



University Women's Club Toronto

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AGM AND FINANCE MEETING | MON. NOVEMBER 9TH AT 6:00 PM

This is a very important meeting for us, and it is critical that we have a good turnout. Please plan to join us. There are more details in Susan's message on the next page, but we will be taking an important vote regarding our club membership in the CFUW. If you are unable to join the Zoom meeting, please send in the proxy form assigning another member to vote on your behalf.

You should have received a package of information with the agenda and committee reports by email or post already. Haley will send a link to the Zoom meeting closer to the date.



SPEAKER SERIES

VIA ZOOM

IVAN EVANS | NOVEMBER 16TH AT 4:00 PM

Lunacy: Life Begins at the End of Your Comfort Zone

Ian Evans is a self-described "ordinary guy" and chartered accountant from Elora, Ontario, who decided to push himself to achieve extraordinary things at the very edge of his own comfort zone. This has led him to ski to the South Pole at age 58, climb five of the world's "Seven Summits," cycle 5000 kilometres solo across Australia, bike around the coastline of Iceland and run 10 marathons. The subject of a 2016 award-winning documentary about his extraordinary exploits called "Lunatic," he is an inspired and passionate speaker who loves to share the lessons learned from his "lunatic" adventures.

Ian's talk promises to inspire and challenge us.

Email: info@uwctoronto.ca to register





The CFUW Ontario Council has regular speaker series on Zoom. Go to their website - www.cfuwontcouncil.org - for all the details. The topic for the November 21st Speakers Series is Women in the COVID Economy and features 3 dynamic and respected speakers. The focus will be on how the pandemic has affected Canadian women, specifically the status of women, VAW, and child care.



Hi Ladies,

It seems that we are settling in for another long COVID staycation. Your hard-working board has been tapping all sources, exploring all ideas, for a new, fresh, exciting line-up of Zoom series for you. I hope that some of you have joined the Heliconian Literary Series and the Later Life Learning classes that we recommended to you in September. Our new programs and ideas will be introduced in this newsletter with further elaboration at our AGM on November 9.

Please read Jane's articles about two of our very dear members, Grace Daw and Nancy Lunney who have passed away. They will be much missed.

We welcome Nona Macdonald, a new member, whom we hope to meet virtually very soon.

We are concerned about our members who do not have internet and who cannot join us on Zoom. Please take a moment to give one or two of them a call to keep in touch during these difficult times of isolation.

Our AGM is extremely important. This year we are combining our Finance Meeting with the delayed AGM and hope that you will be able to attend via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. on November 9. As you know, we have been discussing the CFUW-GWI situation for some months and it will be at this meeting that we will vote on our course of action. You will have received either by e-mail or by regular mail a package that contains some very important information. Please take the time to read the directors' reports. A great deal of time and energy go into all of the things that we do and that we are reporting to you at the AGM. You will also receive the Financial Statements and a budget for the next year. Also, in the Agenda, you will see the wording of the motion about withdrawing from CFUW. It simply requires a 'yes' or 'no' answer when the question is posed on Zoom at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the AGM, please take a moment to fill out your proxy form and mail it to me.

We look forward to a productive meeting with good participation and discussion. We will also look forward positively to a rewarding series of events and opportunities via Zoom in the months to come.

See you on Nov. 9,

- Susan



In Sympathy

GRACE DAW



Many of the UWC Toronto members will remember Grace Daw, a stalwart member of our club until she moved to Collingwood a few years ago to be closer to family. Grace died on October 3rd.

Grace was a highly accomplished woman, a trailblazer and pioneer for her generation, as one of Canada's first female economists. Grace left a loving legacy to her five children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. In February 2019, Grace recorded a "sound portrait" of her life, in her own voice, sharing her immeasurable wisdom and insightful reflections. She valued family above all else and advised younger generations to "seek love and be compassionate."

Grace's interests were wide ranging. She was actively engaged in lifelong learning and was a vocal advocate of social and environmental justice.

Grace was an inspiration to all who were fortunate enough to meet her.

- Jane

NANCY LUNNEY

Sadly, one of our long standing members, Nancy Lunney, passed away peacefully on October 17th, at the Houses of Providence after a very long illness. Nancy is survived by her devoted husband Richard.

When Nancy retired from a successful career with the Ontario Government, she dedicated her retirement years to volunteer work with the National Ballet, her church and Catholic Charities of Toronto. As well, she pursued her varied interests with the UWC Toronto.

With Richard's support, Nancy was actively engaged in UWC Toronto fundraising activities. She was a valued member of the Finance Committee and a great contributor to the Morning Book Club. Those of us who remember Nancy at the bridge table will fondly recall her wicked sense of humour, her intelligent conversation and astute analysis of current affairs. She will be missed.

- Jane



CLUB NEWS

POINTSETTIA SALE

The Advocacy and Action Committee is busy organizing its first fundraiser. We will sell poinsettias at competitive prices to raise funds for future projects. The money will go towards assisting homeless women in the GTA. A home delivery option for the plants will be available. We trust in your kind support and encourage you to buy a plant or two for family and friends. Details on how to order will be e-mailed to you the first week of November. We look forward to bringing cheer to your homes!

- Lily



DID YOU KNOW?

It's said that poinsettias' association with Christmas comes from a Mexican legend. The story goes that a child, with no means for a grander gift, gathered humble weeds from the side of the road to place at the church altar on Christmas Eve. As the congregation witnessed a Christmas miracle, the weeds turned into brilliant red and green flowers.

Named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, first United States ambassador to Mexico and the amateur botanist who introduced the plant to the U.S. in 1825, the poinsettia is also known as Mexican Flame Leaf, Winter Rose, Noche Buena and, in Turkey, Atakurk's Flower, because it was the favorite flower of Atakurk, the founder of modern Turkey.

