

University Women's Club Toronto

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March 2018 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

International Women's Day

March 8th, 11:30am

Our UWC Sister Clubs of the Toronto Area, namely North York, North Toronto, Vaughn, Etobicoke, Scarborough, Ajax-Pickering and Leaside/East York have joined together with us, once again this year, to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th, at 11:30 for a social gathering and sharing of a delicious gourmet lunch at 12:00, provided by our chef, here at the Faculty Club.

Our speaker for the event will be Jodie-Lynn Waddilove, B.A., M.A., LL.B, who is with the Ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario, presently seconded to the Independent Street Checks Review Board and serves as Senior Legal Counsel to Justice M. Tulloch. Her talk is entitled "Heartbeat of a Nation from an Anishinabe Woman's Perspective." Any profits from the event will be contributed to M.A.T.C.H., the official CFUW Selected Project, which endeavors to promote Women's Rights Globally.

Tickets are \$50.00 and cheques are to be addressed to CFUW Special Event and can be obtained from Rosemary Hales, 416-966-4227 or email <u>rhales@sympatico.ca</u>





Spotlight on US,

March 26th, 5:00pm

One of our newest (and youngest) members, Talisha Ramsaroop, will make a Spotlight presentation on March 26th at 5:00 pm at the Faculty Club. Talisha will talk about the violence of low expectations, and how higher expectations support increasing postsecondary attainment. Based on her professional work, Talisha is knowledgeable about mural art as a form of resistance in communities like Jane Finch. Come out and see UWC friends and meet new members at Spotlight. It's FREE! If you like, stay on for dinner in the pub. Please RSVP 416-979-2000: info@uwctoronto.ca



We are all deeply saddened by the death of Nancy Walsh. She was a feisty, wonderful lady and will be greatly missed. Our sincere sympathy goes to her sister, Sheila.

We are thrilled to welcome new members with a hopeful emergence of spring soon. Our new members are Terry Tedesco, a recently retired teacher and principal, Molly Yeomans, on the faculty at U of T, Shuchi Stanger who has joined herself and is giving her mom, Sheela Thanawala, membership as a fabulous birthday gift, and Christine Ward, a recently retired educator just returned from a secondment in Scotland. Welcome! We are so pleased that you have joined us and hope to see you at many events.

Our speakers from February were so good on the Group of Seven and Tom Thomson. Our Spotlight with Martha was inspirational and underlined the fact that we have such wonderful talent and interests among our members. We are looking forward to a great month, with the International Women's Day Luncheon on the 8th, the advocacy workshops on the 24th and a great Spotlight with Talisha on the 26th.

Nearing the end of the first year of the new board, we feel that we have accomplished quite a lot. You can hear all the details at the AGM on April 9.

This year we will not include a dinner, but rather sandwiches, tea and coffee, (and wine, of course, if you like) as it is easier to manage that and talk at the same time, without the FC staff waiting to serve us a three course meal. It is very important that as many members attend as possible. We have a lot to discuss, with our plans, the convenors' reports, the overview and recommendations of the treasurer and a significant amendment to the Constitution. We must have a quorum and the change we are recommending is essential to the well-being of the club. The details of the amendment, ballot and proxy are separate in this newsletter. Take the time to read it and if you can't attend, send in your vote or appoint a proxy. I do hope that you will be able to attend and give us your ideas and help.

Without further ado, hope to see you soon and often,

All the best, -Susan

Membership News

Dee Dee Poole has suffered a broken wrist after being jostled in the Picnic area at Holt Renfrew. She has had considerable pain and a complicated fracture. We send all of our good wishes.

Marg McGiverin had a knee replacement at the end of February. We send her all our good wishes for a speedy recovery. Remember duplicate bridge will still continue every Tuesday morning. Hope to see you there.

If you are in Toronto on May 19th, we are working on having a high tea to watch and celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle. Stay tuned for more information.

