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A message from the President ...

I hope everybody is enjoying the summer here in Edmonton or elsewhere! The weather has been a bit stormy in Edmonton, but we've still been able to enjoy some lovely long evenings.

First, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new members and returning members for the FWC's eighty-sixth year. I hope to see you all at our most exciting event of the year, the Wine and Cheese Registration event, on September 17 at 4:30, at the University Club (formerly known as the Faculty Club). This event will allow everyone to make new friends and catch up with returning members, while enjoying delicious wine and cheese provided by the University Club. It will also be the perfect opportunity to learn about the different interest groups and maybe to join a few groups and/or promote your group, if you are a convener.



Thanks to the amazing work of your Executive team, a few things have changed in the last few years, but the FWC has always stayed true to its original mission: to offer fun, friendship, and support to its members through special events and activities. This year, the Executive team and I thought it would be fun to offer swag at different orientation events and maybe as gifts to our members, too, so we will be working on creating a FWC logo, with input from our members and a talented designer. With this logo, we also hope to develop new marketing tools to promote the FWC, our events, and our interest groups.

Speaking of marketing, we are looking for an enthusiastic member to join the Executive team as soon as possible as "Publicity Manager." Jan Heaman, who is currently our interim Publicity Manager, will be available to guide and support the new person during the first few months on the job. Jan says that the position involves occasionally communicating with university representatives to ensure the FWC is represented at different events, attending a few new staff orientations to distribute brochures and information about the FWC to new employees, helping with the development of new promotional tools for the FWC, attending four to five Executive Board meetings per year, and writing brief reports for the minutes.

So, we are off to an exciting new academic year, and I am very much looking forward to getting to know and working with many of you! If you have any concerns, questions, or would like to share your experience of what this club means to you, please contact me at: **president.fwc@gmail.com**. Also, please make sure to send us your life updates, major achievements, illnesses, births, wedding, awards, publications, etc. so that we can celebrate with you and be there for one another during tough times.

Warm regards,
Lucie

❖ Meet our new President – Lucie Moussu ❖

Lucie was born in Paris, France, and most of her relatives still live there. When she was eight, her family moved to Lausanne in Switzerland, and Lucie grew up there, learning how to say “septante, huitante, nonante” instead of “soixante-dix, quatre-vingts, quatre-vingt-dix,” which delights her and drives her French relatives crazy.

Lucie has two younger sisters (one in Germany and one in the United States), one younger brother (in Switzerland), and six nieces and nephews that she adores. Everyone in the family still plays an instrument or two: piano, cello, violin, viola, organ, guitar, oboe, saxophone ... Lucie used to sing with the Richard Eaton Singers and the Chorale Saint-Jean and still plays the clarinet today, when she is not travelling, cooking, or taking care of the flowers on her balcony.

After being a piano teacher in Switzerland, Lucie moved to the United States. At Brigham Young University, she studied graphic design, American literature, and TESOL, and she then got a PhD in Applied Linguistics at Purdue University. While finishing her studies, Lucie applied for Permanent Residency in Canada and then got a job at Ryerson University in Toronto. She became a Canadian citizen in 2011.



After three lovely years in Toronto, Lucie moved to Edmonton in 2009. Her job interview was on April 1, 2009. The river was still frozen and there was still snow on the ground on that day, which should have been warning signs, but Lucie still accepted the job and has hated every winter since (but loves Edmonton summers)! She is now associate professor in Writing Studies (with tenure) and Director of the Centre for Writers. She and the 30 to 40 “writing tutors” she trains and employs help students, faculty, staff, and alumni improve their academic and creative writing skills. Lucie’s research projects and publications are often about the writing skills of non-native English speakers.

Lucie joined the FWC in 2009. Over the years she tried and joined a few interest groups, such as the FWC 2.0 group and the Cookbook Club, but was otherwise not very involved in the FWC until Sarah Moore asked her to become Vice-President last year. She now looks forward to serving as President with a fabulous Executive team and to organizing exciting events for all FWC members.

