



University Women's Club Toronto

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Author Speaker Luncheon **Ann Birch**

ON Canadian Historical Fiction
July 4 at 11:30 am



Ann Birch is an award-winning teacher and a former associate professor in the Faculty of Education at York University and the University of Toronto. She is the author of two Canadian historical novels, *Settlement* and *Dueling in the New World*. Ann will be discussing the research involved with her books.

Reservation Deadline: June 28, 2019

*Cost:
\$30 for members, \$35 for guests*

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

Summer Time is Patio Time



Wednesdays July 10, July 31 and August 21
from 5:00 pm onwards.

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



Now that the sunny, warm summer seems to be here, thoughts turn to holidays, cottages, drama and music festivals and all that summer offers us. We are indeed lucky to live in an area that not only offers all of this, but also is relatively free of strife.

Areas of concern and advocacy

It would be good to pay attention to what is happening provincially. Areas that affect our goals of helping women on the margins are cuts to educational funding, health care, affordable housing and legal aid. These are students, as in our scholarship applicants, women on the margins, as those being helped by Sistering and refugees, as in our friends at Romero House. All if this affects our advocacy directly.

In reading the newspapers about cuts to OSAP and other grants and in reading the applications for our own scholarships, we are so aware of the need that students face. We are committed to making a difference in young women's education and need to do more both at a club level and in lobbying provincially to stop this eviscerating of all of the good that the previous humane government accomplished in providing educational opportunities.

We need to be vigilant about our chosen areas of concern and advocacy. What can we do about the housing situation? It concerns women on the margins, students and refugees so much. Housing is the responsibility of all levels of government. The Federal election is approaching.

The cuts to legal aid involve the same demographic. Mary Jo Leddy pointed out that a refugee needs legal representation to apply for refugee status. She also pointed out that in a study done many years after the Boat People's arrival here, the single thing that made the most difference to them was the warmth of the welcome they received. In Ontario, Canada and today's world that thought should be taken to heart. A few serious things to contemplate in the summer lull. Think about getting involved.

Huge Thank Yous

A huge thank you to Marianne, her daughter Olivia, Ellen, her daughter Candace and Tori and her daughter Maisie, for a wonderful book event on June 12. It was so well organized and great fun.

Another huge thank you to Chris and the whole Scholarship Committee for all of the wonderful work with the scholarships and the lovely reception on June 24. It is great to meet the girls, their families and their teachers. It was also great to publicly thank the family of Mary Macdonald for their incredible generosity.

Other thank yous to Ruth and Corinne for a year of fabulous speakers, to Rosemary and her committee for all of their work on the Gala, to Jane for everything she does, to Wendy for assuming the role of treasurer, to Carmie for the minutes of our meetings, to Jo-Lynne and Ellen for all of our communications, the website, the newsletters, to Judith for her great advice, to Marianne again for her work with the Foundation and Charitable Giving.

Hoping to see you on our patio evenings, have a relaxing, happy, safe summer.

All the best,

- Susan



COMMUNITY NEWS



Romero House *A Call to Act*

We are all feeling the effects of the recent provincial spending cuts, but none more so than the refugee claimants at Romero House.

Here is an excerpt (right) from the Romero House Spring 2019 newsletter, from the Director Jenn McIntyre.

This is a critical time and we need to consider all we can do to help.



... The end of the provincial funding for the refugee program at Legal Aid Ontario leaves many of our community members with no access to legal counsel for their refugee hearing, appeals and other immigration processes. And the impending end of the Transition Child Benefit in November will decrease the household income of the Romero House families by \$230 per month per child.

The impact of this on families already living in poverty will be devastating.



The Unbroken Silence

All you heard was silence.
Helicopters buzzing, you go hide,
thinking they were going to drop a bomb.

Mother crying, wondering,
where her son has gone for the past 10
years.

Men running, looking to help,
as many of their brothers and sisters as
possible.

Sister screaming, as her sari gets unraveled
by the hands of the cruel men.

Children questioning, when their mother
and father will wake up,
not knowing they have passed.

Doctor rushing, trying to tend to as many
injuries as possible, before the next attack.

Enemy laughing, as he sees the destruction
he has caused.

Innocent civilians wondering, what wrong
they had done in their past lives, to have
deserved this pain.

Yet... All you heard was silence.

Remembering the Tamil genocide of 2009 in Sri Lanka.

