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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As a writer, I thrive on conflict, although hopefully it's kept on the written page. Since the time of Homer, writers have known that there are very few specific types of conflict, no matter what you're writing about.

Most experts agree that the types of conflict are: man against himself; man against man; man against society and man against nature. When Homer wrote "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey", he used all of these conflicts in many iterations. (I wonder how he would have reacted to Brad Pitt playing Achilles, with an alpaca trailing along behind him through Greece?)

Even in Homer's Greece, real events provided the basis for stories with true conflict on many levels. Not much has changed through thousands of years - the same conflicts provide the same emotional response when we write a story today.

This brings me to the extraordinary writing of Tom McCarthy and Josh Singer for a film called "Spotlight". Spotlight is a landmark film, based on the work of an investigative reporting team at the Boston Globe, circa 2001. This was a more straightforward time in print journalism before the increasing inroads of internet "instant" news took a toll.

The team focussed on a report from a lawyer that a Cardinal in the Catholic Church in Boston knew a priest was sexually abusing children, but did nothing to stop him. Their editor gave the team the necessary resources to pursue the story, and they soon found that they were not just investigating one priest, they were investigating thirteen. Eventually, they discovered that over ninety priests (or six percent) of the priests in the area had been accused of sexually abusing children in their sphere of influence.

When the story went to press in 2002, the Boston Globe had to hire more people to answer the phones, as

call after call came in from additional, previously unknown victims. Their investigation eventually led to charges against Catholic priests in dozens of countries around the world, with incredible pressure on the Vatican to change policies within the Catholic Church.

All this arose from a story in a newspaper, based on an incredible investigative team equipped with the necessary journalistic tools. It touched a chord in the audience, and it led to social change.

One wonders what would have happened if this had occurred today, rather than in 2001. Would the incredible pressure of the internet have changed this story? Would it have caused even greater social change, would it have happened faster, or not at all? Certainly, papers like the Boston Globe can no longer afford long term dedicated teams of researchers and reporters in the face of instant communication technologies.

“Spotlight”, the motion picture, won two Academy Awards last month – one for Original Screenplay, based on those same, ancient four elements of conflict. The other was Best Motion Picture.

Sometimes, like Homer, a writer writes to record history. Sometimes, like the Boston Globe and the Spotlight team, they write to bring about social change. It’s perhaps the best use of those four principles of conflict – and something we can all aspire to.

CLUB NEWS

What do you know about Childcare? What will lead us to Universal Childcare that makes a difference for all children and families? (by Carol Oram)

At our last general meeting on February 27, about 50 members of the club enjoyed a power point presentation on childcare as it is now and what can be done to create a universal system of childcare for all children and their families.

The speakers, Audrey Hobbs-Johnson and Carolyn Oram, are members of the BC Childcare Advocacy Committee from CFUW. The late Elva Reid was integral in starting this group. During the presentation there were references to the “Telling our Stories” work done by the committee.

As it was pointed out by Audrey, we have more questions than answers. Club members were involved in the discussion about what they knew about childcare, and they were encouraged to submit their questions at the end.

This topic has been one of interest to our club since 2006, when we submitted a resolution to CFUW that emphasized the need for affordable, universal, quality childcare. One question remains: As a club, what do we do next?



Audrey Hobbs-Johnson

Our latest acquisition.....



*Trudy Handel and Andrew Foxall
with our new multimedia projector*

The club will now have more complete program records in the archives, and also the ability to present PowerPoint presentations at our meetings with our multimedia projector purchased recently.

Andrew Foxall, son of club member Marjorie Foxall, taped the popular January members' program with Jutta Mordhorst and Trudy Handel recounting their fascinating memoirs .

Andrew has put their stories on a memory stick for the archives, and has made discs which members can obtain with a small donation to the club. The discs are available from Marjorie Foxall.

