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## *A message from the President ...*

Summer greetings to you all. I hope you are enjoying these summer days here in Edmonton or wherever your travels have taken you.

I wish to extend a hearty welcome to all new and returning members of the Faculty Women's Club. I hope to see you at our annual Wine and Cheese Registration Event on September 18 at the Faculty Club. The gathering will launch our eighty-fifth year, and is always a wonderful time to meet new people and to catch up with old friends, as well as to see what our interest groups have planned for the coming year. A special thanks to the Program Committee for their hard work and dedication in planning this first event of the year.



Our Executive Committee works very hard to help the FWC run smoothly. I'm excited to introduce this outstanding team to you:

- Past-President, **Jan Heaman**, continues to share her experience and wisdom in the leadership of FWC.
- **Lucie Moussu**, our new Vice-President, will be co-ordinating the various interest groups, which are the heart of the FWC.
- **Linda Seale** has accepted the role of Secretary and will be maintaining and distributing minutes for our Executive meetings.
- Our new Treasurer, **Sandra Wiebe**, will monitor our organization's finances and maintain our records.
- **Marie Dafoe** is in charge of memberships - registration, renewal, and fee payment.
- **Tricia Unsworth** has stepped up to maintain our directory, which has been maintained by Joan Hube for many years.
- **Jeanette Fedorak** has joined **Cathy de Frece** and **Marilyn Cree** on our Program Committee, planning our events for the year.
- **Allison Lewis** returns as our Newsletter creator, capturing the spirit of FWC by reporting on the organization's activities.

- **Jane McCreery**, Publicity, keeps our brochure updated and informative and provides information packets to incoming AASUA members.
- **Christine Brown** is our Website Editor and continues to keep the site fresh and updated.

I am looking forward to a fun year with the Faculty Women's Club. It is an honour for me to serve as President of this organization. If you have any concern or questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Cheers,  
*Rachel Frey*

## ❖ Meet our new President – Rachel Frey ❖

Rachel Frey was born in Austin, Texas and grew up along the Texas Gulf Coast. She is the second child of four, with an older sister (who was very bossy and grew up to be an associate dean) and two younger brothers (a US Marine and a fourth-grade teacher/photographer).

Rachel attended Baylor University, where she studied music (vocal performance) and theatre. For a few years after graduation, Rachel worked in the Baylor Music Library as the Circulation Supervisor and at a little church in Waco, Texas, where she served as choir director. She later attended Princeton Theological Seminary, where she obtained a Master of Divinity degree. She is an ordained minister and has served in church settings, health care chaplaincy, and interfaith justice work. Rachel has officiated the weddings for several members of FWC.



Rachel met her partner Craig Heinke (Physics) through an internet dating site while both of them were living in Chicago. They moved to Edmonton in 2008, and Rachel has been an active member of FWC since her arrival. She started FWC 2.0 and served as its co-convener for many years. She is also the co-convener of Fun & (board) Games.

Rachel and Craig are the parents of six-year-old Leo, who loves to read and draw (mostly monsters and aliens). Rachel loves music and has recently ventured back into the world of musical theatre, attending her first audition in two decades. She also is an author of several children's books that she

hopes to have published and is working on other writing projects. She has been baking since 2017, a passion which has been great for her spirit though, she admits, not too great for her waistline. Rachel enjoys encountering other cultures. In addition to travelling extensively, she has lived in four countries.

Rachel is excited to serve as President and looks forward to the year ahead.

## ❖ Meet our new Executive ❖

The new Executive Committee nominees were voted in by acclamation at the 2018 Annual General Meeting. Many thanks to the following new and returning executive members for agreeing to serve on the committee. Each of you works hard to keep our club strong and vibrant.

