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another great
year at the Club*

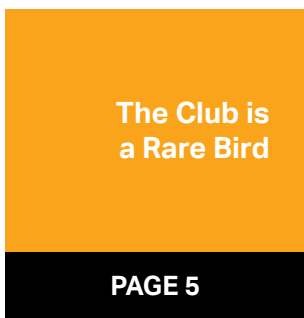
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University Club
Winnipeg
Casual Dining • Licensed Pub • Catering

Club Info

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Hours of Operation

Monday to Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We cater events on-and-off Club premises during and outside regular hours.

Membership is available to all full-time employees of The University of Winnipeg and its affiliated colleges. Associate Membership is available to part-time employees, contract instructors, graduate students, alumni, and retirees. Fees can be paid via payroll deduction, cheque, or cash. Full-time employees receive a 50% discount for the first year that they are Members of the Club (a year is 12 months from the date of Membership).

Faculty & Senior Administration - \$150.00
Payroll deduction (based on 24 pay periods) - \$6.25

Staff - \$75.00
Payroll deduction (based on 24 pay periods) - \$3.13

Includes part-time UW employees and alumni, employees of other post-secondary institutions, Members of PACE's "55+" program, Visiting Fellows, and graduate students - \$40.00

Complimentary Memberships (on application)

Retirees who are Members of the University of Winnipeg Retirees Association; off-campus Regents, and Club Members' spouses (who are not employees of the University of Winnipeg).



President's Message



This was to be a September newsletter but last month seemed to be an exceptionally busy one. Imagine that! ☺ It is hard to believe we just finished reading week! As I begin my 4th (and final) year as President I thought it important to communicate a few noteworthy items.

Our Club Membership remains solid at approximately 370 members. This membership is comprised of a diverse collection of faculty and staff, alumni, and retirees.

We continue to actively recruit new members every chance we get. I am pleased to report that we have had some success in convincing new staff and faculty that the Club is the best

place on campus to hang out and meet new people. We have continued our initiative started last fall of offering free 3 month trial memberships to all new hires. I would encourage you to bring along a colleague who is not a member yet to any of the Club events throughout the year and sell the benefits of membership.

We have had some new acquisitions as well this past year. The draft beer system we borrowed from Original 16 breweries for the past 2 years proved to be very popular so we decided to purchase it. We can now rotate through a selection of local brewery offerings! So far we have requests for Stone Angel and Half Pint!

We have also acquired a new sound

system thanks to the efforts of the amazing staff at media services. This new system will keep equipment costs to a minimum and allow us to have live music (and karaoke) whenever our hearts desire. Most recently, faculty and staff had the pleasure of enjoying the performances of Angela Failer, Colleen Kwade and Neil Besner at our Start of Term Party. Thank you! We also received a beautiful new locked cabinet in the dining room to keep

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our computer safe (and working). As a result of these recent changes, the dining room is being used even more frequently for events, meetings, and classes.

Speaking of events, please take a look at our Save the Date calendar to see all the fun activities we have planned for our members, including the fan favorite Trivia Pub Nights (otherwise known as "Can anybody beat the Math department?"), Karaoke Marathons, Beaujolais and Canapés, and the new and back by popular demand — Robbie Burns Night.

As you will read in Scott Forbes' article in this newsletter, many University Clubs across Canada have closed in recent years. We are very

President's Message – cont'd

The Last Straw

Plastic pollution is an ongoing global problem — especially single-use plastics, which are used only once before being thrown away. As part of an upcoming sustainability audit, the Club will now offer plastic drinking straws only upon request. Thanks to our members for helping us keep our environment clean!



