

# BULLETIN HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 2026



# CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Just take a look at our UWC March calendar — it's bursting at the seams! Every single week is packed with opportunities to connect, learn, and celebrate together. Here's a taste of what's in store — and be sure to read the full Bulletin for all the exciting details!

✨ March 6 – In keeping with tradition, our lunch program will celebrate International Women's Day. We are thrilled to welcome Katrina Leclerc, who will share insights on Feminist Peace Building. It promises to be an inspiring and thought-provoking afternoon!

🎭 March 10 at 10:30 a.m. – We're delighted to host three representatives from the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre for a lively conversation about their upcoming production *The Last Wife*. As a special bonus, they'll give us an exclusive sneak peek at MTC's 2026–27 playbill!

📅 March 11 (all day) & March 18 (morning) – Please note the Club will be closed for school tours. We're so excited to see these educational visits return! A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful members who help Grade 6 students step back in time to 1917 — your enthusiasm brings history to life.

💬 March 24 – Join us for an informative and timely lunch presentation by Dr. Kim Wiebe on MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying) in Manitoba.

A meaningful opportunity to learn and engage in important conversation.

❤️ March 1–30 – Spring Fundraiser: "Show Your Love for the Club"

Our fundraiser is in full swing! We're inviting members to contribute toward essential equipment that benefits everyone — a bar fridge, A/V package, and ice machine. These practical additions support the bigger goal of sustaining the Club and preserving the heritage home we cherish.

📅 Save the Date: April 2 – Bar 54 Celebration!

Join us as we celebrate all our members, with special recognition for those who joined in the past year. Plus, every member's name will be entered into a draw — and five lucky winners will take home fabulous gift baskets!

There's truly something for everyone this March — great programs, great conversations, and even better company. We can't wait to see you at the Club!



# Living History Tours

February 20<sup>th</sup> was the first school tour of 2026,  
with 5 more tours booked before the end of  
May!

A huge **thank you** to all our amazing performers  
for making these tours such a wonderful  
experience for the students.

*Thank you again for such a lovely tour  
yesterday! Our students had a phenomenal  
time, and came away with so much  
information and new knowledge to help  
them build out their understanding of early  
20th century life in Winnipeg. Thanks also for  
the kind gift of the beautiful books; we are  
passing them amongst ourselves so everyone  
has a chance to learn more about the house  
and the family!*

*-Catherine Livingstone*

Interested in getting involved? Reach out to  
for more information and dates of  
upcoming tours!



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## Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre Comes to UWC!

March 10th at 10:30 am

Join us for a conversation with Artistic Director Kelly Thornton, Artistic Programs Coordinator Melissa Langdon, and Director of Community Engagement and Audience Development Colleen Hradi. They will be discussing **The Last Wife** by celebrated Canadian playwright Kate Henning and directed by Cherissa Richards. This play will be presented on the John Hirsch Mainstage from March 25 to April 18, 2026.

***This witty and powerful reimagining of Katherine Parr - the sixth wife of Henry VIII - casts her as a modern woman navigating the complexities of politics, patriarchy, and power. With sharp dialogue and a bold contemporary lens, The Last Wife invites audiences to reflect on themes of gender, ambition, and equality that remain strikingly relevant today.***

Our three guests will explore:

- The contemporary relevance of *The Last Wife* in today's conversations about women's rights and leadership
- The creative process behind bringing this dynamic production to the stage
- What they hope audiences will take away from this timely and thought-provoking play

The session will close with a sneak peek at Royal MTC's 2026-27 season!

There is no charge for members and their guests; however, registration is required.

Lunch will be available after the presentation. Please register for this separately.

Register ASAP and by noon, Friday March 6th online, by emailing [uwc@mymts.net](mailto:uwc@mymts.net), calling 204-954-7880, or in person.

# UWC Activity Groups

## CONTEMPORARY

### LITERATURE BOOK CLUB

At our next meeting on March 3 at 1:00 p.m., we'll be discussing TELL ME EVERYTHING by Elizabeth Strout. If possible, join us for lunch before the meeting. New members always welcome.

## MAHJONG

We meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 10a.m. until noon. In March we will meet on the 3rd and the 17th

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We meet the second Wednesday of the month from October to June, excluding January from 1pm until 3pm. In March, due to school tours taking place on the second Wednesday, we will meet on the third Wednesday. March 18th: Ellen Peel will present Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf. Club members are welcome at all presentations

## MYSTERY READERS

Mystery Readers will meet Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. We will discuss Iona Wishaw's, *A Killer in King's Cove*. All are invited to attend. Please contact Dianne Shefford with any questions.

