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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Many of our members enjoy a trip or armchair travel. I always enjoyed it when we would have those who had gone to places give us a little description at a monthly meeting. The club even used to have a travel group.

My recent discovery was Cuba. While on an around the island cruise with port day tours, I noticed some aspects about the status of women and education.

Women have a choice between doing some time in the military or any kind of education they wish. But many of the 40% who work seemed to choose education, health care or tourism. They rank ahead of US women in gender gap reports (2012) that measure political participation, literacy, economic status and health. However, higher management and key government appointments go to men. Also, Cuban women earn one half of what men do. Yet women are more successful than men in law, medicine and academia.

The state, which owns almost everything or at least 50%, for example of foreign hotels, has allowed some 700 private businesses. It also provides full day care. There are many female single parents, as Cuba has one of the world's highest divorce rates.

Since it was a European cruise ship, we visited and shared stories about our countries. A professor from the University of Havana was also on board, and his talks were well attended. I learned a multitude of facts, including that now one million Canadians visit Cuba every year, that the sugar cane and rum exports depended on slaves, and that health care and education are free. Education is even free to Spanish

speaking non-Cubans who wish to go to university – up to a PhD or medical degree. After the Revolution, there was a literacy program for the entire population and the claim is that it is 99% literate.

Medical training in Cuba is highly regarded in the Southern Hemisphere. Cuban doctors and nurses have worked with the WHO in developing countries. Cuba's own health care is highly regarded, as is the low infant mortality rate and biomedical research.

Next year is the first election ending the Castro regime. There are hopes for the beginning of human rights, a shift in the machismo attitude towards women and steps away from the 1963 USA embargo and towards a healthier economy for individuals and ethnic groups.

Book club members would have turned their heads as the markets had book tables, and there was a large international book fair in Havana featuring Canada this year. Books are valued in a nation where folks do what they can with very little!

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## CLUB NEWS

### General Meeting and Program

(Penny Harrinton))

<b>When ?</b>	<b>Saturday, March 25</b> <b>10:30 am - 12:30 pm</b>
<b>Registration:</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Where?</b>	<b>Mt. Olive Lutheran Church</b> <b>2350 148th Street, Surrey, BC</b>
<b>Program:</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. - Feature Presentation from the Environment Group</b> <b>11:00 a.m. - Presentation of Resolutions and Voting</b>

***Remember...Bring a mug for your coffee!***



### Feature Presentation from the Environment Group

*(Helen Christiansen)*

Members at our meetings have been enjoying the very brief and informative presentations of the Environment Interest Group, and have asked to hear more!

At the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, this interest group will present fascinating information on the topics they have been studying.

This includes a disturbing and frightening three minute video on plastics in our environment.

We will also hear information regarding what we unknowingly dump into our water supply. There will be time for discussion and questions, and further information on the topics the group is continuing to investigate.

## RESOLUTIONS

*(Diane Salter-Menzo)*

This year CFUW National received two proposed resolutions. Any member of our club may join the community affairs group of our club, chaired by our co-VP Lorna MacGregor, to discuss the resolutions, the background information that has been provided by the proposing clubs and propose amendments if desired. If you would like to join the small group meeting to discuss resolutions please contact Lorna MacGregor, [lornamacgregor@shaw.ca](mailto:lornamacgregor@shaw.ca).

Proposed amendments must be received by **April 15, 2017**. At our general meeting on March 25 there will be an opportunity for discussion of the resolutions at the meeting.

Proposed Resolutions are as follows; full background information provided by the proposing clubs is available on request:

### **Resolution 1. The Right to Safe, Clean, Accessible and Affordable Drinking Water and Sanitation on First Nations Reserves in Canada, proposed by University Women's Club of Winnipeg**

**Whereas** while most municipal water systems in Canada do deliver safe, clean, frequently tested drinking water and sanitation services, the majority of rural Canadians who lack these services are predominantly reserve-based First Nations people who, because of shared jurisdiction with the Government of Canada, are not currently included under the Canada Clean Water Act and its Regulations,

**Whereas** many First Nations people consider water a sacred trust which women have a special responsibility to protect,

**Whereas** the right to "safe, clean, accessible and affordable drinking water and sanitation" is a human right according to a resolution adopted by United Nations General Assembly in 2010,

**Whereas** the Canadian federal government adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People "without qualification" in 2016, and therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the federal, provincial and territorial governments of Canada to move expeditiously to secure access to safe, clean, accessible and affordable drinking water and sanitation for all residents of all First Nations Reserves; and therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the federal, provincial and territorial governments to develop inclusive national water standards as well as five and ten-year plans of action to ensure the funds allocated are adequate and utilized for sustainable solutions, including appropriate training and certification of Reserve residents to ensure regular monitoring and maintenance.