❖ Meet our new Executive ❖

The new Executive Committee nominees were voted in by acclamation at the 2019 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:	Lucie Moussu	Newsletter:	Allison Lewis
Vice-President:	Robin Inskip	Program Committee:	Jeanette Fedorak (Chair)
Past-President:	Rachel Frey		Karen Doucet
Treasurer:	Sandra Wiebe		Marilyn Steier
Secretary:	Linda Seale	Website Editor:	Christine Brown
Membership:	Marie Dafoe	Members' Directory:	Tricia Unsworth
Publicity:	Vacant		



FWC Executive at the AGM in April

❖ Upcoming Special Events ❖

Many thanks to Jeanette Fedorak, Karen Doucet, and Marilyn Steier for organizing our special events for the coming year.

❖ Membership Registration Event – Wine and Cheese Reception ❖

When: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm
(doors open at 4:30 pm)

Where: University Club (formerly known as the 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 \$40 if you register and pay by 6 pm on September 17 at the Wine and Cheese event. After this time the membership fee will be \$50.

Please Note: The Early-bird deadline for membership fees is at the end of the Wine and Cheese reception, not before the reception as stated in the registration form sent out in April.

Parking

Free parking for University Club (Faculty Club) members begins at 4:30 pm. **You will have to pay for parking if you arrive before 4:30 pm.**

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. You may also contact the President at president.fwc@gmail.com or the Membership Secretary at membership.fwc@gmail.com if you need further information about the club.

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

♦ Starting at the Wine and Cheese event, please contact the President (president.fwc@gmail.com) if you would NOT like your pictures to be used in different promotional materials, on the website, and in the newsletter.

❖ Tour of the Print Study Centre at the University of Alberta ❖

When: Thursday, October 10, 2019, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Where: Print Study Centre, Fine Arts Building, U of A campus

Cost: \$10 (to be donated to the Print Study Centre)

PLEASE PAY by cash or cheque at the Wine and Cheese

The Print Study Centre at the University of Alberta opened in 1996 and is a model facility for object-based teaching and learning. Since the 1950s, prints have been acquired through both donation and purchase, and include limited edition original fine art prints, drawings, and paintings. Strengths of the print collection include:

- Historical and contemporary Japanese, contemporary Canadian, and contemporary eastern European prints;
- A selection of print portfolios by single and grouped artists; and
- The body of works by University of Alberta printmaking students and instructors.

Sign up at the Wine and Cheese reception and pay your \$10 to hold a spot. Space is limited to 20 participants. There will be no refunds.

❖ Winter and Spring 2020 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 Executive and Conveners' Dinner will be held January 29, 2020 at the University Club.
- The always popular Coffee Morning in honour of our long-standing members will take place February 5, 2020.
- Our Spring Luncheon will be held March 11, 2020, with guest speaker Dr. Lee Foote, director of the University of Alberta Botanic Garden.
- The 2020 Annual General Meeting will be held May 5, 2020, and the guest speaker will be Darrin Hagen, University of Alberta Writer in Residence for 2019-2020.

❖ MEMBERSHIP REPORT ❖

I hope everyone has had a great summer. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Wine and Cheese on September 17. I am accepting memberships during the summer. If you get a chance, just fill out the attached form with your early bird payment of \$40. 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 be 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 4:30 and 5:30 pm, and five ladies between 5:30 and 6:30 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 with your time preference. Thank you! See you in September.

Marie Dafoe, Membership

❖ Member News ❖

FWC member Marianne Elder celebrated a milestone birthday this past spring. Her 100th birthday was March 14. Marianne is an active member of the Play Reading Group and golfs with the Golf group. She is pictured here at last year's Wine and Cheese and at Victoria Golf Course this summer. Best wishes, Marianne!



What is new in your life? Do you have a major event or achievement that you'd like to share with the membership of the FWC? This section of the *FWC Companion* is meant to be for you. If you would like a notice to go in the newsletter about births, marriages, or deaths or major personal accomplishments in your life, please contact the President at president.fwc@gmail.com. She will pass your information along to the Newsletter Editor.

We would love to hear from you!

❖ Interest Groups ❖

A pre-registration welcome to all FWC interest group members and to our new members.

