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University of Toronto Women's Association
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Sadly, this will be the final newsletter of the University Arts Women's Club-University of Toronto Women's Association, bringing to a close an organization that provided activities and friendship for many during its 95 years – it has had a good run!

The club's final event was the Spring Luncheon and Annual General Meeting held April 18 in the Main Lounge of The Faculty Club, University of Toronto. 42 members and guests gathered together to share a delicious meal and enjoy the traditional camaraderie of our club. The University of Toronto Press continued their tradition of donating books, this year generously providing one for each attendee.

All relevant offices and committees at the university have been notified of our closing, and we received a lovely letter from President Gertler acknowledging our many years of contribution to the university.

Our possessions have all been rehomed, with the engraved silver pieces being donated to the Office of the President of the University of Toronto, and many items going to Bloor Street United Church and others to several of our members.

Documents for UAWC, UTWA and UAWC-UTWA have been sent to the University of Toronto Archives and Records Management Services (UTARMS). These submissions consist of paper copies of various reports, minutes, publications, etc. as well as electronic copies of newer records. UTARMS has already uploaded our website to their digital archives although it will be available on the internet for the rest of the summer.

Various non-essential and duplicate documents were shredded to maintain confidentiality of the information they contained.

While culling material for submission to UTARMS it was discovered that 2 copies of our first History Book (1929-1974) were submitted to the National Library of Canada (now Library and Archives Canada (LAC)) in 1979. Although searchable in the electronic database they cannot be read online; one must travel to Ottawa and request a copy be retrieved for viewing.

<https://bac-lac.on.worldcat.org/oclc/15975585#availability-section>

LAC was approached to see if they were interested in the subsequent instalments of our history, Books 2 (1975-1999), 3 (2000-2020) and 4 (2020-2024) and after being satisfied that these publications met their criteria, they accepted the donation. A hard copy of each

booklet has been sent to their Gifts Section in Gatineau, Quebec.

The bank account was closed just before our year end, June 30, 2024, and a copy of the final Financial Report is at the end of this newsletter.

After all expenses were paid, we were able to donate \$3,000 to the Division of University Advancement (DUA), University of Toronto, to be used for scholarships. DUA reported that this year 20 students received financial assistance from UTWA's contributions, and 418 have received support since inception of the awards. As noted previously, UTWA's Scholarships and Bursaries will continue to be administered in perpetuity by the university.

Thank you to Sue Russell who researched our recent documents and compiled the fourth instalment of our history. A copy of this has been emailed to each member, and posted to our website:

<https://uawc-utwa.artsci.utoronto.ca>

All the Interest Groups have expressed a desire to continue and are making plans for the coming year. Everyone is encouraged to join one or another of these groups, or attend some of the events, as a way of maintaining friendships forged over the years. If you are interested in learning more, please contact one of the convenors listed below:

Antiques and Art Appreciation

Patricia Nevins 416-524-8683 nevinsp@gmail.com

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 11:00 am with a visit to a museum or gallery, followed by lunch and social time. New members welcome.

Lunch Bunch

Bobbi Slater 905-848-3681 bslater032@gmail.com

Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month in members' homes where they enjoy lunch and each other's friendship and company.

Reading

Linda Andrews 416-485-4903 lindajanea@sympatico.ca

Gay Thomson 416-444-4908 thomsongay0@gmail.com

Meets the second Tuesday morning of the month at 10:30 am by Zoom. Fiction and/or non-fiction books are selected in the spring for the following season. New members warmly welcomed.

Restaurant Lunch

Kirsteen McLean 416-783-4114 kmclean28@sympatico.ca

Meets the second Wednesday of the month to enjoy lunch at various restaurants. New members are welcome.

Theatre

Claudia Colas 416-534-1214 claudia.colas@alum.utoronto.ca

Meets when new season show schedules become available. These meetings establish the preferred shows and dates for the theatre visits. New members are welcome.

I wish everyone all the best for your future endeavours and hope to see you at one of the many interest group events.

Patricia Nevins
President, UAWC-UTWA



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March 27, 2024

Ms Patricia Nevins
President, University Arts Women's Club-University of Toronto Women's Association
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Dear Ms Nevins:

On behalf of the University of Toronto, I write to thank the University Arts Women's Club-University of Toronto Women's Association for its decades of service to the University of Toronto community. U of T has benefited tremendously from your hard work and dedication, both as independent groups and also after merging. The provision of over \$445,000 in scholarships and bursaries to 380 students since UTWA's founding in 1982 is a testament to your decades of hard work on behalf of the University community. The various interest groups, programmes and social events of the UAWC, particularly the annual Holiday Party at 93 Highland that my wife Joanna was delighted to join, have truly helped to foster camaraderie and friendship as the UAWC founders intended. Joanna was also delighted to serve as Honorary President.


We are therefore saddened to learn that you will soon cease operations after a combined 95 years of operation. The UTWA-UAWC leaves an indelible impact on the U of T community. Your dedicated service and warm friendship will be remembered fondly and with deep appreciation.

Sincerely,

Meric S. Gertler
President

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(UAWC-UTWA)**

Financial Report July 1, 2023 - June 20, 2024

2022/2023 ending balance	\$6,405.54		
RECEIPTS		EXPENSES	
Dean's funding	\$1,000.00	Bank fees	\$85.40
Membership (44)	\$3,300.00	Fall Directory & Newsletter printing and mailing	\$305.10
Donations	\$105.64	October 19 general meeting	\$1,157.11
Christmas Lunch (19)	\$1,080.00	November 16 general meeting	\$1,349.21
AGM Guests (2)	\$120.00	December 07 Christmas Lunch	\$1,122.77
		February 15 zoom meeting	\$200.00
		March 21 general meeting	\$1,100.61
		Apr 18 AGM	\$3,605.14
		Wind up costs	\$3,085.84
Totals	\$5,605.64		\$12,011.18
Balance as of June 20 , 2024	\$0.00		
			
		Bobbi Slater, Treasurer	