



VOICES
CFUW Victoria

Promoting the Education and Advancement of Women

2016 - 4



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President's Message

Over the next month or two we have an opportunity to build upon the work done by those visionaries who founded CFUW over 100 years ago. They envisioned CFUW and IFUW (GWI) with both local and global connections and an established an international federation focused on women, social justice and education.

We are now faced with a resolution has been sent by St. Thomas, Ontario which has proposed that CFUW should withdraw from GWI for three key reasons:

- 1) Poor Governance
- 2) Poor financial management
- 3) Lack of relevance to Canadians

At CFUW Victoria we are trying to present to our members a variety of opinions and we recommend each of you take the time to read the documents attached to this email:

- [St Thomas Resolution and background](#)
- [Responses from GWI to specific questions from CFUW Victoria](#)
- [Past presidents' letter](#)
- [Stratford's review and response](#)

The CFUW Victoria website has the broadest representation of information available on this topic. Both BC Council and National CFUW refused to post material we requested. We continue to encourage a broad discussion and I have already met with NG #12 and NG #4. Tracey has met with NG #6. If your group would like one of us to come and meet with you, we would be happy to facilitate a discussion with your NG.

This is an emotional issue for everyone – both for those for and those against the resolution. Each of us needs to decide for ourselves. What are your values? What is important to you? There is a lot to consider and ultimately it comes down to how do you think CFUW can contribute to the ongoing quest for women's social justice and education. Should we focus locally, and/or nationally, and/or internationally? How do you see CFUW and Canada moving forward on the international front – does it matter to us or would we rather focus locally.

Brenda Canitz
President, CFUW Victoria

**Special meeting to discuss GWI
Citadel Multi Purpose Room
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 @ 7:00pm**

The format of the evening will be:

- 1. Presentation in support of the motion – Audrey Thomas and Susan Simpson = 10 min**
- 2. Presentation against the motion – Myrtle Siebert and Brenda Canitz = 10 min**
- 3. Open discussion where people can ask questions of the panel and Susan Murphy**

The final vote will be held at the AGM on Tuesday, May 17th at the Victoria Golf Course and we will discuss the process of the vote at the April meeting.



Dr. Scott Cooper
Vice President of Collections, Knowledge and Engagement
Royal BC Museum

CFUW Victoria April 20 Meeting

Salvation Army Citadel, 4030 Douglas St.

* Please note that the speaker's presentation will begin at 7:15pm.*

The Royal British Columbia Museum, UNESCO, and Opportunities for Canada

Dr. Scott Cooper has spent twenty years protecting, promoting and transforming cultural sites and institutions. He is the RBCM Vice President of Collections, Knowledge and Engagement.

Scott studied engineering at the University of Manchester, architectural conservation at Edinburgh College of Art, and stone conservation in Venice.

Before his RBCM appointment Scott was Director of Museums at the Qatar Foundation where he developed four museums in Doha. Previously, he was CEO of Fulham Palace-the Tudor residence of the Bishop of London.

At the RBCM Scott is responsible for developing the museum's collection and knowledge resources. He also designs and presents exhibitions that are as engaging as they are innovative.

The Royal BC Museum communicates knowledge of B.C.'s natural and human history. UNESCO's (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) focus is world peace through understanding of diversity. Join us to hear Dr. Scott Cooper share how these two organizations work together to achieve global perspectives.

Notes for our members :

Try carpooling!

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!**

April Membership News

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

April 1st marks the beginning of the 2016-2017 CFUW Victoria year. Members are reminded that it is time to pay dues. Print a copy of the [2016-2017 Membership Registration form](#). Please complete the form and include it with your payment.

Cheques may be mailed to Box 227, 1581-H Hillside Ave, Victoria, BC V8T 2C1 or brought to the general meeting on April 20th. Membership registration/renewal forms will also be available at the AGM on May 17th.

The deadline for renewing 2016-2017 memberships will be May 31st for those wishing to have their contact information included in the 2016-2017 Directory. Only new members' information will be added to the Directory after May 31st.

Dues may also be paid by: **e-transfer or PayPal**. For more information, visit the website at: www.cfuwvictoria.ca.

