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November 2025

President's Message: Christine Marin

At the General Meeting on October 27, I was so inspired:

- by Vicky Ryan's presentation about rising to the challenge of meeting the needs of her lovely daughter, which led to a province-wide support system for neuro-divergent girls.
- by visits from Eleanor Scarth and Anne Cordon, and the kind words they had to say about our club.
- by Betty Coles, a member of CFUW since 1978, whose photo we shared from the 1988 BC Council and whose daughter, Pam, proudly accompanied her mom to our meeting.
- by our cherished members who have served on provincial and national councils and boards.
- how over half of the room was standing to show they had served our own club, on the executive team and in leadership roles.

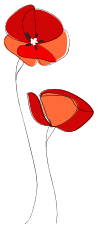
And I was inspired by all of you, the beautiful buzz of conversation, nodding of heads and open smiles. You fill the room with positive vibes! I can only say that I feel humbled and privileged to be a member of CFUW Richmond.

The Interest Groups are up and running, and Mahjong was lovely chaos, with four full tables of players at Wisteria. Thank you for hosting, Priscilla. Thank you for organizing and mentoring, Karen! I really encourage members, especially those who are new to the club, to join one or two interest groups. Check them out in our newsletter.

On November 25, we begin the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. CFUW Clubs across Canada participate in a variety of activities, with a different suggested focus for each of the 16 days. CFUW Richmond will collaborate with other Richmond organizations, their friends, family and community members in a Dec. 6 vigil for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. On Dec. 6, 1989, 14 women were murdered in the École Polytechnique massacre in Montreal, simply because they were women. Please wear a white ribbon and join us. More details are coming soon.

Enjoy the warmth and comfort of your homes with friends and family until we meet again, either in an interest group, at the Advocacy meeting, or at our General Meeting on November 24.

Christine Marin, President CFUW Richmond (2025–2027)



Our 2025/26 **membership directory** was handed out at the October general meeting and will be available at various interest groups this month (e.g. Friday Coffee, Advocacy). Please look carefully at your entry in the new directory and let Jean know if there are any errors in your contact information. Let Jean know if you would like to pick up your directory at her house (after Nov. 1) Email jeangarnett@shaw.ca. Please keep our members' info secure. Either keep your old directory in a safe place, or shred it, or return it to Jean for shredding. **DO NOT RECYCLE. A reminder that the password for the members' only section of our website is due to change November 1 and is in your new directory on the first inside page.**

CFUW Richmond General Meeting:
Monday November 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm at Caring Place

Featuring: The Re:sisters

Hostess: Sylvia G; **Co-hostesses:** Susan J, Betty C; **Set up:** Gale R, Kathy M





Program Committee

Brenda King and Moreen Takada, Co-Chairs



This month's speaker, thanks to the Advocacy Committee, will be our own De Whalen's singing group, The Re:sisters. The Re:Sisters will be getting us fired up.

Vicky Ryan, our speaker October 27, shared this information:

GIRLS CLUB is a free, fully inclusive social club for girls with neuro-development differences. We believe such differences should not be a barrier to friendship and self-worth! We connect families and create community through the power of celebration. If you would like to support us:

- Volunteer with us: we host one event per month, and are always looking for volunteers
- Donate to us: as a registered charity, we are 100% reliant on donations to operate
- Spread the word: please tell friends, family, and colleagues about us! You never know whose life you can change.

Find all these links at www.ingirlsclub.com.



Scholarships and Special Events Committee

Judi Sponarski, Chair

Christmas Social

This festive and much anticipated event will held on **Monday, December 8** at Country Meadows Golf Course from 5 pm - 8 pm. (Please note that the date is incorrect on the inside cover of your new membership directory.) The cost is **\$60** payable through e-transfer to richmondcfuw@gmail.com or by cheque made out to CFUW Richmond. Cheques can be brought to the next general meeting or dropped off at my place (9360 Kingcome Place). Payment is due by Monday, November 24. As the turkey buffet dinner will cost over \$70 this year I have made the executive decision to go with the regular buffet menu to keep the cost of the event at a more acceptable price of \$60. This menu includes a chicken dish, salmon and a vegetarian item.

