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INTRODUCTION

The International Federation of University Women (IFUW) and the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) were both founded in 1919. CFUW Victoria predated these organizations as it was founded in November 1908 as the University Women's Club of Victoria. It was the third such club to be formed in Canada, and retained its name until its Centennial celebrations in 2008 when the Club decided to adopt the name CFUW Victoria. This new name "brands" the club as a constituent member of both CFUW and IFUW. Clubs that predated CFUW had the option of keeping their original name, but in Victoria the name had become increasingly problematic as its identity was confused with the University of Victoria. This had not been a problem when the Club formed for there was no independent university here or in the province of British Columbia. After the University of Victoria became an independent institution in the 1960s, the confusion began to grow and became more acute in the latter part of the twentieth century. Club members felt that a change was due, but decided to keep the original name until the Centennial year and then start the Club's second century with the new name.

Despite its long history, and despite being one of the larger CFUW clubs – usually ranking in the top five – the Club does not have a published history. It has very rich archives with much ephemera. As IFUW and CFUW prepare for their own Centennials, a request was made for a bibliography of published histories of the various clubs. Sadly, we could not meet this demand, but it provided a stimulus to produce an electronic document which could be viewed on the Club's website. During the Centennial year, the author and the Club Archivist worked diligently to assemble many documents from the archives in order to provide articles and presentations for media, public and Club consumption. Many of these were handwritten or typewritten and had to be transformed into electronic text. Thus, the basis was there for a collation that could become a book. We are now taking this step.

Any history or book is idiosyncratic in that it follows the biases of the author. One can try to be as objective as possible, but the materials and themes selected are results of one's own experiences and interactions with the Club, its members and its events. This history might then be quite different from one written by another member, but at least it puts out what this author hopes is a reasonable version of the main areas of endeavour of the Club during its 105 years of existence. I have relied for the backbone on two main oral presentations I have made in the past for which considerable research was effected. The interstices are filled with other articles and pieces of information gleaned at various other times.

I wish to acknowledge the work of Past Presidents and other Club members (now deceased) who thought it would be worth preserving our history by researching the lives of our Charter and Honorary Members and putting together albums on their life and work – without these we would not have a pictorial record of some outstanding women. Club members of the past encapsulated some of the history and current club activities for special anniversaries: *The Lamp is Lit: An Account of the First Fifty Years*, Ellen Hart (The University Women's Club of Victoria, 50th Anniversary, 1908-1958); and *The University Women's Club of Victoria: 75 Years of Growth*, Catherine O. Cameron (The University Women's Club of Victoria 75th Anniversary 1908-1983).

I would also like to acknowledge the help given by Gloria Dorrance the Club Archivist for her many efforts to bring the history of the Club alive. Gloria faithfully sets up displays for various Club meetings to make members more aware of our rich Club history. Our Scholarship and Bursary Society also displays archival material at similar meetings. Thanks to my husband Paul for his patience with yet another of my projects and his technical expertise in getting many of the images into a presentable form. Thanks to many of the current Past Presidents and other Club members for clarifying certain aspects of endeavour or people. Thanks to the support of current President Brenda Canitz and to proof readers Gloria Dorrance and Susan Lane.

My main title *Women of Influence* was suggested by three factors:

Firstly, October, the month when this work will be finished, is **Women's History Month**. Any organization is only as good as its members and in our instance they are all women – some 245 of them in the local club and about 10,000 nationally;

Secondly, as already indicated, a consolidated history has not yet been written – what we do have are the ephemera from which histories are constructed: photo albums, scrapbooks, minutes, newsletters, programs and so on. In most cases, such material highlights the members, the women of the Club;

Thirdly, unlike some other older CFUW Clubs, we have no Clubhouse so I cannot talk about architectural history and the construction or maintenance of such a house. Thus, I return to the women of the Club, its members.

A fourth factor confirmed my title when I found the copy of Evelyn Farris' biography entitled *A Woman of Influence*. This was serendipitous and perhaps it was a submerged memory of that title that has resurfaced in the plural for my use now.

Audrey M. Thomas
Victoria, BC, October 2014

ORIGINS



Evlyn Fenwick Farris (1878-1971)¹

The story of the University Women's Club of Victoria (known as CFUW Victoria since 2008), begins with Evlyn Fenwick Farris. Born in Windsor, Nova Scotia in 1878, Evlyn was the daughter of Elias Miles Keirstead and Mary Jane Fenwick. It was said that the Keirsteads were of Dutch origin and that explains the spelling of Evlyn's first name. She did have Dutch ancestry - her ancestors came to New Amsterdam (New York) and later generations were United Empire Loyalists who came to New Brunswick in 1783. Her father became a minister of the Baptist Church and moved to Windsor, Nova Scotia where he enjoyed a vigorous intellectual and religious life and to which he brought his young bride. In 1882 he was offered and accepted the chair of Moral Philosophy at Acadia College in Wolfville. Education at this time was seen as a panacea to the ills of the world as well as a means of furthering

knowledge. Acadia was to have a great influence on Evlyn. In 1890, Evlyn lost her two brothers – Ralph who had been born in 1882, and baby Fritz, born in June of that year, died in the October and their mother died at the end of that month. Thus, Evlyn and her father became very close to each other.

The late nineteenth century was a time of optimism. A woman, Queen Victoria, ruled the British Empire, even though women did not vote! Organizations such as The Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) and the National Council of Women for Canada were active in promoting the cause of women. Bills were introduced for suffrage for women in 1891 and 1893 in Nova Scotia and were only narrowly defeated (the last one by 2 votes). Evlyn thought in terms of opportunities for women and possibilities of achievement and increased contributions to society rather than absolute equality with men or of competition with them. Evlyn's father remarried in 1894 and his new wife was raised in a well-to-do family and was at ease in society. From her, Evlyn learned the social graces that would help her later in her married life.

In Wolfville, Evlyn went to Horton Academy and then Acadia. In her graduating class, 11 of the 32 students were women – an aberration for the times. It was at Acadia that she met her husband-to-be – John Wallace DeBeque Farris – Evlyn's junior by 3 months and a year behind

her at Acadia. Wallace proposed to her in 1899 and she accepted him although he had not endeared himself to her father by falling asleep in his English classes! Wallace was flamboyant and from a Liberal family. His father had been minister of Agriculture in the New Brunswick government and Wallace was conscious of political ways.

They could not get married for a few years, so from 1899 to 1905 Evelyn taught school in Middletown, Connecticut where teachers were paid more than in Canada. In 1905, she heard from Wallace that it was time to be married. Wallace had been admitted to the New Brunswick bar in 1902 and was to practice law in Saint John, but there was little work for him and he moved to Vancouver on the urging of young family members. In less than 2 years he became the first city prosecutor in Vancouver and felt he could support himself and a wife. Evelyn moved west and they set up home on Davie Street close to Denman Street in Vancouver. Wallace was “at home” but for Evelyn big adjustments were necessary to Vancouver. In October 1906, at age 28 years, she gave birth to her first child and would have three sons later.

Motherhood gave Evelyn a new focus and the feeling that her education had to be put to use or she would lose it. In the spring of 1907, she had her brainstorm – she would create a club for university women graduates on the lines of the Propylaeum Society of Acadia in which she had been active and the University Club of Middletown which had stimulated her and nourished her mentally when she was in Middletown. She had met one or two other university women graduates in Vancouver and together they set about finding more. When a nucleus of eight enthusiastic women, mainly teachers, had been found they established the University Women’s Club (UWC) of Vancouver on May 11, 1907 with Evelyn becoming the first president and holding that position until 1910. By the end of the first year the Club had a membership of 30 and it soon grew to 50 – there were many educated women – mostly married to professional men who felt the need for an outlet with like-minded people. Many had migrated west with husbands, and others had come because of the promise of jobs that had or had not materialized. Evelyn saw that by uniting, women could help the cause of higher education for women and secure recognition of rights for women with the government of the day.

In May 1908, with two young babies and nurse in tow, Evelyn came to Victoria to meet with a group of graduates here and encourage them to organize a similar club. At this time there was an existing University Women’s Club in Toronto, so the Vancouver Club was the second of its kind in Canada. That of Victoria was to be the third. After a couple of organizational meetings, the first Executive of the UWC of Victoria was elected on 7th November 1908. **Rosalind Young** became the first President of the Victoria Club – a position she held for three years, until being succeeded by Madge Watt. These three women (Farris, Young and Watt) played pivotal roles in the early founding attempts for the provincial university that eventually became the University of British Columbia – UBC.

Both Vancouver and Victoria had colleges affiliated with McGill University from 1899 and 1903 respectively through Vancouver High School and Victoria High School, and in 1906, the McGill University College of BC had been established in Vancouver. In 1908, an Act establishing the University of British Columbia had been passed. In 1909, Vancouver was chosen over Victoria as the site for this institution. In 1912 a convocation was held in which members of Senate

were chosen. The 1908 University Act had given any university graduate who had resided in the province for two years, the right to be registered as a member of the convocation. It was the University Women's Club of Victoria that provided refreshments to the visiting graduates who congregated at South Park School. Both University Women's Clubs worked hard to get their members to register and vote and furthermore to nominate women for the Senate. They decided it would be best to have one nominee in Vancouver and one in Victoria. Evelyn Farris was the nominee for Vancouver and Mrs. Alfred. T. Watt (Madge), President of the Victoria Club, the nominee for Victoria. Both women were elected to Senate. The University, however, did not open its doors to students until September 1915. Evelyn became the first woman in Canada to sit on the Board of Governors of a University when she was appointed to that of UBC in 1917 and she held this position until 1942! This was the year in which UBC also bestowed on her an Honorary Doctorate.

Rosalind Young was the wife of Dr. Henry Esson Young who, in 1907, was appointed Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education in the Conservative government of Richard McBride. Dr. Young had responsibility for the 1907 Endowment Act and the 1908 University Act which were drafted with a view to establishing a provincial university in British Columbia. Because of her husband's position, Rosalind did not encourage the Club as a whole to act and vote on certain matters pertaining to the establishment of the university but allowed individuals to express their opinions. It is said that she worked in the background with Evelyn Farris to bring about the results they desired although their husbands were on opposite sides of the political spectrum!

When Evelyn's husband became Attorney General in the Brewster and Oliver governments, Evelyn and her family moved to Victoria in 1917, and she joined the Victoria Club in 1918. In 1919 the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) was formed as a response to the formation of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW). This had been founded by three women - an American Dean and two British professors - in the aftermath of the First World War, in the hope that a worldwide association of university women would help prevent another such catastrophe. Evelyn actively encouraged the Canadian clubs to join the Federation. (It is interesting to note, however, that the Vancouver Club was a little slow to do this! It joined the Federation in 1922. The Canadian founding Clubs were - Edmonton, Ottawa, Regina, Toronto, Victoria and Winnipeg.)

Evelyn became the eighth President of the University Women's Club of Victoria (1920-1922). In 1922, she and her family returned to Vancouver. However, over the years, Evelyn came to Victoria to attend Club special events and anniversaries: She was the main speaker at the 30th anniversary Dinner of the Club and also attended when the Club celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1958. This woman had much influence on the educational and social development of the province either through her own efforts or because of her influence on her husband and his colleagues. Her full story is told by Sylvie McClean in her book *A Woman of Influence* (1997).¹ Evelyn was awarded two honorary doctorates one from her alma mater - Acadia - and the one from UBC. She died in 1971 at the age of 93 years.

¹Sylvie McClean, *A Woman of Influence*, (Sono Nis Press, 1997). Photo on p.3 is from cover of this book.

THE VICTORIA CHARTER MEMBERS

Our focus now turns to look at the remarkable group of women present in Victoria who became the founding or charter members of this Club. Sixteen women met during the summer of 1908 to discuss the work of founding the Club. Twelve of the women had received degrees from Canadian universities (Toronto, Dalhousie, McGill and Queen's) and one of the twelve went to Edinburgh to obtain her medical degree; the other four, American-born, received their degrees from US institutions. Of the Canadians, eight were born in Ontario, three in Nova Scotia and one in Quebec. It is obvious that were other factors operating that drew them to Victoria where they were all newcomers! One of the first to arrive within this group was the Founding President.

*Rosalind Watson (below), and on the right -
Mrs. Henry Esson Young (1874-1962)*



In the photo at left, Rosalind is seen wearing the medal that she won for geology. Her daughter Mary, a member of our Club, said her mother wore it to inspire her students to achieve excellence.

The photo on the right is probably taken in the mid 1950s.



MRS. HENRY ESSON YOUNG (1874-1962), **Rosalind Watson**, was born in 1874 in Huntingdon, Quebec where her father, Rev. James Watson M.A., D.D., was the Presbyterian minister. She was educated at Huntingdon Academy and won a scholarship to attend McGill University where she was the recipient of a Sir Donald Smith Exhibition in 1892. She graduated with First Class Honours in Natural Sciences in 1895 and also won the Sir William Logan gold medal for geology and mineralogy¹. She next obtained a diploma from McGill Normal School.

Miss Watson came west in 1896 and was the first woman university graduate appointed as a teacher by the Victoria School Board. She taught at the Girls' Central Intermediate School 1896-97, and at the High School from 1898 to 1904. She introduced her students to field hockey. In 1901, Miss Watson received her M.A. from McGill for her thesis: *Geology and Mineral Resources of Texada Island*.

When Victoria College began its classes in 1903, it was physically part of Victoria High School. Miss Watson taught English to this first class of seven college students, many of whom knew her

from their high school studies. She was described as an enthusiastic and dynamic teacher and made an enormous impact in her seven years on staff.

Early in 1904, to the consternation of her students, Miss Watson retired to marry Dr. Henry Esson Young, also a graduate of McGill, and an MLA for Atlin, BC. (Dr. Young's father was also a Presbyterian minister and the Young and Watson families knew each other in Quebec. Her daughter Mary said she thought her mother came to Victoria in pursuit of her father!) Travel to Atlin in those early days was an adventure which included boat travel along the BC coast and overland travel by dog team. While residing in the north of the province, Mrs. Young continued her study of minerals and completed the writing of a book *The Geography of British Columbia* for Gage and Company, Toronto in 1904. Published as *The History and Geography of British Columbia* with co-author Maria Lawson in 1913 by the Educational Book Co. Ltd., Toronto, this book became a standard text in the schools of BC for many years.

In 1907, Dr. Young was appointed Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education in the Conservative government of Richard McBride. The Youngs settled in Victoria and raised their family in Oak Bay. In 1938 Rosalind was made a life member of the Club and, in 1957, to commemorate the Golden Anniversary of the Club, a Scholarship was named in her honour. From 1946-48, Mrs. Young was President of the University Extension Association.

In 1960, the Young Building on the Lansdowne campus of the present Camosun College was named to honour jointly Dr. and Mrs. Young. On May 29, 1961, the first university graduation ceremony was held in Victoria for graduates of the University of British Columbia (Victoria College). On that same day, Rosalind Young received an honorary doctorate of laws (LL.D.) from UBC. Because of her frailty at that time, the diploma was presented to her in her home by President Norman MacKenzie and Chancellor A.E. Grauer of UBC. Mrs. Young died on 2nd February 1962.

¹ The Logan Medal, presented annually, is the highest award of the Geological Association of Canada. Mrs. Young was mentioned in various Whos' Who books of North America variously dated from 1908 to 1936. *Who's Who in Metallurgy*, 1908, page 107.
Canadian Who's Who, 1910, page 204.
Women's Who's Who of America, 1914, page 913.
Principal Women of America, 1936, page 733.

M*RS. ALFRED TENNYSON WATT* (1868-1948) was the Second President UWC Victoria: 1911-12.



*Madge Watt (1868-1948) Drawing above in 1928.
Photo earlier.*



Margaret (Madge) Rose Robertson was born in 1868 in Collingwood, Ontario. She was educated privately and then graduated with an MA from the University of Toronto in 1889. Madge married Alfred Tennyson Watt who became Medical Health Officer and Superintendent of the Quarantine Station at William Head (most southerly point in BC) and moved here in 1910. Although located 20 miles out of town, that did not prevent Mrs. Watt from becoming active in the Victoria Club. (In the Club Archives there is a picture of the early Club members and their families having a picnic at William Head.)

In 1913, after the death of her husband, Madge moved to England with her two sons. She had been a member of the Women's Institute in Metchosin (part of the Victoria Capital Region District) and in 1915 helped organize the first ones in Britain based on the groups in British Columbia. The first project undertaken by the Women's Institutes in Britain was to increase the food supply in this war-torn country. The result was a substantial increase of the food requirements. She formed well over 300 WIs including one at Sandringham following an invitation from Queen Mary. She travelled north and formed The Scottish Rural Institutes. For her efforts, Mrs. Watt was awarded the title Member of the British Empire.

Madge eventually returned to Canada and Victoria, but she dreamed of a world-wide association of all country-women and this dream was realized when in 1933, the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) was founded in Stockholm. In 1947 in Amsterdam, Madge stepped down as President of ACWW at age 79 years. After moving from Victoria, Madge Watt lived, with her son Sholto, in Montreal where she died aged eighty in 1948.

In Victoria, she was remembered as being a vigorous and forceful woman. On one of her visits to Victoria she stayed at the Empress Hotel and attended meetings of the Club. On one occasion she warned Club members “against being too easily satisfied with welfare tasks which could be done by almost anyone.” There is a stone plaque and a tree dedicated to her in Beacon Hill Park, Victoria.

In June 1955, at a meeting of the Federated Women’s Institutes (WI) of Canada in Winnipeg, a picnic pavilion that had been erected in the Manitoba-North Dakota Peace Garden through the efforts of rural women from every province of Canada was dedicated to her memory. Members travelled to the Garden for this memorial to Mrs. Watt. The President of the WI of Canada, Mrs. W.J. Adams on cutting the tape to open the picnic pavilion, said:

*Blessed is the leader who has her head in the clouds but her feet on the ground;
Blessed is the leader who considers leadership as an opportunity for service;
Blessed is the leader who seeks the best for those she serves.*

Also keeping her memory alive is an avenue of lime trees in the grounds of Denman College (the National Federation of Women’s Institutes’ short-stay residential college), Oxfordshire, paid for by donations by WI members,

Ref.: Ruth Fenner (2000), *A Canadian Woman of the 20th Century Who Has Made a Difference*
www.svanciswomensinstitute.bc.ca/awatt.html
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margaret_Robertson_Watt

DR. HELEN E. (REYNOLDS) RYAN (1860-1947) was the Fourth President of the Club 1914-16.

Dr. Ryan practiced medicine in Sudbury for 17 years. She was the first female Canadian doctor admitted to the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) and the fifth female graduate of a Canadian medical university or college. (Dr. Augusta Stowe was the first in 1883 from Toronto, and three women from Queen's in 1884, Ryan graduated in 1885.) Like many of the professional women at that time, she was instrumental in securing the franchise for Canadian women.

Helen Elizabeth Reynolds was born on June 7, 1860 in Mount Forest, Ontario. Her father, John, was a farmer and carpenter of Irish descent and Margaret, her mother, came from Germanville, Quebec. With her three brothers, she attended Mount Forest Model School and later the Ottawa Normal School. In 1879 she earned her teaching certificate from the Mount Forest School, but her goal was not to teach but to be granted admission into a college to study medicine.

In 1881, Helen passed the matriculation exam required by the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons for students wishing to enter medical school. In October of 1881, Helen was accepted into the Queen's College medical program in Kingston. Dr. Helen Reynolds graduated at the top of her class in 1885. She moved to Toronto where she set up her practice and struggled to eke out an existence.

Dr. Reynolds became engaged to Thomas John (T.J.) Ryan who had grown up near Mount Forest and since 1887 had been employed as a Crown Land Agent in the district of Sudbury. In September 1890, Dr. Reynolds made the journey to Sudbury where she married T.J. Ryan in the Methodist Church. In Sudbury, Dr. Reynolds-Ryan set up a practice in their home. She specialized in diseases of women.

