



University Women's Club Toronto

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June 2018 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Dinner Speaker – Adina Lebo

Date: June 11, 5:30pm

Topic: Key Issues of Aging

Adina Lebo, Founding Chair of Toronto CARP Chapter, has created programs to solve some of the biggest issues of aging. She created Work Reimagined Job Fairs, as well as Lunch & Learns in order to keep seniors in the workforce longer and stop age discrimination. She also created the Vertical Communities Project for keeping seniors at home longer. She's currently the Project Director for the Toronto Council on Aging's Age Friendly City project and was recently appointed to the Toronto Seniors' Forum, the advisory committee on Aging to Mayor John Tory.

Reservation Deadline: June 8, 2018

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

Phone: 416-979-2000 or email info@uwctoronto.ca

International Dining at Piano Piano

June 18, 5:30pm

Venue: 88 Harbord Street (just east of Spadina) 416-929-7788

Join us at this "fun" Italian restaurant that describes itself as:

"The Italian restaurant you always wished was just around the corner. Sophisticated and fun, Piano Piano serves deeply satisfying food that's been elevated to its most delicious self.

From the playful mix of patterns and comfy cushions, it's warm, welcoming and just plain fun."

See page 5 for more details.



Summer Time is Patio Time

Wednesday July 11, August 1, August 22, 5:00pm

The patio is open, relaxing and inviting.

Come join fellow members for a drink, a meal or just to chat.

No need to reserve, just come and enjoy.

Summer is short - let's enjoy it together.

Hope to see you all there.

-UWC Board members



There are many thank yous to begin this month. Thank you to Ruth Matheson for organizing the wonderful wedding brunch. We looked so good and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Thank you to Talisha, Shaloma, Doris and Penny who have agreed to work with Marianne and Kathy on the Charitable Activities Committee. A special thanks to Merle for being our faithful secretary for two years. We really appreciate her work and contributions to the board and the club. Thanks to Carmie for agreeing to be our new secretary.

Committees

We have much work to do and most of it is so rewarding and it's fun to work with other members. Judith has undertaken the constitution committee with help from Kathy, Jane, Jo-Lynne, Marg and Eileen. Barb is carrying on with the CFUW Advocacy issues with help from Mirren. I know she would love more help. Ruth is co-director of Program with Corinne, and Ellen is now co-director of Communications with Jo-Lynne. Kathy is aided on the Finance Committee by Marg, Wendy and Nancy. Thanks to you all. It is truly great to have all of this involvement.

If you are keen to help in any area, please let us know.

Charitable Activities

Volunteers to do conversation and reading with Romero House met on May 28 with their intern Annemie, who is thrilled to know we are offering our help.

Also for Romero, please keep the seasonal clothing and basic household items coming. We will deliver them at the end of June.

Don't forget to bring books on May 29th that we'll give to The Grand Valley Institute for Women, in Kitchener Waterloo. Plus, as we announced at the AGM, our fundraiser for Romero House will be held in the spring of 2019 this time. We will be asking for your ideas later.

Summer Activities

We will be trying something new to keep in touch over the summer: Evenings on the patio, just come for a drink or a meal with other members. The dates will be July 11, Aug. 1 and Aug. 22. As always, there will be social bridge all summer on Tuesday mornings and the book clubs will continue. Beginner bridge and French will function most Tuesday afternoons all summer in the pub or on the patio.

CFUW Update

The board has agreed to host the CFUW Ontario Meetings to be held in Toronto on May 11, 2019. The retiring regional director, Pat Joyce, asked if we would take on this responsibility. We would use the Faculty Club for a day of meetings, speeches, workshops and friendly get-togethers. Pat has assured us that another club would assume the task of publicity and registration for the event. Since it is CFUW's Centennial Year, we hope that the Ontario meetings will be a fitting complement to the festivities.

Dinner Speaker & Spotlight on Us

Do come to hear Adina Lebo, the Toronto director of CARP on June 11. She is a great speaker, very practical. Our speakers and Spotlight resume in September.

The newsletter will be published in July for both July and August.

