

# BULLETIN HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 2025





# Co-Presidents' Message

April means so many things: Mud puddles! Power of Print! And this year, all the news and activity around a federal election. From the mundane to the inspirational to the consequential — and everything in between.

Mud puddles - When the weather gives us muddy roads and pathways, please be mindful of our carpets and bring indoor shoes to wear when you come to the club. ❤️

Continuing Education's Power of Print is a long-standing tradition in the club. This year brings a stellar line-up of some of our favourite speakers sharing some of their favourite books. CE courses offer exceptional value plus the opportunity to chat informally with speakers and other participants. There is still time to register!

By the time the Bulletin is distributed, we will be in full federal election mode. And who knows what issues will be at play internationally! A recent CFUW newsletter gave some helpful reminders on how advocacy may be carried out in a nonpartisan way. Read more about this [here](#) . Without doubt there will be many discussions over coffee or meals at 54 West Gate. We all value our home away from home as a place to learn and to exchange ideas, while remaining mindful of our policy of respectful practice.

Read on to see what events and activities are unfolding in April. See you at the Club!

# Become a UWC Member

Now is the perfect time to join UWC! For just \$100, enjoy an exclusive *Introductory Year* membership packed with incredible benefits. Don't miss out—unlock new opportunities, connect with a thriving community, and make the most of everything UWC has to offer!



Exclusive rental discounts  
at the historic Ralph  
Connor House



Members-only programs  
designed to inspire and  
engage



Access to continuing  
education courses to  
expand your knowledge



Vibrant social groups  
catering to a variety of  
interests and passions

Check out our website at [www.uwcwpgmb.com](http://www.uwcwpgmb.com) for more details. You may also download the application form [here](#) or email [uwcmember@mymts.net](mailto:uwcmember@mymts.net).

# UWC - ENGAGE PROGRAM LUNCH & SPEAKER

## Women and Leadership: Focus on Music with Valdine Anderson

**Please join us on Friday, April 11 for our lunch program, featuring Valdine Anderson, who will discuss Women and Leadership: Focus on Music.**

Valdine is a soprano renowned globally for the wide range of her operatic and concert repertoire. She is a Western Canadian Music Award winner and Grammy nominated recording artist.

Valdine is the Artistic Director of Esprit Singers - a Winnipeg women's choir, and of Winnipeg Sonora Voices, a youth choir organization. Both choirs have won awards nationally and internationally. She is also an instructor at the University of Manitoba, Desautels Faculty of Music.

We hope you will be with us as Valdine shares her leadership experience with choirs and individual singers, and gives us a peek into what it is like to perform concerts around the world.



**Bar Opens: 11:30 AM | Lunch: 12:00 PM | Speaker: 1:15 PM**

**Lunch Menu at \$25: Lemon pepper salmon, baby roasted potatoes, green beans almondine, chocolate silk**

Register for this event [online](#), in-person, by emailing [uwc@mymts.net](mailto:uwc@mymts.net), or by calling 204.954.7880. Please indicate whether you will be attending both the lunch and program, or the program only.



# UWC - EXPLORE CONTINUING EDUCATION

## Power of Print 2025: My Three Favourite Books



APR 15: CHARLENE DIEHL



APR 22: MICHELLE FAUBERT



APR 29: DAVID ANNANDALE



MAY 6: MICHAEL BUMSTED



MAY 13: VANESSA WARNE



MAY 20: NEIL BESNER

Looking for your next great book? Join us for **"My Three Favourite Books"**, a captivating new series where six experts reveal the stories and authors that have left a lasting impact on them.

Expect a **fascinating mix of international and Canadian writers**, spanning past and present, fiction and non-fiction—there's something for everyone! Engage in lively discussions and expand your literary horizons. Arrive at 9:15 AM to enjoy a hot beverage of your choice and remember the club is open for lunch – just remember to reserve in advance!

**Dates: Tuesdays, April 15th, 22nd, and 29th; May 6th, 13th, and 20th**

**Time: 9:45 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Fee: Members \$65 | Non-members \$80**

Sign up [online](#), email [uwc@mymts.net](mailto:uwc@mymts.net), or call 204-954-7880. You can also visit UWC at 54 West Gate to sign up in person during business hours (Tuesday - Thursday). Payment is required at the time of registration. We accept cheque, debit, e-transfer to [uwcfin@mymts.net](mailto:uwcfin@mymts.net), or cash.

**Come learn with us!**



The University Women's Club of Winnipeg  
*invites you to the*

*Spring Fashion Show  
and  
Bake Sale Fundraiser*

APRIL

SUNDAY

27

AT 1.30 PM

Ralph Connor House  
54 West Gate

**ADMISSION: \$40**

Don't miss the Fabulous Fashion by Investment Pieces modeled by UWC Members and delicious home-baked goodies donated by our talented UWC Members! Refreshments will be served and Cash Bar will be open!

