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A. Bursary Foundation Annual Report 2021-2022

All members in good standing of CFUW White Rock/Surrey Society are members of the Surrey/White Rock bursary foundation. The foundation is a registered charity that provides bursaries to local women in financial need to further their post-secondary education.

As the Covid19 Pandemic continued since March 2020 we have once again experienced various stages of restrictions including lockdowns, so our meetings have been on zoom or weather permitting in a backyard or on a patio. The bursary board members still managed the work of the bursary board very well.

We selected three recipients for our bursaries of \$3000 at a socially distanced, masked outdoor meeting in the beautiful and inspiring garden of Anna Ferguson. The recipients were: Julia Hwang, Armi Louie, and Julia Tesla. We are hoping to invite these young women to a meeting in the fall so that they can describe their journeys in person. We may not do the videos this year as it has become more expensive and difficult to complete them.

Many thanks go to Penny Harrington for her advertising expertise in placing advertisements for the bursaries with Black Press and Scholarships Canada. Reporter, Aaron Hinks of the Peace Arch News, crafted an informative article for the April 8, 2021 edition.

Members' support for the bursary foundation through fundraising, general donations and memorial contributions are very important. The bursary board wants to express their thanks for this support.

I take this opportunity to thank the board of directors for their work on behalf of the foundation. The bursary foundation directors for the past year were:

- * Carolyn Oram - President
- * Penny Harrington - Vice President
- * Anna Ferguson - Secretary
- * Monica von Kursell - Treasurer

- * Sue Roberts - Applications
- * Sandra McKenzie - Member at Large
- * Mary Thomas - Member at Large

B. President's Report Diane Salter Menzo

This was my second year serving as President of the CFUW White Rock Club. Building upon our club theme from last year (2020-2021 theme - 'Connecting. Communication. Caring'), this year the board chose the acronym 'GREAT' as our theme – representing our goals to "Gather.Reflect. Engage. Act. Together."

Although the times continued to be challenging, I feel that we achieved these goals. We adapted to the times by a combination of zoom and in person meetings throughout the year. Last year we opened a paid zoom account. Keeping the zoom account open proved to be a very good decision as it enabled us to have board, general and interest group meetings on zoom throughout the year as needed. Our September, October, January and February monthly general meetings were held on zoom. Our Dec. and March, April and May meetings were in person with the Dec. and May meetings as 'lunch and learns' at the Guildford Golf Course. Our board meetings were mainly on zoom and some of our book group meetings were on zoom. Programme Committee and Advocacy meetings also utilized our zoom account. Our AGM will be held by zoom on May 28th. Our club members have risen to the challenge of learning new technology skills needed to run and participate in zoom meetings.

This year, a major project undertaken by the board was a revision of our Club Resource Manual. This followed up on last year's project of revising our Strategic Plan. Reviewing the resource manual was a great way to remind all of our board members of how our roles have been described in the past and then updating the manual to reflect current realities. The manual is an essential resource for the club and is on our web site for all members to be able to view. Our two members at large on the board, Jenny Lindsay and Deb Thorvaldson did an excellent job of taking all of the suggested edits to the manual, following member input and board member suggestions and compiling a new resource manual that better described the current reality the roles and responsibilities of board members and committee chairs. The manual is revised every 5 years, but is really always a 'work in progress' as roles change from time to time.

As the covid challenges continued, keeping in touch with all members was a priority for us this year and our communication methods included "zooms" and "e-blasts", in addition to our newsletters and phone calls. To facilitate connections among members we felt that having a hard copy of the club directory was an important resource to continue during covid. The directory is usually distributed in person at a fall meeting, however this year, with our fall meetings on zoom, we held an in person, outdoor get together in October so that members could pick up their 2021-2022 Directories. About half of our 98 members were able to pick up their directories. For the remaining members who could not attend the get together, volunteers from the board and programme committee hand delivered directories along with a small chocolate treat and message.

Our advocacy Committee took on a past National resolution of seniors' care. At our March

meeting they arranged for our guest speakers: Isobel MacKenzie and Gordon Hogg who addressed issues related to senior care in BC. Senior care is an issue relevant to many in our community.

