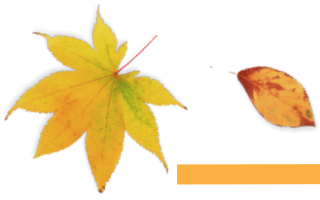


# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BULLETIN



September 2023

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# Co-Presidents' Message

Although January is the first month of the calendar, September always seems like a time of new beginnings. You may no longer need to go out and buy that new pencil case, but you can certainly look forward to activities starting up again at the club!

Take a look at the calendar to see what's up. Perhaps a new activity? Or is there a committee whose work you would like to support? Or perhaps there's a quiet day when you might want to bring a friend in for coffee. Enjoy all the club has to offer!

September is also a time for change. Elsewhere in the Bulletin, you will find exciting news from Colleen! There is also a warm welcome to our newest staff member Kelly Cotterill who will be with us as assistant club manager during Colleen's leave. At the end of July, we said farewell to our events manager, Jan Otto. We wish her well. For now, if you - or a friend! - are interested in holding an event at the club, you may contact Jolene.

This is a good time to reflect on how important the club staff are to the good times we share at the University Women's Club of Winnipeg. Ali keeps us all informed and connected with the Bulletin and the helpful and upbeat Week at a Glance, as well as raising our profile in the community; Janice's financial skills and in-depth knowledge of the club are a valued resource for the board and her colleagues; and we see the evidence of Jolene's organizational skills and care for our members in all that happens at the club. Let's have a round of applause for them all!

Sue and Ellen



## Hello Kelly!



Dear UWC members,

My name is Kelly Cotterill, and I am thrilled to be joining the team as Assistant Manager this fall! I have spent the last 15 years with Starbucks Coffee Company, 10 of those in management. I received my Bachelor of Environmental Design (Architecture) at University of Manitoba in 2009 and being able to work in historic Ralph Connor House is an absolute dream! I am currently completing my Human Resources Management certificate through Red River College. In my spare time I do a lot of reading and crafting. I also love to spend time out in nature with my husband, Jay, and corgi-mix, Nilla. We recently converted a sprinter van into a camper and have done some great camping trips over the past few years! I enjoy cooking and baking, and Nilla gets spoiled with homemade dog treats regularly! I have had the pleasure of

meeting a few members but am looking forward to getting acquainted with everyone soon. I am so excited to jump into new challenges and experiences and work with the amazing team here at UWC.

# Communications and Membership News

September is a great time to begin again! The Communications and Membership Committee recently had our planning meeting and we have lots of new ideas for the coming year.

Recruitment of new members is still our focus. Last year our membership increased on average by more than two members per month. Let's keep this trend going!

Our first year membership fee of \$100 has proven to be an important incentive to attract new members. Several new members have said that the reduced fee allows them to discover whether UWC fits into their lifestyle without having to make a large financial commitment.

And guess what? The majority of new members have found that UWC does meet their lifestyle needs and we are pleased to report that they have renewed for a second year!

## Bar 54 Mix and Mingle: Discover UWC

To increase awareness of UWC and encourage the 180+ prospective members on our external mailing list to join us this fall, we will be hosting a special event:



**Bar 54 Mix and Mingle: Discover UWC**  
**Thursday, September 21st from 4:00 - 7:00**



If you have a friend who might be interested give them a call and set up a date to bring them to UWC for a complimentary beverage, our bottomless popcorn bowl, and a tour around our beautiful clubhouse.

Register for this special Bar 54 by signing up [online](#), emailing [uwc@mymts.net](mailto:uwc@mymts.net), calling 204-954-7780, or in the red binder in the foyer at UWC.

We plan to have a Bar 54 once a month with a theme that will hopefully be of interest to you. October's Bar 54 is scheduled for October 26th and we are working on a Halloween theme. And December may be a carol sing-a-long. Let us know if you have any ideas for our monthly Bar 54s.

## Your Opinion Matters!

Have you noticed the Suggestion Box on the side table near the Bar?

Are you happy with the programs and activities? Do you have a great idea for something that can be implementing? Do you like the monthly signature cocktails and mocktails? How about the lunch and dinner menus? Is the Bulletin meeting your needs? Are we sending too many emails?

Don't be shy - Let us know what you think!

