A message from the President …

It is that time of year again, the trees across the street are starting to turn yellow and fall from the trees (sigh). Sometimes I wish it could be a perpetual summer but I am still glad to live in a country that has four seasons to celebrate. Many of the special interest groups were active over the summer and with restrictions lifted, many of us were able to travel and meet with family and friends again. I was able to take a trip to Radium Hot Springs to meet with all our children and grandchildren for the whole week! My daughter who lives in Ontario was able to stay in Edmonton for an additional two weeks with her little ones. I am sure many of you have similar stories and I look forward to hearing about them soon.

At the AGM several things were brought forward for discussion and decision. The main one of interest to all is the Membership fees will be waived again this year. The existing funds in the club’s bank will be used to cover events minus the Wine and Cheese Membership Reception. At the time it wasn’t clear how fast the roll-out of the vaccine would be and how the University planned to hold classes. Although fees are waived, membership registration is online via the website. This is so contact information for the directory can be updated and a new directory will be mailed out late in the fall. Sign-up for special interest groups can be made by emailing or phoning the convener (see the special interest group section in the newsletter for details).

The second issue of note, recently the University of Alberta changed the types of positions that can be part of the AASUA. This is due to the change in collective bargaining giving the right for
Academic Staff to strike. In the FWC Constitution the membership criteria are closely linked to the AASUA employee types. The Executive struck a committee to review the Constitution and make some recommendations for changes. This fall we will be sending out a survey to get feedback on some of proposed changes and the possibility of opening up the membership to a wider audience.

Several members who left the executive this past year were honoured: Robin Inskip who held the President position and had to step back; Lucie Moussu left the position of Past President due to commitments earlier in the year; Jan Heaman who held the position of Historian and acting Past President for the later part of the year; Marie Dafoe held the Membership position for numerous years and moved on to Ottawa; Linda Seale, our secretary, and Sandra Wiebe’s term as Treasurer completed. Thank you to all the ladies and their willingness to donate their time to the club. Four ladies joined the Executive: Lorraine Deydey, as Newsletter Editor, joined us part way through the year replacing Allison Lewis; Patricia Petersen takes on the membership role; Lorraine Hinch takes over the Secretary position and Marilyn Steier comes in to the Publicity position. Karen Doucet accepted to take on the Vice President role leaving Programs behind her. Lastly, Donna Gorday accepted the virtual gavel thus became the official President. It was agreed the Past President’s role will remain empty this year. Tricia Unsworth stays on as Directory Editor and Christine Brown remains Website Editor. Programs remain vacant (2 positions) and a replacement for the Treasurer is needed (training will be provided).

The Executive Change Over meeting was held in late June. At the time we had considered holding some type of get together in September but due to the number of active COVID19 cases and the ease of spread of the Delta variant, getting together as a large group is not practical.

The Convener’s Luncheon is moving up to September 23rd and held on the University Club patio. Hopefully we will get a warm day. The invite will be going out shortly.

I have a fantastic group of ladies to work with over the next year. I am looking forward to putting the fourth wave behind us so we can have some in person events next year.

Stay safe my friends,

Donna Gorday, President FWC

❖ Meet our new Executive ❖

The new Executive Committee nominees were voted in by acclamation at the YEAR 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.

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Executive Position Postings
A call for volunteer Executive members!

The Executive generally has five meetings per year, including the Annual General Meeting. Because of the pandemic, meetings have been held by Zoom so far this year. Share your valuable skills and get involved at another level. One of these positions could be rewarding for you!

Treasurer

The principal responsibility of the Treasurer is to maintain accurate financial records for the FWC. It primarily involves managing the FWC bank accounts by depositing cash and cheque payments, recording credit card (Square) and e-transfer transactions, and paying invoices and expense claims incurred on behalf of FWC. In consultation with the President, Vice-President and Program Committee, the Treasurer prepares a yearly budget. Most of this job is online, so familiarity with online banking and Google Drive are a plus!

Program Committee (two positions)

As an event planner, this position will fulfill your need for creativity. This year your planning demands the need to work within the pandemic guidelines. You will collaborate with two other members of the program committee on the Executive, one being the program chair, preparing for events. Please feel free to contact the Past-President for more information.

Introduction to the New Executive

Karen Doucet, Vice President

I joined the FWC in 2017, first with the golf group, then joined the daytime book club, and dabbled with the Drawing Together, Gardening and Gourmet Dining groups. In 2019 I joined the Board as a member of the Program Committee. In 2020 I became the convener of our Cross-Country Ski group, an interest group that was re-booted this past year. It seemed like a very Covid friendly option. I have enjoyed getting to know friendly and diverse women with shared interests.