## SCRABBLE N' BABBLE

Next meeting will be March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

## SUNROOM GROUP

Hello Everyone

Our beautiful Sunroom is a wonderful spot to spend a few hours on a Thursday afternoon with other club members, enjoying some laughter, stories, and good conversation along with your coffee, tea and delicious cookies. Come and join us any Thursday afternoon from 1:15 to 3. All are welcome, see you in the Sunroom!! 😊

## SOCIAL BRIDGE

We will be playing Social Bridge on Tuesday, March 10 and Tuesday, March 24. We start at 1:00 p.m., and finish by 3:30. New and returning players are welcome.

## WRITING GROUP

Next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2026 at 1pm.

## OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Watch for updates in Week at a Glance communication!





# PROGRAM

In February, we warmed our Valentine hearts with our wonderful Feb 13 lunch program panel of member authors. Thanks to June Dutka, Juanita Giesbrecht, and Sharon Hamilton. And we learned more about Bioscience - an important, fascinating, somewhat unknown sector in our province at our Feb 25 dinner program. Thanks to Andrea Ladouceur, President and CEO of Bioscience Association Manitoba, for her illuminating presentation.

And please mark your calendars and sign up for the following programs:

- March 6** lunch celebrating International Women's Day - Katrina Leclerc, U of W, Feminist Peacebuilding in Practice. We are so excited to be bringing Katrina to the club. Katrina advises governments and UN agencies on peacebuilding and is widely recognized for bridging academic and practitioner spaces. She is co-editor of *Youth Leading Change: Emerging Sites of Knowledge in Peace and Conflict* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2025), Chair of the Women, Peace and Security Network-Canada (WPSN-C), and co-founder of the Canadian Coalition for Youth, Peace & Security (CCYPS). Check the poster for more information.
- March 24** lunch - Dr. Kim Wiebe, Medical Director, MAID in Manitoba. This is a sensitive and important topic, and one with some misunderstandings. We look forward to welcoming Kim to frame MAID for us. Please come, bring your questions, and get the facts and the perspectives. Check the poster for more information.
- April 10** lunch - Balmoral Hall Vocal Jazz group.
- April 22** dinner - As part of Member Appreciation Month, we will be celebrating all members and particularly those with milestone anniversaries as club members. Stay tuned for more information.
- May 14** afternoon, dinner, and evening - The Inequality Virus: Impacts and Antidotes with Senator Marilou McPhedran, Mary Scott, and others.

You can attend the programs without the meal, at no cost, if that works better for you.

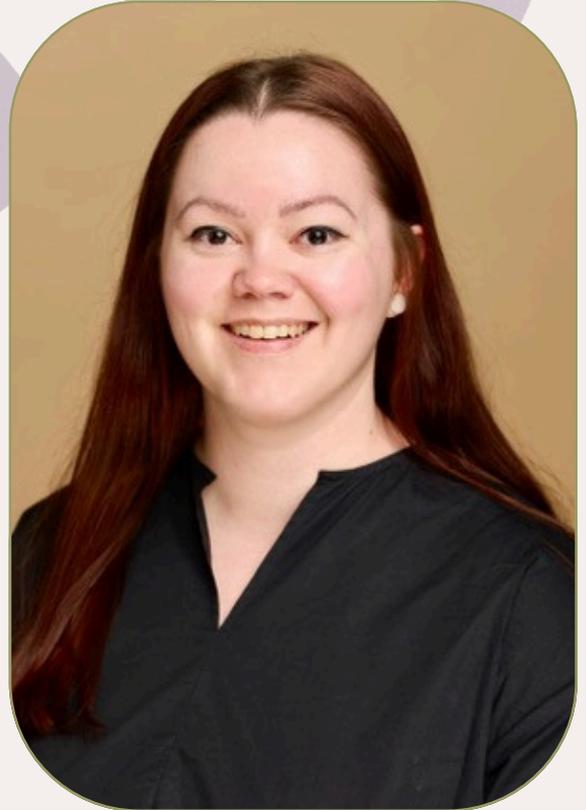
Our committee always appreciates ideas for program topics and / or speakers, so please feel free to reach out.

# UWC - ENGAGE PROGRAM & LUNCH

## Feminist Peacebuilding in Practice with Katrina Leclerc

Date: March 6, 2026  
Bar Open: 11:30PM  
Lunch: 12:00PM  
Presentation to follow.

