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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year and a full 2017 to celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary!

A month of snow, ice and colder weather is behind us, and soon we can ponder spring bulbs and shrubs. Every one of us was affected by the weather in different ways and my thanks and the thanks of all Board members to those who had to change their plans when our December monthly meeting was cancelled due to the unpredictable weather.

Our Program Committee deserves a kudo as do all those who baked and planned activities. There were amazing creative solutions by individual members for the sale of some of the baking as well as how we could make some of the activities work in early 2017.

Like many grandparents in December, I ventured away from home to visit grandchildren in Winnipeg, where it was far colder. It is amazing what a grandparent will do to get to a children-youth concert! The departing plane was cancelled due to weather, so I had four other choices and flew to Calgary. Then I asked an agent if there was a seat left on a plane out – and there was – and hours later the bag with the gifts showed up.

It was minus 37 (plugging in the car, scraping the windshield, plus a frozen trunk lid) and the frigid snap stayed during my mini retreat at the Benedictine monastery. I sang a few early mornings with the Sisters, and they invited me to watch the movie Frozen with them and drink wine.

On the evening of Christmas day, a blizzard started after our family dinner, so we stayed in and ate many goodies and played games. Games get more complex every year. Even the Harry Potter Clue board game is fully challenging now, and since my grandson is in theatre school, my family also does the voices of the

characters each of us is playing The big game was Virtual Reality with the PS4. Yes, I braved the new world and “became Batman!”

No doubt many of you make resolutions. One of mine is to get out and explore Canada and our provinces more; and perhaps do it just as an individual, with family members and with friends and, hopefully, in some way with our Club (related future speakers, a jaunting group or walking group). Parks Canada is offering free admission to all visitors at national parks and historic sites. It is the Discovery Pass. I applied for mine on line, or you can get it in person at a site.

We have amazing parks and historic sites all around us and schools and organizations use them for all forms and levels of education. All of them are worth advocating for on an ongoing basis. They are educational, environmental and recreational fun for adults of all ages, and something we all can share with the younger generation. In spite of all the new indoor gaming, there is nothing like getting outdoors as well.

In closing on sharing – perhaps tied with the 150th Anniversary celebration – there might be some ideas that members may have on sharing/donating/fundraising for our local bursaries. How about collecting spare change in a jar over the next few months and see if it will add up to a worthwhile donation? Your ideas, of course, will be far better.

CLUB NEWS

General Meeting and Program

(Penny Harrington)

When? Saturday, January 28
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
10:15 am - Registration
10:30 am - Guest Speaker

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

Program: Our guest speaker, Robin Heath
Chair of the TALK Board



Robin Heath

Robin Heath’s living room speaks volumes about the versatile woman who has become the chair of the TALK board.

Her spacious ‘lair’—brimming with books, computers, intriguing travel mementoes and religious icons set atop richly colourful ethnic rugs - depicts an audacious spirit, an open heart and an active mind.

Members are encouraged to invite guests.

CHRISTMAS BAKING

If anyone has Christmas baking in the freezer and would like to donate **cookies for the coffee break** at the January meeting, please contact Marjorie Foxall at 604.541.1269





Ama House Update

Sherill Berg, our Ama House Liaison, would like to share the letter she received from Maddy Carlington, the Program Manager of Ama Transition House:

January 7, 2017

Dear CFUW,

On behalf of Atira's Board of Directors, staff and participants of **Ama**, I would like to sincerely thank you for your generous donation. Your kindness and generosity throughout the year is much appreciated.

The donations over the Christmas holidays of baking goods were a tour down memory lane for our Women of Ama. They were able to make their favorite recipes and share! The donations of the cheques were special we were able to order Sushi for New Year's Eve. Oh and the Christmas dinner was superb.

The thought and presentation of the gifts were very special, the heart necklaces the great make-up bags, thank you for your kindness and generosity. We were able to over house at this difficult time of year, again, grateful for you wonderful Women of CFUW for making it possible that all Woman at Ama Transitional living for older Women to have a fantastic Christmas.

Thank you to donors like you for supporting women who have experienced the impact of violence / abuse in our community.

We invite you to contact us should you have any further questions about **Ama**, Atira, or your donation. For more information about Atira and the programs and services we offer, please visit our website at www.atira.bc.ca. Again, on behalf of everyone at Atira, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Atira Women's Resource Society

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maddy Carlington", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Maddy Carlington
Ama transitional living for older Women
Maddy_Carlington@atira.bc.ca

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

UPDATE: Canada's GREEN Fundraiser by VESEY'S SEEDS and BULBS

The " VESEY'S SEEDS and BULBS" fundraiser is soon starting!

Carolyn Feldinger and Eileen Ennis will be at the January and February meetings with colour catalogues and order forms that describe seeds, plants and bulbs that are part of their next promotion. The **deadline for orders will be Feb. 28th.**

We will then compile the order information and place and pay for the order. Payment for your individual orders should be made payable to CFUW. One Club Cheque will then be submitted to Vesey's.

