



# CFUW SUNSHINE COAST



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## You're Invited!

Richmond invites all BC CFUW members to attend the BC Council AGM and Conference in Richmond:

**April 24 – 26 at the Executive Airport Plaza.**

The theme of the conference is MOSAIC – Richmond is a multicultural, Olympic, sustainable, agricultural, island community.

The weekend features tours and workshops on the Mosaic theme, in addition to BC Council meetings. If you did not receive the registration package by email, view it online at [www.CFUW-Richmond.org](http://www.CFUW-Richmond.org)

**Register early!** The Early Bird cost is \$135 (before March 24). To register, print:

- The registration form on page 8, to mail in with your cheque, and
- The hotel registration form on page 9, if you are mailing it in and staying at the hotel. That's extra.

Or get a paper copy from Stephanie Lomax.

**Linda Coyle is the keynote speaker.** Her inspiring presentation challenges you to reflect on yourself and our organisation in a constantly changing world.

How do we decide what to do, and how to do it?

Linda is Vice President Emeritus of Kwantlen Polytechnic University, a dynamic facilitator, trainer, coach and mentor. She's good at what she does!

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**February 23 Meeting @ 11:00 a.m.**

**St. John's United Church**

**Bring pen and paper!!**

**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.

**Guests are welcome.**



Seated, left: Hostess Marilyn Butt chats with Dorothy Fraser at our Valentines gathering Friday, Feb. 13. Standing is Norma Mercer, chatting with Joy Jones and Gillian Smith.

## Valentines a Winner!

For pictures and info, see page 2

**Books and Bakes – see inside**

## President's Message:

Stephanie Lomax

Congratulations and thank you to the Winetasters' Interest Group who organized a very successful "Valentwines" fundraiser for the Bursary Society. As you can see from the photos in this newsletter, the event was very well attended. The wine, food, music and company were all terrific.

We hope our next Bursary fundraiser - the "Bakes and Books" sale tentatively planned for April 4<sup>th</sup> - will be just as successful.

I've circulated a draft of the new Constitution and Bylaws via email. To ensure that there is ample opportunity for consideration by the membership before voting on it, time for preliminary discussion and comment will be included on the February General Meeting agenda, and the March agenda as well if necessary. When discussion is completed and any necessary changes incorporated, one month's Notice of Motion will be given prior to a vote.

With that happening, national resolutions to consider in March, and a visit from our National President Patricia DuVal at our April meeting, we have a full schedule. It was great to see so many members at the January meeting and I hope that will continue throughout the Spring.

*Stephanie*



Gillian Smith and Dorothy Fraser chat at Valentwines, held at Marilyn Butt's lovely home in Sechelt.

## Valentwines raises around \$1,000

The final figures aren't in yet, but we raised around \$1,000 for our bursary fund – and we had lots of fun and goodies!

The food, wines and company were excellent. We had lots of guests, and you know we all had a good time when we stayed longer to chat. Congratulations to our wine tasting group, who put on the event.

## Books and Bakes April 4

We've booked the Trail Bay mall and four tables for our next bursary fundraiser – a book and bake sale on Saturday, April 4.

Let's build on the success of our Valentwines and make this a great fun and fundraiser.

As Stephanie says:

"We need bakers, book donors, workers on the day and a small committee to organize the event. This should not involve a huge time commitment, so please consider volunteering."

Ask friends and neighbors for book contributions, and take a look at your own collection. Let's make this a fabulous book and bake sale for our bursary fund.

### In April

#### **Our BC Conference and AGM**

**Richmond, April 24 – 26  
and**

#### **Our National President, Patricia DuVal,**

**will be our guest at our regular meeting on  
Monday, April 27**

Let's give Patricia a warm coast welcome! Come to as many of these events as you can.

## National Resolutions Coming to Membership in March

We will be discussing and voting on National Resolutions at our March General Meeting.

As usual, we'll hold a preliminary gathering of interested members to discuss and make recommendations on the resolutions. There will be only one meeting, held prior to

our regular club March meeting, so it's a small time commitment.

The group's recommendations will be presented to the membership in March. If you are interested in participating in this, please contact Norma Mercer ([nmerc@dccnet.com](mailto:nmerc@dccnet.com) or 604-740-9838)

### 1. ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE: GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Proposed by CFUW Victoria

**RESOLVED**, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), recognizing the serious threat to humanity posed by climate change, urge the Government of Canada, provincial, territorial and local governments,

- 1) to set strong short-term targets for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, with the goal of making Canada a country with no net emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050, and
- 2) to implement measures to achieve these targets and this goal, such measures to include emissions taxes, markets in emissions permits and government regulations aimed at reducing emissions.

**RESOLVED**, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to work with other countries, in accordance with the objective of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC, 1992) "to achieve stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system", the work to include successors to the Kyoto Protocol that set strong targets for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the creation of mechanisms for moving quickly towards an appropriate global market price for emissions, and the development of other specific international regulations to address serious market distortions.

