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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER WITH

HIS HONOUR, THE HONOURABLE ROBERT G. ROGERS,
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
and MRS. ROGERS

May 16, 1984, Faculty Club, University of Victoria

Vice-Regal Salute	Mrs. Judith Harreman - piano
Grace	Mrs. Pauline Beauchemin
Dinner	
"The Queen"	
Roll Call of Universities	Mrs. Audrey Thomas
Toast to Alma Maters	Mrs. Margaret Smith
Minutes of the Last Annual	
General Meeting	Mrs. Audrey Copping
Treasurer's Report	Mrs. Diane Gibbins
President's Report	Mrs. Nancy Roseborough
Nominating Committee Report	Mrs. Ruth Hackett

Greetings from the Canadian Federation of University
Women from Mrs. Margaret Strongitharm, National President

75th Anniversary Gift to University of Victoria: Donation
for the Doors of the Inter-Denominational Chapel
Presentation by Mrs. Nancy Roseborough to Dr. Howard
Petch, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University



Scholarship and Bursary Society Annual Meeting -
Mrs. Audrey Peggs, Chairman

— Intermission —

Speaker: His Honour, The Honourable Robert G. Rogers
Topic: Office of the Lieutenant-Governor
Introduction by Mrs. Margaret Marshall
Appreciation by Mrs. Eileen Garrison

Adjournment: "Thank you, Lord, for this day."



Mrs. Rosalind W. Young, First President, 1908



Mrs. Nancy A. Roseborough, President, 1983

THE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB OF VICTORIA 75 YEARS OF GROWTH

— A Summary by Catherine O. Cameron —

This annual meeting in May, 1984, marks the completion of our Club's 75th year. Mrs. J.W. deB. Farris, founder and president of the Vancouver Club in 1907, visited Victoria in July, 1908, for the purpose of interesting university women graduates in forming a Victoria Club. After several organizational meetings the Victoria Club was formed, with Mrs. Henry E. (Rosalind W.) Young as president. The aims of the Club remain the same today, except for the later addition of post-graduate students mentioned in (3) below.

- (1) To promote culture, encourage research work and stimulate intellectual achievement among the members.
- (2) To enable university women to co-operate in the cause of advancing education and any other work decided on by the Club.
- (3) To render financial aid to deserving undergraduate students or students in post-graduate work at any recognized university.

Because the women of British Columbia had few legal rights in 1908, the first goals of the Club were participating in public affairs and raising money for educational work. It accomplished these aims by sponsoring public lectures and cultural events, and supporting the Council of Women and other organizations which were working for better laws for women and children.

Among the sponsored lectures in the early years of the Club were some for the purpose of stimulating interest in the new provincial university, the University of British Columbia, founded in 1908. The Club was the first organization to approach the British Columbia government regarding the presentation of a scholarship to the University.

During World War I the interest and activities of the Club members changed to matters more social and political. In

addition to the regular monthly meetings, members were involved in the Red Cross Society, sponsoring lectures on topics such as Industrialism and Socialism, the Patriotic Society, and the Khaki Club. It was in 1917, that our first Annual Scholarship, offered to the woman student standing highest in the first year at Victoria College, was awarded to Miss Patricia Hamilton Smith. It was a \$50 award, but has increased through the years to \$400.

In 1931 the first loan was given from a loan fund set up to help undergraduate students to complete their education. When this type of assistance was no longer required the fund was closed and later reactivated as a Diamond Jubilee Bursary of \$100 to be awarded annually to a mature woman returning to full or part-time studies at the University of Victoria. Later an additional bursary was given to the Adult Institute (Camosun College). This was the first bursary of its kind to be offered to the University of Victoria and the first bursary of any kind to be given to the Adult Institute. At present only the Camosun College bursary is awarded.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the Club in 1958, the Rosalind W. Young Scholarship of \$100 was established for a woman student entering the teaching profession. This scholarship is now for \$400.

In 1976-77 a Scholarship and Bursary Society was registered by the Club for the more efficient administration of scholarship and bursary funding and to enable contributions to the society to be credited for income tax purposes. In addition to the two scholarships mentioned above, in September, 1982, the Bertha Wilson Scholarship of \$400, named in honour of the first woman to be appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada, was established to be awarded to a woman undergraduate for excellence in her first year in law. Since its founding our Club has awarded ninety-six scholarships.

The methods of raising money for scholarships and the concerns of the Club over the past seventy-five years provide a history of the social changes in the city. The sponsorship of public lectures in the early years prior to university, Art Gallery or adult education programs was a valuable source of revenue.