(**email:** marj.foxall@shaw.ca; **phone:** 604-541-1269)

(contributed by Penny Harrington)

THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

(by Sue Foley-Currie)

The next meeting is Monday, March 14, 10 am to noon at Sue Foley-Currie's. New members are welcome. **RSVP 604-538-3864.**

Please bring your ideas about local, provincial and national issues that would be of interest to our club members and that would promote aspects of education as well as any changes that would improve the status of women and girls. We are going to start brainstorming what could be a possible future resolution(s) with research from our club in 2016-18. We will also be going back into our own archives to see what was produced by our club in past years. If you are unable to attend – please email or phone any suggestions to Sue. (foleyway@shaw.ca)

Also at the March 26 general meeting – the five resolutions via other clubs and the National Advocacy Group - will have the final review, any last amendments made, and the five resolutions will be voted upon in preparation for the National CFUW AGM in June.

OUR NEW MEMBERS

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

Ines Quiroga



Ines Quiroga was born and raised in Mexico City, where she obtained a Science Bachelor's degree with honors and worked in the production and research of vaccines. Ines also co-published an article while collaborating with recognized researchers. She then worked as a scientific adviser with companies representing international firms.

Ines, is now a Seniors' Real Estate Specialist with RE/MAX, with whom she has been an agent for over 11 years, and is part of the Children's Miracle Network. Highly involved in the White Rock/South Surrey community, where she and her family have lived since they moved to British Columbia in 2003, Ines is a member of the White Rock Players Theatre, where she has performed in the Pantomimes. Her passions: Ballroom dancing, acting, singing and Natural

Healing. She is a Bach Flower Remedies Registered Practitioner,

Before coming to Canada, Ines lived in Mexico, England and Canada. She has two wonderful sons and for her, being a mother is the most important part of her life.

General Meeting and Program

(submitted by Helen Christiansen))

When: **Saturday, March 26, 2016**
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

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

Program:

1. This month, we have a chance to vote on the five national resolutions which we have been studying. They will be presented, voted on, and the results sent with our delegate to the CFUW AGM in June.
2. We can also enjoy our ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION fundraiser.

To MAKE IT A SUCCESS, please bring three (or more) items which you would like to donate along with the filled in auction sheet found at the end of this newsletter.

Anything that you have not used in the past few years might be considered a small treasure by another club member!

Please remember to bring cash or a cheque to pay for items that catch your eye.

On the auction sheet, that you will find at the very end of this newsletter (**please print out**), write a brief description of your items and suggested prices (in pencil).

If you need more information about the silent auction, please contact Penny Harrington at 604-542-3629 or by email at ph3629@telus.net

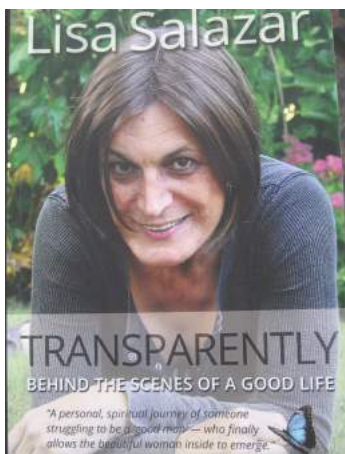


And last, but certainly not least: **Marjorie Foxall, our hardworking social conveyor, would like to see members bring their own mugs, as coffee cups are plastic coated and bad for the environment. Thank you.**

INTEREST GROUPS

Guest Speaker at the Evening Book Club

(by Marilyn Dyer-Seidel)



The joy of selecting a book from a library shelf can be as exciting as meeting a new friend in an unexpected circumstance - especially if the book is an autobiography.

This was the case recently when the Evening Book Club invited former Columbian, Lisa Salazar, writer, graphic artist, entrepreneur and musician, to discuss her autobiography "TRANSPARENTLY". Lisa's ability to record a personal portrait of the challenges and joys she experienced along her "path of change" encouraged an evening of enlightened discussion. All of us had to examine new perspectives and concepts as well as update our understanding of the vocabulary which has emerged to reflect a better understanding of human sexuality.

Lisa Salazar's book is a sensitive, poignant record of her struggle to become herself.

Lisa is interested in becoming a member of CFUW, and would enjoy participating in this forward- thinking club.