Throughout her 17 years in Sudbury, Dr. Ryan remained an active member of the suffragist movement and she raised five children, three boys and two girls, in the interim. Her husband, T.J. Ryan was mayor of Sudbury from 1899 - 1901 in addition to his work as an insurance agent and pharmacist.

In 1907 Dr. Helen and T.J. Ryan left Sudbury for Victoria B.C. Since she was not allowed to practice medicine in B.C., she devoted her energies to the suffragist movement. She travelled extensively throughout British Columbia giving lectures and attending meetings and rallies concerning the franchise movement. Her work was rewarded in April 1917 when women in British Columbia were given the right to vote. Dr. Helen Ryan died on July 9, 1947 at the age of 87 years. She was made a Life Member of our Club in 1938.

Ref.

1. South Side Story – *Great Lives lived in Greater Sudbury*, January 2005, p. 35.
2. Carlotta Hacker, *The Indomitable Lady Doctors*, new edition 2001, Halifax, Formac Publishing, ISBN 9780887805431



Dr. Helen Ryan (1860-1947)



Miss Jeanette Cann (c.1881-1956)



This photograph shows the Victoria College Girls Basketball Team with Jeanette. Front row: Mary Hamilton, Emma Gonnason, Elsie Mess. Back row: Jeanette Cann (President), Caroline Burridge, Grace Ryan (Captain), C. Bissett, Emsley Yeo (Coach). Mary Hamilton and Caroline Burridge became members of the University Women's Club of Victoria - see section on Mary Hamilton on p. 19. Photo taken about 1912.

Source: U.Vic Archives 001.0901

MISS JEANNETTE CANN (c.1881-1956) 3rd President (1911-1914) and 14th (1928-29). Seven of the 16 charter members served as President of the Club. Miss Cann was the first to hold the office twice.

Miss Cann was elected as the Club's first Recording Secretary in 1908. Jeanette Audrey Cann was born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia and graduated from Dalhousie University in 1902 with high honours in philosophy, winning the University Medal for that year. Her interests included ethics and psychology. After turning down a scholarship to an American college, Jeannette taught for a couple of years in Nova Scotia and then came to Victoria to teach at Victoria High School and Victoria College where she was Rosalind Watson's successor. Jeanette taught at VHS from 1904 until 1920 as teacher of English and she was also an active booster of drama, debating and athletics. Jeannette '...operated an Art Shop in Victoria until forced to give up by ill-health.' She was made a Life Member of the Club in 1938. She died in April 1956 in Ottawa.

MISS A(lice) O. EDNA HENRY was the First Corresponding Secretary of the Club and a colleague of Jeanette's at Vic High. Edna was born in Orillia, Ontario and earned an M.A. in modern languages at McGill. The history book of the 100 years of Vic High described her as an outstanding teacher of French and as a lecturer at Victoria College.¹ Her "enjoyable academic life" came to an end when she married Herbert Booth, an Englishman whom she met in Victoria. Mr. Booth was manager of the import department of a large British Trading company and after their marriage their home was in Shanghai until the outbreak of the Second World War.

Edna Booth travelled extensively in China, Japan and Korea. Lengthy leaves gave the Booths the opportunity for travel throughout Europe and for visits to Canada. During the War, and for some years afterwards, they lived in Victoria and Mrs. Booth served a couple of terms on the Board of School Trustees. She enjoyed this position. She wrote, "I wish to record how gratifying it was to me that the University Women's Club and the Professional Women's Club of Victoria sponsored my candidature for the office of School Trustee with the understanding, of course, that I should retain liberty of thought and action." She was made a Life Member of the Club in 1949. After the death of her husband she travelled to Europe and a trip which was to last six months lengthened to several years.

Historical aside:

Edna claimed one real pioneer forebear - her mother's maternal grandfather who was an officer in the British Army under Wellington. After the Peninsular War, he, along with other officers, settled near Lake Simcoe on land granted by the Imperial Government for war service.

¹ Peter Smith, *Come Give a Cheer! One Hundred Years of Victoria High School 1876-1976*. Victoria High School Centennial Celebrations Committee, Evergreen Press, Vancouver, 1976. p. 45.



To left:
Mrs. Herbert Booth
(Edna Henry)

To right:
Mrs. Edward C. Hart
(Margaret Janet McPhee
-1867-1941)



MRS. EDWARD C. HART (1867-1941) - 12th President (1926-28). Margaret Janet McPhee was born in Antigonish County, Nova Scotia in 1867, and graduated from Dalhousie in 1894. After a year teaching in River John, she was appointed Principal of Baddeck Academy, the first woman principal in Nova Scotia. It was at Baddeck, while boarding with his aunt, that she met her future husband, Dr. Edward C. Hart. Dr. Hart moved to B.C. in 1897 and, the following year, Margaret McPhee joined him in Vancouver where they were married and immediately departed for Victoria. From then on she became interested in social and educational matters.

During the First World War, her husband went overseas as Commanding Officer of No.5 General Hospital and Mrs. Hart moved out to the farm at Albert Head which they had purchased in 1911. Here, with the help of her children and her gardener, she undertook to produce food for herself and others. She worked for Belgian relief and took charge of the Women's Canadian Club collection boxes. At the end of the war Dr. Hart stayed overseas to assist returning wounded veterans and Mrs. Hart loaned their Victoria home to the Red Cross as a hostel for returning nursing sisters. When Colonel Hart returned in 1919, the farm was sold and the family moved back to town.

Mrs. Hart resumed her club work. She became President of the University Women's Club of Victoria in 1926-28. She was active in the Historical Society and the Women's Canadian Club. In the latter, she convened the Book Committee which was responsible for the writing and publication of *Pioneer Women of Vancouver Island* now a collector's item. Her mothers' forebears were United Empire Loyalists and her book, *Janet Fisher Archibald*¹ (1750-1843), dealt with the pioneer life of her family. Margaret Hart died in July 1941. She was made a Life Member of Club in 1938. It was Mrs. Hart who presented the Club with its original gavel.

¹Margaret Janet Hart, *Janet Fisher Archibald*, (1934, Colchester Historical Museum, NS) 262 p. Reprint of original. (Janet Fisher Archibald, Wife of Matthew Archibald, Born at Londonderry, N.H., in 1750, Died at Truro, N.S., in 1843: Some Account of Her Ancestry, Environment and a Few of Her Descendants. 206 pages.)

The Original Club Gavel

The gavel was made of Douglas Fir wood which was obtained from a ruined cottage on Craigflower Farm. (It was in this cottage that the first school classes for white children in the Craigflower area were held while the regular schoolhouse was being completed on the other side of the water in 1855.) The aluminum band was part of the frame-work of Zeppelin L.Z.85 which was shot down over Salonika on 5th May, 1916. Colonel E.C. Hart, who was O/C No.5 Canadian General Hospital, served in this area during the First World War. [Unfortunately, this gavel was lost in the 1990s.]

MISS ELLEN HART daughter of Margaret, and the only mother and daughter duo who were Presidents, became the 22nd President of the Club 1943-45 and was made a Life Member in 1972. She joined the Club in 1925. She did much work to get Craigflower Manor recognized as a National Historic Site and was involved in the promotion of the Beautification of the Gorge Waterway. She wrote the history of the Club for the 50th anniversary in 1958.

OTHER CHARTER MEMBERS

In addition to Dr. Ryan, there were two other women doctors. **DR. ANNIE MCKENZIE CLELAND** (nee Chambers) was born in 1859. Although Ontario born and a graduate of Trinity College, Toronto she received her M.D. from Edinburgh and became a medical missionary in India. She arrived in Victoria in 1900, married Mackenzie Cleland, a lawyer, and lived on Pemberton Road. Her husband died within a few years. Dr. Cleland continued in her practice until she was 80 years old. Towards the end of her life, she lived with a sister in Vancouver, and died in 1949.

The other Doctor, **DR. ELIZA HENRIETTA (ETTA) (RICHARDSON) PATERSON-DENOVAN** (1863-1947) was born 6th November, 1863, and died 7th July, 1947. Ontario-born Dr. Denovan was first a teacher, and then graduated M.D., C.M. from Victoria College, Toronto, in 1892. In 1893, she and her husband, also a doctor, decided to move west and, after some time in Calgary, Canmore and Red Deer, Etta came with her four children to Victoria in 1907. She practised here until 1919 when she retired and moved to Berkeley, California, where she lived most of her retired years.

Her daughter, Jean M. Norris, wrote, "My love and pride prompt me to add that she lived a full and wonderful life wherever she lived. She was devoted to her profession and loved people."¹

¹This quote came from the 75th Anniversary Notebook which was an insert in the Club's monthly Newsletter during that anniversary year (1983-4) and was produced by Past-President, Audrey Peggs (1977-79). Much of the material for the remaining charter members comes from this source.



*To left:
Dr. Cleland
(1859-1949)*



*To right:
Dr. Denovan-
Paterson
(1863-1947)*

MISS GRACE DEAN BURRIS (1877-1952) Fifth President – 1916-1917. Grace was born on 26th May, 1877 in Upper Musquodoboit, Nova Scotia. She graduated from Dalhousie University in 1898. After a few years of teaching in Nova Scotia, she came to BC, and taught in Nanaimo, then at Victoria High School (Math. and English) and later at King Edward High School in Vancouver. Due to ill health she returned to Nova Scotia in 1936. Between 1936 and her death on 19th December, 1952 she was well known for her knowledge and collection of “lustre ware” and antique furniture. During the Second World War she served for several years as President of the Red Cross of her district.

MRS. EDGAR S. SMITH (1874-1923) Sixth President – 1917-1918. Edith May Hinch was born on 5th October, 1874 on a farm near Napanee, Ontario. After attending school in Napanee, she won a general proficiency scholarship to the University of Toronto. She was of the class of 1897 and, as classmates, had W.L. Mackenzie King and Arthur Meighen. She interrupted her degree course to take teacher training and graduated with a B.A. in 1898. In that same year she moved west with her family to Carman, Manitoba and taught at Roland in 1903 and married Edgar S. Smith who was a High School Principal. The Smiths moved to Victoria in 1905. In 1920-21 Mrs. Smith taught English at Victoria High School and in 1921-22 she taught at Sprott-Shaw. Her hobbies were china painting and music. She died in Winnipeg in 1923.



To left:
Miss Grace D. Burris
 (1877-1952)
Fifth President



To right:
Mrs. Edgar Smith
 (Edith May Hinch
 - 1874-1923)
Sixth President

MRS. CHARLES E. CLARKE (1872-1947). Georgiena Barbara Potts was born in Belleville, Ontario on 25th June 1872. She graduated with an M.A. from Trinity College in 1894. After teaching in Texas she joined her family in Victoria about 1900 and was a member of the staff of Victoria High School until her marriage to Captain Charles Edward Clarke in 1906. After the death of her husband she taught at Nanaimo High School until 1934 when she moved to Vancouver to be near her children. With the shortage of teachers during the Second World War she returned to teaching and was a substitute teacher at Vancouver High School in 1942 and 1943. She died in Vancouver in 1947. During her lifetime she was active in her church (Anglican), in the Canadian Club and local Council of Women. For her work with the Red Cross she was presented with a life membership.



To left:
Mrs. Charles Clarke
 (Georgiena Barbara
 Potts - 1872-1947)



To right:
Miss Annie Ermatinger
Fraser (1873-1930)

MISS ANNIE ERMATINGER FRASER was born in Kingston, Ontario, on 22nd May 1873 and graduated from Queen's University. In her final year, she was awarded the Gold Medal for English. However, since the university was short of funds, the actual medal presented to her was made of copper! In 1895, she moved with her family to Victoria and taught for several years before going to Seattle to become the librarian at Lincoln High School. When the American school law was changed to require all alien teachers to become naturalized U.S. citizens, Miss Fraser resigned and returned to British Columbia as she wished to remain a British subject.

She joined the staff of King Edward High School in Vancouver teaching English and History, acting as librarian, and she introduced a course of music appreciation - a novel idea at that time. Besides writing literary criticisms for Canadian papers and magazines, her historical novel *The Drum of Lanoraye: A Narrative of the Days of Talon, the Great Intendant* (Ryerson Press, 1932, 308 pages) was soon out-of-print. She died in June 1930, before completing her second novel.

THE AMERICAN-BORN CHARTER MEMBERS

MRS. GEORGE V. LAWRY (1884-1957). Elizabeth Voris was born in Akron, Ohio, in 1884. Elizabeth attended Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio for two years and graduated from Stanford University in 1905. She married George Vance Lawry in Akron in 1906; both were students at Stanford. She was a member and treasurer of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. After living in Victoria, Salt Lake City and Seattle, the Lawrys moved back to Palo Alto, where Mrs. Lawry was very active in university and civic affairs. She was President of the Stanford Mothers' Club, Palo Alto PTA Council, and the Palo Alto branch of Pro America. She was twice a member of the Santa Clara County Grand Jury. She was also a member and a regent of the Salt Lake City and Palo Alto Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution. (DAR number 103112.) Her great-great-grandfather was William Slade - 1753-1826, who served as corporal in Captain



Benjamin Mills' company, New York campaign, 1776, and was taken prisoner at Fort Washington when it surrendered. He was born in Cornwall, Conn.; died in Cornwall, Vt. She died on 20th December 1957 at the age of 73 of acute leukemia. She was survived by her husband, a retired West Coast Manager of the Travelers Fire Insurance Company, and four sons, all Stanford graduates.



*To left:
Mrs. E. C. Hayward
(Leone L. Louis -1872-1953)*



*To right:
Mrs. Arthur Walsh
(Lillian Smith)*

MRS. ERNEST CHESNEY HAYWARD. Leone Leotta Louis was born in Bluffton, Indiana, where she completed her high school education. She travelled west to visit relatives in Corvallis, Oregon, attended Oregon State University then known as Oregon Agricultural College, and graduated with honours. While at college, she met and married Ernest Chesney Hayward, a professor of Electrical Engineering. The Haywards moved to Victoria in 1906. Ernest was a school trustee and councillor in Oak Bay in the 1920s. Mrs. Hayward died in Victoria on 5th September, 1953. For a time she lived in the Hayward family home on 1033 Vancouver Street.

MRS. ARTHUR WALSH. Lillian Smith was born in Rockford, Ill. She graduated from Wellesley in 1895, returned home to teach at, and later became principal of, her home-town school. She then joined her father, who was United States Consul in Victoria. After her marriage in Ottawa to Arthur Walsh, they made Victoria their home and Mrs. Walsh was very active in musical circles. From 1912-14, she was secretary of the Ladies' Musical Club, which sponsored such artists as Dame Clara Butt. In 1927 she was the Recording Secretary for the Musical Festival Association. In 1930-33 she was President of the Y.W.C.A. and, during the Depression, she worked hard to assist girls and women to find work to provide them with inexpensive meals and living quarters. She helped to establish a Women's Workroom which provided work for unemployed older women. In the early 1950s, she and her husband "were retaining an interest in the world's affairs by a profound study of the history and prophecies of British Israel." She died in 1962.

From the Minutes of the April General Meeting, 1962: *Mrs. Gunning [President] reported that Mrs. Arthur Walsh, the last Charter Member of our Club, had passed away on 22nd March.*

MRS. WILFRID E. PLAYFAIR. Harriet Lewis Smith was born in Chicago, Ill., and attended the Girls' Latin School in Boston, Mass. She entered Smith College in 1903 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in June 1907. She majored in English and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. There is no portrait of Harriet Playfair, and very little is known about her and her husband. She is listed in an Alumnae Register of Smith College (1908) as living on 1307 Johnson Street, Victoria.

Among this group of Charter Members we can summarize their collective activities as follows:

- Six (at least) taught at Victoria High School (Vic High)
- Three were medical doctors
- Three were authors
- Seven became Presidents of the Club
- Six were made Life Members of the Club.
- Six were very active in civic affairs or non-profit groups
- One is designated a person of National Historic Significance
- “Firsts” – first woman doctor to be accepted into the Canadian Medical Association; first woman School Principal in Nova Scotia; first woman in Canada to sit on Board of Governors of a University (Farris)
- Only three remained single.

THE IMPORTANCE OF VIC HIGH ...



Source: UVic Archives, Ref #: 009.1010

MISS MARY WALLACE HAMILTON (c.1890-1987)

Mary Hamilton was a graduate of Vic High and, after taking courses at Victoria College, went to McGill and the Sorbonne to complete training in French. She returned to Vic High to become a teacher in 1914, and remained there for 37 years until 1951.

She was too young, and a high school student, when the Club was formed but she knew some of the Charter Members in their capacity as her teachers! (See photo of the Girls' Basketball team with Jeanette Cann p. 11.)

The photo to the left was taken during Mary's time at Victoria College as a second year Arts student – before going to McGill (1912). There is a freshness about it that speaks of hope and expectation. Mary joined the Club as soon as she returned to Victoria to teach in 1914 and went on to become the 10th President – 1924-25. Her longevity in the Club was recognized on several occasions and she was made a Life Member. She died aged 96 years in 1987.

Many other long-term members of the Club and Past-Presidents also had distinguished teaching careers at Vic High. Below are those with over 20 years of service. Many current members of the Club are recently retired teachers also from Vic High - the tradition continues!

Nan Eaton (B.A. Acadia) taught Math from 1921-48 (27 years) and was the 16th President of the Club (1931-33)

Isobel Thomas (M.A. U.N.B.) taught History from 1927-49 (22 years) and succeeded Nan as the 17th President of the Club (1933-35)

Hazel McConnell – Hodson (B.A., M.A., UBC) taught under her maiden name from 1924-27 and returned as Mrs. Hodson and taught from 1938-1963 – a total of 28 years of service. Like Mary Hamilton, Hazel had been a grad of Vic High and was considered a brilliant student. She taught Math and French and became Head of the foreign languages department. She was active in the BCTF and was twice President of that body. She joined the Club in 1921 and was Recording Secretary in 1926 and became the 20th President from 1939-41. Her longevity in the Club was recognized in 1958 and 1975.

Muriel Johnson (Home Ec.) and **Frances Brown/Cameron** (Art) were two long-time Club members who each had 20 years of service at Vic High in the 1944-65 period.

...and ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL

This school was founded in the same year as the Club and is one of the oldest independent schools operating in the province.

Mary Edna Godson (1893-1964) was the Club's 13th President from 1927-28. Edna Mary Lehman was born and lived in Victoria all her life. She attended Victoria High School and Victoria College and received a B.A. from McGill University. She then taught at Central School and Victoria High School. She married Walter Godson and had two children. Mrs. Godson was hired by St. Margaret's to teach mathematics in 1937, and was vice-principal from 1946 to 1956. When the incumbent headmistress left in 1956, Mrs. Godson became the headmistress until her retirement in 1961. However, she continued to teach mathematics part-time for the next three years. Edna Godson died suddenly at the age of 70 years in 1964.

Long-time Club members **Joy Russell** and **Kay Porter** also taught at St. Margaret's - science and Latin respectively.

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REFLECTIONS ON THE EARLY LIFE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CLUB

At the time of the Club's 75th Anniversary, many long-time respected members were asked to contribute their memories of the Club and its members. These reflections provide a more human touch to the factual nature of the biographies and are reproduced here.

Esther Gardom Reflects:¹

When the University Women's Club had its first meeting, I was eight years old. Most of the Charter Members were friends of my mother. They had interested her in higher education for women and she had no other thought than University for me while I was determined to be a nurse.

I took senior matriculation at Victoria High School. No hospital would take an under-age student without parental consent. Of course, at that time, 21 years was the age of majority. So off I

went to UBC, in the Fairview shacks. To my great joy, I immediately found out about the Degree Course in Nursing just beginning its second year. My senior matric. was accepted although I had taken Physics instead of Chemistry and I registered in the second year of the first degree course in Nursing in Canada. One Eastern American University had started a nursing degree the same year as UBC. I did not tell my parents at this time.