I’m sort of originally from Ottawa (UofO alum) and my extended family is mostly still there. Joe & I spent 10 years in Québec while he was at Université Laval. In 2000, we moved to Edmonton when he accepted a position in the School of Business at the University of Alberta. I’m happy that we’re at a point in the pandemic when I can start visiting my sons again. They have spread themselves (strategically??) across the country: Montréal, Winnipeg and interior BC. At least the youngest boy is still in Edmonton!

At Marie Dafoe’s invitation, I put my name forward for the position of Vice-President. I now find myself working that much closer with the Board, and especially our President Donna Gorday. I’m happy to be part of the team working to make the Club function well and provide these social opportunities for University of Alberta women. I love well run meetings, and I have a particular interest in Bylaws…
Hello - my name is Lorraine Hinch. I became a member of the FWC three years ago and enjoy being part of the afternoon book club, as well as the golf and cross-country skiing groups. Before retiring, I worked as a marketing specialist for the Government of Alberta (Tourism, Economic Development, and Labour & Immigration) and taught tourism programs at Alberta College and Lakeland College. My partner of 42 years spent his career as a professor in the Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport and Recreation, with a research focus on Sport Tourism. Our careers allowed us the opportunity to travel to many places in Canada and internationally which is something we look forward to continuing when it becomes safe and possible to do so again. Tom and I have two daughters, who both completed undergraduate degrees at the U of A, and one amazing little grandson. I look forward to serving on the FWC executive as secretary.

Marilyn Steier has been a member of the Faculty Women’s Club for many years but has only rejoined in the last few years with the draw of golf and friendship. She joined the Program Committee with Karen Doucet and is now Publicity. Marilyn is a Life-Long-Learner who has been involved in teaching preschoolers to adults throughout her career as an educator. She now enjoys hanging out with family and friends playing golf, pickleball, and crafting. Marilyn is a Rotarian and is involved in a project in Honduras. As the project lead for education, she has travelled numerous times to St. Helene to work with teachers and community members. Marilyn’s family is her joy, and Edmonton is the place she loves to call home. She has two boys who live close by and a granddaughter who keeps her mobile.

The Membership Registration Event - Wine and Cheese Reception has been cancelled this year. Please refer to the Membership Report on how to renew your 2021-22 FWC membership.

Although it is difficult to plan around COVID, we have scheduled our winter and spring program for this year’s events.

- The Executive and Conveners’ Dinner will be held Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 11:30 am at the University Club.
- The always popular Coffee Morning in honour of our long-standing members will take place on Wednesday, March 30th, 10-11:30 am
- The 2020 Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday May 2nd, 5:00-9:00 pm. The guest speaker has not yet been identified.

Keep your calendars open for these winter and spring events. The University Club has waived cancellation fees if there is a need to cancel any of these events.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership and Directory Report – August 2021

Reminder to renew your membership

A huge thank-you to those of you who have already renewed your membership using the online form. We hope you found it was straightforward, and appreciate your willingness to adapt and do things differently during these ongoing unusual times!

We are still waiting to hear from about 66 members and hope they will decide to renew - remember there are no membership fees for 2021-22, but we do need updated information for our members’ directory.

Completing the online form is very easy - just press Ctrl and click on this link: Registration form. Or go to the FWC website at https://uab.ca/fwc, select Membership from the list of options on the left-hand side and click on the online registration form in the Registration section.

If you have any difficulty with the online registration form, do please contact Pat or Tricia at membership.fwc@gmail.com or directory.fwc@gmail.com (phone numbers are in your 2019-20 directory) and we can complete it for you.

The deadline for details to be included in the directory is September 30, 2021, so if we haven't heard from you by then, unfortunately we won't be able to include you.

(For those of you receiving a printed copy of this newsletter by mail we've attached a paper copy of the membership form)

Thank you,

Pat Petersen and Tricia Unsworth

Member News

Remembering Carole Byrne

On April 22, 2021 we learned of Carole (Crawford) Byrne’s untimely passing. Carole joined the Faculty Women’s Club while she was living at Seba Beach. She would drive into Edmonton to play a round of golf with FWC’s golf group. She is remembered as always dressing in bold colours especially her bright blue short set. She had a smile for everyone and hit a few balls into the trees like the rest of us. We laughed when we swung and missed the ball altogether. After Carole and John moved to Edmonton, she started to get more involved with the FWC. She joined the Thursday morning walking group and the Mystery Book circle. Several of the interest groups held a minute of silence in her memory and at the Annual General Meeting members shared memories of her.

