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### **Government of Canada honours national historic significance of the Canadian Federation of University Women**



## **President's Message**

Recently, I had the pleasure of attending the CFUW Conference & Annual General Meeting in celebration of its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was held at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg – the same location of the founding meeting in August, 1919. It was a wonderful, and thought-provoking, conference packed full of celebrations! Some of the highlights included a panel about women and leadership and the importance of advocating for gender equality; the unveiling of a Plaque by Parks Canada honouring CFUW's 100 Year Anniversary; a compelling keynote address by Elizabeth May about the value of women in politics; and celebrating 100 remarkable women at the Notable Women banquet. CFUW Victoria was also recognized with an award for our increase in new members!

It was exciting to honour the 100 Notable Women across Canada! Five of our CFUW Victoria members were among those celebrated – Pat Martin Bates, Jill Leslie, Myrtle Siebert, Audrey Thomas,

and Marjie Welchframe. CFUW also acknowledged long-standing members with the Sage Award; and the recipient for CFUW Victoria was Kay Porter. We will be celebrating our remarkable women at our opening meeting on September 18.

The conference was a terrific reminder of the purpose and ambitions that the founding members had explored 100 years ago. While much has changed over the past century, our purpose today remains the same – championing women's rights, education and empowerment.

Several photographs from the conference have been included in this issue of *Voices*, along with the special edition newsletter that has been published about this historical conference.

Members planning to attend next year's conference will be excited to hear that it is being held from June 18 – 20<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa!

See you in September!

**Allison Nelson-Bruce**  
**President, CFUW Victoria**

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## Meetings

**Our next meeting is on September 18, 2019 at the  
Salvation Army Citadel**

The Financial Statements and Budget will be presented to CFUW Victoria members for approval.

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## Scholarship & Bursary

The board of the CFUW Scholarship and Bursary Society is excited to be beginning a new year supporting women and education across the lower island! Did you know? You—and every member of the Club—have automatically donated \$5 to S&B through your membership fees. Every donor counts and we appreciate each and every one of you.

First we want to thank Susan Lane for her amazing leadership and stewardship of S&B over the last two years. Susan and the S&B Board directed over \$190,000 in new contributions and legacies over the last three years. During this time 8 new scholarships were added and 6 small bursaries at Camosun had additional funds added to ensure students have the support to continue to attend

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school.

Over the next year we will continue to liaise with our Educational Development partners at Camosun College, Royal Roads University and the University of Victoria. We will continue to augment existing bursaries to support more equitable awards across the three institutions.

This year we will also be trying some new things. We are now registered with CanadaHelps to accept donations. This is an easy way to contribute to CFUW Victoria S&B and does not carry any more administration fees than other services such as Pay Pal. We encourage you to try out this process. You can find us on CanadaHelps at [https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/cfuwvictoria\\_awards/](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/cfuwvictoria_awards/). As usual you can still contribute with a cheque if that is your preference.

Finally we are looking for new options to celebrate S&B awards in early March. Keep your eyes on this newsletter for new information as the year advances! Please feel free to contact any of us with your questions or suggestions!

All the best!

**Margaret Morrison, Anny Schaefer and Brenda Canitz**  
**Scholarship & Bursary Society Board**

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## **Membership Spotlight**



### **Message from the President**

**September 9, 2019**

Susan Dyer Murphy 1950-2019  
CFUW National President 2012-2014

It is with deep sorrow that I write of the unexpected death of CFUW Past President Susan Murphy on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at Nanaimo, B.C. We offer our condolences to her husband Bob, her step-daughters Shannon and Karen, other family members, and the members of CFUW Nanaimo and other friends.

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Susan was a mentor to many CFUW leaders in her positions at the club, regional, national and international levels. In the introduction to Susan's presidential biography she is quoted with saying *"I've tried to share my CFUW experience in words and pictures wherever I go, believing that the more we get to know one another, share stories and successes, the more CFUW clubs and members in our federation will feel a kinship among us and all benefit from those experiences."* She took philosopher Herchel's statement "Every moment is great . . . every moment is unique" one step further by sharing those moments.

Certainly, we have shared with delight Susan's many postings of her travels and involvement in CFUW, most recently at the July 2019 GWI Triennial at Geneva, and the August CFUW AGM in Winnipeg. Susan posted events immediately. I was privileged to also have visited with her Nanaimo Club in May where at a lunch meeting Susan spoke earnestly of her thoughts on CFUW's future and later that night when some participants in a CFUW Book Club meeting did not realize the host had moved house, Susan was on the sidewalk directing traffic!