While considered by the ancient Aztecs to be symbols of purity, in today's language of flowers, red, white or pink poinsettias symbolize good cheer and success and are said to bring wishes of mirth and celebration.



SAVE THE DATE

FESTIVE SPEAKER EVENT | DECEMBER 14TH

In honour of the holiday season, we're planning something festive around our December Zoom Speaker event. Mark your calendar to join us on Monday, December 14 for a special holiday season Zoom, highlighted by a talk by historian Dr. Carolyn Harris on "Traditions of a Victorian Christmas". More details to follow!



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

With shorter days and colder weather approaching, we could be in for what experts are calling a “long, dark winter.” To keep us all sane we are trying to get more interest groups going to connect you with other members for fun, relevant social and learning opportunities.

These groups are topic- or activity-focused and bring together members who share similar interests. They are member-driven and member-led, and are as varied as the members who think them up.

We are kicking things off with new groups; **History of Art**, and **Current Events**.

Remember, our morning and evening book clubs are still meeting, Le Petit Cercle is still speaking French, and the bridge players are finding their bridge fix on-line.

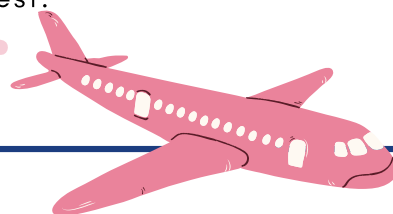
Would anyone like to start another group? On-line Canasta? Mahjong? Something related to health and fitness? Or a winter walking group? Let us know!

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

Now that we are governed by the new reality of travel restrictions, is there any one of us who doesn't miss the opportunity to take off on a journey of adventure and fun to some faraway place?

The UWC cannot offer you an Air Canada vacation, but we are looking for your help to start up a group of “armchair travellers” who will meet regularly on Zoom to explore the world vicariously. The UWC armchair travellers will take turns sharing their amazing travel experiences and photos with the group.

We are looking for a convenor for this group. If this activity appeals to you, please be sure to contact Haley - info@uwctoronto.ca - and let her know of your interest.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

HISTORY OF ART

Meeting **every other Tuesday evening** at **7:00 pm** beginning in January 2021.

Topics of discussion could include:

- Art made by women from the Middle Ages on.
- How women have been portrayed by men and how women portray themselves. Then and now.



The Horse Fair 1855, 8' x 16', Rosa Bonheur



Self Portrait as St. Catherine, Artemisia Gentileschi c: 1616

We could also discuss current exhibitions at galleries around the world.

Right now there is an exhibition of the work of the Baroque artist Artemisia Gentileschi at The National Gallery in London. Please let me know if you would like to be part of this group.

- Arlene Kushnir
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CURRENT ISSUES

The purpose of this group is to allow members to discuss a chosen issue, of either local, national or international interest with a previously read document as a starting point for the discussion. The group will, at a first virtual meeting, agree to a selection of topics of interest to the members. Each group member will choose a topic of personal interest, a date that she is available and assign one article to be read by all members before the discussion. That member will act as facilitator for the discussion.



We would probably limit each meeting to one topic. Frequency, duration and time of meetings will be decided at the first meeting.

The UWC is a group of informed intelligent women who have a great many interesting perspectives to share, which should make for fascinating discussion.

Please let me know if you would be interested in joining us.

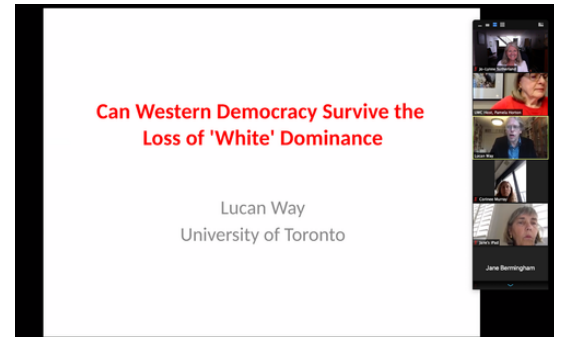
- Norah Brochu
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PAST EVENTS

LUCAN WAY | OCTOBER 19TH

Topic: Can Western Democracy Survive on the Loss of "White" Dominance?

On October 19th, we had the pleasure of hosting another successful Zoom talk led by Professor Lucas Way of the University of Toronto Munk School of Global Affairs. Professor Way, whose research focuses on democratization and authoritarianism in the former Soviet Union and the developing world, delivered a very engaging talk on how increasing diversity in the United States could threaten democracy due to a majority reaction to "racial threat".



Professor Way defined "racial threat" as a sentiment of hostility towards minorities rooted in the belief that increased diversity could lead to a loss of power and way of life for certain segments of the US population. This sentiment could create further polarization that could weaken democratic institutions and fuel support for anti-democratic measures. Professor Way's talk was thought provoking and timely, given the looming United States election.

what's on **UWC EVENTS**

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AGM and Finance Meeting
at **6:00 pm**



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Evening Book Club at 5:00
pm

Topic: Non-Fiction

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Zoom Speaker: Ivan Evans
at **4:00 pm**



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Festive Speaker: Dr.
Carolyn Harris





University Women's Club of Toronto
Annual General Meeting, November 9, 2020

I _____, being a member of
the University Women's Club of Toronto in good standing, do hereby appoint
_____, also a member of the University
Women's Club of Toronto in good standing, to be my proxy and vote on my behalf at the
Annual General Meeting on November 9, 2020.

This form can be given to the proxy or mailed to

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Signed _____

Date: _____