

New Members:

Harriet (Susie) Ross is a graduate of the U of R and was a member of CFUW Regina. She supports the U of R scholarship program. She is a sister to the late Carol Southam, who was a member of URW.

Samira Sadaoui is a Professor at the Department of Computer Science. She has been with the University of Regina since July 2002. Her interests are traveling, reading, cooking and walking.

Kay Antrobus is celebrating her 80th birthday by performing Grieg's Piano Concerto with Judi Levesque on **January 13, 2018, 2:00 p.m.** in the Shu-Box Theatre, Riddell Centre, U of R. Birthday cake will follow the performance. Everyone is invited! See attached poster.

SAVE THE DATE

The **Annual General Meeting** and dinner will be held April 11, 2018. Location and speaker will be announced later.

February Event

Chocolate Tasting at Bernard Callebaut March 8, 2017

SAVE THE DATE! The UR Women's Club is organizing a chocolate tasting to celebrate International Women's Day on **March 8, 2017**. The cost is \$70. There is room at Bernard Callebaut for a maximum of only 10 people, so the sooner you sign up the better (contact Linda Paul <paulal@uregina.ca> or Alison Hayford at <Alison.Hayford@uregina.ca>). Because we have to confirm the booking, we will ask participants to pay in advance. If 16 or more people are interested, we will set up a second chocolate tasting on a different date (we need at least 8 for a session). You can find out more about the chocolate tastings at <https://chocolateregina.com/collections/tasting-classes>

URW President's Report

The executive of UR Women is planning an open meeting on **Tuesday, January 16 at 4:30 in the Language Institute boardroom**. All members will be invited to attend the first part of this meeting with their suggestions for future directions for UR Women. We will be sending out more detailed information a week or so before the meeting.

URW is looking for members who are interested in joining the executive. We hope you can attend the January 16 meeting, but if you cannot attend this meeting, contact me and indicate which position(s) you might be interested in. The executive consists of 8 positions: past president, president, vice president (who usually moves into the position of president), secretary, and treasurer; and convenors for social programs, interest groups, membership, and publicity. If you cannot attend the meeting, but have ideas you want to share, please send them by e-mail to Alison Hayford at Alison.Hayford@uregina.ca

For Lifelong Learning

information on courses at the Centre for Continuing Education, you can access their website at www.uregina.ca/cce/lifelong or phone Tamara Tucker at 306-585-5748

New member **Angeline Chia** has had a long-standing connection with the University of Regina: as an international Master's student in English Literature in 1991, as an ESL instructor in the late 1990s, and as a graduate with a Master's degree in Human Resource Development in 2009. She later became a professional coach, certified by the International Coach Federation. Today, Angeline manages a consulting practice that helps organizations, teams, and leaders develop competencies that foster inclusion in diverse work environments. Some of her non-professional interests are board governance of non-profit human service organizations and writing poetry that pertains to social change.

President's report (continued)

Thanks to Linda Paul for organizing an excellent November event. Gary Morin from the Centre for Continuing Education gave an update on the renovations of the College Avenue Campus. Special thanks to Linda because some glitches occurred, and she had to organize a new venue at the last minute. UR Women hopes that our communications with the University will lead to more efficient catering services on campus in the future, but the space at Greko's Restaurant worked out well, and we had a good turnout for the event.

Thanks again to Linda and to others who organized the Welcome Back reception on September 20. The conversation and snacks were good, as usual. Some new people attended the reception and joined UR Women. A warm welcome to all new members.
Alison Hayford

By the way, the Regina Public Library needs tutors for their literacy program. If you think you might be interested, check the RPL website for information. Alison Hayford and some other members of URWomen are participating in this program and will be happy to let you know about their experiences.

Membership

As of December 2017, our membership consists of 55 members. We gained 7 new members this year.

There are a few former members who have not paid their fees yet. Deadline is December 31, 2017. A membership form is included with this e-mail. The fees are used to offset the cost of events, pay for materials, and add to the bursary if necessary.

Norma Millard
Membership Convenor
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URW Executive:

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Susan McLaren	Past President	susanmclaren2006@yahoo.com

Interest Groups

We have three new interest groups – Book Club #3 on weekends, a French conversation group and a Movie Night group. There's something for everyone!

Walking Club

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 9.30 a.m. (or on a day and time of the group's choice), gathering in the parking lot at the Willow Restaurant. For more information, please contact Judith Conlan at 306-585-0239.

