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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have a confession to make. I am an animal activist. I have tried for many years to make the lives of animals better in whatever way I could. Unfortunately, that also means that I sometimes see the sad side of animal care.

We farmed for many years, mostly chickens and cows. Of course, we named everything. I had a pet rooster named Rudy who lived for ten years. We had dairy cows, each with a name and a personal stall. None of our animals ever went without

the best food and shelter. The cows grazed outside all day and came inside for grain and milking twice a day. If it rained, they had a spacious shelter where they could lounge and chew their cud.

Many of our Ayershire cows were purchased for \$25 as three day old calves from a local dairy. If we hadn't purchased them, they would have been shot. That's the dark side of the dairy industry. I will never eat veal – those are the male calves that were sold for \$10 and fared much worse. Pigs receive even worse treatment, and it's incredible that it's still legal in Canada. If you buy US beef, they're shot full of antibiotics because that makes them gain weight, not because they're sick. It is legal to feed US beef cows potato chips, M&M's and chicken poop from chicken barns. Yes, you read that right. Chicken "litter" – which includes poop, uneaten food and sawdust. But here is the really tricky part – chickens are allowed to eat meal made of beef. So if beef cows eat chicken litter, it is possible for the cow to acquire mad cow disease. Thankfully, that particular practice is illegal in Canada.

A few years ago, I gave up eating beef, pork, mutton, etc., as I could no longer justify the way the animals were treated. I only buy free range eggs – they are a little more expensive but the chickens are not confined in cages. We usually buy from our friend down the street who raises "champion show" chickens -

he cuddles them the way we cuddle our dogs. Which brings me to the reason for my rant. Dogs give us unconditional love and are sometimes horribly mistreated. My dogs sleep on our beds, furniture and wherever I'm trying to step. They get long walks and are never hungry or thirsty (although they'd like more of my toast).

Today, the SPCA made what they're calling the "largest seizure of dogs" in BC history. This isn't an Amish farmer in Iowa running a puppy mill. This is someone in Fort Langley, BC, who had at least sixty-six large dogs – Old English Sheepdogs and Standard Poodles among them. They were all matted and covered in feces and urine, some with broken legs. You can only imagine the way these animals were housed, in crates, in the dark, and the years that they suffered this abuse.

Animal abuse, on any level, in any form, isn't right, whether it's sled dogs or pigs. The only way that we can stop the abuse is to lobby the government, and to choose our purchases carefully. For the sake of the animals, don't buy a puppy from a pet store. Don't buy a puppy from a breeder who says he'll "meet you at MacDonalds parking lot". Don't buy "regular" eggs, buy free range. If you like meat, buy organic meat – it's more humane for the animal, and it sure is a lot better for you as the consumer.

I seldom get fervently angry about a topic, except when it comes to animals. They don't have a voice. Someone – all of us - have to speak for them.



CLUB NEWS

MEMBERS' STORIES"Where We Have Come From"

(Article by Monica von Kursell. Photos courtesy of Andrew Foxall)

Having our own members as speakers at meetings is the best. At the January meeting one of our older (by years of membership) and newer members were the guest speakers. It is so interesting that in our club we have such a diversity of personalities and experiences.



Jutta Mordhorst's story enthralled us from the moment her talk began. She recounted stories from her life as a child in Germany when the Nazi regime came into power, WWII, and after. Unfortunately, time ran out and maybe at some point we might hear the rest. It was enlightening to get a glimpse into her life she so eloquently described and her perception of what was happening around her at that turbulent time.

Trudy Handel, our club president, surprised us by telling us that she started out being an actress. Her career path took a turn to the other side of 'the stage' when she took an interest in filming. She studied at BCIT, worked in the TV industry and eventually taught at

BCIT. Trudy let us know that many of the behind the scenes people working in television in the lower mainland today were her students. An interesting part of her talk was telling us about the stumbling blocks of breaking into an all male domain.

The membership was also treated to a video from her training course for aboriginal video producers. Its aim was to enable members of the First Nations Nisga'a Lisims community to record the history of their language and culture.