ART APPRECIATION GROUP

VAG's Biggest Art Exhibition yet

(by Marilyn Dyer-Seidel)

One would hardly recognize Vancouver's marble-staircased Art Gallery at the moment with its cladding of enormous black and white graphics, huge visual displays, a 20 inch ceramic rabbit's head on metal legs, a full-sized chair lamp, and cats playing on keyboards.

The four floors of innovative exhibitions have transformed this classical building into a giant reflector of the modern visual world.

The current show is called MASHUP, indicating that there are many ways to put together imagery using materials and media in new ways.

It is VAG's largest international exhibition, representing hundreds of artists and curators.

MASHUP is a large show and needs to be viewed in at least two sessions with a lunch break in between.



VAG Staircase ready for the MASHUP Exhibition

Recently, the Art Appreciation Group met with Marilyn Dyer-Seidel to talk about some of the new wave of art expression and to discuss specific art pieces as well as to review the theory base for discussing art work.

Curiosity about ART is the basic essence of the group's profile. Someone defined "curiosity" as acknowledging a 'gap' in one's knowledge and being willing to embark on further exploration to close the 'gap'.

As a group, that is us! Curious, fun and exploratory!

This and That....



Bard (on the beach) anyone?

(by Monica von Kursell)

For some, remember when we had the Stanley Theatre group? Well, how about starting a Bard on the Beach group this coming season. We could do the Saturday/Sunday matinees when traffic into Vancouver isn't that busy. The plays run from May to September. This season includes **The Merry Wives of Windsor**,

Romeo and Juliet, **Othello**, and **Pericles**. Check out bardonthebeach.org for more information about the season. Buying group tickets gives us a break.

Bard has become a famous institution in greater Vancouver, and people come from miles around just for Bard. For those interested, please email Monica von Kursell (mvonkursell@gmail.com).

Tickets (all reserved seating) will be going on sale April 5th. A season package costs \$140.00 (or less – group rates are not on the website right now). The matinee tickets sell out very very fast.



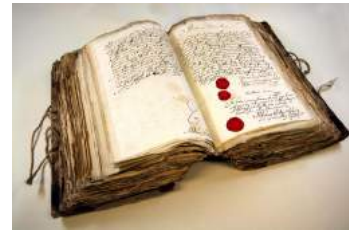
GEMS FROM THE ARCHIVES

Honouring Our Past Presidents of a Previous Decade

(by Lois Hunter, Archivist)

Past Presidents of the decade 2000 to 2010 have been featured in previous newsletters and this article will continue the series.

The decade started with Marilyn Newman, followed by Elva Reid, Jean Putman, Mary Ann Rainer, Gladys Utendale and **Rosemary Zelinka**. Rosemary was our President from 2008 to 2010 and her tribute will complete the sixth in this series.



Rosemary Zelinka

Highlights of Rosemary's Presidency

- After many successful years of being our major fundraiser, the 2008 Gardens in Bloom did not happen due to difficulties in finding sufficient gardens to display. However, the garden tour resumed in June 2009 and raised over \$12,000.
- In June 2008, the Peace Arch News featured an article on "Bridging a Generation Gap" where grade 6 & 7 students at H. T. Thrift School partnered with 12 of our members to be mentored (by the students) in computer basics. This program was an inspiration from Mary Ann Moffatt.
- The Education Committee and members of the Stitch & Chat interest group made colourful book bags for the Mother Goose Program, sponsored by a Club community grant and implemented by UMOJA, for the new immigrant & refugee children at the Parent/Child Drop in Centre.
- Helen Christiansen attended the 2008 National CFUW conference in Montreal as our delegate where the keynote speaker was Senator Romeo Dellaire of Rwanda fame.
- The tradition of celebrating July 1st and 4th as a potluck social at Elva Reid's home on Crescent Beach continued as a perfect way to start the summer. Elva's magical talking stick was always part of the fun.
- Several club members participated as volunteers in the 2010 Olympics.
- The year 2009 was a banner year for the club as we marked the 50th Anniversary since receiving our founding charter on June 18, 1959. Many events, throughout the year, were organized by Elizabeth Bordeaux and her committee and one highlight was a luncheon at Hazelmere, attended by 90 members and visitors including 3 Founding members, Terry Barry, Florence Sully and Mary Canty.
- Access to our extensive archival records, stored at the White Rock Museum & Archives, provided the ability to look back at the development of our club over the last 50 years and showcase the activities and contributions of our club and members to the local community and beyond.

