

# BULLETIN HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 2026



# CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

It's April — which means spring, change and renewal. And you will find all of those at the University Women's Club this month!

We are so grateful to our members for their whole-hearted support of our Spring fundraising campaign. The total amount raised will be revealed at a special Bar 54 on April 2.

Let's just say the response was fantastic! And the new equipment will be put to good use over many years.

The month starts with a party - but wait! — there's more!  
Please read on to find out about:

- A month-long celebration of our members including a special dinner
  - A musical treat in our April 10 lunch program
  - A well-timed Continuing Education course that you won't want to miss
  - A refreshed website and new email addresses
    - A membership renewal reminder
- A major gathering of Winnipeg women coming in May

All these good things happen because of the planning, organization and just plain hard work of members and staff.

Thank you all,

# UWC Activity Groups

## CONTEMPORARY

### LITERATURE BOOK CLUB

On Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> we will be discussing THE PULL OF THE STARS by Emma Donoghue. All UWCW members are welcome to join us at 1:00 pm. If possible, sign up for lunch; another way of supporting our club.

## MAHJONG

We meet the first and third Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. until noon. In April we will play on the 7th at 10a.m. but on the 21st we will play at 1p.m. to accommodate our players attending the Continuing Education series in the morning.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

We meet the second Wednesday of the month from October until June, excluding January, from 1p.m. until 3p.m.  
On April 8th Lorraine Yphantides will present The Paris Apartment by Kelly Bowen. Club members are welcome at any presentation.

## MYSTERY READERS

Because Mystery Readers is cancelled for March 25, we shall discuss "A Killer in King's Cove" by Iona Whishaw at our meeting on April 22. We shall also discuss the character "Bruno Courreges" by Martin Walker. All welcome to attend.

## SUNROOM GROUP

Hello Everyone  
Well.....hopefully "Spring" is just around the corner! The sun is now warming up the sunroom on Thursday afternoon at 1:15. So please come and join us and relax and enjoy your afternoon with coffee and cookies, as well as some laughs and giggles!!  
See you in the Sunoom

## SCRABBLE N' BABBLE

Will be played on Wednesday, April 22nd at 10 a.m. If you would like to join us, please contact:

## SOCIAL BRIDGE

We will be playing Social Bridge on Tuesday April 7, and Tuesday April 21, starting at 1:00 p.m. If you have a friend who is interested, do bring them along to observe or join in. We welcome new players and are happy to coach them if they wish.

## WRITING GROUP

The Writing Group will meet on Thurs. April 16, 2026 at 1 pm. Once again, dear friends, we will meet and talk and write together about whatever is on our minds in the wonderful but troubled times we live in.  
We will welcome anyone who wants to join us.  
Coffee and tea will be available

## OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

The OTLB invites you to return to the old days!  
Join us at a favorite:  
RAE & JERRY'S, 1405 PORTAGE AVE  
April 24, 11:30 AM  
To reserve your spot, please RSVP to Margaret Cuddy, Co-Convenor, at [macuddy@shaw.ca](mailto:macuddy@shaw.ca) by Monday, April 20.  
Need a ride? Let us know!

# UWC - ENGAGE PROGRAM & LUNCH

## Balmoral Vocal Jazz

The Balmoral Hall Vocal Jazz Ensemble is a dedicated group of Senior School singers led by Mrs. Robbie Bedford Beesley. Rehearsing twice a week, they build musicianship, teamwork, and confidence as performers.

Ensemble members are active contributors to the school's arts community, participating in the Senior School Concert Choir and many also performing in the annual Senior School Musical.

They appear at events throughout the year, including annual participation in the Brandon University Jazz Festival. This April, the ensemble is honoured to be singing for The University Women's Club, sharing their music with a wider community audience, and we are honoured to host them.



**Date: April 10, 2026**

Bar Open: 11:30PM

Lunch: 12:00PM

Presentation to follow.

