

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BULLETIN

April 2023



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Save the Date
MOTHER'S DAY

Brunch

Ralph Connor House
May 14th, 2023



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Co-Presidents' Message

There are a host of activities and events in this edition of the Bulletin and we encourage you to participate as you are able. This year's Power of Print series runs for 6 weeks on Tuesday mornings beginning April 11th. Be sure to register soon, and consider staying for lunch after the sessions. Also note the Program lunch and speaker April 14th and the Program dinner and speaker April 26th.

We are giving advance notice that the Club will host a fundraising Mother's Day brunch on May 14th, with details to be available shortly.

Enjoy the early days of spring, and we'll see you at the Club.

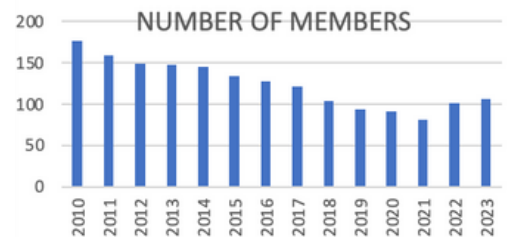
Carolynne and Ellen

Communications and Membership News

We are GROWING!

Membership numbers took a serious dip over the last decade but thanks to everyone's efforts over the last year our membership numbers have increased dramatically from a low of 82 members in 2021 back up to 106 in March 2023.

This is almost a 30% increase over the last 15 months!!! At this rate we will be back to 2010 levels and beyond in no time. Our goal is 200 members by 2025!



Keep bringing your friends, distributing our business cards, and sharing the many benefits of being a member of UWC. Make sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), and if you have a LinkedIn account, check out [UWC on LinkedIn](#) and add us to your connections!



The Honourable Anita Neville joined us at UWC for our International Women's Day event.



Order of Manitoba recipient Wilma Derksen addresses the crowd at our International Women's Day event



In Memory of Nelma Fetterman

The Club lost a valued and loyal member when Nelma Fetterman passed away suddenly at St. Boniface Hospital on March 9. Nelma grew up as the youngest of six children in Starbuck, Manitoba. After high school, she attended Normal School, which was the teacher preparation program of the time. She recently attended the 66th anniversary of her class. Nelma taught in a one-room school, a three-room school, and a large junior high school before attaining her Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Alberta, a Master's degree in Clothing and Textiles at Michigan State University, and her PhD at the Ohio State University, where she specialized in clothing and textiles and computer and information science. She was a professor and researcher at the Universities of Alberta and Manitoba.

After retirement in 2003, she joined the Club and was very involved, chairing the Membership Committee, serving several terms as Treasurer, as a Board Member, and as Treasurer of the Friends of Ralph Connor House. She was a regular bridge player in the social, duplicate, and marathon groups. Nelma was active with PEO, her church, and home economics organizations, and she supported the symphony, theatre, and opera in Winnipeg with her attendance and donations. She was a very capable, independent person who enjoyed her life, and she was very involved with her friends, nieces and nephews, godchildren, and community. She will be missed.

A service of remembrance will be held Saturday afternoon, April 22, at Thomson "In the Park."

Ruth Berry

Coming Next Month... Member Appreciation Month!

This year, UWC is dedicating the month of May to the members. The Communications and Membership Committee is excited to announce the return of Bar 54, every Thursday evening. New members are especially encouraged to come and learn more about the inner workings of UWC.

While we don't have members who go as far back as 1909, we do have many members who have been with UWC for more than twenty, thirty, forty, and even fifty+ years! So we will recognize groups of milestone members at each of the remaining Thursday afternoon Bar 54s, and of course all members are invited to all of the celebrations. There will be a complementary signature cocktail for the designated milestone members of each week, and snacks, refreshments and a few surprises for all. **We heartily invite all members to all events to get to know each other and the amazing women who have worked so hard to maintain UWC and our beautiful "home away from home" for many years.**

In fact, we hope everyone will be able to attend at least one of the many events we have planned including the Bar 54s, Mother's Day Brunch on May 14th, the Annual General Meeting on May 29th, house tours, and many more pop-up special activities.

Debby Brown
Membership Chair



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54 WEST GATE

LUNCH AND SPEAKER

Payworks, an “overnight” success: how it took years to build a successful business

Women & Leadership! On **Friday, April 14th**, Barb Gamey, co-founder of Payworks, discusses her rewarding career along with the issues and challenges of being a successful woman entrepreneur. Payworks employs 300 people in Manitoba and 440 nationwide. It is a Manitoba-based company and one of Canada's largest national providers of payroll, human resource, and time management solutions. Barb is also the Chancellor of the University of Winnipeg. **Please join us to hear more about Barb's fascinating career journey!**



Barb Gamey



Doing business to business, person to person.

Bar Opens: 11:30 Lunch: 12:00 Speaker: 1:15 pm
\$23 for Members and Non-Members

Menu: Salmon with Balsamic Berries, Rice, Asparagus, and Lemon Squares
(Substitutions available instead if requested in advance)

Register for this event by signing up [online](#), by emailing uwcadmin@mymts.net, calling 204-954-7880, or in-person at UWC.

