



# UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB TORONTO

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### International Women's Day

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023

Please join us to celebrate International Women's Day 2023. This year we are extremely fortunate to have Dianne Saxe as our guest speaker.

Dianne Saxe is a Canadian lawyer and politician who was elected in 2022 to represent University-Rosedale on Toronto City Council. She studied law at Osgoode Hall Law School, earning a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) in 1974. She was called to the bar in 1976 and earned a Ph.D. in law from Osgoode in 1991.

Before entering politics, she practised environmental law and served as the last environmental commissioner of Ontario from 2015 to 2019. She was deputy leader of the Green Party of Ontario from 2020 to 2022.

We'll be meeting in a lovely grand hall at St Paul's Bloor Street Church, 227 Bloor Street East. Lunch will begin at 12 noon, catered by St Paul's excellent kitchen, and offering a choice of salmon, chicken or vegetarian dish, plus gluten free dessert, tea or coffee. The cost is \$60.00.

Please email Haley if you wish to attend. [info@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:info@uwctoronto.ca) Payments can be made by e-transfer to [mccallumwendy@gmail.com](mailto:mccallumwendy@gmail.com) or by cheque payable to CFUW Special Event and sent c/o Wendy McCallum, 115 Lyall Ave, Toronto, ON, M4E 1W6.

## SPEAKER: JACQUELINE GIBBONS | MONDAY, MARCH 13 AT 5:30 PM



Jacqueline A. Gibbons is an ethnographer, author, cultural sociologist and Professor Emeritus in the Department of Sociology at York University in Toronto. Jacqueline's interests in human imagination, challenge and creativity have led her around the world to research projects in Australia, Egypt, Japan and India, and have resulted in numerous publications.

Her most recent book, *Spread Your Wings: Icarus to 1912*, tells a tale of courageous explorers, inventors, pilots and entrepreneurs who set the scene for mankind's landings on Mars and beyond.

Jacqueline's talk will explore thought-provoking themes about flight contained in her book and in particular will emphasize women's contributions to the history of flight.

Join us at the Faculty Club on Monday, March 13 for what promises to be a fascinating talk by one of our own UWC members, Jacqueline Gibbons, entitled "**Women, Wings & Wizardry**".

Women have been flying since the beginning of time in mythic, folk and religious contexts. They became famous balloonists during the Napoleonic era, and later excelled as pioneer airship and airplane pilots before the First World War. Jacqueline will illustrate her talk with images drawn from her recent book: *Spread Your Wings: Icarus to 1912*.

The talk will be free to members of the Faculty Club; non-Faculty Club members are asked to pay an event fee of \$13.00 (which includes HST and the Faculty Club's service charge) by credit card at the door.

### To register for this event:

- Faculty Club members: please register on the Faculty Club website at [facultyclub.utoronto.ca](http://facultyclub.utoronto.ca)
- Non Faculty Club Members (including UWC members who are not Faculty Club members): please register by email to [info@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:info@uwctoronto.ca)

No food will be served at this event, but drinks will be available through the Faculty Club's cash bar. Attendees who wish to stay for dinner after the talk should indicate so when they register.

- Pam H.



# President's MESSAGE



We use the internet, television, radio, newspapers, books and other sources to follow the news. We can follow UWC's news and events through several sources: our attractive and informative website, Upcoming Events email that Haley sends out every Friday, newsletter that is published monthly except for January and August, emails that are sent out from time to time, and by communicating with other members.

What's making news at UWC? I will give you a bit of preview, but you will have to read the newsletter to the very end to obtain all the details.

There was a wonderful turnout for our Bingo night on Feb. 9th. Our Membership Director, Lucia M., the caller for the games, did an amazing job keeping participants focused on their bingo cards with the hope they would be first to call "Bingo." Our prize table, well stocked at the start of the evening, was depleted by the time the last game was played. A number of members won multiple times. If you were unable to attend, don't worry as Bingo will be probably be added as an ongoing activity and a Bingo night will be held three to four times a year.

We thoroughly enjoyed Adam Bunch's presentation on February 13th, and most of those who attended stayed on for dinner at The Faculty Club.

A number of new members have joined since January 2022, many of whom we have not yet had an opportunity to meet, so we have invited these members to join us either for breakfast on a Tuesday morning or a drink/coffee/tea on a Thursday evening at The Faculty Club in March.

