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Trudy Handel

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Here we are at the beginning of another new year, wondering what events will take place to shape our lives, and how those events will impact us, as women and as Canadians.

The CFUW has a long history of advocacy, particularly for women and children. Our organization has also been an advocate for democracy and the rights of people worldwide.

Everyone always hopes that this year will be different, that there will be peace and understanding among people of all nations. And then comes Paris.

Freedom of speech is a fundamental right in our country, as it is a fundamental right in every democracy. That right took a heavy hit this year, in Paris. People that don't agree with the right to freedom of speech decided to kill others who practised that right.

Men with assault rifles killed cartoonists – for drawing cartoons. The idea of killing someone for a cartoon would be ludicrous – except that it happened. The newspaper, "Charlie Hebdo", was critical of everyone – they published cartoons of the Pope, the Queen and every government leader. Then they drew one of Mohammad, and for that twelve employees were slaughtered. "Charlie Hebdo" had a circulation of 35,000 issues.

This week, the next issue of the magazine will be published by friends and colleagues of those killed. There will be three million copies printed and distributed.

Demonstrations are taking place all across Europe, England and North America. The demonstrators are carrying pens and pencils, not rifles. They are holding signs that say "Je suis Charlie" – I am Charlie. They hope that by showing their belief in democracy, they can preserve our right to free speech.

You can't destroy democracy with a bullet. --- "Je suis Charlie". ---



CLUB NEWS



Awards Presentation

submitted by Lois Hunter
Photos courtesy Lois Hunter



Ann MacLean and Trudy Handel



Patricia Pousette and Trudy Handel



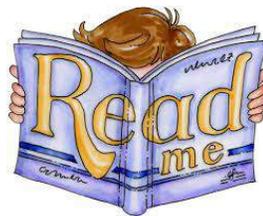
Elizabeth Bordeaux

Ann MacLean and Patricia Pousette receiving their special certificates of acknowledgement in having been members of our local CFUW Club for 50 years from President Trudy Handel. Elizabeth Bordeaux who has also attained this milestone, but was unable to attend the meeting, was presented with her award at her home.



One to One Literacy Project

submitted by Pat Hyde, Mary Ann Rainer, and Carolyn Oram



The One to One Literacy Project began the second term of the school year on January 12. A training session for new volunteers was held on January 9 at Pat Hyde's home. We are pleased to say that there are a few new volunteers for our project as we start this session. The project is running very smoothly, and we thank all of our volunteers for their time. On Friday, January 16, there was a coffee party at Monk's for all volunteers. If there are any members who are not currently volunteering but would like to, please call Pat Hyde, Mary Ann Rainer, or Carolyn Oram for information.



New Fundraising Project Launched

submitted by Lois Hunter, Project Coordinator



Our newest fundraiser project, "Café Femenino", was introduced at the December Christmas meeting and got off to a most encouraging start.

Café Femenino is a Certified Fair Trade Organic Arabica coffee, grown and managed exclusively by women farm owners in Peru, Guatemala, and Bolivia. Families are slowly rising out of poverty and creating a better life because for the first time, women are in charge of their own money and their families' economics. Many girls are now being educated; prior to the Café Femenino project, it was common practice to educate only the boys in the family. The coffee is organically grown so it is also healthier for the

farmers because they can avoid pesticide exposure.

This coffee is freshly roasted in Salmon Arm by the Shuswap Coffee Company and shipped to us from there.

The coffee will be available on an ongoing basis at our meetings. It is available in whole bean and ground form and comes in 1 pound (454 g) bags, which sell for \$15.00 each. The most popular types seem to be the Dark and Medium roast, which we will continue to carry. A sticker on each bag indicates that \$4 from each pound goes to the CFUW/WR Surrey Bursary Fund. It also gives our website address.



Thank you for your ongoing support of this very worthwhile project. This is truly an example of one of our main CFUW aims, women helping other women and their families.



Upcoming Meeting and Program

Next General Meeting:

Date: **January 24**

Time: 10:00 a.m - noon.

Where? **WHITE ROCK COMMUNITY CENTRE,
15154 Russell Avenue, White Rock, BC, V4B 0A6**

Program: Lois Peterson, author, presentation of "**Writing Workshop**" with members' participation

The speaker for January's meeting will be Lois Peterson, a local author of many children and adult books. Her topic will be Turning Memories into Memoirs. Lois has an interesting and informative presentation with illustrations, handouts, and hints to get us started turning memories into family lore.

Coffee (and snacks) provided by Refreshment Coordinators Joanne Cunningham and Monica von Kursell

Please note, the much anticipated **SILENT AUCTION** will be held in **MARCH**. Details to be published in the February edition of our Newsletter.

