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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where did 2017 go and how did 2018 arrive so quickly? It seems, as one gets older, that the years fly by.

Like many in the club, I spend the Christmas season with family and friends. There is visiting, overeating, fun and laughter, and even playing with pets, plus getting used to colder weather and layers of clothing. As well, one treasures the memories of those no longer with us, either through relocation to other parts of the country, or death. This is especially felt in late November when reviewing the card or just a note list in the

address book, and when getting out the decorations made or given by those who are away in so many aspects of our life. That is why I treasure the early December get togethers including our December club social with the program activity and theme, baking, fellowship, music and singing, plus supporting AMA House.

My family, which is out of province, appreciates our CFUW White Rock-Surrey members and all the activities we do and that I can participate in. They know that I am with fine and caring women in the community. My daughter starts asking early what I am going to be reading with our book club in 2018, and what is the advocacy and ways to assist and promote women and girls.

We are a family of readers, writers and movie buffs, plus kind of nerdy. We advocate and march for women's rights. Their gifts to me reflect perhaps what I passed on to them and what they learned from other women as models. One of the surprise gifts under the tree for me was a Lego set for me to build, "Women of NASA." The action figures are Nancy Grace Roman, Margaret Hamilton, Sally Ride and Mae Jemison. I have only till March to put all the 231 pieces together. My 13 year old grandson said, "Grandma, just follow the instructions."

Another family venture was seeing the latest Star Wars movie "Star Wars: The Last Jedi." I loved it, as finally "the force was with HER." Little girls now have their own action figure: Rey. The movie was shot in

the Dingle Peninsula in Ireland and in Northern Island, and I have been to both areas a few times. As a grandma – I have several light sabres (really) – and can fight with them with anyone under 14. In a way, the latest Star Wars movie (there is bound to be another in a few years) like the Golden Globes show this month, gives women and girls around the world new hope in 2018. Hope for better wages, hope for better human rights and hope for better treatment, as 50% or more of the human race are women.

It has been an arduous journey for women and girls in the past – the same as it was not easy for the fictional character, Rey, to find her strengths, talents and gifts over on the stark island Skellig Michael. 2018 will not lack any new challenges for women and girls.

Our club joins all women and girls in their challenges in 2018.

CLUB NEWS

Highlights of our November and December 2017 General Meetings

(Lorna Patterson)

Presentation - "Age-Friendly Strategy for Seniors"



Guest speaker Sahra-Lea Tosdevine-Tataryn, Project Manager, provided members with an interesting overview of the City of Surrey services available to seniors. She was assisted by Karen Webber from the Fraser Valley Real Estate Board.

Key areas discussed included safety, health and wellness, transportation and mobility, home, and building and outdoor spaces. Three key documents with this information and contact numbers are available on the City of Surrey website (Surrey Seniors) and were also provided to us by Sarah-Lea.

If you know any seniors who could benefit from these handy guides, please pick up a brochure at our January meeting.

Beautiful Handcrafted Treasures *(Lois Hunter)*



l. Joan Hoyles, r. Daphne Graff

The November 2017 Club meeting allowed us to see some of our members' Fibre Arts creative and unique projects.

As well as museum-quality quilts by Joan Hoyles and Daphne Graff, there was a variety of handwoven items by Lois Hunter, including a beautiful shawl with a story.

This shawl was the 2017 winner in what is known as a "Sheep to Shawl" competition. This is an annual event held at the Surrey Museum in Cloverdale. It is an opportunity for teams of spinners and weavers in the lower mainland to get together to showcase their talents and promote textile arts in the community. Each team has from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm to complete its shawl which must meet a minimum size of 20" x



72". The teams, which are made up of a weaver, four spinners, a pleyer and a steward (who assists the team by answering questions from the public) must card, spin, ply and weave their shawls within the allocated time.



Lois Hunter

The beautiful shawl was designed and created by the Langley Weavers and Spinners Guild.

This year, our team was inspired by the breathtaking scenery of the Langley area. We chose the pattern known as Ms and Ws to echo the coastal mountains and waterways all around us. To prepare for the competition, we warped our loom with yarn from local white Romney wool, which was handspun and hand painted by our members. The warp was sporadically hand painted using a rich blue dye and when held against the soft white of the wool, it highlights the natural colours of our landscape, especially the way



Lynn Robertson modelling

light dapples on the water.

This spectacular shawl captivated our club members, and some were even inspired to try it on. It was my pleasure to be part of the team that produced this shawl.



December was the month for our Christmas party with a potluck lunch, bake sale, music and laughter.

Members were welcomed by President Sue Foley-Currie to our Christmas Lunch. Lush poinsettias and displays of winter greenery transformed the hall into a festive social scene.

Bake Sale Elves, Mei Harper, Barb Cook, Carolyn Feldinger, Kris Baillie and Indra Hamilton organized a fabulous assortment of baked goods, preserves and handcrafted Christmas Cards.

