



UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB TORONTO

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**SPEAKER SERIES:
MICHELLE HEAD KIM
NOVEMBER 13 AT 5:30 PM**

***Mastering your Financial Health:
Financial Advice for Women***



On November 13, UWC's guest speaker will be investment manager, Michelle Head Kim, whose investment strategy was recently featured in a glowing profile in the Globe and Mail's Report on Business. Michelle's presentation, "Mastering Your Financial Health" is specifically aimed at women looking for the knowledge and practical advice to empower them to, in Michelle's words, "easily kick financial anxiety to the curb". Plan to join Michelle at the Faculty Club on November 13 for friendly but practical advice and tips from an expert in the field of women's financial health.

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.

Please register for this event as follows:

Faculty Club members: please register at facultyclub.utoronto.ca (click on Member Central, and then Calendar to register).

Non-Faculty Club Members (including UWC members who are not Faculty Club members): please register by email to 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 at the Faculty Club after the talk may indicate that a reservation be made for them when they register.

BUSINESS MEETING | NOVEMBER 27 AT 5:30 PM

We have a big night coming up at the end of November. It's a chance for you to get an update from:

- Treasury
- Scholarship
- UWC Foundation

We need your vote. We're looking for your approval on three matters of importance. The first is to approve the transfer of money (\$50,000) from the club accounts to the UWC-Toronto Foundation. The Foundation will use this money to pay out scholarships to girls who are graduating in 2024 from the schools across downtown Toronto; girls in Iqaluit who are in university or will be going to university; and girls who are aging out of Children's Aid. We also usually designate \$10,000 as a discretionary amount for causes that come up during the year. For instance, this year we gave \$5,000 to the Canadian Red Cross for earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria. On an entirely different matter, we also have to approve our auditors (Norton McMullen) for the 2024 fiscal year. As we said, we need your vote.

The business meeting will be held on Zoom. A link to the Zoom meeting will be included in the formal Notice of Meeting, which will be sent out to all members shortly. The Notice of Meeting will include a voting proxy form together with instructions on how to fill in the form to allow another member to cast your vote for you if you are unable to attend the meeting and vote yourself.

By holding the meeting on Zoom, we're hoping more people will be able to attend. This is your opportunity to take a closer look at the inner workings of your Club. It will also be a chance to ask any questions you might have.

Hope you will join us on screen on the 27th.

- Susan L.

Directors' MESSAGE

From Co-Treasurers Trish S. and Susan L., *Directors of UWC's Finance Committee*

Overview of Finance Committee:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTTO: "A GOAL WITHOUT A PLAN IS SIMPLY A WISH!"

As Co-Treasurers of the Finance Committee, we want to provide you with an overview of our responsibilities. We are privileged to benefit from a dedicated team of Finance Committee members; Pamela Horton, Wendy McCallum, Kathy Nolan-Garner and Barb Edmonds. Our committee plays a critical role in managing and overseeing the club's finances. We ensure transparency and efficiency in budget allocations. Our approach is proactive and collaborative. Monthly meetings are held with our team to discuss both our progress and our strategy. As co-treasurers, we also sit on the Board of Directors and provide them with regular updates.

Our duties involve:

1. Budget Management & Communication: We construct a budget in December based on UWC Toronto's goals and priorities. It is presented to the Board for approval. Throughout the year, we monitor our revenue and expenses to ensure our fiscal objectives are met.

2. Financial Tracking is done by our Chartered Professional Accountant, Nicole Zerva. However, Finance Committee members review her numerous monthly financial reports via a secure CCH Portal. These reports provide an accurate record of our two investment portfolios' performance, our income and expenses, our bank statements, and various other transactions. This ensures financial transparency and helps to inform our future recommendations to the Board. As co-treasurers, we reach out to Nicole with questions throughout the year.

3. Invoices: Expenses that are submitted for payment are carefully reviewed. Most invoices are paid by cheque and require two signatures. Therefore, no automatic payments can go through the club's chequing account. This is a time-consuming exercise that also involves monitoring our bank account balance on an on-going basis.

