



UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB TORONTO

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UPCOMING EVENTS



SUMMER SOCIAL & BOOK SALE THURSDAY | JUNE 1ST 5:00 PM

The UWCT is having another BOOKSALE! Stock up on summer reads, socialise and enjoy a night out in Yorkville. This time we are doing it jointly with the wonderful Heliconian Club. Guests are welcome - tell your friends, especially bookclub buddies!

Where: The Heliconian Club, 35 Hazelton Avenue

Cost: \$25 entry (includes book token, glass of wine, some nibbles!)

What is it: We sell recent bestsellers and other books in great condition for \$5 each. Proceeds go to UWCT and Heliconian charities, including scholarship funds.

What you need to do!

SIGN UP

Best to do in advance. Register and pay by credit card at this link. [Toronto Heliconian Club - Summer Reading Social and Book Sale](#)

DONATE BOOKS

Contact Marianne A. to coordinate pickup etc. (especially for larger donations). You can also bring books the night of and we will add them to the sale. Or drop them at the Heliconian on June 1 between 2-4pm. You can bring books for donation to the AGM on May 29th. We especially want recent bestsellers and other attractive books, including cookbooks.

BRING TO THE EVENT

Your friends, a bookbag and BRING CASH! We will have some ability to handle credit cards on site, but cash will be easiest.

Remember parking is limited in Yorkville. The Heliconian Club is very TTC accessible.

Hope you can come and happy reading,
- Marianne

SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION TUESDAY JUNE 27TH 5:30 PM

Please join us at the Faculty Club on June 27th to meet the recipients of our nine - \$6000 UWC Toronto Scholarships for the 2023-2024 academic year.

These young women have been recommended by their schools, and their stories of courage, perseverance, overcoming adversity, community involvement and of continuous striving for excellence are incredible. More details are on page 4.

It promises to be a joyful uplifting event - not to be missed. Please email info@uwctoronto.ca if you wish to attend

President's MESSAGE



It was wonderful to see so many members and friends at our 120th Anniversary Celebration on May 1st which was held at The Faculty Club. Everyone really enjoyed the evening and members went home with a lovely book created for the celebration highlighting the history of the Club and many of its remarkable members over the years.

We live in a busy metropolitan area that has a wonderful selection of literature, art, speakers, sporting events and activities. The Club offers a variety of activities and events to members but it is difficult to be aware of all opportunities. If you see or have an idea for an activity or event that you think other members may enjoy, please contact a board member or send an email to Haley at info@uwctoronto.ca to let us know.

We hope to see members at our Annual General Meeting on Monday, May 29th at The Faculty Club. The meeting is a chance to learn more about how the Club operates and hear about plans for the upcoming year.

June starts with the Summer Social and Book Sale on June 1 at the Heliconian Club. It's an opportunity to pick up recently published books at a reasonable price and support a good cause as the proceeds will be donated to charity. A Bingo Night will be held on June 8th at The Faculty Club and the prize table will be loaded.

If you are undecided which candidate to select for mayor in Toronto, you may want to attend the Current Affairs discussion on June 12th at The Faculty Club. The group met earlier this month but felt another meeting was needed closer to the election date on June 26th to help sort through the long list of candidates running for mayor.

Our Scholarship Reception will be held on June 27th at The Faculty Club. It's a wonderful event that celebrates the students to whom the Club has awarded scholarships. The students' parents, teachers and advisors are also invited to the reception.

Wondering what to do in the summer months? Don't worry as many of our interest groups such as Bridge, French and Book Clubs continue to meet over the summer months. In addition, there is a speaker in July and like last year, there will be some get togethers organized for members and friends on the patio at The Faculty Club.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

- Wendy M.



IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Our Annual Fee renewal date is coming up on July 1. The fee remains at the same amount of \$135 for the year. New members will receive their lower prorated amount around June 1.

The collection of our annual fee has become an arduous activity for our volunteers, requiring numerous phone calls and follow-ups to some members. We would very much appreciate and encourage members to pay by the July 1 renewal date, so that we don't have to worry about it over the summer. It is difficult to locate members over the summer, and volunteers don't enjoy working during the summer.

Your payment options are:

- 1) Etransfer to payments@uwctoronto.ca, or
- 2) Cheque/mail to Ms. Trish Stewart, #3711-21 Widmer Street, Toronto, M5V 0B8.

Cheques should be made out to The University Women's Club of Toronto. If paying after the July 1 deadline, the amount due is \$150, an extra \$15 to cover the cost and effort to process the late payment during the summer.

Thank you for your understanding.

- Lucia M

CONDOLENCES

Frank Panetta, beloved husband of Harolyn for 65 years, passed away in his 100th year. They had a wonderful life together and Harolyn shared that she and Frank always held hands when they fell asleep. Flowers and an expression of sympathy were sent to Harolyn on behalf of the club.

- Susan F



welcome NEW MEMBERS

During April we welcomed 4 new members: Cathy Barr, Pam Kilmer, June McNamee and Caitlin O'Leary. We are very happy that you decided to join us at the University Women's Club, and hope to see you often at our many activities.

