



## White Rock / Surrey

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*Trudy Handel*

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to tell you a little bit about my friend, John.

I first met John when he was six years old and I was fourteen. His dad came to stay with us for a few months, and every once in a while, he would bring John over to stay for the night. John's mother had left right after John's birth – she didn't want him. His dad Bob was not a young man, but he did the best he could for John, and tried to see him every couple of weeks.

The rest of the time, John lived in a home for physically and mentally challenged children, called the Dr. Endicott Home. Imagine living alone in a group home, no matter how conscientious the staff could be, from the age of six. He suffered from a number of problems. He was severely deaf, and a bit slow mentally. He also had an incredibly happy outlook on life, and a smile that could light up a room. He wore hearing aids, and he could understand what you said, but he couldn't really verbalize anything himself. He let his smile do the talking instead. We would go out together and play in the snow – at least, he would play while I pulled him on the toboggan and he threw the odd snowball at me.

Years later, I came back to town during my post secondary summer break, and I worked at the Dr. Endicott Home. And there was John. Now he was a teenager, but I remembered the smile, and he remembered me. He gave me a big hug and a sloppy kiss on the cheek every time we met, and he would mime throwing a snowball at me. We both cried when I said goodbye at the end of the summer.

I went on with my career, and John moved into a group home. His father died and his mother never surfaced. His older brother eventually took him to live with his wife and kids. Then John died. He was twenty-one, and the obituary said, "to our best loved uncle and brother". He'd had a heart problem, and now he was gone.

John didn't have to die. He didn't have to be born deaf, and he didn't have to be born with a mental disadvantage. He didn't have to have a heart problem. John could have been as normal as you or me.

John's mother contracted Rubella – German Measles - when she was pregnant with John, and all those things that happened to him, all those disadvantages and his short life were a direct result of that illness in pregnancy. His mother couldn't face his disability, so she abandoned him. He had an older brother and sister, both perfectly normal.

The next time someone tells you that they have a right not to vaccinate their children, tell them about John.



## CLUB NEWS



### **Heart-Mind Learning: What it means for Families, Schools and Communities**



Geoff Plant and Kathy Steele

Geoff Plant, Chair of the Board of the Dalai Lama Center for Peace and Education, spoke on the work of the center on “Heart-Mind Well-being” and Social and Emotional Learning.

Kathy Steele thanked Geoff Plant on behalf of the CFUW and presented him with a donation for the Dalai Lama Center. *(Photo courtesy of Lois Hunter)*

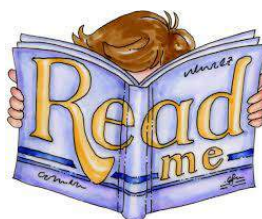
A 'Thank you' note was received from David Samis, Communications Manager, Dalai Lama Center for Peace and Education:

*I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the White Rock CFUW for your donation to the Dalai Lama Center. I'm glad to hear that Geoff Plant's visit to speak to your group last weekend went well. Thanks again from all of us at the Center!*

*Best Wishes*

### **One-to-One Literacy Project**

submitted by Pat Hyde, Mary Ann Rainer, and Carolyn Oram



The second session of the One-to-One Project has drawn to a close. The school March Break follows from March 9 to March 20. The third session of the school year begins on March 23 and finishes May 28. We continue to have a full slate of volunteers at all three schools: H. T. Thrift, Peace Arch and Sunnyside as well as a list of volunteers willing to substitute when necessary. Thank you again to all the volunteers.

## **General Meeting and Program**



**"New to You" AUCTION**  
**Get ready for the SILENT AUCTION**  
**Saturday, March 21, 2015**

Come to the meeting and join in the fun of our 2nd Annual Silent Auction. It's an opportunity to dig into your trunk for junk, change the art on your wall, or pass along a designer gown - just use your imagination. Bring one or two classy items to the auction and bring your friends. We promise you'll all go home with something "new to you".

Date: **March 21, 2015**  
Time: 10:00 a.m - noon.  
Where? **WHITE ROCK COMMUNITY CENTRE,**  
15154 Russell Avenue, White Rock, BC, V4B 0A6

Program: **"Perceptions & Approaches to Teaching International Award-Winning Faculty"**

The speaker for the March meeting will be Diane Salter-Menzo, BSc, MSc, PHD, Chair of Partnerships for the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.

