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Sue Foley-Currie

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

narrow them down. They sound simple enough. I need to remember names, remember my nametag for CFUW monthly meetings, and to figure out how to attend my grandson's holiday concert.

Teachers have a secret knack of learning the names of children and youth even if the parent(s) and siblings have another name. Former pupils never seem to forget a teacher's name. My son-in-law is a teacher and it seems every time we are in a mall as

a family group, former pupils spot him (not us) and gleefully shout out his name. They stand in a little circle chatting using each other's names. However, I can meet someone on a street or in a store and get spotted with the red hair, and that person remembers my name and I am stuck. There are two choices – to launch into conversation and hope something in the midst of it will trigger that memory place for the name to appear, or to admit that I forgot.

Last month, I did the final proof of our CFUW Membership Directory which lists 100 members. First, I was struck by how everyone in it has such wonderful names and second, I realized that I did not know everyone. But I am getting a little bit better at coming to know everyone in the interest groups that I am in (Fully Booked Group, Dames Who Dine, Golf, and now and then Stitch & Chat).

Fellowship is one of our four goals and objectives as part of National CFUW. Our local White Rock/Surrey Club is committed to activities that promote exchange and support among our own members. The Program Committee with the hospitality sub-group, the Membership Committee, and Board are aware of how we can smooth the way for new and ongoing fellowship for our monthly meetings. This, of course, is in addition to

the fellowship in each of the interest groups plus that of the Bursary Foundation Board.

Most organizations have one name tag – but ours has two. I often chuckle that it is a good thing that there is another one. When we come in the door for the monthly meeting, there is one for us all. It is a safeguard for those days when I, and possibly some of you, have forgotten the more formal name tag at home. Our formal name tag is a terrific one to wear to gatherings in the community-at-large, B.C. Council meetings, the B.C. AGM in April and the June National AGM, that the Richmond Club is hosting. As well, we all may wish to consider wearing it to our activity group meetings when there are new members, or for the first gathering.

The hectic and wonderful month of December is on the horizon. The retail stores remind us of this earlier every year. Others are reminded by family obligations or events related to family, or friends or other organizations that we are part of. My only grandchild is 12, so this may be his last December concert. Then, as a teenager he will be moving along with other activities. As a former Winnipegger, I do not shudder too much at the thought of the winter wonderland and wind chill for several weeks and of cozy times indoors as the only grandparent brave enough to try gaming. At Thanksgiving, I was declared a “nerd”. And yes, I do like keeping up with comic books, graphic novels, Minecraft, swimming at the Y, and all the new Lego sets. Our children and youth in families, extended families and in our neighbourhoods do keep us all a little bit younger and in touch with their changing lives which can be similar to or different from ours.

So, as we all move into mid-November and December – my best wishes to you all – and all that you love – no matter where they may be in this wonderful nation and world that we live in.

CLUB NEWS

'60 Million Girls' - Presentation at CFUW October 2016 Meeting

(Trudy Handel)



Paula Gallagher

Our speaker at the October meeting was Paula Gallagher, representing 60 Million Girls, a volunteer organization to help educate illiterate young women, particularly those in sub-Saharan Africa.

It is estimated that over one hundred and ten million children don't have access to primary education. Over sixty million of those are girls.

Paula stated that when a woman works outside the home, she re-invests over 90% of her income into her family, while a man re-invests only 30% of his income, with the remainder going to other outlets.

In sub-Saharan Africa, a poor, rural girl is nine times less likely to go to school than the richest boys. A child whose mother can read is five times less likely to die before the age of five. Every additional year of primary school boosts a girl's income earning potential by ten to twenty percent, while an extra year of secondary school can boost her income by fifteen to

twenty five percent. Girls with an education tend to marry later and have smaller and healthier families. They are three times less likely to become HIV positive.

60 Million Girls is a Montreal based charity with a small budget, raised through donations. Projects include school construction, teacher training, provision of equipment and the support of activities to increase girls' access to school. Only one percent of the money they raise goes to administrative costs.

Since they're working on a small budget, they try to make good use of technology wherever possible. One of the devices they use is called a “Raspberry Pi”, a small, inexpensive device (around \$120) that can fit in

the palm of your hand. It is a solid state hard drive preloaded with thousands of books and illustrations as well as other educational materials. It has a built in wifi network which acts as a server for up to 30 devices. Since many of the locations for these activities have no electricity, the schools are equipped with solar panels to run the wifi and recharge the tablets used by the students. One Raspberry device and a supply of \$100 tablets can provide educational materials for an entire school.

The organization believes that “blended learning” is the best way to reach marginalized children, using a combination of traditional in-class schooling and independent computer based learning. 60 Million Girls is an effective tool to increase levels of education, and better the lives of children in Africa.