- Lucia M



BINGO NIGHT THURSDAY JUNE 8 AT 5:00 PM

Back by popular demand, we are holding another Bingo event on Thursday June 8 at 5:00 pm in the Faculty Club Pub. This will be our third Bingo, and is sure to be a regular event because it is so much fun. If you have any small items that would be appropriate for our Prize table, we would appreciate the contribution - the more prizes the better. We look forward to hearing you yell out "Bingo!"

- Lucia M

ROMERO HOUSE

CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD GOODS DRIVE

It's that time of year and we are now asking for spring and summer clothing donations for Romero House. Also of interest are certain household items listed.

You can take your contributions to:

Romero House, 1558 Bloor St. West, just west of Dundas. Do call first to make sure that they are open: 416-763-1303

OR you can also drop off at Jane V's **by June 3**. Her contact info is in the Directory or ask Haley to forward your note to, info@uwctoronto.ca. Thanks very much!! Let's make this drive one of our best.

- Susan F and Jane V

Items Needed:

- Socks (as new)
- Diapers size 3 and up
- Smoothie blender
- Good quality pots with lids
- Frying pans
- Matching sets of drinking glasses
- Can opener
- Matching soup bowls
- Cleaning rags
- Cloth rolling grocery cart
- Laundry hamper
- Alarm clock
- Drying rack
- Sewing machine
- Computer and scanner equipment



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION TUESDAY JUNE 27 5:30 PM

May is always an exciting and busy month for our committee. This year proved no different.

Our work was certainly cut out for us with 17 schools now in the mix.

I am always amazed by these young women who are put forward for our scholarships. Their stories of courage, perseverance, overcoming adversity, community involvement and of continuous striving for excellence are incredible.

Our deliberations were difficult as we always want to support every one of these deserving young women. It is an honour to be part of this humbling yet inspiring experience.

We are happy to announce the recipients of our nine - \$6000 UWC Toronto Scholarships for the 2023-2024 academic year.

- Ashantae Smith** - York Memorial C.I.
- Bilqis Fazel** - Parkdale C.I.
- Kelly Hong** - Harbord C.I.
- Martha Mengesha** - Central Toronto Academy
- Nadiha Humayera** - Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute
- Paloma Stewart-Ramos** - Rosedale Heights School of the Arts
- Saffron Sebhatu** - Runnymede C.I.
- Sephia Moshood** - Central Technical School
- Sowarima Islam** - Western Technical and Commercial School

We will be providing more information about each awardee in our next newsletter. But before that, we hope that you will join us on Tuesday, June 27 at the Faculty Club for our Scholarship Reception to meet these young women, their families and our first-year recipients who are graduating.

Please contact Haley at info@uwctoronto.ca if you plan to attend.

Our club is a very special one and it is your continued support, club financial contributions and personal donations that allow us to meet our mandate of supporting young women on the margins to achieve their educational goals.

Please take a moment to thank your hard-working committee members when you see them next. Sharon Abel, Marianne Anderson, Lily Contento, Susan Freeman, Jane Hamer, Donna Holmes, Susan Lambie, Elizabeth Mowat and Penelope Vincent

- Chris W.



INTEREST GROUPS

BRIDGE

TUESDAYS AT 10:00 AM



Tuesday June 6 we'll be having a special lunch at the Faculty Club following our regular morning bridge. For the rest of the month, it will be bridge per usual starting with a refresher lesson at 10:00 am then playing until 12:30 pm. New members are always welcome.

Contact Marianne A. with any questions.

LE PETIT CERCLE

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00 AM

Our little circle is growing - and we're always delighted to welcome new members.

We meet every Wednesday at 10:00am at Nadège, 494 Bloor St W, and enjoy coffee, croissants, and lively discussions in French about happenings at home and abroad that have caught our attention.

The articles are sent out in advance to give us time to reflect on the 3 or 4 topics chosen for that week.

- Jo-Lynne



CURRENT AFFAIRS JUNE 12

AT 2:00 PM

The current Issues group met May 11 and we had a most interesting and animated discussion about the issues and candidates to be considered before voting in the Mayoral election on Monday June 26.

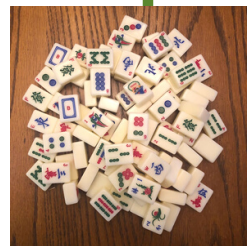
The group decided that it would be helpful to meet again before the election when the list of candidates would be much shorter. The issues facing the city are many and serious, so we wish to consider who would be the best candidate to deal with financial, security and social issues facing us as residents. The role and powers of the Province were also of concern.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 12 at 2:00 PM at the Faculty Club. Location will be dependent on the weather - pub or patio.

All members are welcome to come and add to the discussion.

- Norah B

MAH JONGG | WEDNESDAY JUNE 14 AT 4:30 PM



For our Mah Jongg get-together in May, we had 2 tables of 4 players each. The weather was lovely and we were able to play on the patio.

At one table we had intermediate/advanced players, and at the other table we had more novice players. Arranging tables of like-level players, allowed one table to play a little quicker and one table to enjoy a little more conversation. It worked very well, and seemed to increase everyone's comfort.