The most important news is that the Art Gallery Tour Group terminated and withdrew from the Interest Groups' List. It is sad but we can hope that these art/crafts interests will re-emerge in a few years. Orla Ryan and I were previous co-conveners with Eunice Barron over the last few years; however, Eunice took over the group's leadership many years ago. She upheld the Art Gallery Tour Group's high standards throughout her tenure. All FWC Art Gallery Tour former members thank Eunice for her expertise and her commitment.

After three months on the job, I see the Vice-President's job is to be the "Convener of Conveners." Conveners facilitate group decision-making, communications, logistics, and most importantly, community-building for their interest groups. The Vice-President has the same job for conveners. I hope to work with our conveners and our Executive to see if there are possible improvements that can be made both in the Executive's expectations, communications, and deadlines and in the conveners' expressed hopes and problem solving. This task may take me through my President's year! I'd like to give it my best and appreciate the conveners' enthusiasm and rapid response to the new FWC Interest Groups Conveners List, a list of interest groups and conveners' names, contact information, schedules of meetings, and a brief description. That new list is my first step. I felt welcomed by all the warm conveners' email messages to me during the new Interest Group List set-up.

I like to work with people and to facilitate communications among groups. I am glad to re-start my active social life in the FWC and look forward to chatting and visiting with you over the next three years.

Robin Inskip, *FWC Vice-President*

Book Discussion – Afternoon

Conveners: Cathy de Frece and Valerie Wasylishen
Meets: Fourth Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm



The first meeting of the Afternoon Book Discussion Group for 2019-20 will be held on September 26, 2019. The schedule for the year will be finalized at this meeting.

Each year, members are invited to submit titles for consideration. A member whose book is selected will present the book to the members at one of the monthly meetings. This year's books were chosen at the year-end pot-luck lunch in June. The U of A Writer-in-Residence is invited to one of the monthly meetings.

At each meeting, every member has an opportunity to share her ideas. Discussions are always lively and interesting.

Book List for 2019-20

- *The Rise & Fall of Great Powers* (Tom Rachman) [September 26]
- *Where the Crawdads Sing* (Delia Owens)
- *The Island of Sea Women* (Lisa See)
- *A Wake for the Dreamland* (Laurel Deedrick-Mayne)
- *Born a Crime* (Trevor Noah)
- *Educated* (Tara Westover)
- *Warlight* (Michael Ondaatje)

Book Discussion – Evening

Convener: Karen Bain

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

Members of Evening Book Club select the books we will read during the upcoming year at a potluck dinner in June. Following a contribution of titles, we review summaries of each book. Members choose eight preferences, with an occasional emotionally laden “run off” vote. We try to have a classic, a Canadian author, and a blend of fiction and non-fiction to meet member interests, but also to expand reading choices. This year the following books were selected: *Olive Kitteridge*; *Washington Black*; *A Gentleman in Moscow*; *An Odyssey: A Father, a Son, and an Epic*; *Ants among Elephants*; *Educated*; *To Kill a Mockingbird*; and *The Nightingale*. We also hope to share a time with Christine Forth to discuss her recent book, *The Mapmaker's Wife*.

We are one of the few clubs meeting in the evening, and we welcome new members who may not be able to participate in FWC events during the day. We typically take turns hosting, guiding discussion of the books, or providing refreshments, but none are mandatory. You are welcome to simply come and enjoy the third Thursday evening of the month from 7:30 to 9:30ish. We do make an adjustment in September and hold our initial meeting a week later to allow time for new members to read the first book. This year that will be *Olive Kitteridge*, on September 26th.

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. Often this is a writer who is not well known, and who can provide personal writing and living experiences that promote greater understanding of their books. Again, this adds some diversity to our reading and introduces different types of writing we may not have selected.

If you are interested in joining us, or have further questions, please contact Karen Bain at kebain@telus.net. A copy of the books selected, and an organization schedule for the year will be available at the Wine and Cheese registration event or by email by request.

Bridge - Duplicate

Convener: Joan Hardin

Meets: First, third, and fifth Mondays of the month at 12:30 pm

The Duplicate Bridge group meets the first, third, and fifth Mondays of the month at 12:30 pm in the University Club (formerly called 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, September to May, University Club at 7:30 pm

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.