President:	Rachel Frey	Program Committee:
Vice-President:	Lucie Moussu	Cathy de Frece (Chair)
Treasurer:	Sandra Wiebe	Marilyn Cree
Past-President:	Jan Heaman	Jeanette Fedorak
Secretary:	Linda Seale	Website Editor: Christine Brown
Membership:	Marie Dafoe	Members' Directory: Joan Hube and
Publicity:	Jane McCreery	Tricia Unsworth*
Newsletter:	Allison Lewis	

\*Since the AGM in May, Tricia Unsworth has taken over the job of putting out the Members' Directory. Joan Hube managed this task for almost 20 years, and we are grateful for all her work and dedication. Welcome to the role, Tricia!



*Returning and new members of the Executive met in May to hand over their information binders. Standing at back (left to right): Jane McCreery, Allison Lewis, Joan Hube, Ellen Calabrese-Amrhein, Sandra Wiebe. Front row (left to right): Sarah Moore, Jan Heaman, Rachel Frey, Lucie Moussu*

## ❖ Upcoming Special Events ❖

*Many thanks to Marilyn Cree, Cathy de Frece, and Jeanette Fedorak  
for organizing our special events for the coming year.*

### ❖ Membership Registration Event – Wine and Cheese Reception ❖

**When:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm

**Where:** Faculty Club, Saskatchewan Room

**Cost:** Complimentary

Renew your membership to the Faculty Women's Club at this free registration event. Enjoy the complimentary refreshments, sign up for events and interest groups, meet new friends, and rekindle other friendships.

*Annual Membership is just \$25 if you register by 6 pm on September 18. After this time the membership fee will be \$30.*



### ❖ Winter and Spring 2019 Events ❖

Keep your calendars open for our winter and spring program that includes events to warm your hearts and stomachs. More information will follow in the December newsletter.

- The always popular Coffee morning in honour of our long-standing members will take place February 6, 2019.
- Our Spring Luncheon will be held March 13, 2019.
- The Eighty-fifth Annual General Meeting will be held May 9, 2019.

In the interests of privacy we do not publish contact information for our members or Executive Committee. Please refer to your Members' Directory, or you may also contact the President at [president.fwc@gmail.com](mailto:president.fwc@gmail.com) or the Membership Secretary at [membership.fwc@gmail.com](mailto:membership.fwc@gmail.com) if you need further information about the club.

## ❖ MEMBERSHIP REPORT ❖

Hope everyone has had a great summer. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Wine and Cheese on September 18. I am accepting memberships during the summer. If you get a chance, just fill out the attached form with your early bird payment of \$25. Please consider sending in the registration now in case something comes up and you are unable to attend the Wine and Cheese. Also, if you are attending, the registration goes much faster if you've paid ahead of time. Thank you to those who have already pre-paid. I keep a list, so no worries about double payments.

I am also looking for members who would be willing to help at the Wine and Cheese, showing potential new members around the sign-up sheets and explaining more about the club. I need five ladies between 4 and 5 pm, and five ladies between 5 and 6 pm. This worked very well last year, so we would like to continue it this year. If you are able to help, please email me at [marie.dafoe@gmail.com](mailto:marie.dafoe@gmail.com) with your time preference. Thank you! See you in September.

*Marie Dafoe, Membership*

## ❖ Member News ❖

### **Condolences**

- ♦ We regret to report the recent passing of **Marjorie Bruce**, a long-time member of the FWC. Marjorie passed away on June 23 at the age of 99. An active member of the Quilting group for years, she inspired others with her many intricate and attractive quilts and shared her knowledge, including when she taught members a difficult, antique method of French quilting called Boutis. Marjorie was one of the early members of the Quilting group and participated in construction of the Processional Quilt, a large wall hanging presented to the University of Alberta in 1983 to celebrate its 75th anniversary. (Thanks to Kath Beck of the Quilting group for sharing about Marjorie.)
- ♦ Our condolences are extended to Ellen Calabrese-Amrhein on the recent loss of her mother.



