



Established 1903

# University Women's Club of Toronto

*Celebrating 113 years*

April 2017 Newsletter

Website: <http://www.uwctoronto.ca>

## Upcoming Events



### Indspire will be featured at April 24<sup>th</sup> Dinner

The University Women's Club of Toronto supports INDSPIRE.

As mentioned in the January newsletter and on our website [www.uwctoronto.ca](http://www.uwctoronto.ca), at the AGM in May 2016 the membership voted to allow the Board to award up to \$10,000 in grants and donations to individuals and groups in need. To date, we've given \$1000 to Romero House, plus are continuing to donate \$1500 a term to enable two indigenous students, Lindsey Eelee and Mary Jackson to continue their studies.

The remaining money has been given to Indspire, an organization dedicated to the education of indigenous people. Our donation of \$4500 will be matched dollar for

dollar by the Federal Government. You can go to the website [www.indspire.ca](http://www.indspire.ca) to see the work they do.

**On April 24 at 5:30pm** please plan on attending the dinner with our Dinner Speaker, Sonia Prevost-Derbecker, Vice President, Indspire. Come out for this special event and learn more about the importance of our contribution to Indspire. Make your reservation by April 19th by emailing or calling Deborah Pomper at 416-979-2000 or [info@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:info@uwctoronto.ca) The cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for non members.



### Dr. Danesi will be our Dinner Speaker May 15<sup>th</sup>

Dr. Marcel Danesi

Date: Monday May 15, 2017

Time: 5:30 pm

Reservation deadline: May 12, 2017

Phone: 416-979-2000 or email [info@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:info@uwctoronto.ca)

Costs: \$40 for members, \$45 for guests

Dr. Danesi is a Professor of Semiotics and Anthropology at the University of Toronto. He has written various academic and research-based books, and also writes puzzles for the Toronto Star, Reader's Digest, and a puzzle blog for

Psychology Today. He has also written several bestselling puzzle books for Harlequin, of which *The Total Brain Workout* is deemed one of the best puzzle books on the market. Dr. Danesi will speak about Puzzles and the Aging Brain.

## Membership Report

We are happy to welcome **Ann Gray, Susanne Warren and Donna Jean Mackinnon** to the club and hope to see them and many of our members at the International Dining Event at Pan on the Danforth on April 5 at 5:45pm, at the AGM on April 10, 5:00 for 5:30pm meeting, and at our speaker dinner with Sonia Prevost-Derbecker from Indspire on the 24<sup>th</sup>. As always, members are the best advertisement for the club.

Don't hesitate to bring a friend to Pan or to the Indspire evening on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Susan Freeman

## President's Interview

JUDITH LEWIS, PRESIDENT,  
UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB OF TORONTO  
2002-2004 and 2008-2017



Judith speaks about days gone by at 162 St George Street. The President's plaque is displayed behind her.

Judith will be retiring as President at the AGM on April 10, 2017. She is the longest serving President in the Club's history and the only one whose Mother was also President (although in a different century).

Judith was also Director of Programs, Publicity, Newsletter and Treasurer in the years since she joined the Club in 1989. Judith initially joined the Club for the evening book group. Then she started a new interest group called Women of the 90's. This was a popular group which lasted for a number of years, attracting women of all ages.

Her tenure from 2002 -2004 was marked by a celebration of our hundred year anniversary. A highlight of that evening was the presence of the great granddaughter of Mabel Chown, the first President of the Club in 1903. This period also included her indoctrination as an auctioneer. Of particular significance to Judith was hosting Presidents from around the world that came to the Clubhouse for a barbeque dinner. They had been in Ottawa for the IFUW International Conference.

This introduced her to many intelligent and powerful women.

Judith assumed the Presidency again at a difficult time in the club's history. She replaced a President who became ill during her tenure in 2008 and has remained as President to see us through many changes. She steered the Club through a sale of the Clubhouse at 162 St. George. This entailed a protracted bidding war between the University of Toronto and Sonja Bata. It was a difficult negotiation, but we ended up with more than fair market value for the property and a chance to stay in the clubhouse for a couple of years. Throughout this process the members were kept well informed and involved.

