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University Arts Women’s Club

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Your Executive have been hard at work this year to produce a Constitution to bring our two clubs (University Arts Women’s Club and the University of Toronto Women’s Association) together in accordance with the mandate you gave us with your vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) last year. In the last few days you will have received a copy of the proposed Constitution with a request that you give your affirmation or otherwise. In addition to replying by email or snail mail you can in fact vote at the meeting on March 19th at the registration desk. We will be announcing the result at our AGM at The Faculty Club on April 16th when we hope to complete the journey which we began at last year’s AGM to find our clubs united. Our speaker this year is The Honourable Dr. Vivienne Poy, Author, former Senator of Canada, and Chancellor Emerita of the University of Toronto; her title: *Convocation with a difference: From Student to Chancellor*. There is a sign-up section at the bottom of this Newsletter, you can do it today! Of course, guests are always welcome.

Nine new members have joined our club this year. I hope you have had a chance to meet some of them if not all. It is amazing how when one’s friends hear the things we are doing they want to join us, please keep encouraging them! Our new members are: Sheila Flynn McGrath, Karen Fyenchuk, Julie Gray, Joan Little, Sheila Miller, Miriam Marks, Sharon McCarthy, Maureen Somerville and most recently, June Field. Kirsteen McLean held an enjoyable coffee morning in February for those who were able to attend. We welcome them all. In the fall we lost a dear member of our club, and of the university community, when Katherine (Kay) Morrison died. Her participation and knowledge will be much missed by the Reading Group. Her generosity, and that of her late husband Russell, will be marked for ever by the Morrison Residence on St. George St. and the current renovations and additions to the Robarts Library among many other things. After this we have stayed well through this mild winter as far as I know. I just hope we can do as well through the present Covid-19 virus concern. I understand that good hand washing is the best way to stay fit.

My term as your President is coming to an end but it would not have been possible without a tremendous amount of support from all those who play a part to keep your club moving along. I have been blessed with a hard-working and conscientious Executive. Everyone has fulfilled their role admirably and also been ready to assist with the work involved in our amalgamation. I should make special mention of those who will be leaving the Executive. Kathy Imrie, quite new to the club, has done a wonderful job as our Membership Coordinator for the past three years. Likewise, we are grateful to Helen Grad who has acted as Secretary at both UTWA and UAWC meetings. Sue Russell has let us know that she wishes to be released from the role of Archivist and Historian, but not I think before she completes the final history of the UAWC with the assistance of others. Sue has held many positions in our club over the years and been one of the most consistent voices in advocating for a merger between the two clubs. You will find the list of our Executive for next year on the back of this sheet. Both our next President and President Elect have committed to two years each in the role of President which will provide a lot of stability and we thank them in advance. We will be welcoming Bobbi Slater as our future Treasurer.

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RESERVATION FORM

2020 Spring Luncheon and Annual General Meeting, Faculty Club, University of Toronto
Thursday, April 16, 2020

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 \$45.00 per person BEFORE April 7 to:
Linda Andrews, 42 Haslemere Road, Toronto, Ontario, M4N 1X6

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Menu choices: Please circle your choice(s)

- 1. Baked chicken breast, squash & apple stuffing, apple cider jus, fingerling potatoes, seasonal vegetables (Gluten free)
- 2. Grilled Grouper Fillet with Red Pepper Butter Sauce, Seasonal Vegetables (Gluten free)
- 3. Lemon Zest & Three Cheese Ravioli with Winter Squash and Zucchini in Sun Dried Tomato Pesto (VEGETARIAN)

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR CHOICE BEFORE APRIL 7, 2020

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.

Maggy Stepanian has written separately about the Interest Groups and their Convenors who see to the day to day running of the groups whom we thank. Our thanks also to Christine McClymont for a really interesting line up of speakers, and advance notice for next year also has great surprises. We should also express our gratitude to Claudia Colas for overseeing the refreshments for our meetings. Not forgetting Shirley Zaky and her wonderful sweet treats. We are still in need of regular help in the kitchen for our General Meetings. This is not an arduous task, please let Claudia or me know if you can help. I look forward to seeing you all at the Spring luncheon and AGM.

Gay Thomson,
President, UAWC

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Committee: *Gay Thomson, President*
Kirsteen McLean, President Elect

Maggy Stepanian, Past-President
Patricia Nevins

Candidates for the 2020-2021 Executive are:

Honorary President Joanna Gertler
Past President Gay Thomson
President Kirsteen McLean
President Elect Patricia Nevins
Recording Secretary Marlene Cummins
Treasurer Bobbi Slater
Membership Coordinator Linda Andrews
Media Co-ordinator Maggy Stepanian

Interest Groups Co-ordinator Maggy Stepanian
Programme Coordinator Christine McClymont
Publications Coordinator Patricia Nevins
Special Events Coordinator Gay Thomson
Lunch Coordinator Claudia Colas
Scholarship Coordinator Kirsteen McLean
Archive Coordinator & Historian TBA

REPORT ON THE INTEREST GROUPS FOR 2019-2020

Antiques & Art Appreciation (A): Patricia Nevins reports that the group is comprised of 28 enthusiastic members. This year they toured the Allan Gardens Conservatory, the Museum of Illusions, MZTV Museum of Television & Archive, and Queen’s Park in Toronto, as well as the Bradley House Museum in Mississauga. They will also have another ‘Show & Tell’ morning. Lunch and social time were enjoyed at each outing.

Gourmet Lunch (Go): Patricia Nevins reports that the 8 members enjoyed a successful year.

Reading (R): Barbara Harrison reports that the Reading group has been going well with 10 members. They have been meeting in member’s homes and occasionally at Belmont House courtesy of Ruth Clarke who lives there. This year their reading and discussion lists were a mix of fiction and nonfiction such as *Educated* by Tara Westover, *Becoming* by Michelle Obama, *Munich* by Robert Harris, *In the closet of the Vatican: Power, Homosexuality, Hypocrisy* by Frédéric Martel, *Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles, and *The Reckoning* by John Grisham. At the May planning meeting members suggest books, choose when they wish to host and present the book of their choice.

Theatre (T): Claudia Colas indicates that the group with 13 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

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Addendum

Dear Members,

It is only two days since I completed this Spring Newsletter that you traditionally receive at the March meeting. As you have probably learned, we had to make the decision to cancel the March meeting. We heard from staff at St Thomas's Church that the Anglican Diocese had instructed all their churches to cancel social gatherings, especially where food is served.

Our plan is to reschedule this meeting for February 18th, 2021. We cannot say at this time whether we will be able to go ahead with the AGM/Spring Lunch at the Faculty Club but we will keep you posted as this information becomes available. If we do have to cancel, I am hopeful we might be able to hold it in May or June.

It is all the more important now to ask you to respond to Kirsteen's request for your vote supporting the Constitution, or otherwise, as we would like to have this clarified by the end of the month. You could also indicate at this time whether you hope to attend the AGM/Spring Lunch if we can hold it in April, and also whether you would be free to come in May or June.

Once again I wish all of you the very best during this difficult time, and hope you stay well.

Gay Thomson, President, UAWC