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Coming Events - **SAVE THE DATES**

Welcome to Our First Meeting of the Year!

Wednesday, 7:00pm, September 16, 2015
Salvation Army Citadel, 4030 Douglas Street



7:00pm Social Time

7:15pm Welcome and Overview to our Exciting Year Ahead

8:00pm Social Time and Sign-up for Interest Groups

Federal All Candidates Meeting!

Monday October 5th 7:00-9:00 pm
SJ Willis School

Keeping Women's Issues on the Election Radar!

See P. 3 for more information

HOSPITALITY HOST

We are in need of a hospitality host for our meetings. If you would be interested in volunteering for this, please email info.cfuwvictoria.com.

PLEASE REMEMBER

to wear your name tags to luncheons/meetings

Try carpooling!

Help

If you need a ride or can offer a ride to any of the Club's events please contact your neighbourhood convener



Coming Events - **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Woof! Who Let the Dogs In?

INSPIRE Animal Assisted Therapy Registered Nurse Lisa Markin and Pacific Assistance Dogs Society yellow Labrador Retriever Cajun will be our exciting guest speakers **on Wednesday, October 21.**

Specially-trained therapy dogs provide the spark to inspire their clients to work harder to meet therapy goals and to have fun while doing so. You, too, will be inspired upon meeting Cajun, discovering some of his special skills, and learning about Canine Assisted Therapy in Victoria. Join us for some dog-gone enjoyment!



Thanking our speakers

The Program Committee would love to have you thank one of our speakers this year! If this is a task you would enjoy, please let us know! Thanks!!

CFUW NEW INTEREST GROUPS

New interest groups for the Fall season!

- **Walk About**
- **Vegan Dining**
- **Mah Jong**
- **It's Your Move**
- **Even More mysteries**
- **Beginners Bridge**

Come out to the September 16th meeting to learn about these interesting new groups and sign up for your existing favourites. Thank you to the new and continuing conveners for keeping these groups functioning.

Interest Group Coordinator, Susan Spooner

susanspooner@shaw.ca

See events and list of monthly meetings in our calendar

Membership News

It is a pleasure to report that membership renewals are complete. A big thank you to all for renewing early! This will allow the 2015-2016 Membership Directory to be printed in time for distribution (by the NG leaders) at the first general meeting on September 16th. If you are unable to attend this meeting, contact your NG leader to get your copy of the new Directory. An update will be published in November for new members joining after September.

It is with sadness that we announce the loss of two of our members this summer. Daphne Baldwin passed away on July 23, 2015 and Fern Payne on August 15, 2015. Both had been club members for several years. Obituaries will appear in the next issue of VOICES.

15 new members have joined our club since May 1st bringing our total to 244 club members. You will be able to identify new members by the orange fluorescent dot on their name tags. Please give them a warm welcome.

There is a plan to have a series of New Member Coffee Orientation get-togethers again this year. These will start in October. New members will be receiving invitations shortly.

Connie Waddell

Advocacy Committee

The CFUW Victoria Advocacy Committee will have their first meeting of the new Club year on September 8th, 2015 at 7:00pm. We are an active committee and we welcome new members!

If you have any questions or would like more information, **please contact me at tracey.otto@gmail.com**

Federal Candidates Meeting

CFUW Victoria will be hosting a Federal Candidates Meeting at SJ Willis School on Monday, October 5th from 7:00-9:00pm. This is two weeks before the October 19th federal election.

If you have any questions, would like more information, or interested in joining the organizing committee, please contact **Aileen Lingwood at 250-592-5104**

Photographer Needed!

We are looking for someone who would be interested in taking pictures at our general meetings, neighborhood groups and special events. Nothing fancy needed!

If you are interested, please contact Hayley Bennett at hayleybennett@gmail.com

President's message – September 2015:

Welcome back! I hope all of you were able to take full advantage of the wonderful West Coast summer we had.

Marjie Welchframe and I attended the CFUW National AGM in Quebec City in early June. **We were successful in getting the resolution on CARBON TAXES passed** and this now becomes part of our national policy!

CFUWVictoria received two certificates of recognition: Increase in New members and Advocacy. **Check out:**

<http://www.fcfd.org/en-ca/aboutus/annualgeneralmeetings/2015agmandconference.aspx>

September 16th is our first general meeting. This meeting is intended to give members a chance to re-connect and to introduce some of the plans for the next year. Come and bring a friend!

