



# University Women's Club Toronto

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**UWC PRESENTS** **SPEAKER  
SERIES**  
VIA ZOOM

### JOHN LORINC: THE WARD | JULY 13TH AT 2:00 PM

The Ward shines a light on one of Toronto's most historically significant and most forgotten neighbourhoods. Instead of a straight history, the book's editors opted to present the Ward through multiple short essays, each with its own unique point of view. The result is a fascinating and varied look at an area that once concurrently defined the city and acted as its biggest shame. As a result of the Ward's eventual razing, there are few artifacts left to teach newer generations about this important part of Toronto's history. This book helps correct that.

Email: [info@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:info@uwctoronto.ca) or contact Ruth Matheson at 416-587-9785 to register.



### KELLY MATHEWS: THE ROAD TO MARYLAKE | JULY 27TH AT 2:00 PM

In 1910, Sir Henry Mill Pellatt, one of Edwardian Canada's wealthiest men, started building his famed Casa Loma in Toronto. At the same time, he also started work on his country farm and estate in King Township called Lake Marie, named after his first wife, Lady Mary. Created as a place of respite for Pellatt, his wife and their many friends, the property later was developed into an agricultural farm school by a group of Basilian leaders. And in 1942, the Augustinians established a Monastery and Retreat Centre called Marylake on the land they continue to steward today. Email: [info@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:info@uwctoronto.ca) or contact Ruth Matheson at 416-587-9785 to register.

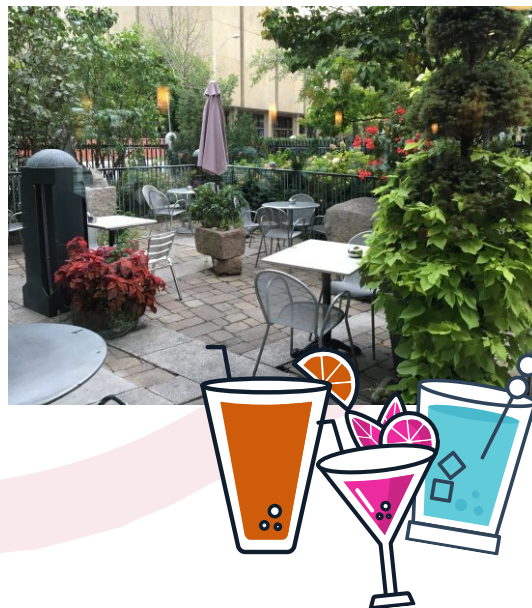


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## PATIO TIME | L'EXPRESSO BAR MERCURIO

Patios in Toronto are now open, but unfortunately not at the Faculty Club yet.

Come join us **Wednesdays July 15, August 5 and August 19 at 4:00 pm** at L'Espresso Bar Mercurio, 321 Bloor Street West, just east of the St. George subway station. Teresia Mercurio, the owner, has said she'll create a separate section for us out on their lovely patio, with ample space for physically distancing. Do let Haley know if you're able to join us [info@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:info@uwctoronto.ca) or Susan Freeman at 416-488-5041.



## UWC ZOOM | MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH 4:00 PM



# Better Together

On June 25, we had 26 members on Zoom together for a quick catch up. We had so much news to share, and so many members on the screen at the same time - it was wonderful.

Please join us Monday August 10 at 4:00 pm for our second All Member Zoom.

Please register with Haley to get the Zoom link: [info@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:info@uwctoronto.ca) or contact Susan Freeman at 416-488-5041.



President's **Message**

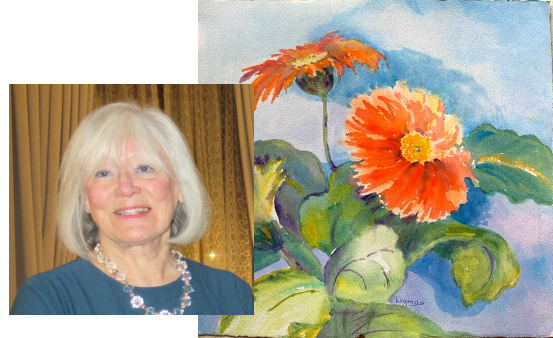
It has been a spring like no other, leading to a summer which will probably be like no other, leading to an autumn which we can't imagine at the moment.

Let's concentrate on what we do know. We have the companionship of our club members. We have shared our thoughts, our book recommendations and our creations with each other. We Zoom regularly with each other. We are indeed fortunate to have our UWC community.