General Meeting and Program

(Penny Harrington)

When? Saturday, November 26
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
10:15 am - Signing in opens
10:30 am - Guest Speaker

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

Program: Our guest speaker, Isobel Mackenzie,
Seniors' Advocate, Province of BC



Isobel Mackenzie

“From her perspective as the Seniors’ Advocate, what are the issues of most concern to seniors in the Lower Mainland and specifically the South Surrey / White Rock area?

How can we, as an organization advocate for change in these areas.”

Questions and answers to follow.

Members are encouraged to invite guests.

This month, coffee and refreshments provided by Majorie Foxall's team: Gloria Kelly, Diane Desjardins and Sue Foley-Currie. Thank you.

December General Meeting

(Helen Christiansen and Lynn Robertson)

When? **Saturday, December 10**
10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Where:?
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
2350 148 Street (24 Ave. & 148 St.)
Surrey



Be sure to mark this date on your calendar! **DECEMBER 10** is our **Christmas Party** and it is all about Christmas cheer and friendship!

It will be our scrumptious Christmas Pot Luck. So bring along your favorite dish, serving utensil, as well as your plate, knife, fork, spoon and mug.



Once again, we are having our **BAKE SALE** as it seems to have become our best fundraiser in recent years. Each member is asked to bring a homemade item to add to the sale.



As a special treat, CFUW White Rock/Surrey is excited to have 'Simmer', a newly formed quartet with members from the Westcoast Harmony Chorus as guest performers. As members of Sweet Adelines International, they participate in international competitions. Their challenging a capella repertoire ranges from traditional barbershop style to contemporary arrangements. They sing with passion and perform with imagination. We welcome Linda Wilson, Laura Pauls, Marianna Harley and Megan Marlatt to perform for us and guide us into the Christmas spirit with a sing-a-long.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Social!



AMA House Update

The fall is always an inspiring time of year within our club as we reconnect with each other and form new friendships and associations with those who have chosen to give this great organization a try. I hope it is a fit for you.

Community involvement and the betterment of women's lives is part of our mandate. AMA House - the only house in Canada dedicated to supporting abused women over the age of 65 - is one of our causes.

The staff at the house are all grateful and delighted with what we do. Your donations of suitcases, clothes, housecoats, pajamas, slippers, blankets, throws, umbrellas, flashlights, books, toiletries, kitchen utensils and special cooking supplies have helped brighten the days of those requiring shelter in this facility.

I have spoken with the professionals at AMA house recently to understand what items are currently needed. This is a transition house, so the basic items are ongoing. In addition, purses, wallets, folders for documents, bus tickets, pocket calendars, diaries, medication organizers and ear plugs and eye masks (they share their rooms) are required. The extras we have done in the past are still a highlight. Filling the kitchen with groceries to bake cookies, pies, cakes and bread are not only a treat but therapeutic and help in a small way to make the house feel and smell more like a home.

This is such a worthwhile endeavour. All your gifts are taken to the house with great pride.

We would like to collect as many of these food and non food items as possible at our next meeting on November 26th.

Thank you everyone for your continued generosity and kindness.

Many members of our club have offered to be part of the committee to strengthen our support of AMA House. I thank you in advance for your time and look forward to working with you.

With warm regards,

Sherrill Berg

AMA House Liaison

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS



Cafe Femenino

(Lois Hunter)

The coffee will be available again at our November 26 meeting. The coffee price remains at \$15.00 per full pound with \$4.00 of each pound going to our Bursary Foundation.

There will also be some of the Christmas Trio Packs available for \$25.00 each.

The inspiring story of the women who raise and process the coffee beans can be found at www.strongcoffeefilm.com



Orchid Sale

(Trudy Handel)

The orchid sale was a great success at the September general meeting, as we sold out.

We plan to offer another twenty orchids for sale at the November 2016 general meeting for \$15 each. There will be an assortment of colours available.

Profits from the orchid sales help offset club expenses and make excellent Christmas presents.

Upcoming Fundraiser !!!

Canada's GREEN Fundraiser by VESEY'S SEEDS and BULBS will be a club project in the coming months. We will receive full-colour catalogues shortly that describe seeds, plants and bulbs which are part of their next promotion.

By receiving the brochures early (hopefully by our November meeting), we will be able to prepare orders for delivery in time for Spring. This well-established fundraiser has been operating for 32 years and offers 50% profit, free shipping and a 100% guarantee on their products.

Eileen Ennis and Carolyn Feldinger will be in charge of the project and will keep you up-to-date as the order information becomes available.

Eileen: pce1952@gmail.com 604-535-0106

Carolyn: feldinger@telus.net 778-545-8994

We look forward to your support and participation. To view on-line, visit www.veseys.com.