Our board held 8 board meetings throughout the year in Sept. Oct. Nov. Jan. Feb. March April and May. In addition to chairing most of our board and general meetings, throughout the year I attended a number of webinars and meetings put on by the national office and other clubs and also attended our BC Council Regional Fall and Spring Gathering. I participated in the meetings held by national regarding.

The topic of membership was one of the topics of a national session and a survey was conducted this year by National on CFUW's branding. Many of us have been suggesting that a name change is necessary and needs to be led at the National level. While in the early days of CFUW the club was created for women university graduates, the requirement of a university degree was dropped many years ago in recognition that there are many roads to higher education. A survey was distributed from National this year to seek member input into how CFUW should be branded. Many members that I have spoken with locally and nationally feel that continuing to use the word 'University' in our name is a deterrent. I hope the conversation on name and branding continues at both National, Regional and local levels so that we can find a name that better reflects the current reality and leads to inclusion and diversity.

This year the BC Council AGM will be held as an in person gathering in May. Unfortunately, for many of us in our club, the time is not yet right to attend a large get together and this is probably the first year in the history of our club that we will not have any members attend to represent our club and vote. Therefore, our board has requested Pat Atkinson, our Regional Director, to serve as our Proxy for voting purposes.

In closing, I have enjoyed my 2 years as President in spite of the additional challenges we have all faced during the covid pandemic. I have had the opportunity to work with a very engaged and dedicated board and thank them for all of their support I feel that we have done all we could to fulfil our theme of making our club year 'G.R.E.A.T. I am now looking forward to passing the torch and continuing in a supportive role.

C. Vice President's Report – Joan Henderson

VP for the first time this year I was learning what my responsibilities were. I attended the executive meetings every month as well as the general meetings. In October I participated in the BC Council zoom session as Diane was away. In January I chaired the zoom general meeting and in March I chaired the general meeting as Diane was unavailable I presented the six resolutions from CFUW National at the March general meeting and they were passed unanimously.

Every month in the newsletter I inform the members of activities/webinars/zoom meetings etc. that are being presented by other locals.
I am also a member of the Advocacy committee.

D. Past President's Report

My role on the Executive Board of CFUW is coming to an end. My final responsibility as Past President/Chair of the Nominating Committee is to ensure that we have a full slate of directors going forward into 2022-2023.

The current officers that are giving of their time to the club are fully engaged in keeping this club relevant through advocacy and community support. I am confident that the new slate will continue to do the same and keep the club vibrant and welcoming to all of the members.

Respectfully submitted, Kristen Baillie

E. Secretary's Report

I have prepared agendas in consultation with the president and Vice President. I have taken minutes at both executive meetings and general meetings, beginning September 2021, and distributed these to executive and members. I have kept electronic and printed copies of minutes and relevant attachments. I have updated the Motions Book to include any occurring this year. In addition I have sent out cards to members who are ill or grieving, or special correspondence when requested. Thank you to members who keep me informed of this need. Thank you to Diane Salter Menzo and others for editing minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Tedman. Secretary

F. CFUW White Rock/Surrey Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2022

Please find attached three documents:

CFUW Financial Year to Date Statement for April 30, 2022

The Proposed Budget for 2022/2023

The Completed Year End Reviewed Financial Report: April 30, 2022

We ended the fiscal year in a positive position because we were able to do some in house fundraising and because we received a refund of \$2083.00 from National for opting out of GWI. This refund was for money paid in the past after we opted out. In addition, we only paid \$57.00 per member for dues for this fiscal year to National and \$3.00 per member to BC Council. We did not have to pay our share of insurance because BC Council received \$1353.00 from the demutualization and public offering of their insurance underwriter. BC Council is using this windfall to pay the current liability insurance.

So, at \$3.00 per member for BC Council dues and \$57.00 per member for National dues, we only paid out 60% of our club fees and were able to retain 40% for club operations.

We made a profit from book sales and the Christmas Luncheon. Due to pandemic resurgence, we did have to hold Zoom meetings in January and February, so we saved \$300.00 in hall rental.

Since we have a good surplus of money ending this fiscal year and since that isn't always the case, I would like to propose that we use the surplus money in the following way:

\$1000.00 into the Gladys Travel fund.

