



UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB TORONTO

ENVISIONING · ENGAGING · EMPOWERING

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPEAKER: DR. PATRICIA WHEELER
MONDAY JULY 10
AT 5:30 PM



The How and Why of Film Music

Have you ever thrilled to a suspenseful scene in a movie, or been moved to tears by a tragic turn of events on screen?

The art of creating music for the movies has evolved from the borrowing of nineteenth century classical European repertoire to the creation of original scores that enhance and support the dramatic and sub-textual narrative themes of a film. This entertaining presentation by saxophonist, jazz band director and music educator Dr. Patricia Wheeler will explore the functions of film music, how music can support or play against the images on the screen, and the processes involved in scoring a motion picture.

Join us at 5:30 pm on Monday, July 10, for a chance to experience and understand the special magic that is film music.

Free to UWC members who are also Faculty Club members. Non Faculty Club members are asked to pay an event fee of \$13.00 by credit card at the door.

Email info@uwctoronto.ca to register. Faculty Club members: please include your membership number when registering.

- Pam H.



SUMMER PATIO EVENINGS

Summer Patio Evenings are back! We invite all members and their friends to join us on the patio at the Faculty Club for a cool drink and spicy conversation.

The dates are Wednesday July 12, Thursday July 27 and Wednesday August 15. Kindly RSVP on the Friday email if you plan to come. It helps us ensure we have enough room for everyone.

GLOBE AND MAIL STORY

Our club received some wonderful coverage by the Globe & Mail for our awards of university entrance scholarships to deserving young women. The story came out on June 2, 2023, and we have included a copy of it on page 8 in this newsletter.

Directors' MESSAGES

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

All good things come to an end including being President of UWC Toronto. I have enjoyed being the President of the club for the last two years. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know members better and I would like to thank the board and members for their support.

I welcome Pam Horton as our new President. Pam has been a member of the club for about five years and she has been on the board as the Director of Programming for about three years. We have Pam and the Programming Committee to thank for all the speakers they arrange for members.

Marianne Anderson is our new Vice President. Marianne has been a member of the club for about seven years and she has been the President of our UWC (Toronto) Foundation for about five years. Marianne has organized many activities for members over the years such as walks and most recently the Book Sale at the Heliconian Club at the beginning of June.

Please welcome Pam as our new President and Marianne as our new Vice President.

- Wendy M.

RECENT BOARD CHANGES AND ADAPTATIONS

There have been some recent changes to the board of directors that the Nominating Committee would like to share. Wendy's term ended at the AGM. She served two years as our president and did a great job under often difficult conditions. The end of Covid and the change in management and arrangements with the Faculty Club have been challenging. We thank her sincerely. Wendy will continue on the board as Past President. As you know, Cindy decided to pursue academic work hopefully leading to a doctorate in public policy.

Jo-Lynne has left the board at the end of her term as Director of Communications. We thank her for her innovation, creativity and hard work over six years on the board. Ellen has been co-director and will continue managing the portfolio brilliantly.

Jane H., previously a vice-president, has rejoined the board as a Director without portfolio for a year's term to help during the interim. Pam has graciously accepted to act as President for the coming year. We are confident that Pam will do a wonderful job and are grateful that she has accepted the challenge. Marianne will fill the role of vice-president during this time. Susan L. and Trish S. will continue as co-treasurers, Ruxandra P. will continue as secretary, Jane V. will continue as Director of Fundraising, Chris W will continue her work as the Director of Scholarships, Lucia M. will continue as Director of Membership.

As you know we have had many new members join and some leave over the last three years. Joining an organization during and just after a pandemic is a leap of faith. We have found it difficult to meet the new members either at Speaker events or ad hoc gatherings. All of the events and gatherings that worked well for us before Covid, seem no longer to be as valid. We would really like to know who might like to serve on a committee with perhaps a goal of serving on the Board of Directors. Please take some time to think about the idea of membership, commitment and responsibility. If you are a member because you like the events and enjoy attending and meeting others then that's great. However, if you are interested in participating more at organizing those events, get in touch with membership, program, international dining, etc.