Susan was born in Winnipeg, and grew up in Minnedosa, west Manitoba, with a passion for learning, fostered by her parents, that resulted in academic and sports awards and a BA from Brandon University majoring in sociology and minoring in psychology, and a certificate in Education from the University of Manitoba. Instead of a teaching career, Susan chose a career with the Federal Government, earned her CMA designation and starting on a career path where often she was one of very few women at her place of work. She became, in turn, Senior Analyst in the Manitoban Treasury Board and Assistant Deputy Minister of Corporate Services in the Ministry of Health. Later she took on the position of Vice-President, Corporate Services with the health authority at Nanaimo B.C.

Her CFUW experience started with UWC Winnipeg with the Program Committee, and as Assistant Treasurer and a Trustee of the UWC Winnipeg Scholarship Fund. Later with CFUW Nanaimo she moved from VP to Club President and chair of Resolutions for BC Council. From 2006 to 2008 Susan was RD for Vancouver Island, a position she loved, and in 2008, she joined the National Board as Vice-President BC. From 2012-2014 she served as CFUW National President and Trustee of the CFUW Charitable Trust. As VP international she organized and facilitated CFUW's participation in the UN Commission on the Status of Women at New York. Most recently Susan met with other members at the GWI Geneva Triennial as one of the CFUW Ambassadors to learn more about their organizations' issues.

Supporting women's education through Club Scholarships and Charitable Trust Fellowships was one of Susan's passions that resulted in her walking with Monika Oepkes, 300 km on the Camino de Santiago Trail in Spain and raising over \$4200 for the CFUW Nanaimo Scholarship Fund. Her biography records that this became the impetus for the national Fellowship honouring CFUW's Past President, Margaret Strongitharm. At the end of her term as president, Susan and Monika did a 22-

day, 500 km walk to Santiago de Compostela., raising almost \$18,000 for the Charitable Trust's Fellowship fund.

Past President Tammy Irwin refers to Susan's walk as "An extraordinary feat and dedication to CFUW." Past President Ardith Toogood also references the Camino Trail as well as "her kindness and health-wise cooking when I stayed at her beautiful home . . . her participation at CFUW and IFUW Conferences." Brenda Robertson, chair of the Alumnae Group in a message to the Alumnae notes Susan " . . . bringing clarity and understanding to the table, and promoting good will and diplomacy . . ." while Susan Russell, past ED of CFUW states " "Susan was well liked throughout the federation for her honesty, straightforwardness and unflappable approach."

Susan will be remembered for her friendship, dedication to CFUW, her ability to analyse situations and offer opinions, and for her many achievements. The CFUW masthead message summarizes her focus: "The Power of Women Working Together".

Grace Hollett



National President-Presidente Nationale  
CFUW-FCFDU

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## Membership News

### Celebrating our Notable Women & Sage Award Winner

As part of celebrating its 100 years, Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) identified 100 women across Canada to be named as Notable Women. We are thrilled to announce that at the recent AGM, five members from CFUW Victoria were named as Notable Women - Pat Martin Bates, Jill Leslie, Myrtle Siebert, Audrey Thomas, and Marjie Welchframe. Please see the bios below to learn more about these remarkable members.

CFUW also introduced the Sage Award as part of the 100th Anniversary celebration. The Sage Award is awarded by each club to a current member who has the longest period of CFUW membership. Our long-standing and dedicated member, Kay Porter, joined CFUW in 1955. We are pleased to announce that Kay Porter is our recipient of the Sage Award for CFUW Victoria.

Please join us for our opening meeting on September 18th as we celebrate these award winners who champion CFUW's mission!

## Pat Martin Bates



In 1985 CFUW Victoria honoured this outstanding artist and Club member by establishing the Pat Martin Bates Scholarship in Visual Arts. Pat, a native of New Brunswick, settled in Victoria in 1964 and joined CFUW Victoria in 1975. She is a founder of the Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria; an original member of the *Limners* – a gathering of Victoria's leading modern artists — and was an influential teacher in the early years of the University of Victoria. Still an active artist, now in her nineties, Pat is considered the senior artist of Victoria. She was the unanimous choice for winner of the inaugural Acorn Arts Award of Oak Bay municipality (Victoria) in February 2017.

