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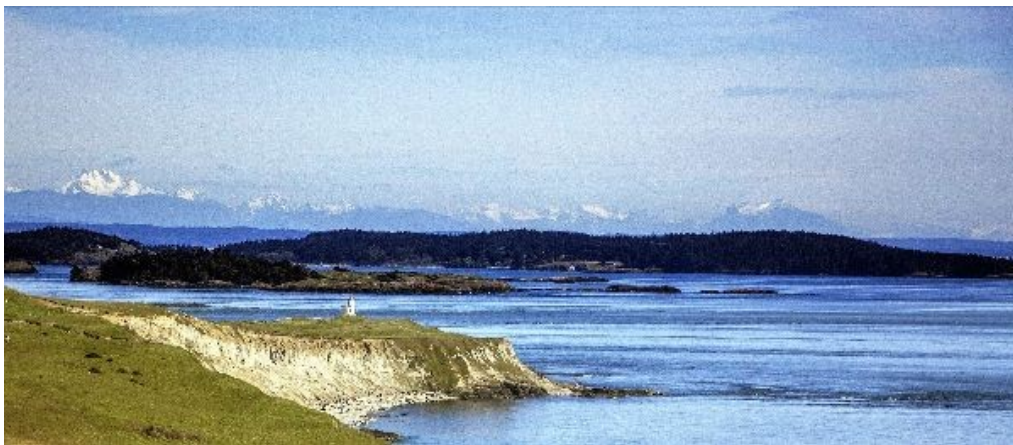


VOICES CFUW Victoria

Promoting the Education and Advancement of Women

2019 - 05

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President's Message

CFUW Victoria is excited to be hosting the BC Council AGM & Conference from May 3 - 5! Final preparation is now underway, as we prepare to welcome over 90 CFUW delegates, members and guests from across British Columbia. Thank you to our dedicated 2019 BC AGM Planning Committee and all of our club members for their efforts in preparing for this event in Victoria.

The CFUW Victoria AGM & Dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 14, at the Victoria Golf Club. It is always wonderful to see so many of our members gathered together. Please join us for this event!

Registration is now open for the 2019 CFUW AGM and Conference being held in Winnipeg from August 15 – 17. More information about this CFUW National AGM and Conference, and the link to register, can be found in this issue of *Voices*.

I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event!

Meetings and Updates

Motions for Discussion at the AGM

In April CFUW National sent out a [newsletter](#) that contained critical information about three financial motions that have been announced for consideration and voting at the National AGM in August, 2019. We discussed these motions at our meeting on April 17. Our members will vote on these motions at the CFUW Victoria AGM on May 14.

Motion 1: National Dues Increase for CFUW

The motion from the Finance Committee to the Board is for a per capita increase of \$6.00 for CFUW.

Motion 2: National Dues Increase for GWI Membership Fees and Support Expenses

The motion from the Finance Committee to the Board is for a per capita increase of \$10 for GWI membership dues and support expenses.

Please note that these two motions will be voted on separately.

Click [here](#) for the Two National Dues Increase Motions

Motion 3: Winnipeg Motion

A financial motion for AGM 2019 has been received from CFUW Winnipeg. This motion deals with differentiated CFUW dues for members who wish or do not wish to pay GWI dues. The Club has prepared background information for your consideration.

Click [here](#) for the Winnipeg Motion



AGM Dinner

The Victoria CFUW AGM will be held on May 14, 2019 at the Victoria Golf Club. Reservations can be made with the forms below. Payment and registration must be received by May 10. Please see address on the registration form.

Special Key Note speaker will be Jane Vermeulen, Recipient of the Women of Worth Award for her work creating Vets for Pets, a not for profit organization providing free veterinary care to more than 60 pets a month for homeless and low-income pet owners.

Women of Worth is the signature philanthropic program of L'oreal Paris. It elevates and celebrates inspirational Canadian women who have volunteered their time to improve the lives of people in their community, province or country. Jane Vermeulen received a \$10,000 charitable grant which was presented to her in Toronto by award winning actor and humanitarian Helen Mirren on International Women's Day.

There will be an opportunity to contribute to Jane's organization at the dinner (make cheques out to Our Place, with 'Vets for Pets' on the memo line).

[Dinner Menu](#)

[Dinner Reservation Form](#)

Nominations for the CFUW Victoria 2019/2020 Executive & Opportunities on the Programs Committee

I am very pleased to inform our membership that we have nominations for two positions on the 2019/2020 CFUW Victoria Executive:

Neighbourhood Group Coordinator – Melanie Wade

Interest Group Coordinator – Nicole Longpre

I am very excited to have members nominated for these positions.