We are also a not-for-profit club with a charitable arm. We are very proud of our scholarship program, our work with Romero House and our involvement with the Cambodian charity. If you are interested in the community involvement aspect of our club, please get in touch with the appropriate director. It is through giving of your time and energy, imagination and work that you will benefit greatly from your membership in our club.

We hope to get to know many, many more members and be able to field a slate of officers for the next AGM.

- Susan F., for the Nominating Committee

THANK YOU JO-LYNNE

As co-director on the communications team with Jo-Lynne, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jo-Lynne for her contribution to our club.



Jo-Lynne served two consecutive 3- year terms on the board - as director and co-director of communications. That's a lot! In communications terms that's 60 newsletters! Which is a lot of proofreading, fact-checking, and nagging people to send in their material! (... Although Jo-Lynne didn't nag!)

My point is, Jo-Lynne did a lot. And not just with communications. She's done so much to UP OUR GAME... consistently challenging us - the board and the communications team - to be the best that we can be. Thank you!

We'll all miss you on the board. But I know you'll still be around and making a contribution in your own quiet way. Thank you.

- Ellen T.



MEMBERSHIP FEES



This is a friendly reminder that our annual renewal fee of \$135 is due by July 1. After this date, the late payment amount is \$150. The quickest and easiest way to pay is by etransfer to: payments@uwctoronto.ca.

Thank you.

- Lucia M

welcome NEW MEMBERS

In June we welcomed five new members Helen Black, Lois Browneas, Kathryn Day, Sherry Grace, well as returning member Shelley Zucchi. We look forward to meeting you and seeing you often at our many activities.

- Lucia M

CHARITABLE GIVING

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets at our 120th Anniversary Celebration on May 1st held at The Faculty Club. We raised \$450 from the sale of raffle tickets! The club added an additional \$350 to increase the total amount to \$800 which was paid to the Southeast Asia Support Organization (the organization supported by Barbara Seagram and Patti Lee, our speakers on April 17th). \$800 is the amount needed to install a toilet for a family in Cambodia supported by the organization. A lovely note was received from Patti Lee thanking members for their generous donation and letting us know a family will be chosen to receive the toilet.

In February, the club made a donation of \$5,000 to the Canadian Red Cross to direct to earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria.

- Wendy M.



SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION JUNE 27

June 27 was certainly a most memorable evening. One hundred scholars, family members, school staff and UWC Toronto members gathered to celebrate and honour our current 2023 scholarship recipients and our first tranche of 2019 awardees, who will be graduating this year. What a delight to meet so many of our scholarship recipients, their families and supporters. It was exciting to renew connections with our 2019 recipients and to hear their many stories of success. The room was filled with so much joy and so many smiles.

Our 2023 recipients received their award, scholarship certificate and their Scholars Program certificate and pin. Our 2019 graduates received, through the Scholars Program, a one year membership to our club.

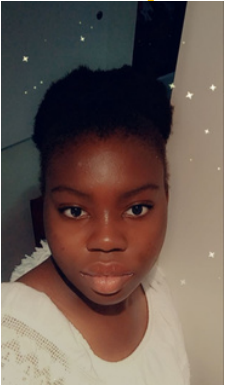
Jateya Grbic was our guest speaker representing our first scholarship recipients of 2019. Her message was a profound one, not just of thanks and gratitude for the support she has received over her four university years but also as a role model for our 2023 recipients.

Scholars, family, and supporters stayed on after the official program in order to mingle and meet our young women. It was a magical evening.

Your committee members who work on your behalf are also to be recognized: Sharon Abel, Marianne Anderson, Lily Contento, Donna Holmes, Susan Freeman, Jane Hamer, Susan Lambie, Elizabeth Mowat and Penny Vincent

Respectfully submitted,
- Chris W.





SEPHIA MOSHOOD - CENTRAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Sephia's family immigrated to Canada in 2021 to escape persecution in Nigeria. Moving to Canada was sudden and challenging. Not only did Sephia have to adjust to a completely different culture, environment and climate but also to a new educational system. During this time she made friends and kept on top of her school work with an average of over 90%. As one of her advisers said "She handled it with her typical grit and determination". Sephia is incredibly engaged in her school community being a member of numerous clubs. Outside of school, her work at a shelter is especially important and personal to her. Sephia is passionate about making a difference in the lives of the people that she works with. Her desire is to pursue a career in international business with the hope to provide economic opportunities for those in need.