A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 18/Thursday, 2-4 pm

There will be an overview of what the committee did last year, sharing ideas on what can be done in the future for advocacy, and an introduction to the five resolutions to be reviewed and possibly amended prior to March 31.

The resolutions which were circulated by email last month are:

1. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
2. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
3. Strengthen the Pest Management Regulatory Agency
4. Electoral Reform: Adding Proportionality to the Electoral System of Canada
5. Sustainable Development Goals.

Plus an afternoon tea. **Location: Sue Foley-Currie's, 13062 Summerhill Crescent, Ocean Park.**

The Silent Auction Meeting

Monday, February.22, 10 am - noon

Our club is in charge of the silent auction at the CFUW Council AGM, "Intersecting Journeys, April 22-24. The Abbotsford Club is hosting and the location is the Ramada Plaza & Conference Centre, 36035 North Parallel, Abbotsford. In addition to those who have already indicated an interest in being involved in organizing or being on site for some or all of the scheduled times – if you have not had a chance to consider it – it should be fun! Plus a way to learn more about the other clubs in BC, who is the B.C.Council, and more about the CFUW National Charitable Trust.

Our first meeting to work out some logistics will be held at **Sue Foley-Currie's, 13062 Summerhill Crescent, Ocean Park @ 10 am – noon, February 22.**

Please RSVP by email or phone (foleyway@shaw.ca - 604-538-3864)



FAREWELL TO MARY ANN RAINER

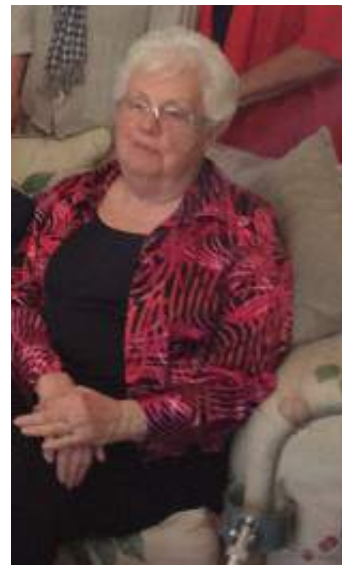
(submitted by Joanne Cunningham)



As most of you know by now, Mary Ann and Hans are leaving us for Ottawa at the end of March.

Mary Ann has been a very active and valuable member of our CFUW and we would like to say goodbye at a **"No Host Lunch"** Wednesday March the 16th (maybe at Morgan Creek). The details are not

complete yet, but please put this date on your calendar if you would like to attend. More information will be forthcoming by March 1.



General Meeting and Program

(submitted by Carolyn Oram)

When: **Saturday, February 27, 2016**
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

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

Program: ***"What do you know about Child Care?
What will lead us to Universal Childcare that makes a positive difference for all
children and their families?"***

Speaker: Audrey Hobbs Johnson

Audrey is an educational consultant working with British Columbia's key provincial Professional Learning projects. These include work with provincial education partner groups in the area of educational leadership, particularly in the realm of student learning and achievement. Her work focuses on developing professional learning models in the education sector that will make learning possible for both the students and those adults working with them.

Audrey is a member of the BC Council for the Canadian Federation of University Women. She works on the BC Childcare Advocacy Committee and is the chair of the BC Resolution process. She lives in North Vancouver and works in her community to promote capacity to provide services for families and children.

A few years ago, the late Elva Reid, a valued member of our club for many years, was part of a group that organized the BC Childcare Advocacy Committee (CFUW). About four years ago, she asked, if I (Carolyn Oram), would like to join her on that committee. Elva became ill and was unable to attend but I continued.

On February 27, you will hear about the work of the BC Childcare Advocacy Committee and how it has and will continue to involve our club. Please join us on February 27, at 10:30 am, for an informative and interesting speaker and discussion on this important topic. I think that Elva would be proud of our club's participation.