Please save May 29 for a very special lunch when the Lieutenant Governor, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, will be our guest.

– Susan

Remembering Nancy Walsh



Sadly, Nancy passed away on February 16th, 2018. She was a long-time member of our Club and will be greatly missed. Nancy was an avid participant in the Tuesday morning bridge group and a very sharp player. She was also a member of many organizations: the Academy of Lifelong Learning, the Women's Canadian Club, the Retired Teachers of Ontario and the Northview Heights Staff Alumni.

She loved music, dance and theatre, attending the TSO, Tafelmusik, the Opera and Ballet, Soulpepper and the Tarragon.

She worked at several postings abroad with the Department of External Affairs and then taught English and French at Northview Heights C.I. where she became the Head of Moderns. Nancy was a world traveller, making friends all over the globe. She loved to learn and excelled at all of her interests.

We send our sincere sympathy to her sister, Sheila, and the whole Walsh family. She will be greatly missed by all of her many friends at UWC, who are richer for having known her.

MARCH EVENTS International Dining March 20th

Merlot Restaurant 2994 Bloor Street West. 416-236-0081

We've had a number of requests to go to a restaurant outside of the Yonge Corridor. So this month, we are going to the west-end and hope to get to the east-end before year-end. Merlot comes highly recommended by Jane Hamer and offers a traditional French bistro cuisine. Interestingly, when I asked them what their most popular dish was, they said that it was their liver dish, followed by their rack of lamb. Now liver may not be an attraction for a lot of you, but there are many other appealing dishes on the menu. They range from a seafood fettuccini, to steak frites, to a confit of duck. So, I'm sure you'll find something to match your palate. There is also a lovely desert menu. The restaurant is a few doors east of the Royal York subway station, so it will be easy to get to by public transport. I've made the reservation for our usual 5:30pm. Please feel free to email me

at <u>Susan.f.leroy@gmail.com</u> or call (4169792000) or email Marium Masood info@uwctoronto.ca

I look forward to seeing everyone. – Susan F Leroy



-Rosemary



The Toronto Symphony Orchestra March 29th

Our next symphony is Thursday, March 29 at 2 p.m. Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 2. Rachmaninoff: Symphonic Dances. If you would like to join us at the TSO, please call Susan at 416-488-5041. We usually have lunch at II 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 which offers 5 or 6 afternoon concerts at Walter Hall at the Faculty of Music.

Let us know if you have some suggestions. - Susan



Advocacy Discussion Group March 7th

Are you interested in joining an Advocacy Discussion Group? We are meeting on Wednesday, March 7th, 10 am, at Barbara Falby's house to discuss the CFUW Resolutions for 2018, among other things. Phone: 416-696-5084 email <u>bfalby02@gmail.com</u> Place: 10 Heathbridge Park, near Bayview Ave and Moore Avenue.

The 3 Resolutions we'll be discussing are: <u>Resolution 1: Fair and Non-Discriminatory</u> <u>Management of Refugees and Asylum Seekers</u> Proposer: CFUW Perth and District <u>Resolution 2: Ending Youth Homelessness</u> Proposer: CFUW BC Council <u>Resolution 3: Education to serve as a vehicle for</u> <u>social justice for vulnerable children living in</u> <u>closed religious communities</u> Proposer: CFUW Nelson and District - Barbara

PAST EVENTS Spotlight on Introverts – Feb 13th

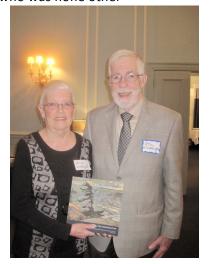
A wonderful presentation was delivered at the February Spotlight evening by Martha Dove who explained the intricacies of the introvert and extrovert personalities as they present in personal and professional settings. Thank you Martha for sharing your insights and experiences with us about this fascinating subject. - Jane