The months ahead have lots of great opportunities and new experiences for our members. We continue to focus on the three key pillars of **Advocacy, Education and Networking**. The website and the monthly newsletters will keep you up to date on events! **Advocacy** has many activities planned throughout this year starting with an All Candidate Meeting in preparation for the fall Federal election! As an organization that believes in continuous learning our monthly meetings focus on the **Education** of our members through speakers. Finally, **Networking** is central to building a community around social justice and supporting the education of women. After all "It takes a village"!

September is another opportunity for you to bring friends and family who may want to join CFUW. We always welcome new members!

I look forward to seeing you on September 16th!

Brenda Canitz

From the CFUW BC Council Webpage

"If not you, who will act?"

Who we are:

<https://sites.google.com/site/cfuwbccouncil/home/who-we-are>

Goals and Actions:

<https://sites.google.com/site/cfuwbccouncil/home/goals-actions>

Child Poverty Initiatives:

<https://sites.google.com/site/cfuwbccouncil/home/p-child-poverty-initiatives>

BC Council Brochure

<https://sites.google.com/site/cfuwbccouncil/home/2-bc-council-brochure>



Rotary Club Request



Our Rotary Club is looking for hosts willing to share our culture with our exchange student Giovana.

Giovana is 16 years old. She lives in a small city (marilia) in the countryside approximately 6 hours from Sao Paulo, Brazil. It's population is 230,000. She enjoys academics, especially biology. She likes sports, plays tennis and enjoys going to the gym and spending time with friends. She has only travelled outside of Brazil once and that was to Disneyland in Florida. She is interested in pursuing a career in medicine.

Giovana arrived in Victoria on 21st Augut2015 and will return to Brazil at the end of June 2016. She will attend Esquimalt High School and participate in Rotary activities in Victoria and in the USA.

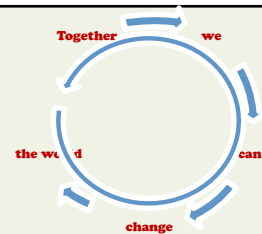
Hosts provide room and board for the student. Rotary pays host families an allowance and provides the students with a bus pass,

Would you be willing to host Giovana for 3 or 4 months between now and end of June 2016? (we have short term accommodation available if you are planning a week or weekend away while hosting). Are you interested in learning more about the Rotary Youth Exchange program?

Please contact Gillian Carrigan by email: Gillian.carrigan@gmail.com or by telephone: 250-380-6490 for more information, or visit www.rye5020.org.



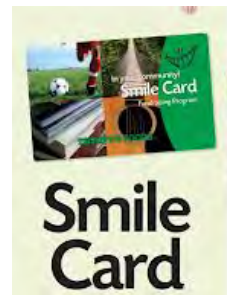
Always laugh when you can. It is cheap medicine.
- Lord Byron



Please remember to use your **Smile Cards** when shopping at Thrifty's. If you don't have one to let our Treasurer know and she will arrange to get one to you.

How does loading the cards work?

Thrifty Foods will donate an amount equal to 5% of the amount you load on your Smile Card to the fundraising group. There is absolutely no cost to you. Take the Smile Card with you to Thrifty Foods when you go grocery shopping. Ask the cashier to load any amount you wish onto the card before having your grocery order rung through. Pay for the card load with cash, debit card or credit card. Ring the grocery order through and pay for the order with your Smile Card. When the card balance is running low, load it again to continue to support your group every time you shop! It's that simple!



Scholarship and Bursary News

Scholarship and Bursary Society

CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS – AN UPDATE

The beginning of this club year seems a good time to take stock of what has happened over the past few years with regard to our scholarship program. It's been a great pleasure to work on a program which is very healthy and our list of awards is growing! Since 2000, our list of financial awards have grown by the following:

Four bursaries or awards at Camosun College. Two of these – music and science – are thanks to former club member Joy Russell. The Club created a CFUW centennial scholarship in the Indigenous Leadership program, and Heather Lewis gave us an award each in arts and sciences.

Four new awards at Royal Roads are also thanks to past members. These awards are: HJ Russell awards in Human Security and Peacebuilding, International Communications, and Hospitality Services; and an undergraduate award names for Elsie Stapledon.