We have also had the pleasure of receiving so many thank yous from our scholarship winners and from Romero House, and thus to know that we are doing something of great value in our community. We will do our best to stay connected and to provide you with as much as we can in the next few months.

I wish you all the very best for a safe, healthy and happy summer.

- Susan



*Please Note*

**Our phone answering service is a thing of the past**

We no longer have our answering machine for phone calls, but don't despair there are lots of ways to contact us.

Email Haley at **info@uwctoronto.ca** or check our Directory to find email addresses and phone numbers for all our members.

Our Directory is on our website in **About Us /Member Resources**. If you've forgotten the password, email Haley. We will send an updated printed directory to all members without email later this summer.

## CLUB NEWS

### CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere sympathy to Jo-Lynne Sutherland on the loss of her father, Lou Howard, and to Marianne Anderson on the loss of her mother, Moira Anderson.

We are saddened to learn of the death of a new member, Linda Moffatt, and have offered our condolences to her partner.

### UPDATE

Nancy Lunney seems to be in hospital limbo between St. Michael's and Providence Villa. We know that Nancy would love to receive cards from her friends, so please send them to her husband, Richard, at 240 Heath St. W., Suite 803, Toronto M5P 3L5, and he will make sure that she receives your good wishes.



### *New Members*

We are thrilled to welcome Alexandra McNairn. Alexandra was previously a member of CFUW Brantford. She has recently moved to Toronto. We look forward to an opportunity to meet her soon.

We also welcome Shajeetha Chandramanohara as a student member. She is a recent graduate in Early Childhood Education and has already 'met' Stacy and Talisha. We are particularly pleased as Shajeetha was a recipient of a UWC Heritage Fund award in 2011.

### FOND FAREWELL

We are so sad to lose Becky Smith as a member. Becky was active on the Gala Committee, in the Morning Book Club and as a great student of bridge.

She and her husband are moving back to the United States to be closer to family.

We wish the Smiths all the very best and hope that they will keep in touch.



## CLUB NEWS

### UWC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

We have received the annual membership fee from about 70% of members. Members who have yet to pay their fee can do so by e-transfer or by cheque. For e-transfers, please use the email address [payments@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:payments@uwctoronto.ca). For cheques, please make the cheque payable to UWC Toronto and send to Wendy McCallum at 115 Lyall Avenue, Toronto, ON, M4E 1W6.

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### VOLUNTEER CORNER

Thank you to Susan LeRoy who recently joined the Finance Committee.

- Wendy

### FACULTY CLUB FEES

The Faculty Club has announced that their fees will be collected in September. If the club is not open because of the continuation of the COVID pandemic, returning members will not be penalized for not paying the fees until the club reopens. There will be no arrears, interest or penalties.

As mentioned in a *Staying Connected* issue, if you wish to help the Faculty Club in this financial situation, you can make a donation to the University of Toronto, indicate that it is for the Faculty Club and you will be issued a tax receipt.



### STAYING CONNECTED

Please continue to send us your contributions for our AT HOME section of the website. You will find books, TV, Netflix, suggestions and fabulous examples of members' art and photography. We are also looking for short essays on matters of interest to you. If you haven't seen this section, it's under ACTIVITIES on our website.



## CLUB NEWS

### FACULTY CLUB BOARD MEMBER

Effective November 2020, Susan Freeman's 3-year term on the Faculty Club Board regrettably comes to an end. The Board is actively seeking new board members to represent University of Toronto alumni, not specifically the interests of the UWC. We are delighted that Marianne Anderson and Carmie Drumm have submitted their names to be considered for this Board position, subject to the approval of the board.

During her tenure on the Board, Susan has spearheaded new and innovative initiatives, which have been well received and implemented by the Board. Thanks to Susan's persuasive presentation, UWC members now pay half price Faculty Club fees in their first year and all those under the age of 30 pay \$60 per year. At Susan's suggestion, the Faculty Club has redesigned their website focusing more on the events offered to members, in conjunction with making available a highly visible and attractive notice highlighting various monthly activities.

As a team, Susan and Jane met with the Faculty Club President and lobbied successfully to have \$5,000 repaid to the University Women's Club for the stair lift that was never able to be installed. As well, an agreement was negotiated to allow the UWC to use wall space in the Faculty Club for our "Wall of Fame," to exhibit our many awards and accomplishments. Office space was secured on the third floor as a place to meet, to work and to store our files and historic documents.