## Dates to save for upcoming events:

- May 1st - Celebration for UWC's 120th anniversary
- May 29th - UWC's Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- June 1st - Book Sale
- June 27th - Scholarship Reception
- Oct. 11th or 12th - Fundraising Event "Gratitude Gala" for Romero House

These activities are in addition to ongoing activities such as Bridge, French, Speaker Events, Mah Jongg, Book Clubs, Outings and International Dining.

Despite a number of members being away on holiday, attendance at events seems to be increasing based on the attendance at the Festive Dinner in December, Bingo evening and speaker event in February, and the participation in International Women's Day on March 8, which is good news for those organizing in person events.

We are always looking for members to organize an activity or lead an Interest Group. If you are interested in either, please let me or another board member know or send an email to Haley at [info@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:info@uwctoronto.ca).

If you have any questions or suggestions, you can contact me directly or send an email to Haley at [info@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:info@uwctoronto.ca) and she will forward it to me.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

- Wendy M.

## CLUB NEWS



## UWC CELEBRATES

120  
years

As the Club Archivist, and in anticipation of our 120th Anniversary on April 23 this year, over the next year I will write about the history of our Club. This information is taken from the book *75 Years in Retrospect*.

Respectfully Submitted, Judith L,  
UWC Archivist

From the book, **75 years in Retrospect**, Page 43,  
Chapter: In the Field of Science.

*Our club is fortunate to account among its members some of Canada's most eminent scientists.*

*"Children all over the world have reason to be grateful to Dr. Leone Farrell for her work on poliomyelitis vaccine. In applying earlier techniques, she devised a new method that proved essential for virus elimination, producing a more effective vaccine and making possible rapid, large-scale production. According to one of her colleagues, her method should have been known as the "Farrell Method", or at least, as the Connaught Method. It contributed to the success of the Connaught Laboratories because they were the only company outside the United States to hold a United States license for manufacturing poliomyelitis vaccine."*

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to 11 new members who have joined us in the past month: Mary Hirst, Myera Iftikhar, Tracey Kernahan, Susan McCall, Rhea Plosker, Lydia Potocnik, Nina Shor, Jan Stapleton, Maureen Marshall Barbara Thomson and Jane Withey.

We hope to meet you soon at one of our many activities.

- Lucia M.

## MARCH ACTIVITIES



### INTERNATIONAL DINING MARCH 22 AT 6:00 PM

This month we're heading off to enjoy delicious authentic Turkish cuisine at Nevizade Kitchen-Bar, 1954 Yonge Street north of Davisville station.

With a cozy fireplace, two floors with warm antique-y Turkish décor, and wide range of Turkish specialities to sample, it promises to be an enjoyable evening. Be sure to RSVP Haley now or through her weekly Friday emails if you wish to join us. [info@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:info@uwctoronto.ca)

- Arlene K.

### BACH WALK SATURDAY MARCH 25 AT 1:00 PM

Join us to celebrate the 338th Birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach on the Bach Walk.

- **1:00 pm** - Christ Church Deer Park 1570 Yonge St. | *Organ recital with Patrick Dewell*
- **2:00 pm** - Calvin Presbyterian Church 26 Delisle Ave. | *Instrumental Recital with Daniel Bickel and Friends*
- **3:00 pm** - Yorkminster Park Baptist Church 1585 Yonge St. | *Organ Recital with William Maddox*

The churches are all within a few steps from each other, just north of Yonge and St. Clair. There will be a Birthday Cake reception at the end of the third concert.

It's FREE but donations will be welcome.

Hope to see you there.

- Susan F.



## SUPPORTING FAMILIES AT ROMERO HOUSE



There are so many stories of courage and tenacity among the refugees helped by Romero House. We can all be inspired by their experiences. If you have time to volunteer to help these newcomers to our country become part of the community, please let Susan F know.

As Mary Jo Leddy, the founder of Romero House, told us: The most important thing that is remembered most is the warmth of the welcome that we can provide. They need people to give some time to talk with the refugees to help them with their English, to accompany them to appointments and hearings. The few hours of conversation and friendship will be so rewarding.

We will be doing another drive for clothing and basic household items later in the spring. All ages and all sizes of seasonal clothing are needed. The household items include china, cutlery, kitchen utensils, sheets and towels.

- Susan F.

## CALLING FOR SILENT AUCTION PRIZES

We, the fundraising team, are looking for Silent Auction Prizes for our fundraising evening supporting Romero House to be held next October. Although that seems a long time from now it is never too early and there is lots to do. With your participation we can do something really special for those less fortunate than we are.