Scholarships

CFUW Richmond awards six scholarships of \$700 to female students in the Richmond School District each year. A portion of everyone's membership fee goes to fund these scholarships. CFUW Richmond also awards two scholarships of \$1,000 to female students at Kwantlen Polytechnic University each year. These scholarships are funded by a \$40,000 endowment that our club has at the Kwantlen Polytechnic University Foundation.



Website

Roberta Mayer, Webmaster



Fall is definitely upon us and it's so nice to be together again. I hope all the new members will take a look at the Website members pages and remember that information about the upcoming meetings, the calendar and newsletter are all posted there. There are also years of photographs to show you what we get up to.

To all members, please check out the website and if you have suggestions or corrections let the Executive involved know. Sandy B is our Communications contact so suggestions about structure or new possibilities can be sent to her for consideration. New ideas and information are always welcome. The website should be a place where we call can meet and exchange information.

A reminder that the password for the members' only section of our website is due to change November 1 and will be in your Directory.



Membership Committee

Karen Keogh, Chair



With Carol C joining and Marilyn J rejoining our club at the October general meeting (after an absence of one month), our membership total is up to 96 members (85 returning members and 11 new members). This is a gain of 5 members since the end of June. For various reasons, six members (Nancy H, Heather L, Linda L, Ruth N, Lynda P and Vera W) did not rejoin this year. Note: Marilyn J has been a CFUW Richmond member since 1972! And it is her birthday on November 3.

Since Marilyn is not included in the new Membership Directory, you could cut out her profile from last year's directory (or below) and add it to your new one. There are a couple of blank pages at the end of the directory. Please also add Carol C's contact info into your membership directory.

In addition to Carol, 5 other of the 11 new members were in attendance at Monday's meeting. Each of them when introduced to the membership shared a couple of facts about themselves and identified the club member(s) who introduced them to the club. Kathy I was invited to the club by Lisa C, but was surprised at how many members she already knew. Recently retired, she worked in the Richmond School District and was a store owner in Steveston. Penny L was invited this time by Susan J, but previously by Jean G. She is an active member of the Richmond GoGos.

Margaret M was a past member from the 1990's who took time away from the club to deal with work and family. Now that she has more time, Marg P and Jean G suggested that it would a good time for her to return to the club. Cecilia Karen R was invited to join by Sylvia G. Cecilia or Karen? Some members know her as Cecilia; others know her as Karen. She thought she would go with Cecilia (so not to compete with my name!) but realized she would joining Carolyn R as a second C. R in the club. She has told me that she prefers Cecilia, but I know that she will respond to both.

Kei T was invited to join by me. She was born in Lillooet after her family was interned there. When allowed, her family moved back to Steveston where they were involved in the fishing industry. Her husband passed recently and she is hoping to get involved and make new friends. Carol C found us on our CFUW Richmond website! She recently moved from Ontario and is looking forward to joining some activities and making new friends.

I look forward to introducing the 5 other new members who were not in attendance to the membership at a future meeting – Pamela E, Margery E (a returning member), Joan M, Bobbi S and Lorraine W.

I am still taking orders for CFUW Richmond **name badges** until November 2. Magnetized name badges will be ordered unless a member specifies that a badge with a pin backing is preferred. Payment of \$9 can be e-transferred to richmondcfuw@gmail.com. Members will receive their name badges at the November General Meeting.

Another reminder to check your **contact information** in the new membership directory for any errors and advise Jean or me.

Happy November Birthday to:



- 3. Marilyn J
- 8. Bev C
- 17. Kei T
- 20. Gale R
- 21. Joan M

Young at heart. Other parts slightly older.



Advocacy Committee

Deb Track and Jenny Toone, Co-Chairs



At our October committee meeting our guest was Traci Corr, Board Co-Chair for the **Richmond Women's Resource Centre** (RWRC). Traci described the programs and events offered free to all Richmond women and discussed some of the challenges the RWRC is facing as they approach their 50th anniversary. We discussed ways our Committee and our Club could possibly assist RWRC.

Diana L attended the **Provincial and National Seniors Forum** and supplied the Executive reports to committee members.