Marjorie and Boutis wall hanging,  
2008

### **Other news**

- ♦ Congratulations to **Christine Forth**, convener of the FWC Creative Writing Interest Group, who will be launching her book, *The Mapmaker's Wife*, at Audrey's Books on October 18. This is a historical novel set in mid-nineteenth century Ireland, Scotland, and London, and follows the parallel journeys of two young women. FWC members are welcome to come hear Christine read from her work at the launch. Please contact her if you would like more information.
- ♦ You may recognize a few faces if you tour FWC member **Sara Norquay**'s portrait piece called *Citizen of the World* at the McMullen Gallery this fall (August 25 – October 14, with a reception on September 5). At least three FWC members are portrayed in the show that displays almost 150 portraits, most of which are of people who live in Edmonton. The gallery's exhibition, called *Sense of Self*, includes the work of five artists. For more information, please contact Sara.

## ❖ Interest Groups ❖

Hello everyone,

As friends, teachers, supervisors, cat-sitters, colleagues, sisters, neighbours, employees, students, department chairs, or even complete strangers, women in my life have always helped me to overcome difficult times, laugh a lot, become a better teacher, make the right decisions, learn what's important, create beauty, work harder, eat great food, and in general, navigate more successfully through life. And I have found that doing even the smallest thing—like walking my cat outside—with a girlfriend is more enjoyable than doing it alone (my cat also enjoys the extra attention and treats).

This is why I am really excited to be a part of the Faculty Women's Club. I believe that we are empowering one another, supporting one another, and learning from one another in ways that are beautiful and unique. I am looking forward to getting to know many more members during the next few years, and I hope you'll join some of our wonderful interest groups—and maybe try a new one this year?

Below is some information about this year's different interest groups. Come to the September Wine and Cheese Registration Event, sign up, or contact one of the conveners to join. You will find conveners' contact information in your Members' Directory, or you can contact me ([moussu@shaw.ca](mailto:moussu@shaw.ca)), or [president.fwc@gmail.com](mailto:president.fwc@gmail.com), or [membership.fwc@gmail.com](mailto:membership.fwc@gmail.com).

Cheers,  
Lucie Moussu, *FWC Vice-President*

### Art Gallery Tours

**Conveners:** Eunice Barron and Orla Ryan  
**Meets:** On a monthly basis from October to April

The Art Gallery group brings together members who have an interest in visiting galleries and workshops in order to enjoy art and learn a little more about the artists and their creative work. We meet on a monthly basis from October to April (often excluding the busy month of December) in order to enjoy a tour of an exhibition at the Art Gallery of Alberta or another gallery around the city, often with a docent or guide who will tell us some of the history and background of the art. Occasionally, if the art is local we can enjoy the privilege of having the artist tell us about their own work.

Many of us also like to get together after the tour in a nearby coffee shop in order to meet and chat in a relaxed atmosphere.

## **Book Discussion – Afternoon**

**Convener:** Sandy Hasinoff

**Meets:** Fourth Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm

The Afternoon Book Discussion group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm in each other's homes. We start in September and will take a break in December this year. We finish in June with a potluck lunch at which we choose our book list for the following year. We presently have 16 members, which is a comfortable number for both hosting and discussion, but could accommodate another person.

Our book list for this year is:

*Full Disclosure*, Beverley McLachlin (September meeting)

*Do Not Say We Have Nothing*, Madeleine Thien (October meeting)

Writer-in-Residence visits (November meeting)

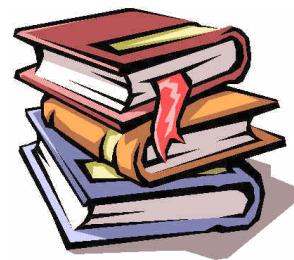
*The Improbability of Love*, Hannah Rothschild

*Precious Cargo*, Craig Davidson (April meeting)

*The Alice Network*, Kate Quinn

*The Hate U Give*, Angie Thomas

*The Book of Secrets*, M.G. Vassanji



## **Book Club – Evening**

**Convener:** Karen Bain

**Meets:** Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 – 9:30 pm in members' homes

Faculty Women's Evening Book Club, one of the longest active interest groups, is attended by members who prefer evening participation. Each month different members volunteer to host in their homes and to guide a discussion of a book; however, there is no mandatory requirement to do so. We hold our first meeting of the year a week later than usual to allow new members to join and to read the first book. We invite you to attend our first discussion September 27 to review the book *Swann* by Carol Shields.

