

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BULLETIN

Presidents' Message

December - it's a time for reflection, celebration, and enjoyment of the good things life offers.

We can certainly enjoy sharing good food and companionship in our upcoming holiday events at Ralph Connor House. Our traditional lunch on December 7 - tourtière or chicken pot pie! — is followed by the exceptional talent from West Gate Mennonite Collegiate's students. Did you know Vic Pankratz is retiring? This will be his last appearance with the choir and instrumental students who always make the day special. And on Wednesday, December 13, enjoy the full turkey dinner experience followed by an insider's take on the film industry in Winnipeg with actor Adam Hurtig. Whether you have yearned to be an actor or are a secret Hallmark movie watcher, this is your chance to get an exclusive behind-the-scenes scoop!

We can celebrate another year of events and activities at the University Women's Club of Winnipeg. Each and every member is a part of our success. Whether you help plan programs, share your ideas and experience in discussions of books and current issues, create a shoebox for women spending Christmas in shelters in Manitoba, or support our varied fund-raising activities, you make the club what it is. Thank you for all you contribute!

And we can reflect on what the club means to us all. New and continuing friendships, opportunities to learn and to laugh together, and a place to feel at home. Here's to another year of shared experience!

Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!

Sue and Ellen

December 2023

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Communication and Membership News

Give the **Gift of Membership**

Not sure what to give to that hard to buy someone on your holiday gift list? UWC can help! Our **UWC Gift of Membership** gift card is the perfect gift that lasts all year long. For the \$100 Introductory fee new members will enjoy all the many benefits UWC has to offer. Email Ali at uwcmember@mymts.net for more information on this unique and meaningful gift.



UWC ENJOY: New Member Luncheon

The New Member Luncheon was attended by 5 of our newest members along with the Membership Committee and the Co-Presidents and Vice-President (Activities). We had a great round table discussion about why each of us joined the club and what are hopes are for the future of UWC. We will be holding another New Member event in the new year, so stay tuned!

WE  **OUR MEMBERS**

New UWC Name Tags

It's wonderful to see all the new faces at UWC! It's also wonderful to see you wearing your name tag to help others get to know you. Most new members have been given and are proudly wearing their UWC name tags, and we have received very positive feedback on the new design.



If you are a new member and have not yet received your name tag, or a continuing member and have lost your name tag, please contact Ali at uwcmember@mymts.net

UWC ENJOY: Bar 54

UWC's first ever **Trivia Bar 54** was great fun with four teams battling to a tie-breaker finish. Congratulations to team **Double D and R**, who squeaked out a win against team **Wordlers**!



And there's more fun to be had at our upcoming **Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long Bar 54!** Mark your calendar for December 19th from 4:00 to 6:00 and RSVP [online](#), by email to uwcmember@mymts.net, sign up in the book at UWC, or call 204-954-7880! Please note the date of this event has been changed from December 21st.

Also, don't forget, if you need a break from the holiday hustle and bustle, members can **drop-in any time UWC is open** for a coffee or tea, or an appropriately chilled adult beverage, and don't forget to bring in a box of your favourite hot beverage "pods" to share. Did someone say "Hot Apple Cider"?! Thanks to all who participated in decorating the house for the holidays. It is simply beautiful and waiting for you to enjoy!

Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy, and Safe Holiday Season!

Deborah Brown (Chair) on behalf of the Communications and Membership Committee

Join the University Women's Club!



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

Career / Occupation

Interests

How did you hear about the club?

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

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

Payment may be submitted by e-transfer to uwcfm@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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Basket of Poppies

Multidisciplinary artist Borys Tarasenko based in Edmonton collected over 70 photos of the popular needlepoint embroidery "Basket of Poppies" and in October 2020 he had them displayed in an exhibition called offBEET. Photos came from not only the Ukrainian community in Canada but also from the United States and Belgium. His collection can be viewed at <https://basketofpoppies.wordpress.com>

Poppies have a special significance in Ukrainian culture and no surprise that the "Basket of Poppies" needlepoint embroidery is so common in Ukrainian households. Traditionally poppy seeds are used in a variety of Ukrainian dishes and baking; the red flower stands for beauty and youth and for tragic loss of life in times of wars stretching from ancient times to the present war happening in Ukraine. The poppy is symbolic in many countries as well to remember those who fought and died in major wars.



Club members may have noticed two framed "Basket of Poppies" within the Ralph Connor House: on the second level a large hand-embroidered "Basket of Poppies" made by late Winnipeg resident Nadia Dmytryshyn and on the mezzanine level a smaller version by an unknown embroiderer.