However, the University Women's Club of Victoria found out. Ursula Edwards, now Mrs. Jupp, got the highest marks in Senior Matriculation but she went to Normal School and so she did not qualify for the Club's Scholarship. After a good deal of discussion it was decided to award it to me. Some of the members didn't think the Nursing Degree was academic enough. In December 1919, I was awarded the Scholarship at a meeting of the Club held at Dr. Helen Ryan's home. I knew nothing about it until the week before.

I worked for ten years as a Public Health Nurse. Very many nurses were unemployed or under-employed during the Depression but all the girls with a Degree who were not married were employed steadily.

Dr. Edith J. Green reflects on A LIFETIME IN THE CLUB

My first recollection of the University Women's Club goes back to 1915! No, I was not a member! Three years earlier, my father had purchased a 50-foot vessel, the *Sunbeam*, to transport survey crews and supplies to remote areas of the BC coast. His diary entry for Saturday, 12th June, 1915, reads "Took University Women's Club on *Sunbeam* to Dr. Hart's farm at Albert-Head, leaving 11 a.m., and returning 5 p.m." My memories of the day are probably unique. For the first and only time in my life I was sea-sick which was forgotten in the novelty of being put to bed in a "bunk". Undoubtedly, everyone else wished I had been left at home.

My family arrived in Victoria in 1911, and in March 1912 moved into their newly-built house on Foul Bay Road (Mrs. Shotbolt's orchard). My mother - Mrs. F. C. Green (Myra) - joined the club about that time and, as our house was the scene of many a meeting and Christmas party, I was exposed early to club activities, even if it was only in serving food.

The year 1912 also marked the first Convocation of the University of British Columbia, held in South Park School, Victoria, and in the Legislative Chambers. It is recorded in *The Daily Colonist*, 20th-22nd August, 1912. The 850 original members of Convocation were graduates of British Empire universities resident in the province including, naturally, members of our local club. "This meeting is the first public function in what will rank as one of the greatest institutions in Canada", said *The Colonist*. Among figures I recognize in the group photograph are Dr. & Mrs. Henry Esson Young, Dr. Helen Ryan - and my mother.

Fund-raising activities in the early days included dances and card parties but about 1932 or 1933, there was an innovation. One of my first activities as a member was trudging endless miles (it seemed) to deliver flyers to the elementary schools, advertising *Christopher Robin at Home*. It was dramatized and produced for the club by Major Bullock-Webster whom many will remember. My younger brother, Jack, was Pooh; I am sure that Christopher Robin and others in the cast were also children of club members. Has no-one preserved a programme?

At some time in this period I spent an anxious year as programme chairman. As I remember, my duties included, not only finding a speaker, but also a house large enough for the meeting, and also a “musical number”. Victoria had limited musical resources in those days; any of my acquaintances who had a trace of musical competence was pressed into service.

There have been long interruptions in my local membership during which I have belonged to clubs in Vancouver, Montreal and Egypt. But, looking back from the 75th Anniversary, it seems almost a lifetime of association with the Club.

Katharine Youdall's ² RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS:

To begin with, I must clear my conscience by making a confession--a confession that my motive in joining our University Women's Club, if not entirely base, was thoroughly selfish. I had been invited to spend the summer of 1954 with an aunt who lived in Sussex. How convenient it would be to stay in Crosby Hall [BFUW's guesthouse] when I visited London! And, indeed, it was.

When I returned to Victoria in the fall, it seemed a little ungracious simply to drop the Club. So to the old room over Cameron's Taxi Stand on Government Street I repaired regularly every third Wednesday. A year or so later, I was diligently writing reports on all the speakers and tearing down to get them into the paper by 11 pm. (In those days a full account of all meetings graced the pages of next morning's paper.) Helen Smith, whom many of you will remember, was membership chairman at the time. I have never before met more iron determination in so small a body. We were dedicated to reaching a membership of ONE HUNDRED! It was not by any means an unpleasant task and we had well surpassed that goal by the end of her presidency.

All this sounds like a great deal of earnest endeavour, but we had plenty of fun, too. There seemed to be many occasions for skits and plays to enliven our meetings. I can still see Rosalie Hobson in long dressing-gown, with a Turkish towel around her head, holding forth in Sarah Bernhardt style. Mollie Falk accompanied her with a broom handle on several upturned tins. Who else was there, what I was doing and the purpose of it all escapes me now. I only remember we laughed so much we could barely get through rehearsals.

We had a very active, if not talented, Music Group for many years. Too bad it has disappeared! We prepared learned papers on the great composers and played suitable excerpts. I remember that Joyce Stockdill [Club President 1957-59] and I spent several months working on a paper on Schumann and Schubert--rather a large undertaking for one evening.

Enough of the past! I hope that some day one of our members will be writing nostalgically on our 75th Anniversary Celebration. And I hope I'll be there to read it!

Margaret Lowe³, I WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED A MINUTE OF IT ALL!

When I first joined the Club shortly after graduation in 1941, I was warmly welcomed, but so much in awe of members who had taught me at Victoria High School that I was afraid to open my mouth. I recall attending a meeting at the home of Miss Ellen Hart who, many years later, prepared the brief that sparked the development of the Gorge Waterway Park. Soon afterwards I took a job working irregular hours and had to resign.

I rejoined in the 1950s, and the Club has given me interest, pleasure and friendship ever since. Dot Turner [Club President 1959-61] persuaded me to stand for office and, in turn, I was secretary, Federation representative, membership convenor (fortunately for the Club, never treasurer) and eventually President [1969-71]. Seizing the gavel from my excellent predecessor, Emma McCammon [1967-69], with indecent haste in my nervousness, I plunged into a busy two years. We studied many worthy resolutions but the one I remember best changed the past president's term on the executive committee from two years to one. How I looked forward to the end of that term and how I missed "being in the know" when it came!

CFUW and IFUW Conferences were memorable experiences, meeting and sharing ideas with graduates from all over the world. Vivid memories:

- (CFUW) Council at Dalhousie with the cook on strike and Halifax home economics grads pitching in to feed us
- Janet Berton's Indian war dance on a moving Toronto bus
- Intrepid post-conference tourists in an open boat on Lac La Ronge (Sask.) in a hailstorm
- hisses of respect for the Crown Princess of Japan opening the (IFUW) Conference in Tokyo
- 800 (IFUW) delegates marching through Tokyo station, kept in step by a toy monkey clapping its hands on a souvenir stall
- a life-raft falling on our heads in a Korean plane, pulled down by a passenger who thought it was an overhead luggage compartment
- Philippine ladies driving 50 miles through flooded roads to greet us
- (CFUW) Council in Victoria in 1975 with more dinner guests than cordon bleu
- Commissionaires with walkie-talkies at a reception in ancient Stirling Castle callings "Castle to gate-hoose, are the buses there the noo?"
- IFUW post-conference tours from Vancouver to Victoria (1980), when we took delegates to our homes for tea. Introduced to "doggy bags", my German guest went happily away with what she called her "boggy dag".

I wouldn't have missed a minute of it all!

¹Esther (1900-1994) was the second scholarship winner of the Club and eventually had a Club scholarship in nursing named for her.

²Katharine (1916-1987) was the Club's Scholarship winner in 1932 and eventually had a Club scholarship in French named for her. Unfortunately she didn't see the 100th anniversary when some of us nostalgically revisited previous anniversaries of the Club.

³Margaret (Peg) Lowe (1921-1991) left a substantial legacy to the Club which eventually funded one post-graduate scholarship in Business at the University of Victoria and two bursaries in Business Administration at Camosun College. (For more details on these awards, see section on Scholarships and Bursaries p. 41.)

Historical Facts Regarding Founding Dates of UWC Victoria

Memo from Mrs. H.E. Young's Diary 1908:

July 28, 1908: Organization meeting of the University Women's Club at 2 p.m. Those present included Dr. Cleland, Miss Fraser*, Mrs. Hart, Miss Henry, Miss Lilian Smith, Mrs. Watt and Mrs. Young.

September 5, 1908: Meeting of the University Women's Club

October 13, 1908: Evening meeting of the University Women's Club. Continued work on the Constitution.

November 7, 1908: Meeting of the University Women's Club. Election of officers.

President:	Mrs. Young
Vice-President:	Mrs. Watt
Rec. Secretary:	Miss Cann
Corr. Secretary:	Miss Henry
Treasurer:	Miss Smith
Executive Committee:	
	Mrs. Hart
	Mrs. Lawry
	Dr. Ryan

November 19, 1908: First executive meeting (from minutes)

December 5, 1908: First Public Meeting of the University Women's Club. An address was given by Mr. Bethune "Reminiscences of a Musician".

December 30, 1908: Reception at the Alexandra Club in honor* of Vancouver delegates.

December 31, 1908: Literary meeting of the University Women's Club in the Carnegie Library. Paper from Miss Fraser and oration from Mrs. Farris. Tea was served afterwards at the Alexandra Club.

*Copied correctly.

HISTORICAL ASPECTS OF THE CLUB

(The text from pp. 25-30 is taken from the article written by member Margaret Smith in 1984.)¹

In the summer of 1908, a number of women graduates of various universities, then living in Victoria, became enthusiastic about forming a University Women's Club of Victoria. No time was lost, and by early September a meeting was called at the home of Mrs. E.C. Hart,² 643 Courtney Street. Promptly, a committee was appointed and instructed to draw up a constitution and a code of bylaws.

The records report: "After three or four afternoons together, and much studying of constitutions between times, the committee called a meeting at the home of Mrs. H.E. Young, Michigan Street, and laid the rough draft before them. The clauses were taken up one by one, and the 16 women present signed the amended constitution and bylaws. The University Women's Club of Victoria was away." The date was Nov. 7, 1908.

It is interesting to note that these 16 charter members had received their degrees from some 10 universities in Canada and the U.S. One, Dr. Helen E. Reynolds-Ryan, had received hers at Queens in 1885. When one recalls how few women at that time even entered higher education her achievement was indeed extraordinary.

The First 75 Years

The First Decade

While pursuing a social life, more serious matters were taken up. The threefold objects of the Club were simply stated – to promote culture, encourage research work, and stimulate intellectual achievement among its members; to enable university women to cooperate in advancing the cause of education; and to render financial aid to deserving undergraduates. The first years seemed to have been devoted to raising funds through entertainments (bridge parties and dances appeared to be the most lucrative) and holding educational lectures, with many of the latter open to the public.

An interesting selection of lecture titles includes *Mendel's Theory*, *The Tilting of the Poles*, *Retreat of the Glaciers*, *Advance of the Wheat Belt*, *Kindergartens*, and *The Place of Women in Plato's Republic*. Here the record states, in parentheses: "Women in BC were at this time not even guardians of their own minor children, of course had no vote, but were much interested in the agitation raging in England." In 1911, one of the lectures recorded was on aeroplanes, and "a successful flight toward Havana" was remarked on in the minutes. Public libraries, adult education, health and diet in the schools, and laws for women kept the ladies actively engaged in community work.

SIGNIFICANT CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

25th [1933]

A beautifully appointed dinner party, in the Duke of Kent private dining-room of the Empress Hotel, on December 8th took the place of the General Meeting. The dinner marked the 25th Anniversary of the Club. We were honoured to have as guests: Mrs. Young, the first president of the Club, Mrs. T.T. Smith and Miss Burris of Vancouver and several Charter Members. A very interesting program of speeches in reminiscent mood followed the dinner and, at intervals throughout the evening, songs were contributed for our pleasure by Mrs. Jameson, Mrs. Godson, Mr. Frank Tupman and a party of waits, in medieval costume sang, under Mr. Edward Parsons' leadership, several old carols. The singing of the National Anthem brought a memorable evening to a close.

(Extract from Minutes of 8th December 1933)

50th [1958]

Our first President, Mrs. Rosalind Young, and Mrs. Joyce Stockdill (President 1957-59) welcomed guests to the dinner at the Empress Hotel. Mrs. Frank MacKenzie Ross (Honorary President 1955-60 – L-G's wife) brought greetings. Mrs. J. W. deB Farris (President 1920-22), Mrs. Rupert Neil (CFUW Provincial Director for BC) and others came from Vancouver, while Mrs. M.F. Smith (President 1955-57) came from Portland.

Marie Riddell Sherman read from early minutes. Neville Scarfe, Dean of Education at UBC, spoke on the topic: The Next Fifty Years. The music group entertained with original songs.

Mrs. Young was the gracious hostess at the 50th Birthday Party held at her home on Oliver Street. In the evening a gathering at the Art Gallery honoured eleven members, each with a membership of over twenty years. Mrs. Arthur Walsh, also a Charter Member [then known as Lillian R. Smith], attended these happy events.

(Report written by Norma Andrews, Chair of the 50th Celebrations.

Norma went on to be President of the Club - 1963-65 and CFUW Provincial Director for BC.)

Also to commemorate the Club's 50th anniversary:

- a second Scholarship was established – named for Rosalind W. Young, the Club's first President*
- a painting **Algoma Sketch** by Lawren Harris was presented to the University of Victoria on October 17th. (Painting hangs in the University President's office.)*
- members Miss Nan Eaton, Miss Muriel Aylard, Miss Ellen Hart and Miss Patricia Hamilton-Smith compiled the bound book on the Charter Members.*

In the autumn of that year the Vancouver Club invited the Victoria Club to a banquet. "Seven of us went, at our own expense, of course," states the record. "It was a real feast, and the speech making lasted till midnight. Dr. Ryan made a hit with her speech, the best of the lot that night. The record goes on:

We invited them back a month later and did ourselves proud.

Our banquet was at the Alexandra Club, [then new but later the Windermere Hotel].

We sat down, augmented by the Vancouver women to the number of 26. Our tickets cost a dollar and a quarter each, the menus were \$5 and the flowers as much more. We felt we had at least equalled them in elegance.

It was a sumptuous five-course dinner, during which the women toasted The King; Our Country; Our Honoured Guest, Mrs. Jenkins; Our Honorary Member, Miss Ravenhill; our Vancouver Guests; and Our Noble Selves!

When sufficient funds were available it was decided to give a bursary, and the University of British Columbia was notified. The women, however, kept the awarding of it in their own hands, so it was not put in the calendar. It was the first ever given to UBC, being paid out on Sept. 18, 1917. The recipient was Miss Patricia Hamilton Smith, who later became a Club member. Miss Smith was present as a 50-year member at the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Club in November, 1983.

War broke out in 1914, so attention was turned to patriotic work, Red Cross and related activities, while not excluding the time and effort towards public education. As the war dragged on, donations to the Patriotic Aid Fund were made from time to time; donations seem small by our present standards when one reads of a \$5 donation made to the Duchess of Connaught's Prisoner of War Fund. Then, as the war ended, concern was expressed by the Club regarding returning soldiers, who, they felt, were being neglected by the government.

The 1920s

Much work was accomplished during the next decade. Letters were written to MLAs and educators urging that home economics courses in the high school be given matriculation credit. Going even further, the Club urged the endowment of a chair of home economics at UBC. Libraries, purchase of library books, and library service in rural areas were promoted and the Club itself continued to give scholarships and bursaries to the limit of its small resources.

It was in this decade that the Club joined the local Council of Women and henceforth worked in cooperation with them. They felt the need of "molding public opinion towards social service" states the record, and adds that there should be "an organized juvenile court, probation work, and psychiatric examination of school children." Any move towards improving the lot of women and children was considered within their purview.

The 1930s

The advent of the 1930s brought the Great Depression, with its attendant hardship. In order to extend increased help to more students, a loan fund was set up. Deserving students struggling to complete courses were urged to apply; repayment was in small amounts, geared to the

circumstances of each recipient with no interest charged. It was, however, expected that the entire amount be repaid within one year of going to work. Male students were not excluded.

A special program is frequently mentioned—the so-called workroom for unemployed women. The intent of the program was to give women there a sense of personal worth, and the members worked in various ways and by donating money and materials. The Club also worked towards the education of women for public life and made a practice of supporting women as candidates for school boards and councils. Presentations were made to the government to improve facilities for women in Oakalla, and, among other things, to legislate equal pay for equal work.

As the 1930s advanced, more and more attention was given to the crucial matter of peace and disarmament. Liaison with other groups and agencies and the League of Nations takes up a great deal of space in the records. The Club even went so far as to pass a motion asking Ottawa to control the munitions industry. War came just the same at the end of this decade.

The Second World War Period

During this Second World War the Club had an active hospitality committee, which worked to provide recreation and entertainments to the service men stationed in this area. Included were invitations for meals, weekend visits, and numerous dances. *The Colonist* of May 1, 1942, under the heading War Challenges Varsity Women, reported extensively on the visit of the President of the Canadian Federation to the local Club. “In view of the threat of extinction of European learning in an era of blood and iron, can we afford to slacken our efforts to keep burning the torch of culture, and, in the face of problems that our trained minds are equipped to tackle, do we dare to shirk our duties as leaders of thought among men and women?” challenged Dr. Dorothy Turnville.

The Colonist continues: “She emphasized the power which the CFUW could exert in stimulating national unity, in fostering human kindness and toleration and in wielding an influence for good. She reviewed the special activities of the Canadian Clubs, particularly in rehabilitating women from war-devastated areas, caring for children evacuated from Britain, providing scholarships and participating in Red Cross and other war work.”

All these activities saw no slackening of interest in local community needs and problems. The Club conducted research on infringement of civil liberties, urged better status for house workers, endorsed a Bill of Health Insurance to be introduced to the provincial legislature, cooperated with the Ladies Home Journal in publicity on motor vehicle accidents and driver education, suggested a flower emblem for BC and supported a donation for the purchase of an X-ray machine at the Solarium. The list goes on and on.

Even before war's end, they were debating and studying women's place in the post-war world. *The Colonist* of Oct. 13, 1943, reported a speech to the Club by Mrs. Nancy Hodges, MLA. “Women must be ready to accept the responsibility as well as the privileges of citizenship.” She pointed out that during the war women had won a place in many fields not open during peacetime. “Equal pay for equal work must be retained after the war,” she maintained.

Upon reading the records at the end of hostilities, one gets a vivid sense of the horror felt by Canadians as the full extent of the devastation and deprivation in Europe became known. According to the minutes of meetings, European relief efforts received much attention. The Club's interest, however, was turned to a much wider field as the members passed resolutions which were forwarded to Ottawa –

RESOLVED:

That we heartily support the Dominion Government policy and measures already taken to release wheat for overseas, and urge immediate consideration of these further measures: 1. Raise flour extraction to 85% as in Great Britain; 2. Ban use of flour for liquor during the crisis, as in the US; 3. Raise ceiling prices on wheat; 4. Allot much less wheat for Canadian consumption; 5. Take steps to conserve grain now used for animal feed; 6. Ration flour and bakery products if necessary.

and further ***RESOLVED:***

that we urge an immediate vigorous campaign to obtain public cooperation in conserving wheat products, by all Government agencies. In particular, we urge: 1. Nation-wide distribution of powerful coloured posters, in addition to continuous propaganda by radio, press, cinema, pulpit and schools; 2. Drastic reduction of waste of food in homes, canteens and commercial eating places; 3. Substitutions of starchy vegetables for breadstuffs and fruit desserts for pies and cakes; 4. Promotion, by every means, of home gardens and of public plots for Win-the Peace gardens.

And this ***MOTION*** was passed unanimously:

That at all meetings of the Club where a cup of tea or coffee is served at the social hour except under special circumstances, other refreshments be eliminated.

The women were indeed serious.

By the 1960s a centennial project for Victoria was much debated. The Club enthusiastically took up the cause of beautification of the Gorge, studied the matter and prepared a brief which was presented to the council. "And what will all this cost?" asked the assiduous keeper of the public purse. Nevertheless, to their credit, the idea was taken up and finally completed to create the lovely public area along the Gorge Waterway as far as the Craigflower Bridge.

Honorary Members

From an extensive roster of outstanding members – educators, artists, writers, politicians, social workers – during the first 75 years of the Club's life in Victoria, several distinguished members warrant special mention.