### Menu

Chicken skewers, lemon roasted potatoes, Greek salad, garlic bread, and baklava

**Cost \$25**

Register ASAP and by noon, Wednesday, April 8th online, by emailing [uwc@mymts.net](mailto:uwc@mymts.net), calling 204-954-7880, or in person. We accept e-transfer to [uwcfm@mymts.net](mailto:uwcfm@mymts.net), cheque, and card.

# 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.



**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.



**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.

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.

# PROGRAM



Thanks to all who came to our March programs. In April, the time of new beginnings, we offer some refreshing gatherings.

Join us for music at our Lunch Program on April 10 as we welcome the jazz choir from Balmoral Hall. Our Dinner Program on April 22 is part of the April celebration of members, in this case, particularly those with 5 year membership milestones, and open to all. Please check the posters for more info. We soon will have more details to share about our special program on May 14 on the Inequality Virus: Impacts and Solutions with Independent Senator Marilou McPhedran, and other speakers. It will start late afternoon, include a dinner, and then go into the evening. Hope you can hold the date.

# FRCH



Hello Everyone

It looks like Mother Nature is finally releasing her Winter grip!

We are hoping to be able to replace a large section of concrete in the north entrance driveway by the end of April, first of May- weather permitting.

We have been busy applying for grants and have just heard from the City that we have been approved for the Gail Parvin Hammerquist Grant for \$38,000.00 . Great news, this was one of five grants that FRCH has applied for in the past few months to help with the repair and replacement of the eaves, fascia, and downspouts. The total cost for this project came in at \$184,000.00 so hopefully all our grant applications will be approved to help with this expense. Once this project is completed (hopefully within 2026) we will then be looking into grants for the window repairs and replacement, which was quoted at \$250,000.00, this will very likely be a 5-10 year project, done in small sections at a time.

Ralph Connor House (RCH) will be participating in Heritage Winnipeg's - Doors Open again this year. \* We are looking for several more Tour Guides for Doors Open \* there will be a training session at the end of April beginning of May. (date and time to be determined) There are Tour Guide information sheets to follow during the tours. Please come and see what Doors Open is all about, it is a wonderful day, and the public loves seeing Ralph Connor House and the interesting information the guides give during the tour.

\* The RCH tour will take place on Sunday, May 31, from 11-5, with the last tour at 4:30.

Our Living History Program has had four School Tours to date with tours booked for April and May. Thank you to all the Performers for helping the Grade 6 students see what life was like in (1917) Winnipeg during WW1

Thank you, take care.

# CIA



UWC has officially become a member of the Right to Housing Coalition. Should you wish to become an individual member: [join-the-right-to-housing-coalition](#)

It is noteworthy that Manitoba employers must now provide free menstrual products starting in August. This was one of the CFUW resolutions last year.

The 2026 CFUW Resolutions have now been circulated. The CIA committee will be reviewing these. We are inviting all members to join us for a discussions of these two important resolutions on May 20 at 1:30 and will present our recommendations at the AGM for approval.

### **Resolution 1 - CFUW Ottawa**

Canadian Response to the Education Crisis in Afghanistan: [here](#).

### **Resolution 2 - CFUW Guelph**

Countering Disinformation in Canada: [here](#).

Our watch dog suggestion for the month is some interesting stats on financial control and gender violence - tied to the new open banking system. <https://theconversation.com/>

-Committee Head

# CFUW



To inform new members, CFUW (originally known as Canadian Federation of University Women) is a national organization consisting of 90 clubs including UWCW. I encourage all members to subscribe to the weekly CFUW Club Action Newsletter. Go to the CFUW website and look for the tab to click to sign up. The newsletter contains information about what our national organization is up to as well as opportunities to virtually attend presentations from a variety of speakers.

On May 1, 2026 at 2 pm there will be a CFUW Elder Action Day Webinar: The Condition of Home Care in Canada: What Do We Know? What Can We Do? It will be online via Zoom. The newsletter contains information to register so a Zoom link can be sent to you.

