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Diane Salter Menzo

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

'Community-Connecting-Caring'

March is here! Spring is in the air. Our clocks sprang ahead to give us another hour of daylight every day. We now see flowers budding on our walks, in our gardens and on our windowsills. Some have booked appointments for their Covid vaccine. Some have had their Covid vaccine. Hope is in the air!!

March is the time for the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW). The 65th session is March 15 – March 26, 2021. This year's priority theme is stated as: "Women's full and active participation, and effective participation, and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls".

Every year, CFUW participates in the UNCSW by submitting a statement to address the Commission, and by sending a delegation of our members to engage with the international community. CFUW retains special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the Commission's parent body, and is represented on the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, Education Sectoral Committee. CFUW monitors and reports on the human rights situation of women and girls in Canada, and worldwide. One important element of this work is to encourage governments in Canada to fully meet their human rights obligations under various United Nations conventions and agreements. We report on abuses to UN committees and commissions, and urge politicians to fully implement recommendations. (See more details on the International news section of the member site of CFUW National https://cfuwadmin.org/take-action/international/ to view past reports, and this year's statement to the Commission). (To log in to National as a member, visit cfuwadmin.org and enter the username viewonly and member password cfuw4321).

In 2016, as a CFUW delegate to the UNCSW, I was scheduled to co-present a paper at a parallel sessions. Sadly, a snowstorm affected the entire eastern coast of Canada and the USA with all planes grounded. I was living in Grenada at that time, but still active in CFUW activities. I was booked to fly to New York for the CSW via St. Petersburg. Getting to Florida was do-able, but from Florida to New York everything was grounded. Fortunately, my co-presenter, Cheryl Hayles, flew to New York from Toronto before all air travel was stopped, and was able to present our paper as planned. (Hayles, C. & Salter, D. (2016). The Canadian Federation of University Women Mentorship Pilot Program. United Nations Council on the Status of Women, 60th Session on the Commission for the Status of Women. March 17, 2016. New York).

This year, I am fortunate to be one of the 27 CFUW official delegates. As a delegate, I participated in premeetings with CFUW members from across Canada. It's been quite amazing, viewing the program of international presentations and sessions given by politicians and NGO's from around the world. With over 600 choices during the two-week program, the challenge is deciding which ones to register for and how many I can manage in a day without getting screen time burnout!! The CFUW delegates will also meet virtually following the session to discuss events we have each attended and prepare a report for CFUW.

I hope many of our club's members had a chance to see the E Blast (sent on February 25^{th)} with information on how any interested CFUW member could participate this year without being part of the official CFUW delegation. Such a great educational opportunity for our members to learn about local and global issues and action plans. If you joined any sessions at the UNCSW, and would like to have a post-CSW zoom to chat about sessions you attended with others in our club, please let me know, and I'll set up a zoom chat time. I'm sure, it will be interesting to have a debrief.

Although I'll miss the camaraderie of being with a group of CFUW members in New York to enjoy the socializing and in person sessions that are so energizing, I'm looking at the positives of being able to attend through zoom. In the future, I imagine we will all appreciate our travel opportunities so much more, but in the meantime, I find zoom actually provides access for many activities, that we would not otherwise have had opportunities to join in person. I will share a report with our club members in subsequent newsletters to let you know about the experience of the CFUW delegates at the UNCSW.

Happy Spring. Diane.

MESSAGE FROM Anne Low, VICE PRESIDENT

Every March, CFUW clubs across Canada consider resolutions. All of these have been well researched and come with extensive bibliographies. Clubs have given thoughtful attention to the preparation and collaboration with the resolutions committee. Our job is to possibly suggest amendments and vote. When the process is completed in May, they will go to the AGM.

The intention of these resolutions is to urge all levels of government:

- Single Use Plastic and Plastic Packaging CFUW Nepean
 to provide funding and fully implement a Canada-wide strategy on zero plastic waste.
- 2. **Right to Repair Large Household Appliances** CFUW Cape Breton making the repair of large household appliances used in Canada easier.
- 3. **Canada's Opioid Crisis -** AFDU Montreal Lakeshore recommends a multifaceted approach to dealing with the drug crisis and high death rate
- 4. **Post-pandemic Recovery for Women in Canada** CFUW International Relations Committee to include specific interventions to address the disparate effect of pandemics on the lives of women.

- 5. *Kinship Care Programs in B.C. CFUW Victoria* equity and fairness to children for guidance, care and services that are easier to access.
- 6. **Restore and Update Seniors' Home Care Services** -CFUW Saanich Peninsula and Victoria to strengthen and integrate services, to develop regulations and standards, and to consider this an urgent and important need.

