A message from the President …

Looking out my window (see above picture), it is difficult for me to believe that our Wine and Cheese event was just a few weeks ago. And what a wonderful event it was! Thank you to the Program Committee and Robin Inskip, our Vice-President, for their fantastic job in organizing the event. Thank you also to Marie Dafoe and Sandra Wiebe for manning the registration table, and to the returning members who volunteered their time to welcome and provide tours to new members. And finally, thank you to the conveners who showcased their groups and are offering many exciting social opportunities to us all.

This year, for the first time, the University Club (previously known as the Faculty Club) was responsible for providing the wine and cheese. As this is a transitional year, the Executive Board has received feedback about the event from numerous members, and we will meet with the University Club staff to ensure that next year’s event is even more successful. We also encourage everyone attending next year’s event to take this opportunity to make new friends and have dinner together at the University Club afterwards.

In the meantime, I would like to welcome all of our new members to the FWC and hope you will have some great times with our interest groups. I would also like to encourage all our members to consider getting involved with the Executive Board, as we will soon be looking for a new Vice-President, a new Secretary, a new Newsletter Editor, and a new Program Director. Please remember that this is a volunteer-run club, and that working with the Executive Board can be an exciting and gratifying experience.
As announced at the Wine and Cheese event, Rachel Frey is no longer able to be our Past-President, and Jan Heaman has generously offered to replace her. We are also very excited to welcome Frances Zupko as our new Publicity expert. Also, after noticing that February’s unpredictable weather often made it difficult for members to attend the Coffee Morning event, we have decided to move the 2021 event to the month of April!

By now, you will have received your 2019-2020 Member Directory, courtesy of Tricia Unsworth, Directory Editor, and Marie Dafoe, Membership wizard. Please remember to not throw away your old directories but to shred them, as they contain private information.

In closing, I wish you all a holiday that is warm, bright, and full of fun and delicious treats, and a wonderful New Year.

Warm regards,

Lucie
email: president.fwc@gmail.com

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**CAN YOU HELP?**

Are you interested in learning more about the Faculty Women’s Club and helping to shape its future? There is a spot for you on the FWC Executive! Becoming a board member is a wonderful way to contribute to the continuing vibrancy of our club, while working with a friendly and enthusiastic team of women.

The FWC depends entirely on volunteers to keep running smoothly. Most board positions run for two years, so the personnel is always changing. A few positions will be opening up for the 2020-2021 year: Vice-President, Newsletter Editor, Program Committee member, and Secretary. If you would like more information about any of these positions or about the Executive in general, please contact Jan Heaman at past.president.fwc@gmail.com.
**SEASON'S GREETINGS from your Executive**

Warm wishes for a happy holiday for all. 
May the coming year be full of peace and joy.

Here are some events to look forward to in 2020.

## Celebration Coffee Morning

**February 5, 2020**

**Why:** To celebrate long-standing members (25 years of FWC membership or more)

**Who:** Long-standing members and all regular members are welcome to attend this complimentary event held annually to honour and celebrate our members of long standing.

**When:** On February 5, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Saskatchewan Room, University Club, University of Alberta

**Parking:** At the Faculty Club or the Windsor Parking Lot. Parking is unfortunately not free.

**If you require – or are willing to provide – a ride to/from the event:** let Lucie Moussu know **BY DECEMBER 15, 2019.** Contact her with your home address and phone number (president.fwc@gmail.com or by phone as per the directory).

**What:** There will be tea, coffee, and sweet treats for everyone to enjoy!

**If you would like to attend the event:** please RSVP directly to Lucie (president.fwc@gmail.com) as soon as possible and **by January 29 at the latest.**
Spring Luncheon

When: Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Where: Papaschase Room, University of Alberta University Club
Cost: $45 per person

Enjoy a lunch (set menu) and a talk by Dr. Lee Foote, director of the University of Alberta Botanic Gardens, entitled *Gardens of the Mind – Why Embrace Nature?*

*We all spring from nature through evolution and culture, we depend on ecological goods and services, and recent research suggests we ignore nature at peril to our health and well-being. So how do we reconnect and embrace the improvements in quality of life?*

Dr. Lee Foote has been a University of Alberta Professor of Conservation Biology for 24 years and the Director of the University of Alberta Botanic Garden for the last decade. His work focuses on ecology (endangered species management, habitat management, reclamation) and social sciences (policy processes, media and nature perception, wetland reclamation optics). These uneasy topical bedfellows provide a basis for his current views on the role of nature, and gardens in particular, in our daily lives. His ideas on our [dis-] connection with nature challenge some popular dogma and invite both discussion and a reconsideration of lifestyles.