4. Membership Payments: Finance is responsible for tracking all member payments. Renewing members' payments are acknowledged with an e-mail sent from one of our treasurers. Cheques are mailed to our home and deposited promptly. We then correspond with the Membership Committee Team to keep them informed of all renewal payments as well as funds received from new members.

5. Monthly Communication & Analysis of key Financial Reports: We summarize financial reports for our Finance Committee team and for the Board of Directors. These reports ensure that the club's financial status and activities are understood and receive proper oversight.

6. Taxation & Accounting Responsibilities: The club enlists an independent accounting firm to produce our annual Financial Statement and conduct a Review. However, there is usually information or documentation required from Finance to complete this task. We also ensure compliance with financial regulations, policies, and guidelines set by our organization.

7. Market Updates: We make it a priority to keep abreast of factors that affect our portfolio's performance. These range from employment numbers, direction of interest rates, geo-political developments, the indebtedness of Canadians, inflation numbers etc. We invite Udaya Ratnayake, Senior Portfolio Manager at BMO Nesbitt Burns to speak to our club annually so members may gain insight into his investment strategy and direction. We are in regular contact with Udaya and his team of investment professionals and we attend their annual luncheon to listen to economic experts such as Douglas Porter.

8. Collaboration: Finance works alongside other Directors to align financial decisions with the club's objectives. We set annual goals to help us optimize our resources of both time & money.

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend the very warmest welcome to our newest members who joined us this past month: Lillian Atari, Hannah Burge Luviano, Lorna Day and Brenda Lafon.

We hope you join some of our upcoming activities this fall, and look forward to meeting you soon.

- Lucia M.



INTERNATIONAL DINING | WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22 AT 6:00 PM

Join us on Wednesday November 22, 2023 at 6:00 pm when we will dine at the Banjara Indian Cuisine. Located at 796 Bloor Street West, the nearest subway station is Christie.

Email info@uwctoronto.ca to RSVP.

- Arlene K.



ROMERO HOUSE DONATIONS

When you are changing over to your fall and winter clothes, please remember to save clothing, hats, coats, boots and shoes that you won't wear again and we will do our usual November run to Romero House.

They need clothing for babies, children, teens, men and women. Also they are always in need of basic household items: cutlery, dishes, kitchen utensils, sheets and towels. Information on how to donate, coming soon. The contact person for the pick up is Jane V.

- Susan F.



Innis College

University of Toronto

INNIS COLLEGE SPECIAL EVENTS

Innis College has some wonderful events throughout the year at their Town Hall at St. George and Sussex Avenues. They are well-known for their Cinema Studies and Urban Studies programs which bring in many interesting films, speakers, etc. If you are not on the Innis College mailing list and would like to receive their invitations to screenings, lectures, panel discussions, and more, please send your name and email address to Susan F.

OUT & ABOUT

THE WALRUS TALKS

Below are some interesting events happening in our city over the next couple of months. Join us as we attend these events together with other members. Outings may be followed by coffee, lunch or dinner together for those who wish.

Music

Nov. 10 at 7:30 pm

A Concert of Remembrance at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
1585 Yonge St. Free admission.

Nov. 25 at 7:30 pm

Jubilate Singers at the Church of St. Peter and St. Simon
525 Bloor St. East. Tickets are \$30 (adult) \$20 (senior).

Dec. 6 at 7:30 pm

Festival of Carols at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
with the Mendelssohn Choir. Tickets are \$25.

Talks

November 8 at 7:00 pm

Part of the Yorkminster Park Speaker Series, come hear Professor Jan Grabowski speak about Holocaust Distortion as a new form of Holocaust Denial. Held at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge, north of St. Clair at Heath at 7:00 pm.

November 16 at 7:00 pm

THE WALRUS TALK on Gender Based Violence will take place at Isabel Bader Theatre Charles St. at Victoria College, (Museum Subway). Tickets are available at Eventbrite on the Walrus Talks website. Contact Susan F. We will see you there.

