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VOICES CFUW Victoria

Promoting the Education and Advancement of Women

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President's Message

With the beautiful sunshine and early spring blossoms, it is hard to believe that we were under a blanket of snow only a few short weeks ago. Unfortunately, this surge of winter weather prompted the cancellation of our annual Scholarship & Bursary Society Luncheon to honour the 2018-2019 award winners. We look forward to learning more about these extraordinary award recipients in the coming weeks. Thank you to our S&B Executive – Susan Lane, Anny Schaefer and Margaret Morrison – for all of your effort in planning this much-anticipated event.

Now that March is upon us, there are a lot of exciting events over the next couple of months! CFUW Victoria will be an exhibitor at the Victoria Women's Expo on March 2 & 3 to showcase our club to women in Victoria. Be sure to stop by our booth at the Pearkes Recreation Centre this weekend!

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Our Advocacy Committee has prepared an overview of the many events that are happening in Greater Victoria and across Vancouver Island to mark this occasion. Information about these events was distributed recently to our members, and has also been included in this issue of *Voices*. I hope you will take the opportunity to celebrate IWD!

Registration is now underway for the 2019 CFUW BC Council Conference & AGM from May 3 -5. Our theme is Celebrating the Influence of Women: Past, Present and Future. This year's conference has an exciting line-up of speakers, a fashion show, receptions and exciting anniversary celebrations. The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, will be joining us for the Opening Reception! CFUW Victoria is very

excited to be hosting this event and we hope you will register to attend!

Our March meeting will have a different format this year. Since there are no resolutions to discuss, our Advocacy Committee will be looking ahead to the Federal Election and will lead a discussion about potential election issues in 2019. This will be followed by a Membership Vision Session and a celebration of our CFUW Victoria members.

Like many clubs, our membership is changing. We continue to grow and are pleased to welcome new members to our club. We also stand alongside many dedicated CFUW members who have given generously of their time over the years. We recognize how vital recruitment and retention are to the continued success of CFUW Victoria. We also recognize that having members volunteer to join committees, and to lead our club as part of our Executive, are also critical to club success. So 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? What do we need to do differently to meet our club's changing needs?

This will be a valuable discussion and I would encourage all of our members to attend this important session on March 20th.

Enjoy the sunshine and I will see you in March!

Allison Nelson-Bruce
President, CFUW Victoria

Save the date - March 20th

Our next meeting is March 20th at 7 PM at the Salvation Army Citadel.

Please join us for a discussion about relevant issues to our members for the upcoming federal election. This will be followed by a Membership Vision Session and celebration of our CFUW Victoria members.
Hope to see you there!

The Victoria Women's Expo

CFUW Victoria will be an exhibitor again this year at The Victoria Women's Expo at Pearkes Recreation Centre on **March 2 (10-5) & 3 (10-4)**. This is a terrific opportunity to showcase CFUW Victoria to thousands of women in Victoria! Thank you to our Executive Committee for volunteering to assist at the Expo this weekend.

We look forward to seeing you at The Victoria Women's Expo!

CFUW Victoria Advocacy: International Women's Day 2019

**Please help us by donating products on March 2nd
and/or sorting/delivering products afterwards**

We need your help. Period.

Periods are just a fact of life, and monthly menstrual products are a necessity.

Sadly, too many women and girls can't afford them. Nobody should have to pick between feeding their family and affording basic hygiene products.

But you can help change that.

Help Fill the Bus*

Bring your donations of unopened packages of menstrual supplies,
cash or cheques

When: Saturday, March 2nd

Time: 10am – 2pm

Place: Hillside Mall

NE Parking Lot – corner of Shelbourne and North Dairy

Help Unload the Bus, Sort and Deliver Products

All products need to be removed from the bus and sorted before delivery to community agencies on International Women's Day - Friday, March 8th

When: Monday, March 4th – Friday, March 8th

Time: anytime between 9:00am – 3:30pm

Place: United Way Greater Victoria

201 – 633 Courtney Street (Courtney & Douglas above the Bug Zoo)

**Note: Products can also be dropped off directly at United Way during the week of March 4th*

Sponsored by United Way Greater Victoria

THANKS to support from
Hillside Mall BC Transit Victoria Labour Council

For more info please contact:

Susan Shepherd

Email: susan.shepherd@uwgv.ca

Phone: 778-350-4370



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.

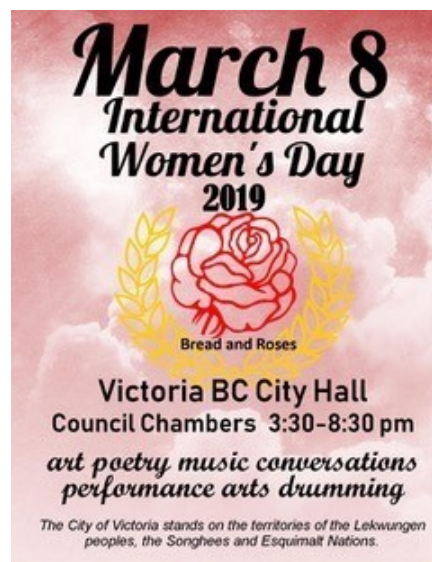
Make a difference by being part of the second annual Secret Marathon 3K as we run, walk and work together towards equality. Everyone welcome!