SPECIAL NOTICE: WAIVER FORMS

Tracey Otto has provided WAIVER information in this newsletter.

All members, particularly those participating in Activity Groups and Neighborhood Groups, are asked to sign this waiver. **This will become a part of the annual process of renewing your membership.** Print a copy of [the waiver](#), read and sign the waiver, and include it with your renewal form when paying your annual dues.

The waivers will be collected/stored by the Membership Coordinator.

NEW MEMBERS COFFEE PARTY

The final coffee party for the 2015-2016 new members will be held on [Sunday, April 17th](#). Invitations will be sent shortly by Pat Hocker, New Member Convenor. All new members are welcome (along with prospective ones). If you haven't had an opportunity to attend one this year, we think you will find this event informative.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Jean Maccartney, a former long time member of CFUW Victoria passed away on March 14, 2016. A graduate from University of Alberta, she had been an active member of the club for 42 years until 2007, serving on various committees. She was instrumental along with another member of the club in organizing the Transportation Committee which was organized to drive members to meetings in the period before Neighbourhood Groups were established.

Any questions/concerns about membership may be sent to our CFUW Victoria Gmail account at: info.cfuwvictoria@gmail.com.

Submitted by:

Connie Waddell
Membership Coordinator



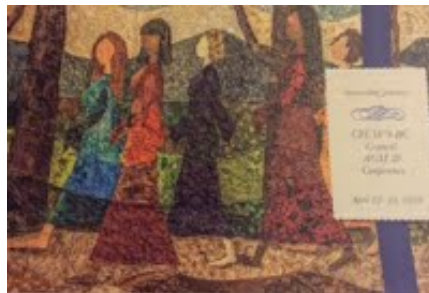
To keep up to date with CFUW National, make sure to visit their site and their Facebook page. It is a great way to keep in touch with what our sister CFUW groups are up to and what is coming up.

Resolutions Meeting March 16, 2016

The **2016 Resolutions Meeting** held on March 16th had an excellent turn out with some 50 members discussing and voting on five proposed Resolutions. The Advocacy Committee thanks everyone who participated, especially the volunteers who helped organize and run the evening.

Here are the [Resolutions and Amendments](#) of the Resolutions Meeting:

The second part of the evening was devoted to a presentation and open discussion regarding Graduate Women International (GWI) and the Bylaw amendment proposed by CFUW St Thomas. The evening provided CFUW Victoria members another excellent opportunity to ask questions, offer suggestions, and voice concerns about the proposed bylaw amendment and GWI. Everyone agreed additional discussions should be facilitated by CFUW Victoria, so that members can make an informed decision when they vote on the bylaw amendment at CFUW Victoria's AGM in May.



CFUW BC Council AGM - Intersecting Journeys April 22 – 24, 2016

Registration: [click here](#)

Supporting Refugees:

[Check out Victoria's Refugee Sponsorships for groups looking for assistance.](#)

A thank you from

The Victoria Chapter of Canadian Women for Women in Afganistan

On behalf of the Victoria Chapter of Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan I would like to thank CFUW Victoria very much for hosting this event.

The film's emphasis on girls' education really fit with the mandate of both our groups and it was a joyful occasion.

Thanks also to everyone for supporting the quilt raffle - **we made \$235** so that was great.

Best wishes - Jill



[Afghanistan – a look back to where women were!](#)

Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance (update):

Tracey Otto, VP CFUW Victoria, and CFUW Scholarship and Bursary Society are in the process of obtaining Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance. The Executive devoted a lot of time and effort to this process and decided to go with The Co-operators insurance company.



News from GWI – new partnerships!

Graduate Women International (GWI) is proud to announce a new partnership with Charriol

Graduate Women International (GWI) is proud to announce a partnership with [Charriol](#), the luxury Swiss watchmaker and jeweler. Charriol has historically supported education, hard work and determination, and the synergy between Charriol and GWI offers exciting possibilities to help create positive change in girls' and young women's education and life opportunities.

Charriol recognizes the positive impact of investing in education, and has pledged to donate a percentage of the sales of each watch from their ST-Tropez Collection to support the work of GWI.

