



2017-2018 Annual General Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Day

The University of Toronto Senior Alumni Association held its AGM and Volunteer Recognition Day and Reception on Monday, May 7th at a new location this year – The William Waters Lounge in the Woodsworth College student residence at the corner of Bloor and St. George Streets. And, unlike last year’s meeting, this year the weather was wonderful – not the cold, sleety rain we experienced last May! The turnout of our membership was excellent – a full house! – which perhaps resulted from the combination of location (very close to the TTC) and good weather and, we hope, the interest of our members.

During a fairly brief business meeting, our members received reports from our president, Ihor Prociuk, our treasurer, Anna Kennedy, the 2017 AGM minutes from our secretary, Danuta Smith and the year’s report from our planning chair, Gloria Buckley. The members then endorsed and approved the executive slate for the 2018-2019 year (see below and on the right) put forward by previous past-president of the SAA, Wendy Talfourd-Jones (on behalf of current past-president, Maureen Somerville).

After the close of the business meeting, six of our SAA volunteers were presented with one-year service pins: Mary Lou King, Catherine Lowes (Ross), Elzbieta Muir, Elizabeth O’Brien, Cindy Smith, Jennifer Wentworth. Two volunteers received five-year service pins: Ruth Cameron and Ken Ward. A presentation was made to Julia Antonoff for ten years of volunteer service. Mary Vohryzek was also recognized for her many years of service on the SAA executive as co-chair of the SA volunteers committee.



Jennifer Grange of the Canadian Perspectives ‘team’ introduced our guest speaker, Professor Phil Triadafilopoulos. Professor Triadafilopoulos spoke to us on the “*Past, Present and Future of Multiculturalism in Canada*”, which was well-received by our members, and brought forth many hard-to-answer questions and conundrums.

Following Professor Triadafilopoulos’ presentation and the subsequent lively question and answer session, our members retired to the reception and partook of a delectable array of goodies and coffee and tea.

We hope to see a full house next May at our 2019 AGM and Volunteer Recognition Day.

Wendy Talfourd-Jones, events chair

2018-2019 SAA Executive

President	Ihor Prociuk
Vice President	TBA
Past President	Maureen Somerville
Treasurer	Anna Kennedy
Assistant Treasurer	Ruth Cameron
Secretary	Danuta Smith
Assistant Secretary	Beverley Coburn
Member-at-Large	Jennifer Grange

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Committees of the Executive

Communications Chair and Newsletter Editor	Ihor Prociuk
Assistant Newsletter Editor	Maureen Somerville
Events Chair	Wendy Talfourd-Jones
Assistant Events Chair	Irene Devlin
Planning Chair	Gloria Buckley
SA Volunteers Co-Chairs	Joann Rossiter Beverley Coburn
Historian/Archivist	Wendy Talfourd-Jones
Assistant Historian	Irene Devlin

Canadian Perspectives Lecture Series (CPLS)

Co-Chairs	Maureen Somerville, Brian Yawney
Members	Dagmar Falkenberg, Jennifer Grange, Kristine Thompson, Kathlene Willing

Dinner With (about) 12 Strangers



On Tuesday, March 20, 2018, the executive of the SAA entertained several students at dinner. We used the church hall at St. Thomas’s Anglican Church on Huron Street as our venue, due to its proximity to the St. George Campus. Although not all of the students that we were expecting showed, we certainly enjoyed learning about and chatting to those who did arrive. They ranged from undergraduate to graduate. There was a buffet table loaded with dishes prepared by or brought by the SAA members. Vegetarian food was included, and there was a lovely array of salads to go with chicken and chill con carne.

The SAA executive has been hosting a Dinner with Twelve Strangers for six years now, and we agree it is a very worthwhile event to host. We learn about the current students and the courses they are pursuing, some which did not even exist when the seniors were students. I encourage members of the alumni, senior and otherwise, to consider hosting a dinner. The SAA did it as a group, but many individuals have hosted over the years as well. You can do home cooking, or treat to a restaurant or pizza. You can get the contact information from Olga, our administrative assistant.