We learned about changes to the work of **Richmond Homeless Connect** (RHC) who have been serving homeless and at-risk individuals since 2009. In the past they hosted an annual event where individuals could receive information about services and resources, clothing, foot care, haircuts, hygiene and first aid kits, etc. Our club has supported this event in past years. After 16 years this work has been taken over by the City through the Brighthouse drop-in centre and outreach workers who can interact with clients more frequently. However, there are still some gaps in service. Outreach workers need hygiene kits, underwear and socks, and winter wear, so the RHC purchases and distributes them. The knitting group will be donating hats and cowls and, at the general meeting, \$485 in donations of cash and cheques were received. If you would like to provide financial support by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: "Homeless Connect" and mail to "Homeless Connect" c/o Richmond Food Bank Society, #100-5800 Cedarbridge Way, Richmond, BC, V6X 2A7. The RHC is a not-for-profit group of dedicated volunteers. However, they are not a registered charity and cannot provide a charitable tax receipt.

Harbour House Twenty-five women and their children are now resident at the second-stage housing building at Railway and Steveston Highway. Most have escaped domestic violence and most require assistance with ESL. The staff hope to provide in-house programmes and offer the following courses with the help of volunteers: Resume building/Employment Navigation, How to stay safe on-line, Parenting through Healing, Budgeting, Legal Empowerment and Safety Planning, Sisterhood Circle, Housing Navigation in BC, and Building Inclusive Communities. If you wish to learn more about these volunteer opportunities, please contact Jenny or Deb.

Shoe donations Please bring your new or gently used, practical shoes and boots to the November 24 general meeting to be placed at the Vancouver Art Gallery memorial to Missing and Murdered Women in BC on December 6, the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. The Vancouver Shoe memorial began 23 years ago and is organised by the Women's committee of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union. After the event, the shoes will be donated to women's and emergency shelters in the Lower Mainland. Saturday, December 6 is the anniversary of the 1989 École Polytechnique Massacre (also known as the Montreal Massacre). On this day, we also remember the 14 female students who were murdered simply because they were women. The École Polytechnique Massacre is an example of the deadly impacts of gender-based violence. Help us support this occasion with your shoe donation.

The next committee meeting will be at the home of Deb T at 2 pm **Wednesday November 12** when our guest will be Chris Duggan, Program Manager Childcare and Youth for the City of Richmond, to update us on the status of childcare in Richmond. This is a change of day due to the Remembrance Day holiday.

All club members are welcome to attend Advocacy meetings. Please contact Jenny and Deb to be added to the mailing list.



CFUW News

CFUW's Club Action Newsletters contain relevant information pertaining to Club news and events. You are encouraged to stay in the know by signing up here:
<https://members.cfuw.org/club-action-newsletter>



Past President Sylvia Gwozd

At our general meeting October 27, we included the Cowichan Nation in our land acknowledgment. Having been away for much of the past three months, I realized I hadn't been following this important issue closely and wanted to catch up quickly. Several of you have asked how I use ChatGPT, so I thought I'd share an example with you here.

My question to ChatGPT at <https://chatgpt.com>: ***Give me a synopsis of the recent court ruling that gives land in the City of Richmond BC to Cowichan First Nations and the city's reaction.*** (Note, the online version gives links to each statement, maps and other references such as article in the India Times newspaper.) Here is what ChatGPT told me:

"Here is a synopsis of the recent court decision involving the Cowichan Tribes (and partner nations) and the City of Richmond in British Columbia – followed by how Richmond (and the Province) have reacted.

What the ruling says:

- On 8 August 2025, the British Columbia Supreme Court (BCSC) released its ruling in Cowichan Tribes v. Canada (Attorney General), 2025 BCSC 1490.
- The claimants: Cowichan Tribes, along with Stz'uminus First Nation, Penelakut Tribe and Halalt First Nation (on behalf of descendants from the historic Cowichan Nation).
- They sought declarations of Aboriginal title over approximately 1,846 acres (~ 750 hectares) on the south-east side of Lulu Island (which is part of Richmond) and adjacent submerged lands in the south arm of the Fraser River.
- They also sought a declaration of an Aboriginal right to fish for food in the south arm of the Fraser River.

Key findings of the court:

- The Court found that the Cowichan (and affiliated Nations) hold Aboriginal title to the lands described (the "Cowichan Title Lands").
- The Court found that historic Crown grants of fee-simple interests (i.e., typical private property titles) over those lands had unjustifiably infringed the Aboriginal title.
- Certain fee simple titles held by the federal government and by the City of Richmond (in the Title Lands) were declared to be "defective and invalid."
- The Court did not immediately order the removal of private homeowners, or blanket invalidation of all private titles. Private third-party fee simple owners were not the defendants in that sense. However the decision explicitly states that Aboriginal title can co-exist with fee simple title.
- The Court held that the Province of B.C. owes a duty to negotiate in good faith with the Cowichan and the affiliated Nations to reconcile private property interests, Crown interests, and Aboriginal title.

