



University Women's Club of Toronto

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December 2017 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Festive Dinner

December 12th, 5.30 pm

Just a quick reminder about our Annual Festive Dinner Party, which takes place on Tuesday, December 12th in the main dining room of the Faculty Club. We will mingle starting at 5:30, with an opportunity to bid on your favourite raffle items. Following this, The Kai Syrian Children's Choir will sing for us. A delicious dinner will follow. Our President, Susan Freeman will introduce our special guest Mary Jo Leddy, who will bring greetings from our friends at Romero House. Jane Hamer will then conduct the draw for the winning tickets for the beautiful raffle items, which have been generously donated. We look forward to seeing you all that night. Please call 416-979-2000 or email info@uwctoronto.ca to make a reservation.

-Rosemary Hales, Chair, Special Events.



Mary Macdonald Scholarship



As Mary's philosophy in life has always been to contribute to those less fortunate, in a way that would support their strengths, her family has decided to make a generous gift of \$50,000 to be administered by the Heritage Fund. It will be awarded to two students who may not have the highest

marks, but have demonstrated a strong desire to improve their lives and the lives of those around them, plus fulfill their own potential.

See page 7 for the complete story.

Memorial Luncheon

December 6, 2017, 11:30am

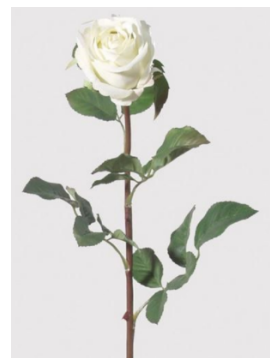
Speaker: Elizabeth Renzetti

Topic: *Silence is a cave that provides no shelter: Why women's voices are needed now more than ever.*

Serving as a memorial to the 14 women murdered at École Polytechnique de Montréal on December 6, 1989, and as a reminder about violence against women, this luncheon is always a very special event and an opportunity to meet members of other CFUW clubs. Elizabeth Renzetti is a national columnist with the Globe and Mail, and past correspondent in the newspaper's Los Angeles and London bureaus.

Tickets are \$65.00 (cheque payable to CFUW Special Events). A charitable donation receipt will be issued for a portion of the cost.

Tickets can be purchased from Dawn Whitmore at 416-922-6659





The season of cheer and good wishes is upon us. We can be very pleased with our work this fall with our donations, collections and advocacy bringing good things to others. Within the club we have had so many great events to enjoy ourselves.

If you have a moment, make a few phone calls or visits to our members who may be ill or isolated. Take another moment to enjoy and appreciate each other and all of the good things that we can accomplish together.

May you all have wonderful celebrations of the season with friends and family. May the New Year bring health and happiness, peace and goodwill.

All the very best,

Susan

Membership News



Tansy, new Graduate Student Member, Peter Patterson, Deborah, Rosemary

We are pleased to welcome Cynthia Smith, Susan Anderson, Priscilla Platt and Susan Chapman to our club. We look forward to seeing them at our regular bridge, book clubs, French, wellness, movie

group, international dining and so on, at our special events like the festive dinner, regular speaker series and having them get involved in our advocacy work.

Our first Graduate Student Member is Tansy Zhao. A warm welcome to you all!

Remember that all of our events are on the monthly calendar that comes with the newsletter. You can also access the newsletter and calendar on our website.

We hope that all of our members will bring a friend who might be interested in joining us to the January 17th Spotlight visit to Bhutan and get together afterwards. See you then!

-Susan



ADVOCACY ISSUES

UWC has 4 key advocacy issues:

1. Encouraging education for girls and women via scholarships, grant, mentoring
2. Lobbying for greater access and more facilities for Early Childhood Education
3. Encouraging Indigenous Education
4. Helping abused and/or homeless women

To elaborate further:

1. The Heritage Fund gives scholarships and grants to female students in Toronto to begin or continue their post-secondary education. Our contribution to the Heritage Fund is one half of our net money, about \$30,000 annually.

The University Women's Club continues that work in providing a grant, via Innis College, to provide residence for a young woman from a background of need. This money, just over \$9000 will come from our Discretionary Fund over two years at \$4500 per year. We have also contributed to the education of refugee women and girls through our fundraiser for Romero House. In total we have given \$28,000 over the last two years. This money comes entirely from the fundraisers and is administered by Mary Jo Leddy at Romero House.

