

February 19, 2019

The members of CFUW West Vancouver (Canadian Federation of University Women) club are pleased to inform you of a very interesting programme we are presenting on **March 11th 2019**, 7:00 PM, at St Stephen's Anglican Church, 885 22nd St, West Vancouver.

Our guest speaker that evening is Shelagh Stevens who lives in Perth, Ontario and is a member of CFUW Perth. She is a retired Lieutenant -Colonel from the Canadian Forces and served in UN Peacekeeping Mission in many countries, having experiences that few of us will have had.

The UN Peacekeeping Mission encompasses the following: to maintain peace and security, facilitate the political process, protect civilians, assist in the disarmament and demobilization and reintegration of former combatants, support the organization of elections, protect and promote human rights, and assist in restoring the rule of law. It was not until 2000 that the UN Security Council began to issue resolutions stating decidedly that there **was** a vital role for women in preventing and resolving conflict and in building peace;

March is the month when peoples of the world recognize the women of the world, through programmes celebrating International Women's Day. We celebrate both progress made and plans to accomplish more.

In 1919, 100 years ago this year, three women, two British and one American declared the birth of a new International Organization called the International Federation of University Women whose goal was "to prevent any future wars". Promoting Peace is still a part of the now named Graduate Women International and of its 56 member countries. We celebrate our Hundredth Anniversary in Geneva later this year following the theme Peace through Education.

Do join us at 6:30 for light refreshments before Shelagh's presentation which will begin at 7:00 PM

We invite you and anyone you know not to miss this opportunity. There is a nominal fee of \$10 and anyone under 18 is free.