In the late 1990s, Carole reached the pinnacle of her professional career with her appointment as Associate Registrar under the mentorship of Brian Silzer. When he left the position in 2003 for UBC, Carole became Vice Provost and Registrar until her retirement in 2008. Fellow staff and colleagues describe her as vivacious, sharp, warm, supportive, energetic, and above all, a genuine, long-term friend.

Carole’s untimely passing leaves a legacy of unwavering love for her cherished husband of 25 years, John Byrne (Edmonton) and daughter, Trish O’Flaherty, of Ontario. Countless friends, neighbours, colleagues, fellow golfers, artists, and runners from Alberta and Scottsdale will miss her genuine warmth, humour, integrity, creativity, beauty, and indefatigable spirit.

Carole’s obituary was published in the Edmonton Journal on May 17, 2021

August 2021 http://uab.ca/fwc
Due to the nature of the pandemic some groups cannot be active and are on hiatus. Below is a quick reference to these interest groups.

**Interest Groups on Hiatus -**

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The Executive has renewed our Zoom Pro licence to facilitate virtual meetings to keep our members in touch with each other in old and new ways. Ideas for new groups are always welcomed! Please reference the directory for individual conveners contact information.

*Karen Doucet*
The Afternoon Book Discussion Group adapted to a new normal for the 2020-2021 year. We continued to meet on Zoom for our monthly meetings. However, in June 2021 we held the meeting outside at a member’s home. It was so exciting to see our book discussion friends in person. We decided to continue our meetings over the summer months. In July, due to poor weather, we had a Zoom meeting. Hopefully, the August get together will be outdoors on a patio. We will happily continue with the Zoom option, when necessary, this coming year. The decision to resume meetings indoors at members’ homes will be determined over the coming weeks and months.

As is the tradition, the book discussion members submit titles to be considered for discussion for the upcoming year. Votes were tallied and the new list was compiled.

Books for discussion (2021-2022):
- *The Golden Hour* by Beatriz Williams
- *The Guest Book* by Sara Blake
- *The Girl With the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare
- *The Woman Who Stole My Life* by Marian Keye
- *The Pull Of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue
- *The Idiot* by Elif Batuman
- *The Smallest Light in the Universe* by Sara Seager

The group is planning to invite the University of Alberta Author in Residence or a local author to attend one of the book discussion meetings this year.

The members of the group would like to express a heartfelt thank you to Valerie Wasylishen who convened our book discussion group for the last two years. They appreciate her dedication of time and commitment to keeping our group organized. Welcome to Christine Forth who will co-convene the book discussion interest group with Cathy de Frece.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Afternoon Book Discussion Group please call Cathy de Frece at cdefrece@shaw.ca or Christine Forth at cforth@gmail.com
Book Discussion – Evening
Convener: Karen Bain
Meets: Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 – 9:30 pm in members’ homes, (or via zoom when required)

Members of the Evening Book Discussion group select the books we read during the upcoming year. At this time, we have selected the following books:
*The Push* by Ashley Audrain
*The Wolf or American Wolf* by Nate Blakeslee
*The Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz
*The White Tiger* by Arvind Adiga
*You Look Good for Your Age*, Edited by Rona Altrows
*A Better Man* by Louise Penny

An entertaining Poem, (submitted on behalf of the Evening Book Club)

First we were known as Boomers,
   Women of a certain age
But now we are the Zoomers
   Actually - all the rage!
We’ve outlived world statistics
   In a healthy, vibrant way,
We had our families, interesting jobs
   And still found time to play!
We cooked while wearing aprons,
   Baking everything from scratch.
We now buy from a bakery
   We learned how to relax.
When we joined the Faculty Club
   We mostly dressed quite fine.
And men then wore a shirt and tie
   If we went upstairs to dine.
We were the generation
   That got new vaccinations.
   We eliminated illnesses,
And went on great vacations!
   We traveled dark and icy roads,
   Attention could not lapse.
Finding obscure addresses
   Soon to be on Google maps.
But over those many years
   A few things did not change
FWC Evening Book Club
   Continued to engage.
Members used to review books,
   Descriptions were all by word,
Now power points, maps and authors
   Add interest to what is heard.
Sharing real snacks and faces
   Is next year’s hope indeed,
But variants, health and safety
Must be weighted as we proceed.
Zoom has had some strengths for sure
We avoided cold, dark nights.
We can arrange an author visit,
And keep the learning live.
We would love to have new members.
In homes or on-line

If you are interested in joining the Evening Book Discussion group, or have further questions please contact Karen Bain at kebain@telus.net  A copy of the books selected, and a meeting schedule are available by email request.

