



University Women's Club Toronto

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February 2018 Newsletter

Website: www.uwctoronto.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

DINNER SPEAKERS – Sue & Jim Waddington

Date: Monday, February 26, 5:30pm

Topic: Group of Seven and Tom Thomson

Sue and Jim Waddington have portaged to remote lakes and roamed rural farms in search of some of Canada's most inspiring landscapes. Following the path of this country's most iconic artists, the Group of Seven and their contemporaries, the Waddingtons have searched out – and found – hundreds of sites that correspond to artwork painted in the early 1900s. Their talk will compare photographs of some of the 600 painting sites they have found with the corresponding artwork. They will discuss how they find the painting sites and what they have learned about the painters.

Reservation deadline: February 23, 2018

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

RSVP Marium at 416-979-2000 or email info@uwctoronto.ca



Spotlight on Introverts

Tuesday February 13, 5:00 – 7:00pm

Are you an Introvert? Do you sometimes feel misunderstood by Extroverts? When you see someone sitting alone, with a soft voice and calm face, do you ever wonder what's going inside her mind? As Introverts, we may appear shy, quiet and reserved, but our minds are active. On February 13th, join Martha Dove and other members for an informal and engaging conversation about personality type. Bring your own stories, experiences and questions to share. Reflect on

the impact your temperament has on your friendships and family, life and career.

For over 30 years, Martha has used personality type theory to help clients increase self-awareness, improve professional effectiveness, and embrace the natural differences and strengths of themselves and others. Cost: FREE but do let us know if you'll be staying for dinner afterwards.

RSVP Marium at 416-979-2000 or email info@uwctoronto.ca



President's Message

I hope that you are all surviving the Toronto winter with all its ups and downs. We have so much to be proud of with our Discretionary and Charitable Giving. Please be sure to read the letters we have received acknowledging our gifts and pick up the flyer Jo-Lynne has created.

Our Festive Dinner was made even more joyful with the contribution of the children's choir and the participation of Pierre Noel. The Spotlight on Bhutan took us on a magical trip to the kingdom of happiness. Many thanks to Marianne and Leslie for the fabulous commentary and photos. We were also delighted to see so many new faces as each of our members was invited to bring guests to the event. It is so helpful for recruiting new members if they have the opportunity to attend an event. There was such a wonderful energy that evening.

Some of you have been concerned about the change of status at the Faculty Club brought about by a change in the legislation for not for profit organizations. The Board of the Faculty Club has assured us that they value our 'patronage' in the Club and will always try to support our activities. I have been invited to become a member of their board as an alumna. They have assured us that it will be more effective to be a voice among twelve than to be a vote of 100 among 3200. I was very proud of the group that attended the AGM and especially of Marianne's address to the Board. I loved her final sentence: "When has it ever been a good idea to take the vote away from women, let alone one hundred competent, fee paying, university educated women?" Read more about it in Marianne's and Jane's articles on page 6.

Coming up, we hope to see you at our next Spotlight on Feb. 13 with Martha Dove, at our next dinner with Sue and Jim Waddington speaking about the Group of Seven and Tom Thompson on Feb. 26.

Don't forget the International Women's Day Luncheon on March 8. It's a very special day to mark a very special occasion.

At the CFUW Conference I went to on January 20 I learned that April 4 will be Equal Pay Day. That means that women work the full year and until April 4 the following year to equal a man's one year salary. And this is Canada! We have come a long way, but we aren't there yet. If you are interested in more information go to the Ontario Ministry of Labour website, scroll to Gender Wage Gap.