*Maureen Somerville,
past-president, SAA*



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.

University Health Network Volunteer Opportunities



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Are you retired and/or looking to get involved in something meaningful? Come and volunteer with us at 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, clinic or unit support, waiting room support or administrative support across our hospital sites. The programs we would like to highlight are:

- **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.
- **Engage Program/Creative Arts Program** – Volunteers engage patients through music, art, or crafts primarily in inpatient units. Typically, we are looking for volunteers who play the guitar, flute, violin, erhu, banjo, bandura, clarinet, keyboards and piano, and volunteers who enjoy drawing and sketching or doing crafts such as origami with patients.
- **Waiting Room Program** – Volunteers liaise between families and friends of patients, and the clinical staff. They provide friendly and compassionate support and general assistance to family and friends of patients in waiting rooms, keep staff informed of any questions or concerns of visitors and assist them administratively.
- **Navigator Program** – In their role as Navigators, volunteers are situated at information desks, at entry points of the hospital or near elevators. From there, they greet, direct and escort patients, families, and visitors to different areas of the hospital; ambulatory clinics, inpatient units, waiting rooms or to administrative areas.
- **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.
- **Inpatient Visiting Program** – Volunteers provide emotional support to patients and their family members in inpatient units, listening to them, engaging them in conversation, games or other activities, reading to them or providing them with reading material.

Contact Ivetka Vasil, 416-603-5800 ext. 2362

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



**Are you
55-80?**

The University of Toronto's Psychology Department is looking for volunteers to participate in a variety of aging studies.

To volunteer, you must have at least a grade 11 education and be fluent in English. Participants are paid \$18 per hour.

Contact us for details

Phone: (416) 978-0905 E-mail: adultpool@psych.utoronto.ca

<http://www.psych.utoronto.ca/users/adultpool/>



... More Volunteer Opportunities

Community Representative on U of T Animal Care Committees

The University of Toronto upholds the highest ethical standards for animal research. All research must undergo rigorous review by animal care committees, which are made up of members of both the University community and the community at large. The University is currently seeking volunteers for the position of community representative on several animal care committees across the three campuses. Interested candidates should have: no current formal affiliation with the University, good communication skills, be comfortable with the use of technology and have access to a computer and internet, compassion for living beings, and a commitment to contribute to the advancement of research at U of T. We encourage interested alumni to consider serving as volunteer community representatives. Meetings occur monthly for 2-3 hours and an additional 5-10 hours a month are required to review and comment on protocols.

For more information, please contact:

Dr. Jennifer Lapierre

Animal Ethics and Compliance Manager

416-946-3608 or jenn.lapierre@utoronto.ca



Participate in a simulated driving experiment aimed at improving road safety!



The goal of this study is to examine whether younger and older drivers differ in terms of their ability to make safe and accurate judgments under more versus less demanding driving conditions. **We are looking for healthy adult volunteers between the ages of 20-35 or 65+ to participate in a research study.** You will be asked to complete a driving task in a driving simulator at Toronto Rehab.

To learn more or participate, please contact:

Katherine Bak

E-mail: Katherine.Bak@uhn.ca

Phone: (416) 597-3422 x 7803

“Quotable Quotes”

Never measure the height of a mountain until you have reached the top. Then you will see how low it was.

Dag Hammarskjold, diplomat

It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all -- in which case, you fail by default.

J.K. Rowling, writer

President's Corner



Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a great summer. It certainly was a hot and wet one.

The September / October issue of the *SAA News* is always a bit of a 'catch-up' issue. The front page has a report on our AGM and volunteer recognition awards ceremony held back in May and a Dinner with 12 Strangers we sponsored back in March. The SAA helped out at the Alumni Reunion this past June (see photos below) and there's a report by our Event Chair from the trip to Stratford (see page 4).

I hope that you've registered for our Canadian Perspectives (CP) lecture series. I'm beginning to run out of superlatives but the CP committee has put together an outstanding series of lecture topics and lecturers. You can register online and pay with your credit card.