Lee is the author of over 75 peer-reviewed articles, and the author or co-author of three books (Conservation Hunting; Inuit, Polar Bears and Sustainable Use; Oral Exams) as well as writing regular columns in two magazines.

In a change from the past, this will be a set-menu lunch. Members will be able to choose their entrée (fish, chicken, or vegetarian) when registering. Those attending who have dietary concerns will need to contact the University Club ahead of time.

Watch for the registration form and additional details to come in early 2020.
Remember to mark your calendars for the 2020 Annual General Meeting, which will be held May 5, 2020. The guest speaker will be Darrin Hagen, University of Alberta Writer in Residence for 2019-2020. More information will be available in the FWC April newsletter.

❖ Interest Groups ❖

A Message from the Vice-President

The FWC conveners felt the September 2019 Wine and Cheese registration was a good and successful event. Some groups also had fun and success in refreshing their promotional group descriptions for the August FWC Newsletter.

More members joined some groups after the Wine and Cheese. Two groups, International Movies and Evening Book Discussion, are at their enrolment limits – probably a bit beyond the hosts’ houses to accommodate them. Do we start up new complementary groups if we can find conveners? Or do we encourage the two conveners to establish enrolment limits and to publicize these limits? The Walking Group also enjoyed a big increase in FWC members joining after the Wine and Cheese; this group does not have the same space limitations.

I’ve had fun visiting a few interest groups. The Garden and the International Movies groups invited me. At the International Movies Group meeting I enjoyed watching Things to Come, a French film, via DVR. After the movie it was great to observe all members engage in spirited discussion. I also visited the Knitting Group with short notice to the conveners. Everyone offered gracious hospitality. I liked being able to observe the collaborative group dynamics and sharing of skills and experience, with the conveners handling the logistics efficiently. I hope to visit as many groups as I can.

As the FWC VP I have taken responsibility and accountability to format an up-to-date Conveners’ List that will make annual updating easier and more efficient. I also hope to improve communication between the conveners and Executive. I enjoy my discussions with the Newsletter Editor.

Robin Inskip
CONVENERS: SAVE THE DATE!

The Executive and Conveners’ Dinner will be held **January 29, 2020** at the University Club. This is an opportunity to thank the wonderful conveners who run the Club’s interest groups throughout the year. Conveners and the Executive committee will be contacted directly about the event by Vice-President Robin Inskip.

If you require or are willing to provide a ride to/from the event or for more information please contact Robin at vice.president.fwc@gmail.com, or see the Directory for her phone number.

Interest Group Updates

**Book Discussion – Evening**

*Olive Kitteridge* and *Gentleman in Moscow*, our first two books this year, both prompted interesting discussions. November’s choice was our classic for this year, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The current growth of racism and discrimination across the world and locally will certainly lead to a thought-provoking evening November 21st. December’s book is *Educated*, which will be of particular interest as many of our group have been connected to education as teachers, parents, and professionals working with children. We look forward to visiting with Christine Forth on February 6 to discuss her book, *The Mapmaker’s Wife*, as well as hosting our Writer-in-Residence, Darrin Hagen, on March 19.

Additional guests always add enjoyment to our meetings, so if you have a particular interest in one of our books or activities, we welcome visitors.

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 are available. As in the past, we meet the third Thursday of the month, 7:30 to 9:30-ish, in members’ homes.

*Karen Bain*

**Drawing Together**

Our Drawing Together group meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, except December, in the homes of members. In the fall we met at a member’s acreage just east of Sherwood Park and took the opportunity to draw from nature. Donna Gorday’s beautiful drawing of trees is from that day.

For information about the group, please contact Margot Wanke.

*December 2019*
**French Conversation**

In late October the French Conversation Group celebrated Lilian's 95th birthday at Julia's home. We celebrated a day early as we did not want to wait for such an important occasion. Lilian is a long-standing member of the French Conversation Group and served as convener for many years.

