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Sue Foley-Currie

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There are many things that we do together as members, such as having fun, assisting others in various ways, learning new skills, carrying out our club goals and aims, and - heaven forbid! - doing all the business-related tasks. Your gifts to me and to each other have been our collective efforts in staying involved, struggling with changes, talking together about issues and caring about each other's health and well-being.

One gift that stands above all others is our relationships as club members. It is not something that happens right away when one joins the club but grows and flowers and then begins to bloom more every year. Many of us are blessed with many "things" but still know that that is not what life is all about. Life is all about relationships. Our relationships outside of and in the club determine part of our quality of life.

Our club can also give us help in times of trouble or loss. If we have had someone we love leave us through death or distance, we grieve the loss of our spouse/partner, family member or friend from school, college, or work. Or we may be feeling the loss of a shared activity, place of worship or workplace. Then, through the club, we can reach out to try a new activity or to make a new friend, be she older, younger or the same age. Reaching out like this can be a risk – or not. It also can be life-changing and open up new horizons.

As a senior I have learned that it takes work and effort to leave the easy chair and the good book in order to make new friends and companions. And that unlike quick-moving social media, new friendships take "tending" like plants; they take listening, time for ice-breaking, chatting, and a slow pace of getting to know each other. My mom once suggested that we all need to move away so that we can learn again how to make friends! Years ago I moved from Winnipeg to Regina and joined the Regina CFUW. There I learned the fun of mixing generations and meeting new women. When I moved to White Rock/Surrey and joined our club, I learned again the fun of talking to women about different subjects and trying new things.

The club Interest Groups, which are ably chaired and awesome, are key to making new friends and one of

our club's foundations for forming new relationships. The second one is our upcoming 60th celebration year, when we can participate with fellow club members in planning or in anniversary activities. The third and not least way of developing new friendships is through serving on a committee, the Bursary Foundation Board or the Club Board. Hopefully for the latter we can together figure out how to streamline business or simplify it while still retaining all the requirements as a club.

The club's 60th anniversary will give us all the fun of sharing our club story, bursaries and outreach with others in the wider community. We will have the chance to broaden our relationships even more and to encourage others to become new members.

Thank you to each of you for being who you are and for your assistance over the term of my presidency.

CLUB NEWS

Highlight of our April 28th General Meeting...

Travel Talk with our Members

Joanne Cunningham and Sandra McKenzie



Joanne Cunningham and her daughter Kathleen

Travel to Morocco with Joanne and Kathleen

(Penny Harrington)

Just when I thought my "travel bucket list" was complete, I find myself enthralled with the North West corner of Africa and ready to add another adventure.

Joanne Cunningham and daughter Kathleen, travel mates, entertained us with a vibrant pictorial presentation of their trip to Morocco in April 2017.

Through the winding passages of the medina where they stayed in an authentic riads, with a lush interior courtyard, to the luxurious tent in the desert complete with air conditioner, Joanne and Kathleen brought to life the colourful and exotic world of the Berbers, Arabians and Europeans.

Landscape pictures captured vast sand and rock scenes dotted with verdant oases, coastal beaches lay under the towering 12th century royal fort of Rabat and the sensory overload of souks offering everything including spices, dates of every size and soft leather slippers beckoned visitors to buy. Gorgeous rugs were laid out to tempt the customers and bargain hunters, but Joanne refused to buy a "used carpet".

Joanne's and Kathleen's excitement was evident in every shared anecdote: "Thankfully there were no hides drying out in the sun at the leather factory"; "A 10-minute camel ride was enough for Joanne's hips"; and "We were the only ones that night out in the desert – but we got used to it".

Two travel companions who enjoy one another's company as much as they love to travel.

Thanks, Joanne and Kathleen for the chairside adventures.





Sandra McKenzie

An Arctic Adventure with Sandra McKenzie

(Robin Funk)

A few highlights...

Sandy began with an educational focus describing Sir Franklin's lost Arctic expedition route on the map.

She shared fantastic slides of her 12-day journey aboard the ship. We were taken to barren lands, vast open ocean and tiny ports. We saw polar bears up close, seabirds, seals, narwhals, and brightly coloured lichen, mushrooms and cottongrass. We learned about polar ice and icebergs.

Did you know the Hudson's Bay Company still stocks their old store with supplies for travellers venturing to the area? You can even find the key to open the store in a mason jar attached to the outside wall!