Heartfelt thanks to all the members who donated their goods.

Our Christmas Bake Sale earned a new record - \$621.75 - for the club.



Victoria, Marjorie, Mary Fran and Lorna led our Christmas sing-a-long.

(All pictures courtesy of Penny Harrington)

GENERAL MEETING AND PROGRAM

A Warm Winter Welcome *(Lynn Robertson)*

Now the holiday season is over; we welcome you to our first meeting of 2018.

Come and enjoy a warm apple cider, visit with friends and listen to a presentation the Program Planning Committee hopes you will enjoy.

Circles of Change: Our Bursaries Make a Difference in Women's Lives

The White Rock/Surrey University Women's Club broadened its mandate to provide financial assistance to women pursuing a university degree to include other post-secondary fields: diploma programs, trades, and technology. The purpose of these bursaries is to assist women to further their education in an increasingly competitive workplace.

We have an opportunity to hear stories from two recipients of our bursaries and how this support helped to impact their lives and careers.



RANDI-LYNN SEQUIN

One of our 2017 bursary recipients, Randi-Lynn Seguin, will be our guest speaker at the January 27th meeting. Randi is a single mom of three young children who has balanced her course work and practicums in the Associate Degree Program in Human Services. This fall, Randi continues her studies by pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work at the University of the Fraser Valley.

Randi will share her story of being a teenage mother aging out of Government Care, working as a part time model and returning to college to eventually become a Social Worker.

...and over twenty years ago, Mary Ellen was a recipient.

MARY ELLEN STEWART

Mary Ellen Stewart is a CFUW Surrey/White Rock bursary winner from 1992. She received her teaching degree in 1995, and she taught in Surrey at a number of elementary schools for 21 years. Mary Ellen retired in June 2017; however, she has continued to teach one day a week at her former school, Rosemary Heights Elementary School, as a Learning Support Teacher.



When? Saturday, January, 27th
10:30am - 12:30pm
Doors open at 10:15am (remember to sign in)
Program Starts at 10:30am

Where? Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
2350 148th St, Surrey, BC

Bring your Hug-a-Mug for coffee, tea, warm apple cider... Bring a book for the book donation table.... and Bring a friend! See you on the 27th.

The Club Cuisine celebrated the festive season with a Christmas lunch at Hycroft, the historic clubhouse of the Vancouver University Women's Club. It was a perfect day, and we all enjoyed the ambiance of the lovely old house, the company of 18 of our members and their partners, and a delicious lunch.

(Elizabeth Bordeaux)



Some of the Club Cuisine members at Hycroft

L to R: Glenn Irvin; Marjorie & Roger Foxall; Marilyn Dyer-Seidel; Mary Ann Moffat-Meder; Anna Ferguson; Helen & Bent Christiansen; Corlin Bordeaux. Seated: Elizabeth Bordeaux; Penny Harrington; Jack Ferguson.

(Picture courtesy of Mary Ann Moffat-Meder)

Elegant Christmas Bridge Luncheon

(Monica von Kursell)

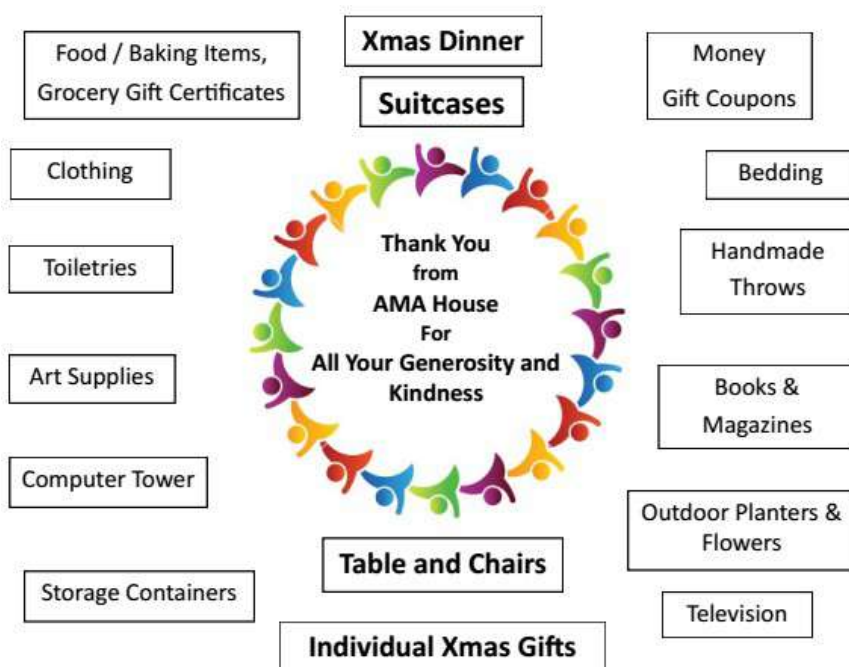


An elegant luncheon took place at Taylore Fox's home last month. A few of "The Who Can Play, Who Can Host" and the Newbies bridge groups gathered for their annual potluck get together. As ever, they enjoyed excellent food and conversation.