Two of the winners of scholarships awarded in 1983—left Monica Hofer, U.W.C. Scholarship, and Nora Lee, Bertha Wilson Scholarship.

Afternoon teas, bridge parties and dances were all used for fund raising in the first thirty years. In the fifties the Club sponsored performances of plays produced by the Victoria Theatre Guild. This actively assisted local amateur players and earned money for the Scholarship Fund. The annual Scholarship Tea at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel was a social event of springtime Victoria.

In recent years more women have remained in the work force and the number of retired members from other parts of Canada has increased greatly. As a result new ways of raising money have been found. The Club has sold magazine subscriptions to members, as well as coasters, place mats and hasti-notes. The changing times have been met by having a book sale in the Hillside Mall and a tea and auction at a private home.

In the fifties and sixties the Club participated in volunteer help to the B.C. Drama and Music Festivals, Business Week celebrations, Thetis Lake Sanctuary, and the University of Victoria Fund-raising Drive. In 1962 we supported the proposal to build a women's residence at the University of Victoria. In 1964 the residences were named after two of our members—Emily Carr, honorary member, and Margaret Newton. Our Club had representation at City Hall and on the Welfare Council. Briefs were presented on Historic Sites, Preventative Treatment of Juvenile Delinquents, Bilingualism and Biculturalism, and on divorce law changes.

In the seventies and eighties new topics were studied and briefs presented on Human Rights, Education and Pollution, as well as continuing the Club's membership in the Community Council, Craigdarroch Castle Society, and the Citizenship Council.

When the Canadian Federation of University Women was formed in 1919 the Victoria Club joined its ranks. The C.F.U.W. has grown to over 12,000 members. The Federation holds provincial or regional meetings and triennials. Human rights and law reform were its first concerns. Over the years its aims have remained the same—improve the status of women, higher education studies, and more women participating in public life. The Federation has presented resolutions to Ottawa on such subjects as penal reform, human rights, and to the United Nations on such items as the status of women and the acceptance of People's Republic of China by the U.N.

In 1967 the C.F.U.W.'s centenary project was a book about Canadian women written by Canadian women. *The Clear Spirit*, published by the University of Toronto Press, was about twenty women representing all of Canada. It was a financial success and has since been reprinted twice. Recently the C.F.U.W. has campaigned for equal opportunities for women, new divorce laws, recognition in company board rooms, and pension reform.

The Canadian Federation was organized in order to have autonomous representation in the International Federation of University Women which was founded in 1918. This organization now has 225,000 members representing 54 countries, participating in the provision of scholarships and bursaries of many kinds, and through fellowship and research, and financial contributions works for the pursuit of world peace. Its triennial meetings have twice been hosted in Canada; at Toronto in 1947, and at Vancouver in 1960. At the Vancouver Conference the Canadian delegation took a leading part in sorting out the financing of the Federation. The Victoria Club hosted the delegates who made a post-conference trip to Vancouver Island. The I.F.U.W. is presently working for the cause of women in developing countries.

Throughout its seventy-five years the Club has taken an active part in many local, provincial and national issues. In the early years it worked for women's suffrage, legal rights for women, and better laws for women and children. Members have worked in co-operation with the Council of Women, on School Boards, and joined with other groups to stimulate voter interest with the formation of the Association of Women Electors. Some of our members have served as aldermen, school board members, mayor and judge, and others are acclaimed writers and artists. Our members are active in over ninety community services such as the Art Gallery, Y.W.C.A., and Consumers' Association.

The Club is particularly proud of the part it has played in the preservation of local historic sites such as Craigflower Manor and Point Ellice House. It was one of the first groups to urge beautification of the Gorge Waterway.

Other topics of concern and study through the years have been the Indian Land questions, the Royal Commission on the Status of Women in Canada, laws effecting marijuana, national and international human rights, pornography, divorce, calibre of education, teacher training and the use of computers in the Victoria School System. Recently our Club has been much involved in resolutions concerning pensions in both the public and private sectors.

In World War II our members served in many capacities outside the Club. Its main activity was the Home Hospitality Bureau. After the war the Victoria Club participated both locally and nationally in activities aimed at increasing understanding between peoples of different cultural and racial backgrounds. For many years we billeted foreign students from the University of British Columbia who toured Victoria sponsored by Rotary. Foreign students at the University of Victoria and Pearson College have been entertained, as well as some native Indian and Eskimo students studying at Esquimalt Naval Base and Camosun College. Books were sent to foreign students studying in Samoa and Tanzania.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS HELD AT THE

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to members pictured below who had been in the Club fifty years or more.



