

BULLETIN HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 2025



Co-Presidents' Message

March is sometimes seen as a ho-hum kind of month. We've had enough winter already, but it isn't spring yet. Unless you are Irish, March doesn't seem to have much festivity associated with it. And the fact that it's named after Mars, the god of War, may not warm your heart either.

However, fear not! There is lots going on at 54 West Gate this month and we invite you to come on down and find something new to enjoy.

March 5th – the AGM for the Friends of the Ralph Connor House, Inc. **We are all members of FRCH**, so come out and learn more about their work to preserve our club's home.

March 7th – this UWC - Engage Lunch marks International Women's Day with a presentation by Dr. Stephanie Stobbe.

March 9th – Professor Emeritus Dan Stone returns for Continuing Education's 3-week course **Russia and the West** - more timely than ever.

March 18th – Longing for summer? Sign up for the Summer Buffet Lunch and pretend this is August! (Sorry, the porch tables will not be available!)

As always, book clubs, scrabble, mahjong, social bridge, and sunroom gatherings offer time for good company and conversation.

You can read this edition of the bulletin for more details.

Sue Bishop Sherratt Moffatt

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 for more details. You may also download the application form [here](#) or email uwcmember@mymts.net.

UWC Members representing CFUW at the United Nations Conference on the Status of Women in New York

Did you know that CFUW is UWC's mother organization? **Two UWC members, Mary Scott and Sandy Millen, have been chosen to attend, representing both UWC and CFUW.** The following press release is being forwarded to local media:

Local women attending United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York City

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995. The Conference was a defining moment in the feminist movement, with more than 17,000 people attending from around the world. It produced the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, a global framework for securing gender equality.

At the 69th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69) in March 2025, civil society organizations, activists, and member states will gather to assess the progress made since the 1995 Conference. Held annually at United Nations headquarters in New York, CSW is the main intergovernmental body dedicated exclusively to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls throughout the world.

Mary Scott and Sandy Millen of Winnipeg will represent CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) as a part of the organization's delegation to CSW69 from March 10 to 21. CFUW is a women's organization with 6,700 members in 90 Clubs throughout Canada, including the local Club, University Women's Club of Winnipeg.. Founded in 1919, CFUW holds Special Consultative Status with the United Nations, which allows it to send 20 delegates to CSW.

"I attended the Beijing Conference back in 1995, and I must say the world is just as challenging, if not more so. I raise my voice with the many around the world to respect the human rights of the many who are facing violence and torture", says Mary Scott, CFUW delegate.

Mary Scott and Sandy Millen look forward to sharing their experiences at the United Nations with local community leaders and members of the University Women's Club of Winnipeg.

To learn more about the University Women's Club of Winnipeg, visit <https://www.uwcwpgmb.com/>

UWC - EXPLORE CONTINUING EDUCATION

Russia and the West

We are delighted to welcome back U of W Professor Emeritus Daniel Stone to lead a further exploration of Russia's past and present. Many of us enjoyed his timely and thought-provoking series Roots of Conflict in Eastern Europe in November 2022. In this course, he will discuss the development of Russian national identity and how it has fostered and contributed to conflicts with the West throughout history.

As part of his presentation, Dr. Stone will reference how literary works have promoted and celebrated these differences. He will further discuss how the Czars, Communist leaders, and Vladimir Putin have used national identity to maintain their power. Join us in March to learn more about this enigmatic world power.

Dates: Tuesdays - March 11th, 18th, 25th

Time: 9:45 AM - 11:30 AM

Fee: Members \$45. Non-members \$60

Registration is now open! If you registered for the course originally scheduled for the fall and are not able to attend on these new dates, please see Jolene.

Sign up [online](#), email 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 uwcfm@mymts.net, or cash.

Coffee/tea is provided at 9:30 AM before class starts and at the break. Consider joining us for lunch after class in our beautiful historic Club - reservations required as usual.

Come learn with us!

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

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UWC Activity Groups

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE BOOK CLUB

On Tuesday, March 4th, we will be reviewing the book – THE PARIS BOOKSELLER by Kerri Maher. Please join us for lunch and at 1:00 PM for discussion of the book. All club members are welcome to attend.

Judy McDonald

MAHJONG

We meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month until June 2025, from 10:00 AM to noon. In March, our meetings will be on the 4th and 18th. Join us!

Agnes Collins

WRITING GROUP

The Writing Group will meet again on Thursday, March 6th at 1 PM. We will follow our usual enjoyable practice of writing together on a general topic that can be interpreted and used in a variety of ways.

Laura Atkinson

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Join us at P.F. Chang's 865 St. James Street on Friday, March 28th at 11:30 AM. Good food, good fun! To reserve your spot, please RSVP at cpresser@mymts.net by March 24th.