Cookbook Club
Convener: Sandra Wiebe
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 meet for dinner once every 6-8 weeks, and the host gets to pick the cookbook or theme. Then we each pick recipes we would like to try; a delicious menu emerges (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--or if something doesn’t quite work out at least it makes a good story!

We didn’t meet while COVID-19 restrictions were in place, and our first gathering this summer will be held outdoors, but we hope to resume meeting in person, in our homes. If you’d like to join, please email Sandra (sandra.wiebe@gmail.com) and she will add you to our mailing list.

Here are just a few Cookbook Club meeting themes from the last few years:

- “Vij’s at Home” cookbook
- Deb Perelman’s “Smitten Kitchen” blog
- Lemons
- Jessica Battilana’s “Repertoire” cookbook
- Samin Nosrat’s “Salt Fat Acid Heat” cookbook/documentary series
- Pies/tarts (savoury and sweet)
- Yottam Ottolenghi’s cookbooks (see photo)
**Couples Who Cook**

Convener: Peggi Ferguson-Pell  
Meets: Normally (whatever that is anymore!) between six and eight Saturday evenings during the year in members’ homes – or virtually, if necessary, we’re flexible.

I am reminded of the mantra repeated endlessly by expats as they learn to live in their new environs – it’s not better, it’s not worse, it’s different. Something I’ve been repeating to myself over the past 17 months as we slowly find our way through the COVID pandemic to wherever (or whatever) our new normal turns out to be.

This past year of Couples Who Cook was also very different – but given the circumstances, very enjoyable as we re-imagined ourselves through a number of new events – either making soups or sharing holiday treats over Zoom, a virtual Vietnamese cooking class with ATCO, and a wonderful Moroccan dinner and a relaxed west coast dinner (where we all learned to cook spot prawns) both also over Zoom. And we were richly rewarded for all our efforts in keeping things going with an end-of-year, in person BBQ in June for 14 diners! It was just wonderful to see everyone and share a meal in real time – and it was so nice to just talk.

This autumn we begin our 14th year as a relaxed, fun and friendly group whose spouses, partners, and/or friends also like to join in the cooking. Please remember – everyone is welcome in our group – if you can make it to lots of dinners – great – if you can only make it to one (or sometimes none!) – also great – there is always a place for you at the CWC table – so don’t be shy. We have a different dinner theme/celebration for each of the evenings.

Unfortunately, the Wine & Cheese event has been cancelled this year – but you can definitely call or email Peggy at pfpk@aol.com – we are always hungry to hear your great ideas/themes for our next CWC delectable dinner!

**Creative Writing**

Convener: Christine Forth  
Meets: First Tuesday of each month at 12:30 pm (with bag lunch) in members’ homes (or via Zoom as required)

I’m pleased to report that even with a pandemic that just doesn’t seem to end, the Creative Writing Interest Group, now in its eleventh year, has continued to be active with monthly meetings to share our work and provide mutual support to each other. We are very grateful to have had Zoom and we are now quite expert at navigating it, learning to use the mute on and mute off button, reminding ourselves not to all talk at once, and so on. Zoom was a boon all through the winter, but finally this summer we ventured to meet in person on members’ patios, being careful to keep social distancing. It’s been great to see everyone again in the flesh.

In addition to our six long-term members, we were pleased to welcome two new members, who continue to make enthusiastic contributions to the group.

Please check out our blog, which contains information about our group and some of the stories we have written at [https://fwcstories.wordpress.com/?s=blog](https://fwcstories.wordpress.com/?s=blog) This is a work in progress, so by no means finished, but we hope to keep it going long after the pandemic is history.

We are also planning to publish another anthology of our stories and will be working on that during the coming winter. Please stay tuned.
We are also grateful to the FWC executive for their continued work in keeping this special club a vibrant and growing concern, and for facilitating our monthly Zoom meetings.

As the Wine & Cheese event has been cancelled this year, please email Christine Forth (cforth@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining the Creative Writing group.

**Cross Country Ski**

**Convener:** Karen Doucet  
**Meets:** Every Tuesday and Friday at 11 am

We’re in the heat of the summer, so who wants to discuss Cross-Country Skiing??