Miss Olive Heritage, left, and Miss Patricia Hamilton Smith, winner of the Club's first annual scholarship in 1917.



Miss Margaret Crummy, left, and Miss Mary Hamilton



Miss Muriel Aylard, left, and Dr. Olga Jardine

ROYAL VICTORIA YACHT CLUB, NOVEMBER 5, 1983



The president and some of the past-presidents at the celebrations: left to right, back row—Eileen Garrison, Margaret Marshall, Julia Paul, Peggy Matheson; and front row—Nancy Roseborough, Audrey Peggs, Norma Andrews.



75th Anniversary Committee: left to right, standing—Catherine Cameron, Judith Harreman, Muffet McGowan; and seated—Audrey Peggs, Jane Seaborne

Not only have there been changes in money-raising methods and topics studied by the Club, but other changes have been made in our monthly meetings to accommodate the increasing membership. Since 1973 the September meeting has become a reception in which to renew old friendships and meet prospective and new members and learn about the various activities of the Study Groups. In 1961 name tags were supplied to all members, and recently, for easier identification, the tags have been differentiated for members on the executive, study group convenors and new members.

The Study Groups were first started in 1943, and their interests and objectives have changed from year to year. At present there are 16 groups with about 200 participants, and numerous bridge groups as well as an annual bridge marathon. The Study Groups have formed the basis for club studies on education, the Indian Land Act, French-English relations and pornography.

Our November meeting is a luncheon held downtown to accommodate our working members. The Scholarship Tea has been a victim of inflation, but the tea for new members continues to be held at a private home. The Christmas party and annual dinner continue to be the social highlights of our year and most recently have been held at the University of Victoria. When the Club was smaller the entire membership was involved in all of its community projects. Over the years, the involvement has shifted to the study groups as these have increased in number and membership.

For some time the number of grey-haired members was in the majority, but in the 80's there has been a marked increase in the darker-haired members again. In this 1983/84 year younger members are noticeable in the Club and in the executive, and are very active in the Recent Grad Study Group.

Milestones in our Club have not been neglected. In 1958, when we celebrated our Golden Anniversary, this event was commemorated not only by the Rosalind W. Young Scholarship, but also by a presentation to Victoria College of a Lawren

Harris painting, "Algoma Sketch". Then at the time of our Diamond Jubilee an annual bursary was established to aid a mature woman returning to studies at the University of Victoria.

In our seventy-fifth year we commenced the anniversary by an all-day celebration at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, November 5th, 1983, at which the study groups displayed posters, pictures, pamphlets, handicrafts and maps to illustrate their particular subjects. Pictures from the Club archives and an exhibition of some of the work of our writers and artists provided much comment and interest. Included in the exhibits was a portfolio of six lithographs, presented to the Club by one of our members, Pat Martin Bates. She had executed these lithographs in celebration of the Royal Academy of Arts medal awarded posthumously to Emily Carr on November 18, 1978. The money raised from auction of the portfolio has been added to our Scholarship funds.

Highlight of the day's celebrations was the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to six members who had been in the Club for fifty years or more. These were Miss Mary Hamilton, Miss Patricia Hamilton Smith, Miss Muriel Aylard, Miss Olive Heritage, Dr. Olga Jardine and Miss Margaret Crummy.

Now at the end of our 1983/84 year we have 343 members who are alumnae of 81 universities from around the world. To commemorate our 75th anniversary they have contributed more than \$5,300 for the doors of the University of Victoria Inter-Denominational Chapel.

Our first seventy-five years is now history. In another twenty-five years we will be celebrating our centennial in a new century of vast technological and cultural changes. As members of the C.F.U.W. and I.F.U.W. our future challenge will be to act locally to help solve national and international problems. By continuing to give scholarships and bursaries, sharing in cultural activities, participating in political and economic projects, and fostering liberalism and brotherhood in their families, the women of the University Women's Club of Victoria will meet the twenty-first century successfully.

CHARTER MEMBERS

- Rosalind Watson Young, B.A. McGill 1895, M.A. 1901
Madge Robertson Watt, M.A. Toronto 1889
Jeanette A. Cann, B.L. Dalhousie 1902
Lillian R. Smith, A.B. Wellesley 1895
Grace D. Burris, M.A. Dalhousie 1899
Annie Ermatinger Fraser, B.A. Queen's 1897
Margaret J. Hart, B.A. Dalhousie 1894, M.A. 1898
Harriet Smith Rayfair, B.A. Smith 1907
Edith May Smith, B.A. Toronto 1898
Helen E. Reynolds-Ryan, M.D.C.M. (M.C.P.S.O.) Queen's
1885
Georgina B. Clarke, M.A. Trinity College, Toronto 1894
A.O. Edna Henry, M.A. McGill University
E.H.R. Paterson-Denovan, Victoria and Toronto 1892
Leone Louise Hayward, Oregon Agricultural College R.L.
1892
Elizabeth Voris Lawry, Leland Stanford University A.B. 1905
Annie Cleland, Trinity College B.A. 1892, Edinburgh
University M.D.