If you would like more information, please go to the national website for points 1-4, and mail me for points 5 and 6. (anne99low@gmail.com)

CLUB NEWS

CFUW PROGRAM COMMITTEE



Marilyn Dyer's presentation, "Illustrations with the Written Word", features a fascinating video interview with Black Bond Books staffer, Marta Schietroma, who comes to us with a graphic arts degree, attained in Italy.

In the 28-minute video, Marilyn and Marta will explore the importance of illustrations to stories historically and in modern times, including graphic novels. Visual images from beloved stories of Winnie-the-Pooh, Peter Rabbit and Paddington Bear are emblazoned in minds of children worldwide, even before their language development! Almost all books rely on visual images, including the covers of books.

Please join us, as Marilyn and Marta delve into why we have illustrations in books, and the relationship between illustrations and the written word.

During the video, members are encouraged to ask any questions through "Chat" on your zoom bar. (Marilyn Dyer)

Marilyn Dyer

Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 via Zoom

Time: 10:15 - join the meeting by using the link emailed to you prior to the meeting

10:30 - meeting begins

TECH TIP OF THE MONTH

Never Miss A ZOOM Meeting Because of a LOST LINK!

Have you ever been frustrated trying to find a link to register or to log in for a meeting?

Have you had to contact your zoom host to resend a link, because you can't find your email with the link?

Would you like an easy solution?

Here's how to solve that problem.

As soon as you receive a registration link, click on the link and register right away if you plan to attend the meeting. If your plans change and you can't attend - it doesn't matter – but at least you're registered and will get your login link, and you'll be ready on the day of the meeting to just log in.



When you get your login link, keep the link in a safe place that works for you to easily retrieve when it's time to log in to the meeting.

Here are 2 ways to keep your link handy:

- 1. Cut and paste the login link directly into your calendar and on the day of the meeting, just click on that link.
- 2. Create a folder in your email program, name it something meaningful (e.g., meeting logins) and move all of your pertinent emails with the login information into that folder. On the day of the meeting, you can just go to that folder, open your email and click on that link.

Thank you for trying to keep your log in information safe and handy.

This will make life easier for you when you want to log in to a general meeting, book group, or other zoom meeting. Your zoom hosts will also be very appreciative, as sometimes it's hard to accommodate last minute requests for resending links.

Thank you from 'Your ZOOM Hosts'.

(Diane Salter Menzo and Penny Harrington)



VALENTINE TEA FOR NEW MEMBERS

A zoom new members' Valentine Tea was held on Friday, February 12, 2001 from 10 to 11:30 am.

Joining us were ten new members from the past two years: Karen Casselman, Jan Goode, Maureen Hoechsmann, Marlene Mackenzie, Marjorie Elliott, Maureen Walton, Theresa Buckle, Emily Wilson, Heather Bruce, and Angela Geary.

This get-together provided an opportunity for them to meet one another and some board and membership committee members. A slide presentation familiarized them with CFUW and our White Rock/Surrey Club. A Tea is not complete without sweets, and all invitees were surprised and delighted to receive a box of scrumptious sweets, personally delivered by local Hillcrest Bakery & Deli. The lemon square was definitely a favourite.

Judging by the positive feedback, this event was a major success. Hillcrest Bakery & Deli was thanked for their efficient catering service, which made our Tea very special.

(Membership, Faye Koll)

FEEDBACK ON OUR CLUB SURVEY, JANUARY 2021.

On March 3, 2021, an E Blast was sent to all members with the full data analysis of the January survey, and a summary of actions that will be taken by the board and the programme committee in response to the feedback.

We hope that you have had time to read and reflect on the survey and actions, and we would be happy to discuss any ideas with you.

In addition to the analysis, we thought that our members would enjoy seeing the "word cloud' created based on the response to the open ended question below. A word cloud is a data analysis done by the computer, that shows the size of the words in the 'cloud', based on the frequency of those words in the written responses.

Thanks again for all of your comments, and for all that you contribute to our club.

