



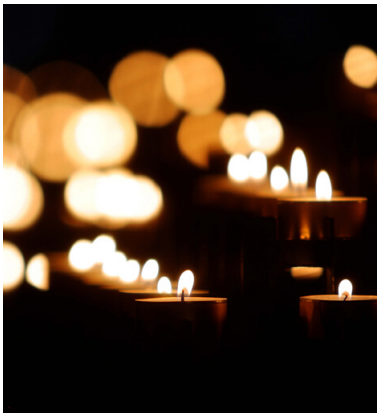
# University Women's Club Toronto

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MEMORIAL DINNER FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

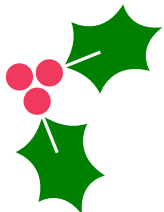


On Friday, December 6, 2019 the six clubs of the Toronto Caucus will present the twentieth annual December 6 Memorial Luncheon to commemorate the fourteen women students who were killed, thirty years ago, at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. The speaker will be Dr Izzeldin Abuelaish, internationally known human rights and peace activist. He has established *The Daughters for Life*, which provides scholarships to women students in the Middle East so they may pursue higher education and become agents of change.

Reservation Deadline: December 3, 2019

Cost: \$65.00. Time: 11:30 am social time, for 12:15 lunch.

To purchase tickets contact Dawn Whitmore at 416-922-6659 or Ruth Matheson at 416-587-9785 or email: [echobrook27@gmail.com](mailto:echobrook27@gmail.com)

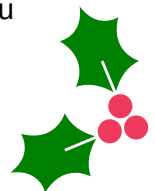


### FESTIVE DINNER TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

On December 10th at 5:30 p.m., members of the UWC will gather in the Lounge for the Annual Festive Dinner. It is a chance to get together and exchange holiday greetings with friends, old and new. We hope that you will be able to join us for a delicious, traditional dinner.

The cost is only \$45.00 (inclusive). To register: Call Haley at 416-979-2000 or email [info@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:info@uwctoronto.ca)

- Rosemary



The festive dinner is a wonderful opportunity to give a gift to our Foundation. Please consider giving \$100 or more. We could raise \$10,000 if we each show our support in a meaningful way. Some of our members have already contributed and we thank them for their contribution. Please bring a cheque made out to UWC (Toronto) Foundation. You can specify if you want your donation to be spent on scholarships or other charitable activities. And of course, tax receipts will be issued. Thank you for considering this and for your generosity.

- Kathy Nolan-Garner, Treasurer UWC (Toronto) Foundation



Greetings for the Festive Season!

It is sometimes hard to see past all the bad news to be hopeful for the coming year. Our climate is an impending disaster: my cousin's village in Yorkshire is flooded, my daughter and her family can hardly breathe because of the wild fires near Sydney, my son and his family are regularly buffeted by typhoons in Japan. We are bombarded with the news of disasters everywhere.

And then, the politics of the world are bizarre bordering on insane. We have only to think of USA, Brazil, Hungary, Turkey, Syria, Brexit and on and on.

I was fortunate to hear Stephen Lewis speak at Hart House. He is brilliant and brought all of these problems into such a clear focus. The whole message made me think of one of my favourite books, 'La Peste' (The Plague) by Albert Camus. The inhabitants of the city are cut off from the world by the pestilence and suffer enormous losses of loved ones. Their habits, work and daily lives are changed totally. They turn inward to think about what is really important in their lives. They become proud of a job well-done. They realize that they are all in the same boat, a little life without certainty. They cultivate relationships and come to value everyone as a human being with wants, needs and aspirations. They work together to combat the insidious enemy, realizing that when faced with dire consequences, the only hope comes with helping and valuing others and doing one's best. This very simple summary underlines the value of humanism and the satisfaction that comes with giving and helping.

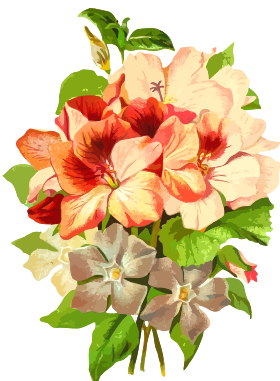
I really hope that the holiday season will bring you joy and that the new year will bring us all a great sense of purpose and giving that will make 2020 both personally and within our club a wonderful year.

All the very best,  
- Susan



## CLUB NEWS

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### BEST WISHES

We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Dee Dee Poole who is now at home, recovering from an operation on Nov. 25.