(left to right, Monica von Kursell, Joyce Sorensen, la Diva Taylore, Louisa Kozey, Pat Hyde, and Jocelyn Donald)

(Picture courtesy of Sandy McKenzie)

Thank you from AMA House (Sherrill Berg)



THIS AND THAT

Thank You !

Special thanks to Barb Cook who answered our call for a donation of a portable CD player. The Program Committee is happy to have access to music that can add atmosphere to our social times together. Thank you, Barb ! *(The Program Committee)*

The Spoons at the Christmas Luncheon

(Monica von Kursell)



The lovely vintage slotted spoon on the left in the photo would like to go home. She ended up in my pasta salad bowl at the Christmas potluck luncheon. I didn't notice it until I got home that my spoon must have ended up in someone else's bowl. My spoon is similar to the serving spoon on the right in the photo except that her bowl is rounded and larger. Her friends in the cutlery drawer miss her as I am sure, Ms Fancy's relatives are anxious for her return.

I hope that an exchange can take place soon. Who knows? Maybe several spoons ended up in different bowls and it may take months to sort out. For these two, in particular, email me at mvonkursell@gmail.com to arrange for an exchange. Thank you.

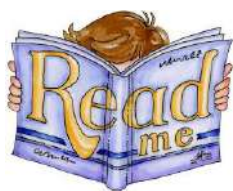
Address Correction - Another address correction for the Club Directory:

Susan Falk's street address is 2208 instead of 1108.

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INTEREST GROUPS



One to One Literacy Program

(Carolyn Oram)

The fall session finished at the end of November and the winter session begins on January 15. The photo shows Principal, Carol Davison, of Peace Arch Elementary School (on the left) and School Secretary, Adria Dewar, discussing the schedule for the winter session.



At Peace Arch, we offer reading help in French and English since it is a dual track. Two of our volunteers are fluent in French, and they are delighted to assist students in the French Immersion Program.

If there are any club members interested in volunteering with the One to One program, we would welcome you. There is training provided and you do not need to be a teacher. You do not have to be a club member to volunteer, so if you have friends looking for a rewarding activity, please let me know.

Art Appreciation

Budding Monets, from left to right, Maureen, Sandy, Pat, and Elizabeth spent a morning with artist Susan Falk learning the art of acrylic painting.





History of the Alpha Book Club

Shirley Nord has written the following article in response to my request in the last newsletter for information on the history of the Alpha Book Club.
(Lois Hunter, Archivist)

A Brief History of the Alpha Book Club

I was introduced to the CFUW in 1980 by Hope Harvey. I joined the "Book Club" that night! They were reading, "The Thorn Birds", and I thought I could handle that. We all called it the "University Women Book Club" for many years. Oprah Winfrey's talk show started their book club in 1996 and ended a 15 year run in May 2011. It was at this time that book clubs sprang up all over the country. The CFUW

had four different ones. To differentiate them, it was decided to name each one. Jean Putman suggested ours should be called the "Alpha Book Club", as we were the original one.

I believe this book club was established shortly after the inception of the CFUW. When I joined, there were still four charter members attending - Lorraine Amos, Amy Barker, Berta Hugh and Dorothy Slaughter. We usually took turns meeting at each other's homes until recently. As our membership has dwindled from about thirteen to seven or eight; we now go out for lunch about twice a year, so members don't have to host too many meetings.

Dorothy Slaughter maintained we were a unique club as we had no executive or leader. My name stands as a contact person only. The people that join our group are usually avid readers. It has always been a kind, caring and friendly group. Years ago, there were two criteria for suggesting a book - it had to be a small paperback (\$5 - 6) and it had to be fiction. When the small paperback disappeared and paper tradebacks took over (\$10 - 15), members who did not want to read the book didn't buy it, and this caused a problem although they still attended the meetings. Rosemary Kimmell joined the club and she suggested we try the libraries. She and I approached all the ones in our area, but only White Rock (Fraser Valley Regional Library) agreed to loan us books. They chose our books from their stock. They now have 500 books which are mostly current. Each of us chooses one or two books for the year. We read a huge variety as we all have such varied tastes (not enough murder mysteries for Jean Putman). We can keep them for five weeks. FVRL now supplies books to 100 book groups in the area.

Our membership has been very varied over the years. Some remain for years - others move, and others become ill.

To my knowledge, we have never invited an author to attend our meetings.

*Shirley Nord
December 2017*

CFUW White Rock/Surrey Interest Groups ~ Activities and Leaders

Monday

Dames Who Dine

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

Duplicate Bridge

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

Symphony at the Bell Centre |

Linda Lee Henriksen
Club Cuisine

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/>

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