



VOICES CFUW Victoria

Promoting the Education and Advancement of Women

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President's Message

Our Speaker Series in January featured historian, Patrick Dunae, who led us through a fascinating discussion about the history of Victoria during the Edwardian Era. As I reflected upon this time period in our beautiful city, I was reminded of the history of our Club that began when sixteen women joined together to form the University Women's Club of Victoria in 1908.

Today, our Club has grown to over 245 members who continue to honour the original mission of providing opportunities for the growth and advancement of women through Education, Advocacy and Networking.

All of our members have played a role in CFUW Victoria's growth and success. It is through your membership that allows our Club to grow and flourish. The joys of CFUW membership continue to make me proud.

We have a lot to celebrate this year. We will be honouring our award recipients at the Scholarship & Bursary Luncheon on February 9th . What a wonderful opportunity to meet the students whose lives have been impacted by CFUW Victoria!

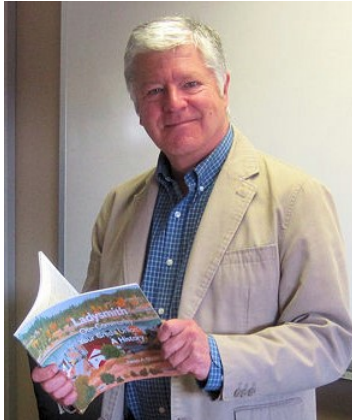
In a few short months, our Club will host the 2019 CFUW BC Council AGM & Conference. We are excited to welcome CFUW members from across British Columbia who will gather in Victoria from May 3 – 5. There are so many opportunities for the members of CFUW Victoria to be involved. We hope that you will join us – as a volunteer, sponsor or conference participant! The CFUW Victoria website will be updated with all of the conference details very soon. Watch for conference registration to begin in mid-February!

We are also planning a Membership Vision Session for our CFUW Victoria meeting on March 20th. We recognize how vital recruitment and retention are to the continued success of our Club. We want to hear from you! What attracted you to join our Club? What do you enjoy most about CFUW Victoria? What opportunities do you see to grow our Club membership? This will be a valuable discussion and we look forward to hearing from our members.

I hope you will take time to reflect on the influence that CFUW has had on your life.

Allison Nelson-Bruce
President, CFUW Victoria

Meetings and Events



Meeting of January 16, 2019 Speaker Patrick Dunae

Patrick Dunae, Adjunct Professor in the Department of History at UVIC and Honorary Research Associate with Vancouver Island University, was our distinguished guest speaker in the CFUW Victoria's Speaker Series at our general meeting on January 16th. Along with his continued involvements with both universities he is also the Principal of [Clio Media](#), a business devoted to historical research, communications and consulting.

Patrick Dunae and fellow UVIC historian Prof. John Lutz were asked to create a public history project focusing on the Burnside Gorge neighbourhood pre 1912 era. This community heritage project was developed in conjunction with the Burnside Gorge Community Association to mark the 150th Anniversary of the incorporation of city of Victoria in 1862. By identifying, photographing and describing architectural details of residential dwellings that were built in 1912 or earlier and by studying the census of 1911, they were able to create biographies for over 100 households.

In his presentation to CFUW, Patrick described his fascinating interactive map project where heritage geographical information (geolocated addresses of properties) can be linked to the residential occupants through the old census data. Just by hovering over a red marker (representing a residence back in 1911) one can learn the name of the family who lived there, the number of occupants, and their occupations and ages, as given in the 1911 census data. By doing this, a user of the interactive map can start to see a socioeconomic as well as architectural picture of the old neighbourhoods.

A very interesting speaker and topic Patrick Dunae provided our CFUW Victoria members with an informative and entertaining talk and we remain grateful to him for sharing his expertise with us.

Rachel McDonnell
Programs Chair

CFUW Victoria Nominations Committee

As Past President, it is my responsibility to convene a Nominations Committee for the upcoming Executive vacancies. I am looking for two Club members to join me on this committee. This is a Special Committee, which means it is not an ongoing commitment. This Committee will strive to find members of our Club who would like to get more involved by being members of the Executive.

These are the positions we will be seeking nominations for:

- Neighbourhood Group Coordinator
- Activity and Interest Group Coordinator
- Treasurer

You don't have to be a long-standing member to be on the Nominations Committee. In fact, often it is very beneficial to have fresh eyes! The Committee will probably meet three times over the next couple months. Please let me know if this opportunity interests you, or contact me if you have any questions.

Tracey Otto
Past President

Our CFUW Victoria Executive: Why Is It Important?