Another moving excerpt from the newsletter is this poem, left, by grade 9 student, Mathumai Nadarajah, from Markham District High School.

Romero House Collection

Thank you to all of you who contributed to our clothing and housewares collection for Romero House. We received bags and bags of useful items.

Romero House is so appreciative of all that we do!

CLUB NEWS

Kathy

I would like to express the Board's sincere appreciation to Kathy Nolan-Garner, who has served as our treasurer for the past year and a half.

We are very sorry to accept her resignation. Kathy has done a superb job in looking after our financial affairs. She was also instrumental in the formation of the new Foundation and in bringing about our new constitution. These are major accomplishments and Kathy deserves so much credit. She needs time and energy for her other duties as a devoted grandmother, for her many other interests and for her opportunities to travel.

We are so pleased that Kathy will stay on as treasurer of the Foundation and as a member of the Finance Committee. A heartfelt thank you from us all.
- Susan



Condolences

Our sincere sympathy goes to Patricia Villmann on the death of her mother.

We also received this lovely letter from Andrea Douglas.

Dear University Women's Club of Toronto,

I am writing to inform you of the death of my mother, Gladys Douglas, peacefully on June 2, 2019 after an illness of several months. She was 95. She greatly enjoyed her involvement in the club over many years, and was touched to be made an honorary member.



Thank you for your kindness to my mother and the happy times she had with UWC.

Best regards,

Andrea Douglas

Thank you Marium

We'd like to thank Marium Masood for the wonderful job she has done for us as our Administrative Assistant over the past 20 months.



During that time, she quickly and efficiently launched us into the digital world - new website, Facebook and Instagram accounts, links to our Directory, Calendar of Events, RSVP lists - all the while creating aesthetic newsletters, posters and flyers, plus responding to members' emails and phone calls.

Unfortunately, due to the increased responsibilities of her full time job, she has decided she no longer has the time to assist us.

We wish her well in her career, and know that with her skills, work ethic and positive attitude, she will succeed. - Jo-Lynne

Welcome Haley

We had 12 well-qualified candidates to consider for the position of UWC Administrative Assistant, but feel confident that we've found "The Best".

Haley is a recent graduate with a Bachelor in Fine Arts - Photography. She already has a wonderful portfolio of her creative work. Many of you have already met her, as she came to two of our recent events, took lovely photos and posted them on our website. She also has impressive computer and design skills, which we need and appreciate.

The Board is looking forward to working with her. When you email info@uwctoronto.ca or phone 416-979-2000, it's Haley who will be responding.

- Jo-Lynne



Jo-Lynne, Haley and Ellen

CLUB NEWS

INTERNATIONAL DINING for the Coming Year



Our goal for the 2019 - 2020 season of dining was to try to get truly international (thus the caps above). Mary and I feel that we have achieved this goal. Much of the thanks goes to you, the membership. Our call for suggestions gave us lots of good ideas. Our selections include a French bistro, an Italian restaurant, a Spanish restaurant, and a Peruvian restaurant. They will also include a variety of menu ordering, family style dining, and tapis.

Dates and order of selections are not final yet, but we will continue with the model that sees us meeting on the second Wednesday of every second month. This puts our first meeting on September 11th. We've tried to make picks that are easily accessible by transit. We've also made sure there is at least one restaurant in the west end and one on the Danforth.

I encourage you to mark the dates in your calendar and plan to join us. We've developed a real community around the "regulars" that come to each outing. I hope you will plan to join us as much as you can in our coming season. There will be a full description of our September restaurant in the newsletter coming out in late August.

In the meantime, enjoy your summer. It finally seems to have arrived - and good eating in the meantime.

- Susan Le Roy

Bridge

Great to see so many of you coming out to bridge on Tuesdays. Marg deserves so much credit for all of her organization and encouragement. We are sometimes moved when the Faculty Club is fully booked, as on July 2 but generally it's Tuesday mornings at 9:45 for the lesson from Marianne and then bridge is from 10:15 to 12:30.

Those who wish can enjoy lunch at the Club with the pub menu available to us as well as the full dining room menu.



Annual Dues Payable on July 1st

Members will be notified shortly of annual dues payable on July 1st to renew their memberships for the University Women's Club - Toronto and the Faculty Club.

The invoice for the University Women's Club will be sent by zervacpa . if you don't receive an invoice, please check your junk mail before sending an email to info@uwctoronto.ca or telephoning 416-979-2000.