2. The Toronto-wide Committee of UWC groups has made great progress in lobbying for greater access to early childhood education. Their work has been recognized by the Ministry of Education. We are thrilled that Ann McKibbin has volunteered to represent us with this worthwhile and important group.
3. The UWC has given money to Indspire, the organization which provides scholarships and grants to worthy indigenous students. We gave \$4500 last year from our Discretionary Fund. We requested that this money be awarded to female students. Any money given to Indspire is matched dollar for dollar by the Federal Government. We propose to give \$5000 this year from our Charitable Giving Fund. As a continuation of this, themes 1 and 3, we continue to support a student from Iqaluit with \$1500 per term from the Discretionary Fund.
4. The CFUW espouses helping abused and/or homeless women as one of its advocacy issues. This year we will be helping Sistering, a shelter which provides beds, meals and medical, psychological, social work and housing

services to the women and girls. They also try to encourage education and to provide skills for the women to enhance their possibilities of employment and to enhance their self-esteem.

We feel that we are pursuing goals in keeping with the CFUW's goals. We are so fortunate to be able to help others and should take pride in our work. Hopefully, in the near future, we will be able to provide mentoring to young girls and women, an active collection of articles (clothing, toys and basic household items) for Romero House and fabrics for Sistering and their new sewing program. The Board agrees to continue our work in line with the CFUW guidelines and hopes to be able to help many worthwhile causes.

-Susan

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dinner Speaker Doug Purdon

**Monday January 22,
5:30 pm**

Topic: Art Forgery

An artist, award-winning Professor at University of Toronto, and expert on art forgery, Doug Purdon will speak about the high stakes of this criminal activity that allows forgers to make hundreds of thousands of dollars from just one painting.

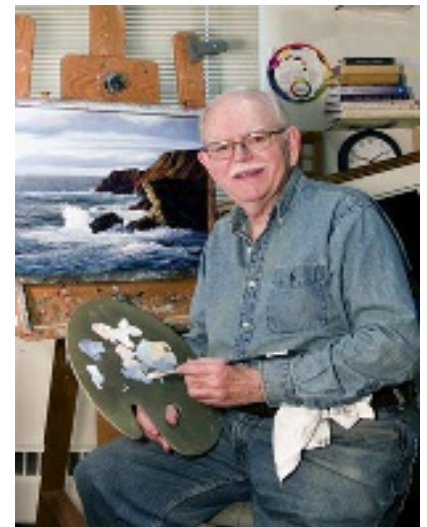
You will learn about some of the world's greatest art forgers, their skills, knowledge and talents, plus the effect of their crimes on our society, and the vigilance needed to guard against this type of crime. This and other important insights will make for an eye-opening session you do not want to miss.

Cost: \$40 for members, \$45 for guests

Reservation Deadline: January 19, 2018

Phone: 416-979-2000

email info@uwctoronto.ca



Spotlight On Bhutan

Wednesday January 17, 2018.

5:00 – 7:00pm



On January 17th intrepid traveller Marianne Anderson, will tell us of her recent journey to the Kingdom of Bhutan, a country that the Lonely Planet describes as shrouded in mystery and magic, where a traditional Buddhist culture carefully embraces global developments. Marianne has stories to tell of the Tibetan Buddhist monasteries, the dramatic landscapes and her exhilarating adventures in this amazing country, complete with beautiful photos taken on her travels.

Let's welcome in the new year with this special Spotlight occasion. We encourage as many of our members as possible to attend. Please bring a friend with you and introduce them to the University Women's Club and all that it has to offer.

When you bring a friend to Spotlight on January 17th you and your friend each will receive a free glass of wine or fruit cocktail. We want to make prospective new members feel welcome. Let's all do our best to build our UWC membership.

Date: Wednesday January 17,
5:00 - 7:00 pm. When reserving,
please indicate if you'd like to
stay for dinner at the pub
afterwards.

Call 416-979-2000
or info@uwctoronto.ca

-Jane Hamer



International Dining

January 8, 2018

5:30 pm

We felt it would be best to avoid the calendar conflicts of the Christmas season, so our next date is January 8th. I had a few people

recommend ***Sorrel's Restaurant and Bar***.