This autumn we have mainly been meeting in some of our members’ homes instead of at the University Club as regretfully the parking arrangements have changed. However, we intend to meet at the University Club during the winter months. We do still meet on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

_Sarah Nyland_

**Quilting Group**

The Quilting Group has decided to disband after December 3rd, our last meeting of 2019. Our numbers have been dwindling for several years now. Quilting Group co-convener, Gaye Jones, and I would like to thank all former conveners for their efforts and all the fellow quilters who shared their ideas and skills. In particular we are grateful for our talented and skilled adviser, Laurrie Sobie. Laurrie is a professional fibre artist who generously shared her knowledge with our group from its inception until the present.

The beauty of a group like the Faculty Women's Club lies in its inclusiveness combined with the opportunity for its members to find others with whom they can pursue their individual interests. Fortunately, we can move with the times and, while we regret the loss of the Quilting Group, we also look forward to the evolution of new interest groups.

_Kath Beck_
Mall Walkers

Meet the FWC Mall Walkers

The Keepers of the Gate – Southgate Food Court, 10:30 a.m.

Mall Walkers on their journey every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month

Break time for some

Sharing the Good Word

The Rear Guard
Reading Circle – Mystery Books

Convener: Jean Frost

The Mystery Reading Circle met in the fall to choose the books and authors they would pursue for the year. The group delves into stories dark and disturbing full of murder, intrigue, and betrayal. Here is a list of the books they decided on for this year. If you’re intrigued by tales of mystery, check out one of these titles.

The Last Widow by Karin Slaughter
The Huntress by Kate Quinn
A Darkness of the Heart by Gail Bowen
The Golden Tresses of the Dead by Alan Bradley
Incorruptible by Barbara Nadel
Vantage Point by Scott Thornley
A Better Man by Louise Penny
Flame in the Mist by Renée Ahdieh
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
Unto Us a Son Is Given by Donna Leon
In a House of Lies by Ian Rankin
The Unquiet Dead by Ausma Zehanat Khan

Walking Group

The Walking Group has been out enjoying the many trails that Edmonton and area has to offer, no matter the weather! The photo in the rain was taken on a walk that started on Rainbow Valley Road and led to the Square 1 Coffee shop in Aspen Gardens after a scenic walk through the Whitemud Ravine Nature Reserve. After coffee the walkers usually take a different, but also very scenic, trail back.
The second photo was taken in the Ranchlands area east of Sherwood Park.

Thanks to Margot for providing the photos and to Marcia for being the group’s photographer!

❖ Getting to know your new Executive ❖

We are very excited to share a little about some of this year’s new members on our Executive: Robin Inskip, Vice-President, and Karen Doucet and Marilyn Steier, Program Committee. Thanks to these women for sharing their time, energy, and gifts with the Club!

Robin Inskip (Vice-President)

I’m glad to fill the FWC Vice-President’s post because I want to rejoin the human race. Three car accidents in five years, a knee replacement operation, and a physiotherapy program that built new injuries (jumper’s knee and runner’s knee) meant loneliness for an extensive time. The FWC worked: I’ve felt welcomed and engaged/busy since I began my VP term.

I hope to contribute my experiences and skills to the FWC. In 1980 I joined the School of Library and Information Studies in the Faculty of Education. I taught and practised management, in particular marketing which can be best described as organizational strategic planning based on clients’ needs. As well, I concentrated on introducing innovations into organizations.
I’ve had executive positions in such voluntary organizations as a provincial union, provincial library associations, and both policy and executive positions in federal political organizations. In the 1970s I worked for several years on a province-wide social marketing campaign of equal pay for work of equal value for Ontario community college librarians. As well I worked on the start-up of the first women’s health centre in Canada. In Alberta I worked on a province-wide social marketing campaign to improve MLAs’ understanding and support (policy and money) for all types of libraries. Recently I’ve collaborated/coordinated/facilitated two presentations to a City of Edmonton Councillors’ Committee to bring awareness and proposals to improve walking on Edmonton’s winter sidewalks and intersections. Witnesses included a legally blind Grant MacEwan student, a woman who tried each week to maneuver a friend’s wheelchair through the snow windrows on each corner of an intersection, and a young mother with a double baby stroller in the committee room, who discussed her difficulties in taking her children to the bus for their play/swim class.

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.

Karen Doucet (Program Committee)

Karen joined the Wednesday Golf group of the FWC in the summer of 2017 and officially became a member that fall at the Wine and Cheese. Since then she has continued to enjoy the golfing, the daytime book club, the art gallery club, and this year has added the drawing club and gourmet dining group! She has enjoyed getting to know friendly and diverse women with shared interests. This past spring Jeanette Fedorak convinced her and Marilyn Steier to join the Executive as members of the Program Committee.