Why this is important / precedent-setting:

- This case is the first in B.C. to recognize Aboriginal title that overlaps with lands held in fee simple (private property) and to declare portions of fee simple titles defective due to Aboriginal title.
- It poses significant implications for how private property rights, municipal lands, submerged lands, and Indigenous title may interact – especially in southern B.C. where many areas lack historic treaties.

The City of Richmond (and provincial) reaction:

- The Province of British Columbia stated that it strongly disagrees with the decision, and announced it will appeal the ruling and seeks a stay of implementation until the appeal is resolved.
- ("We are committed to protecting and upholding private property rights, while advancing the critical work of reconciliation.")
- The City of Richmond has indicated it is reviewing the legal and financial implications of the ruling. According to reporting, the City said it was not given advance notice of the decision.
- Residents: The City (or a briefing from staff) issued letters to homeowners in early October 2025 warning that their property may fall inside the claim area and that the Court had declared Aboriginal title over lands that may include their parcel.
- The City is arranging a public information session (as of Oct 21, 2025) to address the issue and clarify what the ruling means for private landowners.

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What this means / next steps:

- Because the Province is appealing and seeking a stay, the ruling's full legal effects are still being determined.
- For the City of Richmond, there will likely be negotiations involving municipal lands, Crown-owned lands (those owned by government or port authority), and potentially private land use/ownership in the claim area.
- For private property owners the ruling raises questions — though the Court did not immediately annul private property titles, it introduced legal uncertainty about how Aboriginal title and fee simple title will coexist.
- For reconciliation and Indigenous land-rights frameworks, this decision strengthens the legal basis for Indigenous title claims in parts of BC that lack historic treaties." *(end of ChatGPT response)*

The City of Richmond hosted a public information session October 28 to help residents understand the implications of the recent court ruling. As reported in the Vancouver Sun, appeals have been filed by the Cowichan, Musqueam, and Tsawwassen First Nations, as well as the Province, the City of Richmond, and the Federal Government. This evolving issue will remain central to conversations about land, rights, and reconciliation.

For CFUW Richmond, it reminds us of the importance of continuing to learn, listen, and engage in building respectful relationships with Indigenous communities.



Hostess Coordinator
Linda Riesterer



Much appreciation to our October Team of volunteers including Meeting Hostess Brenda D with first time Co-Hostesses Ginny W and Linda C. They truly excelled by serving up a welcoming arrangement of delicious treats, friendly hospitality and an all-encompassing Halloween theme. In addition, many thanks to our keen new members Lila M and Sheila R, who arranged our room setup and reset so expertly. Actually, shall I say, together the team "knocked it out of the park" in spite of another game in progress!!

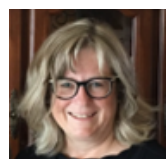
Looking ahead to the November meeting, our Volunteers will be:

Meeting Hostess Sylvia G with Co Hostesses Susan J and Betty C. Setup Team Gale R and Kathy M.

It's thanks to these efforts of our non-executive members that we continue to engage and enjoy our social break with our membership.

I am delighted to report that the CFUW Hostess Schedule is full until May 2026 which has only one spot. By any chance has anyone picked up a turquoise mug to return to our supplies?

As Hostess Coordinator, I will connect ahead of our November meeting with detailed instructions, room layouts, and answers to any questions you may have before each meeting.



Book Sale Fundraiser
Sandy Bichard



The Book Sale Fundraiser continues to be a popular event with lots of participation from our members – both by donating and purchasing books and jigsaw puzzles. Donations of *two or three books at a time* - especially newer titles which are quickly snapped up - are greatly appreciated. And unlike everything else, the cost to purchase a book has not gone up - still only \$2! Correct change is appreciated. The funds raised are allocated to a worthy cause identified by the Advocacy Committee. Books unsold after two months are donated to the Friends of Richmond Public Library which hold sales to raise funds for the Library.



