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Sue Foley-Currie

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Some may consider looking through a catalogue is something that was only done in the past.

Years ago, when as a youngster visiting various family farms with my parents, I came to realize that those outside of urban areas relied on catalogues and that catalogues also were forms of learning and entertainment.

Then, as a student in the summer work force between studies, I relied on that late spring job with Eaton's Catalogue Division in Winnipeg to earn funds for fall tuition. It was an eye opener to be in the punch-the-clock workforce without extensive labour rights.

On our first break in the lunchroom, the supervisor ordered the newbies not to work any faster than Mary Jane who had been in our section for 24 years! But especially noteworthy was the substitution rule by the firm, which was that if the paper order in our hands was for an item not in stock, we were to substitute it for another more expensive one. One presumes that the idea was a form of a loss leader, and the person who ordered and received a substitution would give many praises for Eaton's in their community, and many others would place orders.

Since then there have been other catalogues I have looked at, such as Sears, Simpsons, some for American clothing brands, for tools, Ikea, and the many for travel tours, river and ocean cruises. I still cherish owning the Christmas, Fall and Winter 1975 catalogues for the now defunct Eaton's.

So imagine my delight when our club ordered the Vesey's Bulbs catalogue which is also a fundraising tool with a 50% profit! I have spent hours with the catalogue – daydreaming of a spring like garden that is a wonderland compared to my own last year. Off from forgotten shelves came backup resources such as Chatelaine's Gardening Book by Lois Wilson, and a gift from my daughter A Gardener's Journal (a five

year record).

Vesey's spring bulbs, flower seeds and edibles even have products and ideas that I have never tried. The bird bath could use a flower ring around it. I had never heard of a seed mat, and how is it that I have missed out over past years on such a simple solution?

In the past, our club supported a resolution to help preserve our pollinators (birds, bees, butterflies, beneficial insects). I have had good intentions to plant all that is possible to assist the bees and butterflies. In vain I tried the library, immersing myself in the few texts, such as The Bee Friendly Garden by a writer with the US Pollinator Partnership, and others. Yet, here it was right in Canada, a solution to my procrastination, from Vesey's in Charlottetown – a honey bee seed mat and a butterfly seed mat!

Now, I am making a list of gardening friends and neighbours to show them the colourful catalogue and see if they would like to add their small or large orders to mine, or have their own order; plus, in doing so, also to assist our club.

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## CLUB NEWS

### Message from the Board

(Sue Foley-Currie)

- **B.C. Council AGM Registration**

Registration is now open for the BC Council AGM in Kelowna, **May 26 - 28, 2017**

You can access all the information and registration on the website

<https://sites.google.com/site/cfuwbccouncil/>

or, contact Sue Foley-Currie, and she will assist you in receiving the 12 page package.

- **Two Submissions Needed from Our Club**

The National CFUW 100 Year Notable Women Award committee is asking for two submissions from our club.

If you would like to nominate a fellow member for her involvement in both CFUW and the community, please forward her name, with her permission, and some background information to your Board **before March 1**.

If you require any further clarification, please contact Sue Foley-Currie, President.

Our **club deadline for submission is March 28**, and a local B.C. committee will review the list from all B.C. clubs and present 30 from our Province to the national committee.

- **Our Club Members Hosting June 24**

At our January 28th members' meeting, Jean Garnett and Betty Coles from the Richmond Club, which is hosting the National CFUW AGM in late June, gave a presentation on the planning and volunteers needed. On February 1, our own Board approved Home Hospitality and phoned possible members to host a dinner of their choice on June 24.

Our offer will be listed in the National AGM registration package with all of the other activities offered by the Richmond Club and others. The signup limit will be 40. Not all 225 attending the National AGM will choose Home Hospitality, which is a first come first participate signup.

Our offer will be publicized as:

*“Be chauffeured (about 30 minutes away) to enjoy conversation and dinner prepared by your generous hostesses from CFUW White Rock/Surrey, another Lower Mainland club. Enjoy a chance to meet CFUW members from across Canada in a small, informal group. Return to your hotel for a refreshing sleep to prepare for the wonderful tours on Sunday. Sign up for Home Hospitality on the registration form. Companions may attend as well.”*

In the near future, our club will set up an ad hoc committee to work out the logistics.

If any of our club members can assist our hostesses with meal duties (hot or cold appetizers, salads, vegetables, entrees, desserts, beverages etc., setup/cleanup, driving both ways to Richmond) please, at this time, contact one of the following hostesses directly: Mary Fran Bateman (10), Helen Christiansen (8), Jay Donald (8-10), Sue Foley-Currie (4), and Sylvia Riddell (8-10). Our thanks to all.