Vesey's has a first come-first serve policy for shipment. If we submit early, our order will be filled sooner when they organize their send-outs. They begin shipping at the end of April. As soon as we receive the "goods", we will arrange for pick-up and, if necessary, delivery of the live plants, summer bulbs and seeds to you.

Success of this fundraiser will depend on member participation in sales. We encourage members to promote to family and friends.

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

Eileen: pce1952@gmail.com 604-535-0106 Carolyn: feldinger@telus.net 778-545-8994

OUR MEMBERS

Elizabeth Bordeaux Honoured at Gala Occasion

(by Monica von Kursell)

Our club knows Elizabeth Bordeaux as one of our earliest members. She has been active in our club for almost 50 years; from being president in 1974 to chairing or participating on committees and taking board positions many times over. Everyone will remember that Elizabeth convened our very successful 50th Jubilee several years ago. Now, as you will read in the following article, she is famous.

Elizabeth has spent many active years in Canada's equestrian circles. In November, she was inducted into the Jump Canada Hall of Fame which honours individuals and organizations that have made major contributions to the sport of show jumping. Occasionally even horses are inducted, and Elizabeth shared the occasion with a horse and two other people. Along with her husband Corlin, Elizabeth's children Ann, Janet and Stuart also attended to share their mother's well deserved recognition.

To Elizabeth, our heartfelt congratulations.





BUILDER (Individual)

Elizabeth Bordeaux

Elizabeth Bordeaux embodies the spirit of a true volunteer, having selflessly served the national equestrian federation for more than four decades.

Among her varied and countless roles, the highest profile has been her work with Jump Canada. A member since its inception in 1998, Elizabeth served as the second Chair of the Jump Canada Board for six years, stepping down in 2008. As head of this large committee whose purpose is to govern hunter and

jumper sport at the national level, Elizabeth was the epitome of preparedness and patience, with an uncanny ability to present all sides of a situation while simultaneously steering her committee towards a conclusion that best served its membership.

In recognition of her immense contributions to the Jump Canada Board, Elizabeth was honoured as the Jump Canada Volunteer of the Year in 2009. It marked the second time that Elizabeth had been recognized for her volunteer efforts by the national body. As the past Chair of the Equestrian Canada (EC) National Rules Committee, Elizabeth was celebrated with the EC Volunteer of the Year Award in 2007. It is interesting to note that her dedication and commitment to the sport is shared by her husband, Corlin Bordeaux, who received the Equine Canada Volunteer of the Year Award the following year.

As a former rider as well as a judge and steward, Elizabeth has a well-rounded and balanced knowledge of the sport. She grew up riding in Montreal under her mentor, Barbara Kemp, who encouraged her to pursue her status as an official. Elizabeth became an International Equestrian Federation (FEI) jumper judge in 1990 and, as a steward, was also very active, working at everything from Arab to dressage shows. Having moved to south-western British Columbia, Elizabeth continued to ride for years with the Fraser Valley Hunt.

Due to her personal experience and intimate knowledge of the many facets of equestrian sport through her role as an official, Elizabeth was a natural choice to chair the hunter-jumper rules committee. That led to her being named Chair of the EC National Rules Committee, where her passion for language and grammar has made a huge impact on our sport. She took on the arduous task of rewriting the rules, many of which were quite convoluted, putting them into plain language that was easy for both competitors and officials alike to understand.

Renowned for her impeccable grammar skills, Elizabeth has served as a member of the editorial committee of The Warm-Up Ring, the official newsletter of Jump Canada, since its inception in 2005. Painstakingly reviewing the written contents each month, Elizabeth, who had taught at community college, ensures that The Warm-Up Ring's editorial content is of the highest standard.

Committed to giving back, equestrian sport is not the only area where Elizabeth has volunteered her time, but many would argue that it has benefitted the most. Hard-working, dedicated and respected by her peers, Elizabeth is a class act greatly deserving of induction into the Jump Canada Hall of Fame.

Presented by Sam-Son Farm

INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

Art Appreciation Group

(Maureen Buchholz, Lois Hunter)



The Arts Appreciation Group braved the first snowfall December 5 for a Winter Social at Mary Fran & John Bateman's home. Members told stories of a simpler time and their family's traditions. Facilitator Mari Dyer-Seidel brought memorabilia from her childhood and others recalled their fondest memories. The potluck lunch prepared by the three dozen or so members was an example of the many seasonal favourites from family kitchens. The snow was falling in earnest when everyone left the warmth of the Bateman's hearth for home. Another wonderful Christmas memory for all. *(photo courtesy Maureen Buchholz)*



Marilyn Dyer-Seidel presenting flowers to hostess Mary Fran Bateman



Sandra Kraft (left) and Anne Low (above) were presented with gifts



Marilyn sharing a story from a Christmas past about her treasured doll, which she still has.

All photos courtesy Lois Hunter

IMPORTANT NOTICE ...

.....REGARDING EXTENSION FOR COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS!

At our last meeting in November, it was agreed that the date for submission of Community Grant Application Forms would be cut off at Dec. 31st of each year. It was also requested that for this year, members submit applications on behalf of groups they felt would be deserving of a club grant. However, due to the cancellation of the December get-together, it was not generally known to many within the club. Therefore, the board has agreed that:

“There will be an extension of the date for final proposal to January 31st, 2017, should members wish to promote a favourite cause.”