Last year we re-booted the Cross-Country Ski group. It seemed like a good, Covid-friendly option. We went to Victoria, Riverside, Hawrelak, Argyll, and Gold Bar. We had our final ski at the Devon Golf Club, which was a great discovery and we’re determined to go back this winter.

As we head into a potential 4th wave, XC skiing remains an activity that allows us to be outside, exercising and socializing responsibly. Weather & snow permitting, we’ll think about starting in November, and try to get out twice each week. Last year we were limited to weekday mornings. This year, if there is interest, we could think of skiing in the evenings on the lighted paths at Gold Bar, and/or organising some weekend outings.

Please contact Karen Doucet (karenlizdoucet@gmail.com) if this interests you!
Drawing Together

Conveners: Ursula Maydell and Margot Wanke
Meets: Fourth Tuesday of each month

Normally we would have met on the fourth Tuesday of each month, with the exception of the month of December. However, this past year, due to the pandemic, our group remained in contact almost exclusively through e-mails. In June, thanks to the nice weather, we were able to have an outdoor meeting at the home of a member. Each month the members of the group were encouraged to make a drawing and to submit it to the convener by the fourth Tuesday of the month.

The drawings below were based on the following suggestions: 1. Fruits and/or Vegetables; 2. Garden Flowers.

Please contact Margot Wanke (mewanke@telus.net) if you are interested in joining the Drawing Together group.

French Conversation

Conveners: Sarah Nyland
Meets: Every second Wednesday from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in members’ homes

After a hiatus from meeting during the pandemic since late winter of 2020 we will try to start up again, in person, in late Sept. or early Oct. 2021.

We hope to meet every second Wednesday afternoon. In the past when we met, we chatted about any and everything, (hopefully in French), and then took turns going around the circle to read and translate short articles from L’actualité - a Quebec magazine. Members used dictionaries and helped each other. The members like to stretch our vocabulary and become more comfortable with the French language while having fun. Occasionally we get together to have lunch for a change.

Julia Boberg has offered to host our meetings in her home from 1 - 2:30 pm. There is a 2-hour free parking limit in front of her building and you will need a few minutes allowance to enter and leave her building. Julia’s address can be found in the FWC directory, or available by email request if you are interested in attending.
To indicate your interest and to answer any questions that you may have please email Sarah Nyland at sarah.nyland@gmail.com.

The French Conversation group is looking forward to getting together in person soon!

**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 has about 20 members and meets usually on Fridays once or twice a month depending on the growing season and the availability of various activities. Although this year has been slightly delayed due to the pandemic restrictions, we have visited the University of Alberta Botanic Garden, the St. Albert Botanic Garden and the Muttart Conservatory. We usually have lunch at the various venues but this year has forced us to bring bagged lunches although we were able to enjoy coffee together at the Muttart. We hope to return to St. Albert for the dahlia garden in August and perhaps a walk at Bunchberry Meadows in the fall as the leaves turn and the beautiful mushrooms appear.

We are hopeful that things will return to a more normal schedule next year with the Orchid Show and the Edmonton Horticulture Society Garden Tour returning, two of the highlights of the season. We hope that you consider joining our group if you enjoy seeing gardens, enjoy plants or just seeing some beautiful areas in Edmonton.

**Knitting**

**Conveners:** Linda Capjack and Linda Sorensen  
**Meets:** First Monday of each month from October to May, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

The FWC knitting group has been quite active on-line during the pandemic. Usually, around the first Monday of the month (our normal meeting day), members would share pictures of projects they are working on and/or what they are up to and how they are coping with being more isolated. Members were thankful for their knitting skills for giving them a relaxing, meditative and productive pass time. Samples of some of our projects:

![Knitting samples](image)

We are hoping to resume in-person meetings in September. Anyone interested in joining our “close knit” group should contact either Linda Capjack (Linda.capjack@ualberta.ca) or Linda Sorensen (lindasoren7@gmail.com).
**Lunching Out**  
*Conveners:*  Eunice Barron and Laura Steadward  
*Meets:*  Third Wednesday of the month, 11:30 am, October to June at various restaurants

Laura and Eunice are delighted to report that the Lunching Out group reconvened after a break due to the pandemic. We started with the familiar, The University Club. After all, who can resist their Reuben Sandwiches or ginger Beef, not to mention the variety of burgers offered at the BBQ.

