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President's Message

I would first like to wish everyone a very happy new year! 2019 was another successful year for CFUW Victoria and I am excited for the year ahead!

There are two special events planned over the next couple of months. The CFUW Victoria Scholarship & Bursary Society will be celebrating our award winners with a cocktail reception at the Hotel Grand Pacific on February 26. Please join us for this celebration!

Our Advocacy Committee has been busy finalizing plans for our International Women's Day Event that will be held at St. Margaret's School on Sunday, March 8. This year's theme is *#EachforEqual – Women & Girls: Making a Difference for the Environment* and will feature an exciting line-up of speakers, including a keynote by Elizabeth May, M.P!

Our membership continues to grow and I am delighted to see so many opportunities for our members to be involved with our club. From being inspired by the educational talks featured in our Speakers' Series, to enjoying the special events and the many neighbourhood, interest & activity groups with fellow members, there really is something of interest for everyone. We all have the power to make a difference.

I look forward to seeing you at our general meeting on January 15th at our new venue, the Windsor Pavilion.

Allison Nelson-Bruce
President, CFUW Victoria

Meetings and Events

General meeting on January 15, 7pm at the Windsor Pavilion

2020 Meeting Dates:

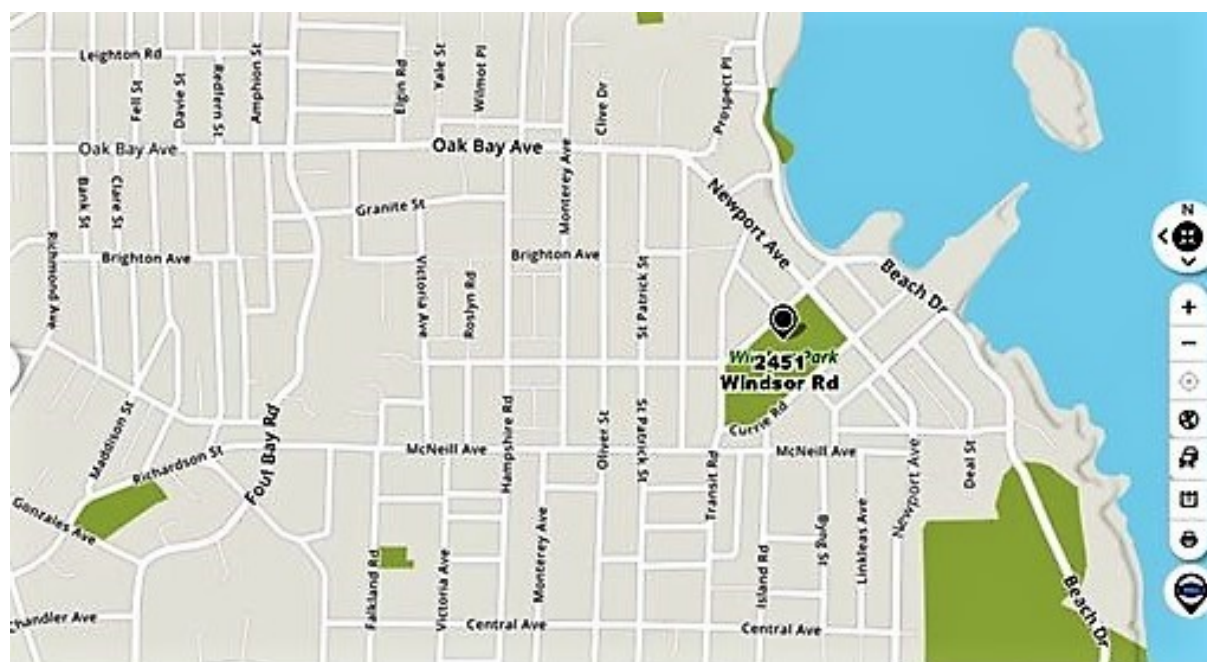
Wednesday, January 15

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





CFUW Victoria
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Promoting the Education and Advancement of Women

Speaker Series

Free admission

Lisa Gordon

If urban trees could speak about climate change



Lisa Gordon's life is dedicated to protecting trees. Her Masters degree in Environmental Studies focused on the politics of saving South Moresby (now known as Gwaii Haanas). Her career was with environmental and governmental organizations, most recently with the Islands Trust. In her retirement, she joined Community Trees Matter to speak for the trees in our urban environment. She also offers "Courage Earth" workshops for people who sometimes feel overwhelmed by all the bad news.

Lisa will provide an overview of the relationship between trees and climate change, explain why urban trees matter so much and offer ways to support urban trees. She will draw on her own experience and lessons from the works of Peter Wohlleben, Robin Wall Kimmerer and other popular writers about trees.

