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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 16 2014

7pm

General Meeting

Salvation Army Citadel, 4030 Douglas Street

Not to be missed!

A SPECIAL EVENING

**In appreciation of our members, current, new and potential,
we are delighted to welcome our celebrated guest speaker**

ROBERT BATEMAN

World Renowned Naturalist, Environmentalist and Artist

'REALLY SEEING'.

(See biography page 3)

**Invite friends, neighbours, relatives, associates, partners and
potential new members!**

Introduce them to

CFUW Victoria,

as we celebrate

our accomplishments and our future.

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Door prizes

Mark your calendars and reserve now!

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

CFUW AGM & Dinner

Victoria Golf Club, 1110 Beach Drive

Reception: 5:00 AGM 5:30 Dinner 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Dr. Andrew Weaver MLA 8:00 pm

'From Scientist to Politician'

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Deadline for May newsletter is April
18, 2014

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Dr Andrew Weaver MLA for Oak Bay- Gordon Head will discuss his journey from scientist to politician outlining the connections between science and politics. Dr. Weaver will also address the debate between jobs and the environment and the false dichotomy that it presents. Dr Andrew Weaver MLA is one of the world's leading authorities on global warming and climate change.

You will find a reservation form at the end of this Newsletter.

(Please note that the Dinner is on a Tuesday this year.)

Reservations & payment must be received by May 9th, 2014.

It would be very helpful to those planning the AGM and Dinner if members would make their reservations well in advance of the cut-off date, May 9th.

Try carpooling! If you need a ride or can offer a lift to any of the Club's events, please contact your neighbourhood convener.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks everyone for coming to our resolutions meeting in March. We had a great turnout and lots of lively discussion and debate. We decided that two resolutions needed rewriting: Resolution 1 on an Enhanced CPP and the Resolution 4 on Plain Language. Resolution 2 on Culture of Peace passed with some small amendments and Resolution 3 on Encouraging Voter Participation passed with no changes.

We really enjoyed the 'mocktails' prepared by Shirley Lucyk. Thank you, Shirley.

More good news – we think we have all the positions filled for the Executive next year. We will let you know at our April meeting which is the last chance members have to contest a position if they so wish.

Some of the Executive attended the last New Members' Coffee Party. It is fun to meet our newest members and some prospective members. We have a great club and we want to share it with other women. It seems that most members come to us by word of mouth.

Also, behind the scenes, we have a small committee working on revamping our website. It will be launched soon so stay tuned.

See you at the April meeting. It should be another great evening. So please come and bring a friend.

**Susan Lane
President**



1 Sharon Lyons speaking to her Resolution

ROBERT McLELLAN BATEMAN - our distinguished/celebrated guest speaker on April 16



Robert Bateman has been a keen artist and naturalist from his early days. He has always painted wildlife and nature, beginning with a representational style, moving through impressionism and cubism to abstract expressionism. In his early 30's he moved back to realism as a more suitable way to express the particularity of the planet. It is this style that has made him one of the foremost artists depicting the world of nature.

In the '70s and early '80s, Bateman's work began to receive critical acclaim and to attract an enormous following. His work is in many public and private collections, and several art museums, including the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson Hole, WY. Bateman has had many one-man museum shows throughout North America, including an exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. Recently, the retrospective show, *The Art of Robert Bateman*, toured Canada and the USA for two years, and a one-man show toured four cities in Russia.

Books about his life and art have had sales of over 1,000,000 copies. He has also been the subject of several films and television programs. His honours, awards and honorary doctorates are numerous including Officer of the Order of Canada. It is in honour of Bateman's contribution to art and conservation that one public and two secondary schools have been named after him; as well, he has been awarded 12 honorary doctorates.

Born in Toronto, with a degree in geography from the University of Toronto, Bateman taught high school for 20 years, including two years in Nigeria. He travelled around the world in 1957/58, increasing his appreciation of cultural and natural heritage. Since leaving teaching in 1976 to paint full-time, he has travelled widely with his artist/conservationist wife Birgit to many remote natural areas.

Bateman's art reflects his commitment to ecology and preservation. Since the early 1960's, he has been an active member of naturalist and conservation organizations, now on a global scale. He has become a spokesman for many environmental and preservation issues and has used his artwork and limited edition prints in fund-raising efforts that have provided millions of dollars for these worthy causes.