We select our books by reviewing and discussing a number of titles contributed by members at a June potluck dinner. Our objective is to include a variety of fiction, non-fiction, current issues, Canadian and international writers, and a classic. We are also joined at one meeting each year by the U of A Writer-in-Residence. During this meeting we read and discuss work of that author. Members enjoy favourite types of books but also expand their personal reading experiences.

Books selected for the upcoming year include: *Swann* (Carol Shields), *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* (J.D. Vance), *The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's Masterpiece, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer* (Anne-Marie O'Connor), *The Good Earth* (Pearl Buck), *The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story* (Hyeonseo Lee and David John), *The Break* (Katherena Vermette), *A House Without Windows* (Nadia Hashimi), and *The Alice Network* (Kate Quinn). These selections represent the diversity of interests in our membership, and we usually have stimulating conversations. The snacks are often delightful as well!

A list of the books and meeting dates will be available at the Wine and Cheese Registration in September.

## Bridge - Duplicate

**Convener:** Joan Hardin

**Meets:** First, second, and third Mondays of the month at 12:30

The Duplicate Bridge group meets the first, second, and third Mondays of the month at 12:30 pm in the Faculty Club. We usually begin in late September or early October, and end in early May. We are a very friendly group and have a great and fun time together playing duplicate bridge.



## Bridge - Mixed

**Convener:** Lorna Stewart

**Meets:** Every second Wednesday,  
the second week of September through April, at 7:30

We play progressive contract bridge; that is, after each set of four hands, we change tables and partners. We usually have two to four tables each meeting. Please join with a partner. You and your partner both need to know how to play bridge. Your partner does not have to be a member of the FWC.

## Couples Who Cook

**Convener:** Peggi Ferguson-Pell

**Meets:** Between six and eight Saturday evenings during the year in members' homes

We are a relaxed and friendly group whose spouses, partners, and/or friends like to join in the cooking. We have a different theme each of the evenings that we meet. Please stop and say hello at our table at the Wine and Cheese. You can sign up at the table or contact the convener directly. Do you have an idea for a delicious dinner? We would love to hear it!

## Creative Writing

**Convener:** Christine Forth

**Meets:** First Tuesday of each month at 12:30 pm (with bag lunch) in members' homes

Have you always wanted to write? Have you tried, but never quite found the motivation, or the confidence, or the right topic? Why not come and visit the FWC Creative Writing Group, and see if it might be just what you need to get you putting pen to paper. We believe everyone has a story to tell, and everyone has the ability to tell their stories; all they need is encouragement and support.



We exist to provide a safe, constructive, and non-judgmental forum that encourages all forms of written self-expression: fiction, non-fiction, memoir, essays, drama, poetry, fantasy, and so on. In our group, you will find an appreciative and supportive audience for anything you write. And you will leave each meeting glowing and energized. Please call or email the convener for more information.