Pat studied art at Mt. Allison University and in Belgium. Her innovative print-making techniques, involving deep embossing, piercing of paper and the use of light boxes, have brought her international renown and many honors including an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts and awards from International Print Biennials in Yugoslavia (1977), Norway (1985) and Holland (1993). Her work is found in over 63 countries and she has worked with several UN agencies including UNIFEM and UNESCO to improve the lives of children.

## Jill Leslie



Jill Leslie has been a member of CFUW Victoria for eleven years. That she is passionate about social justice and the environment is expressed through her work with Canadian Women for Women of Afghanistan (CW4WAfghan) since she joined in 2005 and Amnesty International (since 1995). Jill's tireless work in CW4WAfghan is an example to CFUW members of the need to further develop education among women and children internationally.

She has been particularly active spearheading and executing CFUW resolutions about environmental concerns, no less than three of which have become policy for both CFUW and IFUW/ GWI. These include: "A High- Level Women's Agency for the United Nations", CFUW (2007), same title, IFUW (2007); "Addressing Climate Change: Greenhouse Gas Emissions", CFUW (2009) and same title IFUW (2010); "Reducing Climate Change Through the Use of Carbon Taxes", CFUW (2015) and "The Use of Carbon Taxes to Reduce Climate Change", GWI (2016). It would be difficult to find a person whose commitments better embody the purposes of CFUW.

### **Myrtle Siebert**



In 1962 Myrtle Siebert met a challenge from the RD of British Columbia and Alberta and has served CFUW ever since. She did organize the Club in Haney, moved on to Nanaimo in 1964 before transferring to CFUW Victoria in 1991. She is a current member there although she was also inaugural President of CFUW Saanich Peninsula in 1994. Myrtle has held most executive positions in the Nanaimo and Saanich Peninsula Clubs; has been CFUW Victoria President, and is Co-Chair of the CFUW Victoria Centennial Committee. She served as VP for BC for 2 years overseeing 26 clubs and chairing BC Council. She also helped develop and present "Life Between the Tides", a volunteer extension of Grade 3 science, which has continuing ever since.

Notwithstanding her CFUW commitments, Myrtle is an active community volunteer. She helped develop Action Nanaimo, a quality daily physical education component of all district elementary schools, served on parent volunteer committees. She is a member of the Commission on Resources and Environment for Vancouver Island, the Canadian Home Economics Association; served on the Nanaimo Swim Club board and continues to be a member of Canadian Women in Timber.

### **Audrey Thomas**



Coming from England in 1962 as a high-school geography teacher, Audrey joined CFUW in 1966 and has belonged to three Clubs. In Victoria she has served as Club President (1985- 87), and Chair of the Scholarship and Bursary Society (1995-1998). She is a founder and charter member of BC Council and was the first Communications Chair (1988-1990). Most recently (2016-2018), she was a member of CFUW's International Relations Committee.

After acquiring post-graduate credentials, Audrey became an adult educator working in local, national and international arenas. Following her one-year (1975/6) research project on adult literacy in Canada, her literacy work resulted in a 30-year non-traditional career where she was variously: advocate, organizer, trainer, researcher/writer, civil servant, editor and board member of several organizations at all levels. She was invited by IFUW and sponsored by the Canadian government to present two

workshops on Literacy at the Helsinki Triennium in 1989. Her activities have included Founding Director of the Movement for Canadian Literacy, Chair of Frontier College, President of Literacy BC and production of a landmark UNESCO report on adult literacy as well as other practical publications.

Since retiring, Audrey has assumed duties at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria. A born leader/lifelong learner, Audrey has dedicated her adult life to serving CFUW and her various communities, making clearly significant and lasting contributions to both.

### **Marjie Welchframe**



Marjie has been a member of CFUW Victoria for 11 years, during which she has participated at all levels. At the Club level she has held the positions of Secretary and Program Chair, the latter during which time her amazing research has given CFUW Victoria excellent speakers.

Her participation has helped to increase membership and augmented feelings of fellowship and connectedness. Provincially, she has participated in two regional Conferences. She has attended one national CFUW AGM, was a member of the Victoria CFUW AGM Committee, and is a member of the Victoria Centennial Committee.