Coming from the investment world, I thought it important to do my due diligence first. So, I took a Saturday night, recently, to invite my son's mother and father-in-law out to dinner to celebrate her recent retirement. I came away with two thoughts:

1. It's a little expensive
2. The food is magnificent

Despite the price I've decided to go ahead. The pastas are \$20 - \$30. The fish and meat are \$30 - \$40. So, you'll be able to make your own choice as to what suits both your taste and your budget. If you will be joining us, please RSVP to Marium at either 416-979-2000 or info@uwctoronto.ca. The restaurant is at 1158 Yonge Street, which is just south of the Summerhill subway station, on the opposite side of Yonge Street.

-Susan Le Roy



PAST EVENTS

Dinner Speaker Adam Chapnick

On November 6th, Dr. Chapnick, professor, author and foreign policy expert, captivated the audience with his lively, informative talk about

multiculturalism in Canada, comparing it to other countries. His presentation, and his responses to the numerous questions afterwards, revealed an in depth knowledge of multiculturalism and its impact on the world. A thought provoking presentation about a timely topic.

Financial Meeting of November 13



The meeting was attended by many members and the financial results as of September 30, 2017 were presented by our new Interim Treasurer Kathy Nolan-Garner, who also introduced herself. The following opportunities will be examined as we move forward:

- Examine e-banking: would members use it and at what cost,
- Send membership invoices via email,
- Move membership to an annual June billing similar to what the Faculty Club is doing, and
- Utilize a cloud environment for storage of important documents

Reports from Shaloma on the Charitable Giving Committee, and from Jane on Discretionary Spending, were presented and members voted to support the recommendations. There was real enthusiasm expressed by the members for the individuals and organizations receiving these gifts.

Deborah presented a report on the UWC Toronto Heritage Fund. They recently held a weekend retreat where the focus was on strategic planning.

Susan Freeman led a discussion regarding student membership. CFUW will charge \$35 per student member. It was decided that a pilot study could be initiated at a cost of \$35 for the student member. This will allow us to get some experience as to what this would mean to the Club before our annual meeting.

-Kathy Nolan-Garner

CFUW: Talk It Out, October 28, 2017



Jane, Kathy, Michele and Martha attended Talk it Out, a CFUW Canada wide meeting and reported back on the various workshops they had participated in.

Vice Presidents' Workshop

As members of the Canadian Federation of University Women, we belong to an organization of women, linked locally, provincially and nationally to promote quality education, encourage participation in public affairs and improve the status of girls and women, all in an atmosphere of cooperation, fun and friendship. The Talk It Out meeting on October 28th, offered CFUW Presidents and Vice Presidents the rare opportunity to gather together and share news about their respective clubs. The conversation centred on membership recruitment, effective technologies, outreach partnerships and in particular, on community engagement. CFUW clubs are involved in various community outreach projects to help prevent violence against women, to eliminate child poverty and to support early learning and child care initiatives. The University Women's Club of Toronto is strongly committed to community service and we have chosen to give financial support to Romero House, Inspire and Sistering in an effort to help build a more equitable world for girls and women through education and the elimination of poverty.

-Jane Hamer

Treasurers' Workshop

For the first time, Treasurers were invited to Talk It Out and the twelve of us met as a breakout group. The responsibilities of the Treasurer's role in each club, and the role of Ontario Council were reviewed with emphasis that each club requires financial policy, budgeting, accurate bookkeeping and transparency. Each club shared how they handle the awards process, membership application forms and fundraising. There were many solid ideas that will be shared. And the meeting started on time and finished early. I love UWC.

-Kathy Nolan-Garner

Advocacy Workshop

Advocacy, for the members of CFUW, is more than just fundraising: it's about acting within our communities to create change. Whether it be creating awareness surrounding women's issues, education needs, the effort to bridge the gap between government and our First Nations neighbours or issues that affect our aging community, we can always do more. Some interesting ideas are letter writing and visits to government officials, monitoring what happens during government proceedings and having a presence during community gatherings (i.e. marches for International Women's Day). The committee challenged us to contemplate if our club had an advocacy focus and how we could partner up with other clubs to improve our community involvement.

-Michele Barrett



Membership Workshop

It was a lively discussion around the table. We talked about the challenges each chapter faces with longevity and diversity. And we shared successes in recruiting and retaining new

members. All agreed that there is an increased membership interest in funding for education, volunteer and advocacy work.

Promoting the fact that we belong to a national network has been positive.

Some chapters use the CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) tag line: *"The Power of Women Working Together"*. Other chapters use the CFUW website to promote benefits to joining: UWC member discounts, communication and resources, webinars, lifelong learning, women's leadership and mentorship, travel and accommodation.