Dinner Speakers: The Waddington Many of us gathered on February 26th to hear Sue and Jim Waddington speak about "In the Footsteps of the Group of Seven". It's not often one couple's vacation slide show is of interest to anyone other than the couple in question, but Jim and Sue Waddingon haven't had your average vacations. For 40 years, primarily by canoe, they have been locating, documenting and photographing the actual landscapes that inspired and influenced the brushes of the famous seven artists. It was very interesting to see the actual paintings and the Waddingtons' photographs side by side. Most sites had changed very little over time. One of the slides that Jim presented showed six of the Group of Seven and another man who was none other

than Barker Fairley of whom our Fairley Room is named. "In the Footsteps of the Group of Seven" was about as close a two-dimensional experience can get to the live version of the same thing.

- Ruth Matheson



SAVE THE DATE



Dinner Speaker Philip Holst Monday April 16

Philip Holst, a Wetland Rehabilitation Initiator and Project Manager with more than 40 completed projects to his credit, will speak about Partnering with Nature for Water Management Solutions. Mr. Holst will describe how wetlands

work, the challenges to their survival/restoration in a high-density area like Toronto, and the essential human agency needed to get all the stakeholders on side with sufficient funding.

ATTENTION!

Please reserve May 29th, 2018, 11:30 am Speaker Lunch – Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell. More details to follow.

Our Charities Need Our Help



Romero House has asked that we help them with the following items/ideas:

Basic household items: cutlery, dishes, pots and pans, bedding.

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 416-763-1303.

SISTTERING

Sistering, which opens its doors 24/7 to all women and girls in need, is itself in great need of fabric, especially upholstery material, gently used towels, and small travel-sized soaps, shampoos, shower gels and moisturizers. **Collection baskets will be in the front hall of the FC starting on March 1, 2018.**

UWC (Toronto) Heritage Fund 20 students awarded Scholarships in 2017

Apprenticeship

Construction George Brown College Four awards of \$1,500 each Vanessa Brydges, Emily Cadman, Emily Gibilini, and Leila Higenbottom

Non-Traditional College

Four awards of \$1,000 each Centennial College: Fairy Pan, Samantha Tanner Seneca College: Erin Granley, C. Kayla-ann Lewis

Post-Secondary

Eight awards of \$2,000 each Sumeya Abdurahman and Maisha Ali, York University; Brianna Hughes, University of Ontario Institute of Technology; Micah Jumaquio, OCAD University; Rishada Majeed, George Brown College Waterfront; Judy Park, Clara Silwala and Gelila Tgiorgis, U of T

Life Skills

One award \$1,000 each Kaylxa James, OCAD University

Arts/Culture

3 awards of \$1,000 each Aida Isabel Oquendo Pena, York University Film, Ilinca Stafie, U of T Music, Marnie Zeller, George Brown College Dance

Total Awarded: \$30,000

UWC EVENTS March 2018

Advocacy Discussion Group

March 7, 10:00am Convenor: Barb Falby 416-696-5084 bfalby02@gmail.com



Book Group, Evening

March 28, 5:30 in the pub Book: *Hidden* Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women by Margot Lee Shetterly We meet the last Wednesday of every month and would welcome your joining us. In April we'll be reading a book about Easter/Spring, in May Mothers, in June fathers and in July and August a book of your choice. *Convenor: Judith Lewis Phon: 416-653-4931 Email Judithlynnlewis@gmail.com*

Book Group, Morning

Thursday March 1, 10.30am Book: First Women the Grace and Power of America's First Lady by Kate Anderson Brower Convenor: Jean Thompson 416-421-2732

Duplicate Bridge

Every Tuesday at 10:00am New bridge players are always welcome Convenor: Marg McGiverin Phone 416-425-5717 Email marg.mcgiverin@sympatico.ca

International Dining

Thursday March 20, 5:30pm Merlot Restaurant, 2994 Bloor St West Convenor: Susan Le Roy RSVP 416-979-2000 Email info@uwctoronto.ca

International Women's Day Luncheon

March 8, 2018, 11:30 am Speaker Jodie-Lynn Waddilove Convenor: Rosemary Hales RSVP 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 Phone 416-979-2000 Email info@uwctoronto.ca

Spotlight on Us

March 26, 5:00 – 7:00pm Speaker Talisha Ramasaroop *RSVP 416-979-2000 Email info@uwctoronto.ca*

FC EVENTS March 2018

DINNER & JAZZ NIGHT Wednesday, March 21, 5:30pm

MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL Monday, March 19 - Friday, March 23 Lunch & Dinner Specials

Pi DAY!

