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This brings the total amount of bursaries awarded since the Bursary Society began in 1990 to well over \$75,000! Congratulations to all Club and community members who have supported the Bursary Society over the years.

Financial statements and other information will be provided at the upcoming AGM on October 27<sup>th</sup>. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the fundraising that took place this year. WIG kicked off the giving at last year's AGM with a donation appropriately wrapped in a wig.

Fundraisers included donations from Adrienne Graham's estate as part of the silent auction at the Christmas party. Carol Tiessen and her dedicated team of book club members put on a book sale, which members thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks to everyone who browsed and pitched in, including Kate and Terry Webb who stored the leftovers for the Roberts Creek book sale. Pat Elliott and Marlene Oussouren ensured that items from Joan Summer's estate formed part of a raffle to support Bursary at the June luncheon. The highlight of the year was the VIVEZA concert generously donated by Joan Park and Isobel Gibson and held at Joan Park's home in June. It was a wonderful event enjoyed by all who attended.

And special thanks to individuals and special interest groups (such as Oval Owls) who have made donations directly to Bursary, especially at the Membership Tea and September meeting. Members, including many new members, have already donated more than \$1,000 this fall!

Further fundraising events are already being discussed and these, along with proceeds from the Club lunches, will help to ensure that we can continue this important and fun work helping mature women on the Coast continue their education. It is wonderful to meet and talk with women who have received bursaries. As they say, it is not just the financial support that matters but knowing that a group of university-educated women support their efforts that makes a real difference.

The Bursary Society could not exist if it was not for the continued support of all Club members. On behalf of the many mature women on the Sunshine Coast who want to benefit from further education, I thank you.

*Gillian*

Gillian Smith,  
Bursary Chairwoman

## BURSARIES

In the past three years, recipients of CFUW-SC bursaries have enrolled in a variety of disciplines and certificate programs, including:

- Psychology
- Bachelor of Education
- Infant/Toddler Certificate
- General Arts
- Addiction Studies
- Practical Nursing
- Tourism Marketing
- Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Native Indian Teacher Education
- Bachelor of Justice Studies
- Special Education Assistant
- Certified Management Accountant
- Paralegal
- Culinary Arts
- Drafting
- Masters of Human Security and Peacebuilding

Amazing!

## BRING YOUR FUNDRAISING IDEAS TO THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

A **fundraising brainstorming session** to come up with some exciting, fun (and lucrative) ideas for 2008/2009 and beyond will be held at **11:00 a.m. on October 27**, just before the general meeting.

Let's think about what we can do in-house, in the larger community, small and big projects, one-offs or annual events. Some interesting ideas have already been suggested but more are needed!

Anyone interested in participating please meet with Stephanie in the "sunroom" area of our meeting room at St. Johns.

## BURSARY SOCIETY BIOS

All CFUW-SC Club members are also members of the Canadian Federation of University Women (Sunshine Coast) Bursary Society. A board is elected by the membership and consists of nine members including the Club President. Board members can stay on the Board for 3 consecutive years. Not surprisingly, this is a popular job because we get to award the bursaries every year. Decisions are not easy, and discussions are lively, but consensus is reached and the Chair and Vice-chair have the pleasure of notifying the winners.

Here is your current Bursary Society Board of Directors:

**Chairwoman:** Gillian Smith; **Vice-chairwoman:** Connie Barber; **Past-chairwoman:** Joy Jones; **Secretary:** Bonny Creak; **Treasurer:** Joan Park; **Vice-treasurer:** Sue Armstrong; **Members at large:** Sue Brown; Marilyn Butt; Doreen Henry; **Ex officio:** Stephanie Lomax

**Gillian Smith** – Gillian joined CFUW in 2003 and has been active in a number of events and groups.. Gillian is a Past President of the Club and is thoroughly enjoying being on the Bursary Society. Gillian is involved with various community organizations and occasionally finds time to work as well.

**Connie Barber** – New to CFUW-SC last year, Connie graciously agreed to join the Bursary board as Vice-Chairwoman this year. Connie worked for many years with Capilano College in North Vancouver, including several years in the Foundation Department that focussed on obtaining scholarships and bursaries. Connie is on the board of both Eldercollege and Gibsons Municipal Library and participates in two book clubs.

**Joy Jones** – Joy moved to Halfmoon Bay in 2003 from Vancouver where she had been a journalist and professor. After joining CFUW-SC, Joy's writing and organizational abilities were enlisted for a number of projects and she served as Communications chair. Joy was the Bursary Society Chairwoman in 2006-2007 and continues this year as Past President.