In April 1937, in recognition of the valuable contribution to contemporary art, **Miss Emily Carr** was made an Honorary Member of the Club.³ In her response to this honour, Miss Carr wrote: "*Yesterday, I received a beautiful box of flowers from the members of the University Women's Club. Please thank them from me. I love flowers so, and wrapped up in their kind wishes and thoughts for Klee Wyck and me, made them lovelier than ever. I feel very honoured at being a member of the University Women's Club – honorary, for I never could by learning.*"

The clippings from the *Times and Colonist* regarding **Miss Alice Ravenhill** reveal a remarkable record of human achievement. Starting her career in England, she was the first woman elected a fellow of the Royal Sanitary Institute; she launched the first home economics course at London University; she pioneered public health education at a time when public health was almost unknown. Moving to America, she lectured and taught at several universities. After her retirement to British Columbia, she became interested in the Indians of BC for whom she organized the BC Indian Arts and Welfare Society. Two books followed: *A Cornerstone of Canadian Culture*, and *Native Tribes of British Columbia* which earned her an honorary degree of Doctor of Science from UBC in 1948. Visited by Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent, who took 15 minutes from a busy schedule on April 16, 1949, the *Times* recounted their conversation. "I do want to see a right hand of fellowship held out to our Indians," she said. "They have a great deal to offer and you won't be disappointed if you give them a chance. What they need are Indian doctors and nurses to work among them." She further urged that Indian art work be preserved for future generations. Clippings relate the festivities surrounding birthdays in her 90s, and her last book *The Memories of an Educational Pioneer* was completed while bedridden in the Home for Aged Women in Victoria.

Miss Margaret Clay, the well-known librarian of the Victoria Public Library for several decades, was made an Honorary Member on Nov. 13, 1935. Retiring in 1952, the *Colonist* reported under the heading Faithful Service, that "She can do so with the assurance that her life work has been fashioned in stone and will stand," referring to the fact that her faith and vision were largely responsible for the design and execution of the new library extension [to the Carnegie Building – 1312 Blanshard Street – which was home to the library until 1979]. She is credited with making the Victoria Library a leader among similar institutions in Canada. She upheld the ideal of public library service enunciated by Comenius in the 17th century, "the teaching to all men of all subjects of human concern."

Club member **Dr. Margaret Newton** was a pioneer of research to control wheat rust. As a student of agriculture at McGill, she made a discovery that was of immense benefits to wheat growing areas on the prairies. In 1916, wheat rust hit, destroying millions of bushels and seriously impeding the war effort. In 1925 she took charge of research on specialization of races in the cereal rust laboratory in Winnipeg. Eventually rust spores, with which she worked, created an asthmatic condition, so she took early retirement and came to Victoria. In 1969, the University of Saskatchewan conferred upon her an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws for her work.⁴

One can be assured that as long as Victoria lasts, there will be a University Women's Club here. Work continues as it has during the last 75 years; one member recently prepared a study, much in demand on *Illiteracy in Canada*⁵; another member headed a committee which presented a brief April 2, 1984 to the Fraser Commission on Pornography and Prostitution⁶; pension reform studies continue and a brief will be presented to the federal government. In addition, the Club in its entirety has recently donated the cost of a pair of double carved doors which will be installed in the interdenominational chapel and meditation sanctuary to be built this year at the University of Victoria.

SIGNIFICANT CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

75th [1983-4]

- *An Anniversary Reception was held on Saturday, 5th November 1983, at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm. Tickets were priced at \$3.00 for the event. Tea, coffee and muffins were served between 10.30 and 11.00 am. A Reading depicting life in Victoria in 1908 was given by members of the Literature Study Group and repeated later that afternoon.*
- *Six Club members with continuous membership of 50 years or more in the Club were recognized: Miss Muriel Aylard, Miss Margaret Crummy, Miss Mary Hamilton, Miss Patricia Hamilton-Smith, Miss Olive Heritage, and Dr. Olga Jardine.*
- *Punch was served and the 75th birthday cake was cut by the Club's newest and youngest member, a 1983 graduate of Queen's University. Afternoon tea was presented between 2.30 pm and 4.00 pm. Throughout the day people were free to come and go and there were ongoing displays from various study groups, Club projects, and by individual members who were also authors and artists.*
- *For a specific Anniversary Project, the Club raised over \$5000 in donations to pay for the doors of the new Interfaith Chapel at the University of Victoria.*
- *A Silent Auction was held for a portfolio of six lithographs, executed by Club Member Pat Martin Bates in celebration of the Royal Canadian Academy of Art Medal awarded posthumously to Emily Carr on 18th November 1978 and which was received by Pat on Emily's behalf. The portfolio was entitled: Emily: A Steppin'-Footed Lady and was numbered 14 out of a limited series of 40. [Emily Carr was an Honorary Member of the Club.] The proceeds from the Auction went to establish another scholarship.*
- *A 75th anniversary booklet containing a history of the Club was produced by a Club member and distributed at the 75th Annual Dinner held at the Faculty Club of the University of Victoria. The guest speaker was His Honour the Hon. Robert G. Rogers, 24th Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.*
(Chair of the Club's 75th Anniversary Committee was Past President Audrey Peggs 1977-79.)

90th [1998]

- *In the spring of 1999, on a bright Saturday afternoon, the Club celebrated its 90th birthday with a tea in St. Aidan's church hall. Many current and past members enjoyed each other's company and looked at the various displays organized by many of the Club's interest groups. Archival treasures and curiosities were also displayed. The Incumbent President, Gloria Dorrance, introduced fourteen Past Presidents who were present and called upon the two newest members of the Club to cut a huge 90th birthday cake. Refreshments were supplied by the various neighbourhood groups. This event brought together the best of the past and the present in the University Women's Club of Victoria.*

Highlights from the next 25 years: 1983-2008

- The organization of Club members into over 20 **neighbourhood groups** took place in the summer of 1985. The Club's membership was close to 400 at that time. The aims of the groups were to encourage members to get to know each other locally, and to provide a vehicle for welcoming and getting to know new members in the neighbourhood. The groups provided a rejuvenating influence and became a contributing factor to the formation of a separate CFUW Saanich Peninsula Club. The groups in the Victoria Club have changed boundaries, merged or split over time and currently (2014) there are 13 groups for a membership of around 240. Some groups are very active with their own events.
- The Victoria Club hosted the CFUW/CIDA *Asia-Canada Women in Management Conference* at the University of Victoria in the late spring of 1985. Club members Peggy Matheson and Joan South were involved in planning the on site organizational details. Club President Audrey Thomas attended as one of the Canadian delegates and wrote a paper for the conference publication. Club members were involved in home hospitality.
- CFUW's last **Triennial** conference was held in Calgary, summer 1985⁷. Audrey Thomas issued the invitation to CFUW to hold the CFUW AGM in Victoria in 1987. Mary Allard designed and made the Club's first banner. Club banners were displayed at the Calgary Triennial for the first time. and provided a colourful addition to the proceedings.
- The Recent Grads group of the Club initiated the sale of poinsettias to Club members and the community at large, and arranged Emily Carr birthday teas at Carr house, Government Street, Victoria, in the fall of 1985. Proceeds for many years afterwards were donated to the Club's Scholarship and Bursary Society.
- The Club purchased books as memorials for Patricia Hamilton-Smith and were presented in 1985-86 to the four Greater Victoria high schools where former President Hamilton Smith (1941-43), and the Club's first scholarship winner (1917), had taught: Oak Bay Secondary, Mount Douglas Secondary, Victoria High and Esquimalt High.
- A theatre night at the Langham Court Theatre was held as a fund-raiser in the spring of 1986. This was a departure from the book sales held in the immediate preceding years. Proceeds went to the Club's Scholarship and Bursary Society.
- The Club purchased and donated an engraved brick to the City's Government Street/Fort Victoria outline project in the name of the Club's first President - Mrs. H.E. Young (Rosalind Watson).
- The 1985-87 Steering Committee (now known as the Local Arrangements Committee - LAC) for the 1987 CFUW AGM was set up with Past President Nancy Roseborough (1983-85) as Chair. Over 100 members were eventually involved in sub-committees, other organizational tasks and home hospitality. A celebration thank you party was held in the Commons Block, University of Victoria, after the event.
- President Audrey Thomas was asked to be a representative on the Steering Committee for the investigation and setting up of CFUW BC Council 1986-88, and was elected to the First Council Executive as Chair of Communications in 1988. Peggy Matheson was also on BC Council Executive ex-officio because of her CFUW position as V-P for BC.

- A Club Resolution on Adult Literacy was prepared, submitted and accepted by CFUW, 1988.
- 1989 Audrey Thomas obtained sponsorship to attend the 23rd IFUW Triennial in Helsinki along with Phyllis Scott of the CFUW North Vancouver Club to present a workshop on adult literacy (1990 was designated International Literacy Year by UNESCO).
- Club member Peggy Matheson elected to CFUW National Executive in 1988 and became President 1990-94.
- In 1993, under President Eileen Giles, a successful historical fashion show organized by Ivan Sayers was held at S.J. Willis School as a fund-raiser for the Club's Scholarship and Bursary Society.
- Also in 1993, a new Club banner was produced and donated by Club member Arlene Davey, to replace the 1985 banner. Arlene's motif later became the cover of Club Hasti-Notes sold by Club Past President Eileen Giles for the Bina Roy Partners in Development Program of IFUW.
- In 1993-94 arrangements were made between the Club and the University of Victoria to house the Club's archives at the University. President Mischa German van Eck was instrumental in this development. Club member Mary Higgins (the daughter of founder Rosalind Young) had held the archives in her home for a number of years. Prior to her volunteering for this task, the archives, along with other Club artifacts, moved in their various boxes to the home of the current President. At one point there were 13 such boxes!
- In 1995, the Victoria Club hosted the Annual General Meeting of CFUW BC Council at the Coast Harbourside Hotel. Past President Eileen Giles was Chair of the Steering Committee and many Club members were involved in helping in various roles and in home hospitality.
- In 1996-97 the Club's Scholarship and Bursary Society's investment procedures were revamped and endowments set up at Camosun College and the University of Victoria.
- In 1997, the Club celebrated 80 years of awards at its annual scholarship luncheon in November when Audrey Thomas gave a presentation on the history. (See chapter 3.)
- The Club hosted the AGM of BC Council in the Spring 2004 at the Laurel Point Inn. Nancy Leitch and Mary Keane were Co-Chairs of the Planning Committee.
- A three year pledge drive to reach \$100,000 for making all scholarships at the University of Victoria self-sustaining was launched as a Centennial initiative – 2006-09.
- Two resolutions from the Club were forwarded to CFUW – one on oceans and pollution in 2006; and the one in 2007, on a UN Agency for Women, also went to IFUW. All were accepted. (See chapter 4.)
- The Club was presented with the **Outstanding Philanthropic Service Club Award in 2007**. The award is an initiative of the The Association of Fundraising Professionals and the Canadian Association of Gift Planners. The Club was nominated jointly by the University of Victoria, Camosun College and Royal Roads University.
- 2007 saw the beginning of planning for the 100th Anniversary celebrations in 2008-09.

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: 2008-09

Although the Centennial Year for CFUW Victoria began on 1 May 2008 and extended to 30 April 2009, planning began in May of 2007. In September of 2007, a call for committee members went out and members with various interests, or wanting to work on a specific event, gradually joined and formed an enthusiastic team.

Goals for the Centennial Celebration were:

1. To provide members with exciting opportunities to reflect on Club accomplishments during the past 100 years and set their sights toward the future.
 2. To offer a variety of Special Events appealing to the intellectual, social and cultural stimulation of Club members and the Greater Victoria community.
 3. To fulfill the \$100,000 Centennial incentive to make all of the Club's scholarships and bursaries fully endowed.
- Detailed terms of reference were established for the operation of the Centennial Committee to guide its work. The CFUW Victoria Centennial Celebration Committee was a special committee of the Club and the Club President sat as an ex-officio member of the Centennial Committee. A representative of the Centennial Celebration Committee reported monthly, to the Executive of CFUW Victoria, either by notes from its committee meeting or by a separate report.
 - In April 2008 a separate Centennial Committee bank account with signing officers was established. The CFUW Victoria cheque for \$3000, held back from a 2006 garage sale for the centennial special project, was deposited to the account.
 - During the winter of 2007-08, volunteer club members knitted 24 gold scarves that were worn by committee members while assisting at Club events throughout the Centennial Year.

Significant Events during the Centennial Year:

- ***The Centennial Celebration Kickoff Event*** was held on 6 May 2008 when CFUW President for 2006-2008, Ardith Toogood, made a special visit to Victoria to acknowledge the Club's Centennial. Nearly fifty members gathered over lunch in a member's seaside home to meet and visit with Ardith, and hear news of her work in CFUW. Victoria Club President, Paddy McGowan, received the 100 Year Recognition Certificate from the National President.
- ***For the September 2008 Welcome Back meeting***, Save On Foods donated a huge birthday cake with custard crème filling decorated with, "Happy 100th Birthday CFUW Victoria."
- ***Empress Tea and Historic Fashion Show*** - Saturday 4 October 2008. On this day, the celebrated Vancouver Fashion Historian, Ivan Sayers, brought from Vancouver a selection of garments from his huge collection. Professional models showed examples of clothing worn by 'club women' during the past 100 years. At \$50 each, all of the 275 tickets were sold and participants enjoyed a full Empress Tea. The major sponsor for this event was the Fairmont Empress Hotel, making the ballroom available at no charge to the Club and giving a reduction on the food price. Door prizes for the fashion show included donations from W & J Wilson, Sunday's Snowflakes, Robinson's Outdoor Store, and Arq Salon.

- ***International Women's Day, Sunday 8 March 2009*** was a very important initiative of the Centennial Celebration Committee. Invitations were sent by e-mail to over ninety different women's organizations asking them to participate. Some of them responded by setting up displays about their work in the auditorium foyer at the University of Victoria. More than 850 people settled into free, reserved, ticketed seats at the University of Victoria Farquhar Auditorium. Members from 10 sister CFUW Clubs on the Island and the Lower Mainland attended the event. Highlights of the Sunday afternoon event were a speech by well-known author, Margaret Visser, and a surprise presentation to Club President, Paddy McGowan, by members of Zonta International to honour efforts of CFUW Victoria on behalf of education. *The Gems* closed off the day with two appropriate vocal renditions. The University of Victoria generously donated use of the auditorium and equipment for this event.
- ***The Women as Agents of Change Symposium Saturday 28 March 2009*** was a memorable experience for all attendees. Approximately two hundred and forty people gathered for the day to listen and participate in three panels, moderated by CBC's North by Northwest host, Sheryl MacKay. The Grant Quarterdeck was provided by Royal Roads University at no cost and Truffles Catering provided a discounted price for the buffet lunch, included in the \$75 ticket price. Panel topics were:
 - '*Taking on the World*' with The Hon. Anne McLellan and Chief Judith Sayers
 - '*Finding Balance Between Work and Self*' with Anne Lindsay and Lara Lauzon
 - '*Making Sense of Our Own Stories*' with Charlotte Gray and Denise Chong.
- ***Spring Tea*** - To finish a very successful year of special events, more than ninety members gathered on Saturday afternoon 18 April 2009, and celebrated their creative talents and accomplishments.
- The Club's aim of raising \$100,500 over three years (2006-09) for the Scholarship and Bursary Society was also met.

Principal organizers for Centennial Events:

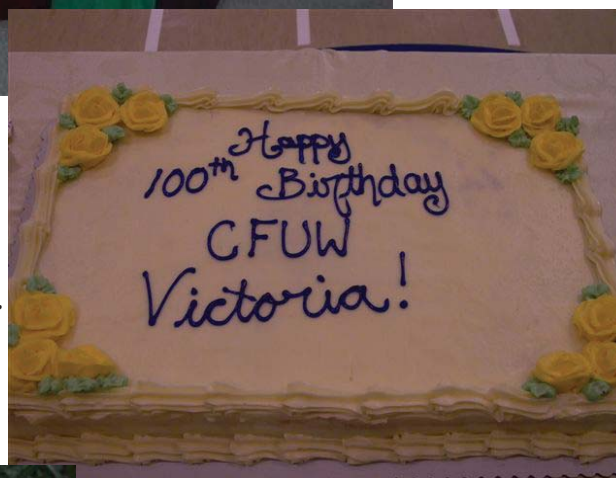
- Myrtle Siebert was Chair of the Centennial Committee and Donna Duffy was Co-Chair. These two members also orchestrated the Fashion Show event at the Empress Hotel.
- The International Women's Day Event was co-chaired by Paddy McGowan and Dawn Jones.
- Co-Chairs of the Symposium were Faith Russell and Sandra McCallum, assisted by Peggy Matheson.
- Club Archivist, Gloria Dorrance, created an artful and extensive display of the CFUW Victoria archives for the April tea.
- Over 35 additional Club members were involved in sub-committee work and assisting with the major events.
- There were over 15 sponsors for various events and these enabled the Committee to balance the books and to have a surplus from which an additional bursary was later created.

The bulk of the material presented on the Centennial, is taken from *CFUW Victoria Centennial Celebration Committee 2009 Year End Report* compiled by Myrtle Siebert (Past President - 2006-07).



Centennial Banner at Welcome Reception, September 2008. Centennial Committee Chair, Myrtle Siebert on left and Betty Emery, member of Publicity Committee on right. Both members are wearing the Club scarf knitted for easy identification of organizers/helpers during Centennial events.

The 100th Birthday Cake in Club colours - blue and gold!



To the left - at the Fairmont Empress Ballroom on the day of the historical fashion show and tea - October 2014.

Left to right - Myrtle Siebert and Donna Duffy - Co-Chairs of the Fashion Show event with Paddy McGowan, President of the Club (2007-09) and convener of the International Women's Day event in March 2009.

HONORARY MEMBERS⁸

Name and dates of Member	Date Elected	Accomplishments
Dr. Alice Ravenhill (1859-1954)	March, 1911	Educational pioneer; author; 2 Honorary Doctorates
Mrs. Margaret Jenkins (1843-1923)	November, 1913	Temperance worker; school trustee
Mrs. Mary Riter Hamilton (1873-1954)	February, 1915	Professional artist
Mrs. Phoebe Traquair	February, 1915	Artist/Illustrator
Miss Maria Lawson	February, 1915	Historian/author
Dr. Helen Gordon Stewart	February, 1916	Head Librarian - VPL: 1912-24; a founder of BCLA - 1911
Mrs. Jay Durand (Gertrude Huntly Green - 1887-1987)	December, 1924	Concert pianist and a founder of the Victoria Conservatory of Music
Mrs. R. F. Green (1864-1949)	October, 1931	Daughter Cecilia died young, set up scholarship at Victoria High School
Miss Audrey Alexandra Brown (1904-1998)	December, 1932	Poetess; freelance journalist; [OC 1967]
Miss Margaret Clay (1891-1982)	November, 1935	Head Librarian - VPL: 1924-52
Miss Emily Carr (1871-1945)	April, 1937	Artist and author; [Person of NHS - 1950]
Senator Nancy Hodges (1888-1969)	January, 1944	Journalist; MLA (1941-53); first female Speaker of Legislature in Commonwealth; Senator (1953-65)
Laura Holland, RN, RRC, CBE, LL.D (1883-1956)	January, 1946	Nursing Sister - WW1; reformer; pioneer social worker; government health advisor
Miss Marion James	May, 1947	Educator/lecturer; introduced kindergarten to GVSD
Miss Ethel Bruce (1869-1968)	May, 1959	Journalist in Victoria: 1911-41; active in WW2 Red Cross Services
Miss Elizabeth Forbes (1897-1981)	May, 1968	Journalist for 40 years; author; traveller and community leader

The Club since 2009

With the dawn of the second century of the Club, several changes took place. The Club entered its second century as CFUW Victoria. The crest of the Club was redesigned and members were given a choice of three designs to vote on. A competition was held for a name for the Club's monthly Newsletter and the winning selection was *Voices*. The Club had held its monthly general meetings in the evenings on the campus of the University of Victoria for many years, but many members did not like this venue. A new venue at the Salvation Army Citadel was found which seemed to be more acceptable. However, it seemed that no sooner were the Centennial activities over than the Club faced another major challenge: It had been asked to host the 2012 AGM for the national federation. Past Presidents Paddy McGowan and Dawn Jones became the Co-Chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC). Victoria is fortunate in that it is a destination city for new retirees, many of whom join the Club when they find out about it. So there was a reservoir of new talent willing to take up the invitation to be involved in organizational matters for this AGM which was a great success.