NADIHA HUMAYERA - DANFORTH COLLEGIATE AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Nadiha has proven to be a most hard-working and conscientious student in everything she pursues. In her STEM program she is averaging in the high 90s. She also placed a remarkable second in the regional Toronto Science Fair. Alongside being a high academic achiever she's a very active student extracurricularly. Nadiha has a deep passion for gender equity. She has led conferences during Women's History Month and organized fundraisers for various women's programs in Toronto. Outside of school she is as committed as inside. She volunteers regularly at the Fort York Food Bank to cook meals for the local community and she mentors young girls at her mosque. Her dream is to build a company incorporating her level of science and her passion for gender equity providing young girls with resources and opportunities to pursue careers in fields where women are historically underrepresented.



MARTHA MENGESHA - CENTRAL TORONTO ACADEMY

Martha is known at CTA for her generous disposition, fantastic academic achievement, her extensive community volunteerism and her leadership. Martha has continued to receive an A+ average in the Enriched Advanced Placement Program. She took so many Grade 12 courses in Grade 11 that the computer program identified her as a top Grade 12 scholar. She is passionate about computer science and about raising the voices of black women in the computer science field. She recently presented to over 1000 students and families interested in attending Central Toronto Academy next year about the underrepresentation of young women, especially Black women, in post-secondary fields and careers.

Martha wants to continue her work through Student Associations at university in creating, highlighting and strengthening supportive communities for young Black women in STEM professions.



KELLY HONG - HARBORD COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

As Kelly's reference said, "She is one of the most accomplished inspiring students with whom I have had the pleasure of working with over the past 20 years." Not only does Kelly excel academically but her added strength appears to be in all of the extracurricular activities that she takes on both inside and outside of school. Spurred on by taking an indigenous studies course, Kelly and her sister responded by entering the 2022 Intuit Social Innovation Challenge and placed second, receiving an \$8000 grant to launch their Kanata Connects project.

Kelly also stretched her interests beyond science to lead a school group who won the contest of redesigning the co-op garden at St. James Town. She is a leader in an international peer-tutoring program and has created educational material to be sent to Tanzania, Uganda and Ghana. She wants to pursue a degree in medicine. Although Kelly describes herself as an introvert with a quiet voice, her actions and passions ring loudly.

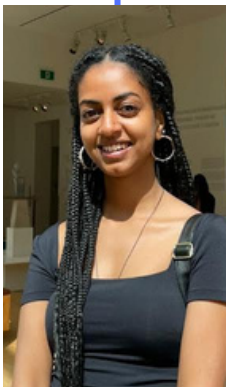


BILQIS FAZEL - PARKDALE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Bilqis was born in Kabul, Afghanistan and the eldest in a family of six. Bilqis is a model student and has successfully completed her International Baccalaureate. At school she tutors, is a peer leader and was President of the Model UN club. She is also a team player on volleyball, basketball and ultimate frisbee.

Besides being academically and extracurricularly sound, she is busy helping family, volunteering more than 150 hours at UHN creating a STEM Pathways Program, contributing to the Healthy Foods Program and as a Girls Only Program boxing coach. Bilqis was awarded the Ontario Volunteer Service Award. She is a cashier, summer camp counsellor, tutor and boxes competitively.

Bilqis is committed to studying neuroscience to learn more about disabilities to support those with disabilities in the community and their families.



SAFFRON SEBHATU - RUNNYMEDE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Saffron is one of our newest Canadians. A year and a few months ago she and her family emigrated from Eritrea.

Having just arrived here, Saffron immersed herself in the school culture and in extracurricular activities through the Black Students Alliance, Celebration Club and the University of Toronto Dalla Lana School of Public Health Outreach. The DLSPPH program meets weekly and Saffron is engaged in group discussions, teaching public health concepts and attending graduate lectures. It's nothing short of inspiring. As a result of her passion and leadership, Saffron was selected to represent Runnymede at the University of Windsor's International African Diaspora Youth Conference this year. Outside of the school, she is a Bible study teacher for young children at the Eritrean Orthodox school. She will be studying community healthcare.