The Robert Bateman Centre on the Inner Harbour of Victoria, BC is a place where insights into the life and philosophies of this internationally known artist and naturalist can be explored. There also will be an education department involved in active outreach in the Bateman Foundation's efforts to reconnect people to the world of nature.

He says, "***I can't conceive of anything being more varied and rich and handsome than the planet earth. And its crowning beauty is the natural world. I want to soak it up, to understand it as well as I can, and to absorb it . . . and then I'd like to put it together and express it in my painting. This is the way I want to dedicate my life.***"

SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Spring has sprung! Back by popular demand! Scholarship & Bursary Society Spring Plant Sale

Spring is here! And it is not too late to order some beautiful plants and flowers for your outside spaces. To help with the beautifying, we are having a spring/summer plant sale to benefit the S&B Anniversary Fund.

Here are the details:



Plants available:

12 inch premium hanging basket @\$30.00 each

12 inch premium patio planter @ \$30.00 each

Payment is due with your order, cash or cheques, made out to Susan Simpson, by April 21. Mail or drop off orders and payment at 981 Royal Terrace, Victoria, V8S 3L1

Pick-up of the plants will be May 9, 2014 at 981 Royal Terrace

For more information: secamp16@gmail.com or 250-595-5510



Thank you for your support!!

Message from Robin Jackson, Executive Director of CFUW National

Overhead/Administration Controversy

We at the CFUW National Office, receive many complaints from our Clubs that they resent paying dues to support overhead and administration costs. I am certain that this complaint is also heard by Club and Council Executives about the dues they collect for their operations.

In a letter to the Donors of America, the leaders of three leading sources of information on nonprofits- GuideStar, Charity Navigator and BBB Wise Giving Alliance state that the percent of charity expenses that go to administrative and fundraising costs- commonly referred to as "overhead" is a poor measure of a charity's performance. They go on to ask donors to pay attention to other factors of nonprofit performance: transparency, governance, leadership and results (full letter is found at: http://overheadmyth.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/GS_OverheadMyth_Ltr_ONLINE.pdf)

It is important that our members and Canadians have good information about the CFUW they support including financial details. However, as stated above, it is difficult to evaluate an organization solely on its balance sheet. Research indicates that spending too little on infrastructure can be counter-productive (source: The nonprofit fundraising and administrative cost project, Indiana University, 2004). The bottom line is that real impact requires real investment. Like it or not, administrative expenses reflect the real cost of operating an organization and are essential to fulfilling its mission. These include:

- Ensuring good management, including financial systems, insurance, IT, recruitment of staff and volunteers, good governance and communications with stakeholders
- Everyday essential items such as rent, electricity, hardware, software, salaries, etc.
- Being transparent and accountable, including the production of annual reports, financial statements and audits, and complying with relevant legislation

Given that the overhead ratio is not a good measure of effectiveness, members should consider other factors, such as good management practices, belief in the organization's mission and the organization's impact.

If you were presented with a list of all the teachers in a school and the amount of money they spent on their classrooms, would you automatically assume the teacher who had spent the least was the best? Likely not- you would want additional information such as how well the students did on tests, how many graduated, etc. Similarly, it is difficult to evaluate charities and nonprofits without additional contextual information.

"Absent good, comparative information about program or mission effectiveness, donors and charity watchdogs often place excessive reliance on financial indicators. Of particular concern to us is the use of overhead cost and fundraising cost ratios as stand-ins for measures of program effectiveness. No organization in our study was an extravagant spender on fundraising or administration. Yet contrary to the popular idea that spending less in these areas is a virtue, our cases suggest that nonprofits that spend too little on infrastructure have more limited effectiveness than those that spend more reasonably" (source: The nonprofit fundraising and administrative cost project, Indiana University, 2004).

The bottom line in this argument is: if there is no infrastructure, the organization - in this case, CFUW does not survive.

Robin Jackson
Executive Director

MEMBERS' NEWS

Our Emerging Mosaic



Notre mosaïque émergente

2014 National Conference- Emerging Mosaic

Online Registration for 2014 CFUW National Conference hosted by CFUW KW is now open!