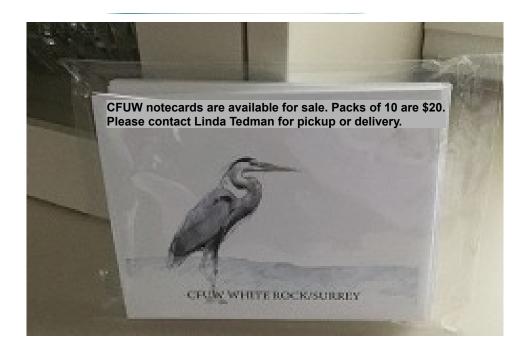
(Diane Salter and Penny Harrington)

Q25 Are there any issues or causes related to our club that you feel strongly about? Please describe.

women women children Care organization meet funding local ways need interests

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MAY 14th and MAY 15th, 2021: SAVE THE DATES FOR THE BC COUNCIL AGM

(Diane Salter Menzo. <u>dianesaltermenzo@gmail.com</u>)

Dates have just been announced for the BC Council AGM.

This 2-day event is a great opportunity to catch up with members from all over BC. This year's theme is 'Perseverance'. Although we can't meet in person this year, the planned program has interesting speakers, virtual social opportunities to meet with other members, and the AGM business meeting. I hope that many of our club members will be able to participate this year. If you plan to attend, I will organize a zoom meeting for us to have a chat prior to the meeting. So, if you'd like to get together, please let me know after you register, and we can set a date closer to the AGM to talk more about the agenda.

Just like our club meetings, after registering, you will receive a link to log in on the day of the meeting. I've provided the registration links below. You can also find additional information on the BC Council website: https://sites.google.com/site/cfuwbccouncil/cfuw-bc-council-home

You will need to register in advance for each day separately to attend the Zoom meetings. Registration is now open so you can register right away.

Friday May 14th 2021,

Michelle Novakowski 10:00 am

Topic: Our Role in Reducing Violence Against Women in Today's World

Lunch Break

Charla Huber: 1:00 pm

Topic: Indigenous Relations - How Not to Tick the Boxes

Break

Meet and Greet Social 6:30 pm

Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtdOGopzgqEtIC-6XqZ1u5cnTjdQ2wa9iS

Saturday May 15th 2021, 9:30 am BUSINESS MEETING

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sdOCuqzosE9d_l8NvNagns5sPxWEsAEsB

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN CANADA ADVOCACY IN ACTION BY CFUW

In 1970, the Royal Commission on the Status of Women released a groundbreaking document regarding the history of women's rights in Canada. This document changed the lives of women in many ways, but now, more than 50 years later after its release, it seems timely to look at the improvements it achieved, the issues it failed to mention, and the ongoing concerns of women that have yet to be addressed. Some of the involvement of CFUW follows.

In 1966, Laura Sabia, CFUW National President, threatened to have 2 million women march on Ottawa, if the Liberal government under Lester Pearson did not appoint a commission to examine women's rights in Canada. Under pressure, the government gave in to her demands and a Royal Commission was appointed in Feb of 1967. The general mandate was "to inquire into and report on the status of women in Canada, and to recommend what steps might be taken by the federal government to ensure for women equal opportunities with men in all aspects of Canadian society". Public hearings were held in all 10 provinces, and the Northern Territories. The education committee of the UWCV club of Vancouver presented a brief that was thoughtful, well organized and persuasive.

The Royal Commission's 468 page report was tabled in the House of Commons on Dec 7, 1970. It contained 167 recommendations to both federal and provincial governments on a wide variety of issues, including: equal pay for work of equal value, maternity leave, educational opportunities, access to managerial positions, treatment of women in the criminal justice system, sex segregation in occupations, absence of women in upper levels of business and government, access to abortion and birth control, and many more.

Several local area CFUW members met in Jan of 1971 at Hycroft to examine the recommendations of the report. Twenty-five study groups examined various recommendations, and telegrams were sent to PM Trudeau and Premier Bennett outlining plans for action. It was from this very successful conference that the Vancouver Status of Women Committee was formed.

It is now 50+ years since the release of the Royal Commission report, and CFUW is still advocating for women about new issues, and some of the original objectives that were not achieved. It took years before the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the abortion provisions in the Criminal Code. A comprehensive childcare program, funded by the Federal Government, was advocated as being necessary for women in the workforce, and childcare advocates are still working toward this goal. Since the 1970s, when the report was published, many new issues concerning the diversity of women's issues have emerged, including immigrant women, sexual identity, disability and aging, and they have yet to be addressed. Our advocacy groups, through resolutions, continue to support women on many fronts as one of our main objectives. This is indeed advocacy in action, and we represent a strong voice to lead needed changes, as we go forward.

(Lois Hunter, Archivist with acknowledgement of the BC Council 2020 AGM report as developed by Cathy Barford, BC Council Archivist)

OUR MEMBERS

Get to know our new members......