I would really like to encourage our members to take an active role in our club with all of our activities. Come to hear the speakers. (A new \$30 dinner for student members! Still \$40 for the old ones.) Come to Spotlight. Come to play bridge, to speak French, to discuss a book. Also get involved in the CFUW advocacy issues. They have just published a huge study on housing. We hope to become involved in the provincial election in May and the municipal election in the fall. In the meantime, surviving winter is a good idea. Hope to see you all again very soon,
All the best,
- Susan

UWC Annual Membership Fee

Starting in February, you will receive your invoice for UWC Toronto membership by email if we have your email address. Our Accountant, Nicole Zerva, CPA-CGA will send it to you directly. Please ensure her email zervacga@rogers.com does not end up in your junk file. For those members who do not use email, you will continue to receive your invoice by mail. We are working on accepting payments using Interac email and we will provide further details.
- Kathy

Mark Your Calendar - AGM April 9th



GWl Fee Increase

With her permission, I am copying the message that Bev Rhodes put in the CFUW Scarborough Newsletter by way of explanation of the whole Graduate Women International (GWI) Fee increase question. Bev understands the situation so well and writes about it so clearly.

- Susan.

"On the international scene, in view of the state of GWI's finances, the national board of CFUW has taken legal advice regarding action it might take with respect to continuing membership in GWI. An additional factor is the matter of the dues increase, which does not have a place in CFUW's 2017-18 budget. Technically, the portion of the increase that would have been due at the beginning of 2017 is now due, in addition to dues at the new level. However, the amount approved for payment at the AGM in Richmond is equal to the total of the amounts paid in January and March 2017 – an amount substantially less than the amount expected by GWI.

As you are no doubt aware, the motion to leave GWI that was presented at the 2016 and the 2017 AGM received a majority of the votes cast both years, but not the two-thirds required for the motion to pass. The dues situation may decide the matter, as GWI's by-laws require that the payment of dues must be up-to-date for membership to remain in good standing. Stay tuned!"

PAST EVENTS

Bhutan: Land of Happiness



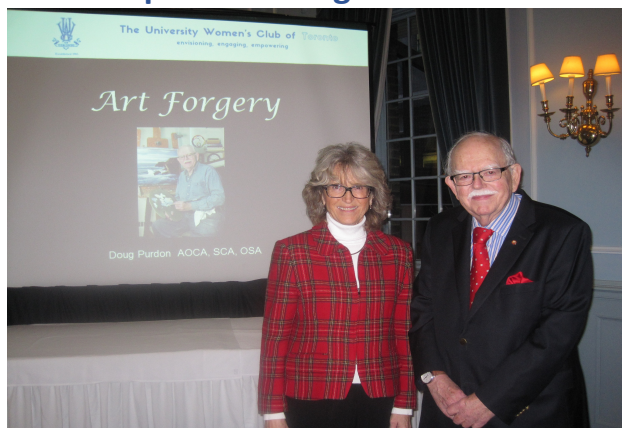
On January 17th a large, interested group of members and visitors enjoyed a fascinating presentation on Bhutan by Marianne Anderson and her friend Leslie White. Leslie, a professional

photographer with a business of her own creating photo travel books, impressed us all with her captivating photos of this unknown gem.

A small country of 600 thousand in the eastern Himalayas, Bhutan is surrounded by India, Tibet, and China. Valleys at 10 thousand feet and mountain peaks at 28 thousand feet provide diverse, spectacular scenery, and Buddhist Monasteries and Dzongs or Fortresses in 15th century style dominate the countryside. There is a strong sense of culture and tradition with a National Dress code. The country is now ruled by a Constitutional Monarchy after a century of the Absolute Rule of Kings. It is felt here that Gross National Happiness is a better ideal of well-being than (GDP) Gross Domestic Policy.

- Doris Geddes

Dinner Speaker: Doug Purdon



Many of us gathered on January 22nd to hear Douglas Purdon's anticipated informative and thorough introduction to the world of "art forgery." He exceeded our expectations. Organized in a lightly humoured format of "what it takes to be an art forger," Professor Purdon explained the challenging chemistry and techniques, and the improving technology for fraud detection. To put a human face on this effort, he introduced biographical facts of notable forgers, each with unique career paths. He offered us a real "tour de force."