lucky to not only have a club that is surviving but one that continues to serve as the heart of our campus — a collegial place where Club Members can get together, get to know one another and escape the demands of our at times challenging and demanding careers. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the many people that are involved in keeping our Club thriving: Tracey and her always cheerful and helpful staff, the members of our University Club board, Physical Plant and Media Services staff, and of course all of you! Without our loyal Club Members we would just be yet another soon to be extinct bird. If approved, we will be electing some new board members at our Annual General Meeting this coming October 26th. Sadly, the Board is losing some long serving and valuable members. Board member Janis Thiessen is leaving us after her term — she has been a wealth of knowledge and the voice of reason — as well as our social media communicator. Our treasurer, Jeff Babb is leaving after serving an amazing 3 terms! I told him he could never leave me but alas the bylaws dictated otherwise. He has stewarded our financial ship honorably and is leaving the Club balance sheets well in the black. For

all of your hard work, your patience, your financial wisdom and guidance — a heartfelt thank you! Our board executive secretary, Tara Christianson is also finishing up her term this year. Tara has done 2 terms and served as our ever reliable secretary making sure communications is always up to speed on club events. Suzanne Martin is retiring this December after 32 years on campus. Suzanne has just completed 2 terms on the Club board. During this time she has spent countless hours working on posters and promoting our Club events with her wonderful graphic design. Most recently she is the artist behind our fabulous newsletters. Thankfully, Suzanne has agreed to continue her design work for the Club after retirement so we will all be able to continue to enjoy her work!

I encourage you to attend the upcoming Annual General Meeting on October 26th to learn about the new additions and changes to our University Club board.

Jane

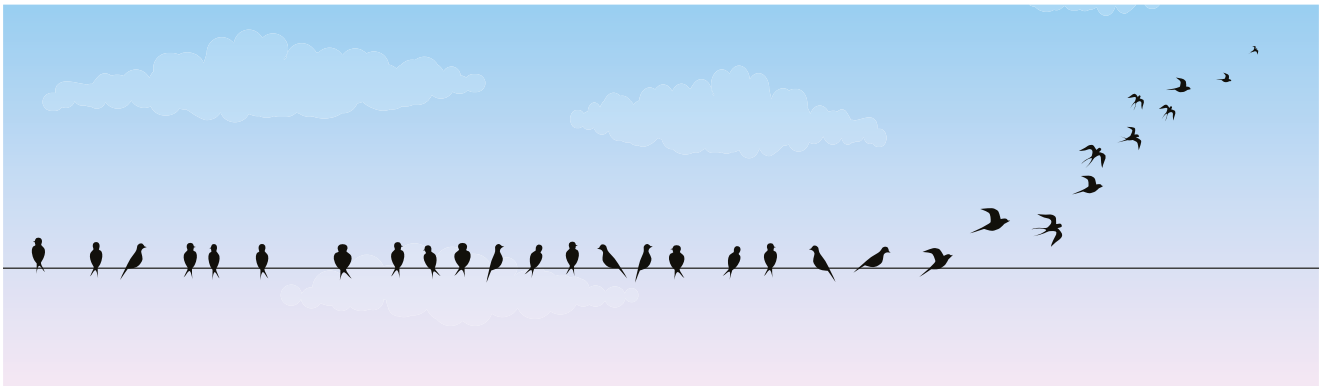
Jane Lothian
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Mmmmm.....Pumpkin!

The Club will be featuring some seasonal treats in the coming weeks. Come up and try some pumpkin soup, pumpkin muffins, or pumpkin cookies!



The University of Winnipeg Club is a Rare Bird



Written by Scott Forbes

Faculty clubs were once as common as passenger pigeons at North American universities. It might be slight exaggeration to say they darkened the skies, as did passenger pigeons, but they were certainly common. But that is no more. And they may ultimately end up with the same fate: complete extinction. Many at the University of Winnipeg will know that the University of Manitoba closed its faculty club some years ago. Simon Fraser had the Diamond Club with a spectacular view overtop Burrard Inlet; UBC too had a faculty club. Clever graduate students there who knew the ID number of their supervisors at one time could pilfer meals. That is no more. The UBC Faculty Club is gone. And the Administration was so adamant it never come back, they tore down the building. Also gone are Faculty / University Clubs at Calgary (gone in 2007); Carleton (gone in 2001); Regina (2014); Montreal (2017). The University Club of McMaster is deep in debt and at risk of closing. The reasons for the closures are not complicated: they fell into debt and never recovered. The University of Winnipeg Club (formerly the Faculty Club) is one of the remaining few Faculty / University Clubs still open. Others are still open at Acadia, Mount Allison, Victoria, Alberta, Saskatchewan, McGill, Dalhousie, Toronto, Queens, and for now, McMaster. Unlike our club, many of these have very limited services – for example, some

are only open for lunch (Acadia, Mount Allison). And unlike most other faculty clubs, we charge only nominal fees. Among University clubs in Canada only Acadia has lower club fees. The average club fees at other Faculty / University clubs are ~\$270

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per year compared to our \$150. The University of Winnipeg Club is not in debt (yet) but is operating with very slim financial reserves that will be wiped out if one large piece of equipment breaks down. We have not had a fee increase since 2010. The current Board of the Faculty Club believes that it is time for a modest fee increase, so that we can make some *modest* improvements to our increasingly 'tired' space and build up a small reserve to tide us over any unexpected financial surprises.