The Grapevine by Sandy Bichard



I hope many will continue to participate in the Grapevine. If you have any upcoming events you'd like to share, or would like to comment on any of these topic areas (just a line or two would do – no formal report needed!) please send them to me at sandybichard045@gmail.com.



Staying Connected: Special personal events you'd like to share with the group?
We'd love to hear.



Our own Margot D's art work was featured in a recent edition of "Let's Talk Richmond, Share your Steveston story". Congratulations to Margot on the successful exhibit, which can still be viewed at the Steveston Post Office Museum.

Mahjong is becoming so popular that we had to move to a bigger room at Wisteria in order to accommodate 4 tables! Thanks to Karen for mentoring the four novice players - Lisa, Bev, Lila and Kathy - who were stellar learners! Joan and Suzanne, first time with our group, proved to be seasoned players! It was so loud!! (Shared by Chris M.)



Sincere Condolences to Linda and Richard (Ming) Quan and family on the passing of Ming's father, Gordie Quan, a citizen who made a difference for his community.

As reported by Michelle Gomez · CBC News · Posted: Oct 12, 2025
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/chinese-canadian-wwii-veteran-gordie-quan-remembered-as-more-than-just-a-regular-soldier-9.6935471.6935471>

Chinese-Canadian WWII veteran Gordie Quan remembered as 'more than just a regular soldier'

Quan was one of many Chinese-Canadians who fought for Canada in WWII despite not being recognized as citizens. A Chinese-Canadian war veteran who fought in the Second World War has died at the age of 99. Born in Cumberland, B.C., Gordie Quan was one of hundreds of Chinese-Canadians who fought for Canada during the war, despite not being recognized as citizens at the time. Historian and curator for the Chinese-Canadian military museum, Catherine Clement, believes he may have been the last surviving Chinese-Canadian veteran of the Second World War. Clement said soldiers like Quan fought for more than their country – they fought for the rights of future generations of Chinese-Canadians. "People like Gordie, they had no status really, and yet, when the war erupted, they were eager to volunteer and eager to show that they were Canadians," said Clement. Because of this service, Chinese-Canadians were given the right to citizenship and the right to vote a few years after the war.

She said it also led to the repeal of the Chinese Immigration Act, which barred Chinese immigration to Canada. "These men like Gordie who served in the second world war, they contributed to a civil rights movement. "He was more than just a regular soldier."

Gordie Quan (bottom-centre) is pictured amongst fellow veterans at a veteran's celebration in Vancouver in 2017. (Richard Quan)

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Grapevine continued...

Quan served in India and Burma as a demolition expert, as part of **Force 136**, according to the Chinese Canadian Military Museum, and received numerous awards upon his return. After the war he worked as a mechanic, according to his son, Richard Quan. Richard said his father was full of energy, even in old age. He spent his time volunteering where he resided in Victoria until his last days, selling poppies every November and giving talks at schools to educate youth. “These people wanted full citizenship rights, and that’s why they went to war,” said Richard.

Linda shares “Gordy was a great guy; I actually knew him before I even met Ming. I was part of 155 Company Service Corp, Bay St Armoury in Victoria and it was Sergeant Major Quan who always led us on lining up and marching on Parade. I was involved with the Armoury for the first two years I spent at UVic (66/67 and 67/68) after I graduated from high school. “



TRAVEL ADVENTURES: Armchair travellers enjoy hearing about others’ travel experiences. Please share some highlights of your travel adventures.



Italy, Croatia, and Slovenia. Brenda R and I spent four weeks travelling throughout Italy, Croatia, and Slovenia. We started in the Dolomites (Ortisei) with our spouses, then joined two other couples for a two-week tour. We saw key sites in Slovenia and Croatia with a driver and tour guides (Rohinj, Lake Bled, Plitvice Lakes, Split, Hvar, Dubrovnik, and sites in between). After Croatia we met up with another couple in Bologna for five days exploring that part of Italy, including Parma. We can’t recommend this trip enough.

We had trouble finding our favourite places; we decided it was a trip filled with “awe” and brought us to places we had never been. From hiking to the sound of cowbells in the alpine meadows in the Dolomites, to strolling the waterfalls, lakes, and ocean roads of Croatia, we learned the area was impacted by the Romans, Ottomans, Slavs, Greeks, French (Napoleon), and civil wars. The architecture (how they got these structures built), the art (frescoes, tiles, paintings), special experiences (truffle hunting in Slovenia, visiting oyster farms in Croatia, and touring a Parmigiano Reggiano factory); both Brenda and I have to pinch ourselves! And we haven’t even talked about the food or wine! Please see either of us for information. (Shared by Mary Lou M.)