Rosemary's theme for her presidency was "Building Community Connections" – Act locally, connect globally. Her leadership and efforts contributed greatly to running the club in an efficient and convivial manner over a busy two years.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

(by Diane Salter Menzo)

BC Council AGM April 22-24, 2016

Our club has committed to organizing and conducting the silent auction at this year's BC Council AGM that will be held at the Ramada Plaza & Conference Centre in Abbotsford. Proceeds from the silent auction will go to the CFUW Charitable Trust.

Our club members can contribute to this important fund raiser for the Charitable Trust by volunteering to help with some of the duties needed on Friday and Saturday at the conference and/or by donating items to the auction. (And, of course, by bidding at the auction!) If you are attending the AGM in Abbotsford, you can bring your contributions to the meeting (intake will be Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning - see conference program). If you are not attending but have donations, you can give them to members of the silent auction planning committee (ask Sue or Diane for donation spots).

You may donate articles that are new or nearly new, or other treasures that you are ready to part with. Please prepare a brief description of each item so that we can put its name and description with the bidding sheets during intake. If you know its approximate value, please include this to help with setting a starting bid on the bidding sheets.

We are also inviting interest groups from all BC clubs to consider creating a 'Themed Interest Basket' with the interest group theme to donate to the silent auction, and hope that this will be a fun activity for the groups and be a way of creating some interesting donations from across the province without a large expense to individuals. A poster will be sent to all clubs and an email will be sent to our club's interest group conveners about the themed baskets.

Thank you for considering how you can help with time and/or donations and connecting with Sue Foley-Currie or Diane Salter Menzo if you would like to contribute.

CFUW National Mentorship Program (Pilot)

CFUW has a mandate to support lifelong learning for women. Although women represent the majority of young university graduates, they are still underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and computer science (STEM) fields. As well, in the political arena, women lag behind men significantly. There are still too few women in politics, and women who do break through often report that hostile environments force them to shorten their political careers. With a goal of supporting women in these areas, CFUW launched a cross-Canada Mentorship Pilot Program in the fall of 2015 to match mentors in STEM and politics with mentees who are starting out in these fields.

The program goals are to:

- Promote women's leadership
- Empower participants
- Formalize the mentorship relationship
- Encourage young members
- Build capacity
- Prioritize life-long learning
- Develop partnerships with other organizations

Diane Salter Menzo, from our White Rock South Surrey Club, has been working with Cheryl Hayles, from the CFUW Oakville club, on the development and evaluation of this mentoring pilot program. Cheryl, who is CFUW's National VP International, will be part of the delegation from the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) participating in the United National Commission on the Status of Women

(UNCSW) that takes place in New York from March 14 to 24, 2016. UNCSW is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. Cheryl will make a presentation on the Mentoring Pilot Program at the UN meeting. Since the discussion at this year's session at the UN will primarily focus on women's empowerment and its link to sustainable development, sharing information about the mentoring program will add to the body of knowledge that contributes to the achievement of gender equality and women's rights and empowerment.

Diane and Cheryl will co-present on the program to share program goals, results so far and next steps following the pilot at the CFUW AGM in St. Catherines, June 2016, when CFUW members from across the country come together for the Annual General Meeting and Conference.

If you would like to know more about the program, you can speak with Diane at our club. To request a mentor, or if you would like additional information about the mentoring program from the CFUW National office, please contact: Robin Jackson, Executive Director, [613-234-8252](tel:613-234-8252), ext. 102, cfuwed@rogers.com