MEMOIRS

submitted by Helen Christiansen

Since this month's speaker is discussing memoir writing, I thought it would be interesting for new members, and possibly others, to see this article. It was published in a booklet called "Telling our Stories", and was a project done by the BC Council for the Status of Women. The idea was to tell the stories of BC members through memoirs.

Since Elva Reid was one of four British Columbia members who were instrumental in starting this project, I thought it would be nice to read the memories she had recorded.

We want to inform you that Elva has resigned from the Program Committee, due to ill health. She has served the Club for many years in various positions, and we would like to thank her for her valuable contributions. Her 'memoirs' will give you a glimpse of the remarkable woman she is.



ELVA REID

A long, long time ago, when I was in my twenties, my mother was President of the Vancouver University Women's Club. She went to meetings, to teas, to events and to conferences.

She had meetings at our house, she wrote letters and I wrote letters for her. She phoned and talked, and worked very hard for this organization. My mother's name is Ruth Plant. I was very lucky to have her as my model. She set a wonderful example for me to learn what a great organization is the CFUW. During her year as President, the Vancouver Club purchased Hycroft. Talk about excitement!

Then, the work began. Repairing, renovating, restoring, sewing, embroidering, mending, painting, washing, and every other kind of activity you can name began, in order to get Hycroft to its beautiful pre-war condition and to the present day elegant heritage home, of which we can all be very proud.

Lucky me. She bought me a membership in the London England University Women's Club which, at the time, owned and operated Crosby Hall in the middle of London. I graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1952 and took off on THE GRAND TOUR. I stayed at Crosby Hall. I was able to spend a glorious, fun-filled, adventure-filled, education-filled year living in this historic, aristocratic mansion. We got tea in our bedrooms every morning and dinners in the magnificent Sir Thomas Crosby Dining Hall each night. Talk about charming, supportive women: I met them there. It was like living in an English History Course 101. I loved it.

My next adventure took me to Pasadena in 1967 with my husband, Jack, and our children, when Jack was transferred to Los Angeles with Air Canada. I contacted the Arcadia American Association of University Women's Club. I went to a few meetings and thoroughly enjoyed myself. I met many wonderful, friendly American women, who in true California style made me feel very welcome and very important.

Back to Canada in 1985 when Jack retired, and out to Crescent Beach to live. I worked at Douglas College in New Westminster. While there, I was involved in a research study in which we investigated "Employer-Supported Child Care". I worked with a colleague, Carol Ebner, and together we gathered some important facts and figures and developed some good recommendations. Along came IFUW 1990 which happened at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. Well, Carol and I said to each other: "Let's go to Stanford and tell our Child Care story". Again, lucky me. Our proposal was accepted. IFUW 1990 was an experience I will never forget. We told our story to women around the world, we heard their stories from around the world. And guess what? We are all struggling with similar child care stories. It was a real eyeopener for me. I learned, there is another huge part of this world where people have the same joys, the same troubles and share the same hopes and dreams.

And now, I live at Crescent Beach. I am the President of the White Rock/Surrey Club. What an honour and what a thrill to work with such fine, intelligent, educated, committed women. As our CFUW goals state: We are active in public affairs. We work to raise the social, economic and legal status of women. We work to improve education, the environment, peace, justice and human rights. We are innovative. We are questioning. We are all ages. We are energetic. We are enthusiastic and we love learning. We get together monthly and meet frequently as interest groups in-between meetings.

We believe KNOWLEDGE IS GROWTH AND WE ARE GROWING.

Our Members

"This year, with the guidance of Anne Low and her Membership Committee, the club undertook a membership marketing campaign, which culminated with invitations to prospective members for our Christmas potluck lunch on December 13th. The response was overwhelming and as a consequence of the committee's hard work, we have added a number of new members to the club". (*excerpt from Trudy Handel's Report to the Board*)

The Club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:



Diane Desjardins

My first career as a teacher lasted 8 years, until my two children, Mike & Jenny, were born. I lived in Kitchener for 13 years before moving to BC in 1980. With the help of UBC's Women's Resource Centre, I pursued a new career in real estate when my children reached their teens. I became a widow in 2005. My three grandchildren keep me young & active. Proof of this comes in the form of a video with my four-year-old grandson successfully coaxing me onto his backyard trampoline! Bridge, reading, skiing, walking & travelling are some of my interests.

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and Gillian Adkins; Lynn McKay; Pauline Carter; Kathy Steele;
Mei Harper; Robin Funk; Jean Dutton, Judy Kendall



On Sunday, January 4th, one of our former members, Lynn Driscoll, lost her long battle with Parkinson's disease.

She had been a member of CFUW WR/Surrey since she and her husband, Frank, moved here from Ontario in 2002. Before moving from Ottawa, she had been an elementary school principal and had worked extensively in special education. Lynn took early retirement because of her illness. She contributed a lot to CFUW.