**Behind the scene pictures prior to our January meeting:**



*Penny Harrington, Sherrill Berg and Lynn Robertson of the Program Committee (left to right) preparing the punch and chocolates to welcome members back after the Christmas break*



*Marjorie Foxall and her son Andrew preparing the coffee*

## General Meeting and Program

(Lynn Robertson)

**When ?** Saturday, February 25  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
10:15 - Registration  
10:30 - Guest Speakers

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



**Program:** Closing the Gap:  
Early Childhood Education and Childcare in Surrey/White Rock

Families in our communities face many challenging factors that prohibit them from accessing quality child care and early learning experiences. The gap continues to widen for vulnerable children to become successful learners. The goal of the collaborative work being done in our communities is to bridge this gap.

Our two presenters, Christy Northway and Gerard Bremault, will provide an overview of current data throughout Surrey and White Rock and help us understand the key factors and need for affordable and quality childcare, as the early years of a child's life impact their future learning potential.

Our guest speakers:

**Gerard Bremault**, a registered social worker, has been the CEO of the Centre for Child Development and Child Development Foundation of BC for almost 15 years. The centre is a non-profit organization that works with children with special needs. Gerard also oversees Sophie's Place, a child advocacy group that provides specialized services to physically, mentally and sexually abused children up to age 18. In addition to his leadership role at the Centre for Child Development, Gerard's experience as a business leader provides him with the qualifications to hold the position of Governor (past chair) of the Surrey Board of Trade.

**Christy Northway**, is the Assistant Superintendent-Newton, Surrey School District, currently responsible for elementary and secondary schools in the Newton area. She holds many additional responsibilities including Learning by Design and K-12 curriculum and assessment. Surrey School District has long been a leader in coordinating a community focus for Early Childhood Education and continues its partnership with various community and ministry agencies. In previous years, Christy has held the positions of elementary school teacher; Early Literacy Teacher; principal in Newton and in South Surrey/White Rock; District Principal for Early Learning and Literacy and an Assistant Superintendent-South Surrey/White Rock.

Christy and Gerard currently sit on the Surrey Child Care Task Force, which is comprised of members from the school district, City of Surrey, Fraser Health, provincial ministries and several agencies.

**Be sure to attend this meeting to discover and explore ways we can support the goals and actions of early learning advocates for the children in our communities.**

*Remember...Bring a mug!*

*And...Bring a friend!*

## Community Grant Presentation

(Beverly King, Chair Communications Committee)

A \$1000 dollar cheque was recently presented to Rhea Hubbard, Director Youth and Family Programs at Alexandra and Kensington Prairie Children's Centres. This community grant was awarded by our club as part of our community involvement and support of education and the betterment of children's lives.

Sue Foley-Currie, CFUW president, asked the children "What do you want to get for the centre?" The children all responded "New toys for everyone!!!"



Rhea Hubbard on the left and Sue Foley-Currie on the right

## Books for the Food Bank Project

(Anne Low)

Do you want to do a small job for your community?



Every Friday, someone from your club delivers recycled books from the White Rock Library to the Food Bank. Since Sources moved a few years ago, our space has been downsized to 1 shelf from 4, and the clothing and household goods have been eliminated altogether to make more space.

The kind and helpful staff tell us that the books are much appreciated by the clients, especially by the children.

If you would like to help and are strong enough to carry a box of books, please let me know. The job must be done on Fridays when the space isn't crowded with volunteers and clients. The whole trip from the White Rock Library to Sources on 156 Street, and filling and tidying the shelves, takes less than an hour.

Any length of commitment would be welcome, so please let me know if you are interested / still interested.

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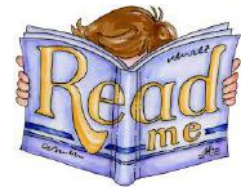
## One-on-One Literacy Program

(Carolyn Oram)

Our Fall Session was a successful time for volunteers and students at H. T. Thrift and Peace Arch Elementary Schools. We began the second session on January 9, and we continue until March 9.

The program has a full schedule of volunteers, but we can always use more people on the substitute list as the volunteers do travel. If you are interested, please email me. [carolynoram@gmail.com](mailto:carolynoram@gmail.com)

*Thank you to all volunteers past and present.*





## Ama House Update

Dear Members:

You are continuing to support the women at AMA House in so many different ways - thank you.

I thought you would like to know what your cash donations were able to provide.

The clients at AMA House change on a regular basis, therefore, their needs can be quite varied. At present, it has become evident that some new appliances are necessary as a proactive measure. The house did not have an automatic shutoff kettle, a rice cooker or a reliable toaster. Your donations have made it possible to provide all of the above - the timing was perfect.

So thank you again. Your cash donations have made a huge difference..

With warmest regards,

Sherrill Berg

AMA House Liaison

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## FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

February Meeting will be the **LAST CHANCE**:

### Canada's GREEN Fundraiser by VESEY'S SEEDS and BULBS

The " VESEY'S SEEDS and BULBS" fundraiser has started! Colour catalogues that describe seeds, plants and bulbs, that are part of their promotion, and order forms were available at the January meeting. If you didn't receive them, you can phone Eileen Ennis (604-535-0106) and she will deliver them directly to you.

The **deadline for orders will be the next Club meeting, Feb. 28th**. The order information will be compiled and placed. 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](http://www.veseys.com).