Payment can be made by cheque issued to the University Women's Club - Toronto and mailed or dropped off at the Faculty Club at 41 Willcocks Avenue, Toronto, ON M5S 1C7.

Alternatively, payment can be paid by e-transfer to payments@uwctoronto.ca



If you are unable to pay by July 31, 2019, please advise the club by email or by telephone.

Thank you.



*What a
celebration!!*

Our UWC Scholarship Reception, held on Monday, June 24, was a wonderful acknowledgement of our scholarship recipients.

Our first year of overseeing our scholarship process culminated in the presentation of eight awards. The following six young women received our \$4000.00 UWC Toronto Scholarships:

Smia Baig - Riverdale Collegiate Institute
 Jateya Grbic - Harbord Collegiate Institute
 Rajitha Gunaseelan - Central Toronto Academy
 Maha Pervez - Monarch Park Collegiate Institute
 Sarania Thavakaran- Jarvis Collegiate Institute
 Lisa Yu - Central Technical School

The UWC Toronto Special Award of \$2000.00 was awarded to:

Bahja Farah - York Memorial Collegiate Institute

The Mary Macdonald Scholarship of \$25,000 was presented to:

Alyssa Clark - York Memorial Collegiate Institute

We were delighted to host so many parents and family members of our award winners. Their pride was palpable. Support from school staff members who attended was truly appreciated.

We were honoured to have five representatives from the Mary Macdonald family present at the reception. Joan Hunter presented the Mary Macdonald Scholarship with a very touching tribute to her aunt.

Thank you to the great number of our club members who joined us in celebrating these incredible young women. We wish all our award winners continued academic success and are looking forward to hearing from them as they transition to university life.

Respectfully submitted,
 - Chris Ward

SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION



Iqaluit Students

Past UWC Scholarship Recipients

We are pleased to continue our scholarship grant to Anna Lambe, who will be continuing her studies in Ottawa.

(If you haven't seen 'The Grizzlies', it is still on in many cinemas and is a truly uplifting film.)



Emily Ann Niego has decided to take some time to consider her options and will not be returning to Ottawa for school in the fall. She has a job with the Territorial Government in Iqaluit for the summer. She has thanked us for our support. We wish her all the very best.

PAST EVENTS

Dinner Speaker Nick Mount

On Monday June 17 Nick Mount, U of T Professor of English Literature, gave us an engaging talk on CanLit.

The unique circumstances that lead to the development of CanLit were most interesting, as well as the contribution of individuals in the media such as Robert Fulford of the Toronto Star and Robert Weaver of CBC's Anthology. Nick does not believe that we will see a similar phenomenon in Canadian literature again.

Everyone enjoyed hearing about favourite books and authors from the past, and being introduced to Canadian authors we may have missed. The library has both paper and ebook copies of *The Torontonians* by Phyllis Brett Young which Nick mentioned. Many members are looking forward to reading Nick's most recent book *Arrival: The Story of CanLit*.

Nick's talk renewed many members interest in CanLit so hopefully a Canadian novel or book of poetry will be on everyone's summer reading list.

- Susan Anderson



Stratford Festival Theatre Thursday, June 13, all day

Armed with umbrellas, the intrepid ones braved fog and rain, at times, a deluge, for the Stratford trip on June 13. We saw *Othello* in the afternoon at the Festival Theatre. It was an excellent production with actor Michael Blake as Othello conveying the overwhelming jealousy and catastrophic obsession so well. The role of Iago was played brilliantly with such conniving hatefulness. We all very much enjoyed the play.



Some of our members returned on the early bus while the rest set off for dinner and the second play *Private Lives* at the Avon Theatre. I found this production lacking in the sophistication that is usually part of a Noel Coward play, but we certainly enjoyed the witty repartee.

Reports of the Raptors final game filled the bus on the way home: such tension followed by great joy at the victory as reported by people's cell phones. All in all, a long but satisfying day!

Thanks to Kathy Nolan-Garner who has offered gallantly to be the convenor of the Stratford trip next season.

- Susan Freeman



PAST EVENTS

Summer Reading & Social Event June 12

On June 12th, the UWC hosted our first Book Social at the Faculty Club. More than 60 women attended and, over a glass of wine, bought a wonderful selection of summer reads. The room was full of good cheer, literary banter and laughter.