CFUW NATIONAL NEWS

compiled and submitted by Sue Foley-Currie



CFUW NATIONAL - NEWS UPDATE

- Over the past few years, National CFUW has paid the following member ship dues to Graduate Women International (GWI) in Canadian dollars: 2013 - \$146,257, 2014 - \$152,836, 2015 - \$172,697, although only \$164,019 was budgeted for by National CFUW. Membership to GWI has to be paid in Swiss francs, and National in the past has bought ahead to assist with any downward trend of the Canadian currency – but in January 2015, the Swiss franc was unpegged from the Euro and since then has fluctuated – usually upwards. So, for 2016 National CFUW has estimated that \$176, 042 will be needed for GWI dues (based on 8055 members and a 1.41 exchange). As well, the National CFUW 2015-16 budget has a deficit and will draw on reserve funds to cover the shortfall. Obviously, these as well as the five resolutions will be key topics at the National CFUW AGM in late June at Brock University, St. Catherines, ON. The key speaker is Dr. Bonnie Rose – “The Renewed Tomorrow for our Educational Institutions.” The early bird registration, on or before May 20, is \$380.
- Who votes at the National CFUW AGM? Clubs usually instruct their voting delegates on how they wish her to vote on certain issues or they suggest she vote according to the information available at the AGM. Any club without a voting delegate present is strongly encouraged to assign a proxy, plus giving instructions ahead as to how the club wishes their votes to be cast.
- There are now two fully redesigned National CFUW websites, the Public Website – www.cfuw.org and the Member Resources Website www.cfuwadmin.org

CFUW BC Council & Clubs Update

“If not you, who will act?”

- B.C. Council is made up of 23 clubs across the province. For more information. visit: <https://sites.google.com/site/cfuwbccouncil>
- How many clubs are in other provinces/regions? Alberta – 5; Saskatchewan- 6; Ontario – over 50; Quebec – 5; Atlantic Canada – 13.

GWJ (formerly IFUW) Update

- GWJ has congratulated CFUW members Jeanne Sarson and Linda MacDonald for their work on Non-State Actor Torture which came before the House of Commons as Private Member's Bill C242.
- Women Graduates-USA: President Faye Weber's February message said "The board, committee members, convenors and members are working diligently to move forward with organizational plans that are innovative, comprehensive, inclusive, far reaching and attractive to present and future members." Their 2015 AGM in Baltimore was attended by 50 members including the GWJ President.



CFUW White Rock/Surrey Interest Groups ~ Activities and Leaders

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<i>Dames Who Dine</i> 1st Mon., 5:30 p.m. Trudy Handel;	<i>Alpha Book Group</i> 2nd Tues. 1:30 p.m. Shirley Nord	<i>Afternoon Matinee-Dinner</i> 2 nd Wed., 3:00 p.m. (varies) Sandra Kraft	<i>Fully Booked Book Group</i> 2nd Thurs. 1:30 p.m. Joanne Cunningham	<i>Stitch and Chat</i> 2nd Fri., 1:00 p.m. Joan Hoyles
<i>Duplicate Bridge</i> 2nd Mon., 1:00 p.m. Betty Bishop; Donna Freeze	<i>Evening Book Club</i> 3rd Tues., 7 p.m. Marjorie Mooney	<i>Golf for Fun</i> Wed. Afternoons Sandra Kraft	<i>Newbies Bridge</i> 1:00 p.m., Thurs. Monica von Kursell	<i>French Conversation</i> 3rd Friday 1:30 –2:30 p.m. Sylvia Riddell
<i>Symphony at the Bell Centre ~</i> Linda Lee Henriksen	<i>Who can play, Who can host? Bridge</i> Tues. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. Sandy McKenzie	<i>Art Appreciation</i> 3 rd Wed. (varies) Marilyn Dyer-Seidel		<i>Environment</i> 4th Friday 1:00 p.m. Mary Ann Rainer
<i>Club Cuisine</i> 5-6 times a year Elizabeth Bordeaux	<i>The Bridgets Afternoon Bridge</i> 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.		
<i>New Members</i> Elizabeth Bordeaux				
<i>One-to-One Literacy Group</i> once a week Carol Oram				

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

GWI (Graduate Women International)

www.graduatewomen.org/

Semiahmoo Arts

www.semiahmooarts.com

Arts Council of Surrey

www.artscouncilofsurrey.ca

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ill or bereaved, so she can send a card. Contact
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Friday, April 8th, 2016

Please submit news by email with the subject line
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Ads are prepaid. Please contact our Club
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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.



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