Allocate \$1000.00 to "Conference & Travel" in our 2022/2023 budget and

Allocate an extra \$1000.00 to Program for the 2022/2023 budget (up from \$1300.00)

Rational:

We were very fortunate to have a good windfall of money this year which may not happen again and so it is an opportunity to really top up our Gladys Travel fund so that we can send delegates to National AGMs in the future. The cost of the registration, transportation and accommodation is huge and since the delegate(s) is/are representing our club, I believe the club should contribute as much as is reasonably possible to the delegate's expenses.

We like to send our President and VP to the annual Provincial Conference and there should be a contribution to the travel, accommodation and registration expenses. Our club greatly benefits from sending delegates to these conferences and is richly rewarded by the experience these women have. In a normal fiscal year, it is very difficult to find money from our operating budget to fund these two travel budgets.

Program Committee members often supplement the budget out of their own pockets. The money allocated to Program goes directly back to the members in terms of great speakers, lovely ambiance at meetings, and special treats. Again, this is a good opportunity to fund this budget item.

There will be a motion to approve the 2022/2023 budget at our 2022 AGM. The above mentioned budget items will be included.

In addition, the proposed budget is based on an annual fee of \$100.00 per member, so passing the motion means that the membership agrees to the annual fee remaining at \$100.00 per member.

Hopefully, we will continue to meet in person going forward and to fund raise money, which combined with some of our surplus operating funds will permit us to give at least \$2000.00 to Community Grants and to support any other expenses that arise.

Many thanks, once again, to Linda Tedman for reviewing the books from this fiscal year as a member audit.

Submitted by Sandra Kraft,

CFUW White Rock/Surrey Treasurer

G. Membership Report Faye Koll Chair

To date, we have welcomed 7 new members and our total membership stands at 98. Our September, October, January and February monthly general meetings were held via Zoom due to the pandemic restrictions. The average attendance at both Zoom & in-person meetings was 48.

In October, our 2021-2022 Directories were successfully distributed to members at Redwood Park. A roster of volunteers personally delivered Directories to those members who were not able to attend. This in-person event was well received and allowed members an opportunity to socialize for the first time following a lengthy hiatus.

Our December Lunch 'n Learn meeting held at Guildford Golf & Country Club was successfully attended by 51 members.

We are looking forward to our in person March 26th General meeting.

Submitted by:

Faye Koll

Membership Committee Chair

H. Interest Group Coordinator's Report – Sandra Kraft

The purpose of the Interest Group Coordinator is to:

- liaise between the Board and club members by communicating with each Interest Group Facilitator regarding club events/information.
- create an in house publicity/marketing strategy to “sell” club events to members.
- place new members in the Interest Groups of their choice.

Implementation 2021-2022 :

- emailed the appropriate Interest Group Facilitators to give them the contact information of new members wishing to join their group and ensuring that all new members were invited to join the Interest Group of their choice.
- Encouraged IG Facilitators to meet with their groups via the club Zoom account.

I believe the job of Interest Group Coordinator works well to keep club members informed of club events and to obtain feedback about the workings and organization of the club. It is also an efficient way to get new members into groups and give them a sense of “belonging” to the club.

Sandra Kraft
Interest Group Coordinator
April 30, 2022

I. Program Committee Report 2021-2022

Members: Sherrill Berg, Robin Funk, Penny Harrington, Sandra Kraft, Lorna MacGregor, Sandy McKenzie, Lynn Robertson, Karen Webster.

This year tested our committee's planning and our members' resilience to change. We were determined to make the best of the ups and downs of covid waves which resulted in some of our meetings being virtual and some opportunities to meet face to face. Flexibility became the word of the day!

A couple highlights of the year included: Programme Committee auctioneers auctioning floral arrangements made at November's meeting. Treating ourselves to a special holiday lunch and singing, playing "Pass the Parcel" game, taking photos in Santa's chair and recounting joyful memories at our Christmas gathering. These opportunities provided the much-needed time to laugh together and enjoy the friendship of others.

Eblasts continued to be a way to stay connected and inform members of upcoming events, news and club highlights.

We thank CFUW club members for being supportive of and participating in the programme plans and for sharing both positive and constructive comments to guide our programme planning. Programme Committee members enjoy working together to plan thoughtful and engaging programs for members. Next up...summertime meetings to plan for the 2022-2023 year!

