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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the last month, we have had many opportunities to enjoy educational webinars presented by our programme committee, and also by other clubs. One presentation that many of us joined was presented by the North Vancouver Club: *'A Historical and Educational Lens on our Indigenous Peoples'*. The session certainly raised my awareness of how much I still need to learn.

You may recall that one of our adopted resolutions at the CFUW 2020 AGM was related to the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action*. In keeping with this resolution, one small step that I would like our club to take is to include an acknowledgement at the beginning of each general meeting. An acknowledgement is a statement that asserts awareness of Indigenous peoples' presence and historical connection to their traditional territories. Many of us are familiar with acknowledgements that we have heard at conferences, entertainment venues and ceremonies. Acknowledgements are a way to spark further reflection on the rights and culture of Indigenous peoples, and our own settler heritage.

I hope you agree that the time is right for us to include an acknowledgement at the opening of our meetings. Based on researching appropriate wording for our area in the Fraser Valley, I will read the following at our November general meeting. Please let me know if there are any suggestions for revising or improving this acknowledgement.

"We gratefully acknowledge that we work, learn and play on the unceded territories of the Kwantlen, Katzie, Semiahmoo, Sto:lo, and Wsanec peoples."

Best wishes to all as we head into our holiday season and enjoy festive times with friends and family. Our celebrations may have a different 'look and feel' this year, but I'm confident the spirit of sharing and caring will shine through in our lives.



MESSAGE FROM Anne Low, VICE PRESIDENT

WE ARE NOT ALONE!

Graduate Women International is very active. The innumerable social issues impacting women and girls around the world were recently addressed with a series of webinars on advocacy, leadership and concrete action. The next series is specific to gender-based violence.

The Iceland club is celebrating 92 years of membership.

The magic of Zoom allows us to join local club panel discussions, such as the one the Stratford club recently held with the United Way on Universal Basic Income.

Anyone who uses Facebook might like to be part of a group to administer the national site for the next two years. Volunteers should contact Heather Oxman.

Preparations are underway for CFUW to present a written statement to the 65th UN Commission on the Status of Women in March 2021. We have special consultative status and join with other women's organizations in Canada and the USA at the Economic and Social Council.

There are many hard-fought for opportunities for women's voices to be heard. It is heartening to see how many young women are organizing and leading in politics and social movements. Let's keep raising our voices as we did supporting universal access to contraception for women in British Columbia.

CLUB NEWS

CFUW PROGRAM COMMITTEE

We are pleased to present Dianne Brown as our speaker for this month's general meeting, which once again will be via Zoom.

This is an interesting topic and an opportunity to hear Dianne share her experiences while she travelled her journey to become a warden in the federal correctional system. It is also a chance for us to reflect on the challenges incarcerated women face once released from prison, as they return back to the community.



Date: Saturday, November 28, 2020, via Zoom

Time: 10:15h - Join using the link sent to you by email prior to our meeting

10:30h : ***Women Inside and Outside the Prison Walls***

Presenter: Dianne Brown, retired warden, Grand Valley Institution for Women in Kitchener, Ontario

Following Dianne's presentation, there will be an opportunity for Q & A.

Guests are welcome to join us. Simply forward your guests' names and email addresses to Diane at dianesaltermenzo@gmail.com



Virtual Festive Fun! December 12, 2020

What... you say??? Christmas is coming??? But of course!

And we are finding many ways to help celebrate this festive season, even though it will be virtual.

For CFUW members we will begin the countdown to our Christmas event on December 1st .

Here are a few things being planned:

Watch for the 12 Days of Christmas E-blasts...fun, food, and beverages

Help make Christmas special for the ladies at AMA House

Come to the party on December 12th

Stay tuned for more information and your formal invitation to our annual Christmas event!

See you there!!!



CFUW PROGRAM COMMITTEE (cont'd)

(Lynn Robertson)



READ A GOOD BOOK LATELY?

Over 50 members zoomed in to our October 24, 2020 meeting and program
"Read A Good Book Lately?".

Just in case you missed some of the details of the books recommended by Trish Lee, Manager of our local bookstore, Black Bond Books, or were not able to join us, here is the list of books she presented.

