Thank you all who voted for the constitution of our newly combined organization. At long last, after many attempts, we are one group. We look forward to continuing to provide opportunities to socialize and to learn.

As you are well aware, 2020 is a year like no other. COVID-19 has had a huge impact on our lives even if we are fortunate enough not to get sick. In the spring we had to cancel the UAWC general meeting where Molly Thom was to be the speaker. We also had to cancel the joint UAWC/UTWA AGM in April when Vivienne Poy would have been the highlight. Hopefully we can reschedule both of these speakers in the future.

Christine McClymont has arranged an interesting roster of speakers for the 2020 – 2021 General Meetings, with the first scheduled for October 15th 2020, at St Thomas’s Church Hall, 383 Huron St. At this time, it is not clear if we will be able to meet as usual. The executive is exploring the possibility of using Zoom as an alternative to meeting at the church. We will keep you informed.

The Interest Groups are also considering how to handle meetings or outings this year, and each Convenor will be in touch with her members.

The Membership/Renewal Form will be distributed later in September or October.

In addition to spending time at her cottage, Sue Russell has been busy this summer working on the latest installment of the history of UAWC, covering the years 2000 – 2020. This is a continuation of the histories compiled by Helen Smith for 1929 – 1974, and 1975 – 1999, and makes interesting reading. You can find the first two sections of UAWC history on the website; the third will be added shortly.

A hearty welcome to two new members, Sadhna Joshi-Sukhwal and Leila Lax. We are delighted to have you join us, even if it has to be virtually for the time being.

Sadly, Gloria Seaquist died this spring, she will be missed by her many friends.

Stay safe everyone, we have to remain vigilant in this battle we could never have imagined.

Kirsteen McLean, President

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