



CFUW SUNSHINE COAST

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Greetings from your ^{new!} President!

Sharing some thoughts....

Stephanie Lomax

When I joined the Board of CFUW - Sunshine Coast two years ago as Second VP, becoming President seemed reassuringly distant and now here I am writing my first message for the Newsletter. Yikes!

I'm looking forward to working with the new Board and with all of you in 2008 -2009 and have been thinking about what some of our priorities should be for the coming year.

One of my main goals is to ensure that the work started this year to revise our Constitution and Bylaws is completed and brought to the Membership for approval. A committee is also being formed to work on a Procedures Manual which I hope will also be finished this year. I know that phrases like "Constitution and Bylaws" and "Procedures Manuals" don't usually evoke huge excitement - do I hear yawns and groans out there? But trust me, this is important. It will be extremely helpful to have reliable, up-to-date documentation of our policies and procedures.

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June 23rd Meeting

Come and meet the new Board in action; **review the draft budget**, and play some games!

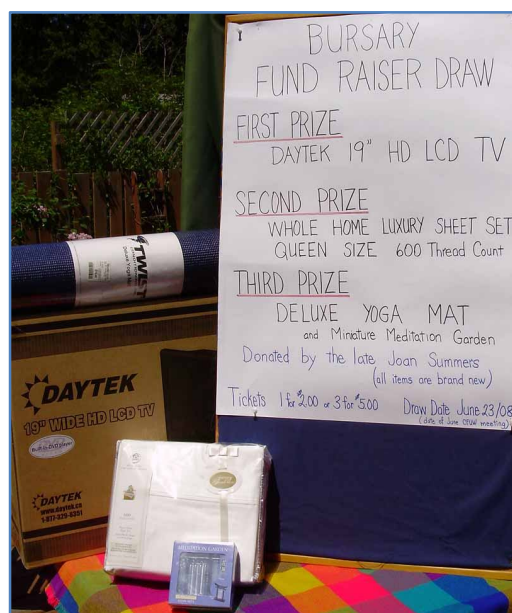
We would like as many members as possible to review the budget so the Board has good input for finalizing numbers before it is presented for approval in September.

The winners of the Bursary Fund Raiser Raffle will be drawn!

THIS IS A BROWN BAG LUNCH; coffee and tea provided.

Don't forget to bring your Twoonies so you can buy a raffle ticket for the Bursary Fund Raiser Draw –

Here is a picture of what you might win!



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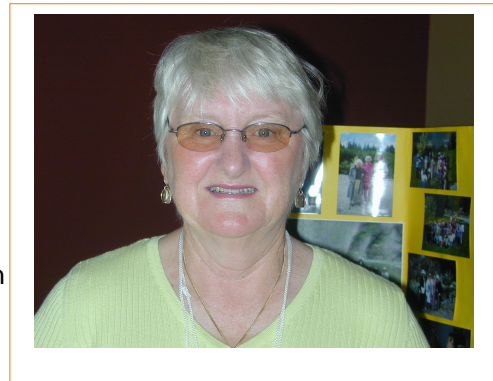
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June Lunch at Sunshine Coast Golf & Country Club

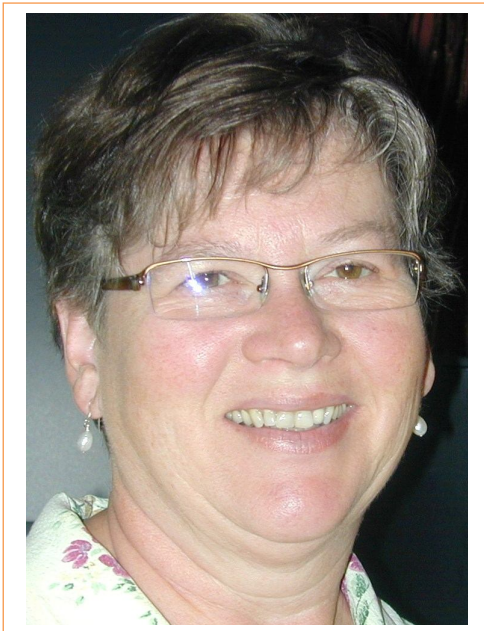
Many thanks to Pat Scott, Nancy Tomlinson, and Elaine Clayden for organizing a delightful end of the year luncheon at the gold course this year. It was very nice – a great day, good food, and thanks to Marg Soloway and her Jazz Singers, we enjoyed the entertainment.



