



University Women's Club Toronto

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dinner Speaker - Nick Mount

U of T Professor of English Literature,
former Fiction Editor at *The Walrus*

Monday, June 17 at 5:30 pm



The CanLit Boom of the 60s

Professor Mount is a nationally recognized student and teacher of Canadian literature.

In 2005, his doctoral dissertation became a prize-winning book: *When Canadian Literature Moved to New York* (UTP, 2005).

His most recent book *Arrival: The Story of CanLit* (Anansi, 2017), chronicles the boom that took place in Canadian publishing in the later half of the 20th-century, setting it into a national and international context. This book was named best book of the year by the Globe & Mail and National Post.

Nick Mount has won numerous awards, most recently the 3M National Teaching Fellowship, the country's highest teaching award (2011).

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

Kindly RSVP by phone: 416-979-2000 or
email info@uwctoronto.ca

SUMMER READING & SOCIAL EVENT

Wednesday, June 12

Please join us for an evening of socialising and stocking up on summer reads!

Wednesday, June 12th
5:30 to 7:30 pm

See details on page 3.





As a delegate at the Ontario CFUW Conference held May 10th and 11th, it was a privilege to hear the dynamic keynote speaker, Kathleen Wynne. Her words were riveting and her message was clear.

Kathleen Wynne has dedicated herself to improving the wellbeing of the people of our province, as Premier and MPP. She is strongly committed to ensuring that the Ontario government helps provide an equitable and secure future for Ontarians, particularly those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged. Despite the results of the last provincial election and the changing political climate, Kathleen remains remarkably optimistic about the future of our province and the continued willingness of the people of this province to be generous, fair and compassionate.

Kathleen Wynne's story was inspiring. She has met personal and public challenges with great dignity, without giving up and still continues to believe that Ontarians are truly committed to social justice.

The values that Kathleen endorses align so closely with those of the University Women's Club of Toronto. The work we do as a club, providing university scholarships for young women or giving financial support to community outreach programs will undoubtedly make a positive difference in the lives of many.

Our members have undertaken countless, creative initiatives to help women on the margins. If you haven't already become involved in our charitable activities work, please plan to volunteer your time to help make our various projects successful. Your involvement is so important. Even small measures make a difference.

- Jane Hamer



Romero House Collection



We are collecting donations of gently-used spring and summer clothing to give to the residents of Romero House, a home for refugees in Toronto. Please bring clothing and shoes for men, women and children. We would also be grateful for basic household items, such as cutlery, mugs, dishes, pots and pans. The collection will continue until mid-June.

We appreciate your donations!

CLUB NEWS

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Please RSVP to 416-979-2000
or info@uwctoronto.ca

Contact Marianne Anderson at
ma_at_home@yahoo.com with
any questions or to organise
book pickup in advance.

**Admission \$15,
includes a glass of wine.
Or \$5 without wine.**

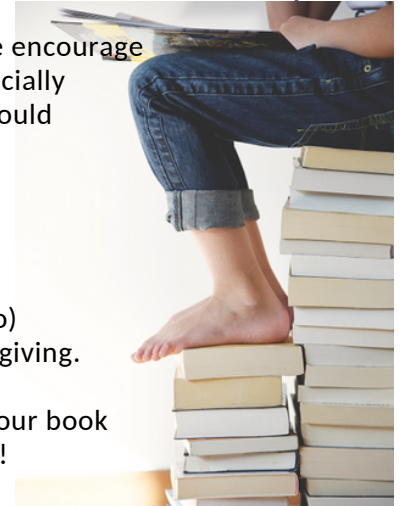
Please join us for an evening of socialising and stocking up on summer reads!

Please bring at least 2 books for resale. We encourage you to bring recent books, bestsellers, especially paperbacks, in good condition which you would recommend. Books will be put on display and re-sold for bargain prices (~\$5 or less!)

Guests are most welcome and encouraged!

All funds raised will go to the UWC (Toronto) Foundation for scholarships and charitable giving.

Even if you cannot join us, we would love your book contributions. A great chance to de-clutter! Ask your friends as well.