Please read the **AGM Registration Information Guide** before registering. For instructions on how to register and for information on tours, accommodation, dining and more please visit: <http://www.proreg.ca/events/cfuw/2014/>

Remember to register before May 19th to receive the Early Bird Discount on registration fees. The final deadline for registration is June 9th.

Obituary Past President- Barbara Bjerring

Barbara Bjerring, club president 1995-1997, recently died at the age of 100. Although Barbara did not renew her membership in recent years, she was always an enthusiastic supporter of the club and its mandate.

Barbara's first degree (1934) was Bachelor of Home Economics and the second, Master of Social Work (1967). Barbara often spoke of her work as a social worker in Vancouver. Service to others was always very important to Barbara and as long as she was able she cheerfully volunteered in many capacities.

Barbara's penchant for fitness drew her to the gym for early morning swimming and weight lifting most days of the week. Barbara loved her family and people generally. Her kind words and good humour were always appreciated. Those who knew her will remember also her sparkling smile. (For more details of Barbara's life, read the obituary online in the Times-Colonist which appeared on March 11, 2014.)

Obituary Past Executive Member- Doreen Loosmore

Doreen Loosmore was a long time very supportive member of CFUW - both in Victoria and in Ottawa - serving on the executive of both clubs and volunteering in any capacity she could.

Audrey Thomas and I attended the memorial service for Doreen who, "...on the ninth of February 2014 made a gentle passing from a life gently lived." At First Metropolitan Church we were privileged to hear about aspects of Doreen's life unknown to us as submitted by Alix Cowey, Doreen's sister. We share them with CFUW Victoria members. (Doreen's neighbourhood group was James Bay, first on Clarence Street and then at Somerset House on Dallas Road.)

Doreen grew up in Montreal and after graduating from high school attended the school for teachers at MacDonald College and began teaching in elementary school. This was at the beginning of the Second World War. When the armed services organized to recruit women, Doreen forsook teaching and joined the RCAF (Women's Division). After basic training she served in a couple of remote posts in Manitoba (one of which was a bombing and gunnery school), then was posted to Ottawa where she spent the bulk of her service at Air Force Headquarters. After the war, Doreen studied at McGill University, graduated with an Honours B.Sc. degree and following a period of graduate study moved again to Ottawa to a position in geographical research with the federal Public Service. In Ottawa Doreen sang with a choral society which participated with the Ottawa symphony orchestra in big concerts; she sang in the performance of The Messiah when the soloists were the emerging singers - John Vickers, Lois Marshall, and Maureen Forrester - all of whom went on to become international stars.

She also became a member of the Canadian Federation of University Women, an association she continued for the rest of her life, serving a term as president of the Ottawa Club and as chair of a national CFUW conference. She married Bob Loosmore, an economist, in 1955 and left the working world - until a few years later when her geographical skills were exercised for a period in the City of Ottawa Planning Department. Doreen and Bob (who predeceased her in 2007) did a typical Canadian Summer "thing" when they built a cottage on a riverbank and enjoyed weekends and holidays there. In winter they skied and later went on to snow-shoeing.

Submitted by Gloria Dorrance, who was vice-president of the club during Barbara's term as president

More sad news- Club member Edith Gvora recently passed away. An obituary will appear in the next issue

CFUW BC 2014 AGM, 25-27 APRIL

The CFUW BC 2014 AGM will take place in Vernon from April 25 – 27. There will be an interesting program and some wonderful outings as well. Registration forms and information is available from the BC Council Office. Check out the details of the program at: <https://sites.google.com/site/cfuwvernon/home>

What's Happening at CFUW Salt Spring Island?

- Forty (40) female students in developing countries are supported individually and by the Club
- Salt Spring Island CFUW awards two secondary school scholarships and a second chance bursary.
- Reading to Small Children program
- The Club is an active supporter of the Bella Bella Library reconstruction.

From CFUW Communicator

NEWS FROM INTEREST GROUPS

artSEEWomen group-

Wonderful women (that's us!) meet every month to view art in local galleries with coffee to follow. It is much more enjoyable to look at art with others and share ideas and 'see' things that you might otherwise overlook.

