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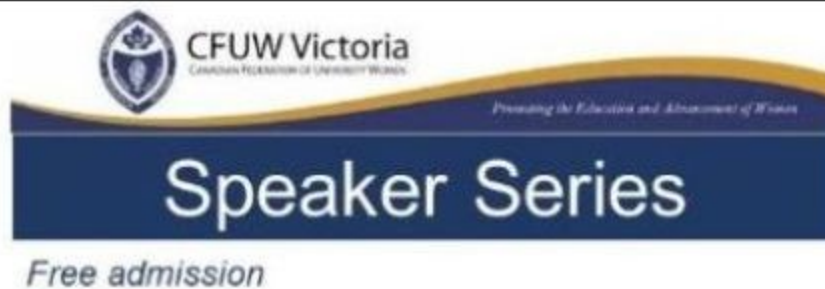
How wonderful it was to see so many of our CFUW Victoria members at our opening meeting in September! It was a terrific celebration with our Notable Women & Sage Award winners, and a great turnout for our interest and activity groups. Thanks to everyone who joined us to hear about our exciting year ahead!

October is Women's History Month in Canada. We are excited to once again welcome historian Kate Humble to our Speaker Series in October. Please be sure to join us at our next meeting on October 16th!

Allison Nelson-Bruce
President, CFUW Victoria

Meetings & Updates

Our next meeting is on October 16, 2019 at the
Salvation Army Citadel



Kate Humble

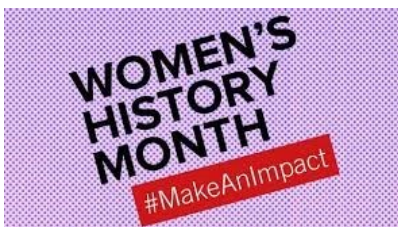
Our Right to Vote: And How It Came To Be



The Federal election is on October 21st, and people across the country are trying to decide how to spend their single, precious ballot.

It was only 102 years ago that women in British Columbia finally joined the ranks of electors after a campaign that spanned continents and generations. The story of women's struggle for suffrage features a cast of educated, motivated, charismatic characters, whose individual persistence and bravery intertwined with contemporary political and social movements, like prohibition and the First World War, to catalyze the legislation that finally brought them the right to vote.

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 – 7 pm
Salvation Army Citadel
4030 Douglas Street
Victoria, BC



October is Women's History Month in Canada, a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of women and girls across the country and throughout history.

The 2019 theme is **#MakeAnImpact**, in honour of the women and girls who have made a lasting impact as pioneers in their field. Whether they are business leaders, politicians, researchers, artists or activists, these women have helped shape Canada into a thriving, diverse and prosperous country through their achievements and desire to make a difference. [Women of Impact in Canada](#), an online gallery that celebrates the achievements of more than 100 women and girls through photos and biographies that capture some of their many successes.

Two additional important days take place in October this year. October 11 is [International Day of the Girl](#), a UN international observance dedicated to championing girls' rights around the world. As well, October 18 is [Persons Day](#), which, this year, marks 90 years since the historic decision to include women in the legal definition of "persons" was handed down by Canada's highest court of appeal.

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Chair, Scholarship & Bursary Society Board

Help Us Find a New Meeting Location!

At our opening meeting in September, our Programs Chair, Rachel McDonnell, announced that our general meetings will be moving to the Windsor Pavilion in January. This past August, the Salvation Army Citadel advised us that our meeting space would no longer be available for CFUW Victoria to use starting in early 2020. The Citadel is choosing to go in another direction and our space will no longer be available to rent for our general meetings.

Our Programs Committee jumped into action and toured several facilities before choosing the Windsor Pavilion. This facility has been booked for our meetings in January – April of next year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rachel McDonnell and Sue Whitesides for all of their efforts in evaluating the various meeting spaces so quickly to find a suitable location for our meetings!

The Citadel has been a fairly central location for our membership. I recently learned that there are some members who are concerned about the new location and don't find it to be quite as convenient as the Citadel. A great suggestion was made (thanks Paddy!) to form a committee with one member from each neighbourhood group to review and discuss potential options for meeting spaces in Greater Victoria beginning with our opening night in September, 2020. Whether we eventually have one central location again (like the Citadel), or we rotate between a handful of locations around the City, it will be useful for the club to have several viable suggestions that meet the necessary criteria for our general meetings (set up/take down, adequate space, parking, access, audio-visual, etc...). A list of suggested meeting spaces that meet the necessary criteria can then be provided to our Programs Committee for planning for the upcoming year (2020-21).

We want our members to be able to gather together monthly so it is important that we have a meeting space that is convenient for many. Please sign up to join this committee at the general meeting in October. Alternatively, **please contact Allison Nelson-Bruce** if you wish to volunteer for this committee.