Debby Brown and Eva Weidman  
Co-chairs, Membership and Communications Committee



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Post Secondary Education (degree, certificate, etc.) and Names of Institutions

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## Career / Occupation

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## Interests

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## How did you hear about the club?

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## Is there anything else you'd like to share about yourself to club members?

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☐ Special 1st Year Rate (\$100)      ☐ Full (\$453)      ☐ Student (\$75)

**Payment may be submitted by e-transfer to [uwcfin@mymts.net](mailto:uwcfin@mymts.net), by cheque to the University Women's Club of Winnipeg, or in person at 54 West Gate. This form may be filled out online by clicking [HERE](#).**

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# Staffing Updates

We are pleased to have **Jolene Plawicki** step in to take over for Colleen Desmarais during her maternity leave. Jolene brings a wealth of experience to the Club Manager role. During this period, Jolene's position as Assistant Club Manager is being covered by **Kelly Cotterill**. **Janice MacDonald** continues in her position as Finance Coordinator and **Althea (Ali) Howard** also continues in her position as Communications and Membership Manager. Some of the email addresses have changed so please see below for a listing of the staff and their contact information.

## **Jolene Plawicki, Interim Club Manager**

[uwc@mymts.net](mailto:uwc@mymts.net)

Jolene is responsible for general management of UWC staff, facilities, programs and activities. She is normally available Monday to Friday (9:30 - 4:30). Also contact her for lunch reservations, program registrations and special parking needs.

## **Kelly Cotterill, Interim Assistant Club Manager**

[uwcadmin@mymts.net](mailto:uwcadmin@mymts.net)

Kelly is responsible for assisting the Club Manager as required including managing internal UWC events and booking meeting space. Kelly's position is part time you will see her at the club for various events and activities throughout the week.

## **Janice MacDonald, Finance Coordinator**

[uwcfin@mymts.net](mailto:uwcfin@mymts.net)

Janice is responsible for club finances, including incoming and outgoing payments, including e-transfers, overseeing UWC revenue and expenditures, and creating financial reports. Janice's position is part time; she can best be contacted by email Monday - Friday.

## **Althea (Ali) Howard, Communications and Membership Manager**

[uwcmember@mymts.net](mailto:uwcmember@mymts.net)

Ali is responsible for internal and external communication including the monthly Bulletin, social media, mass emails to the membership, managing the membership application portal and process including inquiries, website updates including the membership directory. Ali's position is part-time; she can best be contacted by email Monday - Friday.

There will always be someone on the other end of the phone line Monday - Friday during UWC opening hours. Do not hesitate to call 204-954-7880 with any inquiries.

# In Case You Missed It... UWC Photos from the Summer



Jeannette was kind enough to provide us with her Powerpoint Presentation. Click [HERE](#) to access it.

At the start of August we welcomed Canadian Ambassador to Iceland Jeannette Menzies. On the right, Ruth Suderman, Sue Bishop, Jeannette Menzies, and Ellen Peel.



Can you guess which of our Summer Birthday celebrants on the left are which babies on the right?



Photos from our recent Summer Birthday Celebration



Happy Fall everyone!

I hope everyone has had a happy and healthy summer. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Club. Just to encourage you to check out a few things to look at, following the busy and productive CFUW Annual Meeting.

- Click [here](#) to view the presentation from our keynote speaker, Carla Kopell – Topic: Democracy, Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality: Exploring Connections
- Click [here](#) to view Arielle Bieniek's presentation at the Charitable Trust Breakfast Speaker. Arielle received the Aboriginal Women's Award this year.

**Coming soon...** CFUW has announced it will be introducing a new "look" to its communication!

There is training to be given to staff and volunteers during September and everyone should be viewing newsletters, web sites, and social media very soon – so watch for it, and let me know what you think.

## Program Committee

We had a great turnout for our August lunch with Jeannette Menzies, Ambassador to Iceland. It seemed that her remarks were much appreciated and there were lots of questions. Thanks to Ruth and Sherratt for connecting us with Jeanette.

Coming up **September 29**, we have a lunch program with **Sara Orlesky**. Any Blue Bombers or Jets TV watchers will recognize Sara as one of the first well-known female sports commentators. She usually asks the questions, but with us she will answer ones about her career, and the environment she works in.