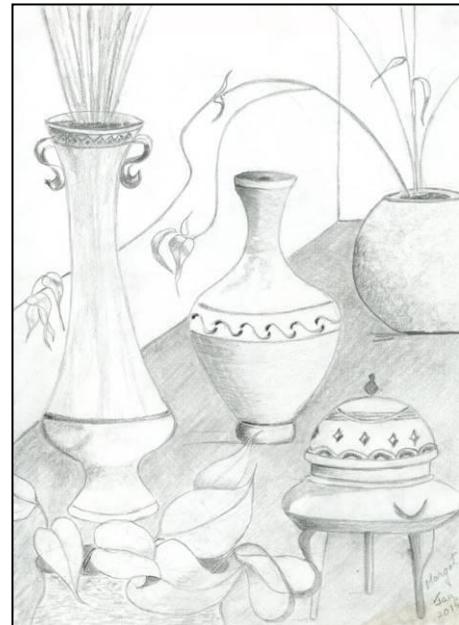
## Drawing Together

**Conveners:** Ursula Maydell and Margot Wanke

**Meets:** Last Tuesday of every month, except December, at 1:30

Each month one of our members offers to host the group at her house. Weather permitting, our group meets outside. Members are required to bring only pencils and a drawing pad. After we gather, each member has to decide what to draw from the plants, flowers, and/or art objects that the hostess has provided but has not turned into a formal arrangement.

Towards the end of the meeting, we always enjoy a cup of coffee and some goodies. This is also the time when we look at each other's work and perhaps make some constructive comments. Every member of our group has her own distinctive style. What we all have in common is an enjoyment of transforming a blank page into an interesting image. We encourage anyone who enjoys drawing, the only qualification required, to come and join our group.



## **Epicurious Lunching**

**Convenor:** To be determined

**Meets:** Five times a year, usually Tuesday or Friday at noon in members' homes

Epicurious Lunching is for ladies who enjoy cooking and dining in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. We have two lunches in the autumn and three in the New Year. The hostess plans the menu, and recipe assignments are divided equally among the group members who are able to attend. There are usually about twelve ladies at each function. Each person is responsible for one recipe as their contribution to the meal, and all costs are divided equally among attendees. The objective of the group is to enjoy good food, lots of great flavours, and good friends. Find out more at the Wine and Cheese.

## **French Conversation**

**Convenor:** Sarah Nyland

**Meets:** Most Wednesdays from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the Faculty Club

The French Conversation Group meets most Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3:30 pm from late September to early May, except for the mid-winter holiday time. We meet in the Faculty Club – usually upstairs. At first we chat about whatever comes to mind as we exchange information and news. Then we take turns going around the group as we read and translate articles from the Quebec magazine *L'actualité*. Occasionally we get together for lunch.

Soyez la bienvenue!



## **Fun & (Board) Games**

**Convenors:** Rachel Frey and Sharon Morsink

**Meets:** Once every month

This group is devoted to having fun while playing board games. We play a variety of types of games including word games, trivia games, card games, and strategy games. Each meeting starts off with a "show and tell" of the various games that members have brought along. Then we see which games people are most interested in. Once we choose a game, the person who knows the rules explains them to everyone else and then we try playing it. If the game is short (say 15 - 20 minutes), we might play a second time once everyone is familiar with the rules. Sometimes we play one longer game, and sometimes we play a few short games.

It's not necessary to have any experience in order to play. We will teach you how to play! You can join in any month. It doesn't matter if you haven't been playing with us in previous months.

We will be meeting once every month. This year we will be meeting in the evening at a different member's home every month. The day of the week for the meeting will vary in order to make it easier for as many as possible to join us.

Let's make a play date!

## **FWC 2.0**

**Convenor:** Karyne Rabey

**Meets:** Once or twice a month, days and times vary, at different fun places around Edmonton

FWC 2.0 aims to connect women faculty and spouses who are relatively young (or young at heart!) in various social settings. Many of us are new to the University of Alberta and to Edmonton, and we're interested in meeting kindred spirits. We plan our outings for various times – weekends and weekdays, evenings and during the day – to include as many of our group members as possible. Previous outings included lunches and dinners, coffee, walks, plays, musicals, chocolate tasting, ceramics class, and olive oil tasting. We even had a pie baking class at Duchess Bake Shop! FWC 2.0 will have new leaders in the coming year, and we look forward to the new energy they will bring to the group.