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778-545-8994

## **BURSARY BOARD NEWS**

(Carolyn Oram)

The Bursary Board met on January 25 to begin planning for the selection of this year's bursary winners. We will once again award three bursaries of \$3000 each.

On February 16, a marketing session will take place at Carolyn Oram's home involving an ad hoc committee of Bursary Board members: Maureen Buchholz, Penny Harrington and Carolyn Oram. They will prepare advertisements for the bursaries that will be approved at the next Bursary Board meeting. A full meeting of the Bursary Board will be held on February 23, to make final plans for advertising and the selection process of the bursary winners. The Bursary Application has been updated and was uploaded onto the Club's Website. (<http://cfuwwhiterocksurrey.com/>)



## **NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE and BC COUNCIL**

(Diane Salter-Menzo)



### **CFUW NATIONAL**

#### **United Nations Commission on Status of Women - Meetings in New York City, March 2017**

- Our club co-vice president, Diane Salter Menzo, will join the National CFUW Delegation to participate in the United Nations Status of Women Committee in New York in March, 2017.
- The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) is a Non-Government Organization (NGO) with consultative status with the United Nations. A delegation of CFUW members from across Canada will actively participate in the discussions at CSW61 in New York in March, 2017.
- The priority theme at the UNSWC this year is 'Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work'. Diane will be joined by Cheryl Hayles, VP International, CFUW National Board and Dr. Madeline Kalbach, VP Membership, CFUW National Board and Professor Emeritus, Department of Sociology, University of Calgary, and will give a panel presentation entitled: 'Mentorship in the Changing World of Work'. They will report on the CFUW Mentorship program. The goal of the program is to enable women entering the careers in Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering and Medicine (STEAM), Politics and Organizational Leadership to learn from women who are experienced in these fields. Joining them on the panel are Ashli Akins, Founder and President of Mosqoy who will discuss the importance of empowering women in Peru and how mentoring may help with these goals and Raine Liliefeldt from the YMCA Canada, who will discuss how mentoring can help to prepare young women and girls for success in the workforce.

*"Attendance at UNCSW61 is a wonderful opportunity to meet women from around the world, discuss matters of common concern, and bring back information and new perspectives on issues that affect women and girls to our local community. (Diane Salter-Menzo)*

## Additional Background on CFUW involvement with the UNSWC

- The active participation of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), such as the Canadian Federation of University Women, is a critical element in the work of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). NGOs have been influential in shaping the current global policy framework on women's empowerment and gender equality: the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. They continue to play an important role in holding international and national leaders accountable for the commitments they made in the Platform for Action <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/ngo-participation#sthash.ex0VFI0G.dpuf> .
- Even in wealthy countries like Canada, women's economic empowerment, equal pay, affordable child care and access to retraining can be elusive, and women are significantly under-represented in positions of decision making and leadership in the changing world of work. When you look closer at the progress of aboriginal women, women with disabilities and racialized women, the picture becomes even more dismal.
- In the lead up to this session, UN member states were asked to undertake an internal assessment of their progress in the 17 Sustainable Development Goals identified to reach gender equity by 2030. Indeed, across the board, progress has been slow and uneven, with some countries much further behind than others. With the support of non-government organizations such as the Canadian Federation of University Women the urgency of meeting these goals motivates delegates such as myself to advocate for countries like Canada to take the lead in committing to accelerating progress for women and girls in all 17 Sustainable Development Goals.
- CFUW is a non-partisan, voluntary, self-funded organization with over 100 CFUW Clubs, located in every province across Canada. Since its founding in 1919, CFUW has worked to improve the status of women, and to promote human rights, public education, social justice, and peace. As a Non-Government Organization with consultative status with the United Nations, the CFUW delegation will actively participate in the discussions at CSW61. It is the hope of CFUW that an agreement will be reached on how developed and developing countries can work together to accelerate progress and ensure that gender equality and women's empowerment.

## Resolutions

- We will receive this year's resolutions on Feb. 15, 2017. There will be two resolutions coming forth this year.
- If you would like to join the community affairs group to discuss proposed resolutions, contact *Lorna MacGregor, Co-Vice President*, who will follow up to set a meeting date during this time.

## CFUW National AGM June, 2017

This year's AGM will be hosted by the Richmond Club June.23 - 25. 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

### Monday

#### **Dames Who Dine**

1st Mon., 5:30 p.m.  
Trudy Handel;

#### **Duplicate Bridge**

2nd Mon., 1:00 p.m.  
Betty Bishop; Donna Freeze

#### **Symphony at the Bell Centre |**

Linda Lee Henriksen

#### **Club Cuisine**

5-6 times a year  
Elizabeth Bordeaux

#### **New Members**

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**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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, if you have changes to your contact information:

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email: [robkelly1@shaw.ca](mailto: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](mailto:joannecunow@gmail.com)

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Please submit news by email with the subject line 'Newsletter' to: [vbichler@shaw.ca](mailto:vbichler@shaw.ca)

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