



## White Rock / Surrey

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*Sue Foley-Currie*

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

They say one way to get something done is to ask a busy person!

Sadly, it seems to get harder for every organization to find new officers every two years. Each one tries with a small nominating group and then, for us, the onus falls on the past president to ask members if they can serve. Many say they cannot for various reasons. Usually it takes two or more attempts with members to rally enough interest to serve.

I served as vice president for two years, have served as president for two years, and will serve as past president for two years in the future. As well, I will co-chair our 60th anniversary as a club, and I am also on the National CFUW Finance Committee. In my other life, I am an Anglican Priest and soon will be serving in the second largest parish in my diocese. As well I am a Benedictine Oblate, a mom and grandma, and, believe it or not, I am writing a book and belong to a local writing group.

What happens if there is no president or vice president by the May AGM? We are a registered society and must have officers. So it is up to members to consider...and hopefully serve in the future.

### Past President's Message

Trudy Handel

Over the past few months, you may have heard me speak at our monthly meetings, like Diogenes with his lamp, looking for our new club board. Over the past few weeks, I've phoned many of you to ask you personally if you would be willing to serve on our board.

We have an aging membership, and as we age, we have lots of new responsibilities. We can face health issues, we may be needed to help with grandchildren, look after a spouse or arrange that long wanted vacation.

As a consequence, we do not have a full slate for the upcoming club board, which takes over from our current board in May, 2018.

I will be departing from the board in May as my term for past president expires, while Sue Foley-Currie will take my position. Normally the vice president steps into the presidency, but that isn't happening in this case due to circumstances.

Several current members of the board, whose terms should be expiring, have agreed to continue on in various positions and they have my sincere thanks for offering to do so. At this point, our current treasurer has agreed to continue for now, with the assistance of another member. Our secretary has agreed to continue, with the assistance of another member. We have two people continuing on as members at large, and one new member at large.

However, despite our best efforts to fill positions, at this point, we have no president or vice president as of May 2018.

I appeal to our membership – we need to fill these two positions urgently. If we don't, we must consider restructuring of the organization and it will be up to the club as a whole to consider how that will take place.

If we wish to continue past our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we need to act now in order to decide where we go from here.

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## CLUB NEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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# AGM

## 2018



Our Spring Luncheon and **Annual General Meeting** is on:

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**  
**GUILDFORD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**  
**7929 152nd Street, Surrey**

**(LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT NOON)**

At the **APRIL 28 GENERAL MEETING** you will have an opportunity to indicate your attendance and order your lunch entree.

**Cost \$30.00. Lunch includes salad, veggies, dessert, coffee or tea.**

You may choose from one of the following

1. Roast Beef
2. Chicken
3. Salmon

Sherrill will be set up and ready to accept your cash or cheque for \$30.00. Get this off your to do list! Help your Program Committee! Thank you!

Or, option 2: An email will be sent following our April General Meeting.

## APRIL MEETING AND PROGRAM

(submitted by Robin Funk on behalf of the Program Committee)

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| <b>When?</b>  | <b>Saturday, April 28th, 2018</b><br><b>10:30am - 12:30pm</b><br><b>Doors open at 10:15am for sign in and coffee</b><br><b>Program Starts at 10:30am</b> |
| <b>Where?</b> | <b>Mt. Olive Lutheran Church</b><br><b>2350 148th St, Surrey, BC</b>   |
|               | <b>Topic: Travel Talk with Members</b><br><b>Presenters: Joanne Cunningham and Sandy McKenzie</b>  |



### Join us, as we travel from Morocco to the Arctic...

On April 28th, our CFUW members Joanne Cunningham and Sandy McKenzie will share their travel adventures with us.



Be prepared to experience these far-away places as Joanne and Sandy talk about their adventures and share photos and artifacts with us. As a further treat, your Program Committee will have some Moroccan and Arctic tasty treats for you to enjoy. Don't miss this opportunity to *talk travel!*

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### A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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EILEEN STEVEN - [ez@hotmail.com](mailto:ez@hotmail.com)

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### Reminder to Make a Donation to the Bursary Foundation for 2018

(Anna Ferguson)

Making a donation to mark special occasions such as your birthday, achievements you have met, new skills learned, or milestones are all good ways to remember these events. A tax receipt will be given for donations of \$25 or more. Please indicate that your monies are to go to the bursary. You can pick up a donation slip at the **April 28th** meeting. (You will also find the bursary donation slip at the end of this newsletter to print out.)

# EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

PAST AND PRESENT



Susan J. Falk



Marilyn Dyer

## FUSION

May 2nd - 27th, 2018

OPENING RECEPTION

Sunday, May 6th, 2018 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

The Fort Gallery 9048 Glover Road, Fort Langley, BC • 604-888-7411  
susanjalk@shaw.ca • marilyndyerseid@shaw.ca • www.fortgallery.ca • www.susanfalk.ca

LEFT: Susan J. Falk, "Detail" Oil on Canvas - 8" x 10", Title: "It's Fine China" • RIGHT: Marilyn Dyer, "Detail" Acrylic on Canvas - 3' x 5', Title: "New Mountains"

### BARD ON THE BEACH WORKSHOP

(Elizabeth Bordeaux)

Many of our members enjoy the superb productions at Bard on the Beach every summer, but those of you who are not members of TALK may not be aware that there is an excellent workshop on the current season coming up at Kwantlen.