CFUW is holding its AGM in Montreal July 20 - 24, 2026. Details, including registration, travel and hotel information, can be found in the newsletter.

Shelly McFadyen – CFUW Liaison and Regional Director for Manitoba

# SCHOLARSHIP CORNER



Once again, we say "Thank You" to all our donors. These donations, together with the interest earned from our Funds, have paved the way for our Manitoba students to receive scholarships and bursaries during the 2025-26 academic year.

We are truly grateful when a member and friend remembers the Scholarship Fund in their last will and testament. We have learned that Gretta Assaly, a former UWC member and granddaughter of Charles Gordon, has assigned a portion of her assets to The UWC Scholarship Trust Fund in her Living Trust. As many of you know, Gretta was living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and passed away November 29, 2025. For your information, "In Memoriam" donations are always welcomed. If submitted before April 30, 2026, your friend will be acknowledged in our "In Memoriam" annual report and book this spring. We continue to accept donations to the UWC Scholarship Trust Fund year-round. To contribute, please use CanadaHelps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/48965>. Or, cheques made out to the UWC Scholarship Trust Fund may be placed in the Scholarship mail box.

The next meeting of the UWC Scholarship Trust Fund is on Wednesday, April 1 at 10:00 am.

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## Silver Polishing Bee

Wednesday, April 15th

All Day - come when you are able

The Club's big season for external events and special programs approaches. This means getting out the "good silver" for weddings, birthdays, showers, etc. In past years Club members had an annual silver polishing "bee". Having another one in April would greatly assist our staff at a time when the Club is short-staffed and extra busy.



Bring old toothbrushes, a rag or two or soft sponges, and some silver polish, if you can.

Some supplies will be provided, but everything works best and fastest when everyone has their own supplies.

# COMMUNICATIONS



The Communications team has been working behind the scenes to implement important improvements to our current systems. As some of you may have experienced, we've encountered recurring issues with outgoing emails being flagged as spam, as well as challenges with incoming messages not being delivered reliably. In addition to impacting our members, this has also affected communication with our external clients.

We have been able to implement some short-term fixes, but we have been actively working on longer-term solutions. This includes transitioning to a new email provider and updating our email addresses. The goal is to provide a more reliable platform that can adapt to our growing needs, while also allowing us to use our website domain to present a more professional and consistent appearance to external clients.

We will be transitioning to the new system over the course of April, with the current email addresses expected to be retired in May. During the transition period, both the old and new inboxes will be monitored; however, the addresses that are being retired will be set up with an automatic reply to remind you to update your records and begin using the new contact information.

While we recognize it is common to associate an email address with a specific individual, we ask that you save these new addresses in your contacts based on the function they represent (for example: office, events, finance, communications). As our team evolves and grows, different individuals may monitor these inboxes, and this approach will help ensure continuity and reduce confusion moving forward.

While the email transition will be our primary focus for April, we will also be beginning additional work on website updates and streamlining to improve ease of use for both members and external users.

Kelly and Molly will be reaching out to committee leads in the near future to share more detailed information and gather input.



**Update your contacts and add these addresses to your email safe lists!**

**[office@uwcwpgmb.com](mailto:office@uwcwpgmb.com)**

for all club and membership related inquiries and updates. This includes signing up for programs, lunches, parking, scheduling meetings, submitting board reports and committee minutes/notes

**[communications@uwcwpgmb.com](mailto:communications@uwcwpgmb.com)**

use for bulletin and week at a glance submissions, changes to contact info, or issues and questions related to the website

**[finance@uwcwpgmb.com](mailto:finance@uwcwpgmb.com)**

for all payment questions and invoicing concerns

**[events@uwcwpgmb.com](mailto:events@uwcwpgmb.com)**

use for booking special non-member events and rentals

# EVENTS



Tea parties, weddings, celebrations of life, music videos and more!  
Here are a few sneak peeks of what has been happening in the house this month!