Judith would like to recognize the efforts of Doris Geddes and Heather Pearce for their significant involvement in the sale and relocation of the Club. A Committee was formed to relocate the Club with Heather Pearce as its very capable chair. The Faculty Club was settled on as the most compatible place for our members. Doris Geddes was instrumental in reading copious legal documents and meeting with our lawyers. We relocated to the Faculty Club in September 2011 and the last few years have been spent adjusting to our new home, increasing membership and refocusing our goals. We also celebrated our 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013.

Judith feels confident now in stepping down as President and has confidence in the new Board. She will remain on the Board as Past President. We will miss her monthly President's message and her personal Christmas poems. Judith is very appreciative of the many wonderful women she has met through the years. She would like to thank everyone for their words of encouragement and thanks over the years.

**Marg McGiverin**

### **The Gourmet Dining Group, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

On April 5<sup>th</sup> we will be exploring Greek cuisine at Pan on the Danforth. It is a fabulous restaurant with an excellent prix fixe menu, as well as wonderful a la carte selections. The restaurant is at 516 Danforth Avenue. It is between Chester and Pape subways stops, on the north side of the Danforth, beside the Bank of Montreal at Ferrier Avenue. We will meet there about 5:45 p.m. Why not join us? Call Susan at 416-488-5041 by April 4<sup>th</sup> to reserve. Hope to see you there!

<http://www.panonthedanforth.com>



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**UNIVERSITY  
WOMEN'S CLUB  
EVENTS  
APRIL 2017**

**Duplicate Bridge**

Tuesday April 4 at 10:00am  
Convenor: Marg McGiverin 416-425-5717

**Morning Book Group**

Thursday April 6 at 10:30am  
Topic: The promise of Canada by Charlotte Gray  
Convenor: Jean Thomson 416-421-2732

**Annual General Meeting**

Monday April 10 Reception at 5:00pm.  
Meeting at 5:30pm  
Judith Lewis: 416-653-4931

**Duplicate Bridge**

Tuesday April 11 at 10:00am  
Convenor: Marg McGiverin 416-425-5717

**UWC Saturday Afternoon Film Group**

Saturday April 15 at the Varsity Cinema in the  
Manulife Centre.  
All UWC members welcome! Movie TBA  
After the movie we meet for tea in the mall-south  
side of the Bloor Street Diner.  
Convenor: Dawn Whitmore 416-922-6659

**Duplicate Bridge**

Tuesday April 18 at 10:00am  
Convenor: Marg McGiverin 416-425-5717

**Speaker Series Dinner**

Monday April 24 at 5:30pm  
With dinner speaker Sonia Prevoste-Derbeker

**Duplicate Bridge**

Tuesday April 25 at 10:00am  
Convenor: Marg McGiverin 416-425-5717

**Evening Book Group**

Wednesday April 26 at 5:30 pm  
Please join us in the pub  
Topic: Spring/Easter: Think Bunnies!  
Convenors: Deborah Maw 416-966-2856 and Judith Lewis  
416-653-4931



**FACULTY CLUB  
EVENTS  
APRIL 2017**

**We Have a New Artist in April!**

April 3rd - April 28th  
His name is Niam Jain and he is a teen with  
Autism. His paintings will be in the WD Foulds  
Room and the Pub.  
There will also be a reception but the actual date is  
to be confirmed  
Niam's website is <http://niamjain.com>

**Italian Food Festival**

Monday, April 3rd- Friday, April 7th

**Afternoon Tea**

Every Tuesday in April

**Burger Wednesdays**

Every Wednesday in April

**Fish and Chip Fridays**

Every Friday in April

**12th Annual Senior College Symposium**

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am  
The new Technological Age:  
Good, Bad or Just Different.