Stratford Festival Theatre

Thursday June 13, all day

Please be at the bus between 9:30 and 9:45 on Thursday, June 13. The bus comes to Front and Simcoe in front of the Intercontinental Hotel. If you are taking the subway, get out at St. Andrew, walk to Simcoe (beside Roy Thomson Hall), go south on Simcoe to Front. The hotel is on the southwest corner. (It is easiest to avoid Union Station.) You can bring a lunch and wander down by the river or have your lunch in the cafe in the Festival Theatre. It is a good idea to reserve for dinner if you are staying for *Private Lives*. The evening performance is at the Avon. If you have any concerns or questions, please call (416-488-5041) or e-mail (susgula@sympatico.ca) Susan.

- Susan



Ellen Thompson will also be selling her ECOCHIC necklaces on June 12.

These necklaces are made from recycled Nespresso coffee capsules, and come in a variety of vibrant colours!

Each necklace is \$50.

Proceeds go to the UWC scholarship program.



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UWC Toronto Foundation

By the time you are reading this, the Scholarship Committee will have deliberated and awarded our 6 UWC Toronto scholarships of \$4000.00 each, as well as the Mary Macdonald Scholarship of \$25,000.00 (over 4 years) to one of 3 former City of York schools. We will be hosting a reception for the successful candidates and a school representative at the Faculty Club sometime in late June. Stay tuned for recipients' names, schools and short bios as well as pictures in our next newsletter. Committee members will attend and present these scholarships on behalf of the UWC Toronto at the convocation ceremonies of the successful recipients. At this time, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the committee members for their hard work and commitment during our first year of this new process. We created criteria, the application letter and form, and decided on award amounts and eligible schools. We visited each school involved, developing a more personal relationship with these face-to-face meetings. Follow-up contact was made to ensure all schools were on track. The most challenging task was the selection process with every submission worthy of merit. We look forward to revisiting and refining our process for the 2019- 2020 school year.

Committee Members: Sharon Abel, Marianne Anderson, Lily Contento, Doris Geddes, Susan Freeman, Jane Hamer, Liz Mowat, Talisha Ramsaroop, Penny Vincent

Respectfully submitted,
- *Chris Ward*

Finance Committee

The Club has authorized donations to the Foundation in 2019 of \$30,000 for scholarships this spring, and an additional \$30,000 to be spent in the fall with the members' approval. The Foundation has also received designated donations of \$65,000 for the Mary McDonald Scholarships.

The Scholarship Committee led by Christine Ward will be announcing the winners shortly, and cheques will be presented to these young women at their commencement exercises. At the November business meeting, the recommendations of the Charitable Giving Committee, headed by Marianne Anderson, will be presented to the members for their approval.

Your personal donations to the Foundation are important. At the current time, the Foundation can accept cheques and cash, and tax receipts are provided for any gift over \$20.00. Cheques are preferred.

Cheques should be made out to UWC (Toronto) Foundation and mailed to University Women's Club of Toronto, 41 Willcocks Street, Toronto ON M5S 1C7.

- *Kathy Nolan Garner*

OUT & ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS



Summer Time is Patio Time

Wednesday July 10, July 31 and August 21,
5:00pm 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*

PAST EVENTS

The 40th Annual General Meeting of the CFUW Ontario Council May 10 -11

Ana Bailão, Deputy Mayor of Toronto, arrived at the Faculty Club on Friday night to help us open the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the CFUW, Ontario Conference to a packed room of delegates coming from all over Ontario.

As an immigrant to Canada at the age of fifteen, unable to speak English, she can empathize with women who are struggling to gain a foothold in Canada. Her words were inspiring and gave a shining example of what could be achieved through integrity and hard work.



The next morning, we were again given an inspiring glimpse into the life of yet another determined woman.

Our Former Premier, Kathleen Wynne, held the audience in rapt attention from the moment she stepped up to the microphone as she related her life story, with all its peaks and valleys, in humble yet impressive words that everyone could relate to. As she concluded, the audience jumped to their feet to give her a standing ovation. With the presentation of three very interesting workshops on Saturday afternoon and delicious food served by the Faculty Club, the delegates left happy and ready to take their enthusiasm back to their home clubs.

Many thanks to Pat Joyce and her Committee for an enlightening two days of empowerment.



