

Canadian Federation of University Women

Who We Are

The Power of Women Working Together

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CFUW is a non-partisan, voluntary, self-funded organization with over 100 CFUW Clubs, located in every province across Canada. Since its founding in 1919, CFUW has been working to improve the status of women, and to promote human rights, public education, social justice, and peace. CFUW is the largest affiliate of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW), the leading girls' and women's global organization run by and for women, advocating for women's rights, equality and empowerment through access to quality education and training up to the highest levels.

Dynamic Women Can Make a Difference!

Be part of a national group that:

- *Fosters education and lifelong learning
- * Advocates for women's equality and human rights
- *Offers opportunities to network with like minded women at the local level, sponsor community action projects to promote equity, serve in club leadership positions, and lobby local, provincial and federal legislators on CFUW priority issues.
- * Is part of the International Federation of University Women
- * Has special consultative status at the United Nations
- * Is represented at the Canadian Commission for UNESCO

Your membership helps strengthen CFUW's national voice on gender equality and human rights. As an organization entirely funded through our membership and dependent on our members lobbying their elected representatives at the local level, your participation makes a huge difference!

Membership Categories

Full Member: Any woman who supports the goals of CFUW is welcome to join!

Student Member: Women who are residents of Canada and students at a post secondary institution.

A student member is entitled to all privileges and responsibilities of being a full CFUW member, but pays only 50 per cent of the club dues.

National Activities of CFUW

- Informs the Government of Canada about its policies on education, the status of women and girls, human rights, peace, justice and environmental issues.
- Provides opportunities for life long learning and networking at local, regional, provincial, national and international meetings.
- Supports a national Fellowships Program through the CFUW Charitable Trust which:
 - · receives individual and Club donations
 - manages funds for:
 - Graduate Awards and Fellowships
 - · The annual Creative Arts Award
 - The annual grant to the National Library of Canada

CFUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or class.

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COWICHAN

31 Years in the Cowichan Valley 1983-2014



Welcome!

We welcome all women as recognized by the Canadian Federation of University Women to join us in pursuing the goals and ideals of our organization.

Local Activities - Our Club:

- · Provides opportunities for fellowship
- · Researches and presents resolutions
- Holds meetings on educational, cultural and social issues
- Offers Bursaries to women in the community who wish to pursue a postsecondary education
- · Has special interest and study groups
- Ensures that local MP's and MLA's are aware of CFUW policies.

Our monthly meetings

The Club meets as a group once a month (usually the second Thursday evening) starting at 6:45 p.m. We invite speakers to our regular meetings and the topics reflect the interests of our members.

Our first meeting of the year is a wine and cheese party. This meeting gives us the opportunity to socialize, meet new members and get caught up on our friends' adventures over the summer.

Meetings in October and November take place at Vancouver Island University (VIU).

In December, our meeting is a Christmas potluck dinner where we get to sample the wonderful cooking of our members.

The meetings in January, February and March are luncheon meetings at various locations. Our meeting in April is at VIU and deals with Resolutions from the National Office.

Our AGM is held in May when we elect the officers for the coming year. In June we hold a garden party where we honour our bursary winners.

Special Interest Groups

Our special interest groups are an important part of our Club activities. The following groups are thriving:

Book Circle: Margaret Corsan - 746-6315

Bridge Group: Sadie Hudspith - 743-2820

Coffee Club: Martha Fraser - 7743-4786

Innovative Housing: Judith Blakeston - 733-0804

Hiking Group: Janice Rose - 743-5897

The number of interest groups can change depending on interest of membership.

Resolution Process

The Club supports CFUW's resolution process each year. The resolution process forms the framework for CFUW policies in economic and cultural areas including education, environment, justice, health and social issues.

Policies are the basis of subsequent advocacy action at all levels of the organization.

2014-2015 Executive Officers

President Leslie Jo Stubbe
Past President Sharlene Ionescu
First Vice President Sheila Service
Second Vice President Sue Rudolph
Secretary Dianne Munday
Treasurer Jo Hutchinson

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