Canadian Federation of University Women – Parksville / Qualicum

Our Theme this year:

Strong Women – Difference Makers

March 2020

President: Valerie Gunn (250-468-7536)

Vice President: TBA (vacant position)

Club Address: Box 113 Qualicum Beach, BC, V9K 1S7 See: Club Address: Box 113 Qualicum Beach, BC, V9K 1S7 See: http://www.cfuwpq.ca

Meeting: Monday February 10 at the QB Civic Centre, 7:00 PM

Program: CFUW Resolutions

Speaker(s): Sheila Reed (Chair) and committee

Greeters: Vivien Sears, Eva Hilborn

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President’s Message – March 2020

It is most inspiring to come back after being away for three weeks and see from the email list how busy women in P/Q have been, also how well the club functioned. Special thanks to Sheila Reed and Jacqueline Russell for stepping up in my absence.

My trip to Vietnam and Cambodia demonstrated the importance of Global Outreach. I visited a primary school in Cambodia and saw the lack of basic education materials but was impressed by the English the children spoke and wrote at age 10. Cambodia is still recovering from its terrible recent history; many children are malnourished.

I see that all committees have submitted their budget requests, now the finance committee has to compile the numbers. I invite all who are interested to contact Lynn Brown.

March 8th is International Women’s Day Event which we have presented in the last few years, please keep your calendar free, however, if you are unable to attend our event, I have listed two other local events on the Island. (See the posters at end of this newsletter.)

I heard Dr Mandell speak two years ago, she is a very clear and understandable communicator. I encourage you to come to hear her speak.

CFUW has 6 resolutions to consider this year at general meeting March 9th, sent to P/Q members February 14. Resolution 3 is probably some background for March 8th event. The discussions will be under the leadership of Sheila Reed, please contact her if you wish to participate.

Regards

Valerie Gunn

Program

Recommendations from the Resolution Committee CFUWPQ 2020

Resolution 1: Canada Health Act and Common Application of Medically Necessary Services

Proposed by: The Canadian Federation of University Women Markham-Unionville

RESOLVED, that in order to maintain the integrity of the Canada Health Act, which guarantees accessibility and universality, the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urges the Federal Government to work with the provinces and territories to ensure transfer payments associated with provincial/territorial health ministries are based on a standardized application of the term “medically necessary care”.
Recommendation - Accept as presented

Resolution 2: Payday Loans

Proposed by: The Canadian Federation of University Women Ottawa

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urges the Federal Government to work with the provinces and the territories to lower the cap on the interest rate payday loan firms can charge;

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urges the Federal Government to encourage the Chartered Banks to make further efforts to facilitate short-term small loans.

Recommendation – Accept as presented

Resolution 3: Achieving the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action

Proposed by: The Canadian Federation of University Women Stratford

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urges the Government of Canada and the provincial, territorial and Indigenous governments, as well as the professional bodies, religious denominations and other entities named in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, to work diligently toward achieving the ninety-four actions recommended in the document.

Recommendation – Accept as presented

Resolution 4: Climate Emergency – Declarations and Action Plans

Proposed by: The Canadian Federation of University Women Stratford

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urges provinces, territories, municipalities, and other community groups and organizations to declare a climate emergency;

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urges the Government of Canada, the provinces and territories, municipalities and other community organizations and the corporate sector to follow the declaration by drafting and implementing action plans, based on science, that work urgently to mitigate the factors creating this climate crisis and to prepare for the unavoidable consequences such as floods, fires, storms, climate refugees, food and water insecurity, and social conflict.

CHANGES – remove comma after plans and insert the following words
RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urges more provinces, territories, municipalities, and other community groups and organizations to declare a climate emergency;

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Recommendation – Accept as presented with the corrections in RED

Resolution 5: Protecting Children from Exposure and Access to Pornography and Sexual Violence on the Internet

Proposed by: University Women’s Club of Vancouver

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urges the Government of Canada to further investigate avenues and develop effective policy to limit children’s ability to view pornography using internet or mobile technologies.

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RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urges the Government of Canada to continue to expand its efforts to protect children from access to explicit sexual content on the internet.

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Recommendations – delete the two middle statements as they weaken the statement – redundant

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Recommendation – accept in this form

Resolution 6: Enforcement of the *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act*

Proposed by: University Women’s Club of Vancouver

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urges the Federal, Provincial, Municipal governments and Territories to immediately endorse the *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act* and encourage law enforcement to implement new policies, procedures and guidelines including training so that the above-named law can be enforced and therefore work to end demand for paid sex, which is a cornerstone of the law.