The Faculty Club board meets approximately 8 times a year. At each meeting Board members enjoy a gourmet, collegial luncheon prepared by Faculty Club staff. Having a UWC member on the Board has been highly beneficial for our club, giving us a direct line of communication to those who govern the Faculty Club. Our suggestions and comments are always welcome.

Thank you Susan for your hard work on the Board, and for your strenuous efforts to make the Faculty Club a more inviting and engaging place for all of us.

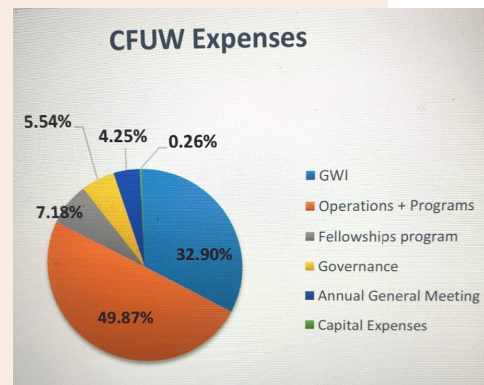
- Jane



## CFUW NEWS

On June 19th and 20th, the National CFUW held its AGM online. Unfortunately there was insufficient time to address all items on the agenda and the meeting will be carried forward to August 8th.

A highly anticipated motion was brought forward by CFUW Guelph, to amend the CFUW Articles and Bylaws by substituting a new Article 4. It was moved that the statement "CFUW shall be a member of GWI" be struck from Article 4 and that the following statement "CFUW supports international advocacy for the education and welfare of women and girls" be inserted.



This motion was debated at length, but was ultimately defeated. 64.1% of the members voted to support the motion but the motion requires 66% to pass.

Undoubtedly, voting members who represent a solid majority will be disappointed that concerted efforts to update the CFUW constitution have been stalled once again.

August 8th CFUW Nepean will put forth a motion asking the CFUW voting body to adopt a per capita dues increase of \$5.00 to cover all of its expenses including the Graduate Women International (GWI) per capita dues increase. This motion underscores CFUW's pressing need for greater financial resources to meet their commitment to GWI.

As well, Ottawa will move that given CFUW's current deficit of \$124,000, the National Board of Directors prepare a Deficit Reduction Plan to present to the members, no later than September 30, 2020, with a clear strategic approach to achieving a balanced budget by 2023. The meeting in August promises to be very interesting as CFUW addresses grave financial concerns.

Further news of the AGM will be available on the CFUW website.

-Jane

## A note from Jane Hamer



Our President, Susan Freeman, keeps her finger on the pulse of our club, and despite the challenges of present day social distancing restrictions, Susan is acutely aware of all newly arising and current club concerns.

With boundless energy, Susan is the first to volunteer her help on a UWC committee or with one of our numerous club activities. She has initiated the highly successful French Conversation Group that meets regularly on Wednesday mornings. She belongs to the bridge group, enjoys International Dining and attends our Dinner speaker series.

In each of our newsletters, Susan's engaging message keeps members well informed. Susan serves diligently as a member of the club's Finance Committee, the Scholarship Committee, the Faculty Club Board and the UWC Board.

Embracing the club's mandate to advance and support the education of young women and girls, Susan values the vital importance of our scholarship program and fundraising events and is vigorously committed to empowering women on the margins.

On behalf of all members of the Toronto UWC, we thank you, Susan, for everything that you do, for your vision and your tireless and generous work to make our UWC club more robust and vibrant.

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## MEMBERS CORNER

### TERRY'S ART EXHIBIT



This is what I have been up to during lockdown. Lots and lots of painting in mixed media. I am so proud to be part of this amazing show by the Don Valley Art Club, an esteemed group of 200 local artists, as we launch our first virtual Art Show and Sale.

This is an invitation to members to go to the website - [www.donvalleyartclub.com](http://www.donvalleyartclub.com) - to see the online art show and sale, or view it on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram.

- Terry Tedesco



## MEMBERS CORNER

### BEAUTY ALL AROUND US

Since the lockdown in mid-March, most of us have been isolated in our homes with cold gloomy weather greeting us on our outdoor excursions.

With the arrival of Spring and the warmer weather and sunshine, many of us who have continued to explore our neighbourhoods have been treated to astonishing surprises. On my daily walks I have been fortunate to discover some of the carefully curated colourful gardens of downtown Toronto.



