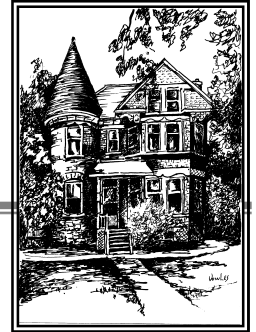


Queen's Women's Association Newsletter



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President's Message

Welcome to the Queen's
Women's Association!

2019 has been a momentous year for QWA. Elizabeth Wallace, wife of Principal Robert Wallace, established this wonderful organization in January 1939. This year we celebrated our 80th Anniversary.

I would like to welcome all new and returning members. Many opportunities and activities will help you become involved in our vibrant organization. Interest Groups and Events provide us all with opportunities to participate and learn and enable us to connect with old friends and make new ones. Our Interest Group Coordinators work to ensure that your experience will be an enjoyable one. I wish to thank them as well as the committed women of the Executive Committee for their dedication and hard work. Many thanks also to members who step up to assist, when they can.

The QWA contributes significantly and positively to the Queen's community. We support four student awards and bursaries, in the names of past Honorary Presidents of QWA. We encourage individual members and Interest Groups to contribute. The Queen's Food Bank opens its doors to financially disadvantaged students. Please, continue to support this

worthy cause by donating non-perishable items. We are perhaps best known for "Cooking with Grammas". This interest group teaches students, in a fun setting, how to cook economical and nutritious meals.

In May 2020 we will