### 2. CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF PEACE

Proposed by CFUW International Relations Committee

**RESOLVED**, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to establish a Canadian Department of Peace headed by a Minister of Peace and supported with funding for the development of a culture of peace.

(**Note:** If the Canadian Department of Peace proposed resolution is adopted at the CFUW AGM 2009, a motion will be made that CFUW forward its Department of Peace policy to the Resolutions Committee of the International Federation of University Women as a proposed resolution for debate at the 2010 IFUW Triennial Conference.)

### 3. EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORM

Proposed by the CFUW Legislation Committee

**RESOLVED**, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to reform the Employment Insurance system to make it more responsive to current employment realities, particularly to those of women, and CFUW Draft Resolved Clauses for Comment, 2009

**RESOLVED**, That, among other changes, these reforms include removal of the waiting period; adjustment of eligibility criteria to allow more part-time and contract workers to have access to employment insurance and to allow for the "opt-in" for the self-employed;

**RESOLVED**, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada recognize the on-going need for a gender-based analysis of the employment insurance safety net, and subsequently relate the program to that analysis in order to advance women's economic equality. (*continued p.4*)

## 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.

**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.** National president Patricia Duval, is a special guest. Speaker Jancis Andrews updates us on Bountiful.

**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** – meet the new executive. **Bring a bag lunch.** Tea/coffee provided.

**Announcements**

The Walkers and Epicures will go to Chamberlain Park in Gibsons on March 04 and have lunch at Pack Rat Louies. Call Norma Mercer for further details.

The Moviars enjoyed the latest movie, Mall Cop.

Despite the title and subject matter (not intellectual...) it was a lot of fun and we had many good belly laughs.

A family movie, it was presented at the Gibsons Movie Theatre on Tuesday, Feb. 17 and attended by three stalwart members of our new special interest group, The Moviars (occasional and/or weekly movie goers).

For info, call Sandy.  
604 886 7263

**Time to find a Vice President and a Club Secretary!**

We need six more good women to stand up and take on a position in order to run the Club next year. The critical postings are Vice-President and Secretary. Michele needs a VIP – a vice president. Important and vital to our club. Think about it, please.

The assistants' positions are also important, as they to allow a person to get a sense of comfort for taking over the position the following term (2010/2011).

Position	2008/09	2009/10
<b>Past President</b>	Sandra Cunningham	Stephanie Lomax
<b>President</b>	Stephanie Lomax	Michele Stobie
<b>Vice-President</b>	Michele Stobie	
<b>Secretary</b>	Jean Tkachuk	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Donna Savage	Margaret Frederickson
Asst. Treasurer	Margaret Frederickson	
<b>Membership</b>	Ann Fitzau	Jolyne Ball
Asst. Membership	Jolyne Ball	Pat Scott
<b>Program</b>	Janet Smith	Norma Mercer
Asst. Program		
<b>Social</b>	Elaine Clayden	Nancy Tomlinson
Asst. Social	Nancy Tomlinson	
<b>Communications</b>	Linda Princic	Anne MacLachlan
Asst. Comm.	Anne MacLachlan	

**RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED:**

**4. PROMOTING FINANCIAL CAPABILITY AND FINANCIAL LITERACY IN CANADA**

Proposed by UWC Montreal Inc

**RESOLVED**, That the CFUW recognize “Financial Capability” as instrumental to the well-being of all Canadians and as an essential educational competency and foundational skill.

**RESOLVED**, That the CFUW urge the federal, provincial and territorial governments to allocate resources to the promotion of a cohesive nation-wide financial capability/literacy program.

**RESOLVED**, That the CFUW urge the formation of a national independent task force to develop a national strategy for financial capability/literacy national initiative without delay and with public consultation.

**RESOLVED**, That the CFUW recommend that the nation-wide education program be designed to develop the following critical components of Financial Capability:

- 1) Financial knowledge and understanding
- 2) Financial skills and competence
- 3) Financial decision-making responsibility

**5. PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF CANADIANS BY REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL TOXINS**

Proposed by CFUW Ottawa

**RESOLVED**, That the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the Government of Canada and provincial, territorial and municipal governments to protect the health of Canadians by reducing their exposure to environmental toxins through measures that:

1. strengthen and enforce regulations that require all those who produce and/or disseminate toxic or potentially toxic compounds to show due diligence to protection of human health and the environment;
2. ensure that no new product is approved for use in Canada until there is convincing evidence that it does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment;
3. promote producer responsibility at every stage of product life, including waste management during manufacture, packaging, distribution and final product disposal;
4. increase monitoring and effective control of the sources, dissemination and disposal of environmental toxins; and
5. promote public awareness and support the development and use of safe alternatives.