Join us in celebrating International Women's Day as we look beyond slogans and policies in global feminist peacebuilding. Learn how women are reshaping peace and security spaces in the face of many challenges, and why this is essential in a time of democratic backsliding and anti-rights movements.



Katrina Leclerc is a multi-award-winning peacebuilder, published researcher, and globally recognized specialist on the intersections of Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and Youth, Peace and Security (YPS). She is a PhD candidate and Part-time Professor in Conflict Studies at Saint Paul University and a Sessional Lecturer at the University of Winnipeg Global College.

### Menu

Salmon with mango salsa, rice, broccoli, and  
lemon chiffon cake

**Cost \$25**

Register ASAP and by noon, Wednesday, March 4th online, by emailing [uwc@mymts.net](mailto:uwc@mymts.net), calling 204-954-7880, or in person. We accept e-transfer to [uwcfin@mymts.net](mailto:uwcfin@mymts.net), cheque, and debit.

# UWC - ENGAGE PROGRAM & LUNCH

## M.A.I.D. in Manitoba with Dr. Kim Wiebe

Date: March 24, 2026

Bar Open: 11:30PM

Lunch: 12:00PM

Presentation to follow.

Medical assistance in dying (MAID) is a process that allows someone who is found eligible to be able to receive assistance from a medical practitioner in ending their life. The federal Criminal Code of Canada permits this to take place only under very specific circumstances and rules. Anyone requesting this service must meet specific eligibility criteria to receive medical assistance in dying. Any medical practitioner who administers an assisted death to someone must satisfy certain safeguards first.

### Menu

Meat or vegetable lasagne,  
Caesar salad, garlic toast, fruit cup  
and cookie.

**Cost \$25**



Dr. Wiebe is a practicing physician trained in Internal Medicine, Critical Care, Addictions Medicine and Palliative Care. She serves as the Medical Director of the Manitoba Medical Assistance in Dying Team.”

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# UWC - EXPLORE CONTINUING EDUCATION

## Cultivating Canadian Resiliency

Amid profound changes in the global order, Canada faces both uncertainty and opportunity. This series analyzes Canada's core strengths and vulnerabilities focusing on democracy, sovereignty, and institutional resilience. Join us this spring to learn how Canada can influence the international order, defend our sovereignty, and support our political, social and cultural institutions. These are sessions that will face the uncertainty but also celebrate Canada's unique place in the world.



Dr. Bryan Peeler

Dr. Bryan Peeler is a professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Manitoba whose research focuses on international law, Canadian foreign policy, and the role of reciprocity in global cooperation. His work examines how middle powers such as Canada navigate geopolitical uncertainty while supporting the liberal international order.



Dr. Marc Kuly

Dr. Marc Kuly is an award winning educator and directs the Service Learning Program for the Faculty of Education at the University of Winnipeg. He draws on fifteen years of experience as an inner city educator to guide the program towards experiences that allow students to recognize the strength that lies in diversity.



Dr. Stephen Borys

Dr. Stephen Borys is President and CEO of Civic Muse, a Winnipeg-based consultancy advancing leadership, strategy, and cultural innovation across museums, arts organizations, universities, and civic institutions. He previously served as Director & CEO of the Winnipeg Art Gallery - Qaumajuq where he championed the power of art as catalyst for equity, civic engagement, and positive change.



Dr. Royce Koop

Dr. Royce Koop is professor of political science, and coordinator of the Canadian studies program at the University of Manitoba. He researches themes related to representation and political parties, in both Canadian and comparative contexts. Dr. Koop is a regular media commentator on Canadian and Manitoba politics and writes a bi-weekly analysis column for the Winnipeg Sun.



Colonel Amanda Aldous

Colonel Amanda Aldous is Director of Plans and Modernization at 1 Canadian Air Division. Colonel Aldous has served around the world including as an advisor to NATO Training in Afghanistan, with Air Task Force in Kuwait, and with US Security Coordination in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory. She has two Master's degrees: in Public Administration and Defence Studies.

Join us this spring to learn how Canada can influence the international order, defend our sovereignty, and support our political, social and cultural institutions.