We had an amazing time with the cast of Hood and Dagger Productions' Miss Holmes. Check out the official trailer [here](#). And don't wait to get your tickets, the show is almost 90% sold out!



Filming now! We are a part of a limited television series, "Pihkohowin"  
***In a single week, two Indigenous men are found frozen to death in the same remote location. Then a third man steps forward, claiming he narrowly escaped the same fate. His testimony reopens old wounds - and draws three Indigenous investigators, each from a different world, into a search for answers that reaches deep into the past.***

*A huge thank you to those groups affected and their willingness to reschedule to make this possible!*

*Pihkohowin*

# APRIL 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

7th	Quesadillas (chicken or vegetable), Caesar salad, and blueberry square
14th	Cajun shrimp skewers, rice, corn and red pepper medley, and carrot cake
21st	Chicken and vegetable stir fry, rice, apple crumble with ice cream
28th	Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, chocolate pudding with whipping cream

## Program meal and menu

10th	Lunch - Chicken skewers, lemon roasted potatoes, Greek salad, garlic bread, and baklava
22th	Dinner - Pickerel almondine, Pear William potatoes, glazed carrots, tossed salad, and black forest cake



# MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH | 11 AM | 54 WEST GATE  
HISTORIC RALPH CONNOR HOUSE

## Menu

Eggs Benedict with Smoked Salmon or Ham  
Omelette station • French toast • Scrambled eggs  
Bacon • Sausages • Hash Browns • Chilled Salmon  
Sliced beef • Broccoli Salad • Caesar Salad  
Marinated veggies and dip • Cheese Tray

Dessert Crepes • Carrot  
Cake • Fresh fruit tray

Coffee • Tea • Juices

Wine, cocktails, soft drinks and  
signature mocktails will be available  
for purchase at the cash bar.

**Food will be served at 11:30 AM**

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

Reservations are open until May 4th at 4:30 PM and can be made [online](mailto:uwc@mymts.net), by emailing [uwc@mymts.net](mailto:uwc@mymts.net), calling 204-954-7880, or visiting us in person at 54 West Gate. Accepted payment methods include e-transfer to [uwcfin@mymts.net](mailto:uwcfin@mymts.net), cheque, and debit.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 10:00 Scholarship Committee Meeting 	2 1:15 Sunroom 4:00 Bar 54	3 UWC is Closed 	4 UWC is Closed
5 UWC is Closed 	6 UWC is Closed	7 10:00 Mahjong 11:30 Club Bar & Lunch 1:00 Contemporary Book Club 1:15 Food Services Committee Meeting	8 930 Living History School Tours <b>UWC is closed except for performers</b> 1:00 Wednesday Book Club	9 10:00 House & Grounds Committee Meeting 1:15 Sunroom Group <b>External Event</b>	10 11:30 Club Bar, Program Lunch and Presentation	11 UWC is Closed <b>External Event</b>
12 1:30 Spring Membership Birthday Celebration	13 UWC is Closed	14 9:45 Continuing Education Series 11:30 Club Bar & Lunch 1:00 Social Bridge	15 1:30 CIA Committee Meeting	16 1:00 Writing Group 1:00 Finance Committee Meeting 1:15 Sunroom Group	17 UWC is Closed	18 UWC is Closed
19 UWC is Closed <b>External Event</b>	20 UWC is Closed	21 9:45 Continuing Education Series 11:30 Club Bar & Lunch 1:00 Mahjong 1:15 Board Meeting	22 10:00 Scrabble and Babble 1:00 Mystery Readers 5:30 Membership Milestone Dinner and Program	23 1:15 Sunroom Group  <b>Bulletin Submissions Due</b>	24 UWC is Closed	25 UWC is Closed
26 UWC is Closed <b>External Event</b>	27 UWC is Closed	28 9:45 Continuing Education Series 11:30 Club Bar & Lunch 1:00 Social Bridge	29	30 1:15 Sunroom Group  		

