

New members

Louise McCullough

I am a university graduate, and worked at the Department of French and the Bilingual Studies Centre as part of the U of R team of simultaneous translation. I also tutored and gave conversation classes. I still work as an interpreter on contract from time to time because I just love the challenge.

I am adjusting to my new life as a widow so I try to keep busy. I love golfing, cooking, and baking and going for long walks. I volunteer at Canadian Blood Services. I knit scarves and mittens during the cold evenings and donate them to the homeless shelter.

Audrey Perran

I joined the UofR Extension 1983, and moved to the President's Office in 1985 and from 1995-2014 completed my working life as the Faculty Administrator in the Faculty of Science. I have always enjoyed an active lifestyle from running to squash to cycling and for the past 30 years as an obsessive golfer. In quieter moments I read, play duplicate bridge and mahjong.

Sylvia Mercier

We probably met in the past months at one of the dinners. I am originally from southern Germany where I studied IT and Business Management. I worked

President's Message – Carmelle Beaudry

I am happy to report that our "Welcome Back" reception was very well attended and I received a lot of positive feedback. Kudos to the organizers: Maryam, Samy, Cara, Ruth, Catherine, Marilyn, Joanne and others who contributed to its success. Way to go team!

A special welcome is extended to the past members, friends and newcomers who came out and signed up to join our club and interest groups. The interest groups are a mainstay of the U of R Women, and I recommend that if you have not signed up yet that you contact the Convenor of the Interest Group that you may be interested in.

The members have also generously contributed to fully funding the University bursary for the upcoming year which is more important than ever in these uncertain times. Unfortunately, the University was not able to accommodate our participation in recognizing the graduates at the Fall Convocation; however, we are hopeful that there will be other opportunities in the future.

It is with great pride that for our November event, we are featuring guest speaker, Cara Gay Driscoll, fellow member, artist, friend and published author of "Giulia". Join us on Nov. 24 to hear about her journey and the process she undertook. Don't miss it!

Lastly, I welcome your input or feedback on how we can make this club even better!

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NOVEMBER SPECIAL EVENT

U of R Women are proud to feature our very own published author, artist and friend, Cara Gay Driscoll. Cara will highlight her journey and process to publish "Giulia", a work of fiction derived from the stories of the characters in historical records and the Bible.

DATE: November 24, 2021

TIME: 3-5pm

PLACE: Community Room at the Bothwell Library, Southland Mall.

Following provincial and city health mandates, guests are expected to wear a mask.

COST: \$5.00 to cover the cost of coffee, water and honorarium.

After the presentation, members who choose can organize to attend a local eatery for appetizers, dessert or a meal.

RSVP: Email Maryam by Nov. 21, 2021 mbf296@uregina.ca or call or text Carmelle at 306-527-0197.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Cara graduated in 1991 from the University of Regina with a major in visual arts and in 2010 she completed the Prairie Jubilee Program based at the University of Winnipeg. The book follows the culmination of a 10 year project which gave voice to women in the Bible by forming them into clay vessels. The connection between art and spirituality is the focus of her artwork and her writing. (Source: *Giulia*)

In Memorium

Gwen Falconer, of Regina, was a long time member of the University Women's Club. She will be missed by many. She earned a BA and a B.Ed at the University of Regina. She was a dedicated teacher with 45 years of teaching behind her. This included 30 years of teaching elementary grades with the Regina Catholic School system, followed by 15 years of teaching at Saskatchewan Polytechnic, where she taught Math, English, History and ESL. In 2016, she retired from teaching and spent time with her grand-daughter Rayka, whom she made time for almost every day.

She was on the Board of the Regina Qu'Appelle Mental Health Review Panel for 25 years until her retirement in 2016. She loved to travel abroad, attended the Regina Symphony, Globe Theatre and Mosaic. She took part in the UR Women's Gourmet Cooking Club and Book Club #2. She always had thoughtful perspectives on the books we read. Although she had physical challenges after 2016, she continued taking classes at the UR LifeLong Learning.

Her husband Barry, daughter Allison, son-in-law Saravanan, son Blair, grand-daughter Rayka, mother Dorothy and many friends will miss her. Friends and family may make a donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Lung Association and the M.S. Society in her memory (Source: Leader Post Obituary)

Hilary Johnson passed away September 6, 2021 at the age of 88. She was one of our earliest members and President of U of R Women in the early nineties. Hilary has been a long-standing member of the Cooking Club. She is survived by husband Keith and her daughter Natasha.

in the IT Business in Germany and continued to do so after I emigrated to Quebec 28 years ago, where I raised my son on my own.

After my son returned to Germany, I was active in the German Club, belonged to a photography club and attended all kinds of musical events. Two years ago, I met my partner, Randy, a retired professor emeritus of geography at the U of R, who lived in Ontario at that time. We both decided to come to Regina, and here we are.

Renujames Ruddell

My past occupations have been as a facility youth worker with the Ministry of Justice. I have worked in

Central Services and Social Services, and also with the Saskatchewan Archives board to destroy, and categorize records, and often did training on records management to employees including privacy and access. 25 years of service in. My interests include travel, cooking, and dog parenting. We have a rescue named Haddie, who loves to get dirty, and explore.