All the best,
- Susan

Club News

COMMITTEES

Constitution Committee

Chair Judith Lewis, members Marg Mcgiverin, Eileen Laker, Jane Hamer and Kathy Nolan-Garner.

We will be meeting on June 13 to discuss changes to the Constitution. We are committed to tightening the constitution, rewriting certain job descriptions and removing areas that are no longer applicable. Also implementing the changes voted on at the AGM. We hope to have a new draft ready for the business meeting in the fall. Thank you

- Judith

Finance Committee

Finance Committee meets monthly and is comprised of the following members; Marg McGivern and Nancy Lunney (Past Treasurers), Wendy McCallum, Susan Freeman and Kathy Nolan-Garner (Chair). If you have any questions regarding finance, please contact any of the committee members.

The committee is undertaking a review of the investment portfolio and its management. We will keep you informed of our progress.

- Kathy

Membership Fee Billing

Please check your mail (email or Canada Post) for your Membership Invoice from University Women's Club - Toronto. The new billing cycle now starts **July 1**. Please contact Kathy Nolan-Garner if you have any questions.

Fundraiser

As many of you are already aware, we will not be holding a Fundraiser this coming September. However, based on past success, we hope to organize further events in the future and would welcome any ideas that you may wish to pass along. Please feel free to contact me at rhaless@sympatico.ca.

- Rosemary Hales.

Co Directors - Welcome Aboard.

We're delighted that two UWC members have kindly offered to come on board and assist us.



Ellen Thompson will be assisting me with communications. She's already taken over the task of liaising with the Faculty Club to ensure our events are well publicized in their newsletters, and will be assisting with our newsletters, website, brochure, and other promotional materials.

A wonderful addition to the team.

- Jo-Lynne

Ruth Matheson, as many of you know, has been assisting me with the Speakers' Program. Not only is she doing an excellent job with that, but she's also taking initiative such as organizing the recent Royal Wedding Brunch at Windsor Arms.



I was pleased when the Board approved the new position of Co-Director, Speakers' Program, in recognition of its importance and the expanded range of work necessary to the delivery of a varied and stimulating roster of Speakers.

- Corinne

Our Office - Before & After

When you get a chance, do climb up to the 3rd floor to see our "new" office. It certainly isn't lovely - but we've done the best with what we've been given, and hope to do more. At least all our stuff is now in one place, and our files are organized and well labeled.

Such an improvement.

BEFORE



AFTER



Preserving our History

The University Women's Club (Toronto) members have been entrusted with the stewardship of our collective history dating back to 1903. The management and care of our records, minutes, awards, photographs and past newsletters is ours to safeguard for the benefit of future members. Our mandate, to provide educational opportunities for women, remains as relevant now as it was more than one hundred years ago. Since the move from the old clubhouse at 162 St George Street, our belongings and our history have been stored at the Faculty Club on the third floor where UWC volunteers have recently begun to organize all our files and documents. We have a small space allotted to us by the Faculty Club for this purpose.

Our history is unique and well worth protecting. We hope to keep the spirit of our founding members alive with the careful preservation of our historic records.

- Jane



My favourite activities are many. For three decades I have attended the Evening Book Group where I made friends with a common love of reading and discussion. I liked serving on the Graduates Committee, which looked after the interior of the St. George building. My passion for interior decorating and architecture were put to good use.

On the Board I took part in important discussions on the running of the Club. The Finance Committee, where the monetary decisions were made, also attracted me. There were special holiday activities at Easter, Mother's Day and Christmas. In the earlier years there was a Fall Fair where everybody worked together. BBQs on the deck in the summer were popular. Most recently I took bridge lessons and played with some formidable players.

My career took place at U of T in Mississauga where I taught in the Dept. of Mathematics for 29 years. My key interest was Calculus and in the latter years I was responsible for the large first year course in Calculus. I was honoured with the Faculty Teaching Award in 1993-94. My memories of colleagues and students are precious.



Reflecting on 29 years of valuing and supporting the education of women



I joined the UWC twenty-nine years ago at 162 St. George St. It had a home-like atmosphere in a traditional setting. It was an opportunity

to be active in study groups, listen to interesting speakers and take part in meaningful conversation. There was the chance to be on committees, take leadership roles, and use one's skills to serve the Club. I wanted to be associated with like-minded women who celebrated education for women.