Diane, CFUW club member, discusses the research published in her book '**Cases on Quality Teaching in Higher Education**' (2013). The concept emerged from her research project which surveyed international award-winning teachers with an approach to learning-centered, rather than information-centered, teaching. In her presentation, Diane will encourage participants to consider their own best learning experiences as she shares the international examples.

**Two resolutions were circulated to all Club members and will be discussed at the meeting: Mary Ann Rainer from the Environment Group will present the resolution on Reducing Climate Change and Carbon Taxes, and Sue Foley-Currie, VP and Community Affairs Committee Chair, will present the other resolution on Pollinators and the Environment. Any amendments are due at National CFUW by the end of March.**

**We would like to thank Eileen Fuller, Faye Koll and Marjorie Foxall for providing the refreshments for the March meeting.**



### **Need a Ride to the Meeting?**

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.

## Our Members



Welcome Colleen O'Keefe

I became interested in your club after my niece was a bursary recipient last year, and I attended the lunch where she received her award.

I have lived in White Rock/South Surrey since 1973, attending elementary and high school here. I worked in Communications with the RCMP and was an instructor at Kwantlen University for five years, instructing Public Safety Communications. I received an Associate degree in Criminology and studied Communications at SFU with degree focussing on Communications/Media.

Since 2006, I have worked in Real Estate Marketing and Sales as a licensed real estate consultant. I have served on the Irish Women's Network Executive Committee (Ladies lunch portfolio and fundraising), Vancouver College Parents Advisory Board (Chair of large fundraising portfolio), served on the Executive of Kids Help Phone Vancouver, have coached basketball, managed hockey and served as VP on the Parent Advisory Committee when my children were in elementary school.

As a lifelong learner and supporter of education, I look forward to joining the CFUW.

(colleenokeefe@telus.net)

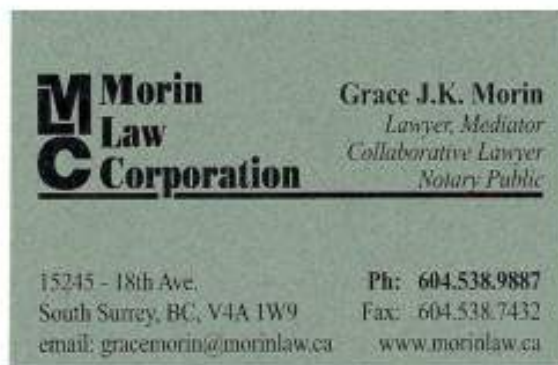


## This and That....



Jay Donald is still taking inventory of CFUW items stored in members' homes. In particular... 'where is the gavel'. Please have a look around your home, and if you find anything, please contact Jay at [jocelyndonald@shaw.ca](mailto:jocelyndonald@shaw.ca). Thank you.

A message from the: **DUPLICATE BRIDGE GROUP :**  
**Meets 2nd Monday of the month at 1pm, with two or three tables. Looking for spares at the moment.** Call Betty Bishop at 604 536-2117 or [betty21a@gmail.com](mailto:betty21a@gmail.com)





## INTEREST GROUPS ACTIVITIES

### ART APPRECIATION GROUP

#### Elizabeth Hollick's Studio

submitted by Elizabeth Bordeaux  
Photos courtesy Trudy Handel

On January 21, the Art Appreciation Interest Group had a wonderful morning at Elizabeth Hollick's studio. Everyone who lives in the White Rock area is familiar with Elizabeth's colourful murals: one on the wall of the Playhouse, another on the wall of *Wild Birds Unlimited* at 24<sup>th</sup> and King George, others on fences around building sites. She portrays life in our area; as Mari (Marilyn Dyer-Seidel) told our group, she is a modern-day Breugel. In her apartment and studio, we saw more paintings depicting life in and around White Rock, with some familiar faces in the multitude of people she portrays in each scene.



*The vibrant colours depicting the White Rock beach reflect the passion and strength of Elizabeth Hollick's painting.*

Elizabeth herself is as delightful as her painting, full of warmth and humour. She showed us a number of her works, including caricatures of herself dealing with all the facets of her busy life. She has an amazing output and tackles each project with enormous verve and creativity. One set of three paintings was especially intriguing. The first is of a colourful pottery jug, painted in Elizabeth's inimitable style. She told us she looked at it and thought it was too conventional, so she smashed the jug with a hammer and painted the pieces! Last, she glued the pieces back together in haphazard fashion and painted that. We were both enchanted and fascinated by her originality.