Wendy Forsberg

I am the Event & Hospitality Coordinator at the University of Regina.

I have a BA in Commerce and a BA in Arts. (I took some classes through UR for this degree.)

I like art, movies, books, and event planning.

URW Membership Report – Barbara de Vlieger

We have 40 members fully registered so far, including 6 new members. We have yet to hear from a few of last year's members but we are still hoping to see them come back. Last year was an uncertain one for activities and we are hoping for a better year in 2021-22. I would like to get my records complete by Nov.6. I am attaching the Membership form to this newsletter: just fill it out and mail it to me (along with the \$30. Membership fee) at the address on the form. If you have decided not to renew, please let me know. (Barbara.devliieger@uregina.ca or 306-586-2714 or by mail: 2540 Wascana St., Regina S4S 0L6)

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Book Club #1

This group meets on the third Monday of each month. Convenor: Cara Gay Driscoll – caragay@caradriscoll.ca
Tel: 306 352-7931

Book Club #2

This group meets the first (sometimes shifted to the second) Tuesday evening of the month via **ZOOM**. Convenor: Tatiana Levit Tatiana.levit@uregina.ca

Movie Club

This group attends a movie about once a month at the Rainbow Cinema or the Regina Public Library Theatre, followed by a discussion at a local coffee shop. The co-convenors will email the details of the selected movie to the current members of this group. Magda at 306-757-3822 ormagdalena.cismru@uregina.ca or Bonnie at 306-537-3467 or bonnie.dobni@uregina.ca

Walking Club

The walking group meets Tuesday mornings at 9:30am (or on a day and time of the group's choice), and gathers in the parking lot at the Willow restaurant. It's a great way to get some exercise and enjoy the outdoors in all seasons.
Convenor: Mary Okumura - mary.okumura@uregina.ca
Tel: 306 585-1380

Gourmet Cooking Club*

This group of women meets monthly. They plan meals around the cuisine or special theme and work in pairs. Each pair hosts one evening during the year. Convenor: Lynn Tomkins - : lynn.tomkins@uregina.ca or 306 584-3708

*This group is full; however, please contact the Interest Group Officer, Joanne Durst, if you are interested in a new start-up group.

Culinary Explorers

This group samples different Regina restaurants once each month. This event usually takes place at 6:15 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Kay sends out an email to interested members several weeks prior to the event. Please RSVP to Kay Antrobus at least 3 days prior to attending. Convenor: Kay Antrobus The group's new convenor is Kay Antrobus – pandkantrobus@sasktel.net or 306 306-582-6559

We thank Lise Lundlie, who has convened this group for a long time.

Le Cercle Francais

This is a French language conversation group for members who wish to socialize in a friendly French-speaking atmosphere
The membership of this group has changed significantly this year and is just starting to meet again, initially via zoom. Stay tuned for updates. New members are welcome.
Convenor: Louise McCullough at louisemcc@sasktel.net or 306-448-5810

Mixed Bridge Group

This Mixed Bridge Group, which is open to couples and pairs of women, is beginning to do some planning after a break last year due to the pandemic. We require a new convenor. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Joanne Durst at Joanne.Durst@sasktel.net or 306-789-1710

Matinee Curling Club

This club starts in mid-October and beginners are welcome! The club curls Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm at the Caledonia Curling Club. The Caledonia club has established very detailed COVID rules based on *Canada and CurlSask recommendations*.
Convenor: Mary Okumura -mary.okumura@uregina.ca
Tel: 306 585-1380

University of Regina Bursary

The honouree last year was Vianne Timmons, past president of the University of Regina. She asked that the bursary go to a female student in elementary education, with preference for someone focusing in inclusive education. When there were no applications, a student in health education was chosen in the winter semester. Katherine Kay was awarded this bursary.

The honouree this year is Susan McLaren, a long-standing active member and former president of our University of Regina Women Club's. Susan has chosen the Faculty of Science for a student majoring in Biology for the area of studies. Susan chose Biology because of a professor at Mills College in Oakland, California, who had a gift of showing students the amazing natural world. After graduation, Susan spent two years in the Peace Corps in Ghana, where she taught grade 4 to 8 students. This is where she met her future husband, Robert McLaren, a Canadian working with CUSO. They decided to move to Regina, where Robert became a professor and Susan worked in Special Education for children with developmental challenges.

As per university policy, the bursary goes to an undergraduate student with a minimum of 53 credit hours (two years completed). The faculty department chosen depends on the choice of the URW honoree.

Our treasurer thanks all members who donated to this year's bursary, making it completely funded with \$1230.

Members who wish to make a donation for future scholarships can do so by sending a cheque to the U of R Women's treasurer, **Catherine Arthur-MacDonald at 73 Culliton Crescent, Regina,, S4S 4J5** . The cheque should be made out to **University of Regina Women's Bursary**. Thanks to all who have contributed to our bursaries. Your continued support is appreciated.