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Notice of Annual General Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Day

Monday, May 4th, 2015, 1:30pm

Room 179, main floor, west wing

University College, University of Toronto

1:30pm	Business Meeting
2:00pm	Guest Speaker: TBA
2:45pm	Presentation of Volunteer Recognition Pins
3:00pm	Reception, Croft Chapter House

SHAW FESTIVAL 2015

The SAA is switching “bards” — from Shakespeare to George Bernard Shaw — as we head south to Niagara-on-the-Lake. This spring we see the Broadway-based musical *Sweet Charity* and in the fall we attend Shaw’s *Pygmalion*. We have two different venues for lunch (included) as well: the excellent Giardelli’s in the centre of town on Queen Street and the venerable Prince of Wales Hotel, a block from the main Festival stage. Registration forms for both trips are on the back page of this newsletter. We encourage you to sign up and

join us for a new experience and an enjoyable journey to SHAW.

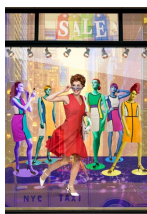
Wendy Talfourd-Jones, events chair

Sweet Charity

Play date: Tues., May 26, 2015

Application deadline: Thurs., May 1, 2015

This musical is set in an era new to the Shaw Festival — the 1960s. *Sweet Charity* is directed by Morris Panych with musical direction by Paul Sportelli and choreography by Parker Esse. Jackie Maxwell, artistic director of the Shaw Festival invites us to revel in the crazy energy and visual opportunities of this burgeoning period, exploiting the jazzy, funky ‘vibe’ that projects the story of our heroine, Charity Hope Valentine. Charity (played by Julie Martell), a ballroom dancer-for-hire in Times Square has a heart of gold and big dreams of a better life and romantic love. However, she is unlucky in love and always giving her heart to the wrong guys. When fate finds Charity stuck in an elevator with Oscar Linquist, a shy, meek tax accountant (portrayed by Kyle Blair), romance blossoms. Has Charity finally found love and a hopeful future? Originally directed and choreographed for Broadway in 1966 by Bob Fosse, and with music by Cy Coleman, lyrics by Dorothy Fields and book by Neil Simon, *Sweet Charity* boasts such show-stopping numbers as “Big Spender” and “If My Friends Could See Me Now” I remember seeing the movie with Shirley MacLaine as Charity but I’ve never seen the stage production. I personally am looking forward to it!



Pygmalion

Play date: Wed., September 30, 2015

Application deadline: Frid., September 4, 2015

Pygmalion is considered George Bernard Shaw’s most appealing and popular play and his most performed stage production. It is named after and inspired by a Greek mythological character, a sculptor, who falls in love with his sculpture of a beautiful woman, which then comes to life as ‘Galatea’. Eliza Doolittle (portrayed by Harveen Sandhu) is the Galatea, a Cockney flower girl in Covent Garden, who dreams of moving up in the world — to work in a proper flower shop. A chance encounter between Eliza, Henry Higgins (played by Patrick McManus), a professor of phonetics, and Colonel Pickering (Jeff Meadows), another phonetics devotee, inspires a bet between the two men. Higgins boasts he can transform the flower girl into passing as a Duchess at an upcoming society ball. As Shaw examines, with his trademark wit, issues of class and women’s independence, the play is a sharp lampoon of the rigid British class system of the day and a commentary on women’s emancipation. The last time this story was on Shaw’s Festival stage, it was as the musical *My Fair Lady*. Now, it will be interesting to see if the play, says directed by Peter Hinton, will maintain the integrity of G.B.S.’s ‘Galatea’ ending or not? Join us to find out!





Senior Alumni Volunteer Opportunities

One of our objectives is to provide opportunities for senior alumni to serve the University. We hope you will try one of these opportunities.

Volunteering at the University Health Network



Are you retired and/or looking to get involved in something meaningful? Come and volunteer with us at the University Health Network, where you can meet new friends and gain a different experience while making a positive difference in someone's life. We have a lot of opportunities in the areas of patient support, clinical support and administrative support across our hospital sites. In addition, we offer the following specialized programs:

Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP) - Volunteers' involvement allows elderly patients to stay physically and mentally active during their time at the hospital through activities, mobility exercises and communication with the healthcare team. This ensures patients receive the best care possible.

Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) - Volunteers assist patients as they transition through multiple points of the recovery after colorectal surgery.

Healing Beyond the Body (HBB) - Volunteers contribute to patient care by offering enhanced emotional support and system guidance at every stage of the cancer journey.

