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CFUW Victoria

Promoting the Education and Advancement of Women

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President's Message

The holiday season is upon us! Our CFUW Victoria members will gather next weekend (Saturday December 7) to celebrate the holidays with a wonderful Christmas Luncheon at the Victoria Golf Club. It is always an enjoyable event – an opportunity to connect with our fellow members, give back to our community, and share some holiday cheer! This year our club will be supporting the Youth Prenatal & Parenting Program through the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Victoria. More information about how you can assist the Boys & Girls Club is included in this issue of *Voices*.

Our next General Meeting will be at our new venue, the Windsor Park Pavilion in Oak Bay, on Wednesday, January 15th. I hope you will join us for this meeting, as we will be discussing our membership plans for the coming year.

Wishing you and your family a joyous holiday season!

Meetings and Events

Charity for our Holiday Luncheon: Boys & Girls Club

Below are details on the specific program that we will be supporting:

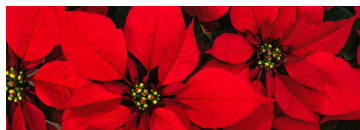
The Youth Prenatal & Parenting Program (YP3)

The Youth Prenatal & Parenting Program (YP3) helps young women who are pregnant or in the early months of parenting (aged 13-24) youth by facilitating independent living in a Care Family home, for up to one year, and promotes positive parenting strategies through one-on-one and group counselling. Each youth is paired with a Youth and Family Counsellor who will support them to develop life skills, access community resources, increase knowledge of infant care, and encourage healthy relationships. Through supported independent living in a stable and caring environment, the young moms can acquire the skills needed to reach their potential as independent women and skilled parents.

Members can contribute to this program in two ways at our Christmas Luncheon:

1. By making a donation at the luncheon (cash or cheque) – there will be envelopes on each table; and/or
2. Suggested by the YP3 program: something for the young moms would be a nice donation in-kind. Suggestions include: personal care items and/or experiences such as movie vouchers, coffee cards (Tim Hortons, Starbucks)

To learn more about Boys and Girls Club of Greater Victoria please visit
- <https://bgcvic.org/>



Poinsettia Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our Winter Poinsettia Fundraiser! CFUW Victoria raised \$815.73 towards our Advocacy IWD event this year. A special thank you to those members who reached out to their colleagues, friends and family to participate in our fundraiser! We really appreciate your support.

Please be sure to pick up your poinsettias, wreaths and planters at the Victoria Golf Club after the Christmas Luncheon. If you will not be attending the luncheon, arrangements will be made for you to pick up your poinsettias after December 5.

Membership Dues for 2020/21

As we discussed at our recent meeting, and at our AGM this past spring, CFUW Victoria is having to increase our membership dues next year. CFUW National dues have increased to \$76 per member, and BC Council dues will be increasing to \$3 per member this year. Our Club is also making some exciting changes with the introduction of Wild Apricot (our new membership management software) and moving to a new meeting venue in the new year. All of these changes have contributed to a rising cost structure. Consequently, our Executive Committee is recommending that we increase membership dues to \$125 per year. The last dues increase for CFUW Victoria was in 2012.

CFUW Victoria members will be asked to ratify \$15 dues increase for 2020/21 to \$125 per year at the January meeting. **Please join us for our General Meeting on January 15 at our new meeting venue, Windsor Pavilion in Oak Bay.**

2020 Meeting Dates & New Venue Information

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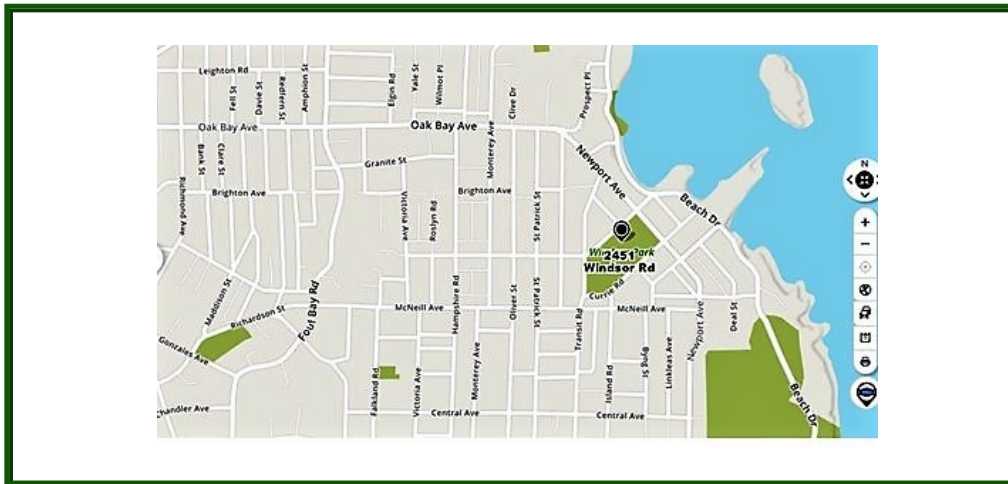
Wednesday, January 15