OUR NEW MEMBERS

The Club would like to extend a warm welcome to our new member:

Beverly King



My name is Beverly King. I was born and raised in Oklahoma and Texas. I graduated from Oklahoma University with degrees in speech pathology and deaf education. I worked in the U.S. for 10 years before emigrating to Canada in 1976. I started off in Prince George but the weather sent me south to Vancouver. I worked at the Jericho Hill School for the Deaf, and in the Burnaby and Surrey school districts. I retired last Christmas after 44 years.

After retirement, I needed to figure out how to spend the enormous amount of spare time since I wasn't working anymore. I guess I jumped from a "rut" to a "groove" and have learned how to make stained glass pieces. I set up a studio in my home and I am currently creating a portfolio as I learn and evolve in this amazing art form. I will eventually create a website to showcase my gift gallery and be able to accept any custom work.

Nice to be around such a classy group of women and participate in the activities of our club.



INTEREST GROUPS

ONE TO ONE LITERACY PROJECT

(submitted by Carolyn Oram, Coordinator)

We are saying goodbye to our Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Ann Rainer. She has done outstanding work in this role for One to One. Mary Ann also did an exceptional job as a volunteer in the program prior to taking on the coordinating position. We will miss her very much but we understand that she will return to Ottawa and perhaps join the Club there.



We are fortunate that Mary Fran Bateman has agreed to be the new Volunteer Coordinator. In the early years of the project she was a volunteer at H.T. Thrift. Welcome back Mary Fran.

Our second session is well under way and continues until March 10. The coffee party for this session is February 12 at my home at 2 pm. The purpose of the coffee party is to discuss how the project is going in each school and exchange ideas on strategies used to help the children.

At this time we have a full roster of volunteers in H.T. Thrift and Peace Arch Elementary Schools. We are no longer at Sunnyside Elementary School due to the overcrowding and limited space there. Perhaps in future, we will return to Sunnyside or go to another school.

If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact me. We can always use substitutes and in the fall we need additional volunteers.



"WALK AND COFFEE " INTEREST GROUP

(submitted by Anne Low)



Several of our new members have checked the "Walk and Coffee" Interest Group which needs to be organized for a spring start up. If you are interested to organize and lead this group, please contact Anne Low either by email at anne99low@gmail.com or phone: 604-538-7140.

Thank you.



BURSARY FOUNDATION NEWS

(submitted by Carolyn Oram, Bursary Foundation Chair)

The Bursary Board met recently to discuss possible changes to the constitution. The purpose of the changes is to create flexibility for our bursaries.

The current constitution reads:

3. ***The purpose of the Foundation is to award bursaries with integrity and fairness to local eligible women in need who:***
 - 3a. are attending third year or higher in a degree program;
 - 3b. are graduates of School District 36 or who have resided in Surrey/White Rock for five years immediately preceding their application for the bursary;
 - 3c. are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants.

The change is:

3. ***The purpose of the foundation is to award bursaries to local women in need who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants.***

All Club members are members of the Bursary Foundation, so it is necessary to have majority approval by club members of these changes.

This is only information at this time. We will present a notice of motion in April before we vote on it at the AGM in May.



FROM THE CFUW ARCHIVES

"Keeping Our Past Leads to Our Future" (Dr. Ruth Bell)



Senator Marjory LeBreton on left with Dr. Ruth Bell at the Parliament Bldgs in Ottawa 2001.

A CONNECTION

(Article and pictures by Lois Hunter, Club Archivist)

A recent update from CFUW National announced the death of Dr. Ruth Bell who was National President from 1973 to 1976. She was instrumental in setting up the CFUW Charitable Trust and held the title of CFUW Archivist Emeritus. A connection to Dr. Bell is recorded in our Archives in a report on the IFUW Triennial conference held in Ottawa in August, 2001. Six members of the White Rock/Surrey Club attended this conference : Doreen Harvey, Gladys Utendale, Jean Putman, Lois Hunter, Betty Huff, and Berta Hugh. This event was the second of only two IFUW conferences ever held in Canada; the first had been hosted 21 years previously in Vancouver.

