



Greetings from your President



Spring....isn't that a lovely thought, especially as we await the next big storm!

This Newsletter will bring you up to date on the various Interest groups and announce the AGM. It was unfortunate that we had to cancel the January Coffee Morning but winter is like that and we never know when a snow storm will hit. One good thing that has resulted is that the Scholarship winners will now come to our AGM lunch and be presented with their

respective scholarships at that time. I think this is a very nice way to do it. And this is a good time to thank those of you who gave donations to the Scholarship Fund along with your membership in the fall.

There is one small change to the Constitution that must be noted but it is really a formality as the membership voted in favour of the motion at the AGM of 2012. The usual reports and the financial report will be presented at the AGM as usual.

We have several new members which we are happy about and the Interest groups are growing. The ET group which began last fall meets every week and is a great success due to a few people who know about electronic toys. The AC Hunter Library has welcomed us and the location has worked well. This group has also brought new members.

The Nominating Committee is looking for members to fill one or two vacancies for the new executive. Please consider serving for a year or two if you get a call from either of the Nominating Committee members. Being part of the executive is a satisfying experience and I have been happy to be your President this past year. My husband's illness, unfortunately, makes it impossible for me to serve a second year. Most of our members have served more than once as we are a small membership but please think about it seriously.

Remember we have Gift Certificates you can give to a friend. Ask any member of the Executive about them. And please consider bringing a friend to the AGM.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM on 27th April at the Fluvarium.

Julia Mathieson, President

2013 Spring Events

AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 27, 2012 - Saturday 11:30 a.m. - start for 12 p.m. seating - business meeting starts at 1 p.m. - Cost is \$25 (Door Prize)

Obtain tickets at interest group meetings, or by emailing WAMUN@mun.ca, or calling Miranda Polgar , 749-9117 .

Choices are :

- Classic Chicken Stir Fry & Rice
- Lasagna & Caesar Salad with roll
- Vegetarian Quiche with salad

(includes dessert, beverage and gratuity)



ET, or Our Electronic Toys

NEW WAMUN INTEREST GROUP!

At last year's AGM, several people commented that they would like to have a talk or something to help them learn to use their new electronic gadgets: tablets, cell phones, etc. The ET interest group was suggested as one way to fill this need. We meet every Thursday at Marjorie Mews Library, which has provided good Wifi access, and bring our problems and bright ideas to share with each other. We have not yet 'evaluated' the success of our efforts, so we do not know whether this group will continue and, if it does continue, whether the structure of next year's group will be the same. However, we can report that we have had regular lively discussions.

Conveners: Karen Lippold, Julia Mathieson, and Deborah Rehner.



Coffee Morning



The Coffee Group meets on alternate Wednesday mornings between September and June to socialize informally over coffee and snacks. We have no set agenda and take turns being hostess. It's a nice stress-free way to keep up-to-date on activities in our lives and in the community in general. We welcome new members who might wish to participate in this group.

Convener: Pat Collins



WAMUN Book Club– Nonfiction Book Group



Since September 2012, we have read and discussed:

Lost on Planet China, by Martin Troost;

The Mourner's Dance, by Katherine Ashenburg;

In the Land of the Long Fingernails, by Charles Wilkins;

Behind the Beautiful Forevers, by Katherine Boo;

Ru, by Kim Thuy;

and *Empty Cradles (Oranges and Sunshine)*, by Margaret Humphreys.

We will round out the year with: *Time to Be in Earnest*, by P. D. James;

Thinking Fast and Slow, by Daniel Kahnemann; and *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot. Unlike some years in which we seemed to be following a theme, 'the Middle East' and 'brain books' come to mind, this year's reading has been a mix of serious and not so serious, short and long, sad and lighthearted, etc. So far, every book has seemed well worth the reading and has generated a lively discussion. Come join us!



Convener: Deborah Rehner

Saturday/Monday Hiking, etc.

This year, 'Hiking, etc.' has really lived up to its name. Groups have gone out on almost every Monday and Saturday. In bad weather, we have cancelled, rather than taking to The Works, mainly because 'bad weather' usually means weather that we do not want to drive in. The Monday group has gone on several long hikes and has also gone snowshoeing a number of times. The Saturday group is more of a social experience. We have been sticking to shorter walks and generally divide into two or more subgroups depending on our energy levels and how fast we walk. So, the quick, energetic walkers can get in a good bit of exercise and the less energetic ones, including one who is recuperating from a knee replacement, can enjoy a walk within their capabilities. We start out together (on Saturdays) and most get together at the end for coffee at Tim's. Coffee time is important, because this is when we solve the problems of the world.

As you can see, if you want to walk with WAMUN, we will do our best to satisfy your needs and you will get in a good walk with interesting conversation at the same time!