- Corinne

International Dining

On January 8th, thirteen of us met at Sorrels Restaurant just across from the Summer Hill subway station. Our main server was Serge, who took very good care of us. The French Cuisine was delicious though I found the plates of food rather too much and brought a doggy bag. We ordered off the menu and got the specials for the night. Staff were all very accommodating and I believe a good time was had by all. Rating 4/5

- Judith

SAVE THE DATE

Music at U of T Feb. 8 & 15



UWC members are invited to join us Thursdays at Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park. **ADMISSION FREE**
Thursday February 8, 12:00 noon
DMA Piano Competition Winner, pianist Rudin Lengo, performs Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 31 in A flat major, Op.110 and Mussorgsky's Pictures of an Exhibition.

Thursday February 15, 12:00 noon

Teng Li, Principal Viola of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, and pianist Lydia Wong perform Primrose Viola Transcriptions of works from a variety of composers.

Thursday February 15, 7:30 pm

U of T Jazz Orchestra, director Gordon Foote

International Dining March 20th

There will be a write-up and full description of our chosen restaurant in the March newsletter. If you have a favourite place you'd like us to consider please call me at 416-992-4114 or email Susan.f.leroy@gmail.com

- Susan Le Roy

Shaw Festival Outing June 20th



Join us June 20th to see *Grand Hotel* at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake Cost: \$145. This musical comedy includes love, betrayal, jealousy, murder. As a

Broadway play and movie, *Grand Hotel* won five Tony awards and an Oscar. Orchestra seats, return transportation, lunch at Elements Restaurant overlooking the falls, meal gratuity and all taxes. Registration deadline - April 4th Cheques payable to Time of Your Life Tours. Departure:

Agincourt Library, 155 Bonis Ave., 8:15 am.

York Mills/Yonge, north east corner, 9 am.

Islington Subway, Aberfoyle entrance 9:30 am.

Trafalgar Village in Oakville, 10 am.

Please indicate your departure point, and mail cheque to H. Panetta, 38 Castlegrove Blvd., Don Mills M3A 1L2. Guests welcome.

- Contact Harolyn 416-445-0885

Toronto Symphony Orchestra

March 29th

Our next symphony is Thursday, March 29, at 2 p.m. Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 2.

Rachmaninoff: Symphonic Dances..

We usually have lunch at Il Fornello, across

from Roy Thomson Hall at 12 p.m. and then go to the concert. Unfortunately, we have received a letter from Sir Andrew Davis himself, saying that they will not be offering the afternoon series next year, 2018-2019. We will have to have a think about our music outings. There is the Women's Music Club that offers 5 or 6 afternoon concerts at Walter Hall at the Faculty of Music. Let us know if you have some suggestions.

If you would like to join us at the TSO, please call me at 416-488-5041

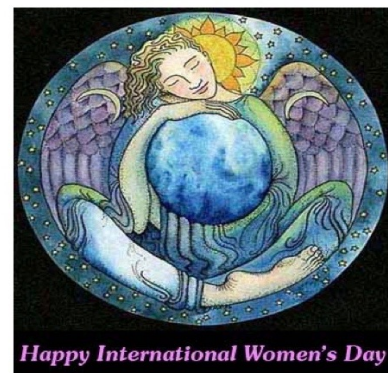
- Susan



International Women's Day March 8

**Celebrate International Women's Day
with**

The University Women's Clubs of Ontario Central



**MARCH 8, 2018
11:30AM - 3:00PM**

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO FACULTY CLUB
41 WILLCOCKS STREET, TORONTO**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
JODIE-LYNN WADDILOVE
INDEPENDENT STREET CHECKS REVIEW BOARD**

**GOURMET LUNCH
\$50.00 PER PERSON
FOR TICKETS CONTACT ROSEMARY HALES
416-966-4227, rhales@sympatico.ca
CHEQUES PAYABLE TO CFUW SPECIAL EVENT**