As well as attending the business sessions, workshops and seminars, we were warmly welcomed and entertained by our hosts in the Ottawa Club. We were divided into groups for tours, ending with home hospitality at the home of one of the Ottawa members. I was in a group of 27 delegates and our leader was Dr. Ruth Bell. We spent an afternoon touring the highlights of Ottawa with an emphasis on

the contributions of outstanding Canadian women, including a visit to the Parliament Buildings and the statues of the "Famous Five". Dr. Bell, our leader, lived in a small apartment, so for our home hospitality she took us to the Chelsea Club for dinner and a social evening.

For this conference, our White Rock Surrey Club was "twinned" with Switzerland, and we met with Dr. Catherine Bandle and other members of the Swiss delegation for lunch and exchange of information. We continued to communicate with them and it was a pleasure to see Dr. Bandle at the IFUW conference in Manchester, England in 2007. As the CFUW Coordinator of International Relations in 2001, Phyllis Scott, noted, "The more than 900 attendees from 73 countries ably demonstrated that various cultures can enhance the status of women worldwide in a spirit of cooperation and friendship". We were acclaimed in one Ottawa TV station's coverage as "one of the most powerful advocacy groups in the world"! A most



L to R: Doreen Harvey, Betty Huff, Gladys Utendale, Jean Putman - CFUW White Rock/Surrey Delegates

memorable conference, and an important connection to Dr. Bell whose recommendations regarding what to keep in our archives, including her famous advice: "Keeping Our Past Leads to Our Future", will guide us long into the future as we continue to record our history year by year.

IFUW Conference 2001:

Our delegates left to right:

Gladys Utendale, Doreen Harvey, Lois Hunter, a Delegate from Uganda, Jean Putman



This and That....

The following "Thank You" letter from ATIRA, Women's Resource Society, was received by our Treasurer, Eileen Ennis:

C.F.U.W. White Rock / Surrey Club (BC)
P.O. Box 75039 RPO
White Rock, BC V4A 0B1
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Dear Eileen,

On behalf of the residents, staff and board of directors of Atira Women's Resource Society, I would like to sincerely thank you for your kind donation. Your support is appreciated and goes directly to women and children affected by violence and/or abuse.

Atira, celebrating over 30 years of service, now operates 16 housing programs in North, Central and South Surrey, Burnaby, Strathcona and Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Atira also provides a number of related support programs including a program for children who have witnessed and/or experienced abuse, a parenting program for women victims of violence, an Aboriginal women's outreach program, stopping the violence counseling and legal advocacy.

Atira provides approximately 500 beds to women and their children, including temporary and permanent housing. We provide support services to more than 8,000 women and more than 2,000 children overall. In 2014 Atira opened the Sue Bujold Floor at Bridge Housing for Women, which created eight new supportive living units for women in the Downtown Eastside with chronic illnesses. Atira was also the proud recipient of two awards at the 2014 Canadian Home Builder's Association of BC's Georgie Awards, for our landmark container housing project at 502 Alexander Street. In early 2015 Atira was honoured to accept the BC Workplace Inclusion Conference's Non-profit Organization Diversity and Inclusion Champion Award, as well as the Disability Alliance of BC's Outstanding Employer of the Year Award.

Atira supports all women, including those who are struggling with substance use as a result of their experience of violence/abuse, and those struggling with mental and spiritual wellness and who may therefore be more vulnerable to experiencing violence/abuse.

Please feel free to contact me at 604-331-1407 ext 104 or via e-mail at caithlin_scarpelli@atira.bc.ca with any questions or concerns. For more information about Atira and the programs and services we offer, please visit our website at www.atira.bc.ca.