One of the artifacts shared was a pair of mittens made from muskox undercoat, hair that is eight times warmer than sheep wool.



Sandy's photographs, very informative talk, and humour woven throughout were enjoyed by all members. Sandy told us she chose to go on this trip because she felt it was the perfect way to celebrate Canada's 150th.

If you want to read and learn more, Sandy suggested Professor Russell Potter's books.

Thank you Sandy, for letting us be an armchair traveller!



Mementos from Morocco



left to right: Sandy McKenzie, Joanne Cunningham and her daughter Kathleen



Bursary Board News

(Carolyn Oram)

The bursary recipients have been selected and they all had very positive references. They will attend the Annual General Meeting and Luncheon on May 23 and will be presented with the bursaries there. The Bursary Board felt that more members could meet the recipients if we honoured them at the AGM.

The Bursary Board thanks all the board members for their work during the year. We want to give special thanks to Mary Ellen Johnston who will complete her term on the board this year.

Thank you to all the Club members who have made generous donations to the Bursary Foundation.



Our Members (Photos courtesy of Lois Hunter)



One of our new members, Allison Gonzales Biagi on the left with membership chair, Gloria Kelly.

A warm welcome to our new members, Allison Gonzales Biagi and Teresa Reid.



left to right: Sherill Berg and Marjorie Foxall with new member, Teresa Reid.

Where Are They Now? (Elizabeth Bordeaux)

From time to time, we have news of former members. Here is a note from Diana Sells, who was co-president with Sandra Kraft from 2010 to 2012.

We live in Sarasota, Florida. Love it here, except for the brutally hot summer, so we are looking for a summer place in a cooler climate.

I joined the local branch of the American Association of University Women and am the incoming president! It's a different situation from the Canadian version, in that we are just a branch of the national association, rather than an independent group that's part of a federation. The policies come from the top down, of course with input from the branches. And we are currently having (yet another) national vote on admitting women without degrees.

plus ça change

Diana

**GRADUATE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
PROS AND CONS OF CFUW'S MEMBERSHIP**
(Elizabeth Bordeaux)

PROS: GWI's **VISION:** 100% of women and girls and women in the world achieving education beyond primary school.

MISSION: To this end, GWI has numerous grants and many programs that sound most admirable.

CONS: GWI operates out of Geneva, one of the most expensive cities in Europe. CFUW must therefore pay GWI dues in Swiss francs. If CFUW members vote to remain in GWI, our club fees will increase next year by 30%, a huge jump. In addition to the extra fees, we are looking at a lack of clarity in GWI about which programs are successful and how much is spent on administration. We are also seeing other countries with Federations of University Women opting out of GWI. The United States left some time ago, and recently, The Netherlands and Germany followed suit. That leaves Canada as the biggest national club still part of the international federation.

As we are all aware, membership in volunteer organizations like ours is decreasing across the country. If we stay in GWI, it is likely that many CFUW members across Canada will not renew their memberships next year, and that could spell the demise of some of our Canadian clubs. We ourselves are raising funds through book sales, Christmas bake sales, coffee sales, plant and bulb sales, just to sustain our own club and to support local endeavours like our bursary program and AMA House; it is illogical to go to all this effort while sending thousands of dollars – \$46 per member if we stay in GWI – out of the country.

POSSIBLE COMPROMISE: We have all received via our club gmail the Winnipeg Club's suggestion that club members be given the option of being individual members of GWI. In this scenario, CFUW would no longer be a member organization of the international federation. The pros and cons of this option will be discussed at the CFUW AGM in June.

CONCLUSION: *As we did in 2017, we should instruct our delegate(s) to the National AGM to vote against CFUW's remaining a member of GWI. If the motion for CFUW to leave GWI is defeated at the national AGM, our delegate(s) will vote on the Winnipeg motion according to the wishes expressed at our AGM on May 23.*

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CLUB HISTORY

(Elizabeth Bordeaux)

Next year, 2019, our club will celebrate its 60th 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 50th jubilee.

OUR CLUB HISTORY – The 1970s

by Jutta Mordhorst

The 60s and 70s were the heady days of hippies and the women's liberation movement, of student unrest throughout the western world, of the mushrooming of new universities, and of political struggles for actual recognition of women's rights and equality.