Reservations can be made online, by emailing [uwc@mymts.net](mailto:uwc@mymts.net), calling 204-954-7880 or in-person at 54 West Gate. We accept e-transfer to [uwcfin@mymts.net](mailto:uwcfin@mymts.net), cheque, and debit.





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The University Women's Club of Winnipeg  
invites you to

# Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 11th | 11 AM | 54 West Gate

Celebrate Moms with a special brunch and treat them to a delicious buffet at the elegant *Ralph Connor House*.

## Menu

Eggs Benedict with Smoked Salmon or Ham  
Omelet station • Scrambled eggs • Bacon  
Sausages • Hash Browns • Chilled Salmon  
Sliced beef • Tossed Salad • Caesar Salad  
Veggies and dip • Cheese Tray

Dessert Crepes • Carrot Cake • Fresh fruit tray

Coffee • Tea • Softdrinks • Juices

Wine • Beer • Signature Mocktail

*Food will be served at 11.30 AM*

**Adults: \$65 | Children 5 -12 years old: \$20 |  
Children under 5 years old: Free**

Reservations can be made online, by emailing [uwcmymts.net](mailto:uwcmymts.net),  
calling 204-954-7880 or in-person at 54 West Gate.

We accept e-transfer to [uwcfmymts.net](mailto:uwcfmymts.net), cheque, and debit.



Book by May 4th for a chance to win two tickets to the WSO's  
afternoon concert featuring retiring violinist Gwen Hoebig on  
May 11th following the brunch — a perfect Mother's Day pairing!

# UWC Activity Groups

## CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE BOOK CLUB

All members are welcome to join the members of the Contemporary Literature Book Club on April 1st at 1:00 PM for a discussion of the works of Alice Munro. This is not an April Fool's Day joke; we are aware of the controversy surrounding Alice since her death. However, we had selected April as Alice Munro Month before her daughter's revelations. I am also encouraging members to sign up for lunch!

## MAHJONG

We meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month until June 2025, from 10:00 AM to noon. In April, we will meet on the 1st and 15th. Join us!

## WRITING GROUP

The Writing Group will meet again on Thursday, April 10th at 1:00 PM. Please note that no one has to share their piece if they choose not to. We write together for the fun of it and always enjoy our time together.

## OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Welcome to Spring!!! Come join us for lunch in at the Prairie's Edge in Kildonan Park on Friday, April 25th. To reserve your spot, please RSVP to Margaret Cuddy, Co-Convenor, at [macuddy@shaw.ca](mailto:macuddy@shaw.ca) by Monday, April 21st. Need a ride? Let us know!

## AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We meet the second Wednesday of the month from October to June (excluding January) from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM. On April 9th, Lorraine Yphantides will present *The Stone Carvers* by Jane Urquhart. Club members are welcome to join us.

## SCRABBLE N' BABBLE

The next Scrabble 'n Babble is on Wednesday, April 2nd at 10 AM. Please consider coming if you haven't played with us before. All are welcome!

## SUNROOM GROUP

I hope you are all enjoying this introduction to Spring! Please come and enjoy a lovely sunny getaway in our main floor sunroom with some interesting club members, and share a relaxing Thursday afternoon of laughter and delicious refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there!

## SOCIAL BRIDGE

Social Bridge is scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons starting at 1:00 PM. We welcome new players and are happy to coach beginners. If you are interested, you are welcome to come and observe. In April, we will be playing on the 8th and the 22nd.





FRIENDS OF THE  
RALPH CONNOR  
HOUSE <sup>INC.</sup>

Hello Everyone!

I hope you are all enjoying our peek into Spring, with this warmer weather!

I am sure you are all aware by now that the beautiful Carriage House is in the process of being removed. By the time you read this, it will likely be gone. Alpha Masonry removed the red tapestry bricks and stonework from the front of the building and will be used in the future when a new permanent storage structure is built on the property. The new building will be made to look as close as possible to the Carriage House (on a smaller scale). Alpha has kindly offered to store the bricks and stone in their yard until needed (at no charge).

Our next challenge is repairing and replacing the fascia, eavestroughs, and windows. We are in the process of applying for several grants for these projects. We are also working on an interesting proposition for UWCW Members in this regard—stay tuned!!!

FRCH will be participating in Heritage Winnipeg's - Doors Open again this year. Ralph Connor House date will be Sunday, May 25th, tours will start at 11:00 AM, with the last tour at 4:30 PM. Lunch will be provided for volunteers. The sign up sheets will be in the book at the club by the second week in April, please sign up for a shift or two.