With the help of your gift, Atira is able to provide shelter and services to women and children who have been affected by violence / abuse. Again, on behalf of everyone at Atira, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Atira Women's Resource Society



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CFUW NATIONAL NEWS

compiled and submitted by Sue Foley-Currie



CFUW NATIONAL - NEWS UPDATE

- CFUW is a non-partisan, voluntary, self-funded organization with over 100 clubs in every province across Canada. Since its founding in 1919, CFUW has been working to improve the status of women, and to promote human rights, public education, social justice and peace. CFUW is the largest affiliate of Graduate Women's International (GWI – formerly IFUW) which is the leading girls' and women's global organization run by and for women, advocating for women's rights, equality and empowerment through access to quality education and training up to the highest levels.
- The CFUW Charitable Trust established in 1967 provides for National Fellowships and Awards as well as for two biannual awards – a Creative Arts Award and a Library Award.
- Please see the national website www.cfuw.org for information on advocacy which includes varied topics as well as annual resolutions from clubs to be reviewed by all clubs, and amendments suggested prior to March 31 for the June AGM discussions and voting. There also is a national CFUW Facebook site.

CFUW BC Council & Clubs Update

"If not you, who will act?"

- The Salt Spring Island Club (SSI) was founded in 1997. They meet the last Saturday each month at the Harbour House Hotel. Groups include literature, bridge, French Conversation, etc., and they also have a bursary/scholarship.
- The Cranbrook & District Club just celebrated its 30th anniversary. Their \$1,000 scholarship is for a female student who graduated from secondary school in the region and who has completed one academic year at the College of the Rockies. Their \$500 bursary is for a returning female student enrolled in full time studies at the College.
- The Comox Valley Club provides two \$1,000 bursaries to young women graduates from Comox Valley high schools. A third bursary is administered through the North Island College Foundation.
- The Abbotsford Club is hosting the B.C. Council's AGM, April 22-24. The registration information can be found on their club website www.cfuwabbotsford.org, and the registration package is found on the B.C. Council website www.cfuwbccouncil

GWI (*formerly IFUW*) Update

- Women Graduate-USA (WG-USA) is revitalizing itself – including participation again in GWI. Their US website: www.wg-usa.org
- The University Women of Europe (UWE) are holding their AGM and Conference, June 24-27 in Winchester. Their topic is "Aspiration, Advancement. Achievement: Encouraging Women into Leadership Roles."

- The Hogg-Hoffat Fund for Displaced Women Graduates (founded in 1936) and the British Association of Women Graduates has been able to help two Iraqi sisters now residing in the UK. They are taking a Royal Society of Arts course in English Medical Technology, so they can find health care work as translators.
- GWI is directly addressing the shortfall of women teachers in Uganda. The project and fundraising for it – “Teachers for Rural Futures”- will support 50 young women from rural Uganda to become qualified secondary school teachers and ambassadors for girl’s education.
- Around the world there are 30 million young girls not in school, and two thirds of the 774 million illiterate persons in the world are female



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) Sandra Kraft	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. Marjorie Mooney	Golf for Fun Wed. Afternoons Sandra Kraft	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 ~ Linda Lee Henriksen	Who can play, Who can host? Bridge Tues. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. Sandy McKenzie	Art Appreciation 3 rd Wed. (varies) Marilyn Dyer-Seidel		Environment 4th Friday 1:00 p.m. Mary Ann Rainer
Club Cuisine 5-6 times a year Elizabeth Bordeaux	The Bridgets Afternoon Bridge 1st & 3rd Tues., 1:00 p.m. Monica von Kursell	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.		
New Members Elizabeth Bordeaux				
One-to-One Literacy Group once a week Patricia Hyde				

Please note: Duplicate Bridge Group - Second Monday of the month at 1 p.m.

If you would like to be on the spare list, please call Betty Bishop. [604-536 2117](tel:604-536-2117) or email betty21a@gmail.com.

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

Please contact Membership Chair, Anne Low, for notification of changes to your contact information:
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email: anne99low@gmail.com

Send a Card... Please advise Elizabeth Bordeaux about any member of our Club who is ill or bereaved, so she can send a card. Contact information: **Telephone - 604-538-1477; email: ebordeaux@shaw.ca**

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Need a Ride to Meetings?

If you are unable to attend because you don't have transportation, please **email Sandra at sandradkraft@gmail.com** Sandra will find a ride for you.