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### **Dr. A. Vibert Douglas Fellowship: Ashli Akins (Victoria)**

The \$8,000 CAD Dr. A. Vibert Douglas Fellowship is presented and funded by the CFUW to commemorate the organization's 100th anniversary in 2019. Ashli has won the award for the Academic Year 2019-2020.

B.A., Environmental Studies, Latin American Studies, Professional Writing, 2009,  
University of Victoria

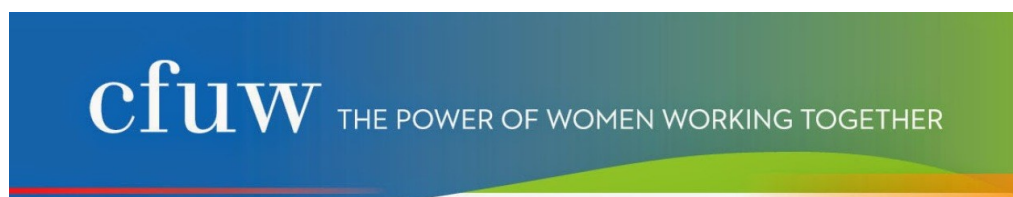
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Master of Studies, International Human Rights Law, 2014, University of Oxford  
Ph.D., Interdisciplinary Studies, 2014-2020, University of British Columbia



Ashli uses an interdisciplinary systems lens to explore themes of community resilience, cultural revitalization, and women's empowerment. Ashli's doctoral research explores the shifting value of women's intangible cultural heritage in an era of rapid economic change. It critically explores how to safeguard cultural heritage in a way that includes community voice and considers change – in other words, that does not “museumify” tradition, women, or culture, putting them in a box in the past. This research works in collaboration with Quechua communities of the Peruvian Andes, examining its textile tradition as a case study.

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[Club Action Newsletter: September 9, 2019](#)

Call for Members: Committee to Explore and Identify Strategies to Raise Funds for GWI Dues Shortfall

[Club Action Newsletter: August 21, 2019](#)

[Message from the President, August 7, 2019](#)

Please note, the responses to Clubs and Individual Members is [here](#)

[Club Action Newsletter: August 5, 2019](#)

[Club Action Newsletter: July 4, 2019](#)

[Club Action Newsletter: June 20, 2019](#)

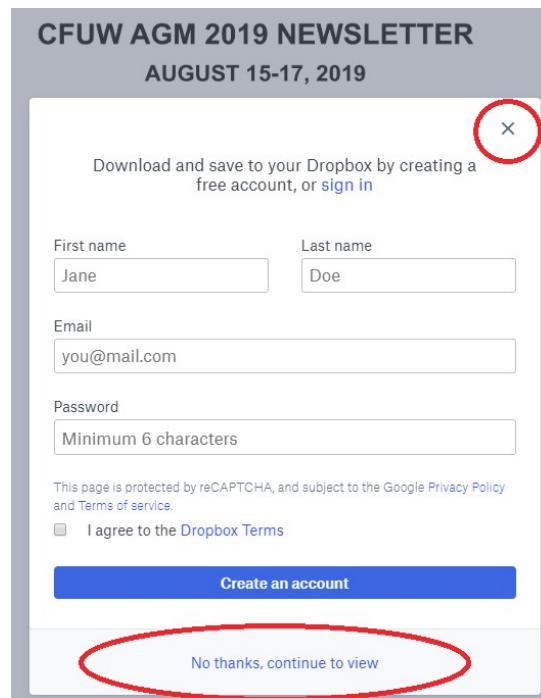
## **Special Edition Newsletter**

CFUW AGM 2019 Newsletter, August 15-17, 2019

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This newsletter describes the events and outcomes of CFUW's Annual General Meeting that took place on August 15 to 17, 2019 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. For all of the results and information [read the newsletter here](#).

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**AUGUST 15-17, 2019**

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## **Susan Murphy Memorial Fellowship**

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**September 10, 2019**

I think all have read Grace Hollett's tribute to Susan Murphy, upon her untimely death, with shock and sadness.

Susan not only had been a Past President of CFUW, but she was also a past chair of the CFUW Charitable Trust (CT). She had walked 300 km of the Camino Santiago trail in

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Spain, raising \$18,000 for the Charitable Trust's Fellowship fund. The education of girls and women was something she believed in and she was creative on how she could contribute to this cause.