- Rosemary Hales

Experiences of Refugee Women Through Education

Mary Jo Leddy of Romero House invited two young women to present their personal stories. The girls and their families had made their way through several other countries before arriving in Canada. One student who has refugee status has been accepted at U. of T but has to wait 12 - 18 months for permanent resident status. Without this status she can't apply for scholarships. The other student and her parents are journalists who have to learn English, wait for their June refugee status hearing, and then face the challenge of finding jobs. The refugee process requires a lawyer, and any cuts in Legal Aid funding are devastating.

- Liz Mowat



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Book Clubs in Prisons

Rev. Dr. Carol Finlay, founder of Book Clubs for Inmates, spoke with compassion about the prisoners she's met. She noted that most come from low socio-economic strata of society, and as many as 75% from violent, abusive homes. One in ten will have a visitor, and in many instances only once a year, possibly due to the high cost of travel.

Female inmates have a more difficult time with incarceration than males. Women will have lost their children, and may have difficulty getting them back when released because of problems in finding appropriate housing and jobs.

The book clubs develop communities around books. Prisoners are encouraged to speak freely and learn to articulate. They begin to feel that they are worthy of respect.

There are about 35 book clubs in federal penitentiaries across Canada, and currently there are 130 volunteers. Each is expected to make a two-year commitment but most stay longer, finding the experience highly positive and enriching. The participants are very grateful.

- Sharon Abel

Continuing Education in the Jane Finch Area

Talisha Ramsaroop, Community Projects Coordinator at York University (and also a member of our club) led a fascinating discussion on "Continuing Education in the Jane-Finch Area." Her panel included three impressive young women who spoke about the challenges and opportunities in their education. Suzanne is pursuing her PhD, Zenitha is deciding between multiple university offers for the fall and Cicely is still in high school.

Talisha started the conversation with the question "What does equitable education mean to you?"

The panel shared their experiences, discussing the importance of higher expectations within the school culture, avoiding pre-mature streaming to applied courses, the critical role of guidance personnel and information resources on extra-curricular and post secondary opportunities, and the importance of strong family support.

It was a very interesting and informative session with everyone so impressed by the articulate and enthusiastic words of these young women.

- Marianne Anderson



PAST EVENT in PHOTOS



The 40th Annual General Meeting of the CFUW Ontario Council



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International Dining May 22

About 15 of us went to Le Paradis Brasserie Bistro at 166 Bedford St. Adrien was our waiter and was basically handling 27 guests all by himself- taking orders, serving and doing bus boy duties. Hence service was not that great. Those on one side of our table were more than halfway through their meals when we, on the other side, were served our entrees. However, for the majority those entrees were worth the wait. I had the beef bourguignon, which was so so good. The prix fix, which was a beef shank also, was well received. The fish got mixed reviews and the burger could have been better.

Be that as it may, the food overall 8 out of 10. Service we decided to give him a 6 out of 10 given the circumstances. Would we go back? Probably. Overall then a 7 ½ out of 10.

- Judith Lewis



Dinner Speaker Dr. John Percy May 13

On Monday, May 13th there was a good turnout to hear our dinner speaker, Dr. John Percy, speak about how Toronto became a "centre of the universe" for astral research and development. We heard about the city's history with astronomy, dating back to the 1840s. That included Canadians such as Sir Sandford Fleming, who pioneered global standard time, to Helen Sawyer Hogg, who encouraged women to pursue science in the 20th century and popularized astronomy.

The event displayed the impact of both Canada's and Toronto's relatively unknown astronomy community on the world.

- Ruth Matheson



SAVE THE DATE

Morning Book Club

1st Thursday of each month at 10:30 am

Convenor: Jean Thomson

Phone: 416-421-2732

Upcoming Books

Thursday June 6

The Dutch Wife by Ellen Keith

Thursday July 4, 11:30 a.m.