JAN GOODE

I was born in Vancouver BC, and graduated from Delta Secondary in 1969. I moved to Australia in 1970, and remained there for nearly 20 years. During that time, I completed additional postgraduate training in Human Resources whilst working full time for the South Australia Health commission at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

I relocated back to BC in 1989, working at Molson's on contract. In 1991, I worked at UBC until 2001, when I accepted a position with the Ministry of Health recruiting physicians for the province of BC, retiring in 2017. This position enabled me to travel throughout Canada, USA and parts of the UK, searching for suitable and eligible candidates for the province. We worked very closely with all governing bodies, including health authorities, Immigration and the licensing bodies for physicians. During my 35+ years in human resources, this would

have been my most rewarding and fulfilling position.

Since retiring, I have enjoyed pursuing my hobbies, which consist of photography, quilting, gardening, cooking and entertaining friends and family, Tai Chi, live theatre, movies, reading and travelling, visiting places like France, Italy, UK, Eastern Europe, St. Petersburg, Ireland and Scotland.

I am an active member of PEO, Peace Arch Quilters, Crescent Beach Photography club and now CFUW. I have always enjoyed meeting people and getting involved in a small way with the community.

I look forward to meeting everyone in person hopefully soon; however, in the meantime, the zoom meetings have been great.



MAUREEN HOECHSMANN

I guess you could say, I'm a Burnaby girl. Born, educated, married, raised our family, provided community service, taught and retired in Burnaby. It wasn't until 10 years ago, I moved to Surrey to find a home more suitable for my husband's medical needs.

I received my BEd degree from UBC in early childhood education and taught for five years. I retired (that was the expectation back then) and became a home mom for twelve years. I returned to work as a teacher on-call for several years before I worked my way back into

the position of a full time teacher and head teacher. Later in my career, I attended SFU to continue my work in early childhood literacy.

During my years as a home mom, my husband and I were very involved in the Kinsmen service club. One of the outcomes of that experience was participating in service work within our community and leadership experience on the local and provincial level. At that time, I was publishing a monthly bulletin for them and received a national award for that effort.

Our plan after my retirement was to travel, but unfortunately my husband's health didn't make that possible. However, in 2014, 15 and 16, I was able to travel to France, Spain and Ireland and see some of Europe, creating wonderful memories.

I have always had an interest in music and participated in choral groups (the Elgar Choir in Vancouver, school performances, solo work, a variety of choirs, and musical theatre.) After retirement, I joined Century House in New Westminster and directed their Senior's choir for 13 years, performing in the Burnaby/New Westminster region.

When I moved to Surrey, I realized I had to reach out and establish a network in my new community. I have been a quilter for years, so I joined the Langley Quilt Guild, and in the last two years the Peace Arch Quilters. I joined book clubs and a bridge group, and am in my second year as president of an International women's organization that supports women's education through scholarships.

I am so pleased to become a member of the CFUW in White Rock. It is fulfilling a goal I had set for myself many years ago. After I retired from my first round of teaching, I had contacted the University Women's Club in Vancouver, intending to join them. I attended about two meetings in Vancouver, had my first child and realized finding child care and being a one car family was going to make me an unreliable member. The time was not right then. The time is now, and I am looking forward to being a member of this active group of women.

SPOTLIGHT ON LONGTIME CLUB MEMBER LORRAINE ELLENWOOD



Lorraine Ellenwood has been a member of CFUW White Rock/Surrey since 1983. She was born in the Eastern Townships of Quebec, and was educated in Ontario where she received a BA from Queens University. She taught History and English, first in Montreal and then in Ontario, where she met her husband Don, an electrical engineer. Fifteen years later (in 1975), they moved to BC with their three sons, Larry, David and Hugh, to their new adopted home in White Rock.

Lorraine's interest in history, and her superb writing skills eventually led to a detailed chronicling of the history and development of White Rock from 1858 to 1958 in her book "Years of Promise, White Rock 1858 - 1958", published in 2004. She has been a strong leader in the community, and has done much to establish and maintain the archival collection of our CFUW local club. She is a charter member of the White Rock Historical Society, and was a member of the volunteer group, which established and operated the White Rock Museum as it moved from the original Railway Station to the Old Post Office, and finally back to its permanent home at the old station.

Lorraine began as a volunteer archivist at the White Rock Museum & Archives in 1976, and in 1983 she became the museum curator. From 1986 to 1997, she was the director of the Museum and the first professionally trained staff member. She retired as director in 1997 and was designated Director Emerita in 1998.