Wednesday, March 25 *

Wednesday, April 22 *

*** Please note the meetings in March and April will be on the fourth Wednesday of the month**

**Windsor Pavilion
2451 Windsor Road, Victoria BC, V8S 5H3**



General Meeting

[Minutes of last General Meeting, November 20, 2019](#)

Advocacy

International Women's Day (IWD) - SAVE THE DATE!

Date: Sunday, March 8th, 2020

Where: St Margaret's School

What: Elizabeth May & other advocates speaking on "Women & Girls:
Making a Difference for the Environment"

Scholarship & Bursary



December 3, 2019

Giving Tuesday

BONUS! TIME-SENSITIVE! If you'd like to give S&B a chance to win \$5,000 on GivingTuesday, Dec. 3, 2019, please sign up for the CanadaHelps GivingTuesday pledge. You can pledge to donate, volunteer, or simply spread the word.

It's easy! Just open the link below and fill in your details. **Our official name is: CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN VICTORIA SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY SOCIETY** so you can copy and paste that into the box where it asks.

https://www.canadahelps.org/en/givingtuesday-pledge/?utm_source=ch-charitylife&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=givingtuesday2019-pledge

Margaret Morrison, Treasurer; Brenda Canitz, Chair; Anny Schaefer, Secretary

2019-20 Scholarship and Bursary Celebration!

The Scholarship and Bursary Society Board are delighted to invite you to a celebration of our 2019-20 Award recipients. This year, instead of a weekend lunch, we are hosting a late-afternoon reception during the week. We will be inviting all student award recipients as well as representatives from each of the three post-secondary institutions.

Wednesday February 26, 2020
4:00 pm-6:00 pm
Hotel Grand Pacific - Pender Island Ballroom
Appetizers and No Host Bar

Registration for the 2019-20 Scholarship and Bursary Reception is easy through CanadaHelps. Registration information can be found at: <http://bit.ly/SB-2020>

We will also be selling tickets at the December 7 CFUW Christmas Lunch at the Victoria Golf Club. Payment can be by cheque or credit card.

We also welcome donations for student tickets! And if you can't attend but want to support the event and S&B, there's an option for you to make a tax-deductible donation.

S&B Awards at Camosun

In November, S&B chair Brenda Canitz attended the School of Arts and Science awards celebration at Camosun College. While none of our award recipients were there, Brenda was called on to present another award and jumped right in!



(Brenda Canitz pinch-hitting at the Camosun Arts and Science awards ceremony)

Anny Schaefer was honoured to attend the awards ceremony at Eyē? Sqā'lewen – The Centre for Indigenous Education & Community Connections on behalf of S&B.



On behalf of CFUW Victoria S&B, Anny presented awards to two of this year's recipients. Donna Cook-Smith received an award from the Centennial Endowment Fund, for a student in Indigenous business programs.



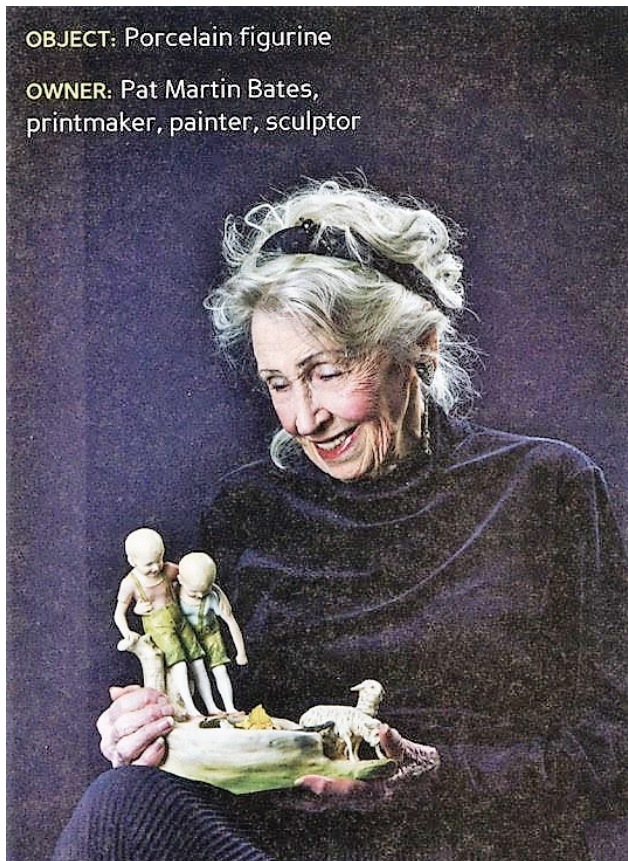
And it was very special to present the first Peggy and Murray Matheson Award to Savannah Raspberry!