Thank you all, take good care!

Your Friends of The Ralph Connor House Inc. Board of Directors

# APRIL MENUS

## MEALS BY WESTGATE CATERING

The regular price for club lunches is \$25.00. The cash bar opens at 11:30 a.m., and lunch is served at 12:00 PM. Wednesday dinners cost \$35.00, with the cash bar opening at 5:30 PM and dinner served at 6:00 PM. Meal prices include buns, coffee or tea, taxes, and gratuity.

To secure your spot, sign up [online](#), email [uwcmymts.net](mailto:uwcmymts.net), visit in person, or call 204-954-7880. To avoid penalties, you must cancel at least 24 hours in advance. **Menu substitutions are available if requested in advance, and any special preferences, such as seating or parking, should be indicated at the time of reservation.**

**Please note the new reservation deadlines:**

*Tuesday lunches* — reservations close the previous Friday at noon

*Wednesday Program dinners* — reservations close the previous Monday at noon

*Friday Program lunches* — reservations close the previous Wednesday at noon

## Tuesday lunch menus

APRIL	1	Beef stir-fry with vegetables • Rice • Apple pie
	8	Chicken Souvlaki • Lemon-roasted Potatoes • Greek salad • Garlic toast • Pound cake with Lemon sauce
	15	Asparagus quiche • Spinach salad • Strawberry torte
	22	Grilled cheese, bacon and tomato sandwich • Fries • Coleslaw • Fruit cup • Cookie
	29	Shepherd's pie • Broccoli • Brownie with ice cream

## Program lunch and dinner menus

APRIL	11	<i>LUNCH:</i> Lemon pepper Salmon • Baby roasted potatoes • Green beans almondine • Chocolate silk.
	30	<i>DINNER:</i> Chicken stuffed with goat cheese and apricots • Baby potatoes • Orange glazed carrots • Caesar salad • Sticky toffee pudding.





## RALPH CONNOR HOUSE

Nestled in the heart of Winnipeg, this stunning heritage venue offers a romantic backdrop with its grand architecture, vintage details, and beautifully manicured gardens. Whether you're planning a cozy gathering or a lavish affair, Ralph Connor House provides a warm and sophisticated atmosphere that feels both exclusive and welcoming. Imagine exchanging vows in a sunlit room filled with character, toasting with loved ones in an elegant setting, and capturing timeless photos in a space steeped in history.

*Let this enchanting venue be the start of your forever story.*



Don't worry, Ralph Connor House isn't just for weddings—we're the perfect venue for all your special celebrations! From birthday parties and bridal or baby showers to anniversaries and corporate gatherings, our elegant and historic setting provides the ideal backdrop for unforgettable moments. Plus, we offer vendor recommendations to help bring your vision to life. Reach out today to learn more about our rental options and start planning your perfect event!



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<https://www.uwcwpgmb.com/venue-booking/>

**CALL US FOR MORE INFO**



**(204) 954-7880**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 10:00 Mahjong 11:30 Club Bar and Lunch 1:00 Contemporary Book Club	2 10:00 Scrabble N' Babble	3 10:00 H & G Committee 1:15 Sunroom Group 1:30 Comms/ Membership Committee	4 UWC is Closed	5
6	7 UWC is Closed	8 11:30 Club Bar and Lunch 1:00 Social Bridge 1:15 Program Committee	9 1:00 Wednesday Book Club	10 10:00 H & G Committee 1:00 Writers Group 1:00 Finance Committee 1:15 Sunroom Group 7:00 External Event	11 11:30 UWC - Engage Program Lunch and Speaker - Valdine Anderson	12
13 External Event	14 UWC is Closed	15 9:15 UWC - Explore Power of Print 10:00 Mahjong 11:30 Club Bar and Lunch 1:30 Board Meeting	16 1:00 Writers Group 1:30 CIA Committee	17 BULLETIN DEADLINE 10:00 Scholarship Committee 1:15 Sunroom Group	18 UWC is Closed	19
20	21 UWC is Closed External Event	22 9:15 UWC - Explore Power of Print 11:30 Club Bar and Lunch 1:00 Social Bridge 1:15 Food Services Committee	23 1:30 Mystery Readers	24 1:15 Sunroom Group	25 UWC is Closed 11:30 External Event	26 External Event
27 UWC Spring Fashion Show and Bake Sale	28 UWC is Closed	29 9:15 UWC - Explore Power of Print 11:30 Club Bar and Lunch	30 5:00 UWC - Engage Program Dinner and Speaker - Brenda Buleziuk			