"Entangled Life" by Merlin Sheldrake; *"Fresh Water for Flowers"* by Valerine Perrin; *"Fifty Words for Rain: A Novel"* by Ashe Lemmie; *"Talented Miss Farwell: A Novel"* by Emily Gray Tedrowe;

For 9 – 12 year old kids: *"The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse"* by Charlie Mackesy

For the teens: *"Eleanor & Park"* by Rainbow Rowell

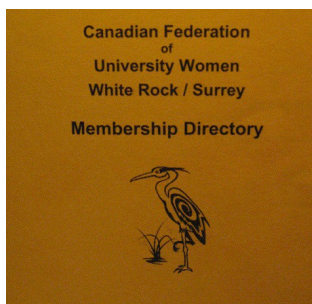
For the kids: *"One Girl"* by Andrea Beaty - a picture book

Non Fiction: *"If I Knew Then"* by Jann Arden



Pat Poliquin and Anne Low are asking for donations of new or used children's Christmas books and cookbooks for our bookshelf at Sources Food Bank on 56th. You could drop them off at Anne's covered entrance any time. Thank you!

(Anne Low)



DIRECTORY UPDATES AND CORRECTIONS

(Monica von Kursell)

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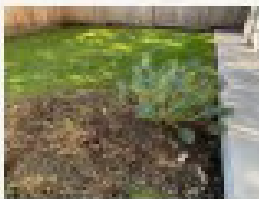
Welcome our New Member:

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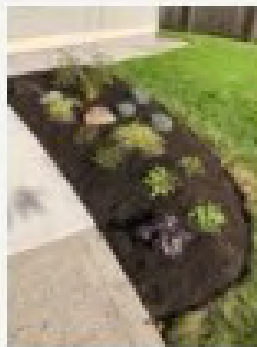
A GIFT FROM THE HEART FOR AMA HOUSE

One of the projects needed to be done at AMA House was the refurbishing of its garden beds along the front walkway. Sandy McKenzie, one of our Club members, has donated the funds to have these beds renewed. The donation of \$730 is made in memory of her sister Carol McKenzie Brown of Sudbury who was an avid gardener. Her sister was a grade one teacher in one of the inner city schools. She initiated, along with a local non profit organization, the building of a community garden in her school yard. This donation to AMA House along with the in-kind work of a local landscaper has greatly improved its walkway garden beds. See the before and after pictures of the walkway.

BEFORE:



AFTER:



Submitted by Sherrill Berg,
White Rock South Surrey CFUW
AMA House Liaison

CFUW GIVING TREE

GOING VIRTUAL FOR 2020!

MEMBERS CAN MAKE A DONATION
TO THE AMA HOUSE CHRISTMAS
TREE BY:

- E-TRANSFER TO
SANDRADKRAFT@GMAIL.COM

- CHEQUES TO THE CLUB
AT PO BOX 75039, SURREY,
BC V4A 0B1

- DROP OFF A CHEQUE OR
CASH AT SANDRA'S HOME:
3-1804 SOUTHMERE CRESCENT,
SURREY



YOU ARE ALWAYS SO GENEROUS.
WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO
AMA HOUSE
SHERRILL BERG, WHITE ROCK SOUTH SURREY CFUW AMA HOUSE LIAISON

Eurographics- Fine Art -Original \$20++



**BURSARY FOUNDATION
FUNDRAISER**

Jigsaw Puzzle Auction

Dear Members,
After 9 months of lockdown I find I have 21 virtually new puzzles. It occurred to me that maybe I could auction them off and give the money to the Foundation. If you are interested read further....

Mechanics of Auction.

One bid per puzzle so make your first offer your best.

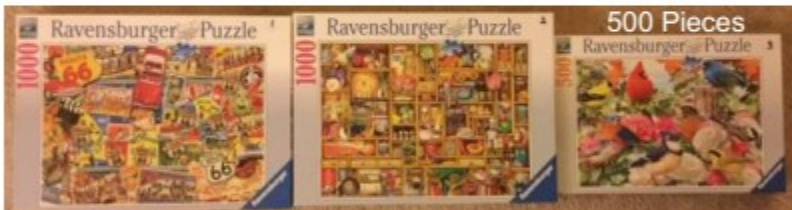
Indigenous Art - Original \$20+



You can bid on multiple puzzles.
Bids must be received by Nov. 26
Choose the puzzle you like-
Decide what you want to pay-
Contact me at joannecunow@gmail.com
I will collect money at time of delivery or pickup.