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

**Celebration in Parksville - IWD & 100 years
Friday, March 8, 7-9pm**



Bridges For Women

Bridges for Women celebrates International Women's Day with a luncheon fundraiser on **March 8th** at the Union Club. Funds raised support ongoing program development to break the cycle of violence against women living in Southern Vancouver Island. The event hosts over 200 women and men for a delicious

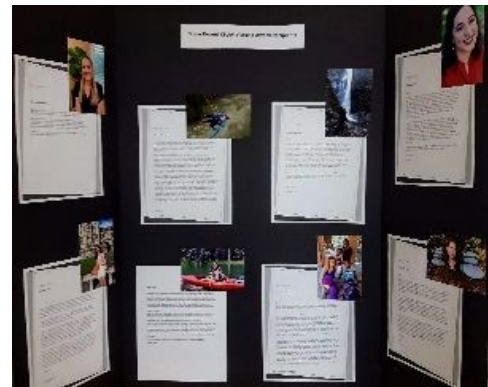
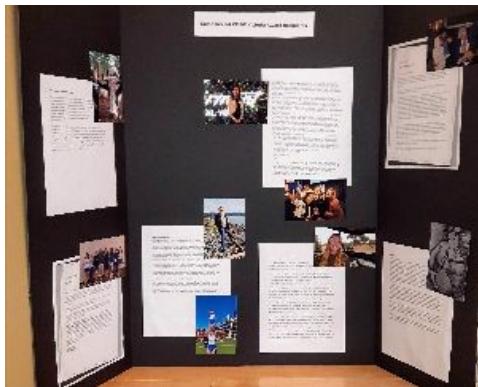
lunch, networking, fundraising and inspiring keynote speakers.

[Register at Eventbrite](#)

Scholarships & Bursary

This year, many of our scholarship and bursary recipients from UVic, Camosun, and Royal Roads provided us with a photo and brief bio for display at the February luncheon (cancelled because of weather). We now have three boards of this lovely and inspiring info available for you to borrow for meetings of neighbourhood or special interest groups. See how the dollars donated by our members over the years are affecting young women's lives today! To borrow the boards, please email scholarship@cfuwvictoria.ca and let us know what dates you'd like to have them.

Your Scholarship & Bursary Society Board,
Susan Lane, Chair
Margaret Morrison, Treasurer
Anny Schaefer, Secretary



Advocacy

Federal Election Issues

CFUW National invited Clubs to consider a list of key issues that we anticipate will appear on Party Platforms and debates during the upcoming Federal Election. The CFUW Victoria Advocacy Committee reviewed the issues and chose the 5 below, for which National will develop talking points. The goal is that members will be able to draw from this information when they meet candidates at their door, at town-halls and at All Candidates' Forums.

1. Women in Non-Traditional occupations & skilled trades – *this aligns with S&B and our proposed IWD 2020 event theme*
2. Universal Childcare – *to include the need for supports for grandparents raising children*
3. Poverty – *specifically child poverty and the educational needs of children*
4. Housing and Homelessness – *addressing the root causes for youth homelessness*
5. Universal Pharmacare – *supports for people living in poverty*

Member Spotlight

Victoria Arts Council celebrates CFUW Victoria member

PAT MARTIN BATES, fifty year survey

Fri. March 1st - Sat. March 30th @ [Victoria Arts Council](#) (All Ages)

12PM-5PM Tuesday - Saturday, or by appointment.

Opening: Friday 1st March 2019

Reception with artist-in-attendance, Friday 1 March from 5PM-9PM.

Please join us in celebrating the innovative career of one of Victoria's most accomplished visual artists -- Pat Martin Bates. This fifty-year survey exhibition takes a specific look at the experimental approaches the artist has explored and is being presented as a special project in honour of the Council's 50th anniversary year from 1-30 March.

At 91 years old and with over half a century of artistic output, Pat Martin Bates has been widely recognized and praised within Canada, winning awards and honours such as her RCA and FRSC designations, her Queen's Jubilee Medal, an honorary degree, and exhibitions throughout the country. Still, her achievements have been even more deeply appreciated overseas. She has exhibited throughout the world over many decades, and has been honoured with awards ranging from the Global Graphics Award in Holland in 1993 (the only Canadian to achieve this honour) to the Gold Medal at the International Biennale of Prints, Norway to the Critics' Choice Award at the Print Biennial in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia in 1977. Affectionately regarded everywhere as PMB, she is known in England as Lady Print, in Japan as Ambassador Extraordinaire, and in Yugoslavia, The Angel from Heaven. She is esteemed universally as the doyenne and spirit of Canadian printmaking.