The proceeds of the sale will go to our UWC Foundation. After expenses, we made over \$1440, including \$350 from the sale of Ellen's stunning Ecochic necklaces made from recycled Nespresso coffee capsules. Thank you, Ellen, for donating all the proceeds to the UWC Foundation, and to everyone who attended and brought guests. Special thanks to Tori Brown and daughters Maisie, Candace, Olivia and Anna who so kindly helped out.

Leftover books will be donated to Book Clubs for Inmates, which organizes volunteer-led book clubs within federal penitentiaries across Canada.

- Marianne Anderson



Out and About at the Textile Museum May 29

I was able to tell Corinne Murray, our docent for the tour and a UWC member, that she had added 110% to my appreciation of the work of Nadia Myre! The artist's handwork balanced indigenous and colonial themes and a wide range of styles. What did that red net mean, and what was the story behind the beadwork? We admired wallpaper with colonial and indigenous motifs, and a range of items made from recreated fragments of clay pipes.

The visit was followed by a delicious dim sum lunch at Lai Wah Heen, where we smartly asked Ellen Thompson to order for us. We quickly discovered who was or was not comfortable with chopsticks, and enjoyed the food and the conversation in the quiet atmosphere of the restaurant.

- Elizabeth Mowat

SAVE THE DATE

An Election Primer

September 10, 2019

Join us to hear Bob Rae discuss his thoughts and interesting perspective on election issues and the candidates/ridings to watch. Q & A to follow.

At Innis Town Hall, 2 Sussex Street. Doors open at 6:30 pm, event at 7:00 pm.

Admission by donation with proceeds going to UWC (Toronto) Foundation which funds scholarships for girls entering university with financial need.



Dinner Speaker J.D.M. Stewart

September 16, 2019

5:30 pm



TOPIC: Being Prime Minister

J.D.M. Stewart is a Canadian history teacher at Bishop Strachan School. His writing has appeared in newspapers across Canada for more than twenty-five years. His book, *Being Prime Minister*, was published June 2018.

From John A. MacDonald to Justin Trudeau, we will get a glimpse of the prime ministers as they traveled, dealt with invasions of privacy, met with celebrities, and managed the stress of the nation's top job. With a federal election a month after this talk, his behind-the-scenes look at the lives of prime ministers will be both timely and highly engaging.

- Ruth Matheson

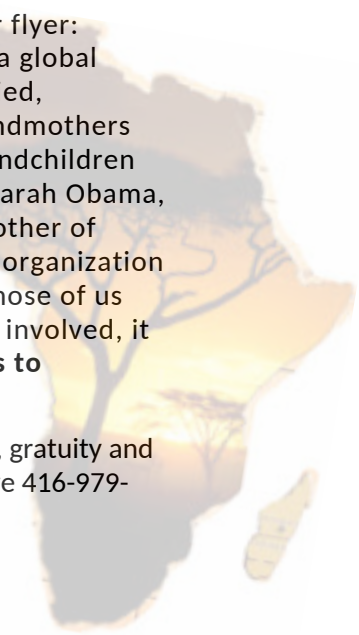
Grandmothers to Grandmothers - Luncheon

Thursday, September 19, 2019, 11:30 am for 12:00 noon.

Grandmothers to Grandmothers was founded by Stephen Lewis to assist grandmothers in Africa caring for their grandchildren who became orphaned when their parents died or AIDS. On a daily basis many individually supply food and shelter for over a dozen of their grandchildren. To quote from their flyer: Grandmothers to Grandmothers is a global sisterhood that supports the dignified, determined and strong African grandmothers who are raising a generation of grandchildren whose parents have died of AIDS. Sarah Obama, now 97 years of age, step-grandmother of Barack Obama, is a member of this organization in Kenya. Because men as well as those of us who do not have grandchildren are involved, it has been nicknamed **Grandmothers to Grandmothers**.

All inclusive price (lunch, presentation, gratuity and tax) \$30 members, \$35 guests. Reserve 416-979-2000 or info@uwctoronto.ca

- Harolyn Panetta



SAVE THE DATE (continued)

Morning Book Club

1st Thursday of each month at 10:30 am

Convenor -
Jean Thomson
Phone: 416-421-2732

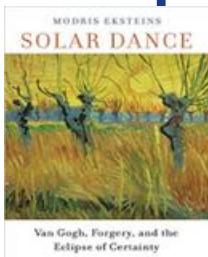
Upcoming Books

August 1, 2019 at the Faculty Club at 10:30 am.
Book: *Being Prime Minister* by J.D.M. Stewart
Behind the politics, discover the lives of Canada's leaders. Canada has had twenty-three prime ministers, all with views and policies that have differed as widely as the ages in which they lived. But what were they like as people? *Being Prime Minister* takes you behind the scenes to tell the story of Canada's leaders and the job they do as it has never been told before.