Carolynne Presser

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, from October to June (excluding January). On March 12, Catherine Charette will present Table for Two by Amor Towles.

Agnes Collins

SCRABBLE N' BABBLE

Scrabble 'n Babble will be on Wednesday, Mar 5th at 10 a.m. Next dates would April 2nd, May 7th, and June 4th. Please consider coming if you haven't played with us before. All are welcome!

Dianne Beaven

SUNROOM GROUP

Please pop in to the Sunroom on Thursday afternoons to say hello. And stay for some lively conversation and laughter, along with some delicious refreshments. All are welcome! We meet at 1:15 and usually disperse before 3:00 to avoid the rush hour traffic. Take care and see you in the Sunroom!

Penni Churko

SOCIAL BRIDGE

We are a small and enthusiastic group that plays Bridge for fun. If you are interested you are welcome to come and observe, and regular players will happily coach you if you join in. In March we will play on the 11th and 25th, starting at 1:00 PM. We finish around 3:00 PM due to traffic.

Heather Menzies

Program Committee

So far this year, our programs have included learning about fungi, phosphorus, Lake Winnipeg, advocacy, and a veterinarian becoming a best-selling author. We will keep the variety coming.

As we move into March, we have the loveliness of more daylight and the promise of eventual spring. To celebrate International Women's Day, our March 7th lunch program will feature Dr. Stephanie Stobbe and Hearts of Freedom, discussing the promise and reality of South Asian refugees arriving in Canada.

Our April 11th lunch program will welcome Valdine Anderson for "Women and Leadership: Focus on Music." Valdine is a singer renowned globally for her wide range of operatic and concert repertoire. She is also the Artistic Director of Esprit Singers, a Winnipeg women's choir, and an instructor at the University of Manitoba's Desautels Faculty of Music.

We are exploring some other possibilities for March and April and will keep you posted.

Rosalyn Howard

Current Issues and Actions Committee

So, this is 2025 and it feels like the world has shifted. Who ever imagined that our friends might be no longer friendly? Many of us find it difficult to watch the news and not feel threatened. As advocates we look for ways to navigate in a positive manner. At our last meeting, we chose Peace as our watchword. We shall find a way to honour the International Day of Peace in September and make peace our theme during the 16 Days of Advocacy.

Jimi Hendrix's words feel especially relevant today: "*When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.*"

It's easy to be overwhelmed by thoughts of uncertainty and hardship, but we can find comfort in the simple wisdom of Mother Teresa: "*Peace begins with a smile.*" So, keep smiling—small gestures can make a big difference.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 19th at 1:30 PM. Come and join us.

Shelagh Marchenski

A thank you note..

Eleanor Stardom, who led the collection of calendars for numerous hospitals, sends a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to her project this past year. A total of 500 calendars were collected and divided between Deer Lodge Centre, The Victoria Hospital, and the Misericordia Hospital. Judging from the responses, the colourful calendars are appreciated by patients and staff, uplifting their spirits and making the rooms cheerier.

June Dutka and Dianne Beaven

Scholarship Corner

We are pleased to announce that the revision and renaming of three scholarships at the University of Winnipeg have been approved by the Senate of the University of Winnipeg:

- University Women's Club of Winnipeg Theatre and Film Scholarship for \$1000
- University Women's Club of Winnipeg Sociology Scholarship for \$1000
- University Women's Club of Winnipeg Education Scholarship for \$1000

We are still in the process of revisions at the University of Manitoba.

Our Scholarship Trust Fund Board has begun drafting the criteria for a new bursary at University College of the North. We'll keep you updated as plans progress.

As mentioned in last month's UWC Bulletin, receipts for all 2024 donations have been mailed out. If you have an

We gratefully accept donations to the UWC Scholarship Trust Fund year-round. To contribute, please consider using CanadaHelps at this [link](#).

Ruth Suderman



FRIENDS OF THE
RALPH CONNOR
HOUSE ^{INC.}

Hello Everyone!

Hope you are keeping cozy in this frigid weather!

Carriage House update: Imrie Demolition applied for the demolition permits from the City in December. Rina Basco of the City Heritage Conservation Department has now approved their portion of the application after requesting another meeting and asking for more documentation on the project, such as additional photos and reports. Alpha Masonry will be removing all the red tapestry bricks and stonework from the front of the Carriage House before the demolition. Alpha has kindly offered to store the pallets of bricks and stone at no cost until a permanent storage structure is built on the property. The saved brick and stone will then be used in the new building.