Please mail applications -- available on our website <http://cfuwwhiterocksurrey.com/> -- to:

Eileen Ennis (Treasurer CFUW),
PO Box 75039,
Surrey, B.C. V4A 0B1

*The envelope needs to be stamped **Jan. 31, 2017, or sooner**. Thank You.*

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE and BC COUNCIL

(Diane Salter-Menzo)



CFUW NATIONAL

Reminder: As a member of CFUW you can log in to the national website to the members only area cfuw.org (and then click on Member Resources) for additional details and updates on CFUW activities and events and sign up for newsletters and find out about special discounts for CFUW members..

User name: viewonly password: cfuw4321

Board Resignations and Appointments

- Subsequent to the December resignation of Karen Dunnett from the position of CFUW National President, the CFUW Board has elected Grace Hollett as the new National President. The election will be ratified at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June.

Grace has a long history with CFUW. She has served on the CFUW National Board of Directors since 2014 in the capacity of Vice President, Atlantic Canada. Previously she chaired the Regional Director group, and co-chaired the committee that produced the New Beginnings survey of CFUW. She chaired the Editorial Committee for the Past Presidents' Biographies produced by the History Committee with various writers. She has served on the national Advocacy, Education, Governance, International Relations, Membership, History, and the Human Resources Committees as well as the Advisory Committee on the CFUW History Project. She has served in many capacities at the local level in her home Club of CFUW St. John's as president, chair of the publicity and newsletter committee and a member of most committees and interest groups including Issues and Resolutions, the "Great Big Book Sale" to fund scholarships and for recreation the Club's Tap Dancing group. She has been president of the Atlantic Regional Council since 2014.

- Brenda Robertson, CFUW VP Advocacy, resigned from the National board in December, 2015.

Special Meeting: Jan 30, 2017 – **Cancelled.** The CFUW National Board has cancelled the scheduled Jan 30th Special General Meeting. This decision is due largely to GWI's announcement that the planned increase of GWI dues will not occur at this time.

The National CFUW Board also decided that a payment of about 50% of this year's GWI dues, already collected from Clubs, will be made in January, 2017. The remainder will be forwarded subject to the CFUW's Board's satisfaction with the receipt and analysis of certain financial information. CFUW will inform GWI of this.

Resolutions

- Why does CFUW have Resolutions? CFUW advocates for public policy changes based on resolutions that are approved by our membership at the Annual General Meeting each year.
- How are CFUW Resolutions developed? Resolutions that are national or international in scope, and conforming to CFUW's purpose and mission, are researched and proposed by CFUW Clubs or National Committees. The subsequent adopted resolutions or "CFUW policy" form our framework for action and advocacy. The adopted resolutions make up the CFUW Policy Book, which houses resolutions adopted by our membership since 1964. Details of the Resolution Guidelines set forth the process for developing and amending resolutions and can be found on the member resource area of the CFUW National website.

Upcoming Timelines for 2017 re Resolutions

- **Feb. 15, 2017** - All clubs will receive a proposed draft of resolutions package.
- From **Feb. 15- April 15** - Club amending process - During this time, clubs can study the resolutions and send any proposed amendments to the national office by April 15. In our club the community affairs group, and any other interested members, will have an opportunity to meet and discuss the resolutions between Feb. - 16 - March 24 (prior to our March general meeting), so that they can be presented to the club at our March meeting. If you are interested in being part of this group to discuss proposed resolutions contact *Lorna MacGregor, Co-Vice President*, who will follow up to set a meeting date during this time.
- **March 25, 2017** - At our March general meeting our club members will be presented with the draft resolutions and may propose amendments. Any amendments must be sent to the national office by **April 15.**
- After **May 15** the national office will send the amended draft resolutions to clubs for voting.
- **May 24, 2017** - At our club's AGM on May 24, 2017, our club members will be presented the amended resolutions and vote on these draft resolutions. Our votes will be taken by the club's voting representative to the National AGM in June where resolutions will be voted on by representatives from all clubs at the CFUW National AGM.
- **CFUW National AGM June, 2017:** This year's AGM will be hosted by the Richmond Club, on the 4th weekend in June. Details and registration will be announced soon.

BC COUNCIL

"If not you, who will act?"

Reminder - for additional details and updates on BC Council activities and events and to sign up for newsletters, visit: <https://sites.google.com/site/cfuwbccouncil/>

BC Council AGM: The BC Council annual general meeting will be held from May 26-May 28, 2017 at the Coast Capri hotel in Kelowna, hosted by the Kelowna club. Details and registration will be available after Feb. 1.

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? Bridge Tues. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. Sandy McKenzie	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				
New Members Gloria Kelly				
One-on-One Literacy Group once a week Carolyn Oram	The Bridgets 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.*

Duplicate Bridge - 2nd Monday of each month at 1 pm
Looking for spares. Please call.
Betty Bishop - [604-536 2117](tel:604-536-2117).

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, 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

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Deadline for FEBRUARY Newsletter submissions is **Monday, February 6th, 2017**

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