- *Arlene Kushnir*

### PAINTINGS SPARK MEMORIES

I just had two of Betty Tugman's paintings framed and we have decided where to put them up. I am glad I met Betty at her Tea Party that Marianne Anderson graciously hosted earlier this year. She was a very gifted artist. I will always remember Betty and the discussions we had of her days at Trinity College.

Two of the best works of art in the house were created by my daughter Jane when she was in grade school. They are full of colour and imagination. These paintings remind me of when I would pick up Jane from school and she always had a piece of art work flapping in the air while she was racing to give me a running hug.

The lovely thing about personal paintings is that they are full of memories of the special people who put their hearts into creating them.

- *Carmie*



## INTEREST GROUPS

### MORNING BOOK CLUB BY ZOOM

The Morning Book Club had a successful first meeting by Zoom. Jean Thomson, our leader, bought a computer just to continue with the book club and she is mastering it quite well. Barbara Falby presented an enlightening talk on Shakespeare's Richard III. It was so great to see everyone's faces again after a long quarantined spring.

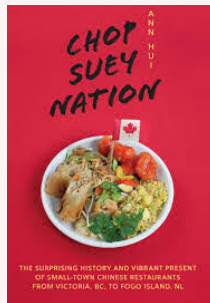
New members are always welcome.

Please contact Jean Thomson 416-421-2732 or thomson149@yahoo.ca

#### Our upcoming books are:

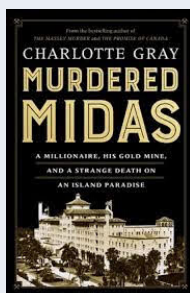


**Thursday, July 2nd at 10:30 am**  
Book: Member's Choice



**Thursday, August 6th at 10:30 am**

Book: *Chop Suey Nation* by Ann Hui. Part family memoir, part social history and part culinary narrative, Chop Suey Nation explores the Chinese restaurants of small-town Canada.



**Thursday, September 3rd at 10:30 am**

Book: *Murdered Midas* by Charlotte Gray. A gold mine. A millionaire. An island paradise. An unsolved murder. A missing fortune. The story of the infamous Sir Harry Oakes as only Charlotte Gray can tell it.

## INTEREST GROUPS

### LE PETIT CERCLE FRANÇAIS

Tout le monde est invité à se joindre à nous le mercredi à 9h30, même vos animaux de compagnie.

Si vous voulez y participer, contactez Jo-Lynne pour avoir les articles et le lien Zoom.

Please contact:  
jo-lynn@rogers.com or  
647-292-8220



### BRIDGE GROUP

On Friday, June 26, Vijay Agnew hosted the bridge group in her gorgeous backyard garden.

Physical distancing guidelines were respected, but it seems we have a few bridge group "wanna be's"

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BRIDGE GROUP | GARDEN PARTY



## FOUNDATION NEWS

We have much to celebrate here at the UWC Toronto even during these uncertain times.

After diligent and very thoughtful deliberation by your Scholarship Committee, we can introduce you to our scholarship recipients of 2020. The competition this year was particularly intense and the selection process a very difficult one. So many times throughout our decision-making meeting we voiced our wish that we could support all of the very worthy applicants.

All of our recipients are very high academic achievers but it is their stories of overcoming adversity as well as the extensive leadership and volunteering in their schools and communities that often become the deciding factors. As you will see, there were an overwhelming number of applicants this year with university choices in the STEM programs of engineering and medicine.

We cannot gather together this year with our award winners, their families or school supporters as we did last June. We look forward to the time when we can meet face-to-face with these outstanding young women to celebrate their success and champion their ongoing educational journey.

## OUR UWC TORONTO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

### LAUREL GAIN FROM BLOOR CI



Laurel has been accepted to study Computer Engineering at the U of T. She is actively engaged in mentoring younger female students in STEM by spearheading activities and events to inspire them to consider present and future opportunities in these fields. Laurel's interests encompass not just science and math but active participation in community arts and drama programs.

### SHAM AL MUKDAD FROM CENTRAL TORONTO ACADEMY



Sham will be attending Ryerson with a focus on Language and Intercultural Relations. Sham's family fled from Syria to Turkey and were finally able to achieve refugee status in Canada when she was thirteen. She has been selected as the 2020 Valedictorian for her school. Her school reference said, "Sham has been an enduring leadership presence in the building since Grade 9 and has always impressed me with her ability to balance her volunteer contributions with her life circumstance and A+ academics."