At our September meeting the members of the University Club Board unanimously supported a motion to increase fees for faculty members from \$150 to \$200 and staff members from \$75 to \$100 effective Nov 1st, 2018. We trust you will support this decision. Please join us at our upcoming Annual General Meeting on October 26th at 4:45 p.m. should you have any questions or comments.

Faculty Club Survey

	Regular	Staff	Retiree	Alumni	Grad Student	Spousal/Family
Winnipeg	\$150.00	\$75.00	FREE	\$40.00		FREE
Victoria	\$240.00		\$120.00			
U of Alberta	\$360.00					
U of Saskatchewan	\$359.10		\$89.78			
McGill	\$254.00	\$254.00	\$254.00	\$300.0		
Dalhousie	\$165.00		\$82.50		\$41.25	
Toronto	\$430.00		\$215.00	\$430.00		\$55.00
Queens	\$244.80		\$122.40	\$122.40		FREE
McMaster	\$354.00		\$160.00	\$210.00	\$160.00	\$60.00
Acadia	\$96.00		\$24.00			
Mount Allison	\$180.00		\$20.00	\$30.00	\$27.00	\$48.00
Average of others	\$268.29		\$120.85	\$218.4	\$76.08	\$54.33
Median of others	\$249.40					

Extinct Clubs

UBC	1994
Regina	2014
Simon Fraser	1990s
Calgary	2007
Carleton	2001
Montreal	2017
McMaster	Threat of closure
Manitoba	1990s



Giving Back

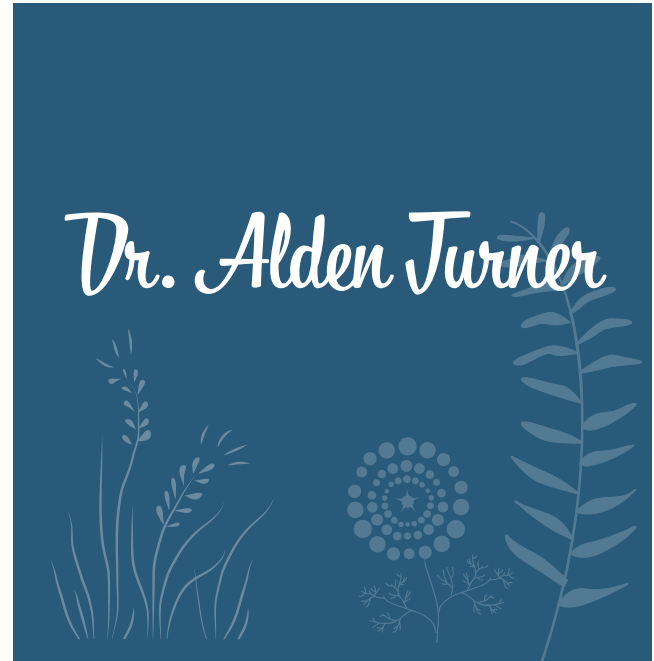
The Club is proud to support the campus community by contributing to the UWSA Food Bank, the campus United Way campaign, and the General Scholarship Fund. We recognize staff members by holding special "Thank You" days in honour of various service departments, and by hosting an annual Staff Appreciation week.



Did you know?

New members get a 50% discount on membership fees for their first year of membership!