I must admit, I really enjoy being a member of our Club Executive. Each position I have held has presented its own set of challenges AND amazing experiences. Those on the Executive consider it a privilege to serve our Club, and do so with pleasure. We work hard but we also have a lot of fun.

Here are the positions available for the 2019/2020 Club year:

- Neighbourhood Group Coordinator: this position is responsible for ensuring the Neighbourhood Group Convenors are in place, members are in their correct Group, and she is the 'go to' person when Convenors have questions or concerns. This is an excellent Executive position for a member who would like to get more involved with the Club and it is a great way to meet Club members, too!
- Activity and Interest Group Coordinator: this position is responsible for ensuring activity/interest groups are running smoothly, assist members who would like to start a new interest/activity group, organize and arrange the September information meeting (however, there is a lot of assistance from Programs and Membership, and others), and she is the primary point of contact for activity/interest group Convenors. This is another Executive position that provides great opportunities to get more involved with the Club and an easy way to meet Club members.
- Treasurer: I know, a lot of members consider this position to be the most daunting on the Executive. However, that perception is about to change. Last year, our Club engaged the help of a bookkeeper. The bookkeeper takes care of the monthly financial report and reconciliation; and, the Treasurer is responsible for making deposits, writing cheques for the Club, ensuring the reconciliation is accurate, and making sure we are sticking to our budget.

Why is our Executive important? Members of the Executive are basically responsible for making sure our Club business, activities, and finances run smoothly. They represent the Club at events, when needed. But...most of all without an Executive, the Club couldn't run.

Don't be shy...if you have any questions, you want to see the *Policy and Procedures Manual*, or you want to participate but you are hesitant because you have other commitments...contact me or any member of the Executive.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Tracey Otto
Past President

The Victoria Women's Expo

CFUW Victoria will be participating again this year in The Victoria Women's Expo at **Parkes Recreation Centre on March 2 & 3**. This is a terrific opportunity to showcase CFUW Victoria to thousands of women in Victoria! We are looking for volunteers to assist at the expo. Last year was a lot of fun - several members shared their experiences with CFUW Victoria, and helped distribute post cards to prospective members who stopped by our booth.

If you are available to assist for a couple of hours, please contact Tracey Otto (Tracey.Otto@gmail.com).

The expo runs from 10 AM - 5 PM on Saturday, and from 10 AM - 4 PM on Sunday. We look forward to you joining us at The Victoria Women's Expo!

New Member Events

cfuw  Saanich Peninsula
The Power of Women Working Together

TEA AND BRIDGE



Monday, February 18, 2019

1:00—4:00 p.m.

\$100 for a table of 4

**Includes a plated afternoon tea,
door prizes, raffle &
bake sale**



SHOAL CENTRE—AUDITORIUM A
10030 Resthaven Drive, Sidney
Underground parking available



To reserve your tables, please call:
Myrna Holden 250-656-1109
Elsbeth Yada 250-655-4536
Please bring your own playing cards!

**All proceeds go to the
Saanich Peninsula CFUW Education Trust Fund
which provides scholarships and bursaries for students on the
Saanich Peninsula, and support for specific projects related to
training, education, and literacy.
(Registration #868192764RR0001)**

Scholarship & Bursary

Scholarship & Bursary Report

At the General Meeting on January 16th the following motion was passed:

Moved: that CFUW Victoria Scholarship and Bursary Society endow a scholarship in the amount of \$25,000 with the Faculty of Humanities in the name of Diana Morgan to be given to a deserving female student. This scholarship will only be set up if matching funds are received.

With some of the funds from the Diana Morgan estate, we wanted to establish an award with the Faculty of Humanities. This faculty has a wide range of departments. Our previous awards that we have set up have been one in Sciences, one in Exercise, Physical and Health Education and one in the Faculty of Human and Social Development.

We have the availability of receiving matching funds. If the funds are matched and we have a payout of 4% we would be able to give a scholarship of approximately \$2,000 annually.

Susan Lane,
Chair, CFUW Victoria Scholarship and Bursary Society

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Membership News

See Red?
Stop
and say hello!
New members have red dots on their name tags
Introduce yourself and welcome them to our club

CFUW - BC Council

To keep up to date with CFUW BC Council, make sure to visit their [site](#) and their [Facebook page](#).



February 2019 CFUW Victoria VOICES: CFUW Victoria has the honour of hosting the 2019 BC Council Annual Conference and General Meeting at the Hotel Grande Pacific from May 3-5.

