



**VOICES**  
CFUW Victoria

*Promoting the Education and Advancement of Women*

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

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### **President's Message – Feb 2016**

CFUW is one of the few national women's organizations with international connections that continues to advocate and support women and girls in social justice and education. The educational achievements of our members is one of our key strengths and through our organization we are able to support other women meet their career aspirations.

In today's workplace networks are critical and we at CFUW can be part of the support to women throughout their education and career. Each of our members has a diverse network and a richness of experience that other members would benefit from.

When I joined CFUW I looked forward to making connections and expanding my career opportunities. I had hoped that members would see our events as a time to connect with each other and share opportunities and learnings. I have spoken to several new (and

longer term) members and they joined CFUW for the same reason. They had hoped that we as a group of professional women would be able to provide them with leads and encouragement as they were looking for a job or a career change. We have seen a few great successes when those connections have occurred and people are connecting.

Similarly newer members have lots to offer those who are enjoying retirement. Do you need a technological pal who you can call when you are trying to figure out a computer issue? Do you need someone to water your plants while you are away? We should be reaching out and supporting each other and CFUW gives us that opportunity.

So this month I would like to encourage each of you to connect with a new member or one you may not have met before and see what you have in common and how you can support each other.

Brenda

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## February General meeting:

***Our next general meeting is Wednesday February 17 at the Citadel.***

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## Reconciliation with Canada's First Nations

What to do about the Truth and Reconciliation  
Commission's Calls to Action?

## Updates for CFUW Victoria Members

### GWI Webinars:

GWI offers **webinars** (online training seminars) to members to listen to at anytime. These webinars, exclusively for GWI members, provide you with training in areas such as advocacy, leadership, membership and information on GWI activities and how to be involved. The password for the webinar page and each video is

**GWI\*member.** Webinars can be accessed from the Members Corner on the website by following

Many of you will be aware of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings, a component of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, which occurred across Canada over a 5 year period. In June 2015 the Commission issued a summary report and 94 recommendations for taking action to right historic and continuing wrongs against Aboriginal people.

The Sisters of St. Ann (SSA) were involved in four Residential Schools in BC spanning a period of 100 years. Sister Marie Zarowny, SSA, has been involved for 20 years in working for justice, healing and reconciliation for First Peoples in relation to their Residential Schools experiences.

Sister Marie will provide background to the Schools and the Residential Schools Settlement Agreement and will address the Commission's Report and Calls to Action.

You won't want to miss this evening on February 17 to share the insights of this amazing woman!



### Home and Pet Sitting Services Available!

Available to CFUW members, a reliable and experienced home and pet sitting with references available.

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### Notes for our members

#### Try carpooling!

[this link:](#)

## SAVE THIS DATE: March 16th for our 2016 Resolutions Meeting

**This year the Advocacy Committee will  
present information on five  
proposed resolutions:**

- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls—Ending the Marginalization of Indigenous Women in Canadian Society
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) —Diagnosis, Intervention and Support Plan for Children, Adults and Families Affected by FASD
- Strengthen the Pest Management Regulatory Agency in Order to Protect the Environment
- Electoral Reform: Adding Proportionality to the Electoral System in Canada
- Sustainable Development Goals

Take a few minutes to read these proposed resolutions and background information.

Remember! Proposed resolutions can become the policies that guide our Club initiatives. Your opinion and vote can help shape our actions. We'll meet at 7 p.m. in the Multi Purpose Room at the Citadel. It's a great opportunity for members to bring guests (potential new members?).

We look forward to seeing you there!

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

**Please remember to bring your own mug / travel cup to our meetings!!**

**Remember to wear your name tag!**



**Exciting CFUW Victoria Executive positions for 2016-17**

We encourage you to consider joining the CFUW Victoria Executive for 2016 / 2017.

**Positions:**

**Vice President : To be elected**

**Secretary: To be elected**

**Membership: To be elected**

**Communications: To be elected**

If you have any questions , please contact Brenda Canitz or Tracey Otto.



To keep up to date with CFUW National, make sure to visit their [site](#) and their [Facebook page](#). It is a great way to keep in touch with what our sister CFUW groups are up to and what is coming up.



## **S&B for Voices, February 2016**

### **Something New!! Come to discuss it!**

*Picture: In no particular order, Stephanie Devonshire, Ruth Elizabeth Rizada, Diane Gill, Joo Youg Song, Desiree Cabencinha, Peiyo Xie, Raya MacKenzie, Janice Mangano, Carrie Elric and Kylie Pettifer.*

We have a very interesting proposal to present to you at the February meeting. Marg Rose, a new member of the club, is also Director of Philanthropy and Development for the United Way Greater Victoria, She has proposed that we jointly (CFUW and the United Way) create a new scholarship in the name of Peggy Matheson. Peggy is a Life member of our club, a status granted for outstanding contribution to CFUW. She is the only person who has ever been the President of the National Club for two consecutive terms. We're delighted with the idea of honouring her by creating a financial award to a student given in her name.

We have never before undertaken joint sponsorship of a bursary or scholarship. Do come out in February to discuss the pros and cons of this this kind of venture. The award would go to a woman in a non-profit who plans to undertake a program of indigenous studies at Camosun College. We think it is a great opportunity to work with a major non-profit society in Victoria – and at the same time honour one of our own.

On another note, my thanks to those who did stalwart work to make our annual luncheon a very pleasant occasion. I hope that all of you who were there enjoyed it as much as I did.

Thanks also to Rebeccah Nelems for an engrossing talk.

Dawn Jones  
Chair, Scholarship and Bursary Society



## **International Women's Day Event 2016 SAVE THE DATE!**

In celebration of International Women's Day 2016, CFUW Victoria is presenting the film *Girl Rising* at UVic's Cinecenta, March 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30) All proceeds from this event will benefit CFUW's event partners: Grandmothers for Africa and PEERS Victoria. The advance ticket price will be \$10.00 (\$10.50 if purchased at the Cinecenta box office), and \$15 at the door. Tickets are available through CFUW (at the February general meeting) and at the following locations:

Cinecenta Box Office, Dig This! (Broadmead), Ivy's (Oak Bay), Munro's (Victoria) and Tanner's (Sidney)

*Girl Rising*: Nine unforgettable girls – striving beyond circumstance, pushing past limits – are spotlighted in this film about the strength of the human spirit and the power of education to change the world. The girls are unique, but the obstacles they face are ubiquitous. Like the 66 million girls in the world who dream of going to school, what they want most is to be students. Now, by sharing their personal journeys, they have become teachers. Watch *Girl Rising*, and you will see: One girl with courage is a revolution. View the official trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJsvkIXhYaE&feature=youtu.be>

We are inviting like-minded organizations to display information in the entrance

lobby of Cinecenta. If you know of an organization that would like to participate, please have them contact us at [beatricebaker@gmail.com](mailto:beatricebaker@gmail.com) or [IWDtickets@gmail.com](mailto:IWDtickets@gmail.com) .

Don't forget some of the participating organizations will be selling handicrafts to support their causes and there will be a quilt raffle! Last year we raised over \$1200 for our event partners! Lets make this year's event more successful!!

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**Submissions for the March newsletter in by February 20, 2016. Thank you! The Club's mailing address is: Box 227 1581-H Hillside Avenue Victoria, BC V8T 2C1**

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