

CFUW Victoria Annual Report 2016-2017

CFUW

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

CFUW Victoria

Founded in 1908, CFUW Victoria has been a vehicle for providing local scholarships and influencing positive change. Our club had 259 members this year! Because our club is so large, we are able to connect and network with like-minded community organizations.

CFUW Victoria Executive

President.....Tracey Otto
Vice President.....Julia Dean (Davidson)
Treasurer.....Grace Dimion
Secretary.....Susan Shepherd
Membership.....Alton Cole
Program Committee.....Barbara Armstrong
Neighbourhood Groups..... Anny Schaefer
Communications.....Karoline Roessler
Interest Groups..... Susan Spooner
Past President.....Brenda Canitz

Special Contributors

Parliamentarian.....Sheila Sheldon Collyer
Archivist.....Gloria Dorrance
Club History.....Audrey Thomas

The Executive and special contributors all provide their effort on a volunteer basis, which ensures the ongoing sustainability of the entire club.



Advocacy Committee

The Advocacy Committee meets once a month and works on a variety of initiatives. At our Christmas luncheon, the committee chose to partner with The Learning Curve. \$1,615 was raised for their continued education with youth who have learning disabilities. For International Women's Day, the committee hosted their annual movie at the University of Victoria and raised \$2,000 for this year's partner, BC Federation of Youth in Care Networks.

Financial

2016-17 was another financially stable year for CFUW Victoria.

Revenue	\$29,500
Expenses	
• Dues	20,000
• Admin	4,700
• Membership	400
• Advocacy	1,900
• Education	1,200
• Networking	700
Total Expenses	\$28,900
Surplus	\$600

CFUW Victoria transferred over \$10,000 for the CFUW Scholarships and Bursary Society through member donations and fundraising activities.

For more detailed financial reports please see Appendix A.

Amendments & Motions

The following national CFUW Bylaw Amendments & Motions were considered and voted on at the CFUW Victoria AGM:

Amendment #1 (passed unanimously)

Moved that: Regional Directors be considered a Standing Committee

Amendment #2 (passed: 73 voted for, 19 against)

Moved that: CFUW Article 4 stating it shall be a member of IFUW be removed

Motion #1 (defeated)

Moved that: CFUW chapters will incur a national dues increase of an unknown dollar amount

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 on.

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

Resolution 1: The right to safe, clean, accessible and affordable drinking water and sanitation on First Nations reserves in Canada - Passed

Resolution 2: Universal Pharmacare - Passed

Education and Programs

Speakers this year were as always, extremely interesting and a pleasure to learn from. Meetings were enjoyed by a great turn out of our club members and the Program Committee truly excelled in providing this educational entertainment! We had a very strong calendar of speakers this year coordinated by Barbara Armstrong and the Programs Committee.

2016-2017 Speakers:

- **October** – *We shared the excitement of back to school with school-aged girls, Lily Cote and Ella Stanger, founders of 100 Girls Who Care.*
- **November** – *Lest we forget the women involved in the heroic work of the front lines of world conflicts, we learned from Paula Callahan, who worked with Medicins Sans Frontiers, and her plea for kindness and peace after years on the front lines.*
- **December** – *World class harpist and recording artist, Julia Cunningham, graced our Christmas Luncheon with an intricate performance and personal stories.*
- **February** – *Dr. Aaron Devor, newly appointed Chair of Transgendered Research Studies, University of Victoria, explained the importance behind amassing the world's largest collection of artifacts, newsletters, photos, critiques and academic writings.*
- **April** – *The Senior's Advocate of BC, Isobel MacKenzie, attracting a packed house and brought us up to date on the current realities and issues facing older adults in British Columbia and highlighted the resulting public policy that was in the works. We were delighted with the generosity of Hospitality Host, Berwick Royal Oak Retirement Residences.*
- **May** – *The Government of Canada was challenged this past year to add historically important women to the printing of the \$10 bill. The woman who initiated and completed this challenge is indeed a 'herstorian' from Oak Bay. Merna Forster told this story, and inspired us with her investigations into the lives of heroines who have paved the way before us.*

Communications

New web-based email addresses!

membership@cfuwvictoria.ca, info@cfuwvictoria.ca,
voices@cfuwvictoria.ca, advocacy@cfuwvictoria.ca

These email addresses are forwarded to the person in charge of the specific area.

Improved Voices Newsletter!

The monthly newsletter sent via MailChimp has a professional and fresh look, is full of interesting events as well as relevant news and photos. It features submissions from many executive team members as well as general members.

Member Spotlight

The Communications team established the Member Spotlight which features a club member speaking at general meetings for five minutes about a subject or person close to her heart.

A Member Spotlight write-up and photo are also featured in *Voices* and on the club website.

Networking: Membership, Interest and Neighbourhood Groups

Membership: After winning a Certificate in Recognition of Getting New Members for last year, Alton Cole led membership in signing up 25 new members this year. Allison Nelson Bruce organized five successful 'welcome' coffee parties for them and we reached a total membership of 259 people. We also continue to celebrate having three Jubilee Members who've been with CFUW for over 50 years!

Interest Groups: CFUW interest groups, coordinated by Susan Spooner have been a fun way to enjoy networking with other members while actually doing stuff! While a few started up and disbanded, there remains about 40 interest groups. It's trending with some groups moving in the direction of evening meetings to accommodate working members. Book clubs have been popular as always however with so many different groups from Arts and Culture to Eating to Travel, there are many opportunities for fun with club members! A thank you to Interest and Activity Group Leaders.

Neighbourhood Groups: Many special friendships are brought on in the neighbourhood groups by getting together, seeing some sights and getting out & about! Anny Schaefer did an excellent job of maintaining contact with Neighbourhood Conveners as well as supporting them in their roles as neighbourhood *connectors*. She collected and shared their ideas on best practices and assisted with the transition of leadership in several neighbourhood groups. She encouraged newsletter submissions and publicized several updates on Neighbourhood group activities to Victoria club members.

The 2017-18 Executive

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