PALOMA STEWART-RAMOS - ROSEDALE HEIGHTS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

In grade 10, Paloma made the decision to move, by herself, from Spain to Canada in order to pursue her life goal of combining a degree in theater arts with one in psychology to promote wellbeing in society.

Although Paloma was only at Rosedale for two years, she made a deep impression. She excelled academically but also extra-curricularly. She was a member of the student council, yearbook club and assistant director of two school plays. This spring she played the leading role of Sophie in *Mamma Mia*.

Even with her school work, babysitting and receptionist jobs, Paloma managed to give back to the community by completing over 300 hours of service as a performance teacher and camp counsellor.

She has been accepted into the prestigious Performance Acting Program at TMU (Toronto Metropolitan University) with a minor in psychology.



SOWARIMA ISLAM - WESTERN TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL SCHOOL

Sowarima excels in the academic field and was chosen by her peers to be the valedictorian. Her extra-curricular interests range from basketball, volleyball, frisbee and weight lifting to WISE Program (Women in Science and Engineering), YRA (Youth Rising Above) and Be You Women's Programs.

On her application, Sowarima began her personal statement with this quote from Ghandi. "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." She lives this quote through her volunteering at the UHN cancer centers, local church dinners, the ROM, the Danforth Community Fundraiser and the children's art program- to name a few. All this, on top of many home commitments.

Her goals are to enter Nursing Science and apply to the Canadian Armed Forces, in order to become a female inspiration in a male dominated field.



ASHANTAE SMITH - YORK MEMORIAL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Ashantae has participated in an extensive list of extracurricular activities including Black History Club, as Co president the East Asian Student Association, York Memorial Dance team, the varsity and co-ed volleyball teams, flag football and varsity track and field. While being involved in all these extracurricular activities, Ashantae has been able to maintain honor roll status for the past four years. She also participated in the Waterloo Math Competition.

Ashantae gives back to her community. She volunteers by spending countless hours at the Chris Tonks Arena helping at-risk youths learn to skate and play hockey. She has also participated in a community event called Unity and was hosted on Breakfast Television by Kym Niles and Stephanie Henry. Ashantae welcomed this opportunity to build a bridge from the community to York Memorial.

Ashantae will be beginning her university education in life sciences as she continues to give back to her community.



Pitching in: University Women's Club investing in girls' higher education

PAUL WALDIE > EUROPE CORRESPONDENT
PUBLISHED JUNE 2, 2023

The organizers: Members of the University Women's Club

The pitch: Awarding \$80,000 worth of scholarships

The University Women's Club in Toronto has been around since 1903 and it has a long tradition of community activism. In recent years the club has turned its attention to supporting young women in higher education.

"It's kind of a really old organization that's actually gotten their act together," said Marianne Anderson, 60, a retired investment banker and one of the club's 165 members.

In 2010, the organization sold its building in downtown Toronto to the University of Toronto and members now meet in the university's Faculty Club. Proceeds from the sale helped create an endowment of a few million dollars and in 2018 the group launched a foundation to administer the money.

The endowment is being used to fund a series of university entrance scholarships for high-school girls. The club is working with guidance counsellors at 19 schools in Toronto to select nine candidates based on their academic standing and community involvement. The club also funds a scholarship for students at Inuksuk High School in Iqaluit and two nominees proposed by the Children's Aid Foundation. One of the recent recipients was Anna Lambe, an actress from Iqaluit who appeared in the 2018 film **The Grizzlies** and earned a best supporting actress nomination at the Canadian Screen Awards in 2019.

This year the club plans to award more than \$80,000 worth of scholarships in total, said Ms. Anderson who chairs the foundation. "We're pretty convinced that we are funding a future prime minister or Nobel Prize winner," she said. "These young women are fantastic." She added the club keeps in contact with the recipients and hopes to provide additional support as they progress through university.

While the endowment covers the bulk of the scholarships, the club also raises more than \$25,000 from members and supporters to keep the fund sustainable. "What's so satisfying for us is that we feel this next generation is full of potential," Ms. Anderson said. "And if we can make a difference, we're just thrilled to do so."