The Club continues to follow its broad threefold mandate - education, advocacy, and networking. These activities will now be addressed in separate chapters.

¹The bulk of this chapter is taken from member Margaret Smith's article "75 Years with University Women's Club," *Times-Colonist - The Islander*, August 19/20, 1984. The current author has inserted sub-titles, made some corrections and omitted duplicate material. Otherwise, about 90 percent of this article stands as presented. Two booklets were produced, one by Ellen Hart for the 50th Anniversary (1958) and one by Catherine Cameron for the 75th Anniversary (1983). Both of these booklets can be viewed on the Club's website. Margaret's account draws on these sources but also the original minutes. The later years (1983 onwards) were compiled by the current author.

²The conventions and vocabulary in use at the beginning of the 20th century are different from those in use today. Married women were known by their husband's names and initials. This practice did not die out in the Victoria Club until the 1980s. "Indians" today are referred to as Aboriginal People, First Nations, or Indigenous People.

³Emily Carr is featured on the Club's website <http://www.cfuwvictoria.org/cfuw-victoria-and-emily-carr/>

⁴In 1918, Margaret Newton was the first woman to graduate with a bachelor's degree in agriculture from Macdonald College and in 1922, the first Canadian woman with a doctorate in agricultural science from the University of Minnesota. In 1991 Margaret Newton was elected to the Science Hall of Fame in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. A student residence at the University of Victoria is named for her. Ref.: <http://www.apsnet.org/publications/apsnetfeatures/Pages/MargaretNewton.aspx>

⁵Audrey M. Thomas, "Adult Illiteracy in Canada: A Challenge", *Occasional Paper 42* (Ottawa: Canadian Commission for UNESCO, 1983). Also available in French as "L'alphabétisme chez les adultes au Canada - Réflexion pour une action".

⁶See listing of briefs and studies in Chapter 4 - p. 63.

⁷CFUW was originally organized on a triennium - there was a Triennial Conference every three years with a Council Meeting for the other two years. (The Victoria Club was host to CFUW Council in 1975.) CFUW reorganized in the mid-1980s so that the Calgary Triennial was the last CFUW Triennial Conference. From 1988, CFUW was based on a biennium (for elections and program theme) and had Annual Meetings and Conferences.

⁸In the Club's By-laws an Honorary Member is defined as follows - HONORARY MEMBER: A woman who has become eminent in any department, or who has distinguished herself in the cause of education or has singly assisted this Club, may be elected an Honorary Member. She shall be proposed by at least two members of the Club, receive the unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, and be elected at any regular meeting of the Club. She shall not be assessed either Club or CFUW dues.

Abbreviations used in this figure are as follows: VPL - Victoria Public Library; BCLA - BC Library Association; VHS - Victoria High School; OC - Officer of the Order of Canada; Person NHS - Person of National Historic Significance; WW1 - First World War; WW2 - Second World War; GVSD - Greater Victoria School District. In 2003, Her Honour, the Honourable Iona Campagnolo, the 27th Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia and the first woman to hold that office was made an Honorary Member for the balance of her term of office.



Outgoing President, Audrey Thomas, hands the Club gavel to Incoming President, Olive Bailey at the Club's Annual General Meeting at the Union Club, May 1987.

(The gavel is the original Club gavel donated by Mrs, Hart - for story see p. 14.)

Olive worked at the now famous Bletchley Park code-breaking centre set up in England during the Second World War. In 2009 she received the Bletchley Park Service Medal for her secret work there, and in 2012 she received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for the same.



Fourteen Past-Presidents at the Club's 90th Birthday Tea held at St. Aidan's Church, Spring, 1999
From back row left to right are: Cora Browne -1971-73; Julia Paul - 1979-81; Barbara Bjerring 1995-97; Eileen Giles 1991-93; Peggy Matheson 1975-77, Gloria Dorrance 1997-99, Olive Bailey 1987-89; Nancy Roseborough 1983-85; Audrey Thomas 1985-87; Peggy Marshall 1973-75;
Front row from the left: Edith Gunning 1961-63; Dr. Olga Jardine 1935-37; Audrey Peggs 1977-79; Eileen Garrison 1981-83.

Two Past -Presidents could not attend and are shown in the inserts: left to right: Norma Andrews 1963-65; Mischa German van Eck 1993-95.

Source: The CFUW Chronicle , Vol. 1, Issue 3, Summer 1999, p.12.



Two versions of the Club Crest. The one on the left had been in use for many years up to the Club's Centennial. The one on the right was the one most popular with Club members when they voted on three designs. The main differences are the addition of the maple leaf behind the lamp of learning to indicate the Canadian Federation, and the incorporation of the Club's motto on the shield either side of the Douglas Fir cone. The Club's colours are blue and gold.



CFUW AGM in Victoria - Laurel Point Inn, Summer 2012. Club Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) Co-Chairs from right to left - Past Presidents Paddy McGowan and Dawn Jones with incoming Club President Susan Lane (2012-14). Other LAC members were: Meg Bell, Jill Garnett and Ellie Jansen.

The theme for the AGM and Conference was: Voices - Yours Mine, Ours. Voix - Unissons nos voix. LAC members wore fascinators for easy recognition by delegates.

Dawn Jones, Co-Chair of LAC and Past President of the Club - 2009-11 with Susan Murphy of the Nanaimo Club - CFUW VP for BC and Incoming President of CFUW (2012-14). At the time of the AGM, Paddy McGowan, Club Past President 2007-09 was the CFUW Regional Director for Vancouver Island - 2010-12.



EDUCATION - 97 YEARS OF AWARDS¹

Our story begins in the year 1912. On November 15, the Club Executive passed a motion that the Club support a Victoria female student going to the provincial university (UBC) with a bursary. The Club was 4 years old - the third University Women's Club to be founded in Canada. In 1908, an Act establishing the University of British Columbia was passed. In 1909, Vancouver was chosen as the site for this institution over Victoria. A convocation was held in 1912 in which members of Senate were chosen. The University, however, did not open its doors to students until September 1915. Of course, both Vancouver and Victoria had colleges affiliated with McGill University from 1899 and 1903 respectively through Vancouver High School and Victoria High School, and in 1906, the McGill University College of BC had been established in Vancouver.

The early founders of the University Women's Clubs in BC - Evelyn Fenwick Farris in Vancouver (1907) and Rosalind Watson Young (1908) together with other members of both these Clubs were all instrumental in shaping higher education in the province at that time. Thus, it is no surprise to learn that our infant Club wanted to provide support for women students of Victoria going to UBC.

The reply of Dr Henry Esson Young, Minister of Education in the Conservative Government of the day, to the Corresponding Secretary of the Club is reproduced on the following page. (Note that the last paragraph makes allusion to the seeming delays in setting up the university and, of course, things were further delayed with the outbreak of the First World War.)

The award, a Bursary for \$50 was eventually given on Friday, 21st September, 1917 to Patricia Hamilton Smith at Victoria High School. No award was given in 1918. In 1919, Esther Naden (later, Mrs. Gardom) became the second recipient of the award. Awards have been made every year since and in 1928 there were two winners. Katharine Youdall was a winner in 1932. Patricia became President of the Club - 1941-43 and was made a Life Member in 1975. Both Esther and Katharine were long-time Club members and now have scholarships named for them. The award was made into a scholarship and eventually awarded at the University of Victoria. (Note that the daughters of two former Club Presidents also won the scholarship: Carolyn McCammon in 1959 whose mother, Emma McCammon, was President 1967-69; and Jane Turner in 1963 whose mother, "Dot" Turner, was President 1959-61.)

The award is given to the student achieving the highest standing in her first year of Arts and Science and continuing into the second year of her program. The 1997 award recipient was the 81st

[Government Letterhead]

EDUCATION OFFICE.
VICTORIA

January 15th, 1913

Miss Grace D. Burris
Corresponding Secretary,
University Women's Club, Victoria.

Madam,

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, in reference to the establishment of a bursary for women students of Victoria, in connection with the University of British Columbia, and in reply may say that the Government feel very gratified indeed to know that the University Women's Club of Victoria should be the first in British Columbia to recognize the obligation of the public - to the University; and we hope that your example will be followed by other bodies, and by many of our monied men.

Your letter will be placed on file, and immediately on the organization being perfected -which we hope will be at an early date- the matter will receive attention.

I have the honour to be,
Madam,

Your obedient servant,

H. E. Young (signed)

Minister of Education

such recipient and the last in that form. Beginning in the spring of 1998, this scholarship became the **University Women's Club of Victoria Entrance Scholarship** for a female student entering the Faculty of Science at the University of Victoria from a Victoria High School. The change came about when the University decided to divide its Faculty of Arts and Science into two separate faculties. By that time, the Club had several scholarships several of which were Arts related. There was considerable interest in encouraging girls to enrol in science, so science was chosen over Arts. The University is a destination university, and the Club was finding that many of its award winners were not even from the province of BC. The feeling was that we should encourage a local girl and a Victoria high school student in line with the origin of the award. Hence, it became an Entrance Scholarship for which evidently there was also quite a need.

In 1931, the Club set up a **loan fund** from donations, proceeds from various functions, and the interest thereon, in order to help undergraduate students to complete their education. This fund was open to both men and women! (See p.45.) These loans were very much appreciated, but records from the 1930s show the troubled times facing students. Students tried to pay back the loans a little at a time when they were earning. The records reveal that for some this was quite a struggle. (Payments were made in \$10 and \$20 installments.) The loans continued until government student loans were established.

As the Club prepared for its upcoming Golden or 50th Anniversary, a second scholarship was established and awarded for the first time in 1957. (Club Executive motion - December 11, 1956 and the Club approved it January 16th, 1957.) This scholarship honoured the Club's Founder and First President - **Rosalind Watson Young** and was for \$100 initially. It goes to a woman student achieving the highest standing in the second year of her Education program and continuing with her studies.

Ten years later, in 1967, the Club's loan fund which had become dormant became the basis for the Club's **Diamond Jubilee Bursary**. The bursary was to be for \$100 derived from the interest on the fund. It was first awarded in 1969 - first at the University of Victoria but then to students at the University and Camosun. In 1981 it was decided only to award the Bursary to a student at Camosun College where it has been awarded ever since.

Formation of the Scholarship and Bursary Society - Another decade went by and in the 1976-77 period, the Club decided to form a separate Society for the more efficient administration of scholarship and bursary funds, as well as to enable donations to be credited for income tax purposes. The original application to be incorporated as a non-profit society under the BC Society Act is dated May 3, 1976 and among the signatories were four well-known Club members: Peggy Matheson, Julia Paul, Lois Hall and Peggy Marshall. The Society was recognized on February 23, 1977 and gained charitable status from Revenue Canada on May 1, 1977. The first meeting of the new Society was held at the home of Lois Hall on May 19, 1977 at 8 p.m. The Chair was Lois Hall, the Secretary was Peg Lowe and the Treasurer was Pat Evans. Other Club Executive members were present (Peggy Matheson and Julia Paul) along with legal counsel (Betty Botterell) and Kathleen Beck the Hasti-Note Convener. The first Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in May 1978, and so the foundation was laid for the future.

The 1980s! In 1981, the assets of the Society were \$5227.65. Compare this total with 1997 when assets, if we include the matching funds in the Camosun College Foundation, were just over \$200,000. In 1982 when Eileen Garrison was President and Audrey Peggs Chair of the Society, it was decided that a third scholarship should be created for a student in the Faculty of Law at the University of Victoria. This scholarship was to honour the first female Supreme Court Justice in Canada - **Madame Justice Bertha Wilson** who was appointed to the Supreme Court on March 4, 1982 by the Right Honourable Pierre E. Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada. This is the only scholarship which is named for someone who was not a Club member. While she was alive, Madame Justice Wilson took an interest in the winner of this scholarship in her name. The scholarship originally went to the woman student with the highest standing in the first year of the LL.B program. The award was revamped in 2011 and increased to \$2000 because of matching funds being made available. The new criterion was that the award go to an academically outstanding female student entering the Faculty of Law JD program. The Faculty had found that there was greater need for entrance scholarships.

1983 was the Club's 75th Anniversary, and there was talk of another scholarship. This one to honour one of our own illustrious artistic members - **Dr. Pat Martin Bates**. The scholarship was awarded for the first time in 1985 and goes to the most outstanding woman student completing the third year of the Visual Arts Program.

In the period 1985-87 four other awards were established - two bursaries and two scholarships. In November 1985, one of our then younger Club members **Judith Harreman** died after a brave struggle with leukemia. The scholarship goes to an outstanding woman student proceeding to the third or fourth year in the Music Program. Beginning in 1993 with President Eileen Giles, the Club's February monthly meeting became a musical concert, and it became a tradition for many years for the music scholarship winners to provide a concert either on their own or with their cohorts for that evening.

Audrey Price, President of our Club from 1946-48, felt the Club should do more to help women students at Camosun College. She made a generous donation to start a bursary there. As she wished to remain anonymous, the Bursary established in 1986 from this donation was called the Blue and Gold after the Club's colours. Audrey was so delighted with this first Bursary that she decided to make a second one possible which was called the Malahat Bursary for the place where she and her husband, John, lived after their retirement. This Bursary was first given in 1987.

The Club was on a roll, and in 1987, it decided to honour another Club member, a former scholarship winner, and one of the province's first pioneer public health nurses - **Esther Stuart Gardom**. This award goes to an outstanding woman student proceeding to her fourth year in the B.Sc of Nursing program at the University of Victoria.

As the Club honoured Esther, another well-loved member and former Club scholarship winner - **Katharine Youdall** - died suddenly at home after some illness. At first, many kinds of recognition were discussed, but eventually another scholarship was established in Katharine's name. Many former school teacher colleagues of Katharine rallied to the cause of fund-raising. The scholarship goes to a woman of high academic standing in a senior year in French. It was first

awarded in 1988. In 1997, the winner of the Youdall scholarship had been a winner of the University Women's Club Scholarship two years previously, a fact that likely would have delighted Katharine.

Fund-raising - Where did all the money for these awards come from? In the early days, public lectures were sponsored and the proceeds helped fund the awards. Afternoon teas, bridge parties, and dances were used for fund-raising in the first 30 years. In the 1950s, the club sponsored performances of plays produced by the Victoria Theatre Guild. There was also an Annual Scholarship Tea at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel. This event was one of the social events of springtime Victoria.

In the 1970s and early 1980s, hasty-notes, magazine subscriptions and book sales were revenue generators. In the early 1980s, it was decided that a portion of the membership dues would be given to the Scholarship and Bursary Society. Initially this was \$2.00 when the Club dues were \$20.00. For the last few years since the Club dues have reached \$100 and more, the annual amount paid to the Society is \$5.00 per capita. Donations to the Society increased as members realized that they could obtain a charitable receipt for income tax purposes. Interest on investments also became an important source for funding the awards.

[CLUB LETTERHEAD]

633 Linden Ave., Victoria, B.C.
March 11th, 1937

Miss Bollert,
Dean of Women's
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC.

Dear Miss Bollert:

The Victoria University Women's Club has this year a small sum of money available for loans, to assist students to further their education.

The Club feels, as the amount is small, that It would be wise to limit this assistance to students who have previously studied at Victoria College.

Since you are so closely in touch with the students at the University, and know so well their various needs, we would be very grateful if you would co-operate with us in bringing the enclosed notice to the attention of the ex-Victoria students, both men and women.

Thanking you for your kind assistance, I am,

Yours very sincerely.

Cor-Secy.
Victoria University Women's Club.

In 1985, the Recent Grads Interest Group of our Club had the idea to sell poinsettias near Christmas time. The proceeds went for the Scholarship and Bursary Society. This initiative was well received and the group continued to sell poinsettias each Christmas. Under member Joan Peggs, the group also arranged and celebrated Emily Carr's birthday at Carr House on Government Street. This event was open to the public and the proceeds also went to the Society. At the end of the Society's fiscal year 1996-97, the combined efforts of the Recent Grads group had raised over \$13,000 for the Scholarship and Bursary Society.

Recent Grads Bursary - Nobody seems to remember quite how or when it happened, but the suggestion was made that the Recent Grads might like an award named for their group in view of the contributions they had made to the Society. After discussion among the members of the group, they decided they would like to have a bursary which would be awarded to a mature woman whose education had been interrupted for five years or more and was returning to university to complete a first degree in any field at the University of Victoria. This bursary was awarded for the first time in 1990.

Another way in which awards can be established is through bequests. In 1991, a former President of the Club and active member, **Margaret Lowe**, passed away and the Society was one of four beneficiaries of her Estate. Two awards were established in Peg's name in 1993: The first graduate award of the Society was set up for a woman student entering the Master of Business Administration Program at the University of Victoria; and a Bursary was set up for a student entering the Business Administration Program at Camosun College. In 1998, a second Bursary was set up at Camosun College in Peg's name, for woman in the second year of the Business program.

The Geraldine Symons Memorial Bursary was set up in 1997 and awarded for the first time in 1998 to a Camosun College student with preference to a second year student.

In 1996-97 serious consideration was given to the investment holdings of the Society. Interest rates were no longer in the double digits of the 1980s. Bureaucratic procedures were also being tightened, and the turnover of the volunteer board of three members also meant that the corporate memory often had gaps. The Club's portfolio was becoming more complicated - it had grown from the bursary award of \$50 in 1917 to 13 awards with an annual total of \$13,800 in 1997. The terms of reference of the awards were already set for either the University of Victoria or Camosun College, so it made sense to begin conversations with the respective Foundations of those institutions to see if suitable ongoing arrangements could be made for the management of the annual awards. There was at that time also the possibility of matching funds from the provincial government that would add to our portfolio at Camosun College. Accordingly in 1997, negotiations were made with representatives of the two Foundations and the Society Board, including the Club President, ex-officio. After taking the matter to the Club membership and a positive vote, a phased hand-over of the funds was made to each of the foundations. Two endowments were established with the University of Victoria Foundation for the Club's eight undergraduate awards, and the one post-graduate award respectively. An endowment fund was also established with Camosun College Foundation for the existing four bursaries at the College.

The Club was able to take advantage of provincial government matching funds to increase its endowment at Camosun College.

At the Scholarship and Bursary Luncheon in November 1997 therefore, there was much to celebrate: the first Club award was 80 years old, the second scholarship was 40 years old, the oldest bursary was 30 years old and the Scholarship and Bursary Society was 20 years old. Audrey Thomas, the Chair of the Society, was the speaker and wove the “genealogy” of the Society and the awards together while recognizing the 1997 winners of the many awards. At the end of the presentation, all those who had been involved in the work of the Society and awards program were acknowledged with a parchment scroll. The Society has always had a Board of three members who serve for a term of three years with one member leaving the Board each year in rotation. The Club President is an ex-officio member of the Board. All members of the Club are members of the Society.

Because many awards had been set up in the 1980s with very high interest rates, the aggregate was not self-sustaining especially at the University of Victoria when interest rates tumbled. This situation led to the fund-raising drive during the lead-up to the Club’s Centennial year with the goal of \$100,000 to bring about the sustainability of the awards. This scenario was successfully accomplished.

In 2000, Catherine Cameron, one of the Club’s members passed away. Her husband, Alan, wanted to set up a memorial in her name and in 2004, a scholarship was established at the University of Victoria but under the rubric of the Club. Awarded annually in memory of **Catherine O. Cameron**, a long-time member of the University Women’s Club of Victoria and, for several years, an assistant in the Department of Geography, the scholarship is awarded to a woman student in the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year of the Department of Geography. Preference is given to students who can demonstrate financial need.