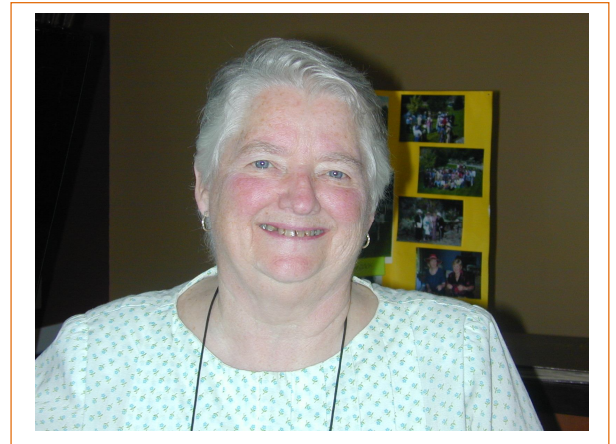
Mary McKinnon



Elaine Clayden



Bonnie Creak



Dorothy Fraser



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Fundraising is another area on which we will need to focus. Providing financial support for the further education of women on the Coast through the Bursary Society is a very high priority for all members of the Club. We can only continue to do this through creative, active fundraising initiatives that are supported by all Members. The Club's share in fundraising proceeds helps us balance the budget and keep membership costs down. So bring your ideas and energy in September.

I also look forward to the further development of this Newsletter. It's off to a great start but we want to involve more members in its creation next year. If you've ever had journalistic or editorial ambitions (or even if you haven't!), consider participating on the soon-to-be-formed Newsletter Committee.

Those are some of the main issues we will all be working on next year. I'm sure there will be others. However, the 2007-2008 year isn't quite over yet. As I write this, we're about to get together for the lunch at the Sunshine Coast Golf & Country Club. Over 70 tickets have been sold, so that promises to be a wonderful event. And don't forget about the regular meeting on June 23rd. The draft budget for next year will be presented so you can have input before voting on its final approval in September. You'll also get a sneak preview of upcoming programs for the fall. All this to be followed by assorted games.

See you there!

Stephanie

LOST & FOUND

In May at the general meeting at St. John's United a **black cosmetic bag** was turned in. The bag contains some lovely lipstick and gloss and a compact and brush, toothbrush and more. Please claim it if it is yours!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FREE Community 'Body & Soul' Open House, CSJ Active Wellness, **June 19th** 6-9:30 p.m. yoga, Nia, & Aikido demo's, networking, and presentation of film on the Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) with Dana Williams and Sara Baker. Welcoming all health and wellness practitioners, spiritual leaders, non-profit groups and the general public to join us! Limited seating, please RSVP to 604.886.0745.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2007-2008 Program

Meetings

CFUW Sunshine Coast meets at **11:00** a.m. on the 4th Monday of the month at:

St. John's United Church

Davis Bay Road, Sechelt

Each monthly meeting includes a business meeting, a buffet lunch, as well as a program.

June 23 Meet the new Board, review the 2008-2009 Budget and join in some fun party games! Raffles, door prizes, goodies!! Brown Bag lunch; coffee & tea provided

September 10th - Membership Tea – details to come.

A reminder that post-dated cheques will be gladly accepted: \$90 for Full membership and \$60 for Associate membership.

MEET YOUR NEW BOARD:



Back Row: (L to R) Linda Prinic, Communications; Janet Smith, program; Donna savage, Treasurer, Nancy Tomlinson, Social; Elspeth Westwood, Membership; Jean Tkachuk, Secretary; Michele Stobie, Vice-President

Kneeling in Front: Sandra Cunningham, Past President; Stephanie Lomax, President

Missing: Elaine Clayden, Co-Social

Introductions follow....

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PRESIDENT – STEPHANIE LOMAX

Stephanie joined CFUW - Sunshine Coast in the Spring of 2005, shortly after moving to the Coast from Vancouver. She is a member of the Mystery Book Club. She has served on the Board as 2nd Vice-President (2006-2007) and 1st Vice President (2007-2008)

VICE-PRESIDENT – MICHELE STOBIE

I joined CFUW in 2004 as a way to meet and talk with intelligent women. It really serves that objective and now it is time for me to give back to the group while I still have some leadership skill. My professional background was primarily as a professor and coordinator in the diploma nursing and massage therapy programs at Algonquin College in Ottawa between 1973 and 2003. I earned my RN in 1966 (Calgary), my M. Ed. in 1982 (Queen's University, Kingston, ON) and MSN in 1994 (Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton Florida). I am currently working part time for Capilano College facilitating Medication Management workshops for Residential Care Aides. My personal interests are singing (Gibsons United Church Choir and soloist), tourism (volunteer at the Gibsons Information Centre), gardening, traveling, and maybe painting in the near future.