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urges the Federal, Provincial, Municipal governments and territories to work with and fund community stakeholders to provide exit strategies in the form of safe housing, health services, trauma counselling, and all the other services required for successful exiting for prostituted women and girls.

Recommendations – Remove the first resolve as new information points to prostitution going underground as well as parts of the law are unconstitutional. Please read the following articles from this past week.


https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/prostitution-law-ontario_ca_5e508f99c5b6b82aa6534c44

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International Women’s Day 2020

At the end of this newsletter, please find a poster that can be printed or copied and sent to your contacts to encourage awareness and support of our IWD event March 8th, 2020 at the Parksville Community Centre (PCC)...doors opening at 1:30pm, event from 2 till 4pm. Admission by Donation. Any proceeds will be supporting a refugee sponsorship group, El Hesham which is based in Parksville/Qualicum, and which is sponsoring a family from Syria which includes girls who are relatives of the family here.

More about the speaker, Dr. Louise Mandell, QC (honorary) VIU Chancellor:

For three decades Louise Mandell has devoted her professional life to the advancement of Canada’s Aboriginal and Treaty rights. She was one of the founding members of the Mandell Pinder law firm, which began in 1983 with a focus on assisting Aboriginal peoples to achieve recognition of their title and rights and to develop prosperous, sustainable communities. Since then she has devoted her efforts to implementing constitutional change, and has been one of the major conceptual thinkers in the area of Aboriginal and Treaty rights. She has made presentations to Standing Committees of the House of Commons and has been a regular speaker on every aspect of native rights at conferences – both nationally and internationally.

Mandell is an engaging public speaker and writer and is committed to passing on her knowledge through her involvement in continuing legal education workshops and forums. Mandell received a Degree in Education at UBC before graduating from Law School, and was selected by UBC Faculty of Law as one of the two outstanding alumni from each decade. In 2013, the Union of BC Indian Chiefs honoured Louise by creating “The Louise Mandell Legal Research Collection”. In 1997 Mandell was appointed Queen’s Counsel and in 2001 was awarded the Georges Goyer Q.C. Memorial Award for exceptional contribution to the development of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Jurisprudence across the country. On January 1, 2011, Mandell moved out of the day-to-day practice of law – she remains connected in the esteemed capacity of ‘partner emeritus’ to the firm.

More up to date details to come...we look forward to our members participating on this day with committee displays and information tables, with volunteering at the reception desk, and with other tasks including the social at the event.

Thank you, IWD Committee: Jacqueline, Sonya, and Brenda (publicity assistance - thank you Brenda).

(Contributed by Jacqueline Russell.)
General Meeting – February 10, 2020

Speaker Briony Penn and Cathy Stewart, who introduced and thanked her; an interested group surrounds the table displaying books Briony Penn brought; Briony Penn signs a book for a guest.

Jacqueline Russell talks with members interested in the IWD plans; Noreen Ballantyne models the scarf she won in last month’s Be Present for the Present draw; Chair Sheila Reed places the hat from which the Present for the Present ticket is drawn on Secretary Catherine Khan’s desk, as Brenda Correy stands ready to speak.

To the right, members chat during the break.
Sheila Reed celebrates her lucky win in the Be Present for the Present draw with Brenda Correy; Victoria Morris, Elaine Watson, Barbara Baker, and Wendy Reimer react to their Valentine’s Day surprise with curiosity and pleasure. (Inside the tins they found delicious homemade candy.)

**Book Pickup from Donation Box at Save-on Foods**

Book Box Pickup Coordinators are: Sharon Sawkins, Eileen Edwards, and Sheila Reed.

Feb 24 – Mar 01 Deirdre Laforest  
Mar 02 – Mar 08 Victoria Morris  
Mar 09 – Mar 15 Eileen Edwards  
Mar 16 – Mar 22 Barbara Baker  
Mar 23 – Mar 29 Janet Farooq  
Mar 30 – Apr 05 Lorna Miller

*Please note that this list is not necessarily up to date*

**Remember!** Please use empty boxes that once held wine or liquor and pack books tightly within them, ensuring that the top flaps will fold shut. Please call or email the next person on the list once your week is complete. The coordinators suggest you check the box daily, as increased advertising through social media has resulted in increased donations. Dispose of any culled books in your own garbage or take them to the transfer station. Make sure you keep the receipt if you must use the transfer station’s facilities. Call for help if you need it. The storage crew on duty for that month will help if necessary with culling, packing, carrying, and storing.