One of the changes I saw in the Club was the reduction in the number of members. I am delighted to note that our membership is increasing with vibrant, capable women with many degrees. We can now focus on continued learning and helping others. In the later years at St. George we were using much of our energy to maintain our building.

In the future we can look forward to harnessing women's energy to continue to be a beacon for women who value and support the education of women. With the privilege of a higher education we are equipped to use it for the good of others. With regular meetings and activities we have the opportunity to encourage one another and to mentor those who need it. Our members will join for the joy of giving their time and talents for others.

- Doris Geddes

JUNE EVENTS

International Dining at Piano Piano

June 18, 5:30pm

As we're a large group, I decided to investigate restaurants that welcome groups. I found one called Piano Piano that seemed really interesting. They have a Family menu for a set price of \$49. For that they serve large dishes for the whole table.



The menu consists of the following components:

- 2 appetizers (I'm looking at calamari and chopped salad)
- 2 pizzas (unusual combinations)
- 2 pastas
- 1 main (I'm going for the fried chicken/sea bass combo. She assured me that the fried chicken was renowned and nothing like KFC 😊)
- 2 deserts (I think we settled on the Nutella tiramisu and the carrot cake)

The chef grew up in Niagara-on-the-Lake and worked as a teenager in his uncle's pizzeria. With Piano Piano, Victor Barry thinks he has built a sophisticated but festive emporium. He takes great pride in both his food and his hospitality. I think we will really enjoy this place. Please email me at susan.f.leroy@gmail.com or call at 416-992-4114, if you are interested. It will be our last get-together until the fall. Looking forward to seeing you.

-Susan Le Roy

PAST EVENTS

Dr. Rashid's valuable work with refugees



All who attended Dr. Meb Rashid's presentation on May 14th were enriched by his description of the care-giving work at Crossroads Clinic as well as his observations

on the phenomenon of refugees to Canada in the past decade.

With a mix of data and anecdote, he provided a sophisticated view of the composition and profiles of recent refugees and the realities of their experience prompting a better understanding of how this contributes to their determination to settle well into Canadian life, no matter what it took to flee their homes.

- Corinne

The Royal Wedding at Windsor Arms

On Saturday, May 19 nine UWC Toronto members and three guests arose very early to witness the wedding of Harry and Meghan, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.



We arrived at the Windsor Arms Hotel at 6:00 a.m. all decked out in our finest with fascinators and our gentleman guest in tails. A lovely "royal" brunch was served. The room was full of other guests as well so a festive time was had by all.

- Ruth

Update from UWC (Toronto) Heritage Fund

Congratulations to the following recipients thus far this year:

Awarded to George Brown College students in the Angelo Del Zotto School of Construction Management, School of Mechanical Engineering Technologies of Apprenticeship and Skilled Trades School of Management \$1,500 each to Angelique Evans, Camilla Miranda, Marissa Roper and Shahima Rahmotipour.

As well congratulations to Seneca College students Mary Knoke who is completing the Fire Protection Engineering Course and Chaya Danzinzinger who is completing a Bachelors of Technology degree in software development - each received a Heritage Fund award of \$1,000 to assist with their studies.

- Deborah

CFUW Update

CFUW Ontario Recognizes our Charitable Activities

At the CFUW Ontario Council meeting in Oshawa on May 12, we received an Ontario Council Recognition award for Community Involvement for working with three community organizations: Romero House, Sistering and Inspire.

The theme of the meeting was *Empowering Women and Girls through STEM (Scientist, Technologist, Engineer, Mathematician.)* Keynote Speaker Dr. Imogen Coe, Dean of the Faculty of Science at Ryerson, spoke on *Embedding Equity, Delivering Diversity, Saving Science*, stressing the need to hear many different voices as a means of enhancing scientific research.

Afternoon Speaker Cindy Adams, spoke about *Science in the schools*, noting it's importance because less than 50% of Canadian high school students complete grade 11 or 12 science, while 80% of the fee is paid for by schools, and the budget is \$6 million.