The following is a summary of our monthly program events:

SEPTEMBER 2021 via Zoom: "Navigating the Journey"

Our presenter, George Passmore, Director at Sources, had a very calming manner as he addressed some of the emotions and feelings, challenges and issues faced by many of us from the results of covid. We learned of some concrete, positive steps to bring a sense of normalcy back into our lives and supports we can access in our community.

OCTOBER 2021 via Zoom: "Giving Hope to Vulnerable Young People"

We invited Krista Thompson and Chelsea Minhas from Covenant House for a return presentation to provide an update on current needs of our young people in the community and programmes in place to empower youth to overcome homelessness.

NOVEMBER 2021: "Making It Merry and Bright"

A floral décor demonstration by Kristina Linder, Floral Manager at Thirfty's, helped us get into the holiday spirit. Following the demonstration, each of the floral décor pieces were auctioned off by two of our talented members Sherrill and Sandy. Proceeds of the auction were donated to our AMA and Durrant House Christmas Campaign.

DECEMBER 2021: "Christmas Tidings"

It was so nice to treat ourselves to a special holiday luncheon at Guildford Golf and Country Club! The décor was festively done, food was delicious and the room filled with music and merriment. Once again, our members participated in the raffle and the 'giving tree' with proceeds going to our local charities, AMA and Durrant House.

JANUARY 2022 via Zoom: "Meeting Our Community's Needs"

It was a pleasure to meet Elodie Bezubiak, Peach Arch Hospital Foundation Philanthropy Officer. She provided an extensive outline of the mission and goals of the community hospital foundation. So very interesting to hear of success of current projects and plans for looking ahead.

FEBRUARY 2022 via Zoom: “50 Women of Options: Helping to Address the Needs of our Youth”

We learned a great deal from three dynamic women who are working at Options, a Surrey based community services agency. Tammy Dyer, Deputy Executive Director, described the focus of the many programs designed to support the people of Surrey. Noemy Rodas, Program Manager, provided examples of some programs for helping youth towards independence. Ginny Hasselfield, Director of Development, outlined the massive campaign how 50 women in a variety of prominent positions in Surrey are set to raise 1.5M to build a Transition House.

MARCH 2022: “Getting Ready – Healthy Aging”

Our club’s Advocacy Committee was invited to coordinate a presentation focussing on what we should be thinking about to be prepared for our ‘old age’ and to enlighten us with current information regarding the needs of seniors. Isobel Mackenzie, Provincial Advocate for Seniors and Gordon Hogg, Former MP and MLA for Surrey White Rock caused us to think about planning for our future needs and reassuring us that a small percentage of us will need to live in care. We can start now to make provisions to sustain us into our more senior years.

APRIL 2022: “A Conversation with Beth Rowles Scott”

In a conversation-style program, this lovely and inspirational lady, 93 years old, walked us through the path of her life’s challenges and joys which are described in her book she wrote. She shared with us the three elements in her recipe for happiness through out many transitions of our lives: Someone to Love, Something to Do and Something to Look Forward to. She claims the best years in her life were her 70’s, 80’s and now 90’s and she continues to find meaningful purpose and gauges her life satisfaction.

MAY 2022: “Women in Media”

This was our first Lunch ‘n Learn Speaker Series in two years due to the restrictions resulting from covid. It was hosted at Guildford Golf and Country Club. Our speakers Lynda Steele, a veteran broadcaster from CKNW and Janet Brown, an award winning CKNW senior reporter enlightened our lunch group with stories from their careers and added a touch of humour to make for a very enjoyable event. We had a major grand door prize as well as our traditional raffle. A great wrap up for programme events for this year.

ARCHIVAL GEM: At each monthly meeting, we continued our practise of inviting our club’s archivist, Lois Hunter, to present stories of past events and traditions of previous years. This helps to give the members of the club a sense of common grounding with our past members as well as comparing how many things have changed over these sixty plus years.