Photos from Mary Lou and Brenda’s Excellent Adventure



Around Town: Anything noteworthy you’d like to share? Did a local business or service provider go above and beyond? Want to recommend and support a local business? Openings and closings? New finds?

- **Halloween Creepy Carnival**, Minoru Park, Oct. 31, 6:30 – 9:15 pm. Stage performers, jugglers, fire performers, stilt walkers, face painters, pumpkin carving, carnival rides, food trucks, and fireworks.
- **Steveston Girls’ Night Out**, Nov. 21 6 – 9 pm. **S.E.W!** (Shop. Eat. Walk) with Friends
- **Steveston Christmas Craft Fair**, Nov. 22, 10 am – 4 pm, Steveston Community Center

Grapevine continued...



Bookworm's Bite: Book recommendations from members -- not a full-on book report, mind you!

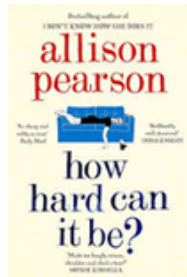


Nonfiction = learning through information

Bookworm = one who reads like their life depends on it

Fiction = learning through imagination

Bookdragon = hoards books like treasure



How hard can it be? by Allison Pearson. Forty-nine-year-old Kate Reddy is fast closing in on fifty, and finds herself taking a stock of her life so far. Kate is a wife, a mother of teen-agers, a daughter, and a friend who is re-entering the work world in London, UK after some time away. She faces it all with humility and a great sense of humour, which helps her get through the challenging times. And there are many. I found a lot of commonality with this character and was sorry when the book came to an end. A happy ending, too, which came as a surprise to this reader. For a light-hearted look at the juggling act which typifies modern womanhood, try this book. A sequel to *I Don't Know How She Does It* (2003). Available through Richmond Public Library's Libby system in book, ebook and audiobook form. (Recommended by Susan L.)



FOODIES FAVOUR: Tell us about your favourite dine in or dine out establishments.

Had a great meal lately? Share favourite cookbooks, recipes, wines.

iDen & Quanjude Peking Duck Michelin Star Restaurant Lunch Bunch Special Outing organized by Amy Y and Priscilla B. Wow!



Michelin Stars



Starter: Duck Rounds



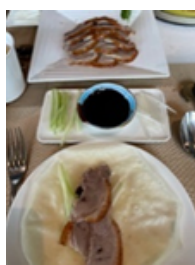
Signature Duck Soup



Third Course: Sweet & Sour Flavours



Fourth Course: Tofu & Mushroom



Main: Peking Duck Wraps



Dessert: Black Sesame w Rice Balls



Even the "Doggy Bag"
exuded elegance



Grapevine continued...



Top
Tips

Life Hacks 101: Humorous or serious tips and tricks on any topic: health and wellness, sports, technology, photography, household, gardening, automotive; best or worst advice ever received or given; or anything else that you've learned along the way that helps ease life's big and small challenges.



Worth a try
if the little
critters
come
sneaking
around
seeking
warmth?



Planting Seeds: Read a line or a quote lately that caught your attention and perhaps 'planted a seed'? Please share.



Community News

The Richmond Gogos
CRANBERRY
HOLIDAY
BAKING & CRAFT FAIR
Unique hand-crafted items for your holiday shopping.

Baked goods, Jams, Preserves, Chocolate Bark,
Christmas ornaments and décor, our signature Tote Bags,
Cranberries, Jewelry, and many other exciting items.

Music by the
Trout Lake Trio

Photos with
**the Big Red
Cranberry**

**Prize
Draws**

Enjoy Tea, Coffee & Home Baked Goodies at the
Tasty Treats Cafe

Saturday November 22, 2025
10:00-2:00
Thompson Community Centre
5151 Granville Ave.
richmondgogos2017@gmail.com
www.richmondgogos.org

All proceeds to the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign of the
Stephen Lewis Foundation

Third Age Learning at Kwantlen (TALK) news:

We are happy to report that **Dr. Lenore Newman**, who spoke at our September Open House, will be headlining TALK's Compelling Conversations event Wednesday March 11, 2026 at 7 pm at KPU Richmond campus.