(Puzzles will be made safe for transfer)

Ravensburger - Originals \$20+



I look forward to hearing from you and regaining space in my closet.
Winners announced at Nov 28 zoom general meeting.

Keep well, Joanne

Cobble Hill - Originals \$20 +



Miscellaneous - Originals \$15 + (Easier to do)



Mystery Puzzle! One more puzzle has been added to our Jigsaw auction fundraiser. Black Bond Books has donated a surprise puzzle that will be added to Joanne's list of donated puzzles. If you would like to bid on the mystery puzzle, please email Joanne (joannecunow@gmail.com) with your bid. Successful bids announced at the Nov. 28 meeting. (Diane Salter-Menzo)

BURSARY BOARD NEWS

(Carolyn Oram)



Bursary in Memory of Joan Hoyles

The 'Stitch and Chat' interest group has requested that one of the bursaries awarded next spring be named in Joan's memory. The bursary board is in agreement with this request, and we are very pleased naming a bursary in her honour.

Last month, Monica von Kursell wrote an excellent memory piece about Joan and her strong commitment to the CFUW White Rock/Surrey Club.



Any member who would like to donate to the bursary for Joan can send that donation to Monica – mvonkursell@gmail.com. Please make the cheque payable to **Surrey White Rock Bursary Foundation**. Monica will issue an email receipt.

Bursary Board Meeting

Our first Zoom meeting will occur on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 1 pm. During this meeting, we will begin preparations for the bursaries to be awarded in late Spring 2021.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



CONTRIBUTIONS BY PAST PRESIDENTS

Gladys Utendale - President from 2006 - 2008

Gladys Utendale was our Club President from 2006-2008. Her theme was *"Let's talk, let's communicate, let's learn"*.

An active member from the time she joined the club in 1999, Gladys showed, through her leadership, the benefits of members becoming involved in the local club and at the B.C. and national levels. She represented our club at conferences at home and abroad, and was truly a great ambassador and resource for CFUW.

The following are highlights of her presidency:

- 2007 – The 'Gardens in Bloom' fundraiser, with co-chairs Susan Wingate and Anna Ferguson, netted approximately \$9,800.
- The Visions/Strategic Plan for 2006 – 2010 was completed and approved.
- A resolution on child learning and development was researched and written by the Education Committee and presented at the BC Council AGM in April 2006.
- Members contributed books, materials and money to build a parent resource library at Alexandra Neighbourhood House.
- Gladys served as secretary, Elva Reid was chair of education, and Rosemary Zelinka served as legislative chair on BC Council.
- 2007 Earth Day - the City of Surrey recognized our club's environmental efforts through the "Adopt-a-Street" program which was a marketing idea of Terry Barry.
- The environment group submitted "go-green" articles to the newsletter.
- The out-on-the-town interest group made outings to: Christmas at Tanglebank Country Gardens in Abbotsford, the tulip festival in La Conner, Wa., a wine and roses trip to Select Roses in Langley, and lunch at a local winery.

- At a 2008 club meeting, the writers' "potpourri" group shared writings and poems.
- At the 2007 National AGM, our club received a special award for outstanding membership increase and a special project award for the Education Committee co-sponsored workshop on "All About Child Care and Family".
- The One-to-One Literacy project expanded to a third school, Halls Prairie. The Surrey School Board of Education recognized CFUW White Rock/Surrey member, Patricia Hyde, for starting the program.
- Our club collected \$111 at the 2007 AGM for an international project to raise funds to send a Rwandan woman to the next IFUW conference.
- In 2007, delegates from our club attended the BC Council AGM in Nanaimo, the National AGM in Vancouver and the IFUW triennial in England.
- The club purchased a train plaque with our name on it as part of the White Rock Museum & Archives fundraiser for renovations. The museum stores our historical documents and the plaque is displayed on the board-walk.
- A group of our members visited our sister club, Bellingham AAUW, which hosted a lunch and tour of an eco-friendly and affordable housing complex in historic Fairhaven.

Gladys was a stalwart CFUW member and an unfailing source of encouragement and knowledge.

(Lois Hunter, Archivist)



Following the 60th Anniversary of our club, members, present and former, were invited, as part of a special project, to share their remembrances and reflections of their membership in CFUW.