For the GWI press release please read [here](#).



News from CFUW National

CFUW staff in the National office have been busy at work preparing responses for the [March 2016 Federal Budget](#)



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY FILM EVENT AND SUPPORTED CFUW

The Advocacy Committee is pleased to report that CFUW Victoria's 2016 International Women's Day was even more successful than last year's event. With a nearly full house, the film *Girl Rising* captured the audience with its powerful images, heart-breaking stories, and empowering messages.

The final numbers for the event are very exciting! In total, we sold **209 tickets**. After expenses **our net proceeds are \$1,691.00!**

Victoria Grandmothers for Africa and Peers Resource Society Victoria will each receive \$845.00.

The cheque presentations will be made at CFUW Victoria's AGM in May.

CFUW Victoria Scholarship & Bursary Some clarifications about our new Peggy Matheson Scholarship

At the February meeting, we discussed a joint venture with the United Way to create a new scholarship in the name of Peggy Matheson. While members were very enthusiastic about it, there appears to be some confusion as to the mechanisms and objectives of this venture. I hope that this outline answers some of your questions.

Name: The new grant will be named for Peggy Matheson.

Peggy is a very long-time member of the club, our only Life Member, and we salute her contributions to CFUW as both local and national president,

along with various other positions she took on. She has had a life-long interest in aboriginal culture, and considers herself “a professional volunteer”. A one-page bio of Peggy was distributed at the meeting in February. I am happy to email this to anyone who would like to have it for interest. Please send me an email if you would like me to send it to you. (jones.dawn@telus.net)

[Where will the funds be lodged? Camosun College](#)

[Who will be the recipients?](#) Any woman, indigenous or non-indigenous, working in a not-for-profit agency, who wishes to increase her understanding and knowledge of our First Nations peoples.

[What is the grant for?](#) We would like the terms of reference to be as flexible as possible. Recipients could pursue a two-year diploma course in some form of indigenous studies, or possibly two recipients could receive support for shorter certificate programs which would fill a need for them.

[Funding:](#) The financial goal to create this grant on a fully-funded basis is \$25,000. The United Way will have a targeted funding campaign for this venture. CFUW members who wish to donate are asked to donate funds directly to the [CFUW Scholarship and Bursary Society](#).

[Questions?](#) If you have other questions, I would be happy to discuss them with you. Please call me at 250-389-1063.

Dawn Jones
Chair, Scholarship and Bursary Society

Change in policy for Jubilee Membership

We will vote on this at the General meeting on Wednesday April 20th.

Notice of changes to the policy manual – April 2016.

This is a change in policy for Jubilee Membership. In 2012 CFUW Victoria (and other clubs across Canada) adopted the Constitution and Bylaws of CFUW National. This was intended to get consistency between clubs and support smaller clubs that did not have the support to develop their own constitution. At that time the description of the different types of membership was removed from the Constitution and bylaws and moved into the Policy and Procedure Manual.

CURRENT POLICY:

JUBILEE MEMBERS: Continuous membership in CFUW Victoria for 50 years. The Club portion of her dues shall be waived and she shall pay only the CFUW portion of her dues. (CFUW Victoria designation)

PROPOSED POLICY:

JUBILEE MEMBERS: Continuous membership in CFUW Victoria for 50 years OR age 90 years AND 45+ years of continuous membership. The Club portion of her dues shall be waived and she shall pay only the CFUW portion of her dues. (CFUW Victoria designation)

RATIONALE FOR POLICY CHANGE:

CFUW is an organization that recognizes and celebrates the contributions and achievements of women. We have become aware that we have several members who are aging but may be a few years short of the 50 years of continuous membership. We want to recognize and celebrate their contribution to CFUW and Victoria.

This is to be voted on at the April General meeting.

If you have any comments or questions please contact :

Brenda Canitz at btcanitz@uvic.ca

CFUW Victoria Members

We are excited to announce that CFUW Victoria now has a waiver! We worked with an insurance lawyer to develop a comprehensive waiver, which meets and exceeds all of the Club's current requirements. This is a very important legal document, and it is of utmost importance that members read the waiver in its entirety prior to signing.