She has deservedly received many accolades for her important work in the community. She was honoured by the Rotary Club as a Paul Harris Fellow in 2000 for her contributions to the community, and was an inaugural member of the "Living Legends" (the Order of White Rock). She is a former president of the Peninsula Arts Foundation, and in this role supported many aspiring artists.

Our CFUW WR/Surrey club has certainly benefitted from Lorraine's influence. She instigated the project of formally organizing our club archives during Marilyn Newman's presidency in 1998. All those boxes being stored under beds and in hall closets were painstakingly organized to record our history from the beginnings of our club in 1959. Now, over 60 years of our history is safely stored at the White Rock Museum & Archives in a state of the art vault, aptly named "The Lorraine Ellenwood Archives' Vault", in her honour. Lorraine was a key member of the club's 40th anniversary planning committee and in 1959, she led a committee to assemble and publish the booklet "A Brief History of the CFUW White Rock/Surrey Women" to celebrate our 50th anniversary. She has been a featured speaker at our meetings, and was awarded a Certificate of Recognition by our club in 2018 for her service and support of our club over the years. She continues to support our club by being an active member of the club's archives committee.

(Lois Hunter, Club Archivist)



The attached article is the next in a series of "Memories" following the 60th Anniversary of our club, when members, present and former, share their remembrances and reflections of their membership in CFUW. It is a great way of collecting the stories that show the impact of our group on the local community and beyond, and what membership has meant to each of us as individuals.

This time, we hear from Diana Sells who was co-president of our club with Sandra Kraft from 2010 to 2012. Diana reaches us from "away", as she now resides in Sarasota, Florida, USA, and is an active member of AAUW.

I moved to White Rock in 2003, and had joined the Newcomers when Gwen Arnold spoke at a meeting about CFUW. I had heard of the organization, but assumed it had something to do with female professors, so was glad to hear otherwise.

After a few years of membership, I was asked to finish out the ailing secretary's term, and later to become vice-president. I didn't feel prepared to do it alone, so asked around for someone to split the job with and was immediately directed to Sandra Kraft, whom I hadn't even met. What a magical partnership it turned out to be! We got along great and complemented each other's skills. I had a more organizational background and she, having been a school principal, knew how to take charge of the job. Our team on the board was also great, and I miss those days!

Gladys Utendale was the wind beneath our wings, both as a resource (she had held all the jobs, including being on national committees, and always encouraged us to do things our way, rather than feeling tied to previous actions). She and Lois Hunter, another mentor, who went to every convention – provincial, national, and International – were generous in backing us up. They were great role models and, along with Elva Reid, were examples of aging usefully and gracefully.

I learned so much from Gwen Arnold about finances in a charitable organization. I now know to ask questions about finances before I join a new group, and I have passed up several when I couldn't get answers (and I'm usually told that I'm the first person to ever ask these questions!). Sandy McKenzie taught me a lot about governance and bylaws, skills I have used in my current branch of AAUW here in Sarasota, Florida, where I have been president, and am now public policy chair.

Every time I play bridge, I hear Monica von Kursell's voice in my head ("take from the short side first!"). Bridge has proven to be an excellent way to jump into a social life anywhere, and I am profoundly grateful to her for allowing me to learn.

I learned from my experiences with this group that, rather than just volunteer somewhere and hope to make friends, it's better to decide what cause to work for, and there will be found a group of like-minded people. Gender equity is the primary focus of AAUW, and I also joined Women Graduates USA, which meets virtually, and is the American member of GWI, because I still think it's vital to support women around the world, who don't have the privileges I have had.

Diana Sells





CFUW White Rock/Surrey Interest Groups ~ Activities and Leaders

Monday

Dames Who Dine 1st Mon., 5:30 p.m. vacant

Duplicate Bridge

2nd Mon., 1:00 p.m. Betty Bishop; Donna Freeze

Club Cuisine

4 times a year Anna Ferguson

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. Astrid Lancelle

The Bridgets Afternoon Bridge

1st & 3rd Tues., 1:00 p.m. Janice Cook



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

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Bridge! 7

Let's Play

1:00 p.m., Thurs. Sandra Kraft

Friday

Stitch and Chat

2nd Fri., 1:00 p.m. Daphne Graff



French Conversation

Friday 1 p.m. on Zoom Sylvia Riddell



Interest Groups Info*
For more information contact Interest Group Leaders,
*Groups subject to change.

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/

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just click on the URL and you will be taken to the respective website.

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Send a Card... Please advise Linda Tedman about any member of our club who is ill or bereaved, so she can send a card. Contact information: Telephone 604-536-4898; email: lindatedman@gmail.com

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