Convener: Deborah Rehner,



Support Food Bank



Items such as sugar, flour, cooking oil, canned vegetables and fruits, juices, tinned milk, tins of tuna, chicken or ham, plain macaroni and rice, and spaghetti sauce are always in demand at the MUN Campus Food Bank in Corte Real near Burton's Pond. Donations of non-perishable items continue to be collected at WAMUN events throughout the year.

Scrabble Group

The Scrabble Group has continued meeting on a regular basis at Chapters on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. We have welcomed a lot of new members this year, with an average attendance of 12. Some of us enjoy the game so much that we go out to lunch with our small travel Scrabble kit after our meeting and have another game!

Convener: Janet Fairley,



Recycling for WAMUN Scholarships



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WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF MUN

Be sure to tape the label securely. For more information, please refer to our website: www.mun.ca/wamun.



WAMUN Book Club– Fiction Group



SELECTIONS FOR 2012 - 2013:

September: <i>The Paper Garden</i> by Molly Peacock	February: <i>The Best Laid Plans</i> by Terry Fallis
October: <i>Half-Blood Blues</i> by Esi Edugyan	March: <i>Cutting for Stone</i> by Abraham Verghese
November: <i>Easy to Like</i> by Edward Riche	April: <i>People of the Book</i> by Geraldine Brooks
January: <i>A Mountain of Crumbs</i> by Elena Gorokhova	May: <i>Far to Go</i> by Alison Pick

Reserve Books:

- *The Sisters Brothers* by Patrick deWitt
- *Secret Daughter* by Shilpi Somaya Gowda
- *February* by Lisa Moore

Meeting Place: BACK TO THE TIFFANY!

Starting in January, 2013, all groups will return to meeting at The Tiffany, 7 Tiffany Lane

Regular Meeting Times: We have three sections which meet as follows:

- Second Tuesday Afternoon of the Month Group - 2:00 pm
- Third Tuesday Evening of the Month Group - 8:00 pm
- Fourth Tuesday Afternoon of the Month Group - 2:00 pm
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Convener: Tonya Bassler, Lynda Younghusband, Mary Chalker



Notice of a Motion to Change the Constitution of 25 April, 2009

At present Article IX of the Constitution is as follows:

Article IX – Standing Committees, Other Offices and Interest Groups

1. Chairs of the following Standing Committees shall be chosen by the Executive immediately following the AGM.

a. A Fundraising Committee shall be established as a Standing Committee of the Executive. This Committee shall consist of a Chair and at least two other members to a maximum of six members, one of whom shall be the Treasurer of the Association. The term of office of the Chair shall be two consecutive years unless an extension is agreed to by the Executive. The Committee shall meet at least twice a year. The duties of the Fundraising Committee shall be to plan any possible fundraising projects. The Fundraising Committee Chair shall identify annually, in agreement with the Executive, any appropriate fundraising projects, and she shall be responsible for seeing the projects through to completion in consultation with the Executive. She shall be responsible for maintaining records of the projects and the funds raised.

b. A Scholarship Committee shall be established as a Standing Committee of the Executive. The Committee shall consist of a Chair and at least two other members to a maximum of six members, one of whom shall be the Treasurer of the Association. The term of office of the Chair shall be two consecutive years unless an extension is agreed to by the Executive. The Chair will continue to serve as a regular member on the Committee for one (1) year following completion of her term of office as Chair. The Committee shall meet at least twice a year. The duties of the Scholarship Committee shall be to consult with the University, to publicize the scholarships, to review the scholarship program regularly, to report regularly to the Executive, to report annually to the members of the Association on the financial status of the scholarship fund, and to make annual recommendations on the scholarship program.

The following motion will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting, 27 April 2013:

MOTION

Section 1.a. (Fundraising Committee) of Article IX – Standing Committees, Other Offices and Interest Groups shall be removed from the constitution. The Scholarship Committee will become the only standing committee.

The constitution shall now read:

Article IX – Standing Committees, Other Offices and Interest Groups

1. The chair of the Scholarship Committee shall be chosen by the Executive immediately following the AGM.

A Scholarship Committee shall be established as a Standing Committee of the Executive. The Committee shall consist of a Chair and at least two other members to a maximum of six members, one of whom shall be the Treasurer of the Association. The term of office of the Chair shall be two consecutive years unless an extension is agreed to by the Executive. The Chair will continue to serve as a regular member on the Committee for one (1) year following completion of her term of office as Chair. The Committee shall meet at least twice a year. The duties of the Scholarship Committee shall be to consult with the University, to publicize the scholarships, to review the scholarship program regularly, to report regularly to the Executive, to report annually to the members of the Association on the financial status of the scholarship fund, and to make annual recommendations on the scholarship program.

Rationale:

No one has been found to chair a fund-raising committee for more than six years. In recent time the Plant Sale Committee has been acting as the fund-raising committee, but as no one was found to chair that committee, it was decided at the Annual General Meeting of 28 April 2012 to cease active fundraising. This committee is no longer needed.