Cookbook Club

Convener: Sandra Wiebe and Juli Gibbs

Meets: Normally a Saturday evening every six to eight weeks at members' homes

Members of the Cookbook Club share a few commonalities: we love cookbooks; we compulsively buy cookbooks because of the glossy photos; and we mark recipes from the books but haven't quite found the time to test them out. We have 15 or so members in total, with 6-10 of us typically making it to each dinner. We normally meet on a Saturday evening, every six to eight weeks, and the host gets to pick the cookbook or theme. Then we each pick recipes we would like to try, a delicious menu forms (we're all okay if three desserts show up), and we bring our dishes to share potluck style. Our group is ambitious with new recipes and new ingredients, and demonstrates innovation and skillful mastery of each dish they present to the group.

Couples Who Cook

Convener: Peggi Ferguson-Pell

Meets: Between six and eight Saturday evenings, October to May, at 7:00 pm in members' homes

Couples Who Cook has had a very exciting culinary year, including a number of very active and fun spring dinners - and we look forward to another fun year beginning in October!



Marj and Stephanie with their Brexit desserts

In March we had been anticipating *something* happening with all the Brexit machinations across the pond. But in the end there was no deal, so we ended up going to the heart of the negotiations with ***The Brexit Backstop Irish Dinner***, where we concentrated on the real nub of the whole dilemma – delicious dishes from Northern Ireland, including north coast crab cakes, treacle wheaten bread, dulce quiche, Guinness lamb stew, chocolate cake with coffee and dulce, and Fifteens (don't knock 'em till you try 'em).

In April we really pushed out the boat with a ***James Cook Celebration Voyage*** honouring the 250th anniversary of Cook's first expedition. We sailed all over the Pacific, from island to island, enjoying wonderful tastes such as macadamia nut hummus with vegetable sticks, Tahitian poisson cru, amazing overnight pupu, Filipino pancit, Polynesian coconut ice cream, and lamingtons. Our hosts Pat and Nils also treated us to a little quiz to help us find our seats at the dining table – a flavourful, not to mention fun and educational evening!

We finished off our 11th year with an amazing potluck ***Picnic in Provence*** in June – and while the weather wasn't exactly co-operative (we picnicked indoors), the food provided by our wonderful cooks more than made up for it. Between bouillabaisse, quiche, chicken stuffed with apricots, pâté en croûte aux épinards, ratatouille, warm French lentil salad, and desserts such as tarte aux pignons - not to mention topping it all off with a little pastis - we never even noticed the weather! Bon dîner!



A panorama of our Picnic in Provence chefs

We hope you will consider joining our group. We are a very relaxed and casual group representing faculties right across campus, and we totally understand that your busy life means that you will only join us when you can. No one takes attendance, there's no pressure, and when you are ready and available, we are **always** happy to see you. See you at the Wine and Cheese!

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 time, 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 audience for anything you write, as well as that all important encouragement and support. And you will leave each meeting glowing and energized.

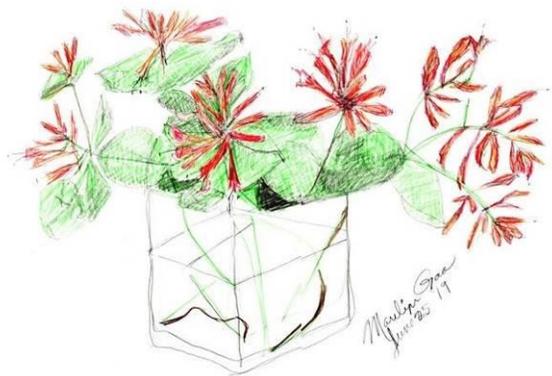
The FWC Creative Writing Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month (though dates are sometimes variable), at 12:30 in members' homes. We spend 30 minutes catching up on news, and start business promptly at 1:00 pm. We are usually finished by 3:30 pm.

Drawing Together

Conveners: Ursula Maydell and Margot Wanke

Meets: Fourth Tuesday of the month, except December, at 1:30 pm

Our Drawing Together group meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, except December, in the homes of members. The hostess for a particular meeting will provide tea and coffee and goodies. Although the hostess is not required to set up a display for everyone to draw, she will provide various objects and frequently live flowers. Each member must decide for herself what she wants to draw from the available possibilities. The resulting drawings are very different because each of the ladies has her own distinctive style.



