

CFUW Victoria Annual Report 2015-16

Introduction

CFUW is a national non-profit volunteer organization with local, provincial and international linkages that are focused on supporting women and their families through Advocacy, Education and Networking. Through our collective initiatives CFUW members organize to advance and improve education and services to support women and their families.

We had another year of increasing membership and we now have almost 270 members. The Club's activities have included education, advocacy and bringing people together through networking activities.

The work of CFUW Victoria is completed through a volunteer Executive committee: President-Brenda Canitz; Vice President-Tracey Otto; Treasurer-Grace Dimion; Secretary-Sheila Sheldon Collier; Membership Chair-Connie Waddell; Program Committee Chair-Marjie Welchframe; Neighbourhood Groups-Anny Schaefer; Communications Chair-Hayley Bennett; Activity Groups-Susan Spooner and Past President-Susan Lane. Several members were acknowledged for their contributions: Parliamentarian – Sheila Sheldon Collyer; Archivist-Gloria Dorrance; Hospitality Coordinator-Alton Cole and Audrey Thomas-club history

Financial

2015-16 was another financially stable year for CFUW Victoria.

Revenue	\$29,300
Total Expenses	\$26,800
• Dues	20,100
• Admin	3,700
• Membership	300
• Advocacy	1,700
• Education	900
• Networking	100
Balance	\$2,500

CFUW Victoria transferred over \$9,000 for the CFUW Scholarships and Bursary Society through member donations and fundraising activities.

For more detailed financial reports please see Appendix A.

Motions

The following Motions were considered and voted on at the CFUW Victoria AGM:

National Motion #1 (passed) Moved that: Addition of Governance Committee to the list of Standing Committees Proposed: CFUW Board of Directors

Motion #2 - Victoria (passed) Moved that: The vote on the St. Thomas motion (Motion #3) be held by secret ballot.

National Motion #3 (passed) Moved that: In Canadian Federation of University Women Articles and Bylaws – Articles, strikeout Article 4 - Membership in International Federation of University Women (IFUW).

Advocacy

Advocacy is a major focus of many of our activities. Advocacy Committee has expanded to over 15 members and has partnered in a series activities such as

- Christmas partnerships with Artemis place where we raised over \$2,000 and a trunk full of needed items and gifts for these young women and their children.
- International Women's Day movie at the UVic (where they raised over \$1,600).
- Letters to local MLAs and MPs on childcare, protecting our Public Health care system, and integration of a national carbon tax.

Resolutions were voted on by the Membership as part of the National Policy Development:

Every year CFUW clubs across Canada submit and consider a series of resolutions that serve as a background for local, provincial and national advocacy activities. These national resolutions are developed by local community CFUW Clubs and are debated by other CFUW

<http://www.cfuwvictoria.ca/advocacy/resolutions/>

Resolution 1: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls - Ending the Marginalization of Indigenous Women in Canadian Society - Passed

Resolution 2: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) – Diagnosis, intervention and support plan for children, adults and families affected by FASD.

Resolution 3: Strengthening the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) so that it can carry out its regulatory responsibilities in approving pesticides as well as protecting the environment.

Resolution 4: Electoral Reform: Adding Proportionality to the Electoral System in Canada.

Resolution 5: Sustainable Development Goals, also known as Global Goals.

Education and Programs

We continue to excel in the area of education with a full year of amazing speakers – thank you to the Marjie Welchframe and the Program Committee for their diligence in securing diverse and thought provoking speakers through out the year. Meeting attendance averaged 70 members. Dinner events averaged 125 members. Program Committee consisted of Marjie Welchframe (chair), Elaine Berthelet, Sharron Aitchison, Carol Bremner.

2015-2016 Events:

- **October:** Woof! Who Let The Dogs In? Lisa Markin, INSPIRE Animal Assisted Therapy
- **November:** The Science of Happiness! Paul Mohapel, Neuroscientist, Royal Roads University
- **December: CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Symphony Splash young soloists Rebecca Bracewell and Ben Parker
- **January: SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY LUNCH:** Exploring Empathy in a Digitalized, Globalized World, Rebeccah Nelems, Trudeau Scholar, doctoral studies, University of Victoria
- **February:** Reconciliation With Canada's First Nations, Sister Marie Zarowny, Sister of St. Ann
- **April:** The Royal British Columbia Museum, UNESCO, and Opportunities for Canada with Dr. Scott Cooper, Vice President Collections, Knowledge and Engagement, Royal B.C. Museum
- **May ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & DINNER,** Giving Voice with Shelagh Rogers, CBC Host and Chancellor University of Victoria

Networking: Activity and Neighbourhood Groups

Activity Groups: Networking continues to be the backbone of CFUW Victoria with over 40 Activity Groups providing broad and diverse opportunities for all members regardless of their interests. In addition to hiking groups, a variety of book clubs and Bridge Groups, members participated in dining groups, antique groups and travel groups to mention a few. Thank you to Susan Spooner and the Activity Group conveners for their hard work over the last year.

Neighbourhood Groups: Social support and community connections are central to members' well-being. Neighbourhood groups offer many ways for our members explore arts, culture and educational opportunities with friends and colleagues. Thank you to Anny Schaefer and the Neighbourhood groups conveners for providing opportunities for members to meet each other and explore Victoria.

Governance

The following changes were made to the Policy and Procedure Manual this year:

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.

Waivers: CFUW Victoria adopted a waiver for all activities and this will be mandatory of all members for all activities

Directors Insurance: Liability Insurance was purchased to protect all Executive members and Committee chairs in their roles as officers of the society.

Communications

The club continued to expand the use of technology to support the work we do by expanding the website (<https://www.cfuwvictoria.ca/>), beginning a Facebook page and supporting members to use social media. The communication team developed a new format for the monthly newsletter. The Communication Committee brings this diligent work to you: Hayley Bennett, Karoline Rosseler, Anny Schaefer and Dominique Wozniack.

The 2016-17 Executive:

President	Tracey Otto	Neighbourhood Groups	Anny Schaefer
Vice-President	Vacant	Communications Chair	Karoline Roessler
Treasurer	Grace Dimion	Program Cttee Chair	Barbara Armstrong
Secretary	Susan Shepard	Activity Groups	Susan Spooner
Membership	Alton Cole	Past Present	Brenda Canitz