### **Resolution 2 Universal Pharmacare proposed by the University Women's Club of North York.**

**WHEREAS** Canada is the only country with a universal health care system that does not cover the cost of prescription drugs,

**WHEREAS** the current patchwork system of providing prescription drugs to Canadians is neither adequate nor sustainable,

**WHEREAS** a universal national drug coverage plan that is public and affordable would ensure access for all Canadians, and therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the federal, provincial and territorial governments of Canada to work collaboratively to implement universal Pharmacare, a publicly funded drug plan that would cover medically necessary prescription drugs for all Canadians, regardless of their ability to pay.

## CFUW White Rock Surrey - Remembering Our Heritage

(Lois Hunter, Club Archivist)

In anticipation of a significant milestone, our Club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019, our archives committee is preparing articles to remind us of how we celebrated events such as this in the past.

The first of these articles has been researched by Lorraine Ellenwood who has written of the highlights of our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1989. We hope that these vignettes will lead up to a most memorable celebration in 2019.

Any other personal memories or photos would be most welcome and will be shared and added to our existing archival collection at the White Rock Museum and Archives.



### CFUW White Rock/Surrey at 30

Named the highlight of the year by club president Lorna Scobie, the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of CFUW White Rock/Surrey was marked at St John's Presbyterian Church on January 24, 1989.

"January was the time to celebrate with fancy cake and decorations. Our pourers included Betty Huff, Carrie Humber, Elizabeth Skelton, and Marion Williams. The major event of the evening was a special presentation of the

club's history by Mary Sanford and Dorothy Slaughter."

Those who knew Mary Sanford will remember her penchant for thorough research. Liberally sprinkled with ellipses, her report mentions every charter member living, dead, or missing.

The Bursary Foundation presented five bursaries in the amount of \$500 each in honour of charter members Dorothy Slaughter, Lorraine Amos, Florence Sully, Mary Sanford, Terry Barry, and Berta Hugh.

Some of the projects undertaken by the club were highlighted during the program. Elizabeth Bordeaux spoke about the Planned Parenthood clinics organized and operated by volunteers from the Club in the late 1960s.

Mary Fran Bateman and Carolyn Oram spoke about the various projects undertaken by the Education Committee, particularly the career days held in local high schools, the pre-school project and the library tapes project.

Past presidents in attendance were Dorothy Slaughter, Jutta Mordhorst, Elizabeth Bordeaux, Mary Thomas, Wendy Fidgeon, and Carol Wong.

After the program, refreshments were served, including a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake. Social convener Joan Hoyles organized this, assisted by Dori Martin, Rosamund Sarles, Mary Bloomfield, Phyllis Wright, Elizabeth Bordeaux, Jean Simonsen, and Hope Harvey.

The event report ended on a hopeful note: "We trust that all this (the documents assembled) will be on display at the Club's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration."

Thanks to our diligent Club archivist, Lois Hunter, this is a possibility.



[left to right] Florence Sully, Margaret Primrose, Lorraine Amos, Terry Barry, Dorothy Slaughter, Mary Sanford.

## FUNDRAISING PROJECTS



### **Vesey's Seeds, Plants and Bulbs Fundraiser** (Eileen Ennis)

A big "thank you" goes out to all of those who participated in our Spring Fundraiser. The orders have been compiled and sent off to Vesey's. We can all look forward to the delivery of our live plants, bulbs, seeds and garden tools in late April or early May.

It was a great success! We made \$536 for our Club!

### **Message from the BURSARY BOARD**

(Penny Harrington)



### **White Rock / Surrey**



#### **2017 Bursaries Available**

For local women - Surrey, White Rock, Langley - in financial need to further their post secondary education. Must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents.

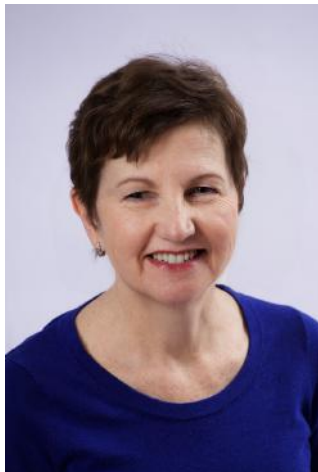
Application online at:

<http://cfuwwhiterocksurrey.com/> (click on Bursary Foundation)



## OUR MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new member



### Lorna Paterson

Lorna Paterson is happy to be a new member of the CFUW, having recently moved to the Lower Mainland from Kelowna.