I am participating in the chorus with Fraser Valley Gilbert and Sullivan FVGSS Pantomime this season.

This will be my third Pantomime, first one with the FGVSS company, previous two pantomimes at the White Rock Players theatre.

It will be presented at the Surrey Arts Centre from November 24th to December the 4th.

Looking forward to see you there!!

Ines Quiroga.



OUR MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new member

Victoria Jones



Leading a rather domesticated city life while growing up in Vancouver, it never occurred to me that I would later come to love so many other areas of B.C.

After graduating from Lord Byng and then from UBC with my BED, jobs in the Lower Mainland were scarce. I packed up an old fashioned steamer trunk, boarded a Grey Hound bus, and headed for a simulated log cabin in a wooded trailer park, taking up my first teaching assignment in Burns Lake, BC. I soon met my husband to be, who was on his teaching practicum from SFU. Members of his family were immersed in visual and theatre arts. Rounding out these influences, Peter brought me away from my somewhat dreamy novel reading existence into the world of natural history and outdoor adventure.

While teaching, I discovered a passion for working with the youngest students, so I returned to UBC to become ECE certified. After working in and exploring five BC communities, Peter and I moved from Kamloops to Crescent Heights, so he could open up a Ducks Unlimited office at the Serpentine Fen. I was fortunate to be able to be at home with our children, Ian and Eileen, then taught kindergarten at Surrey Centre Elementary, near Cloverdale, for the rest of my 30 year career.

I have been involved in a number of peace and social justice issues and am presently helping with the settlement of a Syrian refugee family. All forms of the arts and literature interest me, and I have sung in several choirs. Since retiring in 2015, I have enjoyed the relaxed pace as well as engaging in new activities. A member of the CFUW in Kamloops for a short time, I am excited about being a part of this most welcoming CFUW club.

DIRECTORY UPDATES AND CORRECTIONS

(Monica von Kursell)

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Reminder:

Directories are available for pick-up at the next meeting on November 26.



INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

Art Appreciation Group

(Victoria Jones and Penny Harrington)

The Art Appreciation group launched their fall program with a meet and greet morning in Sherrill Berg's beautifully renovated home. Marilyn Dyer gave a theory session on Delayed Perception and how the images from our formative years change as we experience and become more informed about art. Sherrill talked about how she and her husband made visual decisions in order to create a space for their memorabilia and art treasures.

We gathered for our second event at the Pousette Gallery in Vancouver. Marilyn Dyer introduced Maryann Pousette, the owner, who told us about the history of her gallery and gave us the background regarding her choices of Canadian artists. The gallery is housed in an architecturally significant building designed by Arthur Erickson - Stephen Hynes. This was a day filled with sensory delights, culminating in a tasting dinner at The Farmer's Apprentice.

(Victoria Jones)



Maryann Pousette (l) and Mari Dyer-Seidel (Photo courtesy of Victoria Jones)

What's Trending on South Granville? (Penny Harrington)

The Art Appreciation Group met at the Arthur Erickson Waterfall Building, an urban jewel tucked between Granville and Fir on West 6th Avenue. Originally designed to house art/work loft living, the industrial concept space, also known as WSix, offered us fabulous views of Vancouver from the patio areas.

Our hostess Maryann Pousette Gebauer, daughter of long time CFUW member Pat Pousette, greeted us at her gallery in the WSix building and before beginning our tour directed us to the "best French bakery" around the corner, the informal Pâtisserie "Beauchamp". After purchasing lattes and such, we left a trail of buttery croissant crumbs back to the gallery and settled in for an enlightening experience.

Maryann spoke about the building, her journey to becoming an art gallery owner and her passion for Canadian Art beginning with the famous Newfoundland painter, Jean Claude Roy. The gallery's many works including Quebec artists burst from the walls with vibrant colour and boldness. "Putting original art on

a wall is like cutting a window into your living space and having the luxury of choosing what you view." And we were blessed with her visions.

Nine of us continued our South Granville experience with dinner at The Farmer's



The Art Appreciation group was hosted at the Pousette Gallery by Maryann Pousette (5th from right)

Apprentice Restaurant located at street level in the WSix building. Once again we were delighted by the culinary creativity of the innovative chefs who showcase the best from the artisan growers and local community. As a plus, the proceeds from our dinner went directly to Dine out. Do good., to support healthy food programs in Canada. An exceptional day out on the town, organized by Mari Dyer-Seidel.