Contact Ivetka Vasil, 416 603-5800 ext. 2362 or visit:

http://www.uhn.ca/corporate/ways-help/Volunteering_UHN/Pages/default.aspx

University Health Network Research Volunteer Pool

More than half of us will be touched by disability, either personally or through someone in our family. You can help by joining the **Research Volunteer Pool** and participating in research at the Toronto Rehab-UHN. Our discoveries are helping speed up the return to home, work or school; allow people to live independently longer, significantly improve use of impaired limbs with new treatments and technologies, ensure that healthcare is delivered in the best way possible, and, prevent injury and illness.

If you enrol, a research staff member will contact you to get relevant information which is stored confidentially. When a specific study matches your profile, researchers will contact you. You can choose whether or not you want to participate. You will remain in the pool for other researchers to contact you again in the future.

There is a need right now for persons who have early dementia /early Alzheimer's / stroke / osteoarthritis and are otherwise healthy.

We are also trying out assistive technologies but there is no experimental drug administration involved.

• main website:

<http://www.torontorehabresearch.ca/>

• research progress and videos:

<http://www.torontorehabresearch.ca/index.php/innovation-impact/research-videos>

Remember, enrolment is completely voluntary. All UHN research studies have been reviewed to ensure they meet the highest scientific and ethical standards. Contact:

Maria Theresa N. Del Mundo
TRI - Patient Research Liaison
416-597-3422 ext 7840
tess.delmundo@uhn.ca



Events

Spring Reunion: May 27–May 31, 2015



It's U of T's annual alumni weekend held every spring at the University of Toronto. There are special events planned for honoured years, and this year, we're celebrating graduating classes with years ending in 0 or 5. But all U of T grads are invited back to school for the weekend. From exhibits and lectures to burgers and class dinners, you'll find an eclectic mix of fun and illuminating ways to spend your Spring Reunion weekend.

Online registration for events is now open. A comprehensive list of events is available on the Spring Reunion website:

springreunion.utoronto.ca

Walking Tour of King's College and Hart House Circles



Maureen Somerville will be leading another **free** walking tour, this time around King's College and Hart House Circles. The date is **Tuesday, May 12, and we will begin at 10:30 am, meeting at 21 King's College Circle — the J. Robert S. Pritchard Alumni House.** You don't have to register: just show up.

The two circles have buildings whose architecture and history are fascinating: University College, Hart House, Convocation and Simcoe Halls, and Knox College, to name a few. It should last no more than an hour, but we will be on foot most of that time, so wear comfortable shoes. I will plan to end the tour at the Arbor Room so we can refresh with a cup of coffee or tea and conversation at the end.

“Quotable Quotes”

Never interrupt someone doing something you said couldn't be done.

Amelia Earhart, aviator

President's Corner



I hope you were one of the lucky people who managed to escape this brutal winter for a while. I did, but am dismayed by the still cold days, although I am thankful for the sunny ones. A sure sign of spring are the Canadian Perspective series which begin on March 30. I'm already signed up and looking forward to seeing you there. The lineup of speakers and topics is, as usual, varied, with appeal across the spectrum thanks to Kristine Thompson and her committee.

Wendy Talfourd-Jones, events chair, planned a delightful event which I only managed to catch the end of on March 17. The Cakewalk was educational and entertaining. Bill Wrigley, the speaker, brought and played banjos and recordings of banjo players which showed the virtuosity and flexibility of the instrument. A cake and cupcakes, courtesy of Delmanor, ended the event deliciously. A future event is a walk around King's College and Hart House Circles on May 12. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter. The theatre trips this year are to Shaw, rather than Stratford. *Sweet Charity* was a Broadway smash in its day and later a movie starring Shirley MacLaine. *Pygmalion* is the basis for *My Fair Lady*, another theatre and film success. The details are also included in this newsletter. Wendy discussed this change with me, and we decided the offerings were fresher at Shaw this year.

I attended a Council of Presidents meeting in late February at which President Gertler spoke of his plans for the direction of the University. He is an urban geographer by specialty. We sit in the heart of a great city, but are not connected enough with it. To that end, he has been meeting with the presidents of York, Ryerson and OCAD Universities to discuss improving relations with the city. Mayor Tory has attended one meeting with them as well. With close to 80,000 students on three campuses for U of T, and probably over 100,000 in combination at the other three institutions, there is an impact on the GTA which needs to be examined, addressed and used to the benefit of the city and the universities. President Gertler also commented on the work of his predecessors in laying the foundations for the future of the University of Toronto. David Naylor and Robert Prichard in particular were farsighted in their visions.

Recently, we have lost two other presidents who were instrumental in guiding U of T forward. John Evans and George Connell deserve the praise they have recently received in obituaries. I was privileged to meet both at functions over the years and found them easy to talk to. Their presence will be missed.