There are three more opportunities to get more involved with the Club, and be part of a like-minded group of women, who enjoy working together and sharing responsibilities:

Secretary – this is a fabulous way to get involved with the Executive, and an even better way to meet members of our Club. Responsibilities include: taking minutes at our regular meetings, taking minutes at the Executive meetings., and taking minutes of the business portion at the CFUW Victoria AGM. This means a commitment of the second and third Wednesday evening of each month. The Executive meets 5:30-7:30pm on the second Wednesday each month. The third Wednesday is the Club General Meeting 7:00-9:00pm the third Wednesday each month. (except for months with special events and the AGM).

Treasurer - the responsibilities of this position were lessened this year with the hiring of a bookkeeper last fall. This was done to ease the burden of the position so that members would feel more comfortable in the role. Having a financial background is always an asset when taking a financial position, however, it is not necessary.

Program Committee Members Needed

The programs committee is responsible for the speaker series, the planning of the Christmas Luncheon, and our Club AGM. They do the arranging for meetings at the Citadel and take care of the hospitality at the General Meetings. Now, I am not sharing this to scare you away, I am telling you this because currently there are only **TWO** committed members on this committee and they have been doing **EVERYTHING** on their own. This committee needs at least four (4) more people to share the workload. Everyone has enjoyed the luncheons, the meetings, the speakers, and the snacks and beverages provided at the meetings. Rachel and Sue have accomplished incredible things as a two – person committee, and now it's time for more members to lend a hand.

2018/2019 Executive:

President: Allison Nelson-Bruce

Vice President: Nives Jadresko

Secretary: unfilled

Treasurer: Pauline Hardy

Membership Coordinator: Shirley Lucyk

Interest Groups Coordinator: Susan Spooner

Neighbourhood Groups Coordinator: Anita Mavromichalis

Communications Coordinator: Mary Wilson-Smith

Programs Coordinator: Rachel McDonnell

Past President: Tracey Otto

Proposed Executive for 2019/2020:

President: Allison Nelson-Bruce

Vice President: Nives Jadresko

Secretary: unfilled

Treasurer: unfilled

Membership Coordinator: Shirley Lucyk

Interest Groups Coordinator: *Nicole Longpre*

Neighbourhood Groups Coordinator: *Melanie Wade*

Communications Coordinator: Mary Wilson-Smith

Programs Coordinator: Rachel McDonnell

Past President: Tracey Otto

Tracey Otto
Past President, CFUW Victoria

CFUW Victoria Program Committee Annual Report 2018-2019

CFUW Victoria has enjoyed a variety of amazing speakers who spoke to us about how their efforts through advocacy and education, were improving the lives of many.

We have had an exciting year at CFUW Victoria and our theme for our club was "Stories that need to be told".

October: Starting off our "Speaker Series" was Cathy Converse best selling author her book "Against the Current" is about the remarkable life of Agnes Deans Cameron. First female high school teacher in B.C and first female principal in B.C. Cathy Converse is a writer for over 30 years and the author of over 6 books and was the chair of the Social Sciences Dept of Camosun College.

November: next in our "Speaker Series" Dell Marie Wergeland President and founder of "Compassionate Resource Warehouse". A non profit that collects and distributes items of need to over 69 countries. She provided a fascinating look into what a group of compassionate people can achieve when they all work towards a common goal. Dell Marie gave a incredible heart felt presentation to our CFUW Victoria club members.

December: Our annual Christmas luncheon is located at the beautiful Victoria Golf Club. Our entertainment was the very impressive duo of Stephanie Greaves and her pianist Darcy Phillips. The Victoria Youth Empowerment Society was our advocacy committee's choice of non profit. Cammie Salter was our key note speaker and gave a memorable speech regarding the infinite challenges youth experience daily.

February: Key note speaker Patrick Dunae Adjunct Professor Dept of History at UVIC. Specializing in historical research, communications and consulting he is principal of "Cleo Media". By using an interactive map of the public history project he and fellow UVIC historian John Lutz worked on, our members could see a socioeconomic and architectural picture of the old neighbourhoods of the Burnside Gorge area.

April: Key note speaker was Deborah Curran Executive Director of the Environmental Law

Centre at UVIC. Deborah Curran has extensive experience advocating for environmental protections and sustainability. Specializing in land use litigation she will provide an over view of the types of projects students of the environmental law centre are working on.

