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CFUW Richmond to Host National AGM

Richmond, BC – May 5, 2017

Over 200 members of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) are expected to gather in Richmond from June 22 to 24, 2017, for their Annual General Meeting and Conference. Their hosts, CFUW Richmond, are anticipating a stimulating event that showcases Richmond and the great work of the 100-plus CFUW Clubs across Canada. The event is one of the ways CFUW Richmond has chosen to commemorate its 50th anniversary.

The theme of the conference is “Gateways”, a nod to Richmond’s significance as Canada’s gateway to the Pacific and to CFUW’s role as a gateway to education for many girls and women through scholarships and advocacy. Workshops will all relate to *Gateways to Lifelong Learning*. Keynote speaker Daphne Bramham will speak from her experience as an award-winning journalist and the work that led to her being named Champion of Child and Youth Rights by the BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition in 2011.

Conference attendees will discuss and vote on two important resolutions: to urge government to ensure a safe and clean water supply on all First Nations reserves; and to urge governments to work to create a universal pharmacare program. These topics have both received significant news coverage in recent months.

The schedule of events will provide plenty of opportunities for the women, and partners, to socialize and have fun together. Several tours are available to conference attendees within Richmond, other parts of the Lower Mainland, and to Whistler and Nanaimo. There will be opportunities to dine together, including at the homes of members of CFUW White Rock, as well as at a variety of Richmond restaurants.

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. Every year, CFUW and its Clubs award close to \$1 million to women to help them pursue post-secondary studies. In anticipation of its 100th anniversary in 2019, CFUW has adopted an initiative to raise an additional \$100,000 for scholarships, and it is well on its way to achieving that goal.

CFUW holds special consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC) and belongs to the Education Committee of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO. CFUW is the largest affiliate of Graduate Women International (formerly known as International Federation of University Women), which represents women worldwide.

CFUW Richmond holds its monthly meetings at the Kinsmen Pavilion, Richmond Nature Park, at 7:30 pm on the fourth Monday of the month. In addition to a business meeting, there are speakers on topics of interest to members, plus opportunities to socialize. Note that CFUW no longer requires that members possess a university degree, only that they support the goals of CFUW. More information is available on the Club’s web site: www.cfuw-richmond.org.

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