French Conversation

Convener: Sarah Nyland

Meets: Wednesdays from 1:30 – 3:30 pm at the University 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 University Club – usually upstairs. First we chat about whatever comes to mind as we exchange information and news (hopefully in French). 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. It is fun and challenging to help each other as we attempt to stretch our vocabulary and become more comfortable with the French language.

Soyez la bienvenue!

Fun & (Board) Games

Conveners: 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 in the evening at a different member's home. 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

Convener: Karyne Rabey

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

FWC 2.0 aims to provide a social connection for women faculty and spouses who are relatively young, or young at heart! Often, members are new to the University of Alberta and to Edmonton when first joining, so the group gives opportunities for new members to explore the city and to establish relationships with kindred spirits. We plan our outings for various times: weekends, weekdays, evenings, and during the day, to include as many of our group members as possible. Previous outings included lunches and dinners, drinks, plays, musicals, hikes, tastings, ceramic class, as well as a pie baking class at the Duchess Bake Shop. The hiking events have been such a success, we anticipate organizing a lot more in the year to come. In the past this group has had two conveners, so I may be seeking help from group members to help me organize some outings. Anyone interested in helping out or who has ideas for activities, please contact me. Looking forward to another fun-filled year!

Garden Group

Conveners: Pat Petersen and Marcia Bercov

Meets: At least once a month in the “growing season,” days and times vary depending on the event



The Garden Group enjoys gardens throughout the Edmonton area through the spring, summer, and fall. We visit various public gardens including St. Albert Botanic Park, University of Alberta Botanic Garden, the Muttart Conservatory, and other land preserves in the area. The highlight of the summer is the Edmonton Horticultural Society Garden Tour. We also try to visit local greenhouses in the spring for our spring plant shopping. This past spring we visited Gruger Family Fungi in Nisku to see the growing of various specialty mushrooms.

We try to time our visits to various gardens depending on when the special features of the garden are in bloom. There is always something special to see. We also try to plan a lunch, picnic, or at least a coffee before or after our garden visits. We are open to anyone who would like to join us for one or all of our outings. The summer can be busy for many, but there are also activities in the spring and fall.

Golf

Conveners: Bonnie Austen, Linda Capjack, Gillian Rostoker

Meets: Wednesdays, around noon, April to October

Golf is good exercise and a great way to meet other members of the club. This summer some 16 ladies are golfing **Wednesdays** at Victoria Golf Club in the River Valley off River Road. Our tee times are around noon. The ladies golf (9 holes) from April until the end of October. In August, we will 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 us if you want to join us this summer. Golf is more than a ‘good walk spoiled.’ Some experience is encouraged.



Gourmet Dining

Conveners: Bonnie Austen and Rita Kopecky

Meets: Five Saturdays during the year at 6:00 pm in members' homes

Now in its nineteenth year, the Gourmet Dining group meets evenings (**Saturdays at 6:00 p.m.**) at each other's homes. Each dinner has a theme. Themes this past year included: *Recipes by Marcella Hazan (Italian)*, *A Wee Scottish Dinner*, *Chinese Cuisine*, *Portuguese*, and *Recipes from the White Water cook books*. 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.

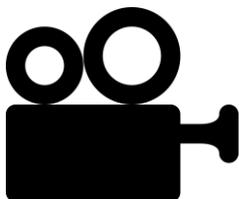


Bon appétit!

International Movie Group

Convener: Mualla Berksoy-Boluk

Meets: Third Thursday of the 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.

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 meets eight times during the year on the first Monday of the month, usually in member's homes. We are a group of about 15 keen knitters and makers. We usually meet at the Faculty Club (now the University Club) for our Christmas lunch and knitting bee. This year, however, we cancelled our December meeting due to a bad snowstorm.



We also like to do a field trip and luncheon out for our wind-up meeting in May. This year we went to Stony Plain to Jo's Yarn Garden to browse, to see what's new in the knitting world, and to add to our yarn stash. We then had a great lunch at a local restaurant.