Payment upon registration is preferred but may be received at the door by cash or cheque. Refunds will be provided with a minimum 24 hour notice. Registrations without payment in advance will be charged the full fee if not cancelled 24 hours before the event (some exceptions apply).



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DINNER AND SPEAKER

Women In Politics: Are We There Yet??

On **Wednesday, April 26th**, The Honourable Myrna Driedger, MLA, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, joins us at UWC. Myrna's path in life is rooted in her strong desire to make a difference. Having served as a nurse, a leader in the area of missing and exploited children, and as an elected Member of the Legislative Assembly in Manitoba, Myrna's many roles have reflected this calling to help make her community a better place. **Please join us as Myrna discusses her journey as a politician and the issues and challenges facing women in politics today.**



Bar Opens: 5 pm Dinner: 6 pm Presentation: 7:15 pm

\$35 for Members and Non-Members

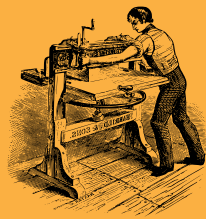
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Continuing Education



Power of Print: Powerful Women in Print Tuesday mornings from April 11 until May 16, 9:45-11:45am

Be sure to sign up for this year's spring lecture series "Powerful Women in Print" beginning Tuesday April 11 and running until May 16. We have a stellar line-up of distinguished local speakers whose topics will take us from contemporary Manitoban publishing back to the time of Queen Elizabeth I. Join us on our literary journey!

- April 11: **Charlene Diehl** Women Talking, Women Writing: A Manitoba Perspective
- April 18: **Mavis Reimer** That Anne-Girl: L.M. Montgomery's Iconic Character in the Context of Her Time
- April 25: **Valerie Chelangat** Have You Read...? Voices from Africa and beyond
- May 2: **Michelle Faubert** The Marriage Market in Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility
- May 9: **Vanessa Warne** A Woman at Work: Bram Stoker's Dracula and the Marvellous Mina Harker
- May 16: **Judith Owens** Writings by and about Queen Elizabeth I

Register for this event by signing up [online](#), by emailing uwcadmin@mymts.net, calling 204-954-7880, or in person at UWC. For Continuing Education courses, payment in advance is appreciated!

Coffee / tea will be available at 9:30 and at the break. Lunch after the lecture is always an option, so sign up in advance as usual to stay and chat about what you've learned.

Cost: Members: \$65 Non-members: \$80
Registration is now open for Members and Non-members

Refunds will be provided with a minimum 24 hour notice. Registrations without payment in advance will be charged the full fee if not cancelled 24 hours before the start of the series (some exceptions apply).





It was very special to be able to attend the first week of meetings of the 67th Meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the United Nations, in New York, from March 6 to the 11th. Although not part of the CFUW delegation, I was graciously included with CFUW activities. Sandy Millen and I were room mates, and as our earlier email explained, we had a very busy week! The above photos are from the UN, with CFUW President, Joy Hurst. There will be an opportunity for all UWCW members to learn a bit more about our experiences at the UN, probably late April or May, and I hope you can attend. CFUW put on a very impressive and well attended Parallel Event on the topic “Evening the Odds in Digital Education for Marginalized Women and Girls”.

The CFUW Resolutions were distributed March 1, and include the following titles. The amendments must be received by April 24. The Issues and Actions committee will take on the task of reviewing the CFUW Resolutions and make recommendations for support and/or amendment.

- Immigration Detention in Canada
- A comprehensive maternal death prevention strategy
- Fair Treatment for Canadians Suffering from Chronic Lyme Disease and other Tick-borne Diseases
- The Impact of International Trade Agreements

Finally, CFUW has circulated a Request for Proposals: International Service Project. Each year, CFUW clubs raise funds for an international project or program to empower women and girls in the global South. CFUW is currently seeking proposals from the international development community for the next cycle of fundraising. Read the full Request for Proposals [here](#). The Application is now open - Apply [here](#). Note deadline is April 3rd.

Mary Scott
UWCW CFUW Liaison

SCRABBLE and BABBLE CLUB

If you are looking for a fun way to spend an afternoon once a month why not join us for a game of scrabble, a cup of tea or coffee, lots of chatting, and an overall relaxing experience?

We meet the fourth Friday each month (except for July, August, and December).

We are non-competitive, help each other, and even have lists of two and three letter words to help you play that pesky "Q" and "Z". Who knew "oe" was a word?

If you are already a Scrabble player with "little or lots" of experience or would just like to give it a try, we would love ♥ to welcome you to our friendly group.



Mahjong

We normally meet for Mahjong on the first and third Friday of the month from 10:00 a.m. until noon.



Walking Group



We will only be walking once this month. We will begin at **54 West Gate** and walk to the Legislative Building (and beyond to the Fete coffee/ice cream shop if people are interested).