Attending the New Members' Tea held March 31, 1984, at the home of Nancy Roseborough, from left to right are: Barbara Crawford, Shirley Leitaer, Vicki Mulligan, Vicki Pitt, Juliette Proom, and Aileen Lingwood, co-convenor of the Recent Grads Study Group.



Vicky Pitt, left, and Sharon Vipond, members of the Recent Grads Study Groups, reviewing the brief which they presented on behalf of the Club to the Federal Government's Special Committee on Pornography and Prostitution Hearing, on April 2, 1984, at the Empress Hotel.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Member	Date of Election
Dr. Alice Ravenhill	March 4, 1911
Mrs. Margaret Jenkins	November 24, 1913
Mrs. Mary Riter Hamilton	February 23, 1915
Mrs. Phoebe Traquair	February 23, 1915
Mrs. Maria Lawson	February 23, 1915
Dr. Helen Stewart	February, 1916
Mrs. J.I. Durand	December, 1924
Mrs. R.F. Green	October 21, 1931
Miss Audrey Alexandra Brown	December 16, 1932
Miss Margaret Clay	November 13, 1935
Miss Emily Carr	April 16, 1937
Senator Nancy Hodges	January 20, 1944
Dr. Laura Holland	January 23, 1946
Miss Marion James	May 17, 1947
Miss Ethel Bruce	May 20, 1959
Miss Elizabeth Forbes	May 15, 1968

LIFE MEMBERS

Miss Jeanette Cann	December 9, 1938
Mrs. E.C. Hart	December 9, 1938
Dr. Helen M. Ryan	December 9, 1938
Mrs. H.E. Young	December 9, 1938
Mrs. Herbert Booth	May 19, 1949
Mrs. Elizabeth Lawry	November 16, 1958
Mrs. Arthur Walsh	November 16, 1958
Miss Ellen Hart	May 17, 1972
Miss Muriel Aylard	May 25, 1975
Miss Mary W. Hamilton	May 25, 1975
Miss Patricia Hamilton Smith	May 25, 1975
Mrs. Hazel Hodson	May 25, 1975

PAST PRESIDENTS

1908-09-10	Mrs. H.E. Young
1911	Mrs. A.T. Watt
1912-13	Miss Jeanette Cann
1914-15	Dr. Helen E.R. Ryan
1916	Miss Grace Burns
1917-18	Mrs. Edward Smith
1919	Miss Bertha Winn
1920-21	Mrs. J.W. deB. Farris
1922-23	Miss Kathryn R. Bradshaw
1924	Miss Mary Hamilton
1925	Mrs. J.F.C. Hyndman
1926	Mrs. E.C. Hart
1927-28	Mrs. W.E.H. Godson
1929	Miss Jeanette Cann
1930	Mrs. P.M. Barr
1931-32	Miss A.W. (Nan) Eaton
1933-34	Miss Isobel Thomas
1935-36	Dr. Olga Jardine
1937-38	Mrs. H.L. Smith
1939-40	Mrs. Hazel Hodson
1941-42	Miss Patricia Hamilton Smith
1943-44	Miss Ellen Hart
1945	Mrs D.L. MacLaurin
1946-47	Mrs. J.L.W. Price
1948-49	Mrs. K.O. Wright
1950-51	Mrs. J.F.K. English
1952	Mrs. T.B. Williams
1953-54	Mrs. A.J. Butterfield
1955-56	Mrs. M.F. Smith
1957-58	Mrs. C. Dexter Stockdill
1959-60	Mrs. H.R. Turner
1961-62	Mrs. A.H. Gunning
1963-64	Mrs. J.L. Andrews
1965-66	Mrs. R.A. Fraser
1967-68	Mrs. J.W. McCammon
1969-70	Miss Margaret Lowe
1971-72	Mrs. J.E. Browne
1973-74	Mrs. W.D. Marshall
1975-76	Mrs. M.C.M. Matheson
1977-78	Mrs. A. Deans Peggs
1979-80	Mrs. A. Paul
1981-82	Mrs. A.B. Garrison

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