Also best wishes to Nancy Lunney who has endured a real go-round with medical problems. As a result she will undergo a hip repair in mid-December.

We have sent cards and best wishes to both Dee Dee and Nancy on your behalf. Another card or two from you would be great encouragement.

## CLUB NEWS

### UWC FOUNDATION

#### LETTERS FROM OUR IQALUIT STUDENTS

*Hi Susan,  
I'm currently touring Europe with The Grizzlies movie so I will get you a little blurb about what has happened with The Trickster, some pictures, and a little info on what I'm doing in Europe right now when I get home! I'm actually just about to head out for lunch to meet with a political figure in Switzerland to talk about the film.*

*I plan on going back to university in January so I will send my updated address and info you may need in December!*

*Thank you for being so supportive and understanding of my little adventures happening between semesters. I hope to be in Toronto again soon to come say hello.*

*Thank you again, Anna Lambe*

*Good morning Susan,  
Dalhousie has been treating me great, so far. I am enjoying all of my classes, thank you for asking.*

*Things are going great, as far as I'm concerned. I'm passing all of my classes, I've made friends, and I've already decided what I want to major and minor in. I did sign a lease for an apartment with a couple of my friends for next school year, so I do plan on staying in Dalhousie for the next few years.*

*Thank you! Cassidy-Ann :)*

### CLUB INVOLVEMENT



Please remember the message of the reports at the Business Meeting. We are asking for volunteers to help with many aspects of our work as a not-for-profit club. Our wonderful Scholarship Committee is so hard-working. We also need people to work on our advocacy issues: affordable housing, climate, early childhood issues, helping women on the margins (homelessness, incarceration), mentoring. Do consider volunteering for these groups!!! We welcome your time, experience and input. Call Jane or Susan to let us know about your interest.



Thanks to all of our wonderful board of directors: Jane, Wendy, Carmie, Jo-Lynne, Ellen, Rosemary, Ruth, Lily, Judith, Chris and Marianne. Great work!!!



Thanks also to the UWC (Toronto) Foundation for embarking on what will be a thrilling and rewarding adventure in giving: Marianne, Kathy, Talisha, Penny, Doris and Chris.



Thanks to the Spotlight presenters, to Martha, to the Out and About conveners.



Thanks to Mara Greenberg for organizing our winter donation drive for Romero House this year.



**Thanks so much to you all.** We are looking for more volunteers. Have a think on it and let us know if you would like to help.



### DONATION DRIVE FOR ROMERO HOUSE

We are once again collecting items for the families living at Romero House. Please consider what you can contribute to put a smile on their faces this holiday season!

Here are some of the specific items they have requested.

We are collecting goods until Dec. 18. **Thank you!**

- All clothing - including long underwear, socks, winter boots, kids' snow suits.
- Skates, sleds, cross-country skis!
- Non perishable staples: cooking oil, rice, spices, canned tomatoes, corn flour (lots of latinos!)
- Laundry soap, dish soap, toiletries
- ESL school supplies
- Christmas decorations
- Used smart phones



## JANUARY 2020 EVENTS

### DINNER SPEAKER

JANUARY 27TH, 2020  
AT 5:30 PM

**DR. WILLIAM HARRIS**  
SHAKESPEARE, VAN GOGH:  
CREATIVE REACTIONS TO  
THE END OF THE WORLD

Four hundred years ago, humanity's view of the universe went through a fundamental shift that was, in many senses, bigger than anything that has happened since. Galileo's discoveries with the new device called the telescope affected not just scientific thinking but passed onward into art and literature, and has continued up to the present day. In this talk Dr. Harris is going to take us through a brief tour of this remarkable historical bridge across science and the humanities that has almost no parallels in history.

Reservation Deadline: January 24, 2020.

Cost: \$45 for members, \$50 for guests

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

### MINI MONEY MANAGEMENT (3M'S) MONDAY, JANUARY 20

This new workshop, to be held every other month, will discuss topics to increase our financial knowledge to help us better manage our personal finances. The information discussed does not represent recommendations or opinions of the University Women's Club Toronto.

Leslie McCormick, a Senior Wealth Advisor with one of Canada's leading wealth management firms and co-author of the book *Bank on Yourself: Why Every Woman Should Plan Financially To Be Single, Even If She is Not* will be the speaker at the first meeting. *Bank on Yourself*, published this year, teaches the importance and power of financial literacy and the role it can play in building confidence and financial security.



The first session will be held on Monday, January 20 at 5 pm at the Faculty Club.