Our next Mah Jongg event will be on Wednesday, June 14, at 4:30, hopefully again on the patio. As always, everyone is welcome, both new and experienced players. If you are brand new to Mah Jongg, please let me know and I will arrange for a quick lesson before our game.

- Lucia M.

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

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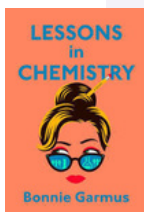


NEW BOOK CLUB MONDAY, JUNE 19 AT 6:00 PM

The group has decided to continue meeting in the summer again this year. We will meet on the Faculty Club patio at 6:00 pm and dinner will be optional. Please let Susan F. know if you will be attending each time so that we can make a reservation.



Our books are:



June 19: *Ragged Company*
by Richard Wagamese.

July 18: *Lessons in Chemistry*
by Bonnie Garmus

August 21: *Birnam Wood*
by Eleanor Cattan



Please check the Heliconian Literary Series which will be available sometime in June to see the selections that we might use, and also to see if you might like to subscribe to one or two of their series.

- Susan F

EVENING BOOK GROUP WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 AT 5:00 PM ON ZOOM

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:00pm on Zoom. The Zoom link is sent out in advance of each meeting.

The topic for June is Good or Bad Men.

- Judith L

MORNING BOOK GROUP THURSDAY, JUNE 1 AT 10:30 AM ON ZOOM

We meet on the first Thursday of every month with Zoom links sent out prior to each meeting. We've also decided to meet once a month for lunch at the FC to discuss our books, for those who are able to join us. Friday May 19 was our first in person meeting, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Everyone is most welcome to join us either on Zoom or in person at the Faculty Club.



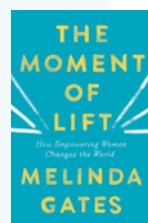
June 1: *Spare* by Prince Harry

For the first time, Prince Harry tells his own story, chronicling his journey with raw, unflinching honesty. *Spare* is full of insight, revelation, self-examination and hard-won wisdom about the eternal power of love over grief.



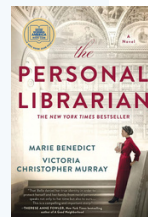
July 6: *The Moment of Life* by Melinda Gates

When you lift up women, you lift up everybody - families, communities, entire countries..." A personal statement of passionate conviction, the 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.



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.

- Carmie D

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PAST EVENTS

120TH ANNIVERSARY MAY 1



On May 1, the University Women's Club, our very own club, celebrated 120 years of storied history. In 1903 a very courageous and motivated group of university graduates formed our Club. They sought companionship of their peers, cultural pursuits and to use their education and talents to help women in the community. These women were pioneers and trailblazers in law, government, medicine, academics and science. We are so proud of their accomplishments.

We celebrated their lives, our Club and its history. We had a lovely glass of bubbly, tea and sandwiches. Wendy welcomed the members. Chris and Susan pointed out the highlights in the birthday booklet (thanks to Ellen and Dorothy) with a few additional very interesting comments. It was also very entertaining to hear about the house at 162 St. George St. Imagine women buying property in 1929! There are some great stories about the B and B!

Throughout the 120 years of our history, our members have always been concerned and continue to be concerned about women on the margins and seek to help through education.

Our longest serving president, Judith, cut the birthday cake. Jane H managed the raffle table. Lucia helped with the sale of shawls from Cambodia to help raise funds. Thanks to all members who helped and to all who came.

You can see the photos, read Judith's history of the club, and see the Birthday Booklet on the website www.uwctoronto.ca. Go to [About Us / 120th Anniversary](#).

When women come together, magic happens.

- Susan F

A WALK WITH NEWCOMER WOMEN MAY 11

It was a sunny, warm Thursday morning when some UWC members joined a few women from the Working Women Community Centre to take a walk. Marianne A. led the group through the U of T's Philosophers' Walk, to hear about the history and significance of this iconic Toronto location. We ended our walk at Grange Park, by the AGO, and enjoyed a few refreshments together.

The walk was organized by the UWC Advocacy Committee, as a way to connect with organizations that support newcomer women. All on the walk agreed that it was a lovely way to spend an hour, and that this was an idea that could be repeated.

A special thank you to our walk leader Marianne for coming prepared with wonderful facts and history.

- Cindy B.



SAVE THE DATE

SPEAKER: PATRICIA WHEELER
MONDAY, JULY 10
AT 5:30 PM AT THE
FACULTY CLUB

**"The Why and How of
Film Music"**

Saxophonist, jazz band director and music educator, Dr. Patricia Wheeler, will present "The Why and How of Film Music". Her talk will explore the art of creating music for the movies: what is the function of film music, how can music support or play against the images on the screen, and what is the process involved in scoring a motion picture?



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.

June

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

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Book Sale
at **5:00 pm**

JUN

06

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

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

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08

Bingo at **5:00 pm**

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12

Current Affairs
at **2:00 pm**

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Mah Jongg
at **4:30 pm**

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

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Scholarship
Reception at **5:30 pm**

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