Pat Martin Bates
*Inscape Golden Timeless Threads—
Points of Starlight Silence*

01-31 March 2019

Victoria Arts Council, 1800 Store Street

Tuesday - Saturday, 12-5PM

A special solo exhibition as part of the VAC 50th anniversary year, celebrating the innovative career of Pat Martin Bates



Making a difference...together

Membership News

**A member of CFUW Victoria since October 1994,
Gwyn Solomon passed away on February 14, 2019**



Gwyn (nee Mair Ogwen Rees) was born in Brynmenyn, South Wales, and graduated from Charlotte Mason College in the English Lake District and York University in Canada. Her dedicated and long serving vocation as an elementary school teacher in the UK, Bahamas and Canada was followed by a successful career in real estate. When diagnosed with MS she moved to Victoria where she spent many happy years travelling and enjoying music, book-clubs, and bridge with cherished friends. Gwyn was predeceased by her brothers Gwilym (Anne) and Dillwyn Rees. She is survived by her children Susan (Bob), Nigel (Liz) and David (Sheila) and her grandchildren Patrick, Bryan and Katherine. She is fondly remembered by her lifelong friend Chris. Her family wishes to thank Dr. Rosenberg and his thoughtful staff and Helping Hands for their dedicated attention.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the MS Society of Canada. There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

CFUW - BC Council



Celebrating the Influence of Women
Past, Present and Future

CFUW BC Council - AGM 2019
May 3-5, 2019 | Victoria

March 2019 CFUW Victoria VOICES:

There have been several exciting developments with the 2019 BC Council AGM & Conference. Here are some of the key highlights about our upcoming conference:

- **Registration is now open!** Members have the opportunity to register for the full conference (\$275), or for Saturday only (\$205). Early bird pricing is available until April 3, 2019. Click here for more information and to register - cfuwbcc.proreg.ca.

- **The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia**, has agreed to address delegates at our opening reception on Friday, May 3, at the Hotel Grand Pacific!
- **We will be celebrating!** CFUW National's 100th anniversary will be celebrated throughout the conference. We will also be recognizing the 111th anniversary of CFUW Victoria by presenting a digital historical overview of CFUW Victoria interspersed with key historical accomplishments of women over the last century.
- **An exciting lineup of speakers will be featured at the conference!** A diverse and insightful program has been planned to explore the past, consider the present, and dream for the future.
- **Guided tours will be available for conference participants.** Complimentary theme-based walking tours, hosted by CFUW Victoria members, will be offered on Friday afternoon.
- **Lunch on Saturday will feature a Spring Parade Fashion Show!** Several fun activities are planned throughout the conference, including a fashion show from Aurea Boutique. Carolyn Harvey-Smith of Aurea Boutique will feature exemplary BC designers whose garments are assembled at home-based workshops of women in the Lower Mainland.
- **Saturday evening's gala banquet** will highlight the CFUW Charitable Trust and will feature entertainment by REACH! Performing Company - a mass choir of performers representing a diversity of abilities, cultures and ages. This will capture a true experience of joy, fun and satisfaction!
- **Conference registrants will have an opportunity to contribute to a time capsule** to share their hopes and predictions for the next 50 years. What exciting things will we be celebrating with women 50 years from now?

Would you like to be a conference sponsor? Some sponsorship opportunities include: Greeter Scarves (\$35), flowers and decorations (\$25) or sponsoring a VIP Guest at the opening reception (\$25). *Please contact Allison Nelson-Bruce if you wish to contribute.*

There are many opportunities to celebrate, network, and share our club's accomplishments and plans with CFUW members from all over BC! We look forward to welcoming you to the 30th Anniversary of the CFUW BC Council Conference and AGM!

Brenda Canitz
Conference Planning Chair. 250-889-8938



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.

[Club Action Newsletter February 22, 2019](#)

President's Message, International Women's Day and the Sustainable Development Goals

[Club Action Newsletter February 25, 2019](#)

CFUW Articles and Bylaws amendment process

[Club Action Newsletter March 1, 2019](#)

Contains amendment to Feb 25 CFUW Articles and Bylaws above

GWI (Graduate Women International)

[GWI Update February 6, 2019](#)

[GWI Update February 20, 2019](#)

Interest Groups

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

CFUW Women Who Eat Around the World (WHEATW)

Celebrated Chinese New Year with a delicious and huge variety of entrees at the Golden Palace



Community Bulletin Board

Events of interest to CFUW Victoria members. Send suggestions to voices@cfuwvictoria.ca.

African Dinner Sponsored by Victoria Grandmothers for Africa Saturday, May 4

I will be hosting a table at the African Dinner and would love to have you join me. It is a fun evening with fabulous food and all monies go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation which is turning the tide on HIV/Aids by supporting over 300 grass-roots projects projects in Sub-Sahara Africa. Please call or email me at 250 361-4652 or susan7powell@gmail.com Thank you. Susan Powell

Details here: [African Dinner Poster](#)

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