**Bonny Creak** – Bonny has been a member of CFUW since September 2004 having just moved from Prince George. Still working as the children's librarian at the Sechelt Public Library, Bonny is committing her limited free time to serving on the Bursary Board in the role as Secretary. Bonny has agreed to continue as Secretary this year.

**Joan Park** – Joan recently joined CFUW-SC and is serving as Treasurer of the Bursary Society this year after assisting Mary Diedrichsen last year. Joan along with Isobel Gibson donated a Chamber music event to Bursary as a fundraiser and Joan hosted it at her home. Joan is very active in the community with many interests including golf, Garden Club, choir and volunteering for Habitat for Humanity.

**Sue Armstrong** – Sue has been a member of CFUW SC for 4 years during which time she has served as Assistant Treasurer for 1 year and Club Treasurer for 1 year. When time allows, Sue also belongs to a reading group, has participated in the Jazz Singers, the Hikers, and a bridge group. Sue is Assistant Treasurer for the Bursary Society this year.

**Sue Brown** – Sue has been a member of CFUW-SC for the past six years and belonged to CFUW in Montreal for 5 years prior to that. Sue was a member of the Bursary board until 2005 serving as Secretary and then Treasurer. Sue rejoins the Bursary board as a Member at Large. Sue enjoys many activities including travelling, bridge and golf.

**Doreen Henry** – Doreen is a retired teacher who joined CFUW in 2000 and has actively participated in Club activities. Doreen is past-chair of CFUW-SC and helped organize many Club events, including the extensive 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Doreen is entering her second year on the Bursary Board as a Member at Large. Doreen loves to travel, and is a member of the Astronomy Club and the Pender Harbour Choir.

**Marilyn Butt** – Marilyn returns to the Board as a Member at Large. Marilyn has been instrumental in getting advertisers for Bursary's annual campaign. A long term CFUW-SC member, and former Social Chair, Marilyn stays active, biking, skating, and "playing in the mud" creating wonderful pottery.

**Stephanie Lomax** - Stephanie joined CFUW-SC in 2005, shortly after moving from Vancouver to the Coast. In addition to being involved in the Mystery Book Club, Stephanie has been on the Club board as Vice-President and as this year's Club President.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2008-2009 Program

#### Meetings

CFUW Sunshine Coast meets at 11:00 a.m. on the fourth 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.

**November 24: Women In Politics – Margaret Page** will Chair a lively, informative panel discussion with **Margaret Harrington, Pat Mostovich and Lee Turnbull.**

**December 8: Christmas Party – SC Golf & Country Club – tickets \$20 – available for sale at October meeting**

**January 26: Mental Health Issues and Resources on the Sunshine Coast** - Faith Auton-Cuff, PH.D., Manager, Mental Health and Addictions. Sunshine Coast Vancouver Coastal Health. This is very important topic and should be of general interest for many members.

**February 23: Writing your Personal Memoirs - Betty Keller**, former CFUW member, prolific writer, editor, educator and one of the founding members of the Festival of the Written Arts, Sunshine Coast. Bring a pen and paper for this educational fun experience as you write *your* personal journey.

**March 23: A Journey Through the Garden, Paddy Wales**, gardener, writer and photographer on the Sunshine Coast will describe her personal journey through gardening. This program will inspire gardeners from beginning stages and onwards.

**April 27: Bountiful, BC. Past, Present and Future.** Keep posted for further details.

**May 25: Annual General Meeting - CFUW**

Current issues, board changes, policy modifications, all the new dirt! Come out and participate!

**June 8: Garden Party - SC Golf & Country Club**

**June 22: CFUW Final Meeting** - Come and meet your new executive. Please bring a bag lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

## 2008-2009 Board of Directors



<b>President</b>	.....Stephanie Lomax
<b>Past-President</b>	..... Sandra Cunningham
<b>1st Vice-President</b>	..... Michele Stobie
<b>Treasurer</b>	.....Donna Savage
<b>Secretary</b>	.....Jean Tkachuk
<b>Social</b>	..... Nancy Tomlinson/ .....Elaine Clayden (not in photo)
<b>Membership</b>	.....Ann Fitzau
<b>Communications</b>	.....Linda Prinic
<b>Program</b>	.....Janet Smith



### BOARD MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Taylor Sinclair ([waves@dccent.com](mailto:waves@dccent.com) 604-885-9283) has graciously offered to take over the "Sunshine and Showers" coordinator from Linda Prinic. And a new member, Anne MacLachan, has agreed to help out with Communications. But we still need assistants for Membership and Program.