You may contact Wendy McCallum ([mccallumwendy@gmail.com](mailto:mccallumwendy@gmail.com)) for more information. If you would like to attend, please RSVP [info@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:info@uwctoronto.ca).

### INTERNATIONAL DINING

**QUEEN'S PASTA**  
JANUARY 8, 2020



Did I just write 2020?? Wasn't it just a year or two ago that we were celebrating the arrival of a new millennium? Time really does fly, doesn't it? We have a faithful cadre of women from the west end, so once a year, I like to reward their support by visiting a restaurant in the west end.

We will be going to Queen's Pasta for our first restaurant in the New Year. Queen's Pasta is a long-standing (35 years – they must be doing something right) family restaurant in the Bloor West Village. They are renowned for their homemade fresh pasta, and have 30 and 40 different pasta dishes at any time. I have asked the chef to draw up a prix fixe menu for us that will consist of brochette, salad, pasta, and desert.

The restaurant is located on at 2263 Bloor West, a block and a half walk from the Runnymede station. There are Green P's close by. Please plan to join us.

You can email me ([susan.f.leroy@gmail.com](mailto:susan.f.leroy@gmail.com)). I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

- Susan LeRoy

## PAST EVENTS



### DINNER SPEAKER MARK O'NEIL

On Monday, November 18, Mark O'Neill, gave an informative presentation of the history of The Canadian Museum of History. He discussed the changes that have been made to make our history relevant and topical for our more sophisticated and inclusive society. He has enticed many of our members to go and visit the museum - a true treasure of Canada.

- Ruth



## SPOTLIGHT ON US: ALIDA FINNIE



It was a fun evening and a full house at The Faculty Club for our Spotlight event October 29th.

Special thanks to Alida Finnie, our speaker, for joining us ahead of time for a social gathering in the lovely Fairley Lounge. This was followed by an informal presentation and engaging chat with Alida, about "making the shift from dieting towards intuitive eating." It sparked a lively and interactive discussion that continued well over drinks & dinner in the busy pub downstairs.



Thanks again to all who came out to support Spotlight. We are in the early planning stages for Spotlight 2020 and have just confirmed the following dates:  
Wednesdays at 5:00pm on February 12, April 15, June 24 and October 14.

Please mark your calendars, and keep your eyes open in upcoming UWC newsletters and on our website for details closer to those dates!

Cheers,  
Martha Dove, Spotlight Convenor

## PAST EVENTS (continued)

### INTERNATIONAL DINING

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13

A quiet portrait of Peter Bonacini's mother greets you on entering the high-ceilinged lobby of Oliver + Bonacini's new French bistro style restaurant in downtown Toronto. Is she a little amazed I wonder by the sumptuousness that surrounds her?

Maison Selby is housed in the original mansion of the Charles Gooderham family. Built in 1891, the building has been home to a colorful parade of Toronto's finest. From Branksome Hall, to a Boots Warehouse, to a dance club for Toronto's growing gay community. Today, following a major rebuild by Oliver + Bonacini, Maison Selby was born.

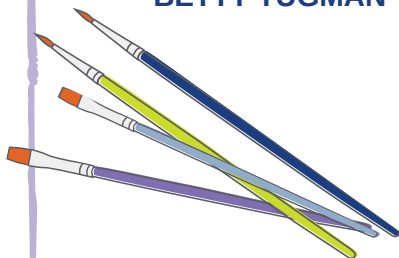


Maison Selby's food was enjoyed by 16 members of UWC gathered for the November International Dining night. We chose from a Prix Fixe menu. Everybody appreciated the appetizers, especially Chef John Horne's take on Caesar Salad and his Duck Liver Parfait. Three main dishes were offered. The Beef Bourguignon was deemed rich and wonderfully French. The nicely tart and light Lemon Tart and the classic Crème Brûlée were both perfect ways to end the meal. Everyone agreed the service was excellent.

Why not join us for an International Dining evening out because, according to Julia Child, "People who love to eat are always the best people."

- Robina Shaw

### A SPECIAL GIFT FROM BETTY TUGMAN



Our sincere thanks to Betty for giving us many of her beautiful paintings. Betty has requested that her lovely watercolours be sold to raise money for scholarships. Some of the paintings are already framed, others are just matted and many are just as they were created on paper. We are indeed so fortunate and very grateful for such a wonderful and generous gift.

We will soon be creating an on-line catalogue so that you can see and purchase the paintings if you wish.

More news on this to follow in the new year.