INTEREST GROUPS

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.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

We had a lively and informative meeting in June to discuss the candidates of the Toronto mayoral election. I hope it helped everyone decide on their preferred candidate.

We will pause the Current Affaires group for July and August, and announce the September meeting in the next newsletter. Have a wonderful summer everyone!

- Norah B.

LE PETIT CERCLE WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00 AM

Le petit cercle is our French conversation group that meets every Wednesday to discuss world events, or whatever the conversation goes to. We meet at Nadège Patisserie on Bloor St. at 10:00 am. Toutes les francophones et francophiles seront les bienvenues.

Please contact Jo-Lynne S. for more details.



MAH JONGG | WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20 AT 4:30 PM

First and most importantly, congratulations to one of our newer members, Suzanne Park, on achieving her first Mah Jongg in her life! Way to go, Suzanne!

Mah Jongg will be going on a break for the summer, but we hope to see you in the fall. We play once a month, on a Wednesday at 4:30 pm, in the Faculty Club Pub, and often stay for dinner. Our fall dates are Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15 and Dec 13.

We welcome all players, both brand new and experienced, and are happy to provide instruction to new players. If anyone would like to study up over the summer, the best instruction book is A Beginner's Guide to American Mah Jongg, by Elaine Sandberg.

- Lucia M.

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

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NEW BOOK CLUB MONDAY, JUNE 19 AT 6:00 PM

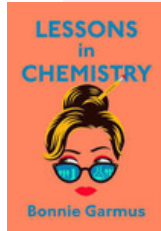
The New Evening Book Club will be meeting over the summer on the Faculty Club patio at 6:00 pm.

July 18: *Lessons in Chemistry*
by Bonnie Garmus

August 21: *Birnam Wood*
by Eleanor Cattan

Some of our books for the coming year will be chosen from The Heliconian Literary Series 2023-24 schedule. Details about this series are included in the newsletter, under Community. Be sure to check their offerings.

- Susan F



MORNING BOOK GROUP THURSDAY, JULY 6 AT 10:30 AM ON ZOOM

We meet on the first Thursday of every month. Our July meeting will be on Thursday, July 6 at 10:30 am on Zoom.

July 6: *The Moment of Lift* by Melinda Gates

"When you lift up women, you lift up everybody - families, communities, entire countries..." A personal statement of passionate conviction, this book tells of Gates' journey from a partner working behind the scenes to one of the world's foremost advocates for women.

August 3: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

The Personal Librarian tells the story of an extraordinary woman famous for her intellect, style and wit, and shows the lengths she must go to for the protection of her family and her legacy. In the racist world in which she lives, this means she must preserve her carefully crafted white identity.

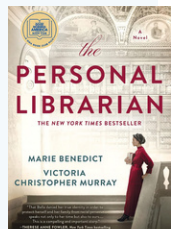
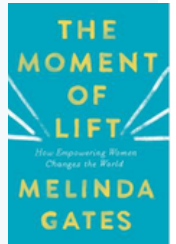
September 6: *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano

William Waters grew up in a house silenced by tragedy, where his parents could barely bear to look at him. So when he meets the spirited and ambitious Julia Padavano in his freshman year of college, it's as if the world has lit up around him. *Hello Beautiful* is a profoundly moving portrait of what is possible when we choose to love someone not in spite of who they are, but because of it.

New members are welcome as well as those from other book clubs. If you don't have time to read the book before our next meeting, please feel free to join in our conversations.

Please email Haley at info@uwctoronto.ca if you would like to join us.

- Carmie D.



EVENING BOOK GROUP WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 AT 5:00 PM ON ZOOM

The evening book group will be meeting over the next two months on **Wednesday, July 26** and **August 23** at 5:00 pm on Zoom. The topic both months is a book of your choice. We are currently planning our book choices for the next year.

New members are always welcome!

- Judith L.