Ihor Prociuk, president, SAA
ihor.prociuk@utoronto.ca



Senior Alumni Association Canadian Perspectives Lecture Series

For more than 40 years, the Senior Alumni Association (SAA) has been offering insightful lectures to alumni and friends of U of T through its Canadian Perspectives Lecture Series. The lectures are open to everyone from new graduates to seniors, and to alumni and non-alumni. Lectures are held at the Carlton Cinema, 20 Carlton St. Toronto, ON (Escalator to street level from College Park Building on Yonge subway line.)

Each series is \$75 or you can attend individual lectures for \$15.

Wednesdays, 10 am–12 pm

October 10

Is Canada a Nation or a Notion?

Professor Mark Kingwell, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto

October 17

Designing, Approving and Building in Toronto's Tall Tower Context

David Pontarini, Founding Partner, Hariri Pontarini Architects

October 24

Microplastic Pollution

Professor Chelsea Rochman, Assistant Professor, Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, University of Toronto

October 31

How Canadians are Conquering the Ballet World

Katherine Barber, Author; Founding Editor, Canadian Oxford Dictionary

November 7

De Monstris at Fisher Library

David Fernandez, Rare Book Librarian, Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto Libraries

November 14

Frozen Dreams: Dead Reckoning in the Northwest Passage

Ken McCoogan, Author

November 21

Optimizing Learning and Memory as We Age

Dr. Andrée-Ann Cyr, Researcher Glendon Cognitive Health Centre, York University

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Mondays, 1 pm–3 pm

October 15

Ontario Municipal Board

Ian Flett, Lawyer, Eric K. Gillespie Professional Corporation
Barristers & Solicitors

October 22

Colonial Toronto on a Dangerous Frontier: 1793 – 1841

Professor Carl Benn, Department of History, Ryerson University

October 29

Safer Cities

Dr. Allan Bonner, President, Allan Bonner Communications
Management Inc.

November 5

Stratford and Shaw: The 2018 Seasons in Review

Lynn Slotkin, Theatre Critic; Editor, The Slotkin Letter

November 12

Sleep: The Final Frontier

Dr. Christopher Li, Respiriologist and Sleep Disorders Specialist,
St. Michael's Hospital

November 19

Canadian Mental Health Policy

Steve Lurie, Executive Director, CMHA Toronto

November 26

1,500 Years of Faith at the Syrian Monastery of St. Moses

Dr. Robert B. J. Mason, Archaeological Scientist, Royal Ontario
Museum; Associate Professor, Dept. of Near & Middle Eastern
Civilizations, U of T

Lecture topics and speakers are subject to change. Visit our website for updates — uoft.me/saacp

SAA at Alumni Reunion

Alumni Reunion is the University's largest alumni gathering of the year. Every year around the end of May and beginning of June, all alumni are invited to come to the campus for a weekend of informative lectures, fun family events, class dinners, and to reconnect with classmates. There are more than 130 events to choose from. A huge tent is set up on the front campus and, after the UofT Alumni Association AGM, everyone is invited to a free BBQ!

The SAA has an information table staffed by our volunteers and members of our executive. We help direct those attending the reunion to various events and invite them to join the SAA and participate in our lecture series and volunteer activities. The event is very casual and it's always fun talking with alumni.



Joann Rossitter, co-chair of our volunteer committee (left) enjoys a cool orange juice and Wendy Talfourd-Jones, our historian and archivist (centre), chats with Daphne Tao, Manager, Alumni Travel.



An ideal day for Oscar Wilde's "The Ideal Husband"!

Brad Hodder as Lord Goring
in *An Ideal Husband*

On June 12th, 2018, yet again some members of the Senior Alumni Association joined the Mary Morton bus trip to Stratford to see Oscar Wilde's "*The Ideal Husband*" at the Avon Theatre. And as last year, it was a beautiful sunny day and the lunch at the Puddicombe House in New Hamburg was excellent, both in food and service.