**Easter Buffet**

Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm

**Persian Cooking and Tasting Event**

Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm  
Enjoy this 'Hands On' Cooking Class with Chef  
and Owner Iman of Noushe Catering Company

**Grilled Cheese Festival**

Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
Lunch & Dinner Specials  
"What's in Your Grilled Cheese Sandwich Contest"  
Send us your favourite recipe and the winners will  
have their sandwich featured on the  
'Daily Special Menu' and enjoy their winning  
sandwich at the club!

## International Women's Day



Rosemary Hales, Sandra Thomson, CFUW Ontario President, and Deborah Maw

On March 8th, approximately 120 members of the University Women's Clubs of the Greater Toronto area gathered at the Faculty Club to celebrate International Women's Day. Special guests were Sandra Thomson, CFUW Ontario President, Patricia Joyce, Regional Director for Toronto Area, Mary Jo Leddy, Founder of Romero House and Paola Gomez,

Human Rights Lawyer (pictured at right), who spoke about her treacherous journey from Columbia to Toronto, where she was given refuge at Romero House. Once settled, she became an advocate for



other refugee women and their children, opening several centres, which also included arts programs for the children. For these efforts, she is the recipient of several awards.

Jodie-Lynn Waddilove, our scheduled speaker, was called away to a family emergency and Paola stepped in, at the last moment, for which we are very grateful. The Faculty Club Staff served a delicious lunch and the women enjoyed the camaraderie and exchange of ideas between clubs. Judging from the response, plans are underway to make it an annual affair.

Rosemary Hales

## An Evening of Fellowship and Fun

On February 27th, in the very casual and relaxed setting of the Faculty Club Pub, twenty of our UWC members gathered for some time to get to know one another over drinks and dinner.



Dawn Whitmore, DeeDee Poole, Marg McGiverin and our president, Judith Lewis, told nostalgic stories about their days on St George Street when club spirit was high, despite financial challenges. Judith gave some brief remarks about her time

as President, reminding us all of the club's important mission, providing scholarships for young women who wish to pursue post-secondary education.

The evening was filled with fellowship and fun and all those who attended expressed their pleasure in belonging to the University Women's Club.



## Members' Suggestions

The board welcomes all new ideas and proposals but requests that any suggestions for programs and/or workshops be submitted to the board for discussion before any announcement is made in the newsletter or orally at a gathering. The member making the suggestion can send an e-mail or request to be present at any board meeting to make the suggestion and provide all the necessary information in person. It may be only a formality or a matter of politeness but anything done in the name of the University Women's Club needs board approval. This is not meant to be a hindrance but rather a support. Thanks.

Susan Freeman [susgula@sympatico.ca](mailto:susgula@sympatico.ca)

### New Directory!

A new directory of all our members will be available at the AGM. If you are unable to attend and would like the directory, please let me know.

Susan Freeman [susgula@sympatico.ca](mailto:susgula@sympatico.ca)

## A Special Thank You to Artists Sue Ennis and Andrea Wojnicki!

On behalf of all club members I would like to thank Sue Ennis and Andrea Wojnicki for their recent generous donation to the Heritage Fund from the sale of their beautiful paintings on display at the Faculty Club.

In the words of Sue Ennis: "I was born and raised in Toronto, but have not always been an artist – it was only after many years as a successful investment advisor that I decided to fulfill a lifelong dream of mine, so I decided to quit my job and go to art school fulltime."



Artist Sue Ennis



Artist Andrea Wojnicki

Similarly in the words of Andrea Wojnicki, who also loved art as a young person but pursued academia and business in her adult career, "more recently I decided to exercise my creativity through painting and enrolled in painting classes and had the good fortune of meeting some talented and supportive teachers and fellow artists who have become trusted mentors and friends."

Without question Sue and Andrea are amazing examples of mentors to other women just by virtue of their generous support of our Heritage Fund recipients.