**BOOK CULLING SUGGESTIONS:**

- Discard books that have torn pages, missing covers, loose pages, smelly, stained or many pencil notes.
- Discard all finance, medical, diet, travel, computers, law that are more than five years old.
- All National Geographic magazines as well as other magazines. Please keep knitting, decorating (quite current) and current cookery.
- All brochures and/or free material.
• All school and/or university textbooks.
• All Encyclopedias and yearbooks
• Do It Yourself building books older than 2008 as tools have changed greatly
• Self help - discard anything older than 2010 unless you know it is still a credible author.
• Reference - discard all dictionaries, thesauruses, atlases, if older than 2015
• Cookbooks - older than 2000 and all the books that came with appliances
The reason we are asking all members to cull aggressively and use their own garbage for disposal (if possible) as we now pay for the disposal of the leftover books. This also reduces the number of times the books are handled which saves a lot of work.

Book Club News

For March, the Wednesday night book club will read The New Silk Roads: The New Asia and the Remaking of the World Order by Peter Frankopan. The Tuesday afternoon book club will read Warlight by Michael Ondaatje. The Thursday morning book club will read The Little French Bistro by Nina George. (The information was contributed by Edie Ross, Wendy Heuberger, and Bev Walls. The images are courtesy of Mulberry Bush Bookstores.)

Quotes

This is one way stories get told. Under force of uncomfortable circumstances, you begin to talk and get carried away, only to arrive at the under-story, the unexpected underlying story, and your feet hit ground, real ground, and you pause.

From All Things Consoled: A Daughter’s Memoir by Elizabeth Hay

“He had a good life,” she said, “on the whole.”

Her “on the whole,” tempering as it did her usual grateful refrain about their wonderful lives, took me aback and soothed me. Candour, especially when it comes out of the blue, clears away the empty clichés that stifle us, and enlarges the world.

From All Things Consoled: A Daughter’s Memoir by Elizabeth Hay
Things book lovers do:
- Read several books at one time
- While also having a stack of books to read next
- And keeping a running list of even more books you want
- Feel happy when you remember you get to read your book later
- Feel sad and lost when you finish a great book
- Pause to appreciate a beautifully written sentence
- See the cover of an old book and be transported back to your youth
- Find joy and comfort in rereading a favourite book
- Walk into a library or bookstore and say …. I could live here!

Benjamin Franklin said that wine was “proof that God loves us and that he likes to see us happy.”
Quoted in *The Billionaire’s Vinegar: The Mystery of the World’s Most Expensive Bottle of Wine* by Benjamin Wallace.
CFUW Parksville-Qualicum

International Women’s Day 2020

"Helping one another come home"

Dr. Louise Mandell QC (honorary)

Chancellor, Vancouver Island University
Expert in Aboriginal Law & Treaty Rights

Broadening women's rights: identifying and overcoming challenges through the lens of her own experience

Sunday, March 8
2 - 4 pm
(doors open at 1:30)

Parksville Community Centre
Admission by Donation

Refreshments + More!
THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
COWICHAN
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US for INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN’S DAY

DR. CAROL STUART
IMTERIM PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT
ACADEMICS, VIU
SPEAKING ON EMPOWER WOMEN AND
GIRLS
AT A LUNCHEON SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020
Arrivals at 12:00 Luncheon at 12:30
RAMADA DUNCAN
140 Trans-Canada Highway
Pre-registration is a requirement register by email to sershe@shaw.ca.
Cost is $35.00 chwques may be sent to Sheila Service, P.O. Box 1143,
Lake Cowichan, BC V0R 2G0 or contact Dianne Munday at
dmunday17@gmail.com to make a bank transfer.
Please share this with a friend and please be assured that gentlemen
are most welcome.
CFUW International Women's Day Forum

In partnership with St Margaret's School, CFUW Victoria will be hosting an International Women's Day Forum:

Sunday, March 8th, 2020 - 1:00 to 3:00PM
at St Margaret's School - 1080 Lucas Avenue

Following a keynote address by Elizabeth May, each of four panel speakers will offer their perspectives on what we can do as individuals to address the urgency of climate change.

Following the formal presentations, guests will have the opportunity to have coffee, visit exhibitor displays and gather information about their products, services, and/or initiatives. By the end of the forum, participants will have been exposed to new ideas and will be inspired to make changes in their personal lives and in the communities in which they live.

Reservation form click here

$20.00 Payment by cash, cheque or e-Transfer
Please mail reservation form to:

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