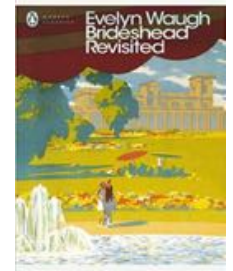


September 5, 2019 at the Faculty Club at 10:30 am.

Book: *Solar Dance* by Modris Eksteins
An acclaimed historian of the 20th century illuminates our current world, with its cults of celebrity and the crisis of the authentic. *Solar Dance* is a penetrating examination of legitimacy and truth, fakery and pretence--highly relevant to all of us today.

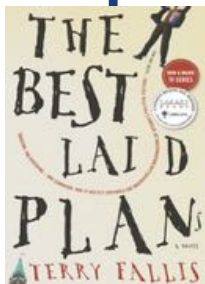


October 3, 2019 at the Faculty Club at 10:30 a.m.
Book: *Brideshead Revisited* by Evelyn Waugh.
It is his stunning novel of duty and desire set amongst the decadent, faded glory of the English aristocracy in the run-up to the Second World War.



November 7, 2019 at the Faculty Club at 10:30 a.m.

Book: *The Best Laid Plans* by Terry Fallis
Here's the set up: A burnt-out political aide quits just before an election--but is forced to run a hopeless campaign on the way out. He makes a deal with a crusty old Scot, Angus McIntock--an engineering professor who will do anything, anything, to avoid teaching English to engineers--to let his name stand in the election. No need to campaign, certain to lose, and so on. This very funny book has something for everyone.



FUNDRAISING GALA
An Evening in Vienna October 24

The response to the upcoming Gala *An Evening in Vienna* on October 24th has been amazing! There are only a few tickets remaining. If you haven't already purchased yours, and you would like to attend, please email info@uwctoronto.ca or call 416-979-2000 and leave your contact information and someone will get back to you promptly.

We would love to have you join us for an evening of fun, amazing SILENT AUCTION and delicious food.

- Rosemary



UWC EVENTS July 2019

- 4 Morning Book Club**
Thursday July 4 at 11:30 am for 12 noon
Author Speaker Luncheon - Ann Birch
Convenor: Jean Thomson
Phone: 416-421-2732
- 10 Summer Time is Patio Time**
Wednesday July 10, 5:00 pm onwards
RSVP: Phone 416-979-2000 or
email: info@uwctoronto.ca
- 24 Evening Book Club**
Thursday, July 24 at 5:30 pm in the
Pub
Book of your choice
Convenor: Judith Lewis
Phone 416-653-4931
Email: judithlynnlewis@gmail.com
- 31 Summer Time is Patio Time**
Wednesday July 31, 5:00 pm onwards
RSVP: Phone 416-979-2000 or
email: info@uwctoronto.ca

August 2019

- 1 Morning Book Club**
Thursday August 1
Book is *Being Prime Minister* by J,D,M,
Stewart
Convenor: Jean Thomson
Phone: 416-421-2732
- 21 Summer Time is Patio Time**
Wednesday Aug 21, 5:00 pm onwards
RSVP: Phone 416-979-2000 or
email: info@uwctoronto.ca
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Wednesday, Aug 28 at 5:30 pm in the Pub
Book of your choice
Convenor: Judith Lewis
Phone 416-653-4931
Email: judithlynnlewis@gmail.com



FACULTY CLUB EVENTS July and August 2019

July 2 - 5 Strawberry Food Festival

July 8- 12 Summerlicious

July 26 Oyster Night in the Pub

July 29 - Aug 2 Polynesian Food
Festival

Aug 12 - 16 Rib Fest

Aug 26 - 30 Seafood Food Festival

Aug 29 Oyster Night in the Pub

Regular Events

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea

2:30 - 4:30 pm - reservations required
(24 hrs in advance)

Wednesday

Gourmet Burgers

Friday

Fish & Chips

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



Social Bridge

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Convenor: Marg McGiverin

Phone 416-425-5717

Email marg.mcgiverin@sympatico.ca