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

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends:

Welcome to our new year! During the past year it was wonderful to be able to reconnect with fellow members at in-person meetings and events and we look forward to doing so again.

This year’s meeting schedule is similar to last year’s – our October, November and March meetings will be held at The Faculty Club, and February’s will take place on Zoom. As in the past, Faculty Club members who wish to dine at the Club prior to the meeting must make their own reservations. Non-members must be accompanied by a Faculty Club member.

Thanks to Christine McClymont, our Programme Coordinator, we enjoyed a wide variety of entertaining and educational presentations at our meetings. This year, Christine has moved into the role of Special Events Coordinator and organized a delightful summer visit to the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre followed by lunch at the Diwan Restaurant. Maureen Somerville has bravely stepped up to fill the Programme position and, as you can see in the Annual Directory, she has put together an enticing line up of speakers for the coming year. Gay Thomson has retired from the Executive Committee, and we thank her for her many years of service and for being a calm ‘voice of reason’.

Alison Mahoney has resigned from the Executive Committee, so we are in urgent need of a secretary. Please contact Patricia if you are able to take on this position. Thank you, Alison, for past services!

The year ended with a lovely Spring Lunch at The Faculty Club, followed by our Annual General Meeting. After the business meeting Eva Stachniak spoke about her new book, *The School of Mirrors*.

Our annual Music Night will be Friday, November 24 and details will follow soon.

Interest Groups were active this year with most events taking place in-person once again. A very successful year was reported by all Convenors, and the new Restaurant Lunch Group was popular with many members. We appreciate the efforts of the Convenors and all others who assisted.

Our December event will once again be The Faculty Club’s Christmas Lunch Buffet. The W.D. Foulds Room is booked for our group on Thursday, December 7. The Reservation Form and payment of \$60.00 MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 23, 2023. We are unable to issue a refund after November 23.

Please complete this Reservation Form and the 2023-2024 Membership Renewal Form and submit with payment to Bobbi Slater either by mail or e-transfer, or at our first meeting on October 19.

Our year-end Financial Report on the next page confirms that our expenses continue to exceed our income which will result in a shortfall within a couple of years. Despite support from the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science who has again provided a grant of \$1,000, we have had to increase the annual membership fee. The proposed increase to \$75 annually was ratified at the Annual General Meeting in April. Going forward, guests will be welcome to attend our meetings for \$15 per person.

Sadly, we learned that one of our long-standing members, Kathleen Nairn, passed away in June.

I would like to thank all members of the Executive Committee, the Coordinators, and Convenors who worked hard to provide us with such a successful year. Well done!

Your Executive and I look forward to sharing another exciting year with you, beginning with our first General Meeting on Thursday, October 19!

Patricia Nevins
President, UAWC-UTWA

2023-2024 RENEWAL or MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Send an e-transfer for \$75 to UAWCUTWA@gmail.com
OR Mail with your cheque for \$75 (payable to UAWC-UTWA) to:
Bobbi Slater, 600 Silvercreek Blvd., #58, Mississauga, Ontario L5A 2B4
(Only new addresses are required)

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
Address: _____ Post Code: _____
Email: _____ Donation: _____

RESERVATION FORM

2023 Christmas Buffet Lunch – The Faculty Club, University of Toronto
Thursday, December 7, 2023
Reception and Cash Bar at 12 noon, Lunch at 12:30 pm

Payment of \$60 per person may be made by e-transfer to uawcutwa@gmail.com
OR send a cheque payable to UAWC-UTWA, along with this tear off form, to:
Bobbi Slater, 600 Silvercreek Blvd, # 58, Mississauga, Ontario, L5A 2B4
Payment must be received by November 23 – We are unable to issue a refund after November 23

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
Email: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

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Financial Report July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023			
2021/2022 ending balance	\$8,366.31		
RECEIPTS		EXPENSES	
Dean's funding	\$1,000.00	Bank fees	\$72.00
Membership (48)	\$2,160.00	Fall Directory & Newsletter printing and mailing	\$398.36
Donations	\$425.00	October 20 meeting	\$1,128.01
Christmas Lunch (30)	\$1,595.00	November 17 meeting	\$1,241.01
AGM (25)	\$1,440.00	Dec 8 Christmas lunch	\$1,980.33
Guest fees	\$10.00	February 16 Zoom meeting	\$200.00
		March 16 Meeting	\$1,128.01
		April 20 AGM	\$2,443.05
Totals	\$6,630.00		\$8,590.77
Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$6,405.54		



Bobbi Slater, Treasurer

Notes:

- Two people who were unable to attend the Christmas Lunch generously donated their prepayments.
- As expected, 2022-2023 expenses increased over the prior year due to in-person meetings and inflation.
- At the end of June 2020 we had 61 paid members whereas this year we only have 48 – a significant decline in membership.
- The membership dues have not kept up with increasing inflation and this year, despite the dues increase, we continue to anticipate higher expenses than revenue. The last dues increase was for 2016-2017 from \$40 to \$45.
- To protect the viability of the club the executive has been looking closely at expenses and ways to increase revenue but each of us can help by encouraging friends and family to join the club.
- The AGM count includes the speaker who was our guest so only 24 are included in the receipts. The Christmas Lunch welcomed Honorary President Joanna Gertler.

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

Also, please feel free to share the following links with the U of T Community, and your friends, who may be eligible and might be interested in joining UAWC-UTWA:

- U of T main page: <https://www.utoronto.ca> “Jump to A-Z Directory” or “Search” for “University Arts Women’s Club-University of Toronto Women’s Association”
- Retirement and Pension: <https://hrandequity.utoronto.ca/careers/retirement/> “Keeping in touch with the University after Retirement”
- Senior College Centre: <http://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/?p=1727>

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