**DATE: Tuesday, May 8**

**TIME: 10:00 - 11:50 a.m.**

**PLACE: Surrey Campus, Cedar Building, Room 1205A**



Conducting the workshop will be Mary Hartman, Director of Education for Bard on the Beach. Mary's lively and informative presentations have been captivating TALK members since 2012 and are guaranteed to enhance your enjoyment of the plays.

To register, call 604-599-3077 or fax 604-599-2435. The cost is \$22 for the workshop plus \$10 for TALK membership.

### Visit to Our Sister Club – AAUW Bellingham Branch (Lois Hunter)



Eleven of our CFUW White Rock/Surrey members joined our sister club, the Bellingham Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), when it presented a Vintage Fashion Show on March 10, 2018.

This very successful fund raiser was only one of the special events that will occur this year as the branch celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of supporting women and girls in their area. We enjoyed a luncheon as well as being entertained by the models wearing over sixty vintage costumes complemented by the authentic accessories such as shoes, hats and gloves.

Our members were seated at different tables to socialize and have the opportunity to meet the members of our sister club. We also have a close contact with Carol Simmer of the Bellingham AAUW who lived in Canada and was co-president of our club with Helen Christiansen from 1996 to 1998.


We look forward to attending other events during this special year and having members of the Bellingham AAUW join us when we celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019. We also have a tradition of exchanging a vase that is etched with the flags of both of our countries and usually filled with some type of edible goodies.

The next exchange will be at a special dinner hosted by the Bellingham group in the fall of 2018.



Lois Hunter with Carol Simmer (middle) and on the right, winner of our donation of Cafe Femenino coffee as part of their fundraiser

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**George Garrett Interviewed Madeline Neill, Founder of Black Bond Books at our March 24th Meeting** (Penny Harrington)

Retired CKNW "News Hound", George Garrett, interviewed in conversation Madeline Neill, retired founder of Black Bond Books, at our March 24th meeting.

Members were treated to a truly personal experience with these two community icons who continue making positive differences within our communities. Both, George and Madeline, with wit and humour, spoke to the changes of women in our society. Madeline regaled us with stories in her forthright manner as a business woman in a male-dominated industry. Madeline simply believed "she could do it and wasn't afraid to ask". This attitude brought her and her business to being Canada's largest independent book selling group.

George is currently writing the story of Madeline's life, so we look forward to receiving an invitation to their book launch.

**AMA House News** (Penny Harrington)

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| Ongoing Food / Baking Items<br><b>\$500 / \$500</b><br>Save On Gift Certificates<br><b>\$400</b> | <b>Xmas Dinner \$400 / \$700</b>   | Money <b>\$500 / \$500</b><br>Coupons <b>\$400</b><br>Entertainment Passes /<br>Bus / Movie Passes |
| Clothing   | <b>Suitcases</b><br><b>(\$20 x \$200) \$4000</b>   | Bedding  |
| Toiletries   |  | Handmade Throws  |
| Art Supplies<br><b>\$300</b>   |  | Books & Magazines  |
| Computer Tower<br><b>\$500</b><br>Computer Desk <b>\$200</b>                                     |  | Outdoor Planters & Flowers <b>\$300 / \$300</b>  |
| Storage Containers<br><b>\$50</b><br><b>(\$20 x \$20) \$400</b>                                  |  | Television <b>\$700</b>  |
|  | <b>Table and Chairs \$500</b><br><b>Hide A Bed \$300</b><br><b>Individual Xmas Gifts \$1,000 / \$300</b> |  |

At our March meeting, Sherrill Berg presented Candice Quesnel and Darleen Homes from AMA House with a cheque for \$1000 from our CFUW club.

Candice and Darleen shared their personal stories and spoke to the changes our contributions make to the women of AMA House. The chart depicts more clearly than words the efforts our members have made to funding the many needs of the AMA House women.

***"We are one little program working to make a huge difference in as many senior women's lives as we can. They are our forgotten grandmothers, mothers, sisters and they deserve to live a life free from abuse, violence and homelessness." (Darleen Holmes, Support Worker, AMAHouse)***

## **CLUB HISTORY**

(Elizabeth Bordeaux)

***Next year, 2019, our club will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In recognition of this milestone event, our newsletter is featuring articles about our history in the months leading up to our jubilee year. These articles, written by club presidents from each decade, are taken from the historical booklet that was published to mark our 50<sup>th</sup> jubilee.***

### **OUR CLUB HISTORY – THE FIRST DECADE**

*by Elizabeth Bordeaux*

Jessie Casselman was undoubtedly the driving force behind the establishment of the White Rock University Women's Club, as we were then called. Jessie was both persuasive and persistent, so just about every female university graduate in the area was corralled into joining the new club, which was officially launched on June 18, 1959. For the rest of her life, Jessie was an active member who, each year, formally inducted the new club officers and was a commanding presence at meetings.