In addition to networking and interest groups, the focus on community outreach has been successful: *"Be a part of building partnerships with other organizations in your community"*.

There was a lot of interest in the *Orange Campaign Event November 26, 2017*.

And a lot of excitement learning more about the partnership between the CFUW, UWC North York and GRAN (Grandmothers Advocacy Network).

For more information about this successful partnership visit:

<http://cfuwontcouncil.org/event/orange-campaign/>

-Martha Dove

Heritage Fund's 20th Anniversary Celebration

Heritage Fund's 20th Anniversary was celebrated in style on October 23, with a fine three-course dinner.

The guest of honour was Mary Sauriol, who has acted as the

Fund's President for those all years. It was Mary who saw the need for a charitable donation status for the University Women's Club and set about meeting the various challenges to the Fund's founding.

The evening also celebrated the establishment of a scholarship for a Physiotherapy student entering the M.A. program at the University of Toronto. Guests included Mary's Physiotherapy colleagues, her family members, students who have received Heritage Fund scholarships, and many fellow Club members.



Deborah Maw, the incoming Heritage Fund President, did a fine job of making certain Mary's colleagues, family and Club members were invited to share their memories of Mary. All were treated to an evening of remembering, warmth, and a celebration of the Heritage Fund's past 20 years!

-Glad Bryce

SAVE THE DATE

International Women's Day March 8



Please join the University Women's Clubs of Ontario Central to celebrate International Women's Day March 8 11:30 for 12:00 at the Faculty Club. Jodie-Lynn Waddilove, an indigenous lawyer who has received numerous scholarships and awards recognizing her

academic achievements and community service, will provide insights into the rights of indigenous women today. Tickets are \$50.00 and will be available from Rosemary Hales and Deborah Maw in January.

A Most Generous Gift

Mary Macdonald Scholarship

The University Women's Club of Toronto with its history of over ninety-three years has seen many spectacular trailblazers among its membership and one of these amazing women is Mary Elleda Macdonald. For those of us who have had the pleasure to have met Mary at a club meeting we will remember her as a gracious, to the point, intelligent woman who during her career as one of the first women principals in Toronto learned early on that she had to be much better than her male counterparts to accomplish her goals as an educator.



It is because of her commitment and vision to young people's education that her family has decided to establish as a tribute to her accomplishments a scholarship in the amount of \$50,000 to two women students who have graduated from the old York School District where Mary taught.

Mary was born in 1919 and grew up on a farm in rural Ontario. She began her teaching profession at the age of eighteen in a one-room schoolhouse. At that time teachers were not required to obtain a university degree, but Mary later went on to get her Bachelor of Arts followed by a Bachelor of Education degree and finally a Master of Education degree in 1964. In Mary's own words, "I made sacrifices but my education and career were important to me and I believed in the good work I was doing. My M.A. thesis explores some pretty forward-looking ideas (for the time) in education. The well-being of my students was something I took seriously." Needless to say, Mary's concern for the well-being of her students will live on with this scholarship in her name.

In addition to Mary's recognition of the importance of education as expressed by her family, "her underlying philosophy in life was to contribute to those less fortunate in a way that would support their strengths". It is for this reason that her family has decided to make this very generous gift to be administered by the University Women's Club (Toronto) Heritage Fund to two students who may not have the highest marks but "have demonstrated a strong desire to improve their lives and the lives of those around them as well as a strong desire to fulfill their own potential".

Mary who is now 98 is in full time Alzheimer's care with her family overlooking her care. All seven of her nieces and nephews thought that Mary would like to see some of her estate go to students from the old school district, "setting out a new path in their lives".

The Mary Macdonald Scholarship is the largest gift of its kind to date received by the University Women's Club (Toronto) Heritage Fund to be administered through the scholarship programme. Like its namesake, Mary Macdonald, it is a trailblazer. - *Deborah Maw*

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January 2018



Wednesday, December 20, 12:00 – 2:00pm

Please reserve 24 hours in advance

Every Thursday in December and January

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December

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UWC & Faculty Club Events

UWC events in red, FC events in blue

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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24	25	26 10:00AM DUPLICATE BRIDGE TUESDAY AFTERNOON TEA	27 BURGER WEDNESDAYS	28 SURF N' TURF THURSDAYS	29 FISH & CHIP FRIDAYS	30