Author Speaker Luncheon – Ann Birch

Thursday August 1

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer; Annie Barrows

Thursday, September 5

Solar Dance by Modris Ekstein

Thursday, October 3

Brideshead Revisited by Evelyn Waugh



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

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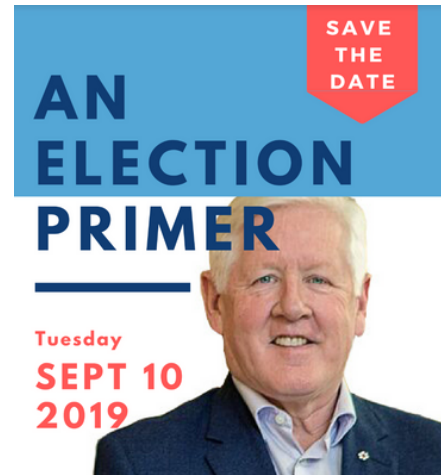
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An Election Primer - Tuesday, Sept 10, 2019

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.



UWC TORONTO PRESENTS

An Evening in Vienna

Under the gracious patronage of the
Consul and Trade Commissioner of Austria
Christian Lassnig

FUNDRAISING GALA | THURSDAY, OCT 24, 2019



Artist: Vladimir Pervunensky

Enjoy a sumptuous Viennese Dinner and Austrian wines with accompaniment of a String Ensemble.

6:00 p.m. to Late

FACULTY CLUB
41 Willcocks Street

Tickets \$95.00
with \$40.00 Tax Receipt

Fabulous Raffle Prizes
Proceeds to Romero House

For tickets call Marium 416-979-2000
or email at info@uwctoronto.ca

FUNDRAISING GALA
An Evening in Vienna
October 24

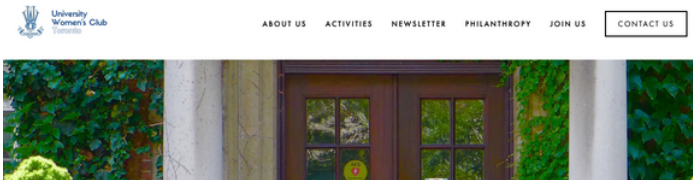
The tickets are over half-sold for the upcoming Dinner/Gala An Evening in Vienna on October 24th.

If you haven't already purchased or reserved your tickets, please call soon to let us know that you would like to be part of this joyous evening of camaraderie, music and good food.

- Rosemary

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Member Resources on our Website



Member Resources is the last item in the drop down menu, under **About Us** on our website.

Our website address is www.uwctoronto.ca

The Communications team would like to remind members about how to access **Member Resources** on our website.

Member Resources is a private page, accessible only to members using a password. It is where we keep documents meant only for members of our club. Please ask a board member or email us - info@uwctoronto.ca - to get the password.

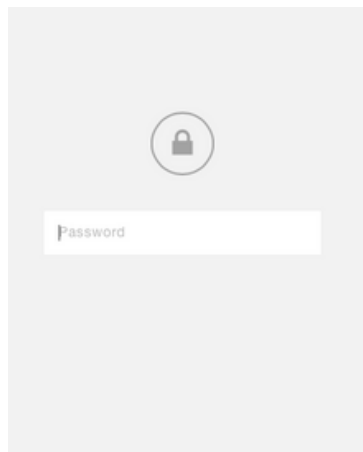
Members Resources contains the following documents:

- The membership directory
- The Club constitution
- Event RSVP lists
- 2019 calendar of events

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Member Resources

- DIRECTORY
- CONSTITUTION
- WHO'S ON THE RSVP LIST
- 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



UWC EVENTS June 2019

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- 12 Summer Reading & Social Event**
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info@uwctoronto.ca
- 13 Stratford Festival Theatre**
Thursday June 13 all day
- 17 Dinner Speaker Nick Mount**
Monday June 17 at 5:30 pm
Phone 416-979-2000 or
email info@uwctoronto.ca
- 26 Evening Book Club**
Wednesday, June 26 in the Pub
Book of your choice :
Convenor: Judith Lewis
Phone 416-653-4931
Email: judithlynnlewis@gmail.com

Weekly interest groups

June 2019

Le petit cercle français

Douce France, 820 avenue Danforth, le mercredi a 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



FACULTY CLUB EVENTS June 2019

June 3 – 7
Mexicana Food Festival

June 17 – 21
National Aboriginal Week

June 24 – 28
Pridelicious

June 26, Wednesday
Member Appreciation on the Patio
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Regular Events

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea
2:30 - 4:30 pm - reservations required

Wednesday

Gourmet Burgers

Thursday

Surf & Turf

Friday

Fish & Chips