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University Arts Women's Club- University of Toronto Women's Association

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Not only is another year drawing to a close, it is also the end of an era. Both the University Arts Women's Club and the University of Toronto Women's Association have long histories – the former was founded in 1929, the latter in 1982. Over the years, many women have enjoyed the opportunities provided by club membership and countless friendships have been forged. Unfortunately, in today's world, clubs such as ours are struggling to survive, and, as announced in February, this will be our last year.

During the past year, we were able to enjoy in-person meetings and social events. The Interest Groups have been active, and 14 members and 1 guest enjoyed the delicious Christmas Buffet Lunch at The Faculty Club.

We welcomed new members, Katheryne Jackson, Donna Shantz, Beverley Mandel, and Fern Winter in October, and were saddened to learn of the deaths of Eleanor Thomson in September, and Barbara Harrison in February.

Plans are being finalized for our Spring Luncheon & Annual General Meeting (AGM) at The Faculty Club on Thursday, April 18, 2024 – please mark the date on your calendars! A social time and cash bar will be available from 12:00 noon in the Main Lounge. We will remain there for lunch, as well as the business meeting, and presentation by our guest speaker, Dr. Andrée-Ann Cyr, PhD, who will talk about *Optimizing Learning and Memory as We Age*. Dr. Cyr is an Associate Professor of Psychology at York University, Glendon Campus.

Our three-course lunch will consist of a salad, an entrée, dessert, and tea or coffee. You must submit your choice of entrée as indicated on page 3 of this Newsletter or a reservation will not be made for you. The choice between 3 salads will be made at the lunch and the dessert will be Crème Brûlée.

As announced earlier, there will not be a charge for members in good standing, and guests will be welcome at a cost of \$60 each (tax and gratuity included). Guest's choice of entrée must be indicated on a Reservation Form. All Reservation Forms with meal choices, and payment if applicable, must be received **by April 3**. Please note that payment must be by e-transfer or cheque in advance – we will not accept any payments (cash or cheques) at the door.

**Please note that if you are paying by cheque, it must be sent to
Kirsteen McLean, not the treasurer**

Documents are being culled for submission to the University of Toronto Archives and Record Management Services (UTARMS) so if you have any materials pertaining to the Club's history that might be suitable for inclusion, please let us know as soon as possible. Boxes of material from both clubs have already been sent to UTARMS; UTWA's included material up to 2003, and UAWC's up to 2017, so we are only gathering material for each club after those dates.

Scholarships and bursaries established by the University of Toronto Women's Association are administered by the University of Toronto and will remain in place for perpetuity.

Both UAWC and UTWA own items such as silver serving pieces (some engraved), tea pots, and large tablecloths which must be relocated to new homes. If you have any suggestions about where to donate these, or if you are interested in acquiring any of them, please contact one of the Executive members and a complete list, with photos, will be provided.

Please encourage your friends and family to join us at our Spring Luncheon and AGM!

I would like to thank the Executive, Coordinators, Convenors and Committees who have succeeded in making this another stimulating and enjoyable year, and who have made it very easy for me to carry out my term as President – they truly are a wonderful, dedicated, hard-working, fun group of people.

Patricia Nevins,
President, UAWC-UTWA

REPORT ON THE INTEREST GROUPS FOR 2023-2024

Antiques and Art Appreciation (A)

Patricia Nevins reports the group is composed of 20 members who were happy to again attend outings and lunches. Some places they toured are the Lakeshore Grounds tunnels, Textile Museum, and Bata Shoe Museum. New Members are welcome. Our Annual Planning Meeting is scheduled for May when we will discuss what the future holds for this group.

Gourmet Lunch (Go)

Bobbi Slater considers that it's been a very successful year for 8 Gourmet Lunch members. The group met at various members' homes for delicious food and conversation. Due to space limitation in some homes the group is at its ideal size.

Reading (R)

Linda Andrews and Gay Thomson report that the Reading group has gone well with 6 members. They have been meeting on Zoom, discussing a mix of fiction and non-fiction books. This year the group has been reading *Peace by Chocolate* by Jon Tattrie, *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier, and *Grace* by Cody Keenan. New Members are welcome.

Restaurant Lunch (L)

Kirsteen McLean reports that 11 members of the Restaurant Lunch group had a good year and enjoyed lunch and conversation at a variety of restaurants – Sunnyside Café, The Good Son Restaurant, The Chef's' House, Spoon & Fork, The Cheesecake Factory, Queen's Pasta Café, Barnsteiner's Restaurant, Dil Se Indian Restaurant and Nevizade. New members are welcome.

Theatre (T)

Claudia Colas indicates that the group with 15 members had continued its activities with ongoing interest in a variety of theatre productions. This year the group enjoyed shows scheduled at the Soulpepper Theatre as well as shows at the Stratford and Shaw Festivals. New members are welcome.

Convenors have indicated that they would like to keep the Interest Groups active and will be contacting their respective members regarding future meetings and events. To that end, most groups are still accepting new members whether or not they are affiliated with UAWC-UTWA.

Please visit our web site <https://uawc-utwa.artsci.utoronto.ca>

Maggy Stepanian
Interest Groups & Media Coordinator

RESERVATION FORM

2024 Spring Luncheon & Annual General Meeting
The Faculty Club, University of Toronto
Thursday, April 18, 2024

Reception, Cash Bar and Lunch from 12:00 pm, Meeting at 1:30 pm

For reservations not requiring payment please email your meal choice to
uawcutwa@gmail.com **BEFORE April 3**

Guests are welcome at \$60 per person and payment must be made in advance by e-transfer to uawcutwa@gmail.com with their lunch choice indicated in the NOTES section, OR by cheque payable to UAWC-UTWA and sent with this Reservation Form to

Kirsteen McLean, 62 Shelborne Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M5N 1Z1

**Payments must be made in advance, and WE WILL NOT ACCEPT
CASH or CHEQUES at the door**

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____ Amount Enclosed (Guests only) _____

Menu choices: *Please indicate the choice of Entrée for your guest(s)*

Each option includes a choice of Salads to be chosen at the luncheon, an Entrée, Dessert (Crème Brûlée), Tea or Coffee

- Moroccan Stew: Roasted Cauliflower, Carrots, Sweet Peppers in a Moroccan Spiced Coconut Broth, Steamed Jasmine Rice, Fried Chickpeas, Toasted Cashews, and Scallions (Vegetarian)
- AAA 8 oz York Striploin Steak, Red Wine Jus, Brown Butter Mashed Potatoes, Crisp Green Beans
- Roasted Atlantic Salmon Filet, Potato and Chive Croquette, Garlic Fried Spinach, Compound Herb Butter

**You must submit a meal choice to confirm your attendance
and reserve your place**