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Kristin Baillie

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” (Dr. Martin Luther King)

This is a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, whose birthday will be celebrated later this month by our southern neighbours.

It seemed appropriate to let this idea resonate with the members of our club, to remind us of the collective aim and mission of CFUW.

It is a timely sentiment to hold on to when the political climate on both sides of the border is so divisive and full of hate.

It is a reminder that, while we can't control our environment, we can control how we choose to live our lives and to serve.

It only takes a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

CLUB NEWS

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

(Robin Funk and Lynn Robertson)

An abundance of resplendent displays and ladies in spiffy attire made for a fun-filled Old Fashioned Christmas gathering in December.

Members and guests enjoyed a variety of delicious foods created by members for the pot luck luncheon. Marjorie Foxall and Lorna Paterson treated all of us to wonderful piano solos and duets, a Christmas story, then much merriment with bells a-ringing during our traditional Christmas sing-along. Lively conversations and laughter filled the room with joy for the season.

Our bake sale was record-breaking in sales! Well done ladies!

You should know that your donations of over \$600 to the AMA House money tree were gratefully received. It is a good feeling to know we can help make a difference in the lives of the ladies who live there.



(Photos courtesy of Lois Hunter)



BAKE SALE BONANZA

(Penny Harrington)



New members bake sale elves - Linda Tedman, Bernice Tebb, Jan Cook, Dolores Morrison, Astrid Lancelle and Indra Hamilton (from left to right)

Each year our Christmas bake sale surpasses the last thanks to members bringing their “A Game” to the table. This year, packaging and variety tempted even the most seasoned baker. There was a gluten/lactose free Christmas Tree, summer fruit jams, beautifully decorated trays of shortbread, Christmas boxed cookies, yummy mincemeat tarts and playfully decorated gingerbread men.

Our new member, Bernice Tebb, really impressed us with her one woman bake sale display of artfully boxed items and scrumptious looking cupcakes. The bake sale elves had their hands full receiving and pricing the items before the sale began. Next year, we'll plan for more \$\$\$ change.

Members stocked up for the holiday season, and in so doing spent over \$840 for a bake sale record. This money will go towards the club's general operating account which supports monthly programming, room rental, our membership directory, and much more.

Decluttering and Downsizing

(Penny Harrington)



Marilyn Dyer, Agnes Frobb, Gwen Arnold and Daphne Graff discuss organizing painting and quilting supplies after the decluttering presentation.

Our November 24th meeting seems so long ago, but I hope you remember the message from Agnes Frobb, “Does this item bring me JOY?” here in the present, not in the past, not in the future, but now.

Her idea of organizing your decluttering by selecting one item, for instance “coats”, and bringing all the coats in your home together in one space and systematically deciding one by one if each coat is a keeper. This system seems less daunting than tackling an entire wardrobe. Her thoughts on sentimental attachments were also a practical approach to bittersweet partings.

Now that January is here, and the glitziness of Christmas is put away, perhaps it's time to start your own decluttering project. “Transform spaces that will work for you!”