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*This papier mache sculpture of a Canadian moose is typical of Elizabeth's humour*



*Lucky Ann-Marie Steenge receiving her door prize from the artist: a picture of a set of antique fishhooks.*

When we arrived at her apartment/studio, Elizabeth wrote down each of our names and put them in a basket. We were stunned when, at the end of her captivating comments on many of her works, she pulled a name out of the basket and presented the lucky winner, Ann-Marie Steenge, with an original painting.

We are so lucky to live in an area where there are creative people like Elizabeth Hollick, and even luckier that, through Mari, we had the opportunity to hear directly from the artist about how she paints and about her philosophy of life. None of us will forget that fascinating morning.



*Wild Birds Unlimited Mural*

## Art Appreciation Group Trip to Victoria

Photos and article submitted by Lois Hunter

On Feb 11, 2015, members of the Art Appreciation Group with leader Marilyn Dyer-Seidel embarked on an outing to the Robert Bateman Centre & Gallery in Victoria.

The Centre, opened in 2013, is a beautiful, re-furbished, neo-classical building which was originally the CPR Steamship Terminal located on Victoria's inner harbour. The Centre houses a permanent exhibit of over 100 pieces that span seven decades of Robert Bateman's work. Through his work, this celebrated wildlife artist hopes to help people reconnect with nature and features the largest exhibit of his original works.

There are three floors in the centre, easily accessed with elevators. On the first level, we enjoyed lunch and browsed in the gift shop. On the second floor is the 9000 square foot gallery space where there are actually ten individually galleries, including one devoted to his paintings of BC and another to his works from Africa. The third and top level houses the Robert Bateman Foundation, which supports educational nature programs to help more children discover adventure and the joy of being outside. As it was near Valentine's Day, we were also treated to an exhibit of Robert and his wife Birgit's 40 years of Valentines to each other.



One of the many Valentine's Day Cards



Members of the Art Appreciation Group and guests enjoying High Tea

Before departing to catch the ferry home, we enjoyed High Tea at the James Bay Tea Room. A most enjoyable day and a "must see" stop if you are in Victoria.



Trudy Handel (left) and Lois Hunter (above) enjoying a cup of tea





## The Bridge Party

*submitted by Monica von Kursell  
photos courtesy Joanne Cunningham*

The first ever CFUW White Rock / Surrey bridge party happened on February 25<sup>th</sup> at Mary Ann Rainer's townhouse event room. It was continuously called a tournament, which it wasn't, but that's another story.



Thirty-nine ladies enjoyed a sumptuous lunch as can be seen in the photo. Lynda Ecclestone, who was in charge of the food, happily displays the generous donations of some of those attending.

Then, the playing began. A happy buzz, or perhaps on occasion, joyful noise indicated the fun everyone was having. There were twelve guests from outside the club who were invited by a few of our



members. Practically everyone who attended the party either donated food, drink, prizes, or brought tables and other items needed for the event. It was truly a collective effort of bridge players from the four bridge groups in our club. Being a fundraiser, after expenses, \$730.00 was turned over to the club.

Joanne Cunningham won the day, followed by Mary Ann Rainer, Shelley (a guest) and Betty Bishop. There were prizes too for those who had horrible cards, who probably want to remain nameless. Actually, if the truth be known (except for one), I have forgotten their names. Because so many prizes were donated, we held a raffle for the rest of them.

There is already talk of having a second event. Watch out for it next year.



*Left to right: Claire Maynard, Joan Clark, Pam Cowan, and Joan Arwick relax with a glass of wine*



**VANCOUVER SYMPHONY AT THE BELL CENTRE 2015 – 2016**

*submitted by Linda Lee Henriksen*

Now is the time to subscribe to next year's season for the **Vancouver Symphony Surrey Nights!** New subscribers are very welcome! We have a special group rate of \$142 for the season of five concerts.

Next season's conductors will include Bramwell Tovey and beloved Kazuyoshi Akiyama as well as a couple of hot young conductors who are worth hearing. Four world-class pianists will be the featured artists. More information can be found at <http://www.vancouversymphony.ca/series/15SUR/>.

You may also subscribe for your spouse and/or friends at the group rate.

To subscribe, send a cheque for **\$142 for each subscription**, made out to Linda Lee Henriksen, 12239 Gilley Street, Surrey, BC, V4A 3C9.

Looking forward to seeing you next season!