In Canada, the University Women's Club took part in this struggle indirectly when its past president, Laura Sabia, became the founder of the Canadian Action Committee for the Status of Women. By threatening the government of the day with a huge protest march for women's rights of over 100,000 people, this formidable woman succeeded in having the action committee declared a publicly-funded institution. From 1971 to 1974, Laura Sabia was the first president of this committee, and our national federation belonged to the initial group of the first 20 organizations under this umbrella, a number that swelled to 700 in later years.

As a consequence of this initiative, our club had a Status of Women Committee for several years and naturally supported any resolutions pertaining to this cause.

The 70s saw steady growth in club membership. In 1978-79, with 100 members, ours became the fourth-largest CFUW club in the province after Vancouver, Victoria and West Vancouver. Also in the 70s, our name changed to CFUW White Rock/Surrey. Membership fees stayed amazingly low until they were raised to \$11, mainly because the national fee had jumped from \$4.00 to \$7.15. Owing to the growing number of members, meetings alternated between private homes and rented venues, and an annual club newsletter was started.

In 1976, as an International Women's Day project, a Careers Day, led by Mary Thomas, Amy Barker and Carole Neilson, was organized by the club at Earl Marriott Secondary School. This group worked diligently to recruit individuals, especially women, willing to talk to students about their professions or trades and about general employment. Soon requests came from other Surrey high schools for similar presentations.

Throughout the 70s, the club was affiliated with the White Rock Council of Women, and from 1976, it had a representative at the White Rock Arts Council. The number of permanent interest groups stayed at two bridge groups and one or two book groups, but members were also involved in various community endeavours.

If this sounds like stagnation, it certainly gives the wrong impression! Various interest groups came and went, and there were fundraising activities for club bursaries. Meetings were lively as could be, with speakers and other programs becoming ever more interesting. Finally and most significantly, a heightened sense of the world around us became palpable, especially with regard to education. This interest had been formulated at the beginning of the decade under the motto, "Education is our Business". As a first step, the club participated in a Citizens' Forum on Education, which acted as an intermediary between the public and the school board. Then in 1976, a pilot preschool project was founded, spearheaded by Patricia Hyde, with Carolyn Oram, Gail Edwardson and Mary Fran Bateman as committee members. Once a week young children could go to the library of White Rock Elementary School for a gradual introduction to a school environment. This program ran for three years. Around this time, the club also launched a cassette-making project as a reinforcement tool for young readers, especially ESL students.

Continuing Education became a catchword phrase in the 70s, and quite a few of our members engaged in it. Others went back to their professions, starting the modern way of juggling careers and family life.

The club's bursary program became an increasingly visible sign of our ongoing commitment to education. In 1973, there were 20 applicants for two bursaries of \$200 each; by 1979, the club was able to award three bursaries of \$300 apiece.

The 70s were years of growth within the club and of reaching out into the community in the area of education.

GEMS FROM THE ARCHIVES (Lois Hunter, Club Archivist)

The White Rock/Surrey CFUW club is approaching a significant milestone in 2019, the 60th Anniversary of our club. This will also be the 100th Anniversary of both CFUW National and GWI, the International component of our organization. Some interesting facts about the early days can be gleaned from our archival records which are stored in a state of the art vault at the White Rock Museum & Archives on Marine Drive. We are unique in being one of a few community groups that has maintained its history on an ongoing basis for such a length of time.



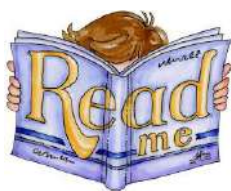
- By April 1959, there were 32 local members whose qualifications met the criteria for admission to CFUW. Founding president, Jessie Casselman, received our CHARTER at the CFUW Council meeting in Banff, on June 18, 1959 and we officially became part of the national and international organization.
- Early decisions included having an annual Christmas party in December and a picnic lunch in May, customs which have continued with only slight modifications.
- In 1959-60, a bursary of \$100 was established to be given to a graduate of School District #36. Interest groups of Book Study, Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation and Child Care were formed. The secretary at that time, Margaret Hardy, suggested that the design for a crest be a lamp of learning. Charter member, Edith Pullan, donated a wooden gavel and case made by her father and herself.
- In 1962 – 63 - Bridge Groups and a Travel Group were formed. Jessie Casselman was nominated and became Provincial Director of the BC CFUW Education Committee.
- In September of 1969 a Regional CFUW Conference was hosted by our club at the Tsawwassen Pillar's Inn and was attended by members of 17 BC clubs and 3 Prairie clubs. The topic was "Two Sides of the Coin; Rights and Responsibilities of the Individual." The registration fee was \$6.00 and included: an informal gathering on Friday, a Sherry Party, Luncheon and a closing Tea on Saturday.