She and her husband Charles are enjoying semi-retirement and the luxury of living much closer to their son and daughter and partners, and their adorable first grandchild, Eva, all in Vancouver.

Lorna completed piano performance major degrees at U of A and UVIC: MMus, BMus (distinction), and performance diplomas: Licentiate of Music (Western Board) and Associate of the Royal Conservatory of Music. As a composer, her pedagogical piano compositions are published by The Frederick Harris Music Co. Ltd. Many of her compositions are listed in exam syllabi of the Royal Conservatory of Music and Conservatory Canada.

She taught at the Langley Community Music School, Medicine Hat College, the Victoria Conservatory of Music and Victoria Piano Summer School. Her most recent position was faculty member and Artistic Director of the Kelowna Community Music School. She continues as an Artistic Director of Chamber Music Kelowna.

### Mary Ann Rainer's Recent Visit

*(Monica von Kursell)*

In early February, Mary Ann Rainer, a past president and recent member, was visiting from Ottawa. She was expecting to see snowdrops and the first budding of Japanese cherry trees. Alas, it didn't happen. Before heading off to Vancouver Island to visit with her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren until the end of March, she and her husband Hans spent a few days visiting friends here.

Joanne Cunningham and Monica von Kursell were fortunate to have been able to spend a delightful coffee morning with Mary Ann. When it was time to leave, we realized the occasion should be recorded. Joanne's camera needed to be charged. Monica using her new Android phone, not having a clue about selfies, made several attempts until finally all three heads got into the frame. Click ..... and here we are.



*left to right: Monica von Kursell, Mary Ann Rainer and Joanne Cunningham*



### Dames Who Dine (Maureen Buchholz)

Third time lucky for Dames Who Dine when they met at The Roadhouse March 6. Celebrating her birthday was Past President Truly Handel.

*(enjoying the party starting on the left: Truly Handel, Sue Foley-Currie, Ann-Marie Steenge, Mary Fran Bateman, Jaqui Joys, Maureen Buchholz, Lois Hunter and Joyce Sorensen)*

**Possible Dues Increase.**

At the CFUW National AGM in June, a dues increase will be discussed and voted upon. Any dues increase would not take effect until 2018 after local clubs vote on the fees increase.

**Proposed Articles and Bylaws Amendments**

The Articles and Bylaws Committee (the Committee) received two (2) proposals to amend the bylaws. Both proposals have been vetted and accepted by the Committee. The first, if passed, will classify the Regional Directors Committee as a Standing Committee. The second, if passed, would result in CFUW withdrawing as a National Federation and Association (NFA) from Graduate Women International (GWI), formerly known as International Federation of University Women (IFUW).

The amendments and their rationale for consideration is provided below. If during your consideration of the material, you have questions or inquiries you wish to make, these must be sent in writing to the Chair of the Articles and Bylaws Committee to either [mwilliscfuw@gmail.com](mailto:mwilliscfuw@gmail.com) or [articleandbylawcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:articleandbylawcommittee@gmail.com).

Any club wishing to propose an 'Amendments to the Amendment' must submit suggestions by May 1, 2017. All Amendments to the Amendment will be forwarded to the proposers for consideration after being vetted by the Committee.

The package of compliant amendments to the proposed amendments, along with the final wording of the Proposed Bylaw Amendment will be distributed to the Clubs, Regional Directors and members of the Board of Directors before the AGM. If it is not possible, such material shall be distributed to members of the voting body on arrival at the AGM. At the AGM, only proposed Amendments to the Proposed Bylaw Amendments properly received and compliant will be allowed from the floor.

During the AGM and Conference, there will be a time for proposers and amenders to meet. Time and place to be announced.

Unfortunately, due to the actions of a very small number of members, the Committee must point out that there is zero tolerance for any communication that contains threats, whether veiled or not, personal comments, use of personal names, derogatory remarks, insinuations, name calling, inferences as to intent or any other offensive language or behavior. Decorum will be observed at all times and in all situations. The Articles and Bylaws Committee is committed to a safe environment for members based on respect and courtesy.

If you receive any communication that contravenes this, please forward it to the Chair of Articles and Bylaws Myra Willis, [mwilliscfuw@gmail.com](mailto:mwilliscfuw@gmail.com)

Here are the proposed Amendments:

**Amendment 1**

Proposed by the Regional Directors Group

**Motion to Amend:** Moved that: strike out "and" and insert "and Regional Directors"

**If adopted, the amended Bylaw would read:**

**F. Committees**

54. The following committees shall be designated Standing Committees of the Board: Advocacy, Articles and Bylaws, Education, Fellowships, Finance, Governance, International Relations, Nominations, Resolutions, and Regional Directors.