**CFUW White Rock/Surrey Interest Groups ~ Activities and Leaders**

**Monday**

**Dames Who Dine**

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

**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**

Elizabeth Bordeaux

**One-to-One Literacy Group**

once a week  
Patricia Hyde

**Tuesday**

**Alpha Book Group**

2nd Tues. 1:30 p.m.  
Shirley Nord

**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**

2nd Wed., 3:00 p.m.  
(varies) Sandra Kraft

**Golf for Fun**

Wed. Afternoons  
Sandra Kraft

**Art Appreciation**

3rd Wed. (varies)  
Marilyn Dyer-Seidel

**Thursday**

**Fully Booked Book Group**

2nd Thurs. 1:30 p.m.  
Joanne Cunningham

**Newbies Bridge**

1:30 p.m., Thurs.  
Monica von Kursell

**Evening Book**

2nd Thur., 7 p.m.  
Marjorie Mooney

**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.  
Mary Ann Rainer

**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](mailto:anne99low@gmail.com)

**\*Groups subject to change.**





## CFUW NATIONAL NEWS

compiled and submitted by Sue Foley-Currie



### CFUW NEWS UPDATE

- In 2019 CFUW will be 100 years old. Some clubs across the country are starting to talk about their future planning to celebrate, and a possible special project.
- Did you know that the National CFUW Charitable Trust and CFUW Clubs together annually provide over \$1,000,000 in awards to women across Canada? For the Clubs – some do this on their own, some have endowments they have set up with educational institutions, and some do a combination of both. And others, after meeting all the criteria required, also apply for lottery funds.
- The end of March always is the deadline for amendments to resolutions that were submitted much earlier by Clubs. These resolutions are reviewed by all Clubs from January- March. They are dealt with at the AGM (June in Quebec City). Clubs, however, can find other value as well in the resolutions. Resolutions can be used in four ways: as a tool for local public awareness, as a way to proactively express concerns, to create partnerships and coalitions with like-minded organizations, and as a way to react or respond to issues and government agendas.
- The final deadline for registering for the National CFUW AGM in Quebec City is June 9. The early bird discount ends May 18. [www.proreg.ca/events/cfuw/2015/welcome.php](http://www.proreg.ca/events/cfuw/2015/welcome.php)

### CFUW BC Council & Clubs Update

*"If not you, who will act?"*

- The BC Conference and AGM is Friday, April 17-Sunday, April 19 in Sidney, Vancouver Island. It is hosted by the CFUW Saanich Peninsula Club. So far, at least four are attending from our own Club. For those who have not attended in the past, there is always a keynote speaker, a plenary session, workshops, pre and post-conference tours, and many opportunities to socialize and share/network with members from other clubs about what they are doing within their Clubs and in their local communities.
- The deadline for the early bird registration is March 9, but registration (\$170 plus hotel) is still open afterwards for those still interested. [www.cfuwsaanichpeninsula.org/2015-bc-conference](http://www.cfuwsaanichpeninsula.org/2015-bc-conference)

### IFUW Update

- There has been a motion from National CFUW for postponement to September of the IFUW name change. It was seconded by the Mexican Federation of University Graduates, the British Federation, the Indian Federation, and the Hellenic Association of University Women.
- IFUW shared a UN report that 34 million adolescent girls are not in school around the world.
- Did you know that IFUW has a twinning program and can assist in finding a twin?

## Member Resources

### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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- Helen Christiansen  
- Monica von Kursell

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**Deadline for April Newsletter submissions is Friday, April 3rd, 2015**

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)

**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](mailto:ebordeaux@shaw.ca)**

### Need a Ride to a CFUW Meeting or Interest Group?

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### Web Resources for Members

**CFUW Facebook page**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/CFUW-White-RockSurrey>

**and the closed group page**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1547358335477392>

*(to access, you must be a member of Facebook)*

**CFUW White Rock/Surrey**

[www.cfuw-wrsurrey.org](http://www.cfuw-wrsurrey.org)

**BC Council**

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

**CFUW (National)**

[www.cfuw.org](http://www.cfuw.org)

**IFUW (International)**

[www.ifuw.org](http://www.ifuw.org)

**Semiahmoo Arts**

[www.semiahmooarts.com](http://www.semiahmooarts.com)

**Arts Council of Surrey**

[www.artscouncilofsurrey.ca](http://www.artscouncilofsurrey.ca)

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