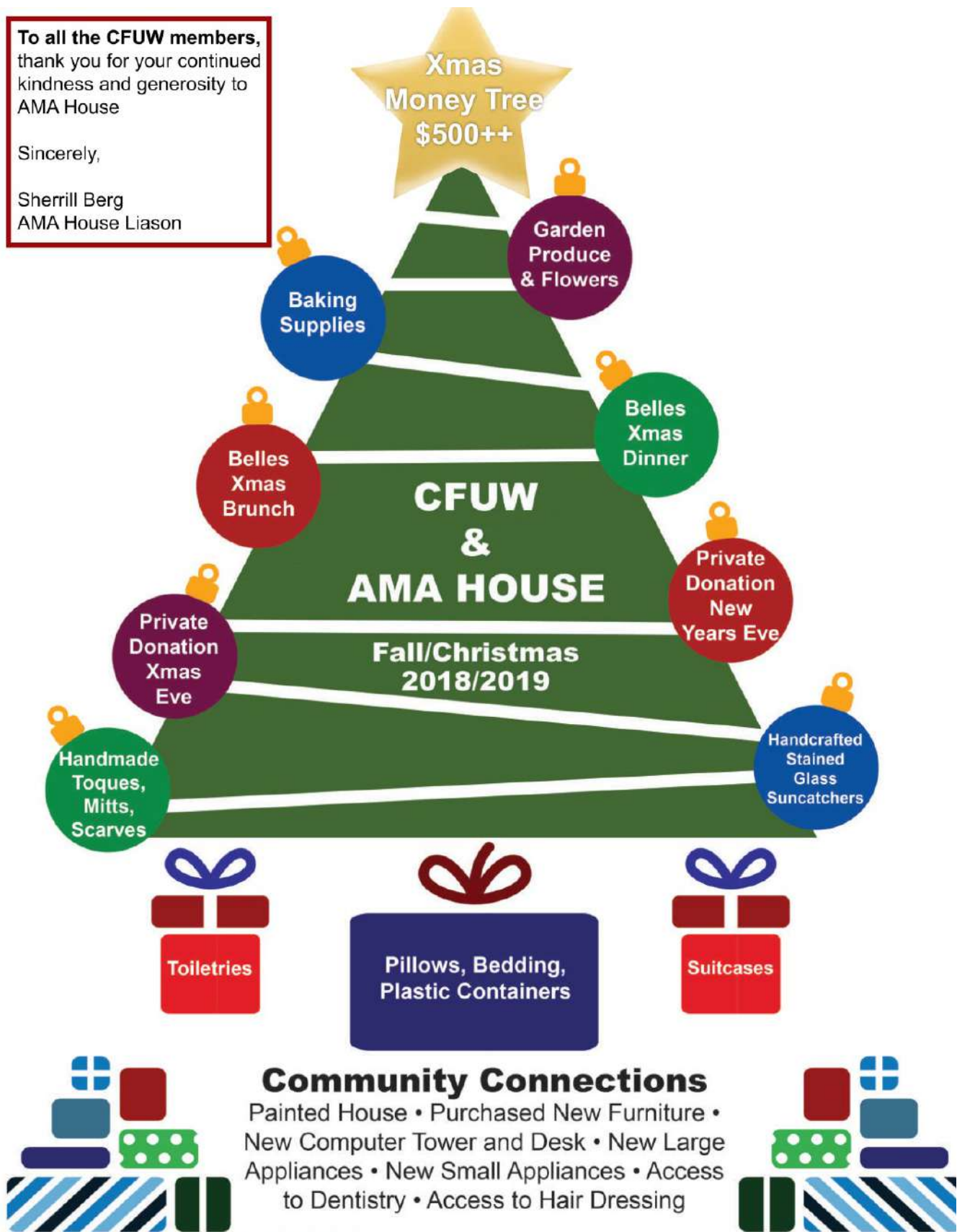
If you missed out on Agnes' handouts, email pharrington@telus.net for a copy.



To all the CFUW members,
thank you for your continued
kindness and generosity to
AMA House

Sincerely,

Sherrill Berg
AMA House Liason



JANUARY 26, 2019 GENERAL MEETING AND PROGRAM

“Charting Our Course”

(Submitted by Sandra Kraft, on behalf of your Program Committee and Club Executive)

To continue celebrating 60 wonderful years of CFUW, our executive took the lead on planning this meeting. A club mixer is planned to get to know the wishes of your club better while taking a look at future directions. If you are interested in getting to know and understand your club better, then be sure to attend this general meeting!

Members of the executive will facilitate small group focus discussion questions. The results will be used to guide future meetings, activities and events.

When? Saturday, January 26, 2019
10:00 am Doors open for sign in and coffee
10:30am Program / meeting begins

Please remember that the doors have to be locked at 10:30 am for security reasons.

