

Susan Murphy 1950-2019
Her CFUW life

Susan's CFUW involvement started in 1996 at UWC Winnipeg, serving on its Program Committee, and as Assistant Treasurer and a Trustee of the UWC Winnipeg Scholarship Fund. After moving to Nanaimo in 2000, she explored all aspects of CFUW Nanaimo club life, from volunteering as a member of the Executive Committee to enjoying friendship and fellowship in many interest groups.

She tried her hand at most Committee roles through her years in Nanaimo, everything from Interest Group Coordinator to Scholarship Chair. Having first-hand experience in the many roles helped her to convince other club members gently that they too had the skills and talents necessary for those positions.

Susan became CFUW Nanaimo President in 2004-2006. At this time, she began exploring the provincial and national roles open to CFUW members. During her Nanaimo Presidency, she was also chair of Resolutions for CFUW BC Council.

From 2006 to 2008 she was Regional Director for Vancouver Island and, in 2008, she joined the CFUW National Board as Vice-President for BC. From 2012-2014 she served as CFUW National President and a Trustee of the CFUW Charitable Trust. As VP International she organized and facilitated CFUW's participation in the UN Commission on the Status of Women at New York.

Susan again served as CFUW Nanaimo President from 2016-2018. After a well-deserved multi-month cruise around the world with her husband Bob in early 2019, Susan picked up where she left off, attending provincial, national and international conferences over the summer months. She loved travelling internationally to GWI triennial meetings, travelling nationally to CFUW meetings, and visiting other clubs in BC.

Susan was a warm and gracious member of CFUW, an excellent ambassador, phenomenal recruiter of members and a talented leader. She used her 'elevator pitch' everywhere, in grocery store lineups, waiting at the bank, on ferries, planes and elevators. Supporting women's education through Club Scholarships and Charitable Trust Fellowships was one of Susan's passions.

Twice, along with her friend Monika Oepkes, Susan walked parts of the Camino de Santiago Trail in Spain. The first trip raised \$4200 for the CFUW Nanaimo Scholarship Fund. After her term as national President, Susan and Monika did a 22-day, 500 km walk, raising almost \$18,000 for the national CFUW Charitable Trust's Fellowship fund.

Donations in memory of Susan, whether to the CFUW Charitable Trust or to CFUW Nanaimo Scholarship Fund, will be a fitting memorial to her belief that funding education for women is a key building block, allowing women to discover how their particular talents and skills can build and sustain democratic and just communities.