May: Key note speaker at our AGM this year at the Victoria Golf Club will be Jane Vermeulen. Recipient of the "Women of Worth" award for her work in creating "Vets for Pets" a not for profit organization providing free veterinary care to more than 60 pets a month for homeless and low income pet owners. Women of Worth is the signature philanthropic program of L'Oreal Paris. It celebrates inspirational Canadian women who have volunteered their time to improve the lives of people in their community, province or country. Jane Vermeulen received a \$10,000 charitable grant toward her organization.

Rachel McDonnell and Sue Whitesides
Program Committee

Membership News

Olive Bailey's 98th Birthday



Olive Bailey (a CFUW Victoria Past President) and her husband are settled in to Broadmead Lodge and she had a lovely time celebrating her 98th Birthday with family and friends!

CFUW - BC Council



Celebrating the Influence of Women Past, Present and Future

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

BC Council Annual Conference and AGM

By the time you read this submission the 2019 BC Council Annual Conference and AGM will be about to start at the Hotel Grand Pacific.

Note: from CFUW BC Council's web site:

A few key points we'd like you to be aware of. There have been program changes in terms of rooms and times. Friday Reception: **All participants must be Vancouver Ballroom by 4:45** to allow for Her Honour Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor BC and special guest to enter the reception room before we begin the evening program.

We have tables for the Marketplace. Please contact Allison Nelson-Bruce if you plan to bring goods to sell to support your scholarships.

If you have registered a guest for the Saturday Gala Dinner, please have them stop by the registration desk to pick up a name tag.

We have a New format for Charitable trust! Guests will have an opportunity to donate at the Saturday night dinner in a special donation envelope. You can donate by cash or cheque. We will also provide information on how to donate on line through **Canada Helps** [Charitable Trust Donations at Canada Helps](#) National office will send tax receipts.

A light breakfast will now be served on Sunday am.

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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 April 11, 2019](#)

Registration for National's AGM in Winnipeg is now open. This issue contains hotel information and code for flight discount.

[Club Action Newsletter - CFUW Membership Recruitment Initiative](#)

Traveling Exhibit Membership Materials are Ready! The Membership Committee is making available materials for a traveling exhibit. Clubs are able to book the materials for using in your community.

CFUW AGM and Conference
August 15 - 17, 2019



AGA et Congrès de la FCFDU
Du 15-17th août 2019

Welcome back to where we started - The Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg

Hosted by the University Women's Club of Winnipeg

Hotel Fort Garry
222 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB
R3C 0R3

To register, or for information, click [here](#)

GWI (Graduate Women International)

[GWI Update - April 3, 2019](#)

[GWI Update – April 17, 2019](#)

Neighbourhood Groups

Neighbourhood # 12



From left to right:

Alva Jenson, Walene Whitaker, Dawn Jones, Frances Forrest-Richards, Tracey Otto, Brenda Canitz, Karoline Roessler, Mary Wilson-Smith, Rachel McDonnell



A wonderful magician at Tracey's shop



It was great to be at the Grand Opening of Tracey's Vintage Store in Shawnigan Lake. Lunch at The Cidery was a hit as well. Thanks also to Rachel and Brenda for driving .The weather co-operated for the most part. I think a good time was had by all. These pictures tell some of the story. Thanks to Rachel McDonnell for organizing our fun outing on Saturday.

Alva Jenson
CFUW Neighbourhood 12

Neighbourhood Group # 4 celebrates the birthday of Member Jean Haddow

Also in attendance were 2 of her granddaughters & her daughter in law Brenda from Parksville.





Neighbourhood Group # 8

Neighbourhood Group #8 held an “Astronomy Info Day” and coffee party with our dedicated amateur astronomer, Barb Wright. We held this gathering at Barb’s condo on Sunday, April 7th where she hosted an information afternoon about what we can see in the heavens. We have previously attempted to have an evening outdoor “star party” to look at the heavens through Barb’s telescope, but were defeated by cloud and other weather conditions. We hope to follow up on this topic by attending the Dominion Observatory in Saanich one evening during the summer.

Marilyn Crump
NG # 8 Convenor



We're looking for places to go or things to do during the summer months

Do you know of good walks? Tea shops? Restaurants? Interesting drives?
We'll share your suggestions in the next issue of Voices

Send to voices@cfuwvictoria.ca

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