We need you! And being involved is rewarding! Contact Sandra Cunningham (604-886-7263) for more information or to volunteer.



## Report on National

### SUPPORTING WOMEN STUDENTS AND GRADUATES AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Nationally...

CFUW has supported graduate study, literacy and the creative arts through awards and grants since its founding in 1919. In 1921, the 12 Clubs of the Federation awarded the first CFUW Travelling Fellowship of \$1000. Since then CFUW has spent more than \$1,000,000 on the Fellowships, Grants and Awards that it offers annually to Canadian women for post-graduate study. The Charitable Trust, set up in 1976, receives donations and supports this program. CFUW Clubs, individual Club members and non-members support the Trust. Bequests and memorial gifts of both cash and stock also increase Trust funds. The Trust is a registered charity and issues receipts for income tax purposes.

Internationally...

The Hegg Hoffet Fund for Displaced Women Graduates was established in 1936 to help university women who had been deprived of the right to work, and in many cases, the right to live in their native countries. Assistance to graduate women on arrival in a new country is still the activity of the Fund today. The Fund makes short term grants for refresher courses for re-entry into the candidates' professional fields, and courses for integration into new countries. In case of serious natural disasters, national federations and associations may apply for short-term grants on behalf of university women (women students), who suffered hardship due to the disaster, and who wish to continue their work or studies. Currently the beneficiaries of the Fund come from **Afghanistan, Nigeria, Iran, Russia, Mexico and the Sudan.**

## The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW)

Founded in 1919 as a national organization of women university graduates, CFUW now has almost 10,000 members in 130 clubs across Canada. If they are of national concern, resolutions generated by these clubs are brought to the attention of the federal government. Resolutions of provincial concern are brought to the attention of the provincial government.

The CFUW is committed to:

*Pursuit of knowledge,  
Promotion of education,  
Improvement of the status of women and human rights,  
Active participation in public affairs,  
Provision of fellowship and support.*

CFUW Sunshine Coast was founded in 1986 with a major goal of providing financial support to mature Sunshine Coast women returning to college or university. Bursary funds are raised through a variety of means sponsored by our club. Since 1990 the club has awarded over \$67,000 in bursaries. CFUW Sunshine Coast has many interest groups whose members meet for pleasure or study as well as fellowship and community service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Send your announcements to Stephanie Lomax by the **second week of the month** to be included in the newsletter.

St. John's United Artists join with The Happy Mediums (from the Sechelt Seniors Activity Centre) to present their annual fall **ART EXHIBITION AND SALE** held at Sechelt's new art gallery, "LA CABANA", at 5679 Cowrie St. from November 8 to 11\*, with the Opening Reception before that on Friday, November 7, from 7 to 9pm. A silent auction will be held, (closing at 3pm on November the 11th), the proceeds going to St. John's United Church and the Seniors Centre. La Cabana Gallery is wheelchair accessible and has a large exhibit area, and so we are pleased to be there. We look forward to having lots of CFUW members come to see our work from this year to show an interest and support our efforts. \*Artists in attendance until the 11<sup>th</sup> however the show will continue.

*Interest Groups*

**Book Club 1:** meets in members' homes at 10:30 am the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**Book Club 2:** meets in members' homes at 7:30 pm the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

**Book Club 3:** meets in members' homes at 10:00 a.m. the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

**Mystery Book Club:** meets in member's homes twice a month.

**Social Bridge:** meets in members' homes at 1:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. New members welcome.

**Escapes and Excursions:** members facilitate attendance of other interested members at performing arts events and cultural activities on an ad hoc basis.

**Gardening Group:** meets at 1:00 pm the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month to address topics of interest.

**Gourmet Group:** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.

**Body, Mind and Spirit** – past-life regression, healing touch, and meditation weekly meetings.

**Jazz Singers:** meet at 1:15 – 3:15 pm, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at Port Stalashan to experience the joy of singing favourite jazz tunes. No auditions required.

**Walkers/Epicures:** meet for a short walk over easy terrain at 10:30 am, the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month; then join Epicures for lunch at 11:30 am at various local eateries.

**Wine Tasters:** meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday or Thursday of the month at 1:00, 5:00 or 7:00 pm for wine-tasting experiences.

**Women's Investment Group [WIG]:** meets at 9:30 am, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month to learn about investing, to research, and to make stock market investments.

Do you have a special interest group you would like to create? Some people signed up for a few new ones at the membership tea and these will be brought up for discussion at the next meeting.



**Don't forget to get your Christmas Luncheon ticket – on sale at the October and November meetings!**