Wilde's comedic and satirical stage play about English Victorian society and political corruption was extremely well-produced by the Stratford Company. The sets and costumes were magnificent as is often usual for Stratford productions. The set changes alone were entertaining and mesmerizing to behold as the cast members themselves were choreographed to make the set and props changes while the curtain was up. The flow of the action was seamless throughout the play. The direction of the players was excellent and the cast in most cases well up to the task of performing Oscar Wilde's work.

The play length was longer than most Stratford plays, but the bus left promptly and made very good time back to Toronto. We didn't take a survey, but from the conversations over heard on the bus home, the production was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

As a reminder, our second trip of the year to Stratford is this fall on Tuesday, October 23rd. The play is Shakespeare's "*The Tempest*" starring the great Canadian actress Martha Henry in the role of Prospero. With a female Prospero, it should prove most interesting! Although the deadline to book for registration with Mary Morton will have just passed by the time this newsletter is published, do phone Mary Morton's office at 416-488-2674 if you would like to join the trip and see if they have a ticket or two still available.

Wendy Talfourd-Jones
events chair



There is no doubt about it: the University of Toronto Faculty Club has the most elegant dining rooms on the campus! Just one look inside the recently renovated Wedgwood Blue Room is enough to convince you to become a member (see photo at right). But there are many other benefits of membership.

Many people are of the impression that you have to be a faculty member of UofT to join the Faculty Club but this is not the case. Membership is open to staff, alumni, graduate students and the community.

A Brief History

When you know the history of the Faculty Club, you'll also understand how many of the streets around the University got their names.

The Faculty Club sits on land granted to William Willcocks after his arrival from Ireland in the early 1790's. It was bestowed to his son-in-law Dr. William Warren Baldwin after his marriage

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to Margaret Phoebe Willcocks in 1903. Dr. Baldwin and his son Robert were the principal architects of responsible government in Canada as it evolved from colony to nation in the late 1840's. There is a Baldwin Street just south of College Street.

By 1818, Willcocks had built a country house called Spadina (Ojibway for 'high place') east of where Casa Loma currently sits. From there to Queen Street, he designed a road that featured a fine English country garden, now known as 1 Spadina Crescent. Just north of this circle was a connecting street he named 'Willcocks' in honour of his wife and her lineage.

Sir Adam Wilson, who was partner in the law firm of Robert Baldwin, lived at 41 Willcocks Street (the actual street address of the Faculty Club) with his wife Emma in the 1880's. Wilson would become a provincial cabinet minister. The house was sold to Elizabeth Prudence Campbell in July 1888 and she lived there until her death in 1916. The property was then sold to 'The Primrose Club' in October 1919.

The Primrose Club was a private meeting place for Jewish professional men. Prominent Jewish architects Benjamin Brown and Arthur W. McConnell redesigned 41 Willcocks by merging it with 37-39 to create the current Georgian Revival-style building.

The University of Toronto acquired the building for its new Faculty Club in 1959. German scholar Barker Fairley and his wife Margaret made a donation of an impressive collection of Group of Seven works (seen in the Fairley Lounge) on the condition that it welcome both male and female members (whose clubs had been meeting in separate locations previously)



The Wedgwood Blue Room in the University of Toronto Faculty Club

Membership and Benefits

Becoming a member of the Faculty Club is easy. Simply complete the form on their website:

<http://www.facultyclub.utoronto.ca/Membership/Membership-Application-Online>

Additional Benefits

- Discount spousal membership
- Nine rooms of various sizes (from 150 to 8) that can be reserved for conferences, private parties, dances, and weddings, meetings, memorials, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, etc.
- In-house sommelier
- Wedding planner/organizer
- Etiquette & protocol consultant
- Discount rates for local B&B, and hotel
- Reciprocity with over 300 clubs internationally
- Free wireless service
- Loyalty points collection

For a more casual atmosphere, try The Pub for lunch, a light snack, or dinner.

For more information, contact the Faculty Club:

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