With the emergence of Royal Roads University as a public degree-granting university in 1995, there had been a growing chorus from some members about providing an award at this institution. This was effected in 2001 when the **Elsie Stapleford Scholarship** was established. It is an entrance award for a Canadian woman resident of British Columbia, undergraduate or graduate learner with a record of academic excellence, leadership capacity, and a track record of community involvement and an interest in the social sciences. As with so many of the Club’s awards, it is named after a long-time respected Club member who was a pioneer in child care work.

In 2007 the three post-secondary institutions with which the Society had established awards - the University of Victoria, Camosun College and Royal Roads University, jointly nominated the Club to be considered for the **Outstanding Philanthropic Service Club Award for 2007**. On National Philanthropy Day in November at a breakfast meeting at the Empress Fairmont Hotel the Club was recognized and given the award. Club President Paddy McGowan and Gloria Dorrance, Chair of the Society, were special guests and several Club members also attended the event.

In 2006, long-time member known to the Club as **Joy Russell**, passed away and left a generous legacy to the Club to be used for various awards. Discussions were held between several Past-Chairs of the Scholarship and Bursary Society with the current Board members and, taking into account Joy's many interests, five new awards were established in her name. Three bursaries were set up at Royal Roads University:

- the Helen Joy Russell Bursary in the Master of Arts, Human Security and Peacebuilding to be given to a female graduate learner preferably with a military background in the second year of the program who has maintained satisfactory academic standing and demonstrates financial need;
- the Helen Joy Russell Bursary in the Master of Arts, Professional Communication with a specialization in Intercultural and International Communication to be given to a female graduate learner enrolled in the second year of the program and who has maintained satisfactory academic standing and demonstrates financial need;
- the Helen Joy Russell Bursary in Tourism and Hospitality to be given to a female undergraduate or graduate student in tourism and hospitality related programs.

The Society was fortunate in being able to avail itself of matching funds at Royal Roads so it was able to set up self-sustaining generous awards.

At Camosun college a further two awards were set up in Joy's name in 2008:

- the Helen Joy Russell Associate of Science Degree Bursary to be given to a woman in the second year Associate of Science Degree Program; and
- the Helen Joy Russell Music Bursary to be given to a woman in the second year Music program and majoring in piano.

At the time of the Club's Centennial therefore, there were 22 awards under the aegis of the Club and Society: ten at the University of Victoria, eight at Camosun College, and four at Royal Roads University. A surplus of funds resulted from the Centennial year's activities and the Club wanted another award to celebrate this unique occasion. After discussions, it was decided to establish another bursary at Camosun College for a First Nations woman in 2010. The bursary is named The Canadian Federation of University Women Victoria Centennial Endowment Fund and is awarded to a First Nations woman at any level of the Indigenous Business Leadership Program with preference being given to a single mother or grandmother. This latest award brings the total to 23 and an annual "payout" of about \$23,000, making the Club one of the most generous within the CFUW for such awards. The Club is not standing on its laurels however!

As the Club approaches the Centennial of its first award (1917-2017), plans have been made to establish a further two awards. In her Annual Report for 2012-13, Society Chair Valerie McDervitt reported, "... an Endowment Fund has been set up at Camosun College and University of Victoria where deposits will accumulate until there are sufficient funds to fully endow an Award.

"At Camosun College, The CFUW Victoria Trades Award will require a capital amount of \$21,000 to disburse \$850 annually. The purpose of this Fund is to recognize women who are studying in one of the following Trade programs: Carpentry, Electrical, Metal and Mechanical, Plumbing/Pipe Fitting/Refrigeration. The recipient will be a mature female student who has completed the Foundation or first year of an Apprenticeship program, is continuing her studies

and training at Camosun, has a proven passion for her chosen Trades career and is an inspiration to fellow students. This award is the first for women in Trades at Camosun College.

“We have been extraordinarily fortunate with our Scholarship at University of Victoria. Matching funds have been secured to establish the CFUW Victoria Centennial Scholarship in Science. As a result, the proposed \$25,000 scholarship disbursing \$1,000 per annum will now be a \$50,000 scholarship disbursing \$2,000 annually. The scholarship will go to a 3rd or 4th year female student in an honours or major program in either the Department of Physics and Astronomy or the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.”

The Club's motto can be proudly quoted *Altissima Spectamus* - we reach for the highest!

**CLUB MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN
CHAIRS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY SOCIETY OF CFUW VICTORIA
(INCUMBENT PRESIDENT IS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER)**

LOIS HALL	- 1977-78
EILEEN WOOD	- 1978-81
AUDREY PEGGS	- 1981-84
PEGGY MARSHALL	- 1984-87
BETTY KENNEDY	- 1987-89
JULIA PAUL	- 1989-92
NANCY ROSEBOROUGH	- 1992-95
AUDREY THOMAS	- 1995-98
AILEEN LINGWOOD	- 1998-2001
VICTORIA PITT	- 2001-04
CAIRINE MINER	- 2004-07
GLORIA DORRANCE	- 2007-10
VALERIE McDEVITT	- 2010-13
DAWN JONES	- 2013-



*CFUW Victoria Scholarship and Bursary Anniversary Luncheon at the Grand Pacific Hotel
November 1997*



Members in the above photograph were involved with the Scholarship and Bursary Society¹:

Back row from left to right:

Betty Kennedy, Treasurer 1986-87; Chair 1987-89

Pat Gerry, Secretary, 1982-85

Norma Andrews, on Club's 50th Anniversary Committee and setting up of R. Young Scholarship, President of the Club 1963-65.

Olive Bailey, President of the Club 1987-89

Peggy Matheson, President of the Club 1975-77 when Society was being formed

Eileen Healy, Secretary, 1979-82

Mischa German van Eck, President of the Club 1993-95; donor of paintings; Treasurer 1997-99

Irene Jones, Treasurer 1994-97

Audrey Thomas, President of the Club 1985-87, Chair 1995-98

Julia Paul, President of the Club 1979-81; Treasurer 1987-89; Chair 1989-92

Nancy Roseborough, President of the Club 1983-85; Chair 1992-95

Daphne Shaw, Treasurer 1991-94

Front row from the left:

Eileen Giles, President of the Club 1991-93; initiator of 1993 Fashion Show which netted \$1700 for the Society

Barbara Bjerring, Immediate Past President of the Club 1995-97

Eileen Garrison, President of the Club 1981-83.

Not in the above picture but involved in the Society at that time were:

Doreen Sutherland, Secretary 1996-99 term and

Club President Gloria Dorrance, ex-officio Board member 1997-99.

¹*The three positions on the Board of the Scholarship and Bursary Society are: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. The current Club President attends meetings in an ex-officio capacity. The Club Executive approves the appointments to the Board of the Society. Usually, the term of office lasts for three years for each Board position.*

The annual Scholarship and Bursary Luncheon is a popular event in the Club year. All winners of Club awards are invited to attend and most are able to do so. An album for each award records the names of the winners. Appendix 1 (p. 74) summarizes the current 23 awards of the Club. Appendix 2 (p. 76) shows the scrolls that were originally developed to record winners for the first two awards of the Club. These scrolls are no longer used.

BIOGRAPHIES OF PEOPLE FOR WHOM AWARDS ARE NAMED



MADAME JUSTICE BERTHA WILSON

Bertha Wernham was born at Kirkcaldy, Scotland on September 18th, 1923. She studied Philosophy at the University of Aberdeen. In 1945, at the age of 21, she married John Wilson and became a Presbyterian minister's wife. The Wilsons immigrated to Canada in 1949 and lived in Renfrew, Ontario for several years. Mr. Wilson became a sea-going padre in the Korean War and after the war, the Wilsons settled in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Bertha was admitted to Dalhousie University Law School in 1954 and was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 1957 and to that of Ontario in 1959 after moving to Toronto. In Toronto, she practised law from 1958 to 1975 with the large Toronto law firm of Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt where

she specialized in legal research and opinion writing on a wide range of subjects. She became a partner in the firm in 1968 and a Q.C. in 1972.

In 1975, Bertha was appointed to the Ontario Court of Appeal where she made several outstanding judgments in cases involving human rights, ethnic and sex discrimination, matrimonial property, child custody and citizens' access to information about themselves collected by government and police. An example of a spirited minority opinion which endeared her to feminists, involved the case of a nine year old girl who wanted to play on the boys' team:

"She was refused registration simply because she is a girl. Her case seems to me, therefore, to be on exactly the same footing as the case of a boy denied registration because he is black."

After intense feminist pressure to name a woman to the Supreme Court of Canada, Bertha Wilson became the first woman so appointed. This scholarship of the University Women's Club of Victoria was the third to be established by the Club and the first through the Scholarship and Bursary Society. The award was one of the first tributes given Madame Justice Wilson after her Supreme Court appointment by the Right Honourable Pierre Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada on March 4, 1982. The award was first given in the fall of 1982.



P^{AT} MARTIN BATES

Pat Martin Bates was born in Saint John, N.B. in June 1927. A graduate of the Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Antwerp where mentors of the school were Magritte and Delveaux. Pat pursued further studies at the National Institute of Fine Arts, Belgium; the Sorbonne at the Academy Grand Chaumier, Paris; and at the Pratt Graphic Centre in New York under an Ingram-Merrill Scholarship.

Formal painting studies started at age 12 under professor Stanley Royale of Mt. Allison University. In the early 1960s, Pat worked for Canadian Art Magazine whose editor was Alan Jarvis, Director of the National Gallery. Pat's name was established as a print maker in 1963 when a young group of Canadian artists won the Grand Award of Honour at the Bien-

nial Exhibition in Chile. Pat's revolutionary submission was a white-on-white embossed print with indentations and intaglio. This piece introduced a new way of thinking about prints and Pat became known internationally as a print-maker "extraordinaire".

Influences on Pat's work included her upbringing in her great-aunts' home in an old parsonage where Pat looked out on the winter snows through heavy lace curtains, and stained glass windows. Pat played dominoes with raised pieces with one of her aunts who was blind. Later, in the early 1960s, when she was residing in Alberta, the winter snows impressed themselves again on Pat and reinforced her childhood memories. She started experimenting with ways to make paper more sculptural and produced more original work each time pushing the limits of her art.

International honours and awards abound in Pat's career. Her work is now found in over 63 collections around the world and has been on display in over 136 exhibitions world-wide. Some of her awards include: the Critic's Choice at the prestigious Print Biennial in Ljubljana in 1977 where there were 1000 entries; a Canada Council Arts Fellowship to Persia (Iran); an Arts Grant to research Celtic Standing Stones; Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee Medal; the Zachenta Medal - Poland; an Edinburgh Arts Bursary to crew on the Darwin barque Beagle sketching for the Edinburgh Festival; Gold Medal Award in Norway's International Triennial of Print Art, 1986; Global Graphics Trophy in Holland's Print Biennial, 1993.

Closer to home, Pat started teaching as a part-time Visual Arts faculty member at the University of Victoria in 1964. From 1971 to her retirement in 1992 she was a full-time faculty

member. Pat became Professor Emeritus and continued teaching at the University during the 1992-93 academic year. In 1991 she was awarded the UVic Alumni Excellence in Teaching Award, and in 1994 she received an Honorary Doctorate in Fine Arts. In 1995, she was the recipient of the first YM-YWCA (Victoria) Woman of Distinction Award in Arts and Culture.

Japan, France, Ireland, Italy, Finland, India, and the states of the former Yugoslavia are no strangers to this Canadian who frequently acts as an ambassador for Canadian women and Canadian artists. In recent years she has devoted time and energy to improving the lives of children in places as far away as China and Yugoslavia. She has worked with several UN agencies such as UNIFEM, and UNESCO.

Pat has been called “the Print Lady”, “the angel from Canada”, and “Canada’s ambassador extraordinaire”. She has been likened to an exotic Egyptian princess, a gypsy fortune-teller, but has also been described as a vulnerable sensitive woman. “Quixotic”, “energetic”, “buoyant”, “innovative”, “an inspirational teacher”, and “a luminous human being” are some of the other many epithets that have been used to describe this very distinguished member of the University Women’s Club of Victoria.

AUDREY M. E. PRICE (1907-1994)

Audrey was born in Winnipeg in 1907. She graduated from the University of Manitoba with a B.A. before going on to Art School and Business College. A commercial artist in Victoria for 35 years, she was also involved with her husband’s photography business and travelled extensively with him.

Her volunteer work included CGIT leader, YWCA arts and crafts instructor, and during the Second World War she organized First Aid Training for local women. She was invited to head the Women’s Division, Salvation Army, for fund-raising.

Her hobbies included golf, puppetry design, drama, sculpting and black and white drawings.

Mrs. J. W. Price was President of the University Women’s Club of Victoria from 1946-48. In her retirement she continued her interest in our Club and in aiding students financially. The Blue and Gold Bursary (1986) and the Malahat Bursary (1987) were results of her endeavours.



*J*UDITH HARREMAN (1939-85)

Judith Elaine Pearson was born on 29th January, 1939, in Medicine Hat, Alberta. She attended schools in Calgary and graduated in 1961 from the University of Alberta with Bachelor of Arts in Social Science.

In 1961, she married Dr. Frank Harreman. She was a member of University Women's Clubs in Edmonton, Moose Jaw and Victoria. In the latter, she was a strong supporter of the scholarship programme and served as Treasurer of the Scholarship and Bursary Society. Mrs. Harreman died in Victoria on 25th November, 1985.

At an early age, Judith showed her ability as a singer. At the age of ten, she received the highest mark in the Calgary Music Festival for a near-perfect performance. Her beautiful voice was not only clear but "had luscious overtones quite unusual for her age". She continued to win awards for singing until she entered university in 1958. Throughout her school career she was active in choirs and sang leading roles in operettas. This interest continued while at university. After her marriage, wherever she lived, Judith was a member of a church choir. Her vocal ability was ably supported by her competence as a pianist.

Judith was a friendly and unassuming person whose quiet, pleasant manner endeared her to her many friends. She gave freely of her time and talents in her pursuit of music and to the Club's scholarship program. It was fitting that the University Women's Club honour her memory with the Judith Harreman Scholarship in Music.



ESTHER S. GARDOM (1900-94)

Esther Stuart Naden was born in Greenwood, BC on October 16, 1900. Her father was English and her mother of Scottish descent from Ontario. Esther spent her early childhood in Greenwood, Victoria and Prince Rupert. Her first school in 1906 was in Victoria and was under the direction of Alice Carr (Emily Carr's sister). Her next school was held in a tent in the newly established Prince Rupert where her family moved in 1907. By 1912, Esther was ready for high school which met in the Council Chamber at the City Hall. Esther completed her junior and senior matriculation at Victoria High School and entered the University of British Columbia in 1919 in the first nursing degree program in Canada.

At the end of that year, she was awarded the University Women's Club of Victoria

Scholarship which was made to her only when the Club determined, after considerable discussion, that the program leading to the Bachelor of Applied Science in Nursing was sufficiently academic! Although Esther enrolled in the first class of the nursing program, her studies were interrupted by the illness and death of her mother, so she graduated as a member of the second class in 1924.

After graduation, Esther's first position as a public health nurse was with the Cowichan Health Centre in Duncan, which covered territory that stretched from Shawnigan Lake to Chemainus, and from Lake Cowichan to Genoa Bay. The Centre's responsibilities included school nursing, maternity cases, well baby clinics, pre-school visiting, and tuberculosis contacts - a serious concern in the 1920s. After three years in Duncan, Esther moved to the Saanich Health Centre in 1928 where her responsibilities were much the same. These were the days of the model T Ford, and Esther drove one for many miles.

In 1934, Esther married Reg Gardom and thereby lost her job! (Married women were not permitted to work outside the home.) Esther had three daughters in three and a half years. In 1986, when the Club decided to honour her with a scholarship, she had 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandsons. When Esther died in 1994, after a lengthy illness, she had 13 great-grandchildren.

Esther joined the Club in 1955 and was active in several interest groups. She had a sharp mind, excellent memory and dry wit and continued to attend the International Affairs Group of the Club up to her incapacitation in the late 1980s.



K*ATHARINE BERTHA YODALL (1916-87)*

Katharine was born in Vancouver, BC and moved to Victoria with her parents in 1925. She attended South Park School and graduated from Oak Bay High School in 1931. Katharine entered Victoria College (Craigdarroch Castle) for university studies and in 1932 received the University Women's Club Scholarship. She completed university studies at the University of British Columbia (UBC) where she graduated with First Class Honours in French and English as a Second Language in 1935.

Katharine taught high school in Fernie and also taught in Ocean Falls before she enlisted in the Air Force when the Second World War broke out. Returning to Victo-

ria after the war, she taught French and English at Oak Bay High School and eventually became Head of the French Department.

Throughout her career, Katharine had a strong interest in drama which started in her high school days. At Oak Bay High School, she played Portia in the Merchant of Venice. At UBC she was a member of the Alumni Players. Back at Oak Bay High as a teacher, she directed and entered her students in many drama festivals. She became Chair of the Victoria Drama Teachers group for a period and also joined the Victoria Little Theatre (later known as the Players' Guild) where she acted in and directed productions.

Katharine served as a teacher overseas on several occasions: at first on exchange in Bexhill-on-Sea, England; then with CIDA at a girls' boarding school in Tanzania (1962-65); followed by a stint at the Normal School in Port-au-Spain, Trinidad (1965-67); finally, with the Canadian Armed Forces at their school in Baden-Baden, Germany (1971-73). She returned to her teaching career in Victoria at Victoria Senior Secondary School (1967-71) and, from 1973 until her retirement in 1975, she was Head of the French Department there.

This gifted lady had a great sense of humour, was a shrewd judge of character and enjoyed many interests. She was an avid gardener, adventurous traveler and keen photographer. She was a member of numerous interest groups within the Club. Towards the end of her life, she was active in UNICEF in Victoria and became President of the local organization.



MARGARET (PEG) LOWE (1921-91)

Margaret (Peg) Lowe was born in Victoria, BC, on July 3, 1921 where her Australian-born father, George Lowe, and English-born mother, Elsie Hodgson, had immigrated to join George's father and brother in their construction business. Peg was educated at Sir James Douglas Elementary, Victoria High School (1937), Victoria College (affiliated with UBC) and graduated from UBC with a BA in History (Honours) in 1941. The Second World War actions in the Pacific curtailed her Master's studies in Library Science.

With her existing degree and a course from Sprott-Shaw Business School, Peg met the criteria and was recruited by the National Employment Office in March 1942 as a cypher clerk with the Signal Distributing Office (SDO) in the Royal Canadian Navy Barracks at Naden, at a salary of \$75 per month. Peg

stated, "There was no personnel office - we were sworn to secrecy by the Signal Officer - instructed briefly in the use of the Royal Naval Cypher and Decypher books, and put to work". In the Fall of 1942, with the amalgamation of the offices of the code and cypher staffs, Peg was promoted to Signal Bridge Shift Supervisor, a position she held until 1951. In 1948, SDO became Naval Communication Centre and from 1951-67, Peg served as Chief Supervisor of this Centre.

In 1967, Peg became Administration Officer Staff of Maritime Command Pacific and, with the absorption of HMCS Naden into CFB Esquimalt, in 1973, the Administration Officer. Subsequently, Peg became Staff of Base Construction Engineering Officer, CFB Esquimalt, until her retirement in 1978. Peg was awarded the Centennial Medal (1967), the Queen's Jubilee Medal (1977) shown in photo, and the Long Service Medal (1978). In 1985, Peg completed "Naval Communication Centre Esquimalt - An Informal History", a copy of which is in the Naval Archives section and the Club Archives at the University of Victoria Library.