Please plan to arrive before 10:30 am!

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

Remember your hug-a-mug and perhaps a book for our donation table.

February General Meeting

Mark **February 23, 2019**, on your calendars for “The Food We Eat – From Survival to Entertainment”. Details to follow in the next newsletter. Members are encouraged to invite guests to join us as we look at what is old and new in the food world.



BURSARY BOARD NEWS

(Carolyn Oram)

The bursary board has been very busy with all the donations to the Jubilee Scholarship in honour of Elizabeth Bordeaux. We have kept in contact with Elizabeth’s husband, Corlin, and have brought note cards to him acknowledging the donations to the Bursary Foundation. A full update of donations will be made at the January meeting.

The bursary board would like to thank club members for their generous donations.



(l to r) Carolyn Oram, Sandy McKenzie and Robin Funk distribute receipts at the Bursary Foundation table

(picture courtesy of Penny Harrington)

LOOKING BACK IN THE ARCHIVES A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING PROJECT



This article chronicles the history of “Gardens In Bloom”, a garden tour which became the club’s signature annual fundraising event for several years.

Prior to the Gardens in Bloom tours, much of the club fundraising came from efforts such as raffles, silent auctions, donations, and public meetings with interesting speakers. One source of a small amount of revenue came from the tradition of passing a ceramic owl called “Share Owl” at meetings for donations as a “thank you” for sharing a ride or a special event that a member shared with the rest of the club. (Jan 1998 newsletter). Casino

funds became available in the 1990’s but came with the stipulation that the total must be given out in the year obtained in the form of bursaries, so any monies received did not result in a build-up of the Bursary Foundation or general revenues.

The January 1999 newsletter reported that at a club interest group, called “The Art of Fundraising”, the speaker was Lenore Gilchrist who spoke of many successful fundraising strategies including a garden tour, sponsored by the local Hospital Auxiliary. Queries were made and followed up mainly by Jean Putman, to Marlene Gurevitch and the Hospital group, to find out what was involved. Marilyn Newman, who was club president from 1998 to 2000, was instrumental in having this fundraiser taken over by our club. Many club members such as Jean Putman, Wendy Fidgeon, Mary Fran Bateman, Patricia Hyde, and Helen Christiansen, to name a few, were avid gardeners, so this was readily accepted by the club.

The first Gardens in Bloom was held in June of 1999. Six local gardens were featured in this self-guided tour. Jean Putman and Rosemary Kimmell co-chaired the event and \$4,700 was raised. The second GIB was held June 11, 2000, with Jean Putman & Libby Wilson co-ordinating.

In 2003, the annual Gardens in Bloom tour raised over \$13,000 and the attendance doubled. A committee worked several months in advance and most of the club members were involved in some way – re-potting perennials for the plant sale, selling tickets, or sitting at the garden entrances to greet visitors. Smart vests with the club logo were worn to identify our members. Success also came from great publicity and wonderful gardens. The profits were split with 70% going to the Bursary Foundation and 30% to Community Grants.

From the newsletter of April/May 1995, the club had some previous experience in putting on a garden tour. Our club worked with the Mission/Abbotsford CFUW clubs to sponsor a garden tour featuring 6 gardens in the South Surrey/White Rock area on May 20/1995. Mary Fran Bateman was club president and other co-coordinators included Wendy Fidgeon, Gail Edwardson, and Betty Huff.

Gardens In Bloom continued on an annual basis until 2008. In that year, after considerable thought, the committee decided that the annual fundraiser would not occur due to the difficulty in finding suitable gardens. Many of the best larger gardens began to disappear as there was rampant development starting in the area. Any owners of small gardens were reluctant to have 700+ visitors tour their gardens.

This very successful fundraiser did much to raise the profile of our club and involve the membership in a most worthwhile project.

Lois Hunter, Club Archivist

INTEREST GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION - VISIT TO A STUDIO IN LANGLEY

(Diane Gendron)

Last week, I had the pleasure of attending a wonderful gathering organized by CFUW Art Appreciation Group coordinator, Mari Dyer. I was a guest and made to feel welcome by all.