Karen, Joe, and the four boys moved from la ville de Québec to Edmonton in 2000. This is, by far, the longest she’s ever lived in one place, and it feels like home now. Things she loves about Edmonton: the entrepreneurial energy, the creative community, the Francophone community, the coffee and pastries, the easy hospitality of Edmontonians, how the small town lives within the big city, and of course, the University of Alberta!
Marilyn Steier (Program Committee)

Marilyn was a member of the Faculty Women’s Club many years ago but only rejoined in the last few years with the draw of golf, tennis, and friendship. She even started up knitting again thanks to Linda Capjack. She joined the Program Committee with Karen Doucet believing it will take two to replace Jeanette Fedorak!

Marilyn has retired at least three times. Officially she is a retired teacher and administrator. Then she worked at the U of A in the Faculty of Education as an Adjunct Professor and then finally ran her own consulting company. Now she enjoys hanging out with family and friends playing golf, pickle ball, and travelling. She is also a Rotarian and involved in a project in Roatan. As the project lead for education she has travelled to St. Helene three times 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, so there are many get-togethers.

And welcome back…

Jan Heaman and Frances Zupko have returned to help out the Executive this fall. Jan is returning as Past-President to fill in for Rachel Frey, who has stepped down. Frances Zupko has volunteered to look after Publicity for the club. Thanks to you both for giving of your time!

Member News

Our Condolences

Many of you may have heard of the passing of the husband of Bev Kebarle, a long-time FWC member. Paul Kebarle was an esteemed professor in the Chemistry department for over 40 years. He passed away on July 30, 2019. A celebration of life was held in September at the Faculty Club.
Do you have some news to share? This section of the FWC Companion is meant to be for you, a place for FWC members to share about major personal events or achievements. However, in the interest of fairness we do not promote charities or businesses.

The Newsletter Editor has a new e-mail address and can be contacted directly at newsletter.editor.fwc@gmail.com. Your feedback on the newsletter or any ideas you have for content are most welcome. We would love to hear from you!

❖ Membership Report ❖

by Marie Dafoe

This year’s Wine and Cheese Registration Event had a great turnout. Thanks to all of you who did the early-bird registration as it makes it so much easier to get all the information to the Directory Editor, Tricia, and get the material out to all members. We currently have 19 new members. Total Club membership is 169.

Privacy Matters

We hope you are enjoying your new directory that was mailed out in the fall. Some of you opted to have a version emailed to you instead. Members are free to use the directory to share information with one another, but the Executive Board will respect the privacy of all members and will never use the directory to share promotional material or to promote any particular issue.

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. 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.
Ninety-eight members attended our annual Wine and Cheese Registration Event at the University Club’s Saskatchewan Room on Tuesday, September 17. Many old and new members met to register for club membership and to sign up for one or more interest groups. We’re so glad so many could attend!

For the first year the event was catered solely by the University Club, due to their updated policies. Wine, coffee, and punch were accompanied by an assortment of cheese and crackers. Although there were a few hiccups with the amount of food provided, the event was a success and a great chance for members to visit and prepare for the coming year. Thanks go to the Program Committee – Jeanette, Marilyn, and Karen – for all their hard work in organizing this event.

*Interest group conveners showcasing their groups.*
Food, friendship, and fun at the Wine and Cheese Registration Event
On October 10, nine members of the Faculty Women’s Club were treated to a tour of one the University’s many museums, the Print Centre Museum located in the Fine Arts Building. Several members preceded the tour with a lovely lunch at the Vintage Fork in Rutherford House located on the University of Alberta North Campus.

The group was fortunate to have Dr. Nadia Kurd as the curator for the tour. A selection of prints from the collection were on display for the group, representing a sampling of the wide range of artworks available at the museum. The collection ranges from original prints from old masters to contemporary Canadian work.

As part of the tour, Dr. Kurd challenged our members to create a haiku to accompany one of the Japanese prints that had been viewed. The print, by Japanese artist Ando Hiroshige, is entitled The One Hundred Thousand, Tsubo Plain, Suzaki, Fukugawa (1857). The FWC haiku is as follows:

Soaring high hunts prey
Sharp eyes in the morning sky
Hawk sees everything