Special General Meeting Jan. 30, 2017

A Special General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), as per Articles and Bylaws M88, will be held on **Monday, January 30, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. ET to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time** for the purpose of **discussing CFUW's response to GWI's dues increase**. Please note that the Special General Meeting will be held electronically. Further details will follow. (CFUW National President Karen Dunnett)

- **Background:** Graduate Women International (GWI) (formerly IFUW) is an international network linking women graduates with affiliates in many countries. CFUW is included in this network. GWI has voted to increase member fees; this increase will impact CFUW fees. At the June 2016 CFUW AGM in Ontario, a motion was put forth for CFUW to withdraw affiliation with GWI. 55% of the votes were in favour of withdrawing, 45% were opposed. The motion was defeated as according to CFUW bylaws, a 2/3 majority vote is needed.
- Continuing CFUW's affiliation with GWI will necessitate an increase in CFUW member dues. Any increase in CFUW fees must be taken to all of the CFUW clubs for a vote, and then subsequently voted upon at the AGM. The special electronic meeting in January will allow an opportunity for discussion of how the GWI fee increase will affect CFUW fees and allow time for discussion prior to the AGM in June.
- **Further Information on Fees Breakdown:**
CFUW National Annual Fees paid to GWI (formerly IFUW)
2015: \$161,946
2016: \$173,697. This amount will increase in 2017, 2018 and 2019.
- **How do our individual member fees contribute?** Club fees vary across Canada. As members of CFUW White Rock/South Surrey, we pay an annual membership fee of \$100.00 to our club, of which \$70.00 is paid to the National Office. All clubs pay \$70.00 per member in dues to the National Office to support expenses. From every \$70.00 annual fee, the breakdown is as follows:
 - \$18.41** – Graduate Women International (26.3%)
 - \$33.88** - Operations and Programs (48.4%)
 - \$ 5.39** - Governance (7.7%)
 - \$12.11** - CFUW Annual General Meeting and conference expenses (17.3%)
 - \$21.00** - Capital Expenses (.3%)

CFUW's National Mentorship Program

This program was established in 2015 to promote cooperation, build networks, offer support and deepen understanding of women's empowerment pathways.

If you are interested in joining as a mentor or mentee in STEM, Politics or Organizational Leadership, please contact Robin Jackson, cfuwed@rogers.com

Learn more about NEW CFUW MEMBER DISCOUNTS on products from:

Lenovo, Avis, Budget, Intercall, and Novexco, UPS as well as membership in CARP.

The Canadian Federation of University Women is proud to bring you valuable discounts on products and services you need.

- Start at the CFUW national member resource website: www.cfuwadmin.org
- Click on the orange Member Login button. Contact a member of the executive if you need the login codes.
- Select *Membership Benefits* from the top row and then scroll down to the big blue Member Discounts button
- Now click on an individual business icon to see their offer.

If you need any assistance in accessing this information or how to get these discounts, contact Elizabeth Whyte, Member Services Coordinator, at cfuwgen@rogers.com or by telephone at 1- 888-220-9606.

Activism against Gender Based Violence

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence begins November 25th on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and ends on December 10th International Human Rights Day. This campaign is an opportunity to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. (Wear **Orange** on Nov. 25).

CFUW White Rock/Surrey Interest Groups ~ Activities and Leaders

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Dames Who Dine 1st Mon., 5:30 p.m. Trudy Handel;	Alpha Book Group 2nd Tues. 1:30 p.m. Shirley Nord	Afternoon Matinee-Dinner 2 nd Wed., 3:00 p.m. (varies) Barbara Cook	Fully Booked Book Group 2nd Thurs. 1:30 p.m. Joanne Cunningham	Stitch and Chat 2nd Fri., 1:00 p.m. Joan Hoyles
Duplicate Bridge 2nd Mon., 1:00 p.m. Betty Bishop; Donna Freeze	Evening Book Club 3rd Tues., 7 p.m. Kathy Steele	Golf for Fun Wed. Afternoons Sue Foley-Currie	Newbies Bridge 1:00 p.m., Thurs. Monica von Kursell	French Conversation 3rd Friday 1:30 –2:30 p.m. Sylvia Riddell
Symphony at the Bell Centre I Linda Lee Henriksen	Who can play, Who can host?	Art Appreciation 3rd Wed. (varies) Marilyn Dyer-Seidel	Mindfulness in Everyday Life 2nd Thurs. 7:00-9:00p.m. Diane Salter Menzo	Environment 4th Friday 1:00 p.m. Ann-Marie Steenge
Club Cuisine 5-6 times a year Elizabeth Bordeaux	Bridge Tues. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. Sandy McKenzie			
New Members Gloria Kelly	The Bridgets			
One-on-One Literacy Group once a week Carolyn Oram	Afternoon Bridge 1st & 3rd Tues., 1:00 p.m. Monica von Kursell			

Interest Group 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/>

GW (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, if you have 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. Contact information: **Telephone 604-541-2432;
email: joannecunow@gmail.com**

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.



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