Romero House Thanks Us



*Dear University of
Toronto Women's Club,*

*Thanks a lot for your
contribution in my life,
and when I say my life
someone would think I'm
exaggerating but I am
truly not. Having this
laptop not only helps me
but it really makes things
easier for me.*

*So a little introduction
about me. My name is
Sabreena. I'm 19 years*

*old from a beautiful country named Eritrea.
I love music, reading and watching movies. Soon
enough I'm planning to go back to school for my
undergrad and I can't stress enough how big a
part you guys and Romero House have played in
helping me do so.*

*This thank you note has gone on long enough so
thank you, thank you, thank you and thank you.
You guys are Awesome!!!*

*Yours truly,
- Sabreena*

Respected Ladies,

*With this letter I want to say thank you so much.
Through Romero House I received the money
that you kindly donated to support the
education and empowerment of Romero House
women. With this money I bought a beautiful
laptop. My family also thanks you for your
support. It is a generous gesture that
demonstrates the fraternity that the Toronto
University Women's Club feels for other women.
I really appreciate your donation and I am sure
that the laptop will help all our family in our
education. Thank you so much.*

*Sincerely,
- Alexandra Robayo*

Dear Romero House,

*I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to
you for sending me this laptop. I feel this laptop
is a step towards SUCCESS and I really
appreciate the Source of this laptop for their
kind gestures.*

*Thank you all
Yours sincerely,
- Aisha*

Our Charities Need Our Help

ROMERO HOUSE has asked that we help them
with the following items/ideas:

Volunteer your time to help with English
conversation with children and adults, reading
to refugee children and helping them navigate
the Canadian scene.

They would also like us to collect the basics for
setting up a new apartment: cutlery, dishes,
glasses, gently used linens.

If you can donate your time, energy and/or
basics, please call Jenn McIntyre at Romero
House 416-763-1303.

The logo for SISTERING is written in a bold, purple, sans-serif font. The letter 'I' is stylized with three dots above it, resembling a crown or a traditional symbol for a sisterhood.

SISTERING, which opens its doors 24/7 to all
women and girls in need, is itself in great need
of gently used towels and small travel-sized
soaps, shampoos, shower gels and moisturizers.
If you can donate any of these items please
contact Marium at 416-979-2000 or
info@uwctoronto.ca

Our Expanding Hall of Fame

Susan helps hang
two new awards
in the UWC hall
of fame:

Recognition from
Kathleen Wynne
for our long and
illustrious history
of over 100 years,
and
congratulations
from the CFUW
for our excellent
and successful
efforts recruiting
new members.

- Jane





Speaker Series January 20

CFUW promotes equality, social justice, fellowship and lifelong learning for women and girls. Their speaker series on January 20 coincided with a Women's March at Nathan Phillips Square and 37 other marches in Canada hoping to inspire "advancement of women" across the country. I was so pleased to attend.

Sandy Thomson, who introduced the day, outlined three ways to become involved in making a difference through Activism, Advocacy or Craftivism. Briefly, the definition of the third term is to bring positive change via personalized activism. So, the stage was set for the day.

Next, Maya Roy, multilingual CEO of the YWCA, suggested attending meetings and writing letters including a policy statement in preparation for the next election. There are many issues: affordable housing, women in shelters, poverty, drugs, how to make digital technology safe for girls, childcare, education, and indigenous rights. Maya suggested that a key to achieving success is to predetermine WHAT IS OUR ASK? She suggests being INCLUSIVE, not DIVISIVE and adds that when it comes to politicians, not to hesitate to approach someone of a different opinion.

Christine Corso from People for Education, talked about their mission to strengthen our universal public education system and graduate all young people. Many charts and funding amounts were given to illustrate the strength and weaknesses of public education. Pros and cons of resources, our school goals versus the global society, streaming, school closings were among the issues discussed.

When the day ended, the participants from all over Ontario had much to contemplate and focus on, all the while remembering Maya Roy's words: "Dynamic women can make a difference".