November 20 at 12:30 pm

Part of the COMPASSIONATE JUSTICE SERIES, Doug Saunders, international affairs correspondent for the Globe and Mail, will give a talk called Darkness on the Edge of Town. Until recently the world's social problems and inequities were most visible in the inner cities. The last few years have seen a dramatic shift with the suburbanization of poverty and immigration settlement shifting the most vulnerable communities. This is held at Eglinton St. George Church, 15 Lytton Blvd.

Nov. 25 at 10:00 am

Ontario Council Series: "Intimate Partner Violence: Ontario's unacknowledged Epidemic and its impact on women and children". Register at www.cfuwontcouncil.org. Presentation held via Zoom.

Library Events

Nov. 13 at 7:00 pm

Toronto Reference Library
Naomi Alderman 'The Power', a dystopian thriller, basis for Amazon Prime Series.

Nov. 15 at 7:00 pm

Toronto Reference Library
An Evening with the winner of the Giller Prize.

INTEREST GROUPS

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 wherever the conversation goes. 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.

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.



MAH JONGG | WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 AT 4:30 PM

At our October Mah Jongg game, new UWC member Candice Ilton, achieved her very first Mah Jongg. Congratulations Candice - we wish you many more. Also pictured are Leslie Giroday, Jean Green and Susan Lambie, enjoying Mah Jongg in the Faculty Club Pub.

Our Mah Jongg group currently meets once a month on a Wednesday, although due to its popularity, we are considering moving to twice a month. Stay tuned for more information.

Our next Mah Jongg game will be on Wednesday November 15 at 4:30 in the Faculty Club Pub. If you are new to the game, please let Lucia know and she will arrange for some instruction. Also, please consider buying (Amazon) the excellent book, *A Beginners Guide to American Mah Jongg*, by Elaine Sandberg. It provides an excellent and concise introduction to the game, and will help jumpstart your game.

- Lucia M.

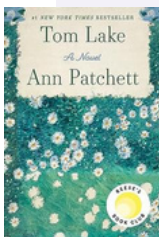
Contact Haley for any questions about our interest groups or if you'd like to join in!

Contact us: info@uwctoronto.ca

INTEREST GROUPS



NEW BOOK CLUB | MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 6:00 PM



November 20: *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett

On November 20 we will meet to discuss Ann Patchett's new novel *Tom Lake* which has received rave reviews.

Looking forward to our discussions and sharing of insights and opinions.

The meeting will be at the Faculty Club in either the Dining Room or the Pub - TBD.

- Susan F.



EVENING BOOK GROUP | WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 5:00 PM ON ZOOM

The topic this month is Canadians.

New members are always welcome!

- Judith L

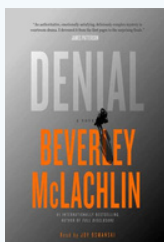
MORNING BOOK GROUP | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 10:30 AM ON ZOOM

The morning book club meets on the first Thursday of every month. We will be meeting on Zoom.

Below are our book selections for the next three months:

November 2: *Denial* by Beverley McLachlin

From the former Chief Justice of Canada and #1 best-selling author of *Full Disclosure* comes a new thriller starring tough-as-nails defense attorney Jilly Truitt in a murder case that makes her question her own truths.



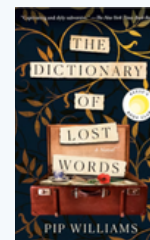
December 7: *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict

In December 1926, Agatha Christie goes missing. Investigators find her empty car on the edge of a deep pond. Her husband and daughter have no knowledge of her whereabouts. Eleven days later she reappears claiming amnesia and providing no explanation for her time away. A master storyteller whose clever mind may never be matched, Agatha Christie's untold story offers perhaps her greatest mystery of all.



January 4: *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams

Esme's mother died giving her birth, so she is brought up by her father. She spends her childhood under the table in the Scriptorium, where James Murray and his team of lexicographers, including her father, are Compiling the Oxford English Dictionary. Over time she discovers that words in common use, particularly those used by and about women, are not included. Williams writes that her novel began as two simple questions. Do words mean different things to men and women? And if they do, is it possible that we have lost something in the process of defining them?