Through the University Women's Club of Victoria (UWCV), Peg was able to pursue one of her passions - travel. She served as a delegate at approximately nine CFUW Councils/Triennials and five IFUW meetings. During the twelve years in which Peg served on the Executive of the Club, she took responsibility happily, admired the participation of other members and encouraged daughters of friends to become members and enjoy participating with her. Peg was President of the Club from 1969-71. Peg also served as Secretary of the newly formed Scholarship and Bursary Society of the Club from 1977-79.

Girl Guides of Canada played an important role in Peg's teen years and she became a member of the 1st Trefoil Guild, Victoria, a group of retired Guiders with an active interest in the movement. In 1989, immediately following her attendance at the IFUW Triennial in Helsinki, Peg went to the biennial meeting of the International Federation of Former Scouts and Guiders in Aalborg, Denmark. She was a devoted member of St. Matthias Church on Richardson Street. The baptismal font at this church is named for her father who had built the original church on Richmond Avenue (now St. Jean Baptiste Paroisse Francaise).²



GERALDINE LILLIAN COPE SYMONS (1921-1997)

Geraldine (Gerrie) was born on July 27, 1921 and raised in Calgary, Alberta. She grew to be a tall, graceful red head who was Alberta Junior Champion in both badminton and tennis. She received her Bachelor of Science in Household Economics from the University of Alberta in Edmonton (1943). While at university, Gerrie joined Delta Gamma Fraternity and stayed connected to the DGs and the University of Alberta Alumni her whole life.

When her only brother Bob was killed in action near the end of the Second World War, Gerrie moved to Winnipeg to join her parents. She became the commercial dietitian for that city's flagship Hudson Bay Store, looking after the dining room, catering shop, and the cafeteria.

In 1947, Gerrie moved to Montreal and worked as a dietitian at "The Bell". While visiting in

St. Lambert (her father's original hometown), she met G. Desmond (Des) Symons, a 35 year old widower, and they were married in Montreal in December 1948. Gerrie and Des had four children: Beverly, Barbara, Gregory and David. Gerrie stayed home to raise her family and, additionally, to care for her husband's mother. One of her great interests at that time was the University Women's Club of St. Lambert. She enjoyed their activities and became President.

1974 was a year of tremendous change: Gerrie's mother-in-law died, her children Barb and Greg were married and her husband decided to accept a job with Manitoba Forestry Resources which meant a move to Winnipeg. Gerrie joined the University Women's Club of Winnipeg and managed their Clubhouse Dining Room and enjoyed the bridge groups. Unfortunately, Des was soon diagnosed with cancer.

When Des retired in 1979, they moved to Cordova Bay, Victoria and thought they'd found paradise! Only months later, however, Des died. For a few years, Gerrie worked as a real estate agent in Victoria. She was a member of the Cordova Bay Seniors' Lodge Society and coordinated their placements until her death.

Gerrie continued her interest in CFUW and was an active member of the Victoria Club. She served on the Club's executive and was always ready to volunteer her time and talents to special events. In particular, Gerrie was the Convener of the Club's bridge group for many years and introduced a revised format to the Club. She was also a member of the genealogy group, and had been a co-convener of the Canadiana group with Ruth Beckner for the last six years of her life.

Gerrie's daughter Bev, was a member of the CFUW Markham, Ontario. Mother and daughter had spent time discussing the latest annual CFUW resolutions on the issues of the day just prior to Gerrie's death. Tragically, Gerrie died May 10, 1997, following an accident. Her children thought that setting up a bursary in their mother's name through our Club, would reflect her long-time interest in CFUW and would have pleased her.



***E*LSIE M. STAPLEFORD (1909-2004)**

Elsie Stapleford was born in Vancouver but moved to Regina at age five. Her father Rev. E. W. Stapleford was President of Regina College (1915-34) and her mother Maude (Bunting) Stapleford, who had been a member of the University Women's Club of Vancouver helped found the Regina Club. The family was actively involved in the community of Regina.

Ms. Stapleford attended Regina College for two years before completing her degree in English, French and Psychology at the University of Saskatchewan. Because only the musically gifted were considered as kindergarten teachers, she ruled this out and chose to pursue an M.A. in Child Psychology at the then recently established Institute of Child Study at the

University of Toronto. She was one of the first six students under the leadership of Dr. W.E. Blatz, a most advanced thinker who advocated good teaching in an ideal learning environment.

Elsie Stapleford began work as a child psychologist in May 1934. By 1941, Ms. Stapleford was head of the Protestant Children's Village, an orphanage in Ottawa. During the Second World War, The Wartime Day Nurseries Program was established in 1942 and funded on a tripartite basis. Elsie was in charge of eight day-care centers in York County which opened so that mothers could work in essential war industries. Her work ensured that these centers remained open after the war and she helped create the Ontario Day Nurseries Act of 1946 when she was Director of the Ontario Day Nurseries Branch. This Act was later broadened to include aboriginal bands and physically and mentally handicapped children. The Act provided shared government funding and licensing to ensure standards of care and education. During the next twenty years, the Ontario provincial programs established by Ms. Stapleford became known as the best in North America. Much of her time was spent helping other provinces establish their own programs, slowly pushing sometimes reluctant governments to change.

Her entire career was devoted to the care of children and the training of child care educators. She established guiding policies in Canada by which children are seen as human beings for whom early experiences are vitally important not only to themselves but also to society. She understood this and spent much time convincing Canadians that the well-being of children determines our future. The education of those who teach and care for our children is of equal importance. Her work has been essential for the equality of women in Canada.

Elsie Stapleford retired to Victoria in 1976 where she continued to be involved both professionally and in the community. She was an active member of the University Women's Clubs in Toronto and Victoria. In 1998, she was granted the Degree of Doctor of Laws at the University of Victoria.³



CATHERINE O. CAMERON

It was a sad day for many of our members on April 25, 2000, when we heard that Cathie Cameron had died suddenly. We lost a warm, joyful friend who had played an active part in the University Women's Club for many years. Cathie was one of the original members of the first Canadiana group and a member of both the investment and bridge groups. She was a member of the 75th Anniversary Committee of the Club and wrote the booklet on the Club for that celebration.

Our hearts go out to the many members of her large extended family, especially her husband Alan with whom she shared 38 years, and to Alan's two daughters, Jill and Judy.

Cathie received a BA from the University of Toronto, followed by post graduate studies at the University of New Brunswick. She served during WW2 with the Wrens (WRCNS) at St. John's Nfld. Later, she held administrative posts in the BC Department of Mines and the Department of Health. After leaving the provincial government services she conducted laboratory classes in geography and geology at the University of Victoria.

For some years in the 1980s, Cathy served with a group who cared for, entertained and provided refreshments to physically and mentally challenged people. Handicapped persons were brought to the church hall once a week.

The persistence Cathie exhibited in all her projects was exemplified when, with her first husband, Cyril Savage, she bicycled from Toronto to Victoria. Her personal strength was also evident in the years that she nursed Cyril with loving care through his battle with multiple sclerosis. Alan was a very helpful friend during this period. He admired the devotion of this faithful wife and came to love her. Thus began a wonderfully happy marriage.

Cathie was a remarkable woman and a treasured person.

(From the obituary written by Past President Barbara Bjerring, Sept. 2000 Club Newsletter.)



***H*ELLEN JOY RUSSELL (1915-2006)**

Born in Red Deer, Alberta, Joy's early achievements included a teaching diploma from Camrose Normal School and her Associate Toronto Conservatory of Music (now, ARCT) in solo piano performance, an accomplishment of which she was very proud. Leaving a short teaching career, Joy served in the Women's Royal Canadian Navy from 1944-46 and was active in the Association of WRENS until her death.

After the Second World War, Joy attended the University of Alberta, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry and biology, and then taught for twenty years for the British Colonial Services in

London, Ethiopia, and Hong Kong, developing a life long interest in international affairs. Upon returning to Canada, Joy taught briefly in the adult vocational program at Terrace, BC, and then at St. Margaret's School in Victoria until her retirement.

Joy enjoyed playing bridge, was an inveterate traveler and had a keen interest in politics and world affairs. No wonder then that she was a long-time member of the Club's International Affairs Group until its demise and a member of the Travel Group until her own demise. She was also a member of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs (CIIA) and was honoured at their January luncheon in 2006 for being a long-time and faithful telephoner. Joy served as the CFUW representative on the Club's Executive in the 1980s and was involved in other Club positions and duties. For many years, Joy was the CFUW Victoria representative to the Citizenship Council. She volunteered willingly and took her responsibilities seriously. She enjoyed attending many of the IFUW Triennials and CFUW Meetings.

Joy, a woman of carefully chosen words, is remembered as an unassuming dignified woman who enjoyed people of all ages but always took an interest in younger persons and their progress.

Joy honoured UWC/Victoria with a generous legacy, and the Scholarship and Bursary Society gratefully acknowledged this honour by establishing in her name at Royal Roads University and Camosun College a total of five fully endowed bursaries chosen to reflect her lifelong concerns and interests.

Notes:

¹Most of the material in this section was researched by the author for the presentation to the Club's Scholarship and Bursary Luncheon in November 1997. There has been some tweaking in the transformation from oral to written format, and updates have been taken from minutes or other records as acknowledged.

Much of the article on Elsie Stapleford was taken from an article written by then-Chair of UWC Victoria S & B Society, Aileen Lingwood, for the Club's April 2001, Newsletter.

The photos in the biographies are in the albums devoted to each award and have been transferred to a Display Board on the Society for members' information at meetings of the Club.

²Peg Lowe's legacy was split four ways between the Club, St. Matthias Church, Pearson College of the Pacific, and the Victoria Conservatory of Music.

³As a memorial to her parents, Elsie established the Ernest William Stapleford and Maude Bunting Stapleford Lecture Fund at the University of Regina to be used for an annual **Stapleford Lecture**. The endowment allows the Faculty of Arts to bring a distinguished guest lecturer to the University to speak in the area of human justice, the status of women, the education and care of children, the rights of disadvantaged groups, and/or the history and art of Saskatchewan.

ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP

One of the major activities of CFUW Clubs is advocacy through a national resolutions process. Any Club concerned about a major issue of the day can discuss it among its members and formulate a resolution for their consideration and, if it is supported, it may then be forwarded to the national office for consideration by the national executive and all CFUW Clubs within the federation. After discussion and voting by the Clubs, delegates to the National AGM then vote on the resolutions presented and if they pass they become part of CFUW policy and member Clubs may then follow up with advocacy actions to the appropriate bodies and at the right level. Since the emergence of CFUW BC Provincial Council, resolutions with provincial significance are also formulated, discussed and voted on at the BC Council AGM. The Victoria Club has always been active in advocacy from early times and a previous chapter has recounted some of those activities.

Nowadays, the CFUW resolutions process follows guidelines laid down by the national body, and the lines of communication regarding adopted policy are also clear. In the past, Clubs often took it upon themselves to undertake studies of interest that they initiated but they did not necessarily form national resolutions. On the other hand, when there were topics of national interest in which CFUW wanted to be more active, Clubs were encouraged to set up their own study groups on the issue. As the Club's 75th Anniversary approached, a listing of briefs and studies with which Club members had been involved was compiled for the quarter century since the 50th anniversary by then President, Nancy Roseborough. It is replicated here.

BRIEFS AND STUDIES PRODUCED BY THE CLUB IN THE PERIOD 1958-84

1958, December 31st. Brief to the Royal Commission on Education, Province of British Columbia, concerning: "Maintenance of High Academic Standards in the School Systems" prepared by Mrs. D.L. (Joan) South and a fifteen-member study group. Final draft prepared by the Executive.

1962, February 21st. Brief submitted to the Mayor and Council, Victoria, B.C. concerning: "Development of the Gorge Waterway" prepared by Miss Ellen Hart and Mrs. J. L. (Norma) Andrews.

1963, May 10th. Brief to the Attorney General of Canada, concerning current "Marriage and Divorce Laws" prepared by Mrs. A. H. (Edith) Gunning, Mrs. J. Hobson, Mrs. M. (Peggy) Marshall and Public Affairs Committee.

1963, June 8th. Brief to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, concerning the “Preservation of Craigflower Manor and the Implementation of the Massey Report”, prepared by Miss Ellen Hart and Mrs. J. L. (Norma) Andrews.

1970. Study on Human Rights conducted by Ad Hoc Committee on Human Rights
Miss Mary Jones (Chairman), Mrs. W. G. Butler, Miss Constance West, Miss M. (Peg) Lowe,
Mrs. J. (Emma) McCammon.

1973-5. Study by Committee on Status of Women.

1975-6. Study by Committee on Matrimonial Property and endorsement of Brief by UW Club
of Vancouver to the Royal Commission on Family and Children’s Law
Mrs. L. D. (Helen) Hall (Chairman).

1975-6. Preparation of Marine Biology Course for Provincial Museum Docent Education;
Study of Indian Culture, Southern Vancouver Island;
Brief on Legalization of Marijuana; prepared by Researchers Group including Eileen Campbell,
Sylvia Turner, M. (Peg) Lowe, Peggy Matheson. (No copies on file)

1978. “A study of Quebec with a view to a better understanding of why Canadian Confederation
is threatened to-day”, prepared by the Canadiana Study Group, Mrs. Kathleen Beck (Chairman).
Presented to Western Regional Conference of CFUW at Vernon, BC, by Mrs. Alix Cowie.

1981-3. Study of Pension Reform conducted by Federation Affairs Study Group.

1983 September. Brief to Parliamentary Task Force on Pension Reform by CFUW. Our Club
represented by Mrs. Peggy Matheson.

1982. Study on the use of Computers in Schools, prepared by Standing Committee on Educa-
tion; Mrs. Alix Cowie (Chairman), Mrs. Eileen Healy, Dr. K. Harper; presented at Regional
Conference of CFUW in Vancouver by Mrs. Peggy Matheson.

1984, April 2nd. Brief to Fraser Commission on Pornography; prepared by Recent Grads
Committee: Mrs. Sharon Vipond, Mrs. Ruth Hackett, Mrs. Leslie Thompson, Mrs. Annette
Barclay, Ms. Vicki Pitt; with Mrs. Audrey Thomas and Dr. Doreen Kilpatrick as consultants.

The above list, although incomplete in its details, gives an idea of the scope of interests covered.

1988 - A Club Resolution on Adult Literacy was prepared, submitted and accepted by CFUW.

The 1990s appeared to be a quiet time although the Club did have an active issues group. In the
first decade of the 21st century though, there has been renewed interest and activity in advocacy.
The Issues Group studied homelessness in Victoria and sponsored a 2007 Forum on
Homelessness that brought together council members, social agencies and advocacy groups. In

the following three years, the Issues Group studied changes in aboriginal education and, after that, child poverty in BC. In 2013, there was a forum on child poverty “Raising Children Out of Poverty – How?” This event was timed for the period leading up to the provincial election. These actions were based on existing CFUW policy (i.e. previously passed resolutions).

The Club also became interested in formulating policy through resolutions which went to the CFUW national AGM and even onto IFUW. Some examples are given below from the Victoria Club.

2006 - RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the Government of Canada and the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans to enforce the Fisheries Act to eliminate the pollution of fish and their habitat in Canada’s coastal and inland waters.

2007 - RESOLVED, That CFUW strongly urge the Government of Canada to encourage the United Nations (UN) to establish and maintain a high-level agency for women headed by an under-secretary-general, with regular sustainable funding, and with the resources and mandate to initiate and operate programmes at the country level; and

2007 – IFUW adopted a similar resolution, proposed by the CFUW delegation.

In July 2010, the United Nations General Assembly created **UN Women**, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women which brought together four existing Women’s Programs in the UN under the one umbrella.

2009 - RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), recognizing the serious threat to humanity posed by climate change, urge all levels of government to act immediately to create a national climate action plan.

A similar resolution was presented to the BC Council AGM in 2009 and in 2015 there is to be a follow-up resolution on this topic. When resolutions are forwarded to national office they are accompanied by background research papers to provide context for the resolution.

Other Community Activities

In 2008, the Club organized a successful all-candidates meeting for the federal election. The Club had a clothing drive for PEERS (Prostitution Empowerment Education and Resource Society) in 2012 after hearing the Executive Director of that organization speak at one of the Club’s regular meetings.

In recent years at Christmas time, the Club has “adopted” a local charity to which to donate appropriate seasonal gifts. For instance, in 2013, in line with the emphasis on poverty for that year, close to \$1000 was raised in cash and gifts for a single mother with two sons who was residing in Victoria Transition House. The generosity of members meant that an additional two families were given aid as well. In 2012, the Club collected over \$600 in cash and several boxes of books. With half the money and a generous discount from a local bookstore, a brand new book was purchased for each of up to 50 immigrant children at the Inter-Cultural Association

day care. The remaining cash and books were given to an initiative known as 1000 x 5 that provides books to pre-schoolers and their families through Strong Start programs in local schools, community centres and the Victoria Native Friendship Centre. (Each child should have read to them 1000 books by the age of 5 years.) In 2011, over \$500 was raised for the Mustard Seed Food Bank.

LEADERSHIP WITHIN CFUW

From the beginning of the national federation, Club members have been involved in its various committee and executive structures. The Canadian Federation of University Women was formed in Winnipeg in 1919. **Mrs. Charles Schofield** from the Victoria Club became the first Treasurer on the Executive.

Dr. Olga Jardine (Club Past President 1935-37) became one of the Vice-Presidents of CFUW. Olga Helen Marie Gloy was born in New Zealand (NZ) in 1898 and died peacefully in 2003 just two weeks short of her 104th birthday. A Rockefeller scholarship took her to Columbia University where in 1927 she earned a PhD in Chemistry and Nutrition. Olga then returned to NZ as Associate Professor at Otago University. In 1929 she moved to Canada, and married E.I.W. (Ian) Jardine in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Victoria. Living initially in Vancouver, they returned to Victoria in 1933 and Olga began her intense volunteer involvement with numerous service organizations lasting over fifty years and encompassing executive positions with many at local, provincial and national levels. Olga was the first female President of the BC-Yukon division of the Canadian Red Cross and was made an Honorary Citizen of Victoria in 1971. She received the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal, and the Victoria YWCA Woman of Distinction Award. She was a member of the Victoria Club for over 60 years.

Norma Andrews (Club Past President 1963-65) was a CFUW Regional Director. There may have been other members who served at the national level between these women, but these are the ones that are known. The 1980s onwards, however, have been characterized by contributions from several Victoria Club members to the larger organizations.

Eileen Garrison (Club Past President 1981-83) became Chair of the CFUW Constitution and By-laws Committee from 1982-85. Peggy Matheson served on Eileen's Committee and became Chair when Eileen retired.

Peggy Matheson (Club Past President 1975-77) was Chair of CFUW's Constitution and By-laws Committee from 1985-88. From 1982-88 Peggy was also the BC representative on the CFUW's Legislation Committee and a member of the Special Committee to review policies and structure of CFUW. From 1988-90, she was Vice-President of BC and an ex-officio member of the newly formed CFUW BC Council. From 1990-94, Peggy served two two-year terms as national President and then was Coordinator of International Relations (CIR) from 1994-96. In those roles, she led the CFUW delegation to the IFUW Triennial at Palo Alto, California in 1992 and had a lead role at the Triennial in Yokohama in 1995. Peggy has been an ardent supporter of CFUW and in 2000-02 was Chair of Constitution and By-laws Committee again during Roberta Brooks' Presidency. Peggy is the only member of our Club who has been national President. In 2010 she was made a Life Member of CFUW Victoria.