## **Garden Group**

**Conveners:** Pat Petersen and Marcia Bercov

**Meets:** Usually on a Friday once a month from April to October

The Garden Group has 25 to 30 members, but usually we have around 7 to 10 at any one outing. Our activities are just getting started as other interest groups are winding down. Meetings are usually on a Friday once a month from April to October but are flexible depending on when various events are happening. Our gatherings often involve lunch or a picnic in some of the venues. Over the last several years we have attended the Orchid Show in April and then visited various gardens, including the University of Alberta Botanic Garden, the St. Albert Botanical Gardens, and the Muttart Conservatory at different times during the year. This allows us to see very different gardens as they come into flower and maturity.



This year we are looking forward to our visit to the newly opened Aga Khan Garden at the University of Alberta Botanic Garden. One of our major outings of the year is the Edmonton Horticultural Society Garden Tour, which is a full-day event visiting a showcase of gardens chosen by the Horticultural Society. Always spectacular! In the fall we usually have a lunch and discuss the hits and misses in our own gardens. There are always interesting pictures to show.

If you enjoy gardens, even if you don't garden yourself, this group is for you!

## Golf

**Conveners:** Bonnie Austen, Linda Capjack, Gillian Rostoker, and Eunice Barron

**Meets:** Mondays or Wednesdays, around noon



Golf is good exercise and a great way to meet other members of the club. This past year some 16 ladies golfed Wednesdays at Victoria Golf Club in the River Valley off River Road and on Mondays at Riverside. Our tee times are around noon. The ladies golf (nine holes) from April until the end of October. In August we often go on a field trip and try a different course in and around Edmonton. Chat to us at the Wine and Cheese if you would like to join this fun group, or contact one of us. Golf is more than a 'good walk spoiled'. Some experience is encouraged.



## Gourmet Dining

**Conveners:** Bonnie Austen and Marjorie Morris

**Meets:** Saturdays at 6:00 pm



Now in its eighteenth year, the Gourmet Dining group meets evenings (Saturdays at 6:00 pm) at each other's homes. Each dinner has a theme. Themes this past year included: German Nouveau, Dining in the Florida Keys, Marvelous Mumbai, Paris in the Spring, Recipes by Lucy Waverman, and Provencal Cooking. Husbands/partners are encouraged to attend and help with the hosting duties. (Someone has to open the wine!) Twelve ladies signed up for Gourmet Dining last year, but with husbands involved, the numbers at the dinners are higher. For this reason, two houses are sometimes used. This interest

group is a great way to meet other faculty members and taste interesting food and drink.

Bon appétit!

## The International Movie Group

**Convener:** Mualla Berksoy-Boluk

**Meets:** Every third Thursday afternoon of each month at 1:00 pm

The International Movie Group meets to discuss the selected movie for the respective month. It runs between October and June. Meetings take place at one of the members' homes. Our mission is to enjoy the evolving diversities of world culture while exploring the cinematography and dialogue of movies through directors' cameras.

The International Movie Group has selected five movies so far for 2018-2019:

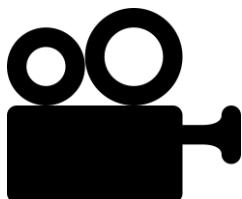
*Late Spring* (1949, Japan, Director Y. Ozu)

*Belle* (2013, U.K., Director A. Asante)

*Indochine* (1993, France, Director R. Wargnier)

*Leviathan* (2014, Russia, Director A. Zvyagintsev)

*Lion* (2016, Australia, U.K./U.S.A., Director G. Davis)



## **Knitting**

**Conveners:** Linda Capjack and Linda Sorensen

**Meets:** First Monday of each month from October to May, 1:30 – 3:30 pm



The knitting group is a very cordial and supportive group of women. They meet once a month at members' homes to chat about knitting, or any other hot topic of interest, and work on their knitting projects. Members "show and tell" what is on their knitting needles and share their experiences with it. It is inspirational to see the variety of projects, yarn choices, pattern choices, and enthusiasm for hand making an item for themselves, a loved one, or for gift giving. Skill level varies from beginner to expert, with everyone willing to share their passion for knitting, help with learning new techniques, share patterns, and help with any difficulties. If you have an interest in knitting, come and join this lively group.