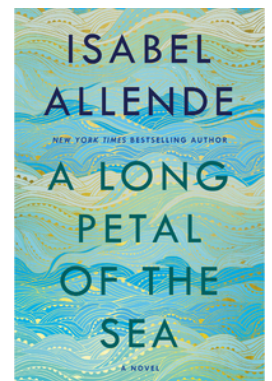
Monday Afternoon Book club

We meet the first Monday of the month from October until June (excluding January).

In April we will review *Hamnet and Judith* by Maggie O'Farrell.

In May, we'll look at *The Long Petal Of The Sea* by Isabel Allende.

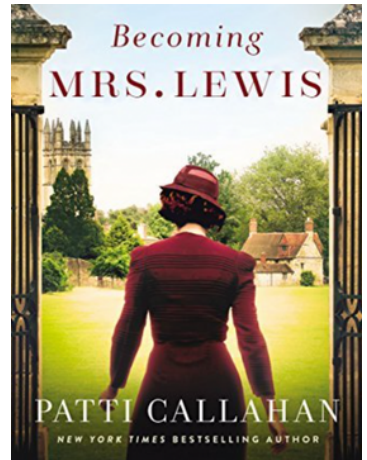
Club members are welcome to attend any of our presentations.



Contemporary Literature Book club

The Contemporary Literature Book club is open to all members of UWC.
The book club **meets on the first Tuesday of the month.**
We also encourage members to sign up for lunch.

On Tuesday, April 6th, we will be discussing Patti Callahan's novel *Becoming Mrs. Lewis*. All club members are welcome to gather as we discuss one of the greatest literary love stories of all time (according to one of the comments on the jacket of the book!!!).



Out to Lunch Bunch

The next Out to Lunch will be at AL BASHA Restaurant & Cafe, 1556 Pembina Hwy. Join us and enjoy an authentic Middle Eastern dining experience!



MAKE ANY OCCASION A HISTORIC EVENT

Ralph Connor House National Historic Site has been a venue of choice for a range of occasions including business meetings, seminars, graduation parties, memorials, and photoshoots - not to mention countless theatre and film productions. Whatever you're planning, our event specialist will ensure it exceeds your expectations.



If you are interested in booking a private event at Ralph Connor House, you can reach our Events Manager Jan Otto at uwcevents@mymts.net.



April Menu

All Tuesday lunches are \$23.00. The cash bar opens at 11:30 and lunch is served at noon. Dinners are \$35, with the cash bar opening at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00. Meal costs include buns, coffee/ tea, taxes, and gratuity.

Reservations are a must and should be made at least 48 hours in advance by signing up at UWC, by phone, or by email. **Cancellations require 24 hours notice to avoid penalty.** Menu substitutions are available if requested in advance.

Tuesday club lunches

- April 4th - Reuben Sandwich, French Fries, Coleslaw, Ice cream and Cookie
11th - Beef Vegetable Stir Fry, Rice, and Banana Chocolate Chip Torte
18th - Chicken Chamberlyn (Tender Chicken Stuffed with Swiss Cheese, Onion & Creamed Spinach, Baked with a Golden Crust), Baby Potatoes, Orange Glazed Carrots, and Chocolate Silk
25th - Pickerel Almondine, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, and Blueberry Square

Program Lunch - \$23

Friday, April 14th: Salmon with Balsamic Berries, Rice, Asparagus, and Lemon Squares

Program Dinner - \$35

Wednesday, April 26th: Pork Tenderloin with Applesauce, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli/Cauliflower Mix, Mixed Green Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette, and Brownie

Reservations are required for all meals and can be made by signing up at 54 West Gate, emailing uwadmin@mymts.net, or calling 204-954-7880. Menu substitutions are available if requested in advance. **Please indicate any special preferences (seating, parking, etc.) at the time of reservation.**

April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Member Birthday Celebration! <p>BIRTHDAY</p>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership/Comms Special Meeting Monday Afternoon Book Club 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archives Lunch Contemporary Lit. Book Club 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Out to Lunch Bunch Mystery Readers 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> House and Grounds Mahjong Sunroom Group 	<p>7</p> <p>Good Friday Club Closed</p>	<p>1</p> <p>APRIL FOLLS DAY</p>
<p>9</p> <p>HAPPY EASTER</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Easter Monday Club Closed</p>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:45 - Power of Print Week 1 Lunch Social Bridge 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIA Committee Meeting 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance Committee Sunroom Group 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship Committee Cash Bar Opens Program Lunch Speaker Barb Gamey 	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership / Communications Committee Meeting 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:45 - Power of Print Week 2 Lunch Board Meeting 	<p>19</p> <p>May Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing Group Sunroom Group 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mahjong 	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:45 - Power of Print Week 2 Lunch Social Bridge 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking Group at 54 West Gate Cash Bar Opens Program Dinner Speaker Myrna Dreidger 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunroom Group FRCH Board Meeting 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrabble & Babble 	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>Our spring has come at last with the soft laughter of April suns and shadow of April showers.</p> <p>- Byron Caldwell Smith</p>					

Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.

- Carl Bard

The University Women's Club acknowledges that we are on Treaty 1 Territory, the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota and the Dene peoples and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We acknowledge that our water is sourced from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. As treaty people we seek to live in respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.