By 2017 we will have two more – a Trades award at Camosun and a science scholarship at the University of Victoria. Ten new awards since 2000!

Supporting education is a bedrock of our Club – something we have always done, and will continue to do. Over the years, we have developed a program offering support in very diverse fields to very diverse students.

Our foundation funds now total over \$900,000. Well done CFUW members! Thanks for your continuing generosity.

Dawn Jones, Chair, Scholarship and Bursary Society

Want to know more about our Club?

If you have some down time, there are three documents on the Club's website for your perusal:

- a booklet written for the Club's 50th anniversary (1958),
- the booklet written for the 75th anniversary (1983), and
- a more detailed up to date 78 page history "Women of Influence: A Partial History of CFUW Victoria" (October 2014) compiled by Audrey M. Thomas a Past President of our Club.

The documents are in pdf format and can be read on line or the longer document can be printed out as a two-sided booklet. Chapter 3 on "**Education - 97 years of Awards**" might be worth reading before our Annual Scholarship and Bursary Lunch.

Go to: <http://www.cfuwvictoria.org/about-us/history/>. The three pdf documents are listed at the bottom of the page.



A special note to our members

CFUW Victoria Scholarships

At the May 2015 Annual General meeting we agreed that we would continue the discussion on CFUW Victoria Scholarships to address some of the issues members highlighted at the meeting.

As we noted at the meeting, acceptance of the Heather Lewis scholarships, which are open to men and women, **does not change our focus of supporting education and scholarship for women.** None of our current scholarships will be changed and we will continue to support women and create further educational benefits for women in as many ways as we can.

This process did highlight some learnings for us. First, it reminded us that most of our members are very committed to supporting women and see education as a key component of women's well-being. Many of you noted that even though there are more and more women at post-secondary institutions, they still face a variety of barriers in attaining education. Secondly, this process showed us that you the members want to be involved in many of these decisions and we are committed to bring these types of discussions and decisions to the membership in the future.

Several members noted we needed further discussion and we would like to invite all members who are interested in discussing the future of scholarships to an evening of sharing ideas at the home of Brenda Canitz:

1614 Warren Gardens (in Rockland)
7 pm on Wednesday, September 23.
Refreshments and dessert will be served.

[Please RSVP to btcanitz@uvic.ca](mailto:btcanitz@uvic.ca)

Brenda Canitz, President, CFUW Victoria & Dawn Jones, Chair, Scholarship and Bursary Society



New to GWI:

Read about what the organization has been up to here:

<http://www.graduatewomen.org/media-publications/press-releases/>

You don't need to have a Facebook account to look at Facebook pages that are public. The CFUW Facebook is public so please go have a look!

Facebook Link <https://www.facebook.com/CFUWVictoria>

Grannies Grow the World Film Project

Kind supporters of the Grannies Grow the World Film Project

We spent nearly a month in South Africa in May, filming the courageous and inspiring farmers at Hieketani Community Garden. We have superb footage – it's going to be a lovely documentary.

Friends in Victoria area: Come out to the Urban Food-Garden Tour on September 12, a fun and informative community event; it's also a fundraiser for Haliburton Community Farm (Saanich), 1Up Single Parent Resource Centre; and Hlenketani Community Garden Basani Ngobeni, our film translator and Hleketani farmer will be here!

For more information, please check our web-page: Vicurbanfoodgardens.wix.com/tour

Please like us on Facebook under Victoria Urban Food Gardens

Many thanks to you all,

Elizabeth



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A Request to Club Members Please "Clickthrough"

In an effort to find sources of revenue to augment the finances of the organization, we have forged an agreement with a company called Multiview. Multiview finds advertisers who may wish to advertise on websites, in this case, to our members.

All of the advertisers that have signed on with CFUW are universities. You will see at the top of the pages of our public website www.cfuw.org, various banner ads from several universities who pay to have the ads on our site.

The advertisers determine whether or not they will renew based on the number of "click-throughs" that they receive from our website.

The time for renewals is coming up this month. When you are on the website, we would ask you to **click on the various ads** so that it increases the number of visitors they get from CFUW and increases our possibility of getting the universities to renew for another year with us.

Thank you!!