Member Spotlight

YAM Magazine features CFUW Victoria member Pat Martin Bates

OBJECT: Porcelain figurine
OWNER: Pat Martin Bates,
printmaker, painter, sculptor



[Artist Pat Martin Bates' Family Heirloom Creates a Connection Through Time](#)

Yam Magazine, September/October

Beside her bed, Pat Martin Bates keeps a porcelain figurine of two little blonde boys in green shorts, flanked by two lambs standing over a pond. The boys remind the artist of her father, Chester, and his cousin, Ronald, both of whom died tragically young.

Over the years, Pat has turned the figurine into a shrine of sorts, filling its pond ("it's a magic pond") with seashells and pearls ("we all love pearls"), a thimble-sized swaddled baby doll ("that's me), and the figures of two dogs, one a terrier who belonged to her family and died in the Tidal Bore in the Bay of Fundy in New Brunswick, where Pat grew up and discovered the talents which would lead her to become one of Canada's most revered artists.

Pat Martin Bates (or PMB as she's known) says the figurine evokes joy and melancholy, reminding her of her doting father who died when Pat was eight. There are many stories about him in her book, *It is I, Patricia: An Artist's Childhood* (Hedgerow Press, 2010).

Her father, she says, once kept the figurine by his bed and put his watch in it. Later, Pat kept her own Lady Hamilton watch in it, a connection through time.

And PMB knows about time. Timepieces and the movement of the sun and moon are recurring themes in her work, which has been exhibited worldwide and acclaimed for its ability to transcend the ordinary.

Critic Richard Simmins once wrote, "Bates lives in a strange world. She intensifies experience ..." And so a simple figurine is not so simple. It holds a magical world that she tends as she continues to create because, as she says, "An artist never retires."

Membership News

Membership update:

We now have 255 members, which is 11 more than last year. We still hold the record for most new members in Canada - 44!!

Shirley Lucyk, Membership Chair



To keep up to date with CFUW BC Council, make sure to visit their [site](#) and their [Facebook page](#). It is a great way to keep in touch with what our fellow BC CFUW groups are up to and what is coming up.

[Christmas 2019 President's Message](#)

[Letter of Intent for BC Council Executive Positions](#)

[BC Council President's Message re Bylaw Amendments](#)

Attachments:

[CFUW BC Council Constitution and By-Laws](#)

[CFUW BC Council Bylaw Amendment Procedures](#)

[Form B: Proposed Amendment to the Amendment to the Articles and Bylaws of CFUW BC Council](#)



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 - November 27, 2019](#)

[How CFUW members can apply a gender lens to their research; Send a Letter to Support Asylum Seekers and Refugees at the Border](#)

[Club Action Newsletter November 15 2019 Articles & Bylaws Amendment Procedure & Forms](#)

Attachments:

[Administrative Procedure for CFUW Articles and Bylaws Amendments](#)

[Articles and Bylaws Revised](#)

[Proposed Amendment Form](#)

[Proposed Amendment Form 2](#)

[CFUW National Message from the President - November 12, 2019](#)

[Club Action Newsletter - November 8, 2019](#)

It's been 25 years since Canada signed on to the Beijing Declaration & Platform for Action on gender equality. Where are we now? At the current pace, it will take 164 years to close the economic gender gap in Canada. A new report by 50+ groups and experts including CFUW tracks Canada's uneven progress towards gender equality in the 25 years since the Beijing Declaration.

GWl (Graduate Women International)

[GWl UPDATE – 27 November 2019](#)

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Advocacy Campaign

[GWl UPDATE –13 November 2019](#)

[GWl UPDATE – 8 November 2019 - Special Edition](#)

Interest Groups

Interest & Activity Groups Update

Our activity and interest groups have had another busy fall, including the creation of several new groups! We are always soliciting ideas for new groups, and any member wishing to set up a new group, or looking for guidance on how to begin, should contact Nicole Longpre at nicolemlongpre@gmail.com

Foodies Group



From left: Anne Anderson, MaryAnne Gervais, Linda Allison , Connie Waddell, Fay Russell (hostess), Margo Harrison and Marilyn Mulkins

November's meeting was holiday gift ideas from the kitchen!

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