Gourmet Cooking Club

This group of women meets monthly for dinner and lively conversation. Meals are planned to reflect either the cuisine of a particular 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 Barbara de Vlieger at 306-586-2714 or by e-mail at barbara.devlieger@uregina.ca (This interest group is at capacity, but perhaps a second group could be formed if there is enough reason and a volunteer coordinator.

Le Cercle Francais

This is a French language conversation club for members who wish to socialize in a friendly, French-speaking atmosphere. To join, contact Alison Hayford at Alison.hayford@uregina.ca or 306-352-0253.

Movie Night Club

We will meet once a month, possibly Tuesday evening, at a cinema (i.e. Rainbow Cinema), and then casually discuss it over coffee. Contact is Alison at alison.hayford@uregina.ca or 306-352-0253.

Book Club #2

We meet the first Tuesday evening of the month. Members take turns hosting/co-hosting, and presenting the book we have read. Contact Tatiana at tatiana.levit@uregina.ca or 306-337-8455.

Book Club #3

This new club meets monthly at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Contact person is Janet Listoe at janet.listoe@uregina.ca or 306-585-4596.

Culinary Explorers

This group samples different Regina restaurants once each month. This event usually takes place at 6:15 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to Lise Lundlie, at 306-586-1085 or llundlie@myaccess.ca at least 3 days before each restaurant outing takes place.

Curling Club: Curling starts in mid-October and beginners are welcome! We play Wednesday afternoons, starting at 1:30. A curling clinic is provided for new or rusty players.

Experienced players are also welcomed with joy. Contact Linda Paul at 306-585-0988 or paulal@uregina.ca for more information.

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. Contact Susan McLaren at 306-525-0058 or susanmclaren2007@yahoo.ca for more information.

Book Club #1

We meet on the third Monday of each month for great food, coffee and conversation. Convened by Sara Cryderman at saracryderman@sasktel.net or 306-585-6503.

University of Regina Women – Bursaries and Awards

The honoree for the **2016 bursary** was **Dr. Joan Roy**. She was a former high school teacher in Montreal and a Clinical Psychologist for school boards in Ontario and Manitoba before taking ten years off to be a full-time mom while maintaining a limited private practice. She joined the Psychology Department at the University of Regina in 1988, from which she retired in 2001. Joan has been an active member of U of R Women since her retirement and has held several positions on the executive including that of president in 2004 and 2005. Joan asked that the 2016 bursary be granted to a second-year female student in Psychology (Arts). The recipient, **Berkley Peterson**, wrote in her thank-you note, “This Bursary helps me out financially. I cannot thank you enough for choosing me. I will be forever thankful.”

The honoree for the **2017 bursary** is **Samira (Samy) McCarthy**. She was Professor of English at Campion College, University of Regina, for 41 years, from 1968 until her retirement in 2009. Aside from teaching, she also served in administration at Campion, as Assistant Dean from 1995-2001, and Academic Dean from 2002-2009. Prior to joining the Campion faculty, she taught in secondary schools in the Philippines, in New York city, and in Regina, for a total of 5 years.

Born in the Philippines, she completed her undergraduate degrees at the Ateneo de Davao, a Jesuit college in her home town, and her graduate work at Fordham University in New York city. She has lived in Regina since 1966, and travels frequently to visit her 3 children and 7 grandchildren, in Montreal and in Sydney, N.S. She joined the Faculty Wives organization in 1966, as the UofR Women was then called, but ceased to be an active member after three years, as teaching and motherhood took most of her time. She rejoined as an active member in 2009, and now serves on the Executive of the organization.

It is not surprising that she has selected English as the discipline for the 2017 U of R Women’s Bursary, as it is the study of literature for which she has been most passionate all her life. As per university policy, the bursary goes to an undergraduate student with a minimum of 53 credit hours (2 years) completed.

Members who wish to make a donation toward the bursary for 2017 can do so by sending a cheque made out to the University of Regina and sent to the U of R Women's treasurer, **Catherine Arthur-MacDonald at 73 Culliton Crescent, Regina, S4S 4J5 before December 31st, 2017**. The university will send you a tax-deductible receipt.

The URW Executive is open to recommendations for an honoree for 2018. The honoree should have been a member of URW for a number of years and made a contribution to our club in a special way. Please Send your nomination to Alison Hayford by December 31. Contact her at Alison.Hayford@uregina.ca or 306-352-0263.

Thanks to all of our members who have contributed to the University of Regina Women's bursaries. Your continued support is appreciated.