In Memoriam



For many years, Alden taught a popular mini-enrichment course every spring: The Rhetoric of Rock. One of his students in that course wrote to me recently, shocked and saddened by the news of Alden's death. He told me he'd come to UW because of that class, which he took in Grade 11, and he wrote about Alden's vital influence on him, then as an undergraduate at UW. As much as Alden's friends and colleagues are deeply saddened by his untimely passing, my hope is that ultimately, his most profound and lasting effect will be on the more than two thousand students that he engaged with over the thirty-two years he was among us. Yes, he was a crucial figure in UWFA; in the English

Department and the faculty at large; and a treasured friend to many – intensely private as he could be. Few had Alden's burning passion for teaching – a passion that lit everything he said and did. Whether it was in the classroom; on Friday afternoons and evenings at the (then) Faculty Club; at Senate meetings; or in innumerable hallway encounters, Alden had a presence and intensity – inimitable, articulate, indomitable – that was impossible to ignore. He loved his students and he loved his work. He believed in the transformations that he tirelessly sponsored, and he stood, passionately, for hope and change. He will be dearly missed. *Neil Besner*



Odds and Ends



The pub is a lively place to meet for conversation and drinks, or to simply unwind and recharge after work. **Special Happy Hour** prices are in effect on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Fridays from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



If you are planning a holiday party for your department, you might want to consider the Club! You can book the space to hold your party, or make arrangements to have your party catered elsewhere on campus. Visit our website at uwinnipeg.ca/university-club/index.html to see our catering menu.



"Good soup is one of the prime ingredients of good living. For soup can do more to lift the spirits and stimulate the appetite than any other one dish." Louis P. De Gouy, *'The Soup Book'* (1949). There is nothing like a bowl of hot, home-made soup on a chilly Fall day. The Club features a Soup of the Day that is sure to nourish your soul.



"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolour, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all."
Stanley Horowitz

Upcoming Events

Our Hot Lunch Speakers' Series is among our most popular events. We hope you'll join us, and perhaps invite a colleague or two!



At noon on Thursday, October 25, 2018, the University Club will hold its 34th Hot Lunch Speakers' Series. The food is hot and cold, but the subjects are always HOT and CURRENT.

Dr. Rodney Clifton, Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Education, University of Manitoba, will take on the HOT subject

WHAT'S IN A SCHOOL'S NAME? THE NAMES GIVEN TO INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Rodney will speak from 12:30 to 1:00 pm. There will be a brief discussion following his talk. The session will end by 1:30, but you are welcome to stay for further exchange.

A Club subsidized, all inclusive ticket price of \$10.00 is available only to Club Members and their registered guests (including student guests). A full buffet lunch of soup, salad, sandwiches, dessert and coffee will be available by 12 noon.

Seating is limited to 24. Reservations must be made by **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23**. Please call (204) 774-8125, or email Tracey at t.hilderman@uwinnipeg.ca. Support from the University of Winnipeg is gratefully acknowledged.

Annual General Meeting



Annual General Meeting
Friday, October 26
Meeting starts at 4:45

Hot and cold appetizers will be served.
Happy Hour drink prices will be in effect.
See you there!



DATE	EVENT
OCTOBER	
Thursday, October 25, 12:00 - 1:30	Hot Lunch Speakers' Series
Friday, October 26 - 4:30	Annual General Meeting
NOVEMBER	
Friday, November 9, 4:30	Karaoke Marathon
Friday, November 23, 4:30 - 6:30	Beaujolais and Canapés
DECEMBER	
Friday, December 7, 4:00 - 7:00	End of Term Party
JANUARY	
Friday, January 11, 4:30 - 6:30	Trivia Pub Night
Monday to Friday, Jan 21 to 25	Open House - All week Membership drive
Friday, January 25, 4:30 - 7:30	Robbie Burns Night
FEBRUARY	
February, TBA	Dinner and Theatre Night
APRIL	
Friday, April 5, 4:00 - 7:00	End of Term Party



Six Reasons to Visit the Club

1

Our prices are among the most affordable for restaurants in the downtown area.

2

We offer Original 16 Craft Beer on tap! Happy Hour prices are in effect every Thursday and Friday.

3

The Club is a great place to have a coffee break with colleagues and friends. Refills are free!

4

Members are welcome to borrow books from the Nook in the Snug.

6

The dining room features weekly lunch specials including hot roast beef sandwiches, salmon burgers, specialty hamburgers, Reuben sandwiches, lasagna, and quiche.

5

Attending one of our special events is a great way to meet new people on campus.