We met at the home of Suzanne Northcott and David Kimura in Langley. Suzanne is a painter and a photographer and has recently started working with textiles and clothing. David is a sculptor, a photographer, a

landscape architect and an inventor. Their home is a little treasure that was built in the 1940s as a country retreat by the family who created Vancouver's VanDusen Gardens. The house is still much the way it was when it was built in 1940 with many delightful touches and even has a sawdust-burning stove in the kitchen (beside the more modern stove). The living room has big windows and a wonderful view across the valley to Mt. Baker. Suzanne and David consider themselves custodians of this unique and inspiring property.

And, of course, the house is filled with the couple's artistic creations – paintings, sculptures, photographs and more.

Our guide, Mari Dyer Seidel, opened the gathering with inspiring words about upcoming arts events and, because the theme was fabrics, textiles and clothes, she showed us some of the beautiful fabrics she has collected from all over the world.

Suzanne then introduced the group to the most recent place her muse has taken her. She has started on a new creative venture taking previously worn clothes and giving them new life.

Suzanne's inspirations for this new venture began with two converging events: her husband David's gardening pants were wearing out; and she learned that the clothing industry is the second biggest polluter in the world.

So, rather than throw David's jeans away and buy a new pair, Suzanne was inspired to create something unique. To fix David's jeans, she cut patches out of beautiful materials and attached them with a striking hand-sewing technique that originated in ancient Japan called Sashiko. It is a form of Japanese folk embroidery.

Suzanne is now scouring second hand stores to find just the right pieces to create unique clothes for people to wear. Some of what she finds will be used for patches and some will re-created into new garments. Her favourite pieces at this time are old work clothes. She showed the group a dark blue welder's suit out of which she'd created a jacket which she then patched with her signature patches.

Seeing Suzanne's creations was truly inspiring for a number of reasons: she is taking steps to help the planet and she is encouraging others to do the same. She is helping to readjust people's thinking by making it acceptable and chic to own re-created second-hand clothes, and above all, she is creating beautiful wearable art.



NEW INTEREST GROUP

GOING PLACES



Would you like to meet & discuss travelling options to include near & far locations?

I will have a sign up sheet at our next meeting on Jan. 26. If you are keen, but cannot attend the January meeting, you can email me to be added to the group. We'll aim for an early February brainstorming session.

Diane Desjardins ddianedesjardins@gmail.com



REMEMBERING ELIZABETH BORDEAUX



Our cherished friend and colleague Elizabeth passed away November 19th at Peace Arch Hospital. It was such a shock when she fell ill and even a worse one when it was evident that she must leave us. She leaves behind many memories of her generosity, graciousness and empathy. In so many ways, Elizabeth was beautiful.

Elizabeth, a member for fifty-four years, was in some sense the backbone of our club. Even after her term as president over forty years ago and being one of the founding members of the Surrey/White Rock Bursary Foundation, she took on roles on countless committees and the executive; among them interest groups, membership, secretary, and convener of the very successful 50th Jubilee. Her home was always an open and welcoming place for meetings and gatherings of new members and other groups.

Elizabeth's life outside the club was rich and varied as we all know. Anything she undertook was done with honest diplomacy, thoroughness and decisive intelligence.

She will be sorely missed by all of us.



CFUW White Rock/Surrey Interest Groups ~ Activities and Leaders

Monday

Dames Who Dine

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

Duplicate Bridge

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

Symphony at the Bell Centre I

Linda Lee Henriksen

Club Cuisine

4 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.
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.*

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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.graduatwomen.org/>

Semiahmoo Arts

<http://www.semiahmooarts.com/>

Arts Council of Surrey

<http://www.artscouncilofsurrey.ca/>

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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. Contact information: Telephone 604-541-2432; email: joannecunow@gmail.com

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