Wednesday, January 15 – 7 pm
Windsor Pavilion
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Membership Dues for 2020/21

CFUW Victoria provides members with opportunities to expand their network, discover new interests and activities, and take action by promoting women's rights and education.

As we discussed at the AGM last spring, and at our meeting in November, CFUW Victoria will be increasing 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) that will enhance our members' ability to connect with our club (events, registration, and improved communication through our updated website). CFUW Victoria will be moving to a new meeting venue for our general meetings starting in January. All of these changes

have contributed to a rising cost structure. Consequently, our Executive Committee has recommended that membership dues increase to \$125 per year for full membership. This is the first increase in membership dues since 2012.

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

Christmas Luncheon December 7, 2019







Advocacy

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

Date: Sunday, March 8th, 2020,

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Where: St Margaret's School, 1080 Lucas Avenue, Victoria

#EachforEqual - Women & Girls: Making a Difference for the Environment

In partnership with St Margaret's School, we invite you to come listen to keynote speaker Elizabeth May and a panelists of female activists that include Vicky Husband, Larisa Hutcheson from the Capital Regional District (CRD), and Indigenous leader Megan Humchitt from Bella Bella.

Following our discussion, you can enjoy a coffee and have the opportunity to visit Exhibitors who will share their ideas on what you can do as an individual to personally make a difference.



Scholarship & Bursary

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
Cost: \$25.00

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 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.

In Memoriam

Sue Edwards



Sue was one of my best friends-we knew each other for 25 years. Sue introduced me to CFUW-Victoria. She organized two fabulous CFUW-Victoria-member cruises for 50+ of us, one to the Caribbean and one to the Baltic. Sue was kind, gentle and always interested in others. She was a devoted mom to her two children in their younger years and now as they have become adults

with their own families. She was so proud of Josh and Rachelle and their families. She set high goals for herself. Sue was brave. She was a bright light and an important energy in our world which will be much missed. Marjie :)

Marjie Welchframe



Several CFUW Victoria members went on a Baltic cruise in 2011. Sue was a coordinator for this event. She did such an amazing job dealing with the cruise line and advocating for our members.

What a lovely person. So sorry to hear of her passing- all too soon!

Ann Brydon

Sue Edwards has been a family friend of mine for over 40 years. Her father was the beloved minister of the Baptist church we attended in Vancouver. Her brother Mark was a mentor to our son Carl. When we moved to Victoria eight years ago, Sue became a good friend of our daughter Karen. She met her regularly for coffee, walks and helped Karen in her health challenges with encouraging messages and visits.

She warmly welcomed me to CFUW. I enjoyed her company, sharing family stories and celebrations and learning about her travel adventures. She was generous, always thinking of others. Her family was important to her and she was revelling her new role as grandmother. I am

grateful for her special friendship. Her light and love will be greatly missed.

Alva Jenson



Sue (middle, about 8) playing dress-up

Janet Flannagan



Janet was born in Seattle, the only child of Burnley and Bernadette Hall. She graduated from Oak Bay High School (Class of '45) where she met her future husband, Ed Flanagan. She carried on her education at the University of Washington where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and the Intramural swim team. She received her B.A. in General Studies focusing in Interior Design (class of '50). After graduation, Janet worked at The Standard Furniture Company. She and Ed re-connected then were married in 1951 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Oak Bay. She was a Jubilee member of the Canadian Federation of University Women-Victoria and belonged for

many years to the Windsor Park Art Club.
From Janet's Obituary

When I moved to Victoria in 1982 and joined the Club I came to know Janet well. We were both members of Walkabout, a gentle hiking group that introduced me to the parks in this area. She was also a member of the local history group, and would invite me to their meetings if they had a speaker she thought might interest me. Later we lived opposite her nephew(?) and his family, and my husband sang in the church choir with Ed. She was a wonderful woman, kind and generous, looking out for others ahead of herself.

Margaret Morrison

I just wanted to tell a quick story regarding the lovely Janet Flannagan. Allison had asked me to drop off a poinsettia for Janet as she has been a strong supporter and life long member. I had the pleasure of speaking with her daughter Linda who kindly gave me directions to her home. Instead of handing the poinsettia to her at the door I was welcomed in to sit with Janet on her couch and give it to her personally. She was very touched to be specially remembered by our club. We ended up having about a half hour chat about her family and being a long-time residence of Oak Bay. It was obvious to me even with only meeting her briefly she was very special to many people.

My heart goes out to her family as I am certain she will be sorely missed.

Rachel McDonnell



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.



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.

Interest Groups

Travel Trips Group Lunch at the Parliament



Neighbourhood Groups

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