## **Lunching Out**

**Conveners:** Eunice Barron and Laura Steadward

**Meets:** Third Wednesday of the month at 11:30 am, starting in October



The goal of the Lunching Out group is to provide members with an enjoyable restaurant experience along with an opportunity for social interaction. We generally meet the third Wednesday of every month, 11:30 am, starting in October. Restaurants chosen – some new, some old, some ethnic, some western – come from our membership suggestions.

## Mall Walkers

**Conveners:** Gillian Rostoker, Laura Steadward, and Kay Quon

**Meets:** Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 10:30 am, Southgate Mall

Though relatively new with a roster of about 16, the group has a magic formula for bringing out a small faithful core of walkers year round, regardless of outdoor weather. We meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 10:30 am at the Food Court in Southgate Mall. Each meeting is (magically) composed of social chat over coffee, a mall walk of some 30 minutes, then more social chat over lunch, optional. Visitors welcome. Please do contact one of the conveners in advance to receive the confirming note preceding each walk.



## Play Reading

**Conveners:** Christine Forth, Orla Ryan, and Vi Moskalyk

**Meets:** Second Thursday of the month at noon (with bag lunch) in members' homes

This is one of the most popular FWC interest groups. You don't have to be an actor or a performer to join in; all you need is be able to read lines on a page! That's what we do, and we do it in a friendly and relaxed environment, and have a lot of fun in the process. The conveners select a different play each month, many of them well-known and much-loved, with a good mix of comedies and dramas. Conveners provide copies for each member, and we each take a turn at reading a few lines of the chosen play in round-robin fashion. The afternoon ends with lively discussion and much laughter, as well as delicious snacks provided by the host.



This year, we have three new conveners: Christine Forth, Orla Ryan, and Vi Moskalyk. We extend a hearty thanks to previous conveners Norma Gutteridge, Sheenah Coutts, and Kirsten Krismer, who are taking a well-earned break after their many years of organizing and running this group.

If you love to read and think you might enjoy play reading, don't be shy; give us a try! Our kick-off play for the new season is a comedy that many people are familiar with: *The Importance of Being Earnest*, by Oscar Wilde.

## **Quilting**

**Conveners:** Kath Beck and Gaye Jones

**Meets:** First and third Tuesday mornings of the month

There are no changes anticipated for the Quilting group during the coming academic year. We meet on the first and third Tuesday mornings of the month at the Riverwind Condos on Saskatchewan Drive west of 107 Street.

Professional fibre artist, Laurrie Sobie, is on hand to provide advice and information as we work on individual and group projects. There are no formal lessons and the emphasis is on the sharing of work and ideas. However, beginners and quilters of all levels of proficiency are welcomed. There will be a fee of \$50 to \$60 dollars for the year depending on the number of members. We also take turns providing cookies or cake for the meetings.



## **Reading Circle - General**

**Convener:** Orla Ryan

**Meets:** Once a year in either September or October

The Reading Circle is a relaxed, informal type of book club. We meet once a year in either September or October, and members bring their suggestions for books that the group might like to read during the year. While enjoying a cup of tea/coffee and some snacks, the group discusses which of these books the majority would like to put on the short list. The convener then takes the short list and purchases the books to be circulated during the year. Each member is given one of the books, which are then circulated around the group on a monthly basis, the cost being shared between the members.

We read a wide variety of genres, including fiction, biography, history, and the odd mystery. This is a lovely way to have a different book delivered to your door each month and sometimes a chance for a short visit while passing on the book. At each September meeting we draw for the books from the previous year, so each member gets a book to keep. This is also wonderful value. For the price of one book you can read 9, 10, or 11 books, depending on the number of people in the group.

