



CFUW Sunshine Coast Newsletter



President's Letter

Welcome to the Silver Anniversary year of CFUW-Sunshine Coast. Over the next year, we'll hear of the accomplishments of the last 25 years and lay the foundation for the next 25.

Our programs this year will focus on the challenges of "becoming a certain age", and Rita Howie has assembled a great lineup of speakers (listed elsewhere in the Newsletter). We are also planning for visits from Susan Murphy, BC Council President and Linda Russell, Regional Director for BC West.

As usual, we will organize for a fund-raiser to plump up the coffers of the Bursary Society, and of course, it will be "all hands on deck" so that we can support more mature women returning to school.

First, though, will be the Membership Tea where we can renew acquaintances, and hopefully introduce new members to the aims and principles of CFUW. If you know someone who might like to become a member, or perhaps who has been a member and is interested in returning to celebrate this anniversary year, bring her along to the tea Monday, September 19, at St. John's Church from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be an information presentation very near the beginning of the tea.



I look forward to working with the executive and membership to make this a memorable year. Look forward to seeing you all at the Tea and fall meetings.

Sue Carson, President

Membership Tea is Monday, Sept. 19 @ 1 PM. Bring your neighbours, friends

and past members to this annual event. Information Session is planned for the beginning of the tea. Special 25th Anniversary presentations are planned this year.

2011 – 2012 Program Line-up

September 19: Membership Tea, 1 pm Reunite with friends, explore interest groups and welcome newcomers

September 26: Home & Community Care for Seniors on the Coast presented by Betty Owen, VCH Social Worker

October 24: Laws as they Apply to Seniors, get updated with a talk by Carmen Sombrowski, Lawyer

November 24: Pharmacy Concerns for Seniors presented by Elizabeth Innes & Dan Hauser of Pharmasave in Sechelt

December 5: Christmas Luncheon & Silent Auction- Sunshine Coast Golf & Country Club

January 23: Panel Presentation, Members speak about their experiences dealing with Senior Advocacy issues on the Sunshine Coast

February 27: Grandmothers and Grandothers, guest presenter

March 26: Resolutions with "Stone Soup" luncheon

April 23: Sunshine Coast Senior Seniors, guest presenter: Jef Keighley

May 28: Annual General Meeting followed by **The Great Canadian Quiz** with Dorothy Fraser

June 11: Spring Tea – TBA

A big thank you to Rita Howie and advisors for generating such a great line up for our 25th Anniversary Year.

Plus "A snippet in time", remembering the past 25 years at each meeting.

One again we have a good line up of interest groups but are always on the lookout for new ones. Bring your ideas to the Membership Tea and September meeting.





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Interest Groups

Book Club 1: meets in members' homes at 10:30 am the 2nd Wednesday of the month.
Contact: Patti Gunning/Mary McKinnon

Book Club 2: meets in members' homes at 7:00 pm the 4th Thursday of the month.
Contact: Leslie Guignard

Dinner Group: meets regularly to enjoy good food and conversation.
Contact: N/A

Lunch Club: meets 3rd Thursday of the month in a restaurant for lunch
Contact: Betty Brown

Mystery Book Club: meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1 pm in members' homes.
Contact: Ellen Smith

Social Bridge: meets at 1 pm the 1st Monday of the month in members' homes to play bridge.
Contact: Mary Beth Knechtel

Travel Group: members meet in members' homes to talk about recent travels
Contact: Lorna Duteau

Walkers/Epicures: meet the 1st Wednesday of the month for a short walk at 10:30 am followed by lunch at a local eatery.
Contact: N/A

Wine Tasters: meet in members' homes once a month for wine tasting experiences.
Contact: Mary Mellis

The Mad Hatter Tea

If you were at the June Social, the Mad Hatter Tea Party at the Botanical Gardens, you probably had a good time. If you missed it, you missed a good time. It was delightful to see all of the beautiful hats, fascinators, funny creations (a Stanley Cup worn by Carol Steedman) and a nor'westerner worn by Sue Milne along with the rest of the gear since it started out with a rainy morning. She came right from the ship - or garden. A special thanks to Cathie Roy and assistant for judging



“des chapeaux” for us.

We were honoured to have Kathryn Graydon (legal assistant), one of our bursary recipients speak to us, introduced by Connie Barber, chair of the Bursary Society.

Dorothy Morse and Mary Beth

Knechtel saved the day when they arrived to find that the refrigerator had mysteriously turned into “heat mode” overnight threatening to destroy the strawberries and cream stored in there overnight.



2011 – 2012 Executive



President	Sue Carson
Past-President	Rosemarie Blenkinsop
Vice-President	Mary Beth Knechtel
Treasurer	Adrienne Relkie
Secretary	rotating roster
Social	Dorothy Morse
Membership	Peggy Malcolm
Communications	Michele Stobie
Program	Rita Howie
Bursary	Connie Barber

National Issues

It is our intention to bring forward updates from National CFUW in each Newsletter.



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Brenda Wallace, CFUW President, stated in her report following the 2011 AGM: *“The Constitution and By-Laws draft was narrowly defeated and now the process of working towards a new revised document will continue. Before its Post AGM Board meeting, the Board discussed the way forward and supported unanimously a continuation of the revision process. The next draft should include the Standing Rules.”*

Also of interest to us, both resolutions were adopted at the 2011 AGM:

1) REDUCING IDLING OF ALL MOTORIZED VEHICLES

Proposed by UWC Toronto

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments to create and enforce standard limits, through education, signage, and by law and regulation, to control the idling of motorized vehicles for the protection of human health and the environment.

2) CRIMINALIZATION OF NON-STATE ACTOR TORTURE

Proposed by the CFUW International Relations Committee

RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to amend, immediately, the *Criminal Code of Canada* to include torture committed by private individuals and organizations, (non-state actors) as a specific and distinct criminal offence.

RESOLVED: That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to:

I. Exercise due diligence by initiating into Canadian policies and practices without delay, all appropriate measures to ensure that no person is subjected to torture by non-state actors;

II. Respect the priority of gender-sensitive frameworks on the United Nations agendas, given that women and girls are disproportionately affected by extreme forms of violence; and

III. Uphold Canada’s commitments to United Nations human rights instruments to which Canada is a signatory.

Also included in the most recent issue of The Communicator, National’s newsletter, Brenda also shares:

“I have been asked, —What is the role of Advocacy in CFUW?”

Through our advocacy we fulfill our mandate as stated in our —“purposes”. We advocate for quality education, human rights, equality, safety or peace and it is now more important than ever for us to step forward locally, nationally and internationally. As a leading, self-funded women’s organization, our voice continues to be heard as others are silenced by successive waves of defunding within the non-government sector. It is our responsibility to act on our policies and that is the role of advocacy.

What can you do? Write a letter, organize a forum, invite speakers to meetings, join a study or focus group – the choice is yours - but do get involved. We have enjoyed the benefits attained by the advocacy of others and it is now time for us to play a leading role. We have the future in our hands, as we have the right to speak, and with it comes the responsibility to act. Enjoy the new CFUW year and I hope to see many of you in my travels!”

<http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1104293819014-10/Communicator+-Sept+2011.pdf>

Submissions to the next Newsletter will be accepted by Michele Stobie after Oct. 5, 2011. It will be the “Bursary Issue” but other news and events are welcome.