TREASURER – DONNA SAVAGE

Moved to Sunshine Coast July 1997; joined CFUW SC September 1998 (I think?)

Board Positions held: Membership 2000/01 and 2001/02; Treasurer 2002/03 and 2003/04

Interest Groups: Issues & Action; Social Bridge; Oval Owls Bridge; Walk & Epicure; TEWIG Investment Group

Other positions: Treasurer -- BC Conference on SC in 2003 and Treasurer for the 20th Anniversary Luncheon

SECRETARY – JEAN TKACHUK

I think that I joined the University Women's Club in 1998. This is the first time that I have served on the Board. I retired from a position that required many, many meetings in 1995, moved to the Sunshine Coast planning to retire from all responsibilities associated with meetings. This was a rather selfish approach as one cannot take without giving, so this year will involve volunteering both time, hopefully talent and energy to the group. My previous involvements have included helping to make two afghans for raffles and playing bridge, both 'social' & 'Oval Owls'.

MEMBERSHIP ELSPETH WESTWOOD

I have been a CFUW member for 2 years. I am not a member of any of the interest groups because the book clubs were full when I started so we started our own book club outside the CFUW. I would have joined craft group had it still existed but when I joined it no longer was in existence. I did belong to the walkers/ epicures but most of the meetings were cancelled due to weather so there you go!

I am on the Board of Directors for the Halfmoon Bay Citizen's Association.

Prior to that I was working and was the regional administrator for B.C. and the Prairies for an investment company called ScotiaMcLeod.

COMMUNICATIONS– LINDA PRINCIC

Linda came to live on the Sunshine Coast full time in the summer of 2006, and joined the CFUW the following year. Her experience as a high school teacher/counsellor in North Vancouver first introduced her to the organization and its leadership role in helping to support women's post-secondary education. Currently Linda is a member of Book Club # 3 and the St. John's Art Club

PROGRAM - JANET SMITH

I joined the CFUW Sunshine Coast branch about 5 years ago in Sept.2003. This may be the wrong year.(Doreen Henry was president). I have participated in many interests groups. In the past year, Wine Tasting, Mystery Book group, travel group (missed most of the meetings and social bridge), I led the Epicures and Walkers group for the past two years and assisted Margaret Harrington with the Programs last year. I am interested in sharing the "Mega" meetings with other groups on the Coast and am especially interested in issues related to women of all ages.

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SOCIAL - NANCY TOMLINSON

I have been a member of CFUW since my arrival on the Coast in 2004. I am committed to the Bursary Society as I was a recipient of such money when I studied for my 2nd qualification at Manchester University in 1964-65. I am a member of the Bridge and Travel Interest Groups.

AND ELAINE CLAYDEN

I have been a member for 4 years approx. I was an asst to Pat Scott last year and am involved in the Mystery Book club, garden club and oval owls bridge.

PAST-PRESIDENT- SANDRA CUNNINGHAM

Sandy has been with CFUW since 2004, thanks to an invitation to the Membership Tea by Dorothy Fraser. She was pleased to take the position of VP in 2006-7 and the president in 2007-8. This year Sandy hopes to be a good support for Stephanie. Sandy belongs to WIG, Wine Tasters, and the Garden Group when she can get away from a busy schedule. This year she hopes to slow it down a bit as she becomes a grandmother for the first time!

NEXT MONTH WE WILL INTRODUCE THE NEW BURSARY BOARD!

CFUW Brings UBC Student to UN Committee on the Status of Women

By Emily Wiseman

This past February I was given the opportunity by the Canadian Federation of University Women to attend the 52nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York. As a graduate student at the University of British Columbia, attending this session was a truly remarkable experience that gave me the opportunity to blend my academic studies in international relations with practical experience.

In attending the 52nd Session of the Committee on the Status of Women I saw how civil society and governments from around the world can work together in the framework of the United Nations to produce positive out-comes for women's equality. I also spoke with women who have worked in the field on gender equality issues. These discussions gave me first hand accounts on how gender equality is often overlooked in academic studies.

As my current studies focus on women in post-conflict situations in Africa, this Session's review theme on women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace building was particularly relevant to my studies.

I am truly grateful to the Canadian Federation of University Women and in particular Rose Beatty for providing me the opportunity to attend and participate in the 52nd Session. This was a wonderful educational experience that I know I will take lessons from and build on for years to come

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Have a great (and warm) summer!