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About Bursaries

By Connie Barber, Chair, Bursary Society

This year, we awarded seven bursaries totaling \$7,700, thanks to the fundraising efforts and generosity of our members.

We had twelve applicants by the May deadline and in June, former and incoming Board members reached a consensus on the worthiest applicants. We've also established an annual bursary of \$500 to Capilano University.

We had some very successful bursary fundraisers: a raffle of Della Setter's quilt at the Christmas lunch, wine tastings and a silent auction. The profit from "A Taste of Summer" at Joan Park's home was \$1,157, a great event and lots of fun.

Members have also made personal donations, for which we are truly grateful. Thank you!

Comments from this year's bursary recipients:

"This financial assistance will help me to get started on this new educational path and career."

"I am forever grateful, and hope to do you all proud this coming year at school."

"The bursary money will help a lot, but your belief in me is even more valuable."

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A reminder. ...

The membership list goes to members only, and we'll be printing it out soon.

A gentle reminder to join us this year, if you haven't already done so.

There's lots happening. We have interesting speakers and groups. And your contributions to our bursaries are so valuable to our community.

Membership Meeting

Monday Oct 26

11am – 1:30pm

St. John's United, Davis Bay

Gather at 11am, meeting at 11.30 Lunch available.

Silent Auction by the Bursary Group

Come and shop!

Nancy Baker speaks on the Community Garden.
Our theme this year is the 100 km limit.

New and Returning Members Social

Tuesday, Nov 3, 2 pm

Jolyne Ball's home, 4803 Laurel Ave,
Davis Bay

(2 blocks off Hwy 101 from Davis Bay Road)



Connie Barber,
Chair, Bursary Board,
CFUWSC

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Associate Member defined

By President Michele Stobie

The September meeting was full and lively, with heated discussions. At the National AGM in August, the category for associate membership was adopted as part of the by-laws that regulate all clubs.

Any woman who does not qualify for regular membership (education-based criteria), but who supports the objectives and purpose of CFUW, can become an associate member. She has full privileges and responsibilities and pays full dues.

Associate members shall not exceed 20 percent of a club's membership. We discussed this in April meeting when President Patricia Du Val was visiting.

Amendments to the membership proposal were defeated at the national AGM. Because associate membership is fully transferrable, all clubs must adopt the National CFUW bylaw.

At the district meeting Oct. 1, one club solved the dilemma by including the description of associate member "as per CFUW (national) bylaws." This move means changes can be made at the coming national

AGM, without forcing a change to their club's bylaws. A clever move!

It's an idea for our bylaw and constitution committee to consider, so we can pass our revised bylaws and constitution in October or November. We plan to have a special meeting to discuss the associate membership issue.

I will email proposed changes for national CFUW governance. Clubs have to respond with amendments by Nov 15. I welcome comments by Oct. 20 as it's on October's agenda. Constitution changes for national must occur before elections of the 2010-2012 officers.

We act quickly when it's important! Members have drafted sample letters to politicians on behalf of Jane Blackmore and Bountiful. Thanks to Gillian Smith, Joyce Fitzpatrick and Rosemarie Blenkinsop.

It is always stimulating to be at an event with other club members. I hope to attend Christmas at Hycroft (Vancouver club) and am happy to drive if a group is interested in going. <http://www.christmasathycroft.ca/>

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Since 1990, our club has awarded close to \$83,000 in bursaries to women on the Coast.

Our bursary recipients are studying: Certified General Accountant; General Studies at University; University Transfer; Nursing; Diaconal Ministry; Holistic Nutrition and Nursing Unit Clerk

"I cannot begin to describe how excited I am to start my degree this September, and this money will help me tremendously in my first year...."

– 2009 bursary recipient

Our treasurers work hard to gain some return for the funds we raise. Every toonie counts! Book sales continue at club meetings, with recommended books donated in excellent condition selling for a toonie.

Under the resourceful direction of Doreen Henry, we are presenting a fashion history show with Ivan Sayers. I look forward to hearing other great ideas for raising bursary money.

Club members have kindly raised their payment for lunch to \$5, half of which goes to bursary, and half to rent and club costs.

2009-2010 Bursary Board

Connie Barber – Chair
 Karen Switzer - Vice chair
 Joan Park – Treasurer
 Sue Armstrong - Assistant Treasurer
 Bonny Creak – Secretary
 Gillian Smith - Past Chair
Members at Large
 Doreen Henry
 Sue Brown
 Janet Smith
 and Michele Stobie - ex officio

Monday, December 7

Christmas Party – SC Golf & Country Club

Tickets sold at October and November meetings.

Have any extra books?

If you have books at home in good condition that you would like to donate, please bring them to our meetings. We sell them for a toonie.

The money goes to bursaries.