Allison Nelson-Bruce
President, CFUW Victoria

Voting Information for Federal Election

All Candidate Debates

Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke:

- Thursday, October 3rd at 6:30-9:00pm

Metchosin Community Hall [4401 William Head Road]

- Wednesday, October 9th at 6:30-9:00pm

Prospect Lake Community Hall [5358 Sparton Road]

Cowichan-Malahat-Langford:

- Wednesday, October 2nd at 5:00-6:30pm

Quamichan School [2515 Beverly Street, Duncan]

** sponsored by the National Association of Federal Retirees** - may be restricted to members

- Thursday, October 3rd at 6:30-9:00pm

United Church [246 Ingram Street in Duncan]

Victoria:

- Monday, September 30th at 6:30pm

Church of Truth [111 Superior Street, James Bay]

** focused on Disability Accessibility Issues

- Thursday, October 3rd at 6:30-9:00pm

First Metropolitan United Church [932 Balmoral Road in downtown Victoria]

Federal Party Leaders Debate

Accessible on TV, radio, digital and social platforms

[CBC, Radio-Canada, CTV, Global News, OMNI, Toronto Star, Huff Post Canada, Huff Post Quebec, La Presse, Le Devoir, Yahoo! Canada]

English-language debate:

- Monday, October 7 from 4:00-6:00pm

French-language debate:

- Thursday, October 10 from 5:00-7:00p

From Municipal Pension Retirees' Association



Smile Cards

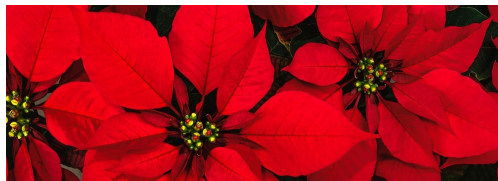
CFUW Victoria participates in the Thrifty Foods Smile Card Fundraising Program to help raise funds for our Scholarship & Bursary Society.

Thrifty Foods will donate an amount equal to 5% of the amount you load on your Smile Card to CFUW Victoria. There is absolutely no cost to you. Take your pre-assigned Smile Card with you to Thrifty Foods when you go grocery shopping. Ask the cashier to load any amount you wish onto the card before having your grocery order rung through. Pay for the card load with cash, debit card or credit card. Ring the grocery order through and pay for the order with your Smile Card. When the card balance is running low, load it again to continue to support CFUW Victoria every time you shop! It's that simple!

Smile Cards, linked to CFUW Victoria, are available from our Treasurer, Uujim Byambaa (treasurer@cfuwvictoria.ca). Please contact Uujim to request a Smile Card today!



Poinsettia Fundraiser



Our Winter Poinsettia Fundraiser is back! Celebrate the holiday season with a beautiful poinsettia or wreath! Orders can be placed in October and November, with pickup available on December 7th. More details about this fundraiser will be provided at the General Meeting on October 16th.

We are asking for two volunteers to assist with processing the orders at the October and November meetings. If you are able to assist, **please contact Allison Nelson-Bruce.**



Christmas Luncheon

CFUW Victoria will be hosting our Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 7 at the Victoria Golf Club. Please mark your calendars! More details to follow.

Advocacy

Hello members and new interested members of the Advocacy Committee,

We hold our Committee meetings for one hour the first Monday of each month at 7:00PM at the Vancity Community Room located at 3075 Douglas Street (across the street from the Mayfair Mall).

Please let me know by return email if you still interested in being a member of the Committee and if you are able to attend our next scheduled meeting for **Monday, Oct 7th**.

An Agenda will be provided prior to Oct 7th, however in the meantime I provide a little background information for you:

1. From CFUW National - [CFUW-FCFDU > What We Do > Advocacy](#)
2. At the local level, for the club year 2019 / 2020, our Committee's theme is "*Children & Youth*". This theme includes but is not limited to issues such as youth homelessness, youth poverty, food security, education and child labour laws.
3. For International Women's Day (IWD) in March 2020 we have the opportunity to partner with St Margaret's School to deliver a one-day Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) conference. We need to discuss if we have a sufficient number of volunteers to participate in this event.

I hope you will be able to join us on October 7th.

Susan Shepherd
Chair, Advocacy Committee

Membership Spotlight

CFUW Victoria's Sue Whitesides honoured

CIPS Congratulates Dr. Sue Whitesides on becoming a CIPS Fellow



Dr. Sue Whitesides, FCIPS has been awarded the distinction of CIPS (Canadian Information Processing Society) 'Fellow' by the Society. 'Fellow' is the highest honour given to leaders within the IT community in Canada for outstanding contributions to the industry and CIPS.

Sue is known nationally and internationally as an educator and researcher. She served as the first woman Director, McGill School of Computer Science, and then as the first woman Chair, Dept of Computer Science, University of Victoria, retiring in December 2016. She continues to mentor grad students.

