennial General Assembly held in Capetown, South Africa, on Aug. 21-23, 2016, a memo from Karen Dunnett, CFUW National President, provided us with the following information about dues:

"...our GWI dues rate increase will be 9 Swiss Francs (CHF) for 2017, 5 CHF for 2018, and 5 CHF for 2019."

.... Our (CFUW) bylaws state:

"Annual per capita dues shall be set by a special motion passed at an annual general meeting. Written notice outlining any proposed changes to the dues shall be sent to all Clubs at least one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days prior to the annual general meeting."

This means that **no** CFUW national membership dues increase can take place this 2016- 2017 fiscal year.

Please note as well that the board has another report to do. It is the report that was requested via a motion made at the CFUW 2016 AGM and Conference. The motion stated:

"In light of the close majority vote on June 24, 2016 with respect to Amendment #2 from St Thomas and the upcoming Triennial GWI meeting in Cape Town, we kindly request the Board to complete a report no later than 6 months after the GWI Triennial meeting in Cape Town to propose a proactive way ahead for CFUW." On behalf of the board, I wanted you to know that the committee has been struck...We want to ensure that we gather as much information as possible, understand all the implications and explore numerous avenues in order to deal with our financial issues and fulfil the request for a proactive report going forward, while keeping the timeline as tight as possible to deliver the report"

"If not you, who will act?"

CFUW BC Council

There are 23 clubs across our province. A meeting of BC presidents took place at Hycroft in Vancouver on Sept. 29, and was attended by our club's president, Sue Foley-Currie. The BC Council website is available at <https://sites.google.com/site/cfuwbccouncil/> where you can find links to BC clubs, the BC Council resource book and additional information about the role of BC Council. Images from the BC Council Clubs' breakfast meeting as well as images of the awards presentations at the AGM can now be seen on the following link on the BC Council web page: <https://sites.google.com/site/cfuwbccouncil/gallery>.

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

5-6 times a year
Elizabeth Bordeaux

New Members

Gloria Kelly

One-on-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

Mindfulness in Everyday Life

2nd Thurs. 7:00-
9:00p.m.
Diane Salter Menzo



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 Group 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.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, Gloria Kelly, for notification of changes to your contact information:
Telephone - 604-591-9696;
email: robkelly1@shaw.ca

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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Deadline for November Newsletter submissions is **Monday, November 7th, 2016**

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