## **Reading Circle – Mystery Books**

**Convener:** Cathy Dursun

**Meets:** Once a year in the convener's home, usually in September

Do murder, intrigue, and betrayal lurk around the next corner? Do your friends and family hide intriguing pasts or evil intent? The Mystery Reading Circle delves into stories dark and disturbing. We meet in September to choose which books and authors we would like to pursue. Books are purchased (not purloined) and distributed. Each month the book is passed on to the person next in the circle. The cost is about \$23 – \$25. Sign up at the Wine and Cheese; then enjoy an international selection of nasty deeds.

## **Tennis**

**Convener:** Tricia Unsworth

**Meets:** Mondays, 12:00 - 1:00 pm: September to April indoors at Saville Sports Centre, May to September outdoors at Garneau Tennis Club

Join us Monday lunchtimes for a fun, non-competitive game of tennis, and get some exercise in a friendly and social atmosphere. Mid-September to end of April we meet at the South Campus Saville Centre and the cost is \$10 per week per person. In the summer months we play outside at Garneau Tennis Club. We also enjoy socializing and having lunch or coffee together about once a month. New members at an intermediate level (3.0 – 4.0) are always welcome.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions. Also, could you please list all the email addresses as Bcc rather than showing everyone's. I think this helps prevent spam.



## **Walking Group**

**Conveners:** Margot Wanke and Sylvia Kernahan

**Meets:** Thursdays at 10:00 am at various outdoor locations



Please consider joining this friendly group, which meets each week in various locations in the river valley. We aim to walk for around 90 minutes along the scenic trails and sometimes visit a coffee shop. Walkers should be able to walk briskly and be comfortable tackling small hills and stairs. We walk all year and never cancel. Just make sure you have a friend to walk with if the weather is questionable. Please join this enthusiastic group and improve your fitness!

## **Walkers with Waggers**

**Convener:** Marilyn Gaa

**Meets:** Every Monday morning at 10:00 at Terwillegar Park

If you like walking in the river valley with your dog, or in the company of friendly dogs, you will enjoy Walkers with Waggers. We meet every Monday morning at 10:00 at Terwillegar Park, which is an off-leash dog park near Riverbend. This beautiful natural park offers flower-dotted meadows, ponds, shaded trails, views (and swims) of the river. Our walks take about an hour, with good conversation and friendship to pass the time. We have been meeting for more than 20 years and have never had a bad encounter with dogs or wildlife. We welcome new members and dogs of all breeds. Each summer we have a picnic and in December we have a social, including our dogs.

## **Privacy Matters**

All contact information, including phone numbers, addresses and email addresses, is published in your Members' Directory, which is mailed out in the fall. PLEASE keep your directory handy, as this is your main source of contact information.

Don't throw away or recycle your old directories. Please SHRED them to maintain the confidentiality and privacy of all members.

## ❖ Annual General Meeting and Banquet



The eighty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the U of A Faculty Women's Club was held on Tuesday, May 2 in the Saskatchewan room of the Faculty Club. A total of 62 ladies enjoyed a delicious meal followed by a wonderful presentation by Eva Bostrand, a vocal performer, choir conductor, and voice teacher who has made Edmonton her home for the past 35 years. She had members singing, showed a slide presentation about the benefits of singing, and shared some stories and videos about her choir in the Edmonton Institution for Women and the Downtown Men's Choir.

After a brief question period and break, the Annual General Meeting started at 8 pm, chaired by Past-President Sarah Moore. The 2017 AGM minutes and

the financial reports were approved. Incoming President Rachel Frey thanked the retiring members of the Executive: Ellen Calabrese-Amrhein, Sarah Moore, Judith Palfreyman, and Frances Zupko. New members of the Executive were elected by acclamation: Lucie Moussu (Vice-President), Linda Seale (Secretary), Sandra Wiebe (Treasurer), and Jeanette Fedorak (Program Committee). At the end of the meeting the gavel was passed on to incoming President, Rachel Frey.





Thanks to Marcia Bercov for providing these wonderful photos from the AGM.