As Membership Chair, she and Frank gave us a "new look" Directory, which we still use. On the Education Committee, she helped produce the Resolution on Early Child Care which was adopted by our club, the B.C. clubs and sent on to the National. She was a member of the Fully Booked Book Club. Her illness finally took over, and she no longer was able to maintain her CFUW membership.

Lynn will be missed by husband Frank, her three children, and all of us who knew her. There will be a service in the Spring.

Joan Clark



It is with great sadness that I announce the death of Helen Bateman. She died on January 1st, after a week's stay in hospital.

She was born in Haileybury, Ontario, and attended Queen's University in Kingston Ont. in the days when few women had the opportunity to attend university.

She met and married a Queen's medical student, Henry Bateman. They lived in Georgetown, Ont. before moving to Montreal, where Dr. Bateman took advanced medical surgical training after which they settled in Belleville. Helen helped in Henry's practice with her very efficient office procedures and constant support. She was

very active in the community, especially in the Belleville branch of CFUW. Her support of Queen's was endless.

Her passion was sewing and needlework. She made all of her own clothes, from simple dresses to sophisticated suits and coats. She should have been in the fashion industry as her eye for colour and style was exceptional. She was an excellent baker and her apple pies were second to none.

They moved to White Rock in the early 70s, Helen joined our CFUW club, and when we moved out a year later, she encouraged me to join and meet the wonderful Jessie Casselman. Jessie took us under her wing and as the saying goes, the rest is history. I have always appreciated Helen's gentle persuasion to join. The club has provided me with lifelong friendships, stimulating activities, some challenges and much fun and laughter.

Henry died 22 years ago and Helen remained in their home with a live-in caregiver. She is survived by an older brother, who is 104.

They had two children, Marilyn and John, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Her legacy to us will be her strength of character, embodying kindness and wisdom. Beneath the soft spoken, gentle exterior was a strong core of highly principled Scottish values.

We shall miss her greatly.

Mary Fran Bateman

Interest Groups



The Bridgets and the Newbies

submitted by Monica von Kursell

One of the longest continuous interest groups, the Bridgets, has just completed their first round of games. The next session starts on the 20th of January. Finally, a few Newbies have graduated to the Bridgets, who have been bowled over by the high scores the Newbies are earning. They get each session's highest scores and even have bid and made slams. However, the group continues to want to stay together to hone their skills once a week at Monica von Kursell's house. There is a possibility that the Bridgets will expand to six tables next year.

The **bridge fundraiser luncheon** will be taking place on **Wednesday, February 25**. A notice is being sent to all the bridge groups which will include the duplicate and the Tuesday/Friday groups. Our neighbouring CFUW clubs will be invited to attend. We are hoping to have ten tables. It is anticipated that we will have between twelve to sixteen guests – leaving plenty of tables for our own club members.

There are a few of our club members who play bridge but do not play in any of the organized groups. Of those interested to be included in the notice, please **email mvonkursell@gmail.com**.

The Bridgets Afternoon Bridge

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

Monica von Kursell (T: 604-576-6075)

Newbies Bridge

1:30 p.m., Thurs.

Monica von Kursell

Who can play, Who can host?

Bridge

Tues. & Fri.,
9:30 a.m.

Sandy McKenzie

(e-mail: mcksandy@telus.net)

Duplicate Bridge

2nd Mon., 1:00 p.m.

Eileen Fuller; Donna Freeze

T: 604-541-1870 (Eileen)

T: 604-538-8210 (Donna)



At the home of Taylore Fox

Christmas Potluck Bridge

submitted by Sandy McKenzie

Christmas potluck bridge at Taylore Fox's is a fun, tasty and colorful event for members of the 'Newbie' and 'Who Can Play and Who Can Host' bridge groups. Taylore is the hostess with the mostest, and everyone enjoys Jimmy's colorful decor. Here we are toasting the cards.



Art Appreciation Group Christmas 2014

submitted by Lois Hunter - photos courtesy Lois Hunter

The Art Appreciation Interest Group gathered at the home of Mary Ann Rainer as a follow up to the previous visit to the Vancouver Art Gallery to see "The Forbidden City, Inside the Court of China's Emperors".



Margaret Long

Marilyn Dyer-Seidel had spoken to the group about the collection and why and what inspires all of us to collect certain treasures. Each member of the group brought something or shared information about what they collect.

Margaret Long showed examples of the beautiful art cards she makes featuring postage stamps.

Lois Hunter and Margaret Rose provided examples of the fibre art they produce through weaving and tapestry.



Marilyn Dyer-Seidel

Marilyn introduced us to the typical red and white Danish gnome like figures that she has collected.

A fascinating side of our members that we often do not know about.



Some of Marilyn's red gnomes



Marilyn Dyer-Seidel and Sandra Kraft

This and That....