Borys Tarasenko continues to collect these photos and in due course, photos of our "baskets" may join his online collection.

Ukrainian Council of Canada - Manitoba

After Joanne Lewandowski's presentation in November, members were asking how they could help UCC and the Ukrainian newcomers they support. Donations of household items (clothing not included) may be dropped off at 935 Main Street from Monday to Friday between 9-3 pm.

If you missed the presentation and are interested in learning more about UCC Joanne was kind enough to share her Powerpoint with us. It is accessible on our website by following [this link](#).



In Case You Missed It... Recent Photos from UWC



A selection of photos from the Fall



A packed dining room for our November Program Lunch with Joanne Lewandowski



Our growing collection of Shoebox donations!



The crowd finding their places for the start of Con. Ed.'s Heart of Gold

Program Committee

Our November programs focused our attention on impacts and actions related to war, inequity, and social issues. With Joanne Lewandowski, we learned about the experiences of Ukrainian newcomers here in Manitoba. Also, through a conversation circle with Mary Scott and Tammy Christensen, we shared reflections and ideas regarding being an ally and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. We hope to continue that conversation, and will remember that when asked what we could do as allies, Mary said “keep learning and show up (when welcomed in indigenous spaces and for indigenous peoples)”. We also discussed updates and interests with Joy Hurst, the president of CFUW, and Joy reminded us of the potential power of advocacy when collaborating nationally.



In December we celebrate the holiday season and the film industry in Manitoba.

The **December 7 lunch** will be followed by the **Westgate Mennonite Collegiate Choir with Vic Pankratz**, and the **December 13 supper** will be followed by a presentation on the Manitoba film industry with **Adam Hurtig**. Be sure to show up for cocktail hour before the dinner to enjoy seasonal favourites performed on piano by Maggi.

We may not have reached the end of the year yet but our thoughts have already turned to 2024 programming!

The **January 12 lunch** will be followed by a Women and Leadership presentation by **Cheryl Pauls, President of Canadian Mennonite University** on her experience and current trends in post-secondary education.

On **January 28** we will host an **afternoon concert with Sophie Caron and friends**, including refreshments.

As a nod to Valentine's Day the **February 9 lunch** program will likely have a sweet edge, but we are still confirming some details, so watch for more info.

Our **March 27 dinner** will be followed by a short film about a group of refugees from Afghanistan coming to Canada, to Edmonton. We will be joined by the **filmmaker, Doug Darling**, to talk about making that film.

We hope this December season is one of peace and community for you.

Rosalyn Howard,
for the Program Committee



UNIVERSITY
**WOMEN'S
CLUB**

LUNCH AND SPEAKER

Ready, Set, WIRED!

Celebrate the season on **Thursday, December 7th** when Westgate Collegiate's Music Director **Vic Pankratz** and the **vocal jazz ensemble, WIRED** join us for some seasonal fun! This choir is sure to delight with a magical choral program of holiday favourites!



Bar Opens: 11:30 Lunch: 12 noon Performance: 1:15 pm
Lunch is \$23 for Members and Non-Members

Menu: Tourtière or Chicken Pot Pie (please specify when signing up), Beet Relish, Tossed Salad, Lemon Chiffon Cake

Registration deadline: Monday, December 5. Register for this event online, by emailing uwc@mymts.net, calling 204-954-7880, or signing up at UWC. **Please indicate whether you will be attending the lunch and program, or program only.**

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).

HOLIDAY DINNER AND SPEAKER

Hollywood of the North

Join us for our Holiday Dinner on **Wednesday, December 13th**, after which **award-winning local actor Adam Hurtig** will speak to us about his experiences in Winnipeg's local film and theatre communities.



You may recognize Adam from *The Spencer Sisters* or *Burden of Truth*, or perhaps from a holiday Hallmark movie or two. Adam will talk about the film industry in Manitoba, including his experience as an actor, selecting cast members, and representing the local scene.

Special Holiday Menu: Turkey*, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Carrot and Parsnip Medley, Green Beans Almandine, Mixed Green Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette, and Yule Log.

The cash bar opens at 5pm and dinner is at 6pm with the program to follow. **\$40 for members and non-members.** Invite your friends and family to enjoy this wonderful evening at the Club.

Registration deadline: Friday, December 8th. Sign up [online](#), by email to uwc@mymts.net, or by phone to 204-954-7880 to let us know you'll be attending this special holiday event. *Vegetarian substitute available.