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

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TORONTO OUTDOOR ART FAIR

Our very own Arlene Kushnir, a potter in our club, will be selling her work at the Toronto Outdoor Art Fair at Nathan Philips Square on July 7, 8, and 9. Please drop by and say Hello. She will be at booth A32.
www.toaf.ca

LATER LIFE LEARNING AT INNIS COLLEGE

In September 2023 we will start four different series, each having 10 lectures. The series will be:

- Impressionists and the City
- The Middle East on the Move
- The Films of Steven Spielberg
- Getting away From It All - A History of Tourism

We also offer an Interactive Discussion Group. Please note that course fees will increase July 1, so register now! Check <https://lll.toronto.org/page/Fall2023CoursesOverview>

For more information, call Kathy N.

The Heliconian Literary Series is launching its 27th year. Talented Canadian writers talk about their latest book at the Heliconian Club, a charming venue with its large rose window and vaulted ceilings in the heart of Yorkville. Art Exhibits by Club members adorn its walls and change monthly.

Enjoy a glass of wine and French cheese on a cracker or a cup of tea and a slice of lemon loaf before the presentation. Take part in a Question and Answer Session and have your book signed by the author.

Elizabeth Hay, Charlotte Gray, Michael Crummey and Zoe Whittle are returning. Meet debut authors, Saeed Teebi, Anne Shin, Christopher Cameron and Sheila Murray.

There is a Tuesday and a Thursday Series. Doors open at 6:45 pm for refreshments and conversation; the talk begins at 7:30 pm.

For those of you who cannot attend either the in-house Tuesday or Thursday Series, a virtual series is available which focusses on talented Canadian writers from coast to coast.

Visit the Heliconian Club website at the end of June to learn more about the Series and to subscribe. If you would like to be on the email list for current subscribers, please send your request to Jocelyn Paul: jpaul@njc.ch. Also feel free to email me if you have any questions about the series.

- *Jocelyn Paul and Wendy Steepe: Coordinators of the Heliconian Literary Series*

TO YOUR HEALTH

Steve Jobs was the co-founder, Chairman and CEO of Apple Corporation and died in 2011, aged 56, after losing his battle with pancreatic cancer. He posted the following observation just prior to his death.

THE WORLD'S SIX BEST DOCTORS

"I reached the pinnacle of success in the business world. In some others' eyes, my life is the epitome of success. However, aside from work, I have little joy. In the end, my wealth is only a fact of life that I am accustomed to. At this moment, lying on my bed and recalling my life, I realize that all the recognition and wealth that I took so much pride in have paled and become meaningless in the face of my death.

You can employ someone to drive the car for you, make money for you but you cannot have someone bear your sickness for you. Material things lost can be found or replaced. But there is one thing that can never be found when it's lost - Life. Whichever stage in life you are in right now, with time, you will face the day when the curtain comes down.

Treasure love for your family, love for your spouse, love for your friends. Treat yourself well and cherish others. As we grow older, and hopefully wiser, we realize that a \$300 or a \$30 watch both tell the same time. You will realize that your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world. Whether you fly first class or economy, if the plane goes down - you go down with it.

Therefore, I hope you realize, when you have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, who you chat with, laugh with, talk with, have sing songs with, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven and earth, that is true happiness! Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy. So when they grow up they will know the value of things and not the price. Eat your food as your medicine, otherwise you have to eat medicine as your food.

There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few really understand it. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage!

The six best doctors in the world are sunlight, rest, exercise, diet, self-confidence and friends. Maintain them in all stages and enjoy a healthy life."

We will be holding a fundraiser in October to Raise Money for Romero House

Romero House was originally established in 1991 by a small group of people including several refugee families. The idea was to live together in a spirit of trust, interacting as neighbours. Over the past 30 years Romero House has grown beyond what was ever imagined. Today Romero House serves refugees fleeing war or persecution. From 2021 to 2022 it provided 18 families, 35 adults and 25 children with housing, complicated legal processes, income assistance, physical and mental health care, school, ESL classes and counselling refugees on their rights. They have helped hundreds of other refugees in Toronto with finding a lawyer, accessing social assistance and finding housing—186 families plus 288 individuals.

This organization survives on a shoe-string budget. Only 16% of their income comes from grants. In 2022 their income was \$807,737 but the expenses were \$813,850. By buying a ticket to our **Romero House Fundraiser**, you will be supporting a remarkable charity which touches hundreds of disadvantaged newcomers to our city.