We have encountered another challenge regarding this demolition: Allison Davies, a City Waterways Technologist with the City Waterways Section, has asked for the involvement of an additional Engineering Specialist who deals specifically with waterways issues. She has requested that Imrie arrange for him to prepare a detailed report on this project before approving our permit. We remain hopeful that this demolition can take place by the middle of March; however, our window of opportunity is rapidly diminishing. For Imrie to bring in the heavy equipment required for the demolition, the ground must stay frozen. Fingers crossed, everyone!!

FRCH has applied for several grants:

- The window replacement assessment is \$27,000 plus tax, and it is required by all three levels of Government for any work done to a Historic building.
- A grant to replace the damaged soffits and downspouts. This is our top priority, as it is causing water damage to the wall on the mezzanine.

We will know if our grant applications have been approved by the end of April this year. If the grants are approved, the work on replacing the soffits and downspouts should be able to commence in the Spring.

SAVE THE DATE! The FRCH AGM will be held on Wednesday, March 5th at 1:30 PM. Refreshments will be served in the dining room at 1:00 PM. See you there!

Your Friends of The Ralph Connor House Inc. Board of Directors
Penni Churko, President
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MARCH 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.

Reservations are required and must be made by 4:30 PM. on Thursday each week. To secure your spot, you can sign up [online](#), email 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.**

Tuesday lunch menus

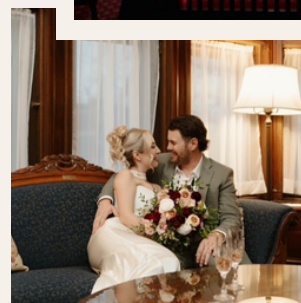
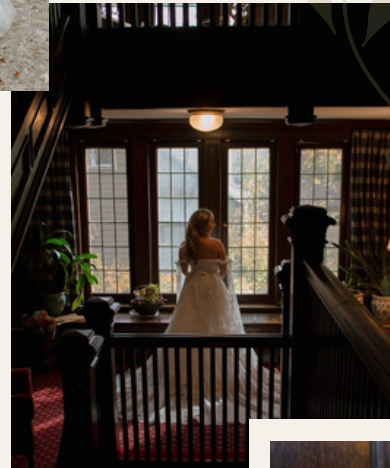
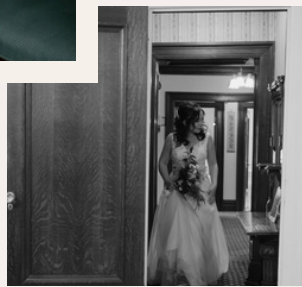
MARCH	4	Reuben sandwich, fries, coleslaw, ice cream, cookies
	11	Chicken mushroom Alfredo, tossed salad with vinaigrette dressing, lemon tarts
	18	<i>Summer in winter buffet lunch:</i> Cold cuts, devilled eggs, broccoli salad, chicken chutney salad, orangey romaine salad, rye bread, lemon pound cake
	25	Monte Cristo sandwich, potato chips, carrot sticks, chocolate pudding

Program lunch and dinner menus

MARCH	7	<i>LUNCH:</i> Salmon with mango salsa, rice, cauliflower and broccoli mix, chocolate cake
	26	<i>DINNER:</i> Caesar salad, chicken stuffed with goat cheese and apricots, baby potatoes, orange glazed carrots, sticky toffee pudding

Events at the Ralph Connor House

In 2024, Ralph Connor House was buzzing with activity, hosting **74 events (over 98 days)** that brought people together to celebrate, connect, and create lasting memories. From intimate weddings and milestone birthdays to lively book clubs and community gatherings, our historic venue has been the perfect backdrop for every occasion. So far, from January to February alone, we've welcomed **10** special events—and we're just getting started! As a valued member, don't miss the chance to host your own unforgettable moments here, with exclusive rental discounts designed to make your celebrations even more special. Book your next milestone with us and let history be part of your story! Feel free to reach out to our Events Coordinator, Kelly Cotterill at uwcevents@mymts.net.



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2	UWC is Closed	4 10:00 Tulip Time Travellers Meeting 10:00 Mahjong 11:30 Club Bar and Lunch 1:00 Contemporary Book Club 3:30 FRCH Meeting	5 10:00 Scrabble N' Babble 1:00 FRCH AGM 3:00 External Event	6 10:00 H & G Meeting 12:00 Nominating Committee 1:00 Writers Group 1:15 Sunroom Group	7 11:30 UWC - Engage Lunch and Speaker - Dr. Stephanie Stobbe	8
9 External Event	UWC is Closed	11 9:30 UWC - Explore Russia and the West 11:30 Club Bar and Lunch 1:00 Social Bridge 1:15 Food Services Committee	12 10:00 Archives 1:00 Wednesday Book Club	13 10:30 Program Committee 1:00 Finance Committee 1:15 Sunroom Group	UWC is Closed	15
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