Our wish list is for experiences and tickets to Theatre, Music, Restaurant Vouchers, Rounds of Golf or Sports events. Anything of that type would be gratefully received. Also gifts of your time and expertise would be wonderful such as writing a will if you are a lawyer, a photographic portrait if you are a photographer, or giving computer lessons if you are a techie. If you are an artist, could you donate some of your work or if you have a cottage, could you donate its use for a weekend. Jewellery and designer bags are always very sought after. There are many possibilities. Just contact me, [jane@janevining.net](mailto:jane@janevining.net) with your donation.

Please take a moment and think of what you could contribute and know that you are truly making a positive difference in someone's life.

- Jane V, Director of Fundraising

# SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

## EXCITING NEWS FROM YOUR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE!

Due to your very generous Christmas donations to our Foundation, we will be offering nine UWC Toronto Scholarships of \$6000 each. We will be expanding our school base to 17 by inviting four new schools to join our application process. (See our school list below.)

We will continue to support two young women through the CAS Foundation, an Innis College Residence student, and our three current Iqaluit students with an additional recipient this year.

Our survey to our scholars resulted in information to help us shape our UWCT Scholars Program as we go forward. There was resounding support for connecting with each other - in person and virtually. To that end, we will be launching a personalized Facebook page (password protected) so that our scholars may communicate electronically. We are investigating a speaker event for the fall as well as sourcing a resource package for networking and job and intern opportunities.

Please save the date of June 27 for our Scholarship Reception at the Faculty Club!

Your hardworking committee members are: Sharon A., Marianne A., Lily C., Susan F., Jane H., Donna H., Susan L., Liz M., Penny V.

- Chris W.



### Our UWCT Scholarship Schools

- Bloor Collegiate Institute
  - Central Technical School and Collegiate
  - Central Toronto Academy
  - \*Danforth Technical School and Collegiate
  - Harbord Collegiate Institute
  - \*HumberSide Collegiate Institute
  - Jarvis Collegiate Institute
  - Malvern Collegiate Institute
  - Monarch Park Collegiate Institute
  - Oakwood Collegiate Institute
  - Parkdale Collegiate Institute
  - Riverdale Collegiate Institute
  - Rosedale Heights Collegiate Institute
  - \*\*Runnymede Collegiate Institute
  - \*Ursula Franklin Collegiate Institute
  - \*Western Technical School and Collegiate
  - \*\*York Memorial Collegiate Institute
- \* New schools for 2023  
\*\* Former Mary MacDonald Schools



## BRIDGE TUESDAYS AT 10:00 AM

Join us Tuesday morning for bridge at the Faculty Club. We start with a refresher lesson at 10:00 am, and then play to 12:30 pm. Some stay for lunch afterwards. Please join us!

Contact Marianne with any questions.

- Marianne A.

## INTEREST GROUPS

### MAH JONGG MARCH 15 AT 4:30 PM

We were very happy to welcome three new club members to our February Mah Jongg get-together. They were also brand new to Mah Jongg, but jumped right in and picked up the game quickly. The first Mah Jongg was called by new member Susan M.. Congratulations Susan!



Although it may seem a little intimidating, Mah Jongg is a fairly easy game to learn, and can be played after minimal instruction. So if you have been thinking about joining us, but have been hesitating, please come out for our next game, we guarantee a good time.

We play once a month, with our next game being Wed, March 15 at 4:30, in the Faculty Club Pub. We often stay for dinner after the game. Additional spring dates are April 12, May 10 and June 14.

- Lucia M.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS

A small group met on February 16 in the Pub. Events had overtaken the suggested topics so we began with John Tory and then progressed to the Green Belt and the proposed housing development.

There were some comments about Developers at the Stag and Doe hosted for his daughter by the Premier, and the ethics of politicians. We also discussed the abuse politicians face and agreed that in the era of social media, it was easier to make hurtful and often untrue comments when one did not have to face the person being targeted. I should also relate that the lunch we enjoyed together in the Pub was most enjoyable.

We agreed that we would meet again in April, the date to be chosen before the publication of the next Newsletter. New members are always welcome.

- Norah B.



### LE PETIT CERCLE | WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00 AM

Coffee, croissants and lively discussions in French are in order every Wednesday at 10:00am at Nadège, 494 Bloor St W. Jacqueline has also kindly hosted us in her lovely home on occasion, as shown here.

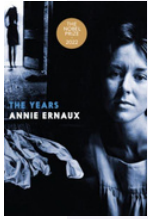
New members are always welcome. Just click on the RSVP link that Haley sends out each Friday, and we'll gladly send you the articles we'll be discussing that week.