Tickets are \$75. Buy your ticket now for you and your friends.

Payments can be made by e-transfer to payments@uwctoronto.ca Or by cheque, payable to University Women's Club Toronto, and mailed to Susan Freeman, her address can be found in our directory.

- Jane V.

FUNDRAISER RAFFLE PRIZES

We will need a lot of help from you to have a successful fundraiser for Romero House.

We will have prizes for draws. We are hoping to offer prizes that are experiences rather than merchandise. Things like theatre, opera, ballet, concert or sports tickets or a day at a spa, a gift certificate or a lovely dinner at a restaurant. Things have changed a lot since COVID. Many small businesses and groups are finding it difficult to restart their enterprise. Perhaps you could purchase a gift certificate for one of the above ideas and donate it to the fundraiser rather than asking the organization or restaurant to donate. Your contribution, when you submit the receipt, will receive a tax receipt from Romero House.

For example, say you purchase a \$100 gift certificate from your favourite restaurant or you donate your tickets to a Mirvish play or a baseball game, on submitting your receipt you will qualify to have a tax receipt for that amount.

Please think about how you can help in this way.

You may also have a contact who has a contact who might agree to sponsor our event. We are a not-for-profit raising money for a worthy charity. We have an official letter you could use if necessary.

Could you help us this way? Remember what Mary Jo Leddy, founder of Romero House, told us the most important thing to a refugee is "the warmth of the welcome".

- Jane V.

Presented by
The University Women's Club of Toronto

A fundraiser for ROMERO HOUSE

Keynote Speaker
MARIE HENEIN

Join us for a glass of bubbles and a sweet table. Hear Marie Henein speak about her book. All while supporting the work of Romero House, a community of refugee claimants in Toronto.

OCTOBER 11 AT 7:00 PM | FACULTY CLUB, 41 WILLCOCKS ST.



PAST EVENTS

BOOK SALE AND SOCIAL JUNE 1

On June 1, the UWC hosted its second book sale together with the Heliconian Club. Over 90 people attended and we raised over \$1500 for our Foundation. As well as looking for great summer reads, it was a lovely social evening on a hot summer night. Members brought lots of guests, especially book club friends. Thank you to everyone who donated books and helped out with this event.

- Marianne



BRIDGE LUNCH JUNE 6

We had a record 19 players for bridge on June 6th. After play, we had lunch on the patio where the bridge kitty treated everyone to a glass of Prosecco. A most enjoyable event.

- Marianne

PUB NIGHT WITH A TWIST JUNE 8

In early June we held a Pub Night with a Twist. The Twist was fun and games. There were 16 of us in attendance and a very good time was had by all. We started the evening with a raucous game of "Guess my Famous Person". We all wrote down the name of a famous person, and then had to guess who wrote down which name. We had names from the Mona Lisa to Churchill to Olivia Chow! It was the perfect activity for getting to know each other's actual names, and will definitely be played at future Pub Nights.

We followed this up with two rounds of trivia games, focusing on questions about the City of Toronto. For example, did you know that Toronto's official tree is the mighty Oak tree?! And that the Junction only lifted its ban on alcohol in the year 2000.

In the fall we plan to hold more Pub Nights with a Twist, with the twist to be a surprise for now!



SAVE THE DATE

FALL SPEAKER SERIES: ARIEL SILLER MONDAY, SEPT 11 AT 5:30 PM



We will kick off our fall 2023 speaker season with a special evening featuring Ariel Siller, Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation.

The Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation is an organization focussed on building foundational literacy skills in children at the earliest stage of brain development - from birth to age five. Ariel will explain why "giving our children a solid foundation for a literate mind is a tremendous gift" and how her organization works towards addressing this challenge.

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.

July

JUL
04

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

JUL
05

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

JUL
06

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

JUL
10

Speaker Dr. Patricia
Wheeler at **5:30 pm**

JUL
12

Patio Evening
at **5:00 pm**

JUL
18

New Book Club
at **6:00 pm**

JUL
26

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

JUL
27

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