She was instrumental in beginning the modernization of the Charitable Trust, examining the Charter and suggesting changes that were required but keeping in mind the intent of the founders of the Trust.

The CFUW CT Trustees are very grateful for her leadership. On behalf of the Trust and CFUW members, we will establish a Memorial Award to honour her. We welcome the participation of any Club or individual, who wishes, to contribute to this fund.

You may do this in several ways: the mechanics are identified on our website, <https://cfuwcharitabletrust.ca> or you may mail a cheque to the treasurer of the CFUW CT - Ann McElhinney, 62 Thompson Avenue, Etobicoke, Ontario, M8Z 3T4. Please designate your donation as 'in memory of Susan Murphy'

We extend our condolences to Susan's family and join you in remembering, with gratitude, Susan's contributions to CFUW and the CFUW CT.

Doris Mae Oulton



Chair, CFUW Charitable Trust

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**BILL C-71 has become law!**  
**CONGRATULATIONS! WE DID IT!**  
**BILL C-71 passed the senate!**

A big thank you to all who participated in the passing of Bill-C 71 by the Senate. The bill has received royal assent and has become law. This is a necessary step to reducing gender based violence by strengthening gun control. We thank the clubs and individual members who contacted each of their respective provincial senators.

However, our actions need to continue as we remember the 14 women who died at the Montreal Massacre. CFUW policy addresses the need for gun control in Canada. We have a federal election coming up in the fall. We must take action and ask candidates about their party's position on banning hand guns and assault weapons. Let us keep going and again, well done.

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**CFUW AGM and Conference**  
**CFUW Victoria Attendees**



In procession, above: Marjie Welchframe and Audrey Thomas



1st photo: Myrtle Siebert, Marjie Welchframe, Paddy McGowan, Audrey Thomas, Donna Miller



2nd photo: Marjie Welchframe, Audrey Thomas, Donna Miller

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## GWJ (Graduate Women International)

[GWJ UPDATE – 4 September 2019](#)

[GWJ UPDATE – 21 August 2019](#)

[GWJ UPDATE –7 August 2019](#) Update-33rd-Triennial-Conference-and-Centenary-Special

[GWJ UPDATE –26 June 2019](#)

[GWJ UPDATE –12 June 2019](#)

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## Neighbourhood Groups

### Neighbourhood #12 Strawberry Tea

A wonderful Neighbourhood Celebration was held in June when Group 12 celebrated another successful year of collegiality!

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## Interest Groups

### Women Eat Around the World (WEATA)





A big thank-you to Myrtle Seibert, who organized our Cajun inspired restaurant, Blue Bayou for a most scenic lunch on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, located at the Brentwood Bay Marina. 13 attended and we all enjoyed meeting up and chatting while sitting out on the deck. Thankfully Myrtle chose lunch in the shade, rather than dinner in the cooking heat. If you weren't able to make it, then maybe drop by for a lunch if you have guests. You won't be disappointed. A few of us had the shrimp melts and they were most delicious!

**Bea Shumey**

### **Travel Tips Wind Up Luncheon June 18<sup>th</sup> 2019**

We had an enjoyable pot luck luncheon at the home of Anne Mccrone. We had nine people in attendance, the rest of our group are traveling, and so there will be a lot of information to share in the Fall.

Susan Lane kindly gave us a presentation on her trip to Australia and Tasmania giving us insight as to the enormity of that continent. Elaine Berthelet augmented it with her many trips to visit family there, thank you both. Carol McKee is excited to go to Mongolia in the next week, so we will look forward to hearing her experience.

We will reconvene in September 17<sup>th</sup> at our usual meeting place and hope to welcome new members to sign up at the Annual General meeting.

**Anne Mccrone**  
**Convenor**

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## **Community Bulletin Board**

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## bc211: What it is and how it can help you navigate life's challenges

There are hundreds of resources in Victoria for people facing various challenges and issues, but finding those that fit your needs can be difficult. bc211 is a non-profit organization that connects residents in non-emergency situations to hundreds of community, government, and social services in B.C.

bc211 won't solve your problem for you, but they will connect you with organisations that can.

Some of the reasons you might contact bc211 might be

- employment support,
- legal assistance,
- mental health and addiction services,
- housing options (including shelter locations),
- seniors services,
- children and youth programs,

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