SPECIAL PROJECT: AMA House and Durrant House

The compassion, caring and generosity of our club members encourages our committee to continue to lead the support program for the ladies and children who reside in these two transition houses. AMA House provides transitional housing for ladies over 55 years of age and Durrant offers a variety of long-term housing options for women of all ages, and their children and families. During covid it was extremely difficult for the management of these

transition houses to provide all the necessary everyday items as well as much needed household items for the ladies to feel valued and strive towards making their lives better. If it wasn't for the overwhelming support provided by our club, these ladies would have had to do without the necessities as well as some of the major items that help make their lives more enjoyable. They are forever thankful to all of the members of our club for the ongoing support demonstrated to them.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Robertson and Robin Funk, Co-chairs

J. Chub Archivist's Report

This year marked another unusual year in the history of our Club as we were still not able to completely return to full in-person meetings and gatherings due to the restrictions imposed by the covid-19 pandemic. Communication methods including "zoom" and "e-blast" were additional ways we remained in contact with our members while continuing to document our activities for our written cumulative history. The archival records of our Club, from its beginnings in 1959, are safely and conveniently stored at the White Rock Museum & Archives in a secure, state of the art vault. We are unique in being one of the few remaining community organizations to secure the safety and availability of its records over such a length of time. The latest annual addition to our archives representing the first term of Club President, Diane Salter Menzo (2020-2021) was in July 2021.

The assistance of the Museum staff, particularly Manager, Hugh Ellenwood, is gratefully acknowledged in providing ongoing support to catalogue and maintain our records. When we can meet, our Archives Committee monitors any needs, does research, and request a budget for supplies to care for our records. Club member, Karen Webster, scans the local newspapers for publicity concerning the Club. The diligence of newsletter editor, Veronika Bichler, in producing our excellent newsletter and Club Secretary, Linda Tedman, in providing copies of meeting minutes help to preserve our history as we go along. Contributions of newspaper articles, photos and other items pertaining to our history are appreciated and they often fill "gaps" that we may be missing. Personal scrapbooks and photo albums can be a major source and will be copied and returned if so requested.

The conclusion of a Club year is the ideal time to transfer files from retiring executive members to the incoming executive and arrange for those not needed to be given to the Archivist. The Club Resource Handbook includes a detailed list of all the material to be saved for the Archivist. Club members are welcome to visit the Museum to do research or find out about aspects of our history by making prior arrangements with the Museum Archivist. It has been my pleasure to attend the executive as well as general meetings and contribute information from the archives in the form of “gems” that fit into the themes we are featuring and to remind us of our history. Respectfully submitted, Lois Hunter, Club Archivist

K. Members at Large Report Deb Thorvaldson and Jenny Lindsay

This year, Jenny Lindsay and I worked on updating the CFUW resource manual. We are pleased to say it is completed and just needs to be proof-read, printed and uploaded to the webpage. It was an adventure looking for an elusive USB stick with a digital copy of the previous manual. Fortunately the PDF copy on the webpage was able to be converted to update and edit. It was my first year on the board, and I enjoyed learning about the board and the workings of the club. Deb Thorvaldson Member at Large

Another year had gone by and finally we are finding the light at the end of the Covid tunnel. I have enjoyed the board meetings and the monthly meetings we have managed to have. As always they were informative and interesting. Deb, Diane and I spent a good amount of time revising the resource manual. With input from the board and members we got the task done. My big news, as many of you know, is Bill and my move to Calgary. We made the decision after Christmas. The time has flown by. We have bought a condo and go on May 31st. From beginning to end my time with the CFUW has been a great experience. When the dust settles in Calgary I will look into the Calgary chapter. I would like to thank you all for the support and friendship you have extended to me. I wish one and all a happy, healthy future. Like a bad penny I will turn up now and again. Calgary is only a car ride away!
Cheers, Jenny Lindsay, member at large.

L. One on One Literacy Program

For the second year in a row our program has been unable to operate at H. T. Thrift and Peace Arch Elementary because of the Covid 19 Pandemic. However, we have kept in touch throughout the year with the principals of the schools. Unless another outbreak occurs that seriously affects the two schools, we hope to begin again in the fall.

Our volunteers are still eager to work with the children and most of the volunteers are returning. We can always find places for more volunteers so please contact Carolyn Oram if you are interested. In the fall we will hold a workshop to upgrade our skills and prepare for the beginning of One to One in October 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Oram