- Jo-Lynne S.

Contact Haley for any questions about our interest groups or if you'd like to join in!

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# INTEREST GROUPS



## NEW BOOK CLUB MONDAY, MARCH 27 AT 6:00 PM

**Book:** *The Years* by Annie Ernaux  
*The Years* blends memories, dreams, facts and meditations into a unique evocation of the times in which we lived, and live.

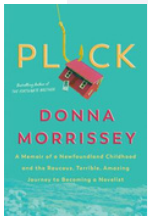
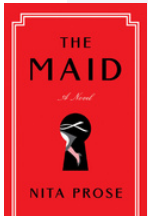
The group will meet at the Faculty Club at 6:00pm Monday March 27 to discuss *The Years* by Annie Ernaux, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature.

For those who like to read ahead, our next books are:

**April 24:** *The Maid* by Nita Prose  
A clue-like, locked-room mystery and a heartwarming journey of the spirit that explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different.

**May 23:** *Pluck* by Donna Morrissey  
A memoir of a Newfoundland childhood and the raucous, terrible, amazing journey to becoming a novelist.

- Susan F



## MORNING BOOK GROUP THURSDAY, MARCH 2 AT 10:30 AM | ON ZOOM

**Book:** *Tuscan Daughter* by Lisa Rochon

A novel of beauty and inspiration set during the Italian Renaissance about a young and defiant female artist searching for her mother.

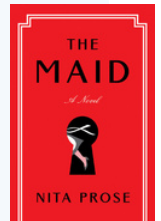
## THURSDAY, APRIL 6 AT 10:30 AM | VENUE TBD

**Book:** *The Maid* by Nita Prose

Molly Gray is not like everyone else. She struggles with social skills and misreads the intentions of others. Her Gran used to interpret the world for her. Since Gran died a few months ago, Molly has been navigating life's complexities all by herself. No matter - she throws herself with gusto into her work as a hotel maid. But Molly's orderly life is upended the day she enters the suite of the infamous and wealthy Charles Black and finds him dead. Before she knows what's happening, Molly's unusual demeanor has the police targeting her as their lead suspect . . .

New members are welcome. Email Haley at [info@uwctoronto.ca](mailto:info@uwctoronto.ca) if you'd like to join us.

- Carmie D.



## EVENING BOOK GROUP WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 AT 5:00 PM ON ZOOM

**Book:** Any book by Genevieve Graham.

Genevieve is Canadian, and a #1 best-selling author of historical fiction books including: *The Forgotten Home Child*, *Letters Across the Sea*, *Tides of Honour*, *Promises to Keep*, *Come from Away*, and *At the Mountain's Edge*. Her latest novel, *Bluebird*, became a national instant bestseller upon its release in April 2022.

- Judith L.

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## PAST EVENTS

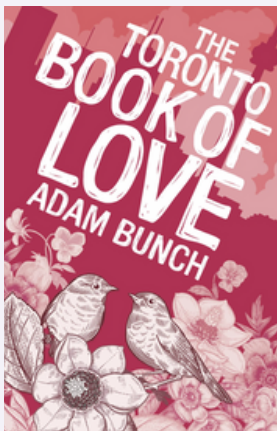
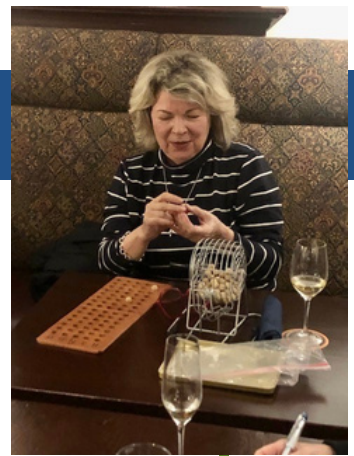
### BINGO IN THE PUB | FEBRUARY 9

On Thursday, February 9, we had a terrific evening of socializing and Bingo in the Faculty Club Pub. We had 32 ladies came out for an exceptionally fun evening, with half of them winning prizes, and with some very lucky ladies winning more than one prize! There was lots of laughter and chatting between games, and laser-focussed silence during the games. We were especially happy to meet quite a few new members, who joined our club in the past year.

We hope to hold another Bingo evening in the spring or fall.

In the meantime, please keep an eye out around the house for any new little items that might be a good Bingo prize. All contributions will be gratefully accepted, and will enhance and add variety to our prize table.