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

- Carmie D.

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

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SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Every year, on your behalf, the Scholarship Committee awards not only our UWC Scholarships to deserving young women from local high schools but we also support young women from Iqaluit, a scholar's Residence Scholarship at Innis College and two young women who have aged out of care from the CAS.

The following is a thank you from the CAS Foundation for our donation for two \$5,000 scholarships.

Congratulations to the Scholarship Recipients and Graduates!

Through the generosity of our donors, over 300 scholarships were presented to students for the 2023-24 academic year including 55 first time applicants. And, 99 youth graduated this year. Congratulations to all the amazing students, scholarship recipients and graduates on their success.

"I want to acknowledge each youth in care across Canada and their stories because every one of them is unique, but so often they go unheard. The Foundation helps give us a voice. To my fellow graduates, congratulations. Take pride in the work that has brought you here," - Tiago, valedictorian speaker, former youth in care and youth advocate.

You can understand the need for confidentiality but we can share that this year we have supported these two young women.

T. is beginning her second year in the Social Sciences & Humanities program at the University of Toronto in the fall of 2023. This is our second year of scholarship for T.

M. is beginning her first year in the Veterinary Technology program at the University of Guelph in the fall of 2023.

We have also received letters of thanks and gratitude from our 2022 Innis College Residence Scholarship, Yugin Oh and our 2023 recipient Teni Awoleye.

The UWC of Toronto granted me the incredible opportunity to live at Innis Residence without financial burden during my first year of study. Akin to many small businesses, the pandemic was a difficult time for our family – and the scholarship helped me take a step forward in achieving my academic and personal goals. I am now entering my second year at the University of Toronto. My passion for the field of psychology has been with me throughout my childhood and adolescence, and now, in university, I've enrolled in the Psychology Specialist program. It is my dream to conduct research on psychological disorders and phenomena and raise awareness of and destigmatize mental health, especially in immigrant communities. I am incredibly grateful to the UWC for allowing me to flourish in this new chapter of my life as a university student and will continue to study my passion to not let the generosity go to waste.

Thank you,
Yugin Oh

Hello,
My name is Teni Awoleye and I am this year's recipient of the University Women's Club of Toronto Award. I just wanted to take the time to extend my deepest gratitude for your generosity. There are simply just not enough words to completely encapsulate just how incredibly overjoyed and thankful I am to have received this award. Attending the University of Toronto and being a member of Innis College has allowed me to meet so many wonderful people, all of whom I am incredibly grateful for. In the future, I hope to become a doctor, and make medical treatment more accessible and fairer for all (especially for those who have historically been unable to receive quality treatment). It is because of this scholarship that I was able to enroll as a UofT student and begin the process of realizing my dreams. So once again, I would like to thank you for this scholarship.

Warm Regards,
Teni

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

We would also like to introduce you to our scholarship recipient from Iqaluit, Tasiana Shirley. Although our previous and current awardees have chosen to study in Ottawa or the Maritimes, Tasiana is right next door at Innis College. We look forward to hosting her at future club events.

- Chris W.



My name is Tasiana Shirley and I am 17 years-old, afro-indigenous, and born and raised in Iqaluit, Nunavut. I come from a unique background, my father being African-American and Scandinavian, and my mother, an Inuk from Nunavut. Both of my parents work incredibly hard to support me and my aspirations and I am unbelievably grateful for their encouragement. I truly would not be the individual I am today without the integrity, strength, guidance, and utmost inspiration from them both.

In 2019, I was a lead actress in the Indigenous Sci-fi 'Slash/Back' where I worked closely with Indigenous filmmakers, and artists which inspired me to truly embrace my roots from a young age. Since its release, the Slash/Back team and I were privileged with the opportunity of showcasing the film in Canada, Europe, and the US educating others worldwide on Inuit culture. Stemming from my passion for film work, I've also co-lead film workshops designed to guide aspiring Inuit filmmakers and have more recently starred in an Indigenous dystopian short-film!