Audrey Thomas (Club Past President 1985-87) joined CFUW in 1966 in Etobicoke, Ontario and became the Business Manager for CFUW's annual *The Chronicle* from 1967-69. Audrey became an advocate for adult literacy. After moving to Victoria, she was invited by CFUW President Margaret Strongitharm of Nanaimo in 1985 to be the CFUW Respondent (produce a briefing paper) on *Literacy and Languages* for IFUW's response to UNESCO. She served on CFUW's Standing Committee on Education (SCE) from 1985-88. Audrey and Phyllis Scott, the CFUW SCE Chair, presented a workshop on literacy at the 23rd IFUW Triennial in Helsinki in 1989. In 1990, she was again the CFUW Briefing Resource Person to IFUW for an International Seminar sponsored by UNESCO and IBE on *Literacy and the Universities*, Geneva, Switzerland, although did not attend this event. From 1990-92 Audrey was the editor of CFUW's quarterly *Flash Sheet*. On the provincial level Audrey was asked to be a member of the Steering Committee to set up CFUW BC Council. This took two years of work - 1986-88. When BC Council was inaugurated at Hycroft in the spring of 1988, Audrey became a Charter Member, of the first Council and was Chair of Communications (Editor of *For the Record*) until 1990.

Myrtle Siebert (Past President 2006-07, and Club Centennial Chair 2007-09) has been a member of CFUW since 1961 and served in Clubs in Maple Ridge, Nanaimo and Saanich Peninsula as well as CFUW Victoria. Myrtle was President of Maple Ridge (now defunct), CFUW Nanaimo, and the inaugural President of the new CFUW Saanich Peninsula Club 1994-96. Myrtle became the CFUW VP for BC and as such was also Chair of CFUW BC Council from 2002-04.

Gloria Dorrance (Past President 1997-99) was on CFUW BC Council Executive from 1994-98 as Chair of Communications (Editor of *For the Record*). Gloria served on BC Council again from 2010-12 as Treasurer. Gloria has been the Club Archivist for many years.

Club member **Pat Lavell** also served on CFUW BC Council as the Council Newsletter Editor from 2002-04.

Club member **Betty Emery** served on CFUW BC Council as Chair of the Resolutions Committee from 2006-08 when she was a member of the Courtenay/Comox Club before transferring to Victoria.

Paddy McGowan (Past President 2007-09) became CFUW Regional Director for Vancouver Island from 2010-12. Paddy was Co-Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee with Past President Dawn Jones (2009-11) to host the 2012 CFUW AGM in Victoria.

Current Club VP **Tracey Otto** became Chair in 2014 for the CFUW Library and Creative Arts Committee.

Current President **Brenda Canitz** is the CFUW Representative on the Education Committee of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO for the period 2014-2016.

It is obvious from this list that many members support the ongoing work of CFUW and are willing to serve in many different capacities when called upon to do so. These, however, are the

most visible members often by virtue of having been President or having a record of service in other endeavours. To be President of the Club usually means that the person has spent several years on the Executive before attaining the Presidency. That office in the Victoria Club is usually a two-year term and after that, the person is on the Executive for one more year in the capacity as Past President. Past Presidents therefore, usually know the Club and its functions and have been introduced to CFUW and IFUW by virtue of their position. If they are not subject to “battle fatigue”, they are good resource persons to be tapped for positions within the larger organization. In 2013, the Club revived the tradition of Past Presidents getting together for lunch once or twice a year and this has become an enjoyable social occasion.

Leadership also takes place within the local Club which could not function without willing volunteers who take on responsibilities on the Club’s Executive Committee and sub-committees. Many talented people have joined the Club in recent years and with their enthusiasm and energy are making the Club a vibrant entity.

NETWORKING

The mainstays of the Club are its regular monthly meetings and the interest groups. The Club calendar for the Victoria Club consists of an opening, welcoming reception in September, regular meetings with speakers and a short business meeting in October, November, and April. In December there is usually a Christmas luncheon, the Scholarship and Bursary Society’s annual luncheon has taken place in January the last couple of years (moved from November). For twenty years, the February meeting has taken the form of a concert featuring the Club’s music scholarship winner. This format is now under review. The March meeting is usually devoted to the CFUW Resolutions process, and May is the Annual General Meeting and Dinner. Traditionally, there have not been meetings in the summer although some interest groups and neighbourhood groups may continue to meet.

The Club has about 35 to 40 interest groups. These cater to specific interests and ideas for new groups are always emerging. A full up to date listing can be found on the Club’s website, but the main groupings are: Arts and Culture (seven groups); Book Groups - fiction, non-fiction and mystery (ten); “Expanding your Mind” (seven groups); Investment groups (two at the moment); Outdoor activity (four groups); Social groups - many involving food! (four); Travel groups (two). There is also an After 5 Network for working members to gather together; a mentoring group for current students at Victoria’s post-secondary institutions; and a New Members’ group. The Club currently has 13 neighbourhood groups and some of these are very active in arranging their own events.

We have come a long way since Ellen Hart wrote in *The Lamp is Lit: An Account of the First Fifty Years*:

At the CFUW Conference held in Vancouver in 1928, the Study Group was advocated as a valuable supplement to regular meetings. At that time, our Club did not think it was large enough to support such a scheme and no action was taken. After the outbreak of the Second World War, a few of our members formed their own little group “The Tuesday Night Discussion Club”, and met in one another’s homes to study the political and social problems of the times. This discussion club functioned for several years. In 1942 it was recognized as an

official University Women's Club activity. It was now clear that the Club was ready to accept the study group idea, and in 1943, when the season opened in September, members were offered a choice of seven groups. The programme proved an outstanding success. The study group is now an integral part of the Club's activities. This year (1958-59) we have 10 groups with 90 participants. [The study group was renamed interest group in the late 1980s.]

This author can readily concur with the views of Marnie Sullivan who was President of CFUW BC Council in 1994 when she wrote the following piece in the fall issue of *For the Record*:

Who are we? We come from cities, towns and rural areas, across Canada and around the world. We start with brand new grads and go on to those who can look back at sixty-plus years since their graduation. There are seniors and retirees, seniors not retired, retirees not yet seniors, empty nesters, working and stay-at-home mothers with children from newborns to teens, and single career women of all ages. Did I miss anyone?

Why are we and what do we expect? Everyone is looking for an association with other people in which to socialize or to accomplish something or most likely a little of both. Clubs can fill the first need by offering interesting speakers, organizing outings of all kinds, giving opportunities to pursue a hobby, play bridge, or discuss a book. The possibilities are endless. These will appeal to those who feel they have done their bit to bring about change and never want to sit on another committee, to those who want a change from pre-school, PAC meetings, hockey, and ballet: a chance to just be ME not someone's mother. To the people with demanding careers our organization offers some down time. For those who have a project and want to make a contribution to their community, country and even the world, CFUW is a perfect vehicle. You will always have members who are aware of community needs and where you can help.

A PARTING WORD BY THIS AUTHOR/COMPILER

CFUW has been part of my life since I discovered it in 1966. I was a fairly new immigrant, a new mother, and recently moved into a new neighbourhood. At that time there was no maternity leave for teachers. In fact, once you were pregnant, you were expected to resign your position and there was no guarantee of any future positions. The discovery of CFUW was a life-saver for me. It was also an exciting time for the Women's Movement. Laura Sabia was President of CFUW. She was a firebrand! I remember going to a capacity luncheon meeting at one of Toronto's downtown hotels (probably the Royal York) where she was the speaker. We were all there wearing our hats and gloves, but Mrs. Sabia's message was inspiring and offered hope for the future of women. As a result of her actions, in 1967, the Prime Minister called for the creation of a Royal Commission on the Status of Women whose final report was made in 1970. I have found CFUW to be the kind of organization where you can slip in and out giving and taking as befits your current needs and abilities. Its tentacles are worldwide and the fact that it is still a strong national women's organization, although fewer in numbers than in some earlier years, is a testament to the founders, and the members through the years who have shaped the organization to help it remain relevant and in touch with the times. Although my first membership was in a suburban CFUW Club of then recent vintage, I feel privileged to belong to the Victoria Club which has such a splendid history and pre-dates the national and international federations.



*To left:
PEGGY MATHESON,
CFUW NATIONAL PRESIDENT (1990-94).
Member of CFUW Victoria since 1956.
In the Victoria Club, members who have 50 years of
continuous membership in the Club are made
JUBILEE MEMBERS. They pay only CFUW dues,
not the Club portion of dues. While there are
several Jubilee Members, Peggy is currently the only
LIFE MEMBER of the Club.*



*To left:
Past President Cairine Miner (2000-02), thanked
the speaker - climate scientist Dr. Andrew Weaver,
MLA - at the Club's AGM, Victoria Golf Club, May
2014.*

*Bottom left: Outgoing President, Susan Lane,
presides at the AGM, May 2014.*

*Bottom right: Incoming President, Brenda Canitz,
welcomes members to the Club's opening reception
at the Salvation Army Citadel, September 2014.*

Note Club's new banner and brand new look!



CFUW VICTORIA PAST PRESIDENTS

1908-1911	Mrs. H.E. Young
1911-1912	Mrs. A.T. Watt
1912-1914	Miss Jeanette Cann
1914-1916	Dr. Helen E.R. Ryan
1916-1917	Miss Grace D. Burris
1917-1918	Mrs. Edgar Smith
1918-1920	Miss Bertha Winn
1920-1922	Mrs. J.W. DeB Farris
1922-1924	Miss Kathryn R. Bradshaw
1924-1925	Miss Mary Hamilton
1925-1926	Mrs. J.F.C. Hyndman
1926-1927	Mrs. E.C. Hart
1927-1928	Mrs. E.H. Godson
1928-1929	Miss Jeanette Cann
1929-1931	Mrs. P.M. Barr
1931-1933	Miss A.W. (Nan) Eaton
1933-1935	Miss Isobel Thomas
1935-1937	Dr. Olga Jardine
1937-1939	Mrs. H.L. Smith
1939-1941	Mrs. Hazel Hodson
1941-1943	Miss Patricia Hamilton Smith
1943-1945	Miss Ellen Hart
1945-1946	Mrs. D.L. MacLaurin
1946-1948	Mrs. J.W. Price
1948-1950	Mrs. K.O. Wright
1950-1952	Mrs. J.F.K. English
1952-1953	Mrs. T.B. Williams
1953-1955	Mrs. A.J. Butterfield
1955-1957	Mrs. M.F. Smith
1957-1959	Mrs. C.Dexter Stockdill
1959-1961	Mrs. H.R. Turner
1961-1963	Mrs. A.H. Gunning
1963-1965	Mrs. J.L. Andrews
1965-1967	Mrs. R.A. Fraser
1967-1969	Mrs. J. W. McCammon
1969-1971	Miss Margaret Lowe
1971-1973	Mrs. J.E. Browne
1973-1975	Peggy Marshall
1975-1977	Peggy Matheson*
1977-1979	Audrey Deans Peggs
1979-1981	Julia Paul
1981-1983	Eileen Garrison

1983-1985	Nancy Roseborough
1985-1987	Audrey Thomas*
1987-1989	Olive Bailey*
1989-1991	Isabelle Burke-Johnston
1991-1993	Eileen Giles
1993-1995	Mischa German van Eck
1995-1997	Barbara Bjerring
1997-1999	Gloria Dorrance*
1999-2000	Victoria Pitt*
2000-2002	Cairine Miner*
2002-2004	Valerie MacDevitt*
2004-2005	Nancy Leitch
2005-2006	Valerie MacDevitt*
2006-2007	Myrtle Siebert*
2007-2009	Paddy McGowan*
2009-2011	Dawn Jones*
2011-2012	Aileen Lingwood*
2012-2014	Susan Lane*

*Current members of the Club.



Eleven Past Presidents at lunch - Bill Mattick's restaurant, September 2014: Clockwise round the table from the left front - Brenda Canitz, current President; Vicki Pitt (99-00); Peggy Matheson (75-77); Audrey Thomas (85-87); Aileen Lingwood (11-12); Valerie MacDevitt (02-04 & 05-06); Dawn Jones (09-11); Paddy McGowan (07-09); Julia Paul (79-81); Susan Lane (12-14); Gloria Dorrance (97-99); Myrtle Siebert (06-07). Missing - Olive Bailey (87-89); Cairine Miner (00-02). See p. 39 and p. 70 for pictures of them respectively. Note: Valerie MacDevitt is only the second person to serve twice as Club President since Jeanette Cann. Julia Paul is a member of the CFUW Saanich Peninsula Club. Some other members have dual membership with that Club and CFUW Victoria.

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President	Brenda Canitz
Vice-President & Advocacy Chair	Tracey Otto
Treasurer	Gillian Carrigan
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Corresponding Secretary	Nicole Dupuis
Neighborhood Groups	Suzanne Beauchamp
Communications/Newsletter	Fiona Sehmi
Programme	Marjie Welchframe
Activity/Interest Groups	Susan Crow and Anne McCrone
Membership	Connie Waddell
Hospitality	Shirley Lucyk
Past-President	Susan Lane
Archivist	Gloria Dorrance
Parliamentarian	Sheila Sheldon-Collyer

Scholarship & Bursary Society

Chair	Dawn Jones
Treasurer	Gail Gardner
Secretary	Meg Bell

APPENDIX 1 - CFUW VICTORIA AWARDS

CFUW Victoria Awards at the UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA (10);

University Women's Club Scholarship 1917

CFUWV Entrance Scholarship 1998

Originally awarded to a woman in Arts and Science. Changed when faculties separated in 1998 to: a high school student entering Faculty of Science from Greater Victoria School Districts 61, 62, 63.

CFUWV Rosalind W. Young Scholarship (50th Anniversary) 1957

To a woman with highest standing in 3rd year Education and continuing her studies.

CFUWV Bertha Wilson Scholarship 1982

To a woman with highest standing in 1st year of LL.B. program. Revamped in 2011 to **entrance** in JD program.

CFUWV Pat Martin Bates Scholarship (75th Anniv.) 1985

To the most outstanding woman completing 3rd year of a Visual Arts program.

CFUWV Judith Harreman Scholarship 1986

To an outstanding woman proceeding to 3rd or 4th year in Music – preference to voice or piano.

CFUWV Esther Gardom Scholarship 1987

To an outstanding woman proceeding to the 4th year of the B.Sc. in Nursing.

CFUWV Katharine Youdall Memorial Scholarship 1988

To a woman student of high academic standing in 3rd or 4th year of major or honours program in French.

CFUWV Recent Grads Bursary 1990

To a mature woman whose education has been interrupted for 5 years or more and who is returning to studies for a first degree in any faculty.

CFUWV Margaret Lowe Memorial Scholarship 1993

To a woman entering the Master of Business Administration program.

CFUWV Catherine O. Cameron Memorial Scholarship 2004

To a woman in 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year of study in Geography and who needs financial assistance.

CFUW Victoria Awards at CAMOSUN COLLEGE (9):

(All bursaries are for women in good academic standing and financial need.)

CFUWV Diamond Jubilee Bursary (60th Anniversary) 1969/1981

CFUWV Blue and Gold Bursary (Club colours) 1986

CFUWV Malahat Bursary 1987

CFUWV Margaret Lowe Memorial Bursary 1993

Preference to woman in 1st year of Business program.

CFUWV Geraldine Symons Memorial Bursary 1997

Preference to woman in 2nd year of program.

CFUWV Margaret Lowe Memorial Bursary 1998

Preference to woman in 2nd year of Business program.

CFUWV H. Joy Russell Associate of Science Degree Bursary 2008

To woman in 2nd year of Associate of Science Degree program.

CFUWV H. Joy Russell Music Bursary 2008

To woman in 2nd year of Music program, with piano major.

CFUWV Centennial Endowment Award 2010

Given to a First Nations Woman at any level of the Indigenous Business Leadership Program.

Preference to a single mother or grandmother.

CFUW Victoria Awards at ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY (4):

CFUWV Elsie Stapleford Scholarship 2001

Entrance award to undergrad/grad student from BC with academic excellence.

Preference: Victoria resident & record of community involvement & social sciences.

CFUWV H. Joy Russell Bursary: MA – Human Security & Peacebuilding 2007

Woman grad with military background in 2nd year of program: academic standing and financial need.

CFUWV H. Joy Russell Bursary: MA – Professional Communication with specialization – Intercultural & International Communication 2007


Woman grad enrolled in 2nd year of program with satisfactory academic standing and financial need.

CFUWV H. Joy Russell Bursary: Tourism and Hospitality 2007

Woman grad enrolled in tourism and hospitality related programs.

APPENDIX 2

SCROLLS OF WINNERS OF FIRST TWO SCHOLARSHIPS

<div> <div>University Women's Club</div>  <div>Scholarship Awards</div> </div>		
1917 Patricia Hamilton-Smith	1941 Jessie Swales	1967 Dawn Speed
1918	1942 Carol Watson	1968 Ester Cryderman
1919 Esther Noden	1943 Jean Gray	1969 Geraldine Bergen
1920 Jessie Helen Ligertwood	1944 Gwen Shaw	1970 Jill Brock
1921 Dorothy Margaret Holmes	1945 Judith Dundas	1971 Heather E. Butler
1922 Edith Lucas	1946 Corinne Earle	1972 Ann Margaret Fischer
1923 Alice Eldridge	1947 Kathleen McEwen	1973 Dianne Alison Ripley
1924 Hilda Guy	1948 Shirley Anderson	1974 Joanne C Zwinkels
1925 Hope Leeming	1949 Diane Sawyer	1975 Leslie J. Hatch
1926 Barbara Felton	1950 Jacqueline Sawyer	1976 Nona-Lynne Avren
1927 Margaret Ross	1951 Audrey Twa	1977 Wendy Louise Seward
1928 Idele Wilson	1952 Lillian Mor	1978 Jennifer L.E. Charlesworth
1928 Irene Montaldi	1953 Margaret Little	1979 Gwendoline Chamberlain
1929 Mary Crouch	1954 Marilyn Bassett	1980 Hayley Broker
1930 Hilda Lobb	1955 Marjorie Gilbert	1981 Patricia E. Nasmith
1931 Kathleen Baker	1956 Marlene R. Hunt	1982 Ann Michele Holmes
1932 Katharine Youldall	1957 Claudia J. Butler	1983 Monica Hofer
1933 Elza Lovitt	1958 Sheila G. Clark	1984 Erika Maria Nonnenmacher
1934 Joan Carter	1959 S. Diane Robertson	1985 Philippa Hocking
1935 Iris Corbould	1960 Sharon G. Rayner	1986 Penelope J. Rensley
1936 Phyllis Awmack	1961 Carolyn S. McCammon	1987 Lydia Willis
1937 Margaret Murphy	1962 Judith Anne Baines.	1988 Anna Rocco
1938 Maureen Evans	1963 Eleanor Jane Turner.	1989 Sara Letcher
1939 Marian Robinson	1964 Thérèse G. Poisson.	1990 Lynn Woods
1940 Joyce Dolziel	1965 Edna Shepherd.	1991 Andrea M. Schwam
	1966 Rose-Marie E. Silkens.	1991 Misty Watson

Rosalind W. Young



Scholarship Awards

1957 Elizabeth A. Belobaba

1958 Beulah M. Marion

1959 J. Barbara Kellus

1960 Jeannine Turner

1961 Anne E. Kemp

1962 Geraldine Yee

1963 Linda Gail Parfitt

1964 Sharon E. Runolfsson

1965 Gabrielle Seidel

1966 Linda Dianne Petch

1967 Kathleen Bowerman

1968 Carolyn Potter

1969 Dolores Weir

1970 Susan Marie Cowie

1971 Donna M. Stelmock

1972 Judith Nanne Jones

1973 Constance Mae Collier

1974 Kathryn M. Pankowski

1975 Laraine G. Wedge

1976 Michele A. Bachman

1977 Diane Linda Stringer

1978 Heather C. Crossen

1979 Judith Ellen Newman

1980 Susan Margaret Philpott

1981 Janet R. Henderson

1982 Janine Ann Bryant

1983 Christine Smith

1984 Paula Elizabeth Silvester

1985 Sadie Harris

1986 Lisa Leung

1987 Diane Morehouse

1988 Tessa Graham

1989 Rowena Taylor

1990 Katherine Van Goor

1991 Christina Rae Anderson

1992 Marcie Dumais

1993 Cathy Richardson

1994 Mixxi-Lee Ransome

1995 Karen Rennie

1996 Jocelyn S. Tessemaker

1997 Teresa Spykma