- Lucia M.  
"Bingo Caller"



### SPEAKER ADAM BUNCH | FEBRUARY 13

Members attending UWC's speaker event on February 13 were treated to a fascinating talk by local historian and author, Adam Bunch. Taking pages from his recent book, *The Toronto Book of Love*, as a starting point, Adam regaled his audience with true stories of love, romance, marriage and heartbreak from Toronto's past. Interesting and often amusing slides of old portraits, photographs and maps accompanied Adam's lively storytelling.

He acquainted us with astonishing facts from the lives of prominent residents as our city evolved from strait-laced Town of York to the lively and diverse City of Toronto that it is today. We met personalities such as John Graves Simcoe (and his pyromaniac wife!), and the scandal-ridden family of Chief Justice William Powell and his formidable spouse, Anne Murray Powell. Adam helped us see that the delights and tragic entanglements brought by love, fidelity, loss and heartbreak are repeated throughout all periods of our human history, no matter the era, social status or political power of those involved.

- Pam H.



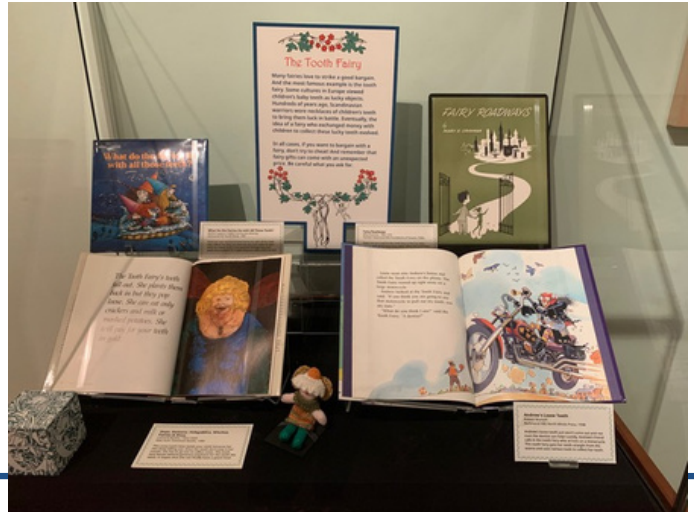
## PAST EVENTS

### AWAY WITH THE FAIRIES! FEBRUARY 23

A hardy group ventured out through the snow on February 23rd to see the charming exhibit, *Mischief and Mirth - the Wonderful World of Fairies* located in the TD Gallery of the Toronto Reference Library. We had a wonderful guided tour of fairy costumes, maps and exquisite illustrated children's books, especially from the Victoria era when fairies as small, winged beings became popularized. Tooth fairies, sugar plum fairies, fairy godmothers - we saw them all!

The exhibit continues until March 19th so we recommend a visit. The Toronto Public Library system has so much to offer.

- Marianne A.



## SAVE THE DATE



### SPEAKER: BARBARA SEAGRAM | MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023

Renowned bridge expert, author and fundraiser Barbara Seagram, will talk about her contributions not only to the world of bridge, but also to fundraising efforts for life-saving humanitarian projects in Laos and Cambodia. Barbara will be joined for part of her talk by Patti Lee, her fundraising partner in Cambodia.

- Pam H.

## CELEBRATING 120 YEARS

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### CELEBRATING OUR 120TH ANNIVERSARY MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023

May 1 we will celebrate our Club's 120th Anniversary with a birthday fete at the Faculty Club. Stay tuned . . .

- Susan F.



# what's on **UWC EVENTS**

Every Friday Haley will send out an email outlining events for the following week, together with RSVP and Zoom links.

# March

**MAR 01** and every Wednesday - Le petit cercle at **10:00 am**

**MAR 02** Morning Book Club at **10:30 am**

**MAR 03** Wine & Painting Class at **1:00 pm**

**MAR 07** and every Tuesday - Bridge at **10:00 am**

**MAR 08** International Women's Day at **12:00 pm**

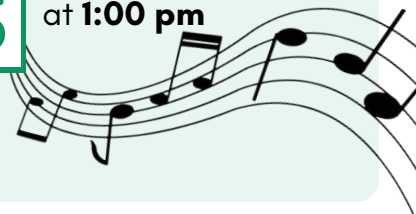
**MAR 13** Speaker: Jaqueline Gibbons at **5:30 pm**

**MAR 15** Mah Jongg at **4:30 pm**



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**MAR 25** Bach Walk at **1:00 pm**



**MAR 27** New Evening Book Club at **6:00 pm**

**MAR 22** International Dining at **6:00 pm**

**MAR 22** Evening Book Club at **5:00 pm**

*Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day*