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UNIVERSITY ARTS WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Another year is quickly passing by and Spring will be here soon. We are looking forward to April 25, 2019, for our Spring Luncheon & Annual General Meeting and encourage you to bring guests. Our speaker will be Eva Stachniak, the Canadian author of books such as *The Winter Palace* and *The Chosen Maiden*. Please mark your calendars – we count on your continued attendance and support!

A big welcome to our five new members Joan Hewitt, Alison Mahoney, Bobbi Slater, Mary Ann Spooner, Audrey Stefanovich. I'm happy to say UAWC now has a total of 68 members.

Towards the end of September Barbara Harrison volunteered to take over as Convenor of the Reading Interest Group. Thank you, Barbara, for filling in this position. Another enjoyable Past Presidents' Luncheon was held on November 1, 2018, at The Faculty Club with 14 past presidents in attendance.

Our Christmas Party Buffet Luncheon was held on Thursday, December 13, 2018, at the President's House, hosted once again by Joanna Gertler, Honorary President of our Club. Warmest thanks to you, Joanna. We are also thankful to Janice Hicks, Marketing & Community Relations, Delmanor Retirement Living (DRL) in Don Mills, who once again provided us with a delicious buffet luncheon. Also, Marguerite Hunt was the winner of a door prize, a gift basket, donated by DRL. This year's chosen charity was Habitat for Humanity (GTA) – Women Build 2019. As non-profit homebuilders, their mission is to mobilize volunteers and community partners to provide safe, decent and affordable housing for low-income families. Raney Jansma, Events & Sponsorship Coordinator, greatly appreciated our donations totaling \$600.00. There were 42 members at this function including 8 guests.

We were saddened to learn that former UAWC members Lorraine Crouse and Margaret Slemon passed away in January 2019. In 2018 Marjorie Ivy's husband Donald passed away in June, and Barbara Harrison's husband Alexander in September. Our sympathies go out to our friends and their families.

Reports of the Nominating Committee and Interest Groups are included with this Newsletter. Thanks as ever to all the Convenors who so efficiently keep our Interest Groups running smoothly. I would also like to thank the Christmas Buffet Luncheon and Spring Luncheon Committees, as well as the current Executive, who have worked hard to achieve yet another enjoyable and successful year for the Club.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Spring Luncheon and Annual General Meeting.

Maggy Stepanian, President

Please visit our website <http://groups.chass.utoronto.ca/uawc/>

RESERVATION FORM

**2019 Spring Luncheon and Annual General Meeting, Faculty Club, University of Toronto
Thursday, April 25, 2019**

Reception and Cash Bar at 12 noon, Lunch at 12:30 pm (there will be door prizes)

**Mail with your cheque (payable to UAWC) for \$40.00 per person BEFORE April 10 to:
Linda Andrews, 42 Haslemere Road, Toronto, Ontario, M4N 1X6**

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

- Menu choices:**
- 1. Boneless Cornish Game Hen with Orange & Maple Glaze**
 - 2. Grilled Salmon Fillet with Lemon Beurre Blanc**
 - 3. Roasted Beets with Goat Cheese Croquette (vegetarian)**
- Please circle your choice(s)*

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR CHOICE BEFORE APRIL 10, 2019

Note: The Faculty Club is located at 41 Willcocks Street. The best way by TTC is to take the subway to Spadina and change to the Spadina streetcar, then go 3 stops south to Willcocks Street.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Committee: *Maggy Stepanian, President*
Christine McClymont, Past-President
Gay Thomson, President Elect

Candidates for the 2019-2020 Executive are:

Honorary President Joanna Gertler
Past President Maggy Stepanian
President Gay Thomson
President Elect Kirsteen McLean
Vice-President Membership
& Membership Secretary Kathleen Imrie
Vice-President Interest Groups
& Media Co-ordinator Maggy Stepanian

Recording Secretary Helen Grad
Treasurer Linda Andrews
Programme Convenor Christine McClymont
Publications Convenor Patricia Nevins
Social-Christmas Party Convenor ... Linda Andrews
Social-Newcomers Convenor Kirsteen McLean
Tea Convenor Claudia Colas
Archivist Sue Russell

REPORT ON THE INTEREST GROUPS FOR 2018-2019

Antiques & Art Appreciation (A): Patricia Nevins reports that this year many of the group's 30 enthusiastic members toured the Gardiner Museum, the Textile Museum, the Museum of Contemporary Art, and St. Thomas's Anglican Church in Toronto, as well as the Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre in Oakville and the McMichael Gallery in Kleinburg. Lunch and social time were enjoyed at each outing.

Gourmet Lunch (Go): Patricia Nevins reports that the nine members enjoyed a successful year.

Reading (R): Barbara Harrison reports that the Reading group is going well with 10 members. They have been meeting in member's homes and occasionally at Belmont House courtesy of Ruth Clarke. The reading list is chosen at the last meeting of the season and includes fiction and nonfiction.

Theatre (T): Claudia Colas indicates that the group with 15 members has continued its activities with ongoing interest in a variety of theatre productions. They are enjoying shows at the Soulpepper Theatre as well as some at the Stratford and Shaw Festivals.

Maggy Stepanian
Vice-President Interest Groups

PROPOSAL FOR MERGER OF UNIVERSITY ARTS WOMEN'S CLUB AND UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Members of both executives (UAWC and UTWA) have been working towards merging the organizations to function with one executive, one constitution and joint activities. Although each organization will continue to operate through 2019-2020, the executives elected at their respective AGMs in April 2019 will meet and work together to facilitate the transition.

A single new executive and a new constitution will be presented for approval at the AGM for the new organization in the spring of 2020.

This merger has become necessary due to increased costs and the declining membership of both organizations. The Dean of Arts and Science, University of Toronto, has provided seed money to assist this process.

All current UAWC and UTWA members will be eligible to be members of the new organization. There will be a schedule of fees for participation in any of the activities.

This proposal will be presented to the members of each organization for approval at their respective AGMs in April 2019.

The new organization will be known as UAWC/UTWA.