At school, I am an active member of the Black History Committee, where we focus on advocating Black history and representation, Positive Space Club, where we aim to create a space of equal opportunity, student engagement, and diversity within the school environment. I am also a member of Tusaqtaa (translating to "a place where we all listen" in Inuktitut) Peer Support Group where we incentivize and bring youth together to promote mental wellness in the territory. After high school, I wish to pursue a career as a lawyer and give back to the people and community that have paved my incredible journey.

PAST EVENTS

ROMERO HOUSE FUNDRAISER RECAP OCTOBER 11

We did it! The Romero House fundraiser was a huge success. The numbers aren't all in yet, but we're on track for raising approximately \$10,000 for Romero House!

On the evening of October 11th, the Faculty Club Wedgewood dining room filled to capacity as guests arrived to be greeted by a glass of Prosecco and wandered around the room meeting the founder of Romero House, Mary Jo Leddy and our esteemed key note speaker, Marie Henein. The silent auction table was crowded with excited bidders choosing which of the items they hoped to win and the room was abuzz with excitement and anticipation.

Our first speaker, Paola Gomes spoke of her experience as a refugee coming to Toronto and being helped by Romero House. For her this was a lifesaver and she has gone on to give back to the refugee community over the many years she has lived in Canada. Marie Henein followed with an account from her book on what it was like for her and her family to arrive from the Middle East in this new unfamiliar country. In the Q and A, she spoke brilliantly about the state of our legal system and influences that are changing the system around the world.

The silent auction was then opened up once more and a flourish of final bids were made with the bidding closing at 8:45 pm. The executive director of Romero House, Francesca Allodi-Ross, capped off the evening with an inspiring talk about the incredible work done by her team at Romero House.

This event was a huge success as the room was filled to capacity and the silent auction prizes hit their mark and, in some cases, exceeded expectations.

I would like to thank our sponsors CIBC The Krupica Financial Group, Park City Scooters and Landings Refugee and immigration Law. Also, a huge thank you to the Fundraising Committee. It could not have been done without all of their focus and hard work.

- Jane V



Save THE Date

SPEAKER SERIES: LAURYN OATES MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024 VIA ZOOM

Mark Monday, January 15, 2024 on your calendars for what promises to be a fascinating talk by Lauryn Oates, Executive Director of Canadian Women in Afghanistan. With the help of this amazing Canadian organization, Afghan girls who have been banned from going to secondary school by the Taliban can find a way to continue their education online.

This talk will be on Zoom. Registration details will follow in the coming weeks.



SAVE THE DATE

Please join us
for our annual

Festive DINNER

Tuesday, December 12 at 5:30 pm

In the upper dining room at the Faculty Club

Dinner includes a 3-course meal with salad, choice of main course, Cinnamon Crème Brûlée with fresh berries and coffee or tea.

Seating is limited so tickets will be available to **members only** until November 22 after which tickets will be available to members and non-members.


Cost: \$85 per person.

If you would like to attend, please send an email to info@uwctoronto.ca.

To reserve your spot, your payment of \$85 per person, can be made by:

1. e-transfer to payments@uwctoronto.ca or
2. by cheque payable to UWC Toronto and mailed to Wendy McCallum, 204-1941 Queen St E., Toronto, ON, M4L 1H7.

Please include your choice for the main course: Roast Turkey, Braised Short Ribs, Maple Glazed Salmon or Moroccan Stew (Vegetarian).





what's on

**UWC
EVENTS**



Our weekly Friday email outlines events for the following week, together with RSVP and Zoom links.

November

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

NOV 02 UWC Morning Book
Club at **10:30 am**

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

NOV 13 Speaker: Michelle
Head Kim at **5:30 pm**

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

NOV 20 - New Book Club
at **6:00 pm**

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

NOV 22 International Dining:
Banjara Indian
Cuisine at **6:00 pm**

NOV 25 CFUW Ontario Council
Speaker Series
at **10:00 am**

NOV 27 Business Meeting via
Zoom at **5:30 pm**