Membership in the 60s, at the bargain rate of \$5 a year, stayed at about 50, small enough so that everyone knew each other and meetings could be held in private homes. The locale alternated between White Rock and Panorama Ridge, with the format of a formal meeting and speaker, followed by refreshments. The hostess provided tea and coffee, and all the members brought homemade goodies on rotation.

The members were of all ages, from young mothers to retired teachers. For the young mums, the club was a godsend, a place of calm and camaraderie where there were stimulating programs and good conversation. For everyone, friendship, mental stimulation and networking were major reasons for joining the White Rock University Women's Club.

The choice of speakers provoked a certain amount of controversy. Was it a "tea and biscuits" club or an intellectual group? A compromise was reached, with a combination of both at most meetings; one dinner meeting with a speaker; and also two social events without any speakers. There was a Christmas party with games and carol singing and, in June, a family picnic on the Ridge, where mothers could take their toddlers and enjoy picnicking on the grass.

Even in those very early days there were active interest groups: a bridge club, a cooking club, two book clubs and a jaunters' group that purchased prime seats for performances like the National Ballet. In addition, committees were formed to discuss resolutions, one of which dealt with raising the minimum age for marriage in Canada from 14 to 16. In the late 60s the club also embarked on a major community program: staffing a family planning clinic at the request of the Public Health Department.

This initiative did not have the approval of all members, many of whom were horrified to be supporting a clinic that offered birth control counselling and "the pill" to unmarried women. In those days, no family doctor could discuss birth control with a minor without involving her parents. Also, there were many unwanted pregnancies and illegal abortions with tragic results. The club decided that family planning – and prevention – was preferable to that situation, and for many years provided clerical and counselling volunteers under the coordination of Elizabeth (Gilray) Bordeaux. Community doctors and nurses also volunteered their time. Eventually, when laws were changed, the clinic was taken over by the Department of Public Health.

University women have always been active in the community, and the club has provided many notable community leaders. In the 1960s, we had club members active in groups such as the Council of Women, Girl Guides of Canada, the Peace Arch Hospital Auxiliary and the White Rock Players Club.

Two major conferences for university women took place in BC in the 60s. In 1969, our club executive ran a provincial conference under the direction of former president Dorothy Slaughter. Although White Rock was the host club, the conference was held in Tsawwassen because there was no centre in White Rock large enough to accommodate it. Also that year, a national conference was held at UBC. Many club members attended both events.

Small but active throughout the 60s, the White Rock University Women's Club set the standards and sowed the seeds for future growth.



## INTEREST GROUPS

### ART APPRECIATION --- EXPLORING "THE ART OF SEEING" ---

(submitted by Lynn Robertson on behalf of the Art Appreciation Group)

March 21st was not the typical Art Appreciation group event. We have experienced many different venues and events, but this time we had the privilege of being invited to the perfect location - Mary Fran Bateman's home.



*Members of the Art Appreciation Interest Group with group leader Marilyn (Mari) Dyer-Seidel (front row, 2nd from left)*

We had the pleasure of participating in a workshop organized and presented by Marilyn Dyer-Seidel, known to us as Mari. Her many years of experience as an art instructor and her continued passion for art always bring insights and joy to a session.

Mari guided approximately fifteen members of our group through several activities. As the title of our workshop indicates, we explored ways to experience art through seeing things. Carefully and purposefully, focussing on colour and shape along with texture, we looked around the room and discovered subtleties that seemed to appear but were there all along.

Mari stretched our comfort levels for sensing with our eyes to include our sense of touch. Visualize this - each of us used one hand to slide into a small brown bag with something in it and our other hand held a soft piece of plasticine. Our task was to sculpt the plasticine to resemble the item we were feeling in the bag. The next task was to try to sketch the item while still feeling it. Lastly, we pulled out the item, looked at it and with our pencils popping through a blind, so we could not see the paper we were sketching on, we sketched our small piece of drift wood. Upon examining our product, it was interesting to see the differences when we incorporated more than one way of 'seeing art'.

With a high level of trust, it was without reservation that each of us explored a little part of our world through the guidance of our friend, Mari.



## 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 I**

Linda Lee Henriksen

#### **Club Cuisine**

4-5 times a year  
Elizabeth Bordeaux

#### **New Members**

Gloria Kelly

#### **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.  
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

#### **Mahjong**

3rd Thurs. 1:00 p.m.,  
Majorie Foxall; Joy Thompson



### 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/>

### GW (Graduate Women International)

<http://www.graduatwomen.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: [mayanexplorer@telus.net](mailto:mayanexplorer@telus.net)

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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**Deadline for May Newsletter submissions is Monday, May 7th, 2018**

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

Ads are prepaid. Please contact our Club Treasurer, Eileen Ennis. email: [wennis@telus.net](mailto:wennis@telus.net)





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