## SAVE THE DATE

### OUT & ABOUT - THE RARE BOOK LIBRARY

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

All those who attended the dinner in October with Pearce Carefoote, the Head of the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections at the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, thoroughly enjoyed his informative and engaging talk.

Now we have an opportunity to visit the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library with Pearce as our guide. Please join us for what should be a fascinating morning followed by lunch at Hart House.

When: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10:30 am

Where: Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, 120 St. George St. Use the main entrance of the John P. Robarts Library and look for the signs for the Fisher Library.

Cost: There is no charge for the library visit, lunch will be billed individually

Convenor: Susan Anderson

Contact: 416-480-0575 or [susan@susananderson.ca](mailto:susan@susananderson.ca)



### OUT & ABOUT - 'THE PLAY'S THE THING'

JUNE 4, 2020



The cost is as follows:

Matinee + Evening + Bus = \$110

Matinee + Bus = \$80

Deduct \$33 if you are driving and NOT taking bus.

There are **no** refunds but I can let you know who is on the waitlist.

Reservations are now being accepted for the Stratford trip on Thurs, June 4, 2020.

Matinee - *Hamlet* or Mony Python's *Spamalot*

Evening - *Richard III* at the new Tom Patterson Theatre, starring Colin Feore

Your reservation is confirmed when your cheque is received by Kathy Nolan-Garner. Stratford limits bus seats, so you will definitely want to provide the cheque early.

Cheques should be payable to **Kathy Nolan-Garner**.

Kindly indicate which matinee you want to see.

Some members last year suggested that they would have preferred to pay more to sit closer to the stage, while others were quite happy with their seats. I have a very short window for this to happen so please call me immediately and I'll see what I can do. Your costs will definitely be higher.

- *Kathy Nolan-Garner*



## UWC EVENTS

### DECEMBER 2019

#### MORNING BOOK CLUB

Thursday, December 5th at 10:30 am  
Book: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows  
Convenor: Jean Thomson  
Phone: 416-421-2732

#### MEMORIAL LUNCHEON

Friday, December 6th  
11:30 social time, for 12:15 lunch

#### FESTIVE DINNER

Monday, December 10th at 5:00 pm

### WEEKLY INTEREST GROUPS

#### LE PETIT CERCLE FRANÇAIS

Douce France, 820 avenue Danforth,  
le mercredi à 10:00h  
Convenor: Susan Freeman  
Phone 416-488-5041  
Email: [susgula@sympatico.ca](mailto:susgula@sympatico.ca)

#### SOCIAL BRIDGE

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am  
Convenor: Marg McGiverin  
Phone: 416-425-5717  
Email: [marg.mcgiverin@sympatico.ca](mailto:marg.mcgiverin@sympatico.ca)

NOTE!  
There is NO  
bridge in  
December.  
It will resume  
on Jan. 7.

### JANUARY 2020

#### INTERNATIONAL DINING - QUEEN'S PASTA

Wednesday, January 8, 2020  
Contact: [susan.f.leroy@gmail.com](mailto:susan.f.leroy@gmail.com)

#### MORNING BOOK CLUB

Thursday, January 9th at 10:30 am  
Book: *The Good Neighbor* by Maxwell King  
Convenor: Jean Thomson  
Phone: 416-421-2732

#### MINI MONEY MANAGEMENT

Monday, January 20th at 5:00 pm  
Convenor: Wendy McCallum  
[mccallummwendy@gmail.com](mailto:mccallummwendy@gmail.com)

#### EVENING BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, January 22 at 5:30 pm in the pub  
Topic: travel  
Convenor: Judith Lewis  
Contact: 416-653-4930  
[judithlynnlewis@gmail.com](mailto:judithlynnlewis@gmail.com)

#### DINNER SPEAKER - WILLIAM HARRIS

Monday, January 27th at 5:30 pm

## FACULTY CLUB EVENTS

### REGULAR EVENTS

**Afternoon Tea** – Every Tuesday from  
2:30 to 4:30 pm.  
Kindly make a reservation.

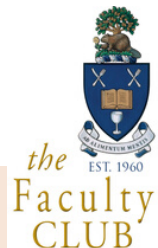
**Gourmet Burgers** – Every Wednesday

**Fish & Chips** – Every Friday

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Holiday Lunch Buffet:** Friday November  
29th - Friday December 20th (Monday to  
Friday)

**Holiday Dinner:** Tuesday, December 17th  
5:00-8:00 PM



NOTE!  
The FC is  
CLOSED from  
Dec. 21 to Jan. 6,  
inclusive.