## STEPHANIE DAVIES-LEE FROM HARBORD CI



Stephanie will be attending McGill in the fall to pursue an Arts and Science degree hopefully leading to graduate studies in law or medicine. Besides being on the Honour Roll for all four years at high school, Stephanie worked countless hours volunteering at St. Michael's Hospital and the Kiwanis Kids' Camps. As her reference said, "Stephanie has always demonstrated intellectual curiosity coupled with unbridled drive and determination which speaks assuredly to future successes."

## HUDA HAGI FROM JARVIS CI



Huda will be studying engineering at U of T in the fall. Her referee said that Huda has a keen sense of social justice and civic responsibility. She hopes to be a role model for young women in the STEM professions, just as she herself has been influenced by the women in her community, whose strength has allowed them to flourish in the face of adversity.

## CLAIRE NABIRYO FROM OAKWOOD CI



Claire will be attending U of T taking Life Science on her road to becoming a cardiologist. She arrived in Canada at the age of 17 from Uganda and has worked hard to achieve her academic goals. The Head of Science wrote that "Claire was a mature, confident, intelligent individual who with her calmness and grace enriches the experience that is Oakwood."

## WINNIE HUYNH FROM PARKDALE CI



Winnie will be studying in the Life Science program at the U of T. She is the daughter of a Vietnamese refugee to Canada and will be the first in her family to study at the post-secondary level. Her volunteer work at a long-term care facility provided her with a passion to care for others. Winnie considered it an honour to provide this assistance with dignity and hard work.

## MARY MACDONALD SCHOLARSHIP

### SAMEEN ALI FROM YORK MEMORIAL CI



Sameen will be the first female in her family to attend post-secondary education studying Biology at York University. In her own words, Sameen said, "As a woman who comes from a culture in which it is not the norm to pursue post-secondary, Mary Macdonald's story resonates with me. Her determination to not only complete university but make a difference in so many lives is truly inspirational."



Alyssa Clark will continue her second year in the Social Work program at Trent University with the continued support of the Mary Macdonald Scholarship.

## IQALUIT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### LERENA ASHEVAK FROM INUKSUK HIGH SCHOOL

Lerena is passionate about the environment and will study Environmental Science at Acadia University. She realizes that "keeping our wildlife healthy is essential to our culture and Inuit way of life."

She joins Cassidy Anne Nestor and Anna Lambe from Iqaluit as they continue their university education.

We are anticipating hearing from both the Children's Aid Foundation and Innis College as soon as they have chosen the scholarship recipients for 2020 .

We take this opportunity to thank all of our Club members for their continued support of our scholarship program that truly carries out our mission and is making a difference for young women.

Kudos once more to your Scholarship Committee!  
Sharon Abel, Marianne Anderson, Lily Contento, Susan Freeman, Doris Geddes, Jane Hamer, Liz Mowat, Penny Vincent, Talisha Ramsaroop

- *Chris Ward*

## PAST EVENTS

### SPEAKER JEFFERY DVORKIN | JUNE 8

On June 8, the Club hosted a Zoom meeting for members and their guests, featuring a fascinating talk by Jeffrey Dvorkin. Jeffrey, who has a long and distinguished career as a journalist and media specialist, took as his theme "The Challenge of News Literacy in a Digital Age". Participants were treated to Jeffrey's inside knowledge of the news media, in particular how traditional print news media has been affected by broadcast and digital media. Jeffrey touched on the power of digital news and provided a number of compelling examples drawn from current events.

This was the Club's second successful speaker presentation via Zoom, which has proven to be a wonderful way to continue our speakers' series and connect with each other during these Covid 19 times. Stay tuned for announcements about additional Zoom speakers coming up.

- Pam Horton



## SAVE THE DATE



### DR. DOUGLAS SANDERSON | SEPT. 4TH AT 4:00 PM

**Topic: Wampum Diplomacy in the Early and Middle Encounter Period**

Dr. Sanderson will outline the historical relationship between Indigenous people and settlers, thus leading to the current relationship.

### LUCAN WAY | OCT. 16TH AT 4:00 PM

**Topic: Can Western Democracy Survive on the loss of "White" Dominance**

Professor Way will speak about the increasing diversity in North America and Europe, and the impact it has on western democracy.