Attached is an article by **Lorna Scobbie** to continue the "Memories" series of articles.

Lorna was our Club President from 1988 to 1990.

A FEW RANDOM THOUGHTS ABOUT CFUW WHITE ROCK

I was most active with the club during the 80s and 90s. It was a very vibrant organization with approximately 100 members.

The composition of the club was most interesting during these years, as many of the Charter members were still active. These women were of particular interest as most of them had obtained their degrees during the 40s. I think one had to be outstanding to obtain a degree during this time. Many were passionate about women's rights and were involved in protests, etc.

It was interesting to be acquainted with these women with their broad experience. A couple of my examples of their experiences were: once at a meeting in the home of one of the Charter members, someone commented on the beautiful painting she had over the fireplace. She replied that it had been painted by her friend Jack, better known to the rest of us as one of the Group of 7 – J.E.H. MacDonald! The other comment that remains in my thoughts was when one of the founders of our club, Jessie Casselman, told of her father returning home from a trip to Ontario with the news that Queen Victoria had passed away. To me, Queen Victoria was history, but not to Jessie.

Many of the younger members were "stay-at-home" moms. The meetings were a time when we enjoyed

the many talented speakers that gave presentations at the meetings, as well as the companionship the meetings offered. It was a very vibrant collection of members.

The meetings were held in private homes, and they rotated between the White Rock area and Panorama Ridge. Most members travelled by carpool, which was most enjoyable.

I was invited to join by Mary Joan MacDonald. We generally had a full carpool from our area. Therese Barry, the only living (I think) Charter member was part of our group. Terry, as she was called, was a quite hard working member who audited the books every year, as well as diligently supporting other projects of the group.

It was during these years, that the Bursary Foundation was established. I'm not too sure of the exact year, but I think it was during the time when either Wendy Fidgeon or Carol Wong was president. Much effort was devoted to establishing the Foundation. We had a series of community luncheons, that not only enabled us to raise money for the Foundation, but also promote the University Women's Club as well. We were able to obtain some outstanding individuals to speak, such as Dr. Smith who had just been awarded the Nobel Prize in Genetics. Patrice Shore who was very active in the community obtained multiple donations from merchants, so not only were the participants treated to a nice luncheon, there were prizes awarded at the end of each luncheon. This activity was well received by the community and it enabled the Bursary Foundation to become established on a firm financial basis.

I believe the club was involved with the first planned parenthood organization in B.C. It was organized by Wendy Fidgeon and staffed by club members. There were many discussions about the participation of the club in that activity.

I was fortunate to lead a most talented group of women through some of these activities.

The newsletter became a regular feature during these years. I believe we published four newsletters the first year. The phone committee still operated though, so each member was called with a preview of the speakers. We had a wonderful variety of speakers, such as the president of the Canadian Medical Association, and the owner of the major furniture retailer who told us about his extensive book collection, as well as a woman who told us of her experiences in a society that was not known to most of us. We began a feature in the newsletter to highlight the careers of some of the members, as there were some outstanding experiences to be shared.

During this time there was discussion about our membership booklet. Initially one would be listed as "Mrs. J.L. Scobbie", for example, and it was decided that should be changed, so the booklet read "Lorna Scobbie".

There was a national convention held in Vancouver during these years. It was very interesting to hear representatives from across Canada express their thoughts on the resolutions. The major speaker at one of the sessions was Judge Nancy Morrison, who urged us to be aware of the situations of many women she saw in her courtroom, women not as fortunate as those attending the conference, and to do what we could to assist in improving their situations.

These are just a few random thoughts about various activities that were happening during my active years.

(Lorna Scobbie)



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

Club Cuisine
4 times a year
Anna Ferguson

**One to 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.
Janice Cook



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.
Sandra Kraft



Friday

Stitch and Chat
2nd Fri., 1:00 p.m.
Daphne Graff



**French
Conversation**
Friday 1 p.m. on
Zoom
Sylvia Riddell



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/>

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just click on the URL and you will be taken to the respective website.

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Send a Card... Please advise **Linda Tedman** about any member of our club who is ill or bereaved, so she can send a card. Contact information: Telephone **604-536-4898**; email: lindatedman@gmail.com

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