

U of R



Women

Newsletter

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March 2013

Program of Events 2012-2013



AGM Dinner

Wednesday
April 24, 2013
University Club
AGM 5:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:15
Cost for members:
\$20
Non-members:
\$35
Speaker 7:00
Dr. Dena McMartin
Assoc. Professor
Environmental
Systems
Engineering

RSVP April 19

Kay Antropus
pandkantrobus @
sasktel.net
or (306)
352-0559



Spring Convocation Conexus Arts Centre

Volunteers are
needed for teas
4 - 5:30 p.m.
June 5 (Wed.)
June 6 (Thurs.)
June 7 (Fri.)

Message from the President

Dear Members,

Finally spring has arrived and I hope you all had a good winter and a Happy Easter. I would like to invite you to our annual AGM on Wednesday April 24 at the University Club. This is a special event since we are celebrating our 50th anniversary. It is a tradition since 1967 that the March AGM is in the form of a dinner meeting.

The executive committee has been very busy updating our handbook, writing a history of the Club and reflecting on modernising our constitution. The amendments we are proposing are included with this newsletter. Please take a minute to look at them since we would like to present them to you at the AGM. Afterwards a scrumptious meal will be served, partly subsidised for members by the funds of our Club. There will be a special anniversary cake, of course, and maybe some history of the Club if anyone is interested.

After dinner, the guest lecturer will be Dr. Dena W. McMartin, who is an Associate Professor in Environmental Systems Engineering here at the U of R. She obtained her Bachelor, Master and PhD degrees from the U of S. Finding chemical-free water treatment solutions, studying storm water quality reuse and climate change impacts, monitoring agricultural water and environmental performance and the protection and planning of source water are some of her areas of interest. In 2011 Dr. McMartin received the YWCA Women of Distinction Award in Science, Technology and Environment. Dr Dena Mc Martin also has an impressive list of publications, which you may consult on the Internet. Not only is she a superb researcher but she is also very well liked by her students since she won the 2005 Inspiring Teaching Award. So who better than Dr Dena Mc Martin herself to explain to us what Environmental Systems Engineering is; water management is such a timely concern.

I would also like to remind you that the U of R Women's Club is seeking volunteers at this time of the year to serve on the executive committee next year. To keep the Club active we need new blood with new or old ideas. All appointments are open to all members and are subject to a one year term commencing at the AGM. Anyone wishing to participate is urged to contact Sheila McKague as soon as possible. Your help will be greatly appreciated and we thank you for your interest.

I hope to see you all very soon.

Françoise Kenny

Member News

Linda & Alec Paul just returned from a wonderful trip to Tanzania with a group of 14 led by a Lumsden couple with experience in Africa. They climbed 3 km. up Mt. Kilimanjaro, walked a 21 km. marathon, visited 5 game preserves, and raised \$1000 for *Sauti Moja*, a charity that educates single and widowed mothers and their children, and keeps young girls in high school.



Anne Lavack, URWC member and president for many years has a new position as Professor of Marketing at Thompson Rivers University; School of Business & Economics in Kamloops BC. She can be reached at:
(250) 851-2833 (cell);
(778) 908-4025 (home) or
anne.lavack@gmail.com

Our sympathy goes to Anne upon the death of her mother, Marlene Lavack, March 16.

Other news . . .

Joan Kruger, who is U of R Women's outgoing Program/Social Convenor, is presently enjoying a two month visit with her daughter and grandchildren who live in Australia. Thanks to Joan for arranging such interesting and informative programs in attractive venues during the last two years.

Our treasurer, **Kay Antrobus**, will not be with us at our 2013 AGM. Instead, she will be away on her annual hiking holiday. On April 25th she will be enjoying the sights and ambience of the Amalfi Coast of Italy.

Ask a friend to consider joining

University of Regina Women

Membership is accorded to women associated with the University of Regina through employment or appointment, all women whose partners are associated, past or present, with the University through employment or appointment, women having an affiliation with the University of Saskatchewan through employment or appointment.

Our membership dues are an economical \$20 per year. We organize social programs for the general membership and we offer many opportunities for members to join a group of women of similar interests and abilities.