I hope to see you at the lectures, at the Annual General Meeting on May 4 and at the walk on May 12. By then, we should be enjoying better weather and the promise of summer to come.

Maureen Somerville
president, SAA

We "took the cake"!



If you weren't there, you missed a really fun and entertaining event—"The Cakewalk" on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

Bill Wrigley, formerly with The Toronto Banjo Band, took us through the history of the various types of banjos and their specific forms of music. Banjo music spans from the 1890s to the 1940s and is a toe-tapping, hand-clapping and knee-slapping extravaganza. Bill even had us singing and dancing. Happy music!

We had excerpts from the 1920's jazz beat, Eddie Cantor, the *Beer Barrel Polka*, Dixieland's *Swanee* to examples of solo banjo virtuosity in *Mr. Sandman* and *Alabama Bound*. We learned there are four-stringed and five-stringed banjos. The four-stringed instruments perform the music of the Gay 90s, Jazz, the Roaring 20s and Dixieland music. These are not to be confused with five-string country or bluegrass instruments popular today. As well, we discovered that there are four types of four-string banjos: tenor, plectrum, Irish, and banjo-ukulele. Bill told us where the phrases "you take the cake" and "it's a cakewalk" originated.

After the presentation, we "cut the cake" and enjoyed the cake, cupcakes, and coffee provided. Our thanks to Bill Wrigley, to Woodsworth College for the use of the Waters' Lounge and to Delmanor for the cake and coffee.

Dinner With 12 Strangers

[We didn't have space for this article in the last issue of the SAA News so we're doing a little catch-up. — editor]



Maureen Somerville, the president of the SAA, hosted the SAA's 4th annual "Dinner With 12 Strangers" at her condominium conservatory the evening of November 7, 2014. It was a delicious

pot-luck event, with a number of our own executive attending. Although we didn't have a full complement of 12 students, it was a joy to meet the seven students who joined us – Sara, Charles, Ajit, Samira, Yi, Daren and Frank. Our guests were as diverse in their global backgrounds (China, Latvia, Malaysia and even Alberta!) as were their studies (nursing, business, languages, environmental studies) and ranged from first year to graduate years.

The interaction between our alumni and the students, as well as student-to-student, was vibrant, informative and lots of fun. We enjoyed the evening immensely, and we have heard back that the students really did as well. What a wonderful way to meet our U of T students.

If you are interested in hosting a "Dinner With 12 Strangers" yourself, contact Alumni Relations at 416-978-3329 or email dinnerwith12@alumni.utoronto.ca.

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Application for Shaw's Sweet Charity

Cost: \$149.00 per person

The cost includes taxes. You will receive a receipt. Make your cheque payable to **Mary Morton Tours**. Complete the form below and mail *directly* to:

Mary Morton Tours
11316 Petty Street
Ailsa Craig, Ontario N0M 1A0

Deadline: Thursday, May 1, 2015

Date of Trip: Tuesday, May 26, 2015

Be at 50 Carlton St. (Loblaws entrance of the old Maple Leaf Gardens, east of Yonge St.) by **9:00 a.m. for a 9:15 a.m. departure**. If you wish to be picked up at the Islington Subway Station, please be there by 9:30 a.m. for a 9:45 a.m. departure. The bus pick up is on the east side of Islington Ave., by the phone booth.

Trip Details:

Lunch will be at Giardino's on Queen Street in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Wine, etc., are available, but are not included in the cost. We will arrive in time for lunch and the 2:00 p.m. matinee of the play.

Return:

We will arrive back in Toronto on Carlton at about 7:15 p.m.



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Trip Details:

Lunch will be at the Prince of Wales Hotel in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Wine, etc., are available, but are not included in the cost. We will arrive in time for lunch and the 2:00 p.m. matinee of the play.

Return:

We will arrive back in Toronto on Carlton at about 7:15 p.m.

University of Toronto Senior Alumni Association Sweet Charity — Tuesday, May 26, 2015

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

COST: \$149.00 per person

PAYMENT: Make cheque payable to Mary Morton Tours

BUS PICKUP: ☐ Carlton St. ☐ Islington Ave.

LUNCH: ☐ rainbow trout
☐ chicken parmesan

Indicate any dietary restrictions below

REMEMBER: Complete this form and send it to Mary Morton Tours along with your cheque to the above address.

University of Toronto Senior Alumni Association Pygmalion — Wednesday September 30, 2015

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

COST: \$150.00 per person

PAYMENT: Make cheque payable to Mary Morton Tours

BUS PICKUP: ☐ Carlton St. ☐ Islington Ave.

LUNCH: ☐ chicken provençal
☐ fire-roasted pork loin cutlet

Indicate any dietary restrictions below

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