Have a Holly Jolly Christmas!



Planning a holiday party this winter? Host it in style at Ralph Connor House!

Perfect for groups as small as 6 or as large as 100, make your guests feel at home at Ralph Connor House this holiday season, and leave the clean up to us!

For information on available dates and to arrange a site tour please contact Janice at uwcevents@mymts.net



Contemporary Lit. Book Club

The Strangers by Katerina Vermette - an intergenerational saga set in Winnipeg, will be reviewed and discussed on **Tuesday, December 5th.**

All club members are welcomed.

Monday Afternoon Book Club

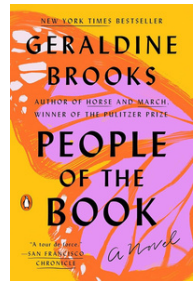
We meet the first Monday of the month from October until June (excluding January)

December 4: Pat Elliott will present *The Second Sleep* by Robert Harris

February 5: Lorraine Yphantides will present *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks

Club members are welcome to join any of the presentations.

Happy Holiday Reading To One And All!



Mystery Readers

Mystery Readers held their annual Christmas meeting on Nov. 22 at 1:30 pm. We enjoyed sandwiches and dainties while collectively writing a short mystery story, "it was a dark and stormy..." followed by the exchange of anonymously wrapped books. Welcome to Kristen Farlinger whom we hope will join M.R. every month.

There is no meeting on Dec. 27th. Please join us (all welcome) on **Jan 24, 2024** for a Movie Night (with pizza and popcorn). More about the movie in the Jan. Bulletin.

Happy Holidays to All,



Mahjong

We meet the first and third Friday of the month from September until June.

In December we will meet on **Friday the 1st** and **Friday the 15th.**

Seasons greetings to everyone.

Sunroom Group

Members please note that our regular meeting on December 7 will be waived in favour of the Christmas Luncheon followed by a performance by students from the Mennonite Collegiate. Please try to attend this wonderful annual event. Our last meeting for 2023 will be December 14th and we will resume again on Thursday January 11, 2024. We are hoping for additions to our group so members interested mark your calendar with a smiling face on the dates mentioned and join us for a relaxing visit in the Sunroom.



UWC Tuesday Lunches



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.

Reservations are a must and should be made at least 72 hours in advance by signing up [online](#), at UWC, by phone to 204-954-7880, or by email to uwc@mymts.net. Cancellations require 24 hours notice to avoid penalty. Menu substitutions are available if requested in advance. Please indicate any special preferences (menu, seating, parking, etc.) at the time of reservation.

Tuesday Lunch Menus

December 12th • Shepherd's Pie • Caesar Salad • Chocolate Silk

December 19th • Monte Cristo Sandwich • Fries • Coleslaw • Fruit Cup

A minimum of 15 reservations is required for lunches to proceed. If fewer are registered, a light lunch of soup, sandwiches, dessert, tea and coffee may be served for \$14 per person. Payment upon reservation is preferred but may be received at the door by cash, cheque, or card. 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).

For information on the Holiday lunch and dinner please check the Program event pages earlier in the Bulletin, or visit our website by following [this link](#).



Effective Dec. 1, 2023 the price for a glass of wine will increase to \$7. The previous \$6 charge has been in effect for several years while costs have risen considerably. This increase was recommended by the Food Services Committee and approved by the Board at the November meeting.



Ellen Peel
Chair, Food Services Committee

DECEMBER 2023

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'Tis the Season

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

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- Monday Afternoon Book Club

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- All Day Booking**
- Task Group Meeting
 - Contemporary Lit. Book Club

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Club Closed All Day Booking

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- 11:30 - Bar Opens
- 12:00 - Program Lunch
- 1:15 - *Wired Choir*

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- Current Issues and Actions Committee Meeting

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External Booking

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- Membership/ Communications Committee Meeting

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- 11:30 - Bar Opens
- 12:00 - UWC Lunch
- Food Services Committee Meeting

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- 5:00 - Bar Opens
- 6:00 - Program Dinner
- 7:15 - Guest Speaker Adam Hurtig

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- Management Meeting
- Finance Committee Meeting
- Sunroom Group

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- Fundraising Committee Meeting

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- 11:30 - Bar Opens
- 12:00 - UWC Lunch
- Board Meeting
- 4:00 - Holiday Bar 54

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Happy New Year

Every year you make a resolution to change yourself.
This year, make a resolution to be yourself.