What are the next steps?

All members, particularly those participating in Activity Groups and Neighbourhood Groups should sign a waiver, which will be kept by the Membership Coordinator. This will become an annual process as part of renewing your membership.

Where can you get the waiver form?

There are a number of ways members can obtain a waiver form: From our

website www.cfuwvictoria.ca, at a general meeting, from the Activity Group Coordinator, from your Activity Group Leader, from the Neighbourhood Group Coordinator, from your Neighbourhood Group Convenor, at the AGM, at the September meeting, through a link in our Newsletter Voices or you can request to have it emailed to you.

If you access the waiver from our website or through the newsletter, you will have to print a copy. Please remember there are TWO pages. You will also note there are TWO places on the form you must sign, and you will need a witness. This is to ensure you have read and understood the waiver.

[What do I do with the waiver once it is signed?](#)

You can give it directly to the Membership Coordinator or if you are a member of a Neighbourhood Group or Activity Group, perhaps the Leader /Convenor could make sure the forms get to the Membership Coordinator.

We want to make acquiring and signing the waiver as easy as possible for members. If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please don't hesitate to contact info.cfuwvictoria@gmail.com.

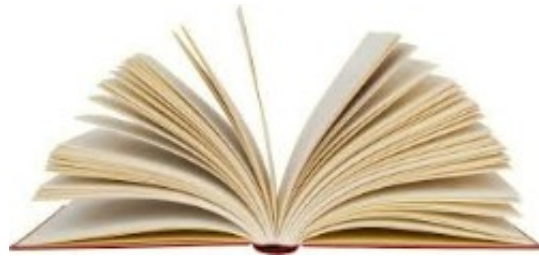


WORKING WOMEN & JOB SEEKERS

Saturday, April 30 at 11:30 am

For women interested in work, we will meet at:

[Bubby's Kitchen](#)
355 Cook St. Victoria, BC



Interest Groups

Happy Spring! I hope everyone is taking full advantage of the interest groups they are signed up for. Lots of books to read for book clubs on those rainy windy days. Or perhaps a trip to the games store on Yates to try out all the fun games on offer. When 6 people say 'Yes!' a table can be reserved and there is no waiting. On the fine days, what better than a brisk walk, or a trip to a local gallery?

There are many exciting artists waiting to be discovered, and if you joined Sonja's artSEEwomen's group you will have the opportunity to talk about your favourite finds over coffee.

If you'd like to renew your interest in this group or sign up as a new member, please contact Sonja Ruffell, [250-472-0104](tel:250-472-0104) sonjaruffell@gmail.com.

If anyone would like to lead a group for something not yet offered, please let me know. With the new waiver in place we will be all set for lots of adventurous groups.

Susan Spooner
Interest Groups Coordinator
susanspooner@shaw.ca



Reel Culture film group gals



Neighbourhood Group #4

Group 4 neighbourhood members wish to thank Brenda Canitz who came to discuss not only Scholarship and Bursary decisions but also our most recent conundrum of the motion by St Thomas club.

Several of us had been present at the recent Resolutions meeting and the subsequent discussion regarding the latter issue. At this meeting it was decided that the issue warranted a special meeting.

Our group was delighted to hear that this issue will be presented with a panel outlining the various points of view. Our discussions on March 18th were based on the rationale of St Thomas, the Stratford reply, a past presidents letter that is on our website and the power point listed below from Past President, Audrey Thomas, and Sue Simpson.

Our group would like to encourage all neighbourhood groups to forego their usual April gathering and instead to attend the extra CFUW meeting.

May we also applaud our president who followed through with her promise to meet with members in groups. Brenda emphasized the need to discuss what CFUW does for us in the areas of education, advocacy and networking. Does the GWI make the most of the allocated funds and resources on our behalf?

We wish to encourage all members to take the time to read all the aforementioned articles on line and below for further clarification.

Congratulations to all involved, with Brenda, in taking this momentous decision with us and for all clarification necessary to enable us to make the best decision for our club.

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