Regular glimpses of our history during the last six decades will continue to be featured in our newsletter as we approach our 60th year celebrations.



Our Archives Committee left to right: Lorraine Ellenwood, Lois Hunter, and White Rock Museum Archives Manager, Hugh Ellenwood

INTEREST GROUPS



One to One Literacy Program

(Carolyn Oram)

The 2017-2018 school year is coming to an end and this means that the One to One Literacy Program is finishing its year on May 31. The volunteers have read with about 63 children a week during our three sessions at Peace Arch Elementary and H. T. Thrift Elementary Schools.

Our volunteer potluck lunch will take place at my home on June 1. I would like to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers and recognize them for their outstanding work with the children. We will have a Fall Workshop with Linda O'Reilly, a retired Learning Support Teacher from Vancouver, in September of 2018 that assists volunteers with new strategies for the next school year.

If anyone is interested in volunteering, please email me. There is training available in the Fall and you do not need to be a teacher.

Club Cuisine



Club Cuisine members enjoying a lunch at Marjorie Foxall's house. L to R: Marjorie; Nick Kozey; Penny Harrington; Roger Foxall; Bent and Helen Christiansen; Anna and Jack Ferguson; Louisa Kozey. (Photo by Andrew Foxall)



Symphony at the Bell Centre

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Art Appreciation

Slices of Life *(Louisa Kozey)*

On April 18th the Art Appreciation members met to share their “slices of life.”

At our previous meeting, Mari had invited us to think about what is important today for us personally and what medium to use to present that meaning to our group. Members stepped up to the challenge by describing their passions, their concerns, their hopes, their avocations, and more in a variety of media: self-authored poetry, apt quotes of poetry, paintings, pottery, stained glass works, a glass hummingbird metaphor, collages and books of treasured pictures, an alphabet book of words and sketches...



l to r: Indra Hamilton; Mary Ellen Johnston; Anna Ferguson; Marjorie Foxall; Elizabeth Bordeaux; Pat Ford (behind Mari); Mari Dyer-Seidel; Beverly King; Sherrill Berg; Sandy McKenzie; Mary Fran Bateman; Carolyn Oram; Louisa Kozey.

Mari followed with an explanation of her startling painting of ravens amid the destruction of their normal environment, a piece to be part of the show she and Susan Falk will display at the Langley Gallery in May. Our gathering, hosted graciously by Sandra McKenzie at her condo clubhouse, closed with lunch and cake to celebrate Mari's 85th birthday.

FUSION - Art Exhibition at the Fort Gallery in Fort Langley *(Marilyn Dyer-Seidel)*

On Sunday, May 6th, C.F.U.W. members, Susan Falk and Marilyn Dyer celebrated the opening of their art exhibit, called FUSION, at the Fort Gallery in beautiful Fort Langley. More than 100 people attended, toasting the artists with their good wishes.

The show is a fusion of creative styles which complement one another. Susan Falk's large Delphinium paintings reflect the profusion, vibrancy and brilliance of the garden. They are a wall of colour, exuding sunshine! Her small, richly painted tea cup images are symbols of conversation, gatherings and of human sharing. They suggest opulence, protocol, and reflect the era of a Victorian woman's ritual - the tea party in the garden.



(left) Marilyn Dyer-Seidel and Susan Falk

Marilyn Dyer's work is a visual conversation about the changing world... 'le monde en changement'. Her strong images present the new reality of our changing environment. The de-icing of the Arctic, the ever-growing number of skyscrapers becoming the new mountains, the plugged ports and bays with barges piled with saleable goods. Her barcode series alerts us to a new reality: the commoditization of our natural resources: water, air, land, mountain views, reflections, trees, etc. While Marilyn paints her positive response to nature: the islands, ocean, night sky, the aurora borealis, the ice

and glaciers, she also celebrates the geometric additions of architecture, bridges and roof tops. Her work shows the new juxtaposition between nature and human intervention. She presents the fusion of old and new; what 'was' and 'is no longer'. *The FUSION exhibition continues until May 27th, from Thursday to Sunday (Noon - 5:00p.m)*

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

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.
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/>

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