The theme for this year is *Celebrating the Influence of Women: Past, Present and Future!* This year is a celebration for CFUW across Canada as we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of a national network of CFUW clubs working to support women's education and advocate for women's equality. Coincidentally it is also the 110th Anniversary of CFUW Victoria providing us with an opportunity to share of many successes with colleagues across the province. Finally, we will recognize the good work of the BC Council as this is the 30th Annual Conference and General Meeting.

Our Program is taking shape and Barb Armstrong has done a wonderful job of pulling together an eclectic array of speakers following our theme of 'Past, Present and Future'. Come and learn more about Reconciliation and the genesis of the new Indigenous Law Program at UVIC. You will have an opportunity review the heroines and events that lead to Women getting the vote – a privilege we all enjoy today! We will learn more about successfully introducing change in our lives and many more thought-provoking speakers!

This year we are also introducing some fun events that explore women today and into the future. Our lunch time fashion show will show us how a local cottage industry in Vancouver has expanded across BC and we will all have an opportunity to dream and predict the future as we collectively develop a digital Time Capsule for the next 50 years!

As we have discussed there are many ways you can be part of this amazing conference! Registration will open Monday Feb 11 and you will receive more information in the weeks to come. We are still looking for specific financial contributions for Greeter Scarves (\$35), supporting the purchase of flowers and decorations (\$25) or sponsoring one of our VIP Guests (\$25) at the opening reception on Friday May 3 from 5:00-7:30. **Please contact Allison Nelson-Bruce if you wish to contribute.** Many of you have already put forward your names to volunteer at the event and **Karoline Roessler is coordinating volunteers.**

Exciting times ahead! Watch your monthly Voices for an update of our powerhouse program and mark February 11 as the date to register!

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CFUW - National



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.

[CFUW 100th Anniversary - January 22, 2019](#)

[Club Action Newsletter January 24, 2019](#)

[Club Action Newsletter December 20, 2018](#)

GW (Graduate Women International)

[GW Update January 23, 2019](#)

Graduate Women International (GWI) presents its official Centenary Anthem as composed, written and interpreted by Emily Lawson from Australian Federation of Graduate Women (AFGW). The song is entitled "Every Women and Every Girl". Link to listen provided in the newsletter.

[GW Update January 9, 2019](#)

[GWI Update December 26, 2018](#)

See GWI's "Year at a Glance"

Interest Groups

For information on Activity & Interest Groups, please see click on [CFUW Victoria Website](#) or see our Membership Handbook

New Interest Group

Jennie Preuss has an idea for a new reading group--exploring the classics and ideas of world literature through fiction and nonfiction. Readings would be short.

Suggested resources:

[Penguin Great Ideas](#): largely non-fiction books published by Penguin Books. Titles contained within this series are considered to be world-changing, influential and inspirational. Topics covered include philosophy, politics, science and war.

[The Harvard Classics](#), originally known as Dr. Eliot's Five Foot Shelf, is a 51-volume anthology of classic works from world literature (available on-line)

[The New Lifetime Reading Plan](#) provides readers with brief introductions to more than 130 classics of world literature.

Interested?

Contact Jennie Preuss at preuss26@shaw.ca

Community Bulletin Board

This month is the start of our new "Community Bulletin Board", where you can have events posted which are of interest to CFUW Victoria members. Please keep notices concise. Send to voices@cfuwvictoria.ca

THE SECRET MARATHON

3K

WED. MARCH 6TH, 6:30PM



RUNNING, WALKING & WORKING TOGETHER FOR EQUALITY

JOIN US THE WEEK OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY TO CELEBRATE EVERYONE'S RIGHT TO BE FREE TO RUN, WALK AND FEEL SAFE IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

Make a difference by being part of the second annual Secret Marathon 3K as we run, walk and work together towards equality. Everyone welcome!

There are still places in the world where women are not allowed to run or walk outside. This race is inspired by the film *The Secret Marathon* which shares the story of a community in Afghanistan creating a safe space to run in that country's first marathon. But right here in Victoria, many feel unsafe to run at night. Let's show our support for women everywhere and come together in an event to celebrate everyone's freedom to run or walk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019 | 6:30PM
RUNNING ROOM VICTORIA
1234 Government Street, Victoria

Learn more and register at
TheSecretMarathon.com/3krace



This 3k non-competitive fun run/walk is open to the whole family. Same-day registration is from 6 pm on with race start at 6.30 pm.

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- This newsletter is published monthly. Direct your inquiries or correspondence for the newsletter to the editor **Communications Team** at voices@cfuwvictoria.ca
- **Submissions for the January newsletter in by December 23, 2018.** Thank you!

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