**Dates: Tuesdays, April 14th, 21st, and 28th, and May 5th and 12th. Time: 9:45 AM – 11:30 AM  
(coffee/tea included)**

**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.

# CIA

## Housing

One of the resolutions adopted at last years CFUW AGM was on housing. The CIA committee has been looking at the Winnipeg/Manitoba situation and, based on their goals and achievements, we invited Kirsten Bernas from The Right to Housing Coalition to speak to us on their work. She is the Director of Policy Advocacy at the West Central Women's Resource Centre and chairs the Provincial Working Group of the Right to Housing Coalition and helps coordinate the national Social Housing and Human Rights Coalition. More info on the coalitions can be found at [www.righttohousing.ca](http://www.righttohousing.ca) and [www.moresocialhousing.ca](http://www.moresocialhousing.ca)

She made an excellent presentation at our meeting on January 21. In addition to Committee members, we had a number of Club members attend. We were all impressed with thoroughness of the approach: it is non-partisan, well researched and presented, and is on-going.

There is an opportunity to support the Right to Housing Coalition by becoming a Supporter. This does not mean any investment, membership or fee. Nor does it obligate us in any way to attend rallies and wave placards. It does mean that the University Women's Club would become a visible community support of the idea of the right for housing for all and, when any organization can identify a broad spectrum of support, it helps demonstrate their wide support. The CIA committee presented a motion to the Board to support the UWC becoming a 'supporter' of this organization and it was accepted.

## Calendar Collection 2025

Eleanor Stardom, who spearheads the collecting of calendars for numerous hospitals, sends a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to her project this past year. The total collected was 580 and was divided between Deer Lodge Centre, Victoria Hospital, Misericordia Hospital and the Health Sciences Centre. Judging from the responses the colourful calendars are appreciated by patients and staff, uplifting their spirit and making the rooms cheerier. The calendars continue to make a difference!



# MARCH MENUS

## MEALS BY WESTGATE CATERING

The regular price for club lunches is \$25.00. The cash bar opens at 11:30 AM, 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 [uwc@mymts.net](mailto:uwc@mymts.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 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

3rd	Reuben sandwich, fries, coleslaw, ice cream and cookie
10th	Chicken Florentine, baby potatoes, orange glazed carrots, brownie with whipping cream
17th	Irish beef stew, soda bread, cupcakes
31st	\$15 Express Lunch: vegetable soup, assorted sandwiches, and dainties

## Program meal and menu

6th	Lunch - Salmon with mango salsa, rice, broccoli, and lemon chiffon cake
24th	Lunch - Lasagna (meat or vegetable), Caesar salad, garlic toast, and cupcakes

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 UWC is Closed	2 UWC is Closed External Event	3 10:00 Mahjong 11:30 Club Bar & Lunch 1:00 Contemporary Book Club	4	5 1:15 Sunroom 1:15 Continuing Education Committee Meeting	6 11:30 Program Lunch & Speaker <i>International WOMENS Day</i>	7 UWC is Closed External Event
8 UWC is Closed	9 UWC is Closed	10 10:30 MTC Presentation 11:30 Club Bar & Lunch 1:00 Social Bridge	11 All Day Living History School Tours UWC is closed except for performers	12 10:00 House & Grounds Committee Meeting 1:00 Finance Meeting 1:15 Sunroom Group	13 UWC is Closed	14 UWC is Closed External Event
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22 UWC is Closed External Event	23 UWC is Closed	24 10:00 Program Committee Meeting 11:30 Program Lunch & Speaker 1:00 Social Bridge	25 10:00 Scrabble & Babble 1:00 Mystery Readers	26 1:15 Sunroom Group	27 UWC is Closed External Event	28 UWC is Closed External Event
29 UWC is Closed	30 UWC is Closed Love for the Club Fundraiser Deadline!	31 10:30 Cruise Info Session 11:30 Club Bar & Lunch	  			

# 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

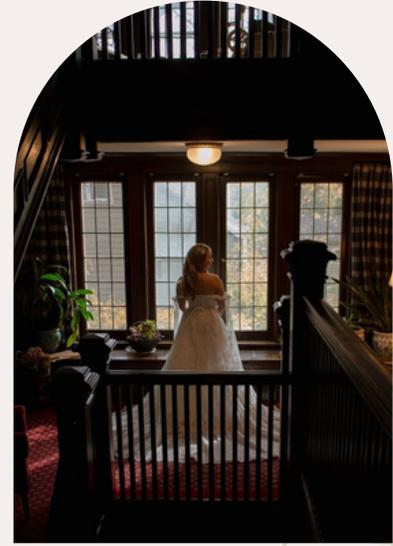
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## RALPH CONNOR HOUSE

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.

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