Her topic: **The Agricultural Singularity: technology, policy and the surprising future of food.** This will be an expanded version of what she shared in September, with opportunity for questions and comments from the audience. The event is FREE and open to the public of all ages. Bring your friends and family.

Registration required after January 12, 2026 at www.kpu.ca/talk.

There are still lots of TALK courses available this fall in November and December: www.kpu.ca/talk/courses. Is there a course you are interested in but it's at Surrey or Langley campus and you don't want to drive out alone? Talk (pun intended) to some friends and get a carpool going! For example, **From Dylan to Digital** Tuesday at 1 pm at KPU Langley will be a fascinating look at how KPU music students learn music, social issues and technology to make a statement about how they feel about current issues. It will be fascinating! Register by Oct 30.



Interest Group News November 2025

Coordinator: Anne Marie Kelly 604 275 2158 tarasan@telus.net

N.B: When replying to an RSVP request, please send the email to the hostess or leader only. Avoid using REPLY ALL, unless requested, so that others don't receive emails not intended for them.

Interested in setting up a new interest group? We welcome new interest groups in our club. All a group needs is someone willing to be the leader. Contact me for details.

Book Discussion Groups

Afternoon Book. Leader Claire Smythe clairesmythe@icloud.com. We will meet on Wednesday, November 5 at 1:30 pm at Claire's home. We will discuss "Growing Up at the PNE". Please notify Claire if you plan to attend.

The Tuesday Murder Club. Leader Linda McNab 604-277-7450, mcnab.linda@gmail.com. We will be meeting at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, November 18 at Linda's home. We will be discussing the Shetland Sailing Mysteries by Marsali Taylor.

Lit Lovers - Evening Book. Leader Sandy Bichard 604-961-5433, sandybichard045@gmail.com. The Lit Lover's Book Club meets the third Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 19 at 7:30 pm at Deb Track's home. We will be discussing "Junie" by Chelene Knight, a coming-of-age story set in the 1930's Hogan's Alley community on Vancouver's east side.

Fun and Games

Bridge. New Leader Heather Campbell 604-271-5045. Contact Heather for information about the plans for the month of November.

Euchre. Leader Lisa Delarue-Riffel 604-448-1650 delarif@telus.net. We will be meeting on Thursday, November 13 at 1:30 pm, hosted by Fran Mitchell.

Mahjong. Co-leaders: Karen Keogh (604-946-9965; karen_keogh@dccnet.com) and Priscilla Bollo (604-290-3364; priscil@telus.net). Our next session will be at 1:30 pm on Friday, November 21 at Wisteria Place. Please let Karen know if you wish to play.

Food and Conversation

Coffee Group. Leader Penny McFarland 604 275-0232 pemcfarland@gmail.com. The coffee group get together will be Friday, November 7 at 10 am at Fran Mitchell's; her helper is Brenda Denchfield. Just a reminder that you must use Gilbert Road to access Woodward Road to get to Fran's house on Neill Place. All club members are welcome to attend and this is a great place for new members to get to know others. Everyone, please wear your name badge if you have one.

Dinner Group. Leader Vicky Erickson, erickson4vicky@gmail.com. Kim Hunter has volunteered her home for our initial meet up November 15 at 7 pm for appetizers and desserts. I look forward to seeing everyone for another fun year of dining.

Wednesday Walking. Leader Linda McNab 604 277-7450. Garry Point Park Walks: 9:30 - 10:30 am either along the West Dyke or around Garry Point itself. We meet on the boulevard by the washrooms in the parking lot. Coffee afterwards at Blenz optional.

Lunch Bunch. Contact Amy Yu (604-277-8270; yuamysp@gmail.com) or Priscilla Bollo (604-290-3364; priscil@telus.net). November's restaurant info will be sent soon. Please contact Priscilla if you're not on her regular distribution list.

TALK. Leader Jean Garnett 604 277-1130, jeangarnett@shaw.ca. Next Philosophers' Corner will be at Wisteria Place at 10 am November 6. Topic: At what age can we stop worrying about what other people think? \$5 drop in; no preregistration necessary. See our programs at www.kpu.ca/talk. Interested in joining our TALK Board and/or the Program or Marketing Committees? Contact Jean for details or see more at kpu.ca/talk/volunteer.