Lunching Out

Conveners: Eunice Barron and Laura Steadward

Meets: Third Wednesday of the month, 11:30 am, October to June at various restaurants

Lunching Out met regularly for the 2018-19 season, again on the third Wednesday of every month from October to June at restaurants suggested by our members. We tested new places like Curry Corner and Juniper, old places like the Faculty Club, Vintage Fork, and The Highlands Golf Club dining room. We even dared to try Match by the Starlight Casino in WEM. This upcoming year we have our eye on some new locations to try and of course will again consult our members for ideas.



Mall Walkers

Conveners: Kay Quon, Gillian Rostoker, and Laura Steadward

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

With a roster of about 15, the group has a magic formula for bringing out a small faithful core of walkers, 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 from October to August. 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 to 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.

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 *Hay Fever*, a classic comedy by Noel Coward.

Quilting

Conveners: Kath Beck and Gaye Jones

Meets: First and third Tuesday mornings of the month, October to April

The Quilting group meets 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 Circles - General

Conveners: Group 1: Lorene Everett Turner; Group 2: Orla Ryan

Meets: Once a year in the conveners' homes, usually in September

The Reading Circles are relaxed, informal book clubs. 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: Jean Frost

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.

Walking Group

Conveners: Margot Wanke and Sylvia Kernahan

Meets: Thursdays at 10:00 am at various outdoor locations, 12 months a year



Our Walking group continues to provide exercise and friendship for our faithful walkers, some of whom have belonged to our group for over 20 years. Frequently we still manage to vary our familiar trails, and occasionally we even succeed in adding a new trail to our growing destinations. If you would like to get to know some of the many wonderful trails in our city, come join our group. At the end of our brisk walks, which last approximately an hour and a half, you can join us in our coffee chats.



Walkers with Waggers

Convener: Marilyn Gaa

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

Walkers with Waggers meets at Terwillegar (off leash) Park every Monday, year round, at 10:00. We are a small group; numbers have varied over the 23 years. We have never encountered unruly dogs or aggressive wildlife. Newcomers are always welcome. Members enjoy the changing landscape of meadows and wooded trails, bounded by the North Saskatchewan River. Our walk, on one of the circular trails, takes about one hour. We engage in interesting conversations while we enjoy, vicariously, the unbounded joy of dogs at play.

❖ Annual General Meeting and Dinner 2019 ❖

On the evening of May 9, 2019, 46 members of the Faculty Women's Club and a few guests gathered in the Saskatchewan Room of the Faculty Club for dinner and the 85th Annual General Meeting. As President of the FWC, Rachel Frey welcomed the members and we acknowledged that we were gathered on Treaty 6 Land. Before the meal, Norma Gutteridge read the University of Alberta grace. After dinner and prior to the AGM, we heard Dr. Robert Steadward present an engaging talk on "Opportunities for People Living with a Disability." Dr. Steadward was introduced by Cathy de Frece of the Program Committee. He gave us an insight into Paralympic sport. His determination and belief in the human spirit have given opportunities and inclusion for athletes with disabilities.



The business of the AGM included the presentation of reports from various members of the Executive. We also announced the Executive members who would be continuing on: Lucie Moussu, President; Rachel Frey, Past-President; Linda Seale, Secretary; Sandra Wiebe, Treasurer; Allison Lewis, Newsletter; Christine Brown, Website; Tricia Unsworth, Directory; Jeanette Fedorak, Program Committee; and Marie Dafoe, Membership. We also presented the new Executive Members: Robin Inskip, Vice-President; and Marilyn Steier and Karen Doucet, Program Committee. The Publicity position is currently vacant.



Rachel Frey honoured the outgoing Executive members, Jan Heaman, Jane McCreery, Cathy de Frece, and Marilyn Cree, and thanked them for their service. Rachel Frey then passed the gavel to Lucie Moussu, our new President. In her acceptance speech, Lucie stated that it had been a pleasure to be Vice-President, and she was happy to have the opportunity to work with all the members and share knowledge and the skills we can

learn from one another. She thanked Rachel for her work as President and welcomed Robin, Marilyn, and Karen to the Executive. She wished everyone a wonderful spring and summer and looked forward to our next event, the September Wine and Cheese. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Rachel Frey



Taking registrations for next year



Enjoying the AGM and dinner