New members always welcome. Contact Marjie Welchframe on 250 380 9108 for more information.

Jazz Club

This group of jazz lovers meets as and when to attend local clubs and festivals together. New members welcome. Contact Myrtle Siebert 250 656 7069 or Donna Duffy 250 721 3969.



Painting by Leonid Afremov 1

Travel Tips 2

Travel Tips 2 is welcoming new members to share travels and tip experiences. Please call Anne McCrone on 230 592 5053 for details.

NOTICES

BC names Isobel Mackenzie, Canada's first seniors' advocate

UVic Board of Governors member Isobel Mackenzie was recently named the first seniors' advocate in the country. In her new role as BC's Seniors' Advocate, Mackenzie will work collaboratively to understand and identify systemic issues that affect seniors and make recommendations to the BC Health Minister.

CFUW SAANICH PENINSULA BRIDGE AFTERNOON



Monday, April 7th

12:00 - 4:00

Saanich Peninsula Presbyterian Church, 9296 East Saanich Road

\$80 table/\$20 per person

For tickets please call V. Cameron 250-479-6488

All proceeds go to the Education Trust Fund which provides scholarships and bursaries to students on the peninsula

www.cfuwsaanichpeninsula.org

Another benefit of CFUW membership- Cruises!

Literary Legends

The date for the departure of CFUW's Literary Legends Cruise is rapidly approaching and there is still space available on both the cruise and the land portion. If you are interested in the land portion only, it is possible to book it independently of the cruise. Airfare to and from London (or any other city) can easily be arranged by the tour operator. For details, please contact Liz McCallum at 905-540-8747 (1-866-431-0130)

or emccallum@cruiseshipcenters.com



IFUW Day webinars

To provide our national associations and federations with information on IFUW Day and possible activities, IFUW is holding a webinar about the day. The webinar will be held on 10 April 2014, 09:30 Central European Summer Time and repeated on 15 April 2014, 18:00 Central European Summer Time. A webinar is a conference or presentation that you can listen to over the internet using your computer or smartphone. You can hear a presentation and also see the presenter's slides. Full instructions on how to join the webinar will be sent to you after you register.

Register for the IFUW Day webinar by 7 April 2014

E-mail: ifuw@ifuw.org Website: <http://www.ifuw.org>

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CFUW VICTORIA
May AGMs and Dinner
Victoria Golf Club, 1110 Beach Drive
Tuesday, 20 May, 2014
Reception: 5:00 AGM 5:30 Dinner 7:00 pm
Guest Speaker: Dr. Andrew Weaver 8:00 pm

Three Menu Choices

Artisan Bread & Butter

1st Course

Artisan Greens, Garden Fresh Garnish, Balsamic
Vinaigrette

2nd Course

Wine Poached Pacific Salmon, Lemon thyme
Beurre Blanc,
Roasted Potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Or

Smoked Bacon & Aged Cheddar Stuffed Chicken
Breast
Natural jus, roasted potatoes and seasonal
vegetables

Or

Thai Curry Noodle Bowl, Red Curry Broth,
Julienne Vegetables, chopped Scallion, Cilantro,
crushed Peanuts

3rd Course

Warm Apple Crumble with Vanilla Bean Ice
Cream

Tea and Coffee

Reservations & payment **must be received by May 9th, 2014.**
Payment not accepted at the door.

Name: _____

Ph #: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate your meal selection and note any allergy concerns related to diet.

_____ Salmon _____ Chicken _____ Thai Curry Bowl

Allergy concerns _____.

If bringing guest(s), indicate name and tick meal selection and note any allergy concerns related to diet.

Guest 1's Name: _____

_____ Salmon _____ Chicken _____ Thai Curry Bowl

Guest 1- Allergy concerns _____.

Guest 2's name: _____.

_____ Salmon _____ Chicken _____ Thai Curry Bowl

Guest 2- Allergy concerns _____.

In total, reserve _____ place(s) @ \$31.50 each (tax & gratuities included), for a total of \$ _____.

Cheques to be made payable to CFUW-Victoria.

Mail the reservation form **and** payment to:

Elaine Berthelet, Program Committee. 1160 May Street Victoria, B.C., V8V 2S5.

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