Wednesday, March 14 Lunch & Dinner Specials

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

LUNCHEON BUFFET Friday, March 16, 12-2pm 3 Course Maple Inspired Dinner 'Tap Into Spring'



UWC AGM April 9, 2018 Proposed Constitutional Changes As approved by the Board of Directors

At the January 2018 Board meeting, the University Women's Club (Toronto) discussed governance issues and decided to move forward with a governance review, and thus has retained legal counsel. Our governance documents, including our Constitution, require updating and greater clarity.

This review is in progress, however there are three items, which we would ask our members to vote on at this time.

1. Update of Investment Policy.

The constitution currently includes **The Investment Policy**. Within this policy it states "As a not-forprofit organization, the tax owing will be kept to a minimum. Therefore 75% of net income (as determined by the tax return submitted) will be used to fund charitable donations according to the constitution."

The last sentence should be removed as this is not the method that we use to minimize tax. We currently budget Revenue using a formula that calculates the average of investment earnings for the prior three years. After expenses are covered, the remaining funds are donated to registered charities based on the recommendations of the Charitable Activities Committee.

2. Allocation of funds

By-law IV section 3(g). Duties of Officers and Directors states under section 3(g) that 'The Treasurer shall recommend to the Board the percentage of funds available for charitable activities on an annual basis. This recommendation will be based on information from the auditor and be based on the estimated net income of the Club. Of this total 50% must be allocated to the University Women's Club (Toronto) Heritage Fund for scholarships. For the balance, the Board of Directors, at its own discretion and without members' approval, may donate an amount not to exceed \$10,000 annually to charitable organizations recommended by the Charitable Activities Committee. Any donations in excess of this amount must be approved by the membership.'

Over the past several years the University Women's Club (Toronto) has been in communication with the Heritage Fund to review our relationship. In particular, we have been requesting more information on how the UWC funding is allocated and about the recipients themselves. The UWC Board recommends that the requirement to allocate 50% of the net income be removed. The discretionary fund of \$10,000 will be retained. Remaining funds will continue to be allocated for scholarships and other charitable activities as proposed by the Charitable Activities Committee, approved by the Board, and voted on by our Members. This governance structure is recommended by our legal counsel and is consistent with the governance of the majority of other CFUW clubs.

3. The Charitable Activities Committee

By-law V paragraph 3. The Charitable Activities Committee description will be deleted and replaced to enumerate its new responsibilities.

BY-LAW XIV

A by-law to amend the Constitution dated February 2017 of

THE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB OF TORONTO

BE IT ENACTED as a by-law of THE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB OF TORONTO (the **Corporation**), a corporation incorporated under the *Corporations Act* R.S.O. 1990, c.C.38, that By-law IV and By-law V of the Corporation are hereby amended as follows:

1. AMENDMENTS The following amendments will be made to the Constitution of the Corporation:

- (a) Delete the following paragraph from the Investment Policy: "As a not-for profit organization, the tax owing will be kept to a minimum. Therefore 75% of net income (as determined by the tax returns submitted) will be used to fund charitable donations according to the Constitution."
- (b) Delete paragraph 3(g) of Bylaw IV in its entirety and replace with the following: "(g) recommend to the Board the percentage of funds available for charitable activities on an annual basis. This recommendation will be based on information from the auditor and be based on the estimated net annual income of the Club. For the balance, the Board of Directors, at its own discretion and without members' approval, may donate an amount not to exceed \$10,000 annually to charitable organizations recommended by the Charitable Activities Committee. Any donations in excess of this amount must be approved by the membership."
- (c) Delete paragraph 3 of Bylaw V in its entirety and replace with the following: There shall by a Charitable Activities Committee. The Board shall appoint the covener and additional members. The committee shall be responsible for researching, reviewing and recommending to the Board, funds to be donated by the Club.