- Penelope Vincent

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Thanks to all University Women's Club members who attended the Faculty Club's AGM at short notice, on January 24th.

Concerns about the Faculty Club's proposed changes to our membership status, galvanized our members who turned out in large number to make their voices heard by engaging in a democratic process.

An articulate and comprehensive summary of our concerns was delivered by Marianne Anderson, with input and moral support from others. (See her summary below)

The Faculty Club Board decided to postpone any immediate decision and they plan to consider the issue further with broader consultation and with the expectation that a fair resolution can be found.

Please plan to attend future meetings.

Your voice and your presence matter.

- Jane

Faculty Club AGM Synopsis

On January 24, 2018, the Faculty Club held its Annual Meeting. Among other items, the Faculty Club was proposing updating its by-laws, which included implications for Membership categories. The proposal was to create one Membership category, which would only include current and retired Faculty and Staff at U of T. Others, including alumni and UWC members would become Patrons and would no longer have a vote nor access to Annual Meetings at the Faculty Club.

Several members of the UWC expressed concern about these changes. We want to keep the right to vote and also did not know the implications to other member privileges (including reciprocal club agreements, membership lounge, priority access to rooms etc.) as well as fees. At the Annual Meeting, we raised our concerns and the Faculty Club agreed to postpone the vote on the by-law change to allow for further discussion. A Special Meeting of the Faculty Club will be held within 90 days with, we hope, a revised by-law. We will keep you informed of future developments, which may include encouraging UWC members to come out and vote at the Special Meeting.

In the meantime, should you have more questions or comments on this issue feel free to contact Marianne Anderson at 416-966-1417 or ma_at_home@yahoo.com.

UWC EVENTS February 2018



Book Group, Evening

Wednesday Feb 28, 5:30pm

Book: To Be Determined

Convenors: Deborah Maw

Phone 416-966-2856

Email openarms@pathcom.com

Judith Lewis 416-653-4931

Email judithlynnlewis@gmail.com

Book Group, Morning

Thursday February 1, 10:30am

Book: *Indian Horse* by Richard Wagamese

Convenor: Jean Thomson 416-421-2732

Dinner Speakers

Sue & Jim Waddington

Monday February 26, 5:30pm

Topic: Group of Seven and Tom Thomson

RSVP 416-979-2000

Email info@uwctoronto.ca

Duplicate Bridge

Every Tuesday at 10:00am

February 6, 13, 20, 27

New bridge players are always welcome

Convenor: Marg McGiverin

Phone 416-425-5717

Email marg.mcgiverin@sympatico.ca

Le petit cercle français

Every Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm

February 6, 13, 20, 27

Convenor: Susan Freeman

Phone 416-488-5041, susgula@sympatico.ca

Social Bridge

Every Tuesday 1:30 – 3:00pm

February 6, 13, 20, 27

Phone 416-979-2000

Email info@uwctoronto.ca

Spotlight on Introverts

Martha Dove

Tuesday February 13, 5:00 – 7:00pm

RSVP 416-979-2000

Email info@uwctoronto.ca

UWC Board Meeting

Monday February 12, 4:30pm

FC EVENTS February 2018



Afternoon Tea

Every Tuesday in February

Please reserve 24 hours in advance

Burger Wednesdays

Every Wednesday in February

Surf & Turf Thursdays

Every Thursday in February

Fish & Chip Fridays

Every Friday in February

Winterlicious

January 30th – February 9th

Toronto's favourite Culinary Celebration.

Join us at the Faculty Club as we embrace the warm and hearty flavours of this chilly season!

RESERVATIONS 416-946-7052

To Russia With Love

Valentine's Day Dinner

February 14th

5:30 – 8:30pm

RESERVATIONS 416-946-7052

An Evening with Steve Paikin

February 22, 5:30pm

RESERVATIONS 416-946-7052

OUR AGM APRIL 9, 5:00pm
Mark Your Calendars Now



February

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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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