**Rationale:**

In the Articles and By-Laws of the CFUW, Section B, a Standing Committee is defined as one that “performs a continuing function”. This definition certainly applies to the Regional Directors group who, year after year, perform the continuing function of representing and liaising for club executives and members across Canada. The RD group does not fit the description of a special committee and does fit the description of a standing committee.

In neither the Articles and By-Laws, Section E, nor in the Administration and Policy Book, Section 2.3.8 are Regional Directors referred to as a group/committee of any kind. A Regional Director is referred to in the singular, “she”, and any reference in the job description of RDs is also in the singular, “she”. No provision is made for the RDs acting as a unified committee within the CFUW.

RDs already have a “standing” as we are part of the management structure of CFUW. Regional Directors are part of the on-going management process and have a major responsibility in communicating Board decisions to the clubs and to provide feedback for proper decision making. RDs sit at National Board meetings at the AGM.

The chair of the RD group has no status in the Articles and By-Laws and the Administration Policy Book except as a member of the Governance Committee. All other members of this committee are either Board members or chairs of Standing Committees and, as a member of the Governance Committee, the Chair of the RD group should have the same standing.

In the Administration Policy Book, the activities of a Standing Committee are described as follows:

**2.5 Activities of the Standing Committees**

1. Standing Committees shall further the policies and programs of CFUW in the area of work assigned by the Board of Directors, examine questions within their terms of reference, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.
2. Standing Committees shall report regularly to the Board of Directors and the eligible voters.
3. The Chair of each Standing Committee shall organize and chair meetings of her committee, arrange for minutes to be taken and circulated, and report regularly to the Board of Directors and annually in writing to the eligible voters.
4. Amendments to these terms of reference and rules may be proposed by the Vice President responsible for the committee or by the Board and must be approved by the Board of Directors.

This is exactly what we, as Regional Directors, do and the Regional Directors group should be given the status of a Standing Committee.

**Amendment 2**

Proposed by CFUW St. Thomas

**Motion to Amend:**

Moved that: In Canadian Federation of University Women Articles and Bylaws – Articles, strike out Article 4 - Membership in International Federation of University Women (IFUW) CFUW shall be a member of the IFUW.



**Rationale:**

In 2016, CFUW St. Thomas brought forward a motion at the CFUW Annual General Meeting to amend the CFUW Articles and By-laws to Strike out Article 4 - Membership in International Federation of University Women. In 2016, CFUW St. Thomas argued that the amendment was based on the following:

- Governance actions that abandon the IFUW/GWI constitution as well as democratic parliamentary procedures
- Questionable financial accounting, poor fiscal planning for the future, and a lack of clarity and transparency in IFUW/GWI's fundraising plans or finances
- Reliance on Canadian resources while failing to provide respectful responses to questions or invitations
- Providing few benefits to Canada with no input other than motions that are undemocratically overruled

The motion in 2016 was narrowly defeated, having been supported by the majority of CFUW members, but failing to reach the 2/3 threshold required. At the GWI triennial in 2016 and following the subsequent release of the task force report prepared by the CFUW Board, it is clear that the current financial situation at GWI puts its existence in jeopardy and significantly impacts its ability to deliver services. Canada's continued membership in GWI puts the financial viability of our Canadian Federation at risk.

Despite repeated calls for improved communication with Canada, GWI continues to demonstrate a lack of transparency of the financial material provided by GWI. Financial accounting at GWI does not provide Canadian decision makers with adequate information as requested and there continue to be questionable financial accounting practices; for example, volunteer hours are being counted as assets which is not according to acceptable standards of accounting.

While the new GWI president has been much more respectful and even complimentary to its Canadian NFA, GWI continues to ignore constitutional and generally accepted parliamentary procedure by overturning a vote of the NFAs at its Triennial convention to accept a dues increase. The dues increase has never been the major purpose of the St. Thomas amendment and regrets that it has become the focus of the group known as the Friends of GWI.

CFUW St. Thomas is proposing this amendment to the articles and by-laws to maintain the financial health of CFUW in Canada and to save our national organization, as the current financial situation of GWI demonstrates that the organization will not be financially viable in the long run and the organization cannot realistically deliver its total suite of mandated services to CFUW moving forward.



## 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.

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Send a Card... Please advise Joanne Cunningham about any member of our club who is ill or bereaved, so she can send a card.  
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