We had such an excellent turn out and our members had such a joy meeting again that we met again on August 18th. And (fingers crossed) things being okay, we will return to our normal meetings in the fall. The third Wednesday, 11:30 each month. Location to be announced as the year proceeds.

We will be contacting all those who are currently part of the Lunching Out group in the fall.

New members interested in joining the Lunching Out group - please contact Laura at rds@tblsport.com

**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 Circle is a relaxed, informal type of book club. Pre-pandemic we met once a year in either September or October and members brought 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 discussed which of these books the majority would like to put on the short list. The convener then took the short list and purchased the books to be circulated during the year. Last year we did it all by e-mail and we might do the same again this year while we transition out of the pandemic.

Once the reading list is decided, 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 the September meeting we draw for the books from the previous year so each member gets a book to keep. This is also a wonderful value as for the price of one book you can read 9, 10, or 11 books depending on the number of people in the group.

If anyone wants further information, please contact Orla Ryan at ryanarla@gmail.com

**Reading Circle – Mystery Books**  
*Convener:*  Jean Frost  
*Meets:*  Once a year in the convener’s home, usually in September

The Mystery Book Circle delights in reading of intrigue, guile, betrayal, and justice. We read of crime around the world and the brave detectives who search to solve the mysteries.

Each fall we meet to choose books for the coming year and share our thoughts on the reads of the last year. The circle can accommodate 12 people. Each person receives a book at the beginning of the month and then passes it to the next member in the circle at the beginning of the following month. We share the cost of the books and at the end of the year we choose which book we would like to choose. The cost has been $20 to $25 each. There is room for a few new members this coming year.

To become part of the circle, please contact Jean Frost at jean_frost@yahoo.com
Tennis
Convener: Tricia Unsworth (see directory for contact details)
Meets: May to end of September outdoors at various Southside community courts, usually on Mondays but scheduled to suit players' availability

October to end April Mondays, 12:00-1:00pm indoors at Saville Centre (Subject to change due to possible Covid restrictions and having sufficient players in the group)

Join our friendly, sociable, year-round group for fun, non-competitive, intermediate tennis every week. In the summer months, May - September, we play outside at Southside community courts on various days and times depending on players' availability. October - April we hope to continue, as we have done for many years, playing indoors at the South Campus Saville Centre every Monday 12-1pm - no need to be a member there, just pay a court fee of $10 per person when you play.

After a winter with no indoor tennis allowed, we were excited at the beginning of May when the weather was warm enough to play outside. No sooner had we started, than severe Covid restrictions prevented us from exercising with non-household members, even outside! Thankfully restrictions were eased after a few weeks and by the end of May we were back on the courts. Due to a dwindling number of players who are FWC members, we've enjoyed games with other friends over the summer and played a lot of mixed doubles instead of our usual ladies’ doubles.

Of course, we are always open to more ladies joining our group, especially in the Fall when we move inside to play at the Saville Centre. Our weekly court there needs to be booked and paid for in advance and is generally only open to FWC ladies. It would be a great shame if, after more than 30 years, the Tennis group has to switch to being a summer-only activity.

If you are interested in joining us at an intermediate level, do please contact me (details in the FWC members directory)
Walking Group

Conveners: Margot Wanke and Sylvia Kernahan
Meets: Thursdays at 10:00 am at various outdoor locations, 12 months a year

Linda Weiner, who has been a member of our group for several years, will be our new co-convener. Linda is familiar with all our trails, and we are happy that she has agreed to take over from Sylvia Kernahan, whose cheerful emails we have enjoyed for the past three years.

We start our weekly Thursday morning walks from a different location each week. We are always pleased when we discover new things along a path that we have not walked on before. We hope that the COVID pandemic will not prevent us from going for coffee after our walks.

It is always a pleasure to add new members to our group. If you are interested in joining, please email Margot Wenke (mewanke@telus.net). Schedules are provided after you register for the Walking Group.

Walkers with Waggers

Convener: Marilyn Gaa (see directory for contact details)
Meets: Every Monday morning at 10:00 at Terwillegar Park

Walkers with Waggers is a dog-friendly interest group that meets at Terwillegar Off Leash Park. We arrive at 10:00 every Monday morning and take a one-hour hike through meadows and woods with happy dogs, ours and others who we encounter. If you have a dog, or like dogs, you would enjoy our good exercise and conversation option. We met in the grassy area on the river side of the first parking lot, near the port-a-potties and the handicapped access parking signs. Join us!

Contact Marilyn Gaa if you would like more information.