Contact the Membership Convenor at
Sandra@flegel.ca

U of R Women – Executive for 2012-2013

Françoise Kenny	President	francoise.kenny@uregina.ca
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Interest Group Activities

Couples Gourmet Dinner Club

Members and their partners meet once a month in a member's home. Each couple brings a dish from a menu set by the convenor. Themed menus are typically planned based on different regions or ingredients. This group is looking for new members, so contact Toby Willis-Camp at **306-586-6479** or **williscamp@sasktel.net**

Eclectic Events

Don't forget that anyone can lead an Eclectic Event. If you would like to suggest and/or organize an eclectic event this year, contact Toby Willis-Camp at **306-586-6479** or **williscamp@sasktel.net** for help getting your event organized and publicized.

Culinary Explorers

Visit a different restaurant each month! This event usually takes place at 6:15 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month. Please RSVP to Lise Lundlie at 306-586-1085 or **llundlie@sasktel.net** at least 3 days before each restaurant outing takes place.

Book Club #2

If you love to read, please come and join us for an evening of food and discussion on the first Tuesday of each month (except April 9th this year).

Contact Tatiana Levit for more information at **306-337-8455** or **Tatiana.Levit@uregina.ca**

International Cooking Club

The International Cooking Club meets monthly for dinner and lively conversation. Meals are planned to reflect either the cuisine of a certain culture or a special theme. Members work in pairs, each pair hosting one evening during the year. On all other evenings, they enjoy being guests. For information or to register interest in this group, contact Joan at **306-586-5536** or **joan.roy@uregina.ca**.

Mixed Bridge Group

If you enjoy playing bridge, come out to the *Mixed Bridge Group*. This is open to both couples and pairs of ladies. The bridge group meets once a month in the homes of individual members. The Mixed Bridge group meets once a month in the homes of individual members. Contact Susan McLaren at **306-525-0058** or **susanmclaren2007@yahoo.ca** for more information.

Walking Club

NOTE:

Judith Conlan reports that conditions are so bad for walking that not even the dogs are going outside, but she is looking forward to the spring thaw so she and the other Walking Club members can get out and get moving. For more information contact Judith at **306-585-0239**.

Curling Club

This club meets at 1:15 on Wednesday afternoons at the Tartan Club. Newcomers are welcome and coaching is available. For more information contact Linda Paul at **306-585-0988** or **paulal@uregina.ca**

U of R Women – Annual Bursary and 50th Anniversary Award

Annual Bursary

Our treasurer, Kay Antrobus, reports that a total sum of \$1075.00 was donated by our members during the period September – December, 2012, to be used for our 2013 bursary.. We thank each of you for your generous contributions. Those of you who donated should have received a tax receipt from the U of R by this time.

The bursary, given by our group in honour of Linda Paul, will go to a woman studying Human Geology. Deadline for applications for this bursary is April 10, 2013 with the recipient being announced at the beginning of December 2013.

Motion Regarding Annual Bursary

In early December, U of R Women received a letter from the External Relations Department of the University of Regina which indicated that, over the years, we have developed a surplus in our account with them. The letter says, "Currently there is \$2595 available to allocate in addition to the annual award and the new 50th anniversary award". At a recent executive meeting, a motion was made and seconded regarding the disbursement of this sum of money. The motion will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting of U of R Women on Wednesday, April 24.

Motion: That the value of the annual bursary be increased from its present \$1000.00 per year to \$1200.00 per year. The \$200.00 increase should be taken from the almost \$2600.00 available to us from the account through External Relations Department of the U of R.

(S. McKague/K Antrobus)

Rationale for motion: Student tuition is increasing and since this money is available to us, it should be used to assist our bursary recipients, rather than sitting in an account in External Relations. With the interest the capital will generate, the funds in this 'just discovered' account (one which has been invisible to our organization, but has gradually been growing over the years) is enough to fund 13 years (2014 – 2026) of an increase in the bursary amount.

University of Regina Women's 50th Anniversary Award, Audrey McKinnon Award

In celebration of the founding 50 years ago of the predecessor to University of Regina Women, we are offering a special award in the name of our first president, Audrey McKinnon. As reported in the fall newsletter, our \$1000.00 contribution is being matched by money from the province's Innovation and Opportunities Program. In addition, the fund received an additional \$1000.00 from Eleanor Coomber, daughter of Audrey McKinnon and her husband James Coomber, a sum that they are donating in Eleanor's mother's memory. With the Coomber-McKinnon donation, the award now is worth \$3000.00 and will be given to a woman who is studying in the Faculty of Engineering. Directing the award to a woman in engineering was done for two reasons, Eleanor's father (Audrey McKinnon's husband) was one of the first professors of Engineering in Regina and the matching grant from the Innovation and Opportunities Program was designated by the government for the field of Engineering.