Please contact Membership Chair,
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CFUW NATIONAL NEWS

compiled and submitted by Sue Foley-Currie



CFUW NEWS UPDATE

- February 16 is the Anniversary of the Royal Commission of the Status of Women.
- March 8 is International Women's Day.
- June 18 - 21 is the AGM and conference in Quebec City (Hotel Chateau Laurier)

CFUW BC Council & Clubs Update

"If not you, who will act?"

- The Richmond Club of 86 members joined with Chimo Community Services to host a conference on Dec. 3, 2014 to raise awareness of violence against women in Canada. Fran Mitchell, President, was interviewed by the Richmond News.
- The West Vancouver Club held its own event and Vernon Club President Julia Jones contributed an article on the overall topic to The Morning Star.

IFUW Update

- IFUW is conducting a survey (until January 30) on a proposed name change to *Graduate Women International*. It is also looking at restructuring with the goal of growth and developing an alternative income stream and opening conferences to the general public.

Community Affairs

submitted by Carolyn Oram and Sue Foley-Currie

The Community Affairs Committee is currently working on the Resolutions for this year, and on the BC Council on Child Care Advocacy "Gathering Stories" Project.

We began discussion of the two resolutions:

- 1) Danger to the Pollinators through use of Chemicals, and
- 2) Climate Change - National Carbon Tax

at our December meeting, and we will continue the discussion at the January 12 meeting. The resolutions will be presented to club members at the February meeting.

The Committee is also working on the BC Council on Child Care Advocacy "Gathering Stories" Project to support affordable Child Care.

Each CFUW Club is being asked to submit one story of 100-150 words about a child care situation in their community to assist in supporting this initiative. The stories are anonymous with no names or places used.

Our Committee met with Rhea Hubbard, Director of Youth and Family Services, at Alexandra Neighbourhood House to find a story from our community for the project. These stories can be used in future to demonstrate the need for affordable quality child care when meeting with government officials and groups dealing with child care issues. At our January meeting, we will review the stories that have been gathered and select one to send to the BC Council on Child Care Advocacy.

CFUW White Rock/Surrey Interest Groups ~ Activities and Leaders

Monday

Dames Who Dine

1st Mon., 5:30 p.m.
Trudy Handel;
Georgia Fontaine

Duplicate Bridge

2nd Mon., 1:00 p.m.
Eileen Fuller; Donna
Freeze

**Symphony at the
Bell Centre** ~ Linda
Lee Henriksen

Club Cuisine

5-6 times a year
Elizabeth Bordeaux

New Members

Elizabeth Bordeaux

One-on-One

Literacy Group

once a week
Patricia Hyde

Tuesday

Alpha Book Group

2nd Tues. 1:30 p.m.
Shirley Nord

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) Sandra Kraft

Golf for Fun

Wed. Afternoons
Sandra Kraft

Art Appreciation

3rd Wed. (varies)
Marilyn Dyer-Seidel

Thursday

Fully Booked Book Group

2nd Thurs. 1:30 p.m.
Joanne Cunningham

Newbies Bridge

1:30 p.m., Thurs.
Monica von Kursell

Evening Book

2nd Thur., 7 p.m.
Marjorie Mooney

Friday

Stitch and Chat

2nd Fri., 1:00 p.m.
Joan Hoyles

French Conversation

2nd Friday
1:30 –2:30 p.m.
Sylvia Riddell

Environment

4th Friday
1:00 p.m.
Mary Ann Rainer

Interest Group Info*

**For more information contact Interest
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***Groups subject to change.**



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Friday, February 6th, 2015**

Please submit news by email with the subject line
'Newsletter' to: vbichler@shaw.ca

Ads are prepaid. Please contact our Club Treasurer,
Eileen Ennis. email: wennis@telus.net

Send a Card... Please advise Elizabeth
Bordeaux about any member of our Club who is ill
or bereaved, so she can send a card. Contact
information: Telephone - 604-538-1477; Email -
ebordeaux@shaw.ca

Web Resources for Members

CFUW Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/CFUW-White-RockSurrey>

and the closed group page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1547358335477392>

(to access, you must be a member of Facebook)

CFUW White Rock/Surrey

www.cfuw-wrsurrey.org

BC Council

<https://sites.google.com/site/cfuwbccouncil/home>

CFUW (National)

www.cfuw.org

IFUW (International)

www.ifuw.org

Semiahmoo Arts

www.semiahmooarts.com

Arts Council of Surrey

www.artscouncilofsurrey.ca

Need a Ride to a CFUW Meeting or Interest Group?

If you are unable to attend club meetings or enjoy club Interest Groups because you don't have transportation to get there, please call **Sandra Kraft at 604-535-8824**. Sandra will find a ride for you.