2. CONSOLIDATION OF THE AMENDMENTS

- (a) Following the confirmation of this By-law XIV by the Members of the Corporation, with or without variation, the Board shall cause the amendments contained in this By-law XIV to be consolidated into the Constitution (the Consolidated Version).
- (b) The Board of the Corporation shall cause the publication of the Consolidated Version, with such stylistic changes as may be necessary and appropriate.
- (c) Upon the publication of the Consolidated Version, the President of the Board and the Secretary are authorized and directed to sign it.

The University Women's Club (Toronto)						
Annual General Meeting April 9, 2018						
Voting Ballot						
I, the undersigned (please print),						
being a member in good standing, vote to approve:						
Amendment # A concerning the removal of the 75% requirement of funds indicated in the						
Investment Policy, as approved by the Board of Directors.						
Yes No						
Amendment # B concerning removal of the specific 50% of net funds to the UWC (Toronto)						
Heritage Fund, as approved by the Board of Directors.						
Yes No						
Amondment # Crossericing the new responsibilities of the Chevitable Activities Committee as						
Amendment # C recognizing the new responsibilities of the Charitable Activities Committee, as approved by the Board of Directors.						
Yes No						
Signed: Date:						
OR PROXY						
I, the undersigned, being a member in good						
standing, do hereby authorize						
to vote on my behalf on all issues at the Annual General Meeting of the University Women's						
Club (Toronto) Annual General Meeting, April 9, 2018.						
Signed: Date:						

If this does not seem clear please reread pages 7 & 8 or speak to a Board member.

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UWC & Faculty Club Events

UWC events in red, FC events in blue

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31				1 10:30AM MORNING BOOK GROUP	2 FISH & CHIP FRIDAYS	3
4	5 4:30PM BOARD MEETING	6 10:00AM DUPLICATE BRIDGE 1:30 PM SOCIAL BRIDGE 3:00PM LE PETIT CERCLE FRANÇAIS TUESDAY AFTERNOON TEA	7 10:00AM ADVOCACY GROUP MEETING BURGER WEDNESDAYS	8 11:30AM INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LUNCH SURF N' TURF THURSDAYS	9 FISH & CHIP FRIDAYS	10
11	12	13 10:00AM DUPLICATE BRIDGE 1:30PM SOCIAL BRIDGE 3:00PM LE PETIT CERCLE FRANÇAIS TUESDAY AFTERNOON TEA	14 BURGER WEDNESDAYS PI DAY	15 SURF N' TURF THURSDAYS	16 ST PATRICK DAYS LUNCH	17
18	19 MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL TILL MARCH 23 RD LUNCH & DINNER	20 10:00AM DUPLICATE BRIDGE 1:30PM SOCIAL BRIDGE 3:00PM LE PETIT CERCLE FRANÇAIS 5:30PM INTERNATIONAL DINING TUESDAY AFTERNOON TEA	21 5:30 PM DINNER AND JAZZ NIGHT	22 SURF N' TURF THURSDAYS	23 FISH & CHIP FRIDAYS	24
25	26 5:00PM SPOTLIGHT ON US	27 10:00AM DUPLICATE BRIDGE 1:30PM SOCIAL BRIDGE 3:00PM LE PETIT CERCLE FRANÇAIS TUESDAY AFTERNOON TEA	28 5:30PM EVENING BOOK GROUP	29 12:00PM LUNCH 2:00PM TSO	30	31