A Stanford graduate in Electrical Engineering, and a PhD in Mathematics, University of Wisconsin, Sue has created a network of colleagues around the world, advancing the design of algorithms for solving problems modelled by geometry and graphs. At UVic she led collaborations with MITACS, the Canadian organization that partners industry and government practitioners with university students and researchers, to advance research and foster innovation in Canada's IT industry. She served a 5-year term on the Association of Computing Machinery's Award Committee, selecting the winner of the annual ACM Prize in Computing, a mid-career award of \$250,000, second only to the ACM Turing Award, "Nobel Prize" of computer science.

Membership News

CFUW Victoria Past Presidents' lunch



Lunch at Mattick's Farm, Sept. 27th



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

[Message from the President - Directors' Meeting](#)

[Club Action Newsletter: September 25, 2019](#)

[Club Action Newsletter: September 23, 2019](#)

[Committee to Explore and Identify Strategies to Raise Funds for GWI Dues Shortfall](#)

Election Readiness

The following documents (talking points and backgrounders) have been researched and prepared to make it easy for members and clubs to have informed discussions on the topics that we agreed were key issues for the 2019 Federal Election. We encourage you to use them when talking to your friends and neighbours, as well as when canvassers come knocking at your door. Feel free to email them to the candidates in your ridings or print them out to share.

1. Climate Change & Environment ([Talking points](#) - [Backgrounder](#))
2. Pharmacare ([Talking points](#) - [Backgrounder](#))
3. Housing & Homelessness ([Talking points](#) - [Backgrounder](#))
4. Poverty ([Talking points](#) - [Backgrounder](#))
5. Immigration ([Talking points](#) - [Backgrounder](#))
6. Early Learning & Child Care ([Talking points](#) - [Backgrounder](#))
7. Pay Equity ([Talking points](#) - [Backgrounder](#))
8. Indigenous Issues ([Talking points](#) - [Backgrounder](#))

2019-2020 Resolution Cycle

It's time to be thinking about proposed resolutions for the 2020 AGM in Ottawa.

- November 15, 2019 is the deadline for *Intents to Submit a Resolution* for the upcoming AGM.
- Use [Form 1](#) in this document or online, to resolutions@fcfdu.org.
- [Resolutions Guidelines](#)

Better Ballot Campaign

Those of you who had the good fortune to attend our 100th AGM in Winnipeg may already be aware of [Better Ballot Campaign](#), which was created by CFUW Guelph as a way to involve everyone in the election process – candidates and voters – to focus on what matters: the issues. The Campaign is asking candidates and voters to take the pledge and reject all personal attacks during the 2019 election, including any campaigning done in person, on paper and/or on screen. In other words, let's play fair and focus on having better conversations.

- [Better Ballot Campaign Outline](#)
- [Candidate's Pledge](#)
- [Voter's Pledge](#)
- [Better Ballot Event Planning Outline](#)

For more information and to sign up, [email Better Ballot](#)

Grandma Asked Me to Vote Campaign

Following on successful earlier campaigns, CFUW Southport offers [advice and information](#) to encourage young people to vote. Please have a look at their [PowerPoint presentation](#), you may decide it's perfect for your club to use in your community. To learn more about how things got started, check out their website: <https://cfuwspgrandmaasked.wixsite.com/vote/southport>.

GW (Graduate Women International)

[GW UPDATE – 25 September 2019](#)

GW at the Human Rights Council

[GW UPDATE – 18 September 2019](#)

[GW UPDATE – 4 September 2019](#)

Interest Groups

New Interest Group: Focus on Women (Books)

Each month we will focus on a theme or an author. Example: Women and Science Fiction. We all choose whatever science fiction book we like, written by a woman or with a woman as the central character. At our meeting we will each tell the others about the

woman we selected. Another month we might choose women who were the first to do something: First to scale Everest, Fly from London to New York, etc.

This is the same format and premise as Read & Rap, which still has the space for a couple of new members. Shirley Lucyk and Mary Wilson-Smith are starting this group since a number of new members expressed an interest in Read & Rap, possibly tipping the scale on the number who can be accommodated. We'll be meeting the 4th Tuesday evening of the month. Don't read on your own! Share what great things you've read about inspiring women. Contact Shirley Lucyk if interested smlucyk@shaw.ca.

All things food

Foodies

Foodies comprises a maximum of eight members who energize themselves by investigating and enjoying all aspects of food culture: researching local products, food related outings, food samplings, reviewing and sharing books & recipes, learning about other cultures through their food.

Room for new members! Please contact Sandra Jacobsen sandy.italy@gmail.com

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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 October newsletter due by **October 23, 2019**. Thank you!

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