The Winnipeg motion concerning an increase in our fees was not discussed, since it is being discussed at the national AGM

- Barbara

SAVE THE DATE

Dinner Speaker

Dr. Ann Cavoukian

September 10, 5:30pm

Topic: Protect your privacy before it's taken away



Stratford Festival

September 6th

Join us to see *The Tempest* at 2:00pm and stay on to see *To Kill A Mockingbird* at 8:00pm if you wish. The bus will take you back after the first or second play.

Please call me a 416-488-5041 as soon as possible.

- Susan

Spotlight on Us

September 24, 5:00pm

Postmark, Southeast Asia

Ellen Thompson will share photos and stories from her recent 6-week holiday through Thailand, Laos, Malaysia and Vietnam.

UWC Events June 2018

Book Group, Evening

Wednesday June 27, 5:30pm

Book about Fathers

Convenor: Judith Lewis

Phone 416-653-4931

Email judithlynnlewis@gmail.com



Book Group, Morning

Thursday June 7, 10:30am

Book: *The Building of Jonah* by Mazo de la Roche

Convenor: Jean Thompson

Phone 416-421-2732

Dinner Speaker – Adina Lobo

June 11, 5:30pm

RSVP: info@uwctoronto.ca

Phone 416-979-2000

Duplicate Bridge

Every Tuesday at 10:00am

Convenor: Marg McGiverin

Phone 416-425-5717

Email marg.mcgiverin@sympatico.ca

International Dining - Piano, Piano

June 18, 5:30pm

Convenor; Susan Le Roy

Phone 416-979-2000

Email info@uwctoronto.ca

Le petit cercle français

Every Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00pm

Convenor: Susan Freeman

Phone 416-979-2000

Email info@uwctoronto.ca

Social Bridge

Every Tuesday 1:30 – 3:00pm

Convenor: Marianne Anderson

Phone 416-966-1417

Email ma_at_home@gmail.com

Summer Time is Patio Time

July 11, August 1, August 22, 5:00pm onwards

Dinner & Luncheon Speakers

What's of Interest to You?

The Programs Committee would greatly appreciate your input so they can create the best possible 2019 Speaker Series Program for you, our members.

Please take a moment to check your preference.

Luncheons **Dinners** **Both**

Also check the topics of interest to you, noting any particular speakers you'd like to recommend. Do provide a few details so we can follow up.

Please leave this form in the Speaker Series box in our office on the 3rd floor or phone 416-979-2000 or email info@uwctoronto.ca with your suggestions.

Topic	Interest	Speaker Suggestions Name, venue, contact details
Architecture		
Art		
Canada/International		
Dance, Music		
Film/Theatre		
Finance		
History		
Literature/Writing		
Media		
Medicine/Health		
Modern Legal Issues		
Politics		
Social Issues		
Technology		
Other		

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UWC & Faculty Club Events

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10	11 5:00PM DINNER SPEAKER ADINA LEBO	12 10:00AM DUPLICATE BRIDGE 1:30 PM SOCIAL BRIDGE 3:00PM LE PETIT CERCLE FRANÇAIS	13 5:30 PM CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING BURGER WEDNESDAYS	14 SURF & TURF THURSDAYS	15 FISH & CHIP FRIDAYS	16
17	18 5:30PM INTERNATIONAL DINING –PIANO PIANO INDIGENOUS FOOD FESTIVAL TILL JUNE 22	19 10:00AM DUPLICATE BRIDGE 1:30 PM SOCIAL BRIDGE 3:00PM LE PETIT CERCLE FRANÇAIS	20 BURGER WEDNESDAYS	21 SURF & TURF THURSDAYS	22 FISH & CHIP FRIDAYS	23
24	25	26 10:00AM DUPLICATE BRIDGE 1:30 PM SOCIAL BRIDGE 3:00PM LE PETIT CERCLE FRANÇAIS	27 12:00 NOON FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 5:30PM BOOK CLUB 4:00 - 6:00PM MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION	28 SURF & TURF THURSDAYS	29 FISH & CHIP FRIDAYS	30