Each year the Heritage Fund is honoured to distribute over twenty scholarships to deserving young women who are beginning their life journey. Thank you Sue and Andrea for your support to their dream of education. For more information on how you can contact these talented artists go to [www.SueEnnisArtist.com](http://www.SueEnnisArtist.com) and [www.ArtAndreaWojnicki.com](http://www.ArtAndreaWojnicki.com)

**Deborah Maw**

## SAVE THE DATE

### Morning Book Group

Thursday May 4 at 10:30am

Topic: Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town by Stephen Leacock

Convenor: Jean Thomson 416-421-2732

### UWC Saturday Afternoon Film Group

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Movie TBA After the movie we meet for tea in the mall-south side of the Bloor Street Diner.

Convenor: Dawn Whitmore 416-922-6659

## Made In Canada

This is the title of the latest presentation by Famous People Players. A beautiful maple leaf comes to life to escort us on a musical journey from province to province across Canada celebrating our country's 150th anniversary. Dancing potatoes from P.E.I., fleur-de-lis from Quebec and tulips from Ottawa grow in front of our eyes before we cross the prairies right to Vancouver. A life size puppet of Justin Trudeau will blow out the 150 candles on the birthday cake. Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 12 noon at the FPP Theatre, 343 Evans Ave. Ample free parking. The theatre is just east of Kipling on the south side of Evans Ave. By TTC, take the Bloor subway to Royal York station and transfer to the #15 bus southbound. Our all-inclusive group price of \$58 (lunch, performance, gratuity and tax) is a considerable saving over the cost of an individual adult ticket. Lunch is salad, breast of chicken with vegetables, dessert, tea/coffee. (A vegetarian lunch is available if requested when you make your reservation.) Friends and family are welcome. Cheque, payable to H. Panetta, may be mailed to Harolyn Panetta, 38 Castlegrove Blvd., Don Mills M3A 1L2. Questions? Contact Harolyn at 416-445-0885.



Our second fundraiser for Romero House will be held **September 18, from 5:00-8:00pm** Fabulous Tapas & Drinks, Prizes & Raffles. Tickets will be available at the AGM on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please volunteer your time and help sell tickets to friends, family, colleagues and neighbours. Help make our fundraiser a success and support this deserving cause.

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## UWC & Faculty Club Events

UWC events in red, FC events in blue

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 ITALIAN FOOD FESTIVAL	4 10:00AM DUPLICATE BRIDGE AFTERNOON TEA ITALIAN FOOD FESTIVAL	5 5:45PM INTERNATIONAL DINING AT PAN GOURMET BURGER WEDNESDAY ITALIAN FOOD FESTIVAL	6 10:30AM MORNING BOOK GROUP ITALIAN FOOD FESTIVAL	7 FISH AND CHIP FRIDAYS ITALIAN FOOD FESTIVAL	8
9 5:00PM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	10	11 10:00AM DUPLICATE BRIDGE AFTERNOON TEA	12 GOURMET BURGER WEDNESDAY	13 12:00- 2:00PM EASTER BUFFET LUNCH	14 FISH AND CHIP FRIDAYS	15 UWC SATURDAY AFTERNOON FILM GROUP
16 3:30PM BOARD MEETING GRILLED CHEESE FESTIVAL	17	18 10:00AM DUPLICATE BRIDGE AFTERNOON TEA GRILLED CHEESE FESTIVAL	19 5:30 -7:30PM PERSIAN COOKING EVENT GOURMET BURGER WEDNESDAY GRILLED CHEESE FESTIVAL	20 GRILLED CHEESE FESTIVAL	21 FISH AND CHIP FRIDAYS GRILLED CHEESE FESTIVAL	22
23 5:30PM SPEAKER SERIES DINNER	24	25 10:00AM DUPLICATE BRIDGE AFTERNOON TEA	26 5:30PM EVENING BOOK GROUP GOURMET BURGER WEDNESDAY	27	28	29
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