Looking ahead to **October**, we are planning a symphonic afternoon with Sophie Caron and her orchestra mates; the date will be confirmed soon. Also, the October 25 dinner program will feature Shelley Sweeney, former head of Archives at UM Libraries, on the Hamilton Collection at the UM Archives. Expect some spooky pics as part of Shelley's presentation.

Our next committee meeting is **Sept 14**. All members are welcome.

See you at the club.

Rosalyn Howard, Committee Chair



# LUNCH AND SPEAKER

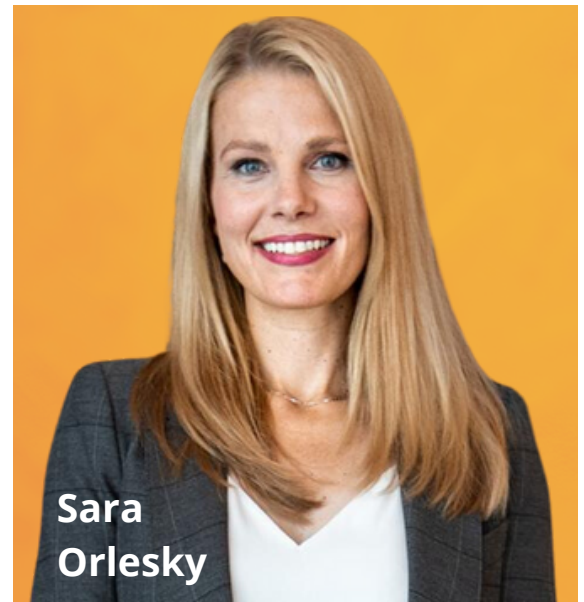
Bringing Women to the Front Lines of  
Sports Coverage



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We are so excited to present our September 29th guest Sara Orlesky. Sara is a Winnipeg born-and-based sports reporter; currently a senior host and producer for the Winnipeg Jets. When TSN opened its Winnipeg bureau, Orlesky became the lead reporter, representing her hometown teams. She also joined the CFL on TSN broadcast team as a sideline reporter in the 2008 season where she covered both regular season and playoff games, including the Grey Cup. Sara is a trailblazing woman in sports media, and we are so excited to learn more about her journey.



Sara  
Orlesky

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

**Menu:** Salmon with Mango Salsa, Rice, Broccoli, and Vanilla Strawberry Torte.

**Register for this event online, by emailing [uw@mymts.net](mailto:uw@mymts.net), calling 204-954-7880, or signing up 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).

# Continuing Education



The University Women's Club Continuing Education Committee presents a three-part series on

## Living With Climate Change

The world is seeing daily graphic images of the impacts of climate change - devastating forest fires and floods are just two that come to mind. Join us to explore this timely topic as experts share recent research and perspectives that show new pathways ahead.



**October 10** - 9:30 to 11:30

Danny Blair, University of Winnipeg, Prairie Climate Centre - **Assessing Vulnerability and Risk in a Changing Climate**

**October 17** - 9:30 to 11:30

Richard Grosshans, Michael Paterson, & Ashley Rawluk, International Institute for Sustainable Development - **The Impact of Climate Change on Canada's Freshwater Lakes and Some Innovative Responses**

**October 24** - 9:30 to 11:30

Bryce Offenberger, University of Manitoba - **Global Security in a Changing World: Redefining Climate Change as a Threat Multiplier**

Registration opens to members on Friday, September 8th, and to non-members Monday, September 18th.

Sign up in person at the Club, by phone to 204-954-7880, or email to [uwcmymts.net](mailto:uwcmymts.net).

Fee: \$45 for members; \$60 for non-members. Please pay before Tuesday, October 3 by cash, cheque, e-transfer, or debit card. Coffee/tea provided before class starts and around 10:30. Questions? Contact the UWC office - details above.

Save THE Date

Coming up in **November** - John Einarson presents Heart of Gold: a History of Winnipeg Music - Sunday afternoons November 12, 19 and 26. **More details in the October Bulletin!**

# UWC Archives on the Move

Get a load of this! These photos show **thirteen boxes** of UWC Archives on the move to Archives of Manitoba June 29, 2023.



**13 boxes ready to go**



**Getting loaded up**



**Ellen Peel, Dianne Beaven, & June Dutka behind the van.**

The last seven years of Archives will be kept at the Club in preparation for another batch of documents to be sent over the next few years. A thank you is extended to members of the Ad hoc committee on Archives for working so diligently for the last year and a half to make this deposit a reality: Dianne Beaven, Pat Bozyk, Pat Elliott, Margaret Jeffries and Ellen Peel. I wish to congratulate Dianne Beaven and her new Committee for taking on the term position of Club Archivist with the mandate to collect, organize and preserve future club documentation.

Thanks to Colleen Desmarais for arranging for Bullwhip Logistics courier to transport our latest deposit (1996-2016).

June Dutka



## Scholarship Trust Fund Celebration

**Friday, October 20, 2023**

Please mark your calendars for this upcoming Scholarship Trust Fund Celebration with guest speaker Ashley Schers, Archivist from the Hudson's Bay Co. Archives, Archives of Manitoba.



# Mystery Readers

On August 9, the Mystery Readers were delighted to welcome local author Raye Anderson to lunch with us. Other members joined us afterwards in the living room for a reading of her latest book. Raye was very entertaining and we all enjoyed the visit on a lovely afternoon.

Mystery Readers will be meeting **Wednesday, September 27** We will be discussing Whit Fraser's newest book, "Cold Edge of Heaven". Mr. Fraser is a well-known journalist in the Far North and is Viceregal Consort of Canada to the Governor-General of Canada.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

## Current Issues & Actions



As fall approaches, we look forward to full Club activities again.

We at CIA ended our June activities with a bang when members of our committee met with Minister Rochelle Squires. Jane Ursel spoke to the data she has amassed over the past few years related to the incidence of intimate partner violence in our city and the resulting response of our legal system. Recognizing that federal bail laws are beyond provincial jurisdiction, we advocated for increased intervention with offenders, programming at no cost, earlier intervention, and gathering data to demonstrate the degree of effectiveness of programs. The Minister and her staff were fully engaged in the discussion.

We were pleased to hear that in the recent budget, the Minister was able to obtain approval for a new funding model for shelters funded by the Family Violence Prevention Program. The new model will help align funding inequity. In addition, with a 3.2 million investment in the first year, it will support additional staff and salary increases.

Now we look forward to considering new opportunities for advocacy. Take the time to look at CFUW's newly passed resolutions. You will find them at [https://cfuadmin.org/take\\_action/adopted-resolutions-and-suggested-actions/](https://cfuadmin.org/take_action/adopted-resolutions-and-suggested-actions/) Is there an issue you would like to pursue? Or is there a local issue that has you interested? Join us!



# HOST YOUR NEXT EVENT AT OUR VENUE

Ralph Connor House National Historic Site has been a venue of choice for a range of occasions including weddings, 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 Department at [uwcevents@mymts.net](mailto:uwcevents@mymts.net). **Dates are still available for this year**, so get in touch with us today!



## Monday Afternoon Book Club

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

### BOOK LIST FOR 2023/24

Oct. 2: **Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands** by Kate Beaton

Nov. 6: **A Town Called Solace** by Mary Lawson

Dec. 4: **The Second Sleep** by Robert Harris

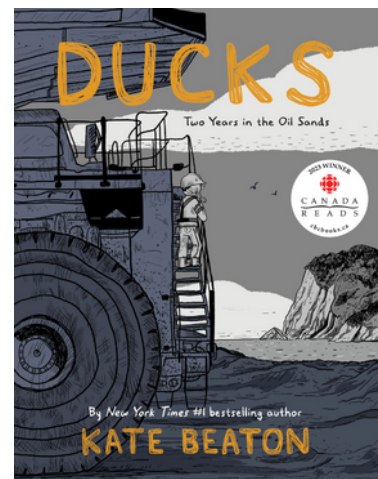
Feb. 5: **The People of the Book** by Geraldine Brooks

Mar. 4: **Run Towards the Danger** by Sarah Polley

Apr. 1: **The Dictionary of Lost Words** by Pip Williams

May 6: **Half a Yellow Sun** or **Americanah** by C.N. Adichie

June 3: Hidden Gems



## Calling All Textile Artists, Crafters, Sewologists, Stitchers!

The University Women's Club is calling for volunteers to sew new coverings for some of the tables in the Ralph Connor House. The club will select and pay for the fabric and thread (everything will be white for optimal function) and volunteers will make the coverings to the dimensions of the tables. Your efforts will allow us to keep putting our best foot forward for both internal and external events and to enjoy savings by doing-it-ourselves.

If you would like to help, please contact Jolene Plawicki at [uwc@mymts.net](mailto:uwc@mymts.net) or 204-954-7880.



# Contemporary Literature Book Club

Want to catch up with other book lover friends? Come to the club on Tuesday, September 12th, for coffee and reflection on our summer reads. Needless to say, all club members are welcome.

On October 3rd we will discuss Tomson Highway's **PERMANENT ASTONISHMENT**. Thank you to Helen Norrie for suggesting this book. Looking forward to discussing his permanent astonishment.

Titles of books for the rest of the year are:

THE WINTER OF OUR DISCONTENT on November 7th

THE GIVER OF STARS on February 6th

THE COMPANY WE KEEP on April 2nd

THE STRANGERS on December 5th

LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE on March 5th

WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING on May 7th

June 4th we will meet for lunch, select titles for the following year and suggest good summer reads.

Judy McDonald, Convenor

## Sunroom Group

Our first meeting this fall will be on Thursday, September 14th and every possible following Thursday.

Please join us to make new friendships and renew those already established. This is a relaxing afternoon with no commitments to further tasks. Free coffee and laughter guaranteed.

Irene Legg



I hope everyone had a great summer.

Please join us on Friday, September 22nd for another season of Scrabble and Babble. All members welcome! No experience necessary!

Dianne Beaven, Convenor



“The club is my home away from home. It’s a place where I can be myself while pursuing the many opportunities to learn in a comfortable setting and a place to socialize with friends, both old and new.”

- Lorraine Cook



# Social Bridge

During the summer members have enjoyed playing bridge after the Wednesday lunches. Social bridge will now be scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

In September we will play on the 12th and the 26th. New members are welcome. I will send out reminders, but if you find yourself free at the last minute, do not hesitate to join us.

Heather Menzies, Convenor

## Out to Lunch Bunch



Our next Out to Lunch is on Wednesday, September 6th at The Half Moon Restaurant near Lockport.

Should be fun. Hope to see you there!

Dianne Beaven, Convenor

## **SEPTEMBER UWC LUNCHES**

**EVERY TUESDAY AT 54 WEST GATE**

All Tuesday lunches are \$23.00. The cash bar opens at 11:30 and lunch is served at noon. Meal costs include buns, coffee/ tea, taxes, and gratuity. Food service provided by Westgate Catering.

Reservations are a must and should be made at least 48 hours in advance by signing up at UWC, by phone to 204-954-7880, or by email to [uwc@mymts.net](mailto:uwc@mymts.net). Cancellations require 24 hours notice to avoid penalty. Menu substitutions are available if requested in advance. Please indicate any special preferences (seating, parking, etc.) at the time of reservation.

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### September Tuesday Lunch Menus

**September 5 - Lunch Canceled (as of August 30th)**

**September 12** • Monte Cristo Sandwich • Fries • Coleslaw • Ice Cream and Cookies

**September 19** • Pasta Primavera with Chicken and Vegetables • Lemon Square

**September 26** • Quiche with Red Peppers and Feta Cheese • Spinach Salad with Mango Dressing • Chocolate Cake

A minimum of 12 reservations is required for lunches to proceed. Payment upon reservation is preferred but may be received at the door by cash or cheque. Refunds will be provided with a minimum 24 hour notice. Reservations without payment in advance will be charged the full fee if not cancelled 24 hours before the event (some exceptions apply).

# SEPTEMBER

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By all these lovely tokens, September days are here. With summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer." - Helen Hunt Jackson

3 External Booking	4 <b>Club Closed</b>	5 • Christmas Market Meeting	6 • Out to Lunch Bunch at Half Moon Diner in Lockport	7 • House and Grounds Meeting • Current Issues & Actions Meeting	8 Registration opens for Con. Ed.'s <b>Living with Climate Change</b> series	9 External Booking
10	11 • Membership/Communications Meeting	12 • Con. Ed. Committee • Cash Bar Opens • UWC Lunch • Social Bridge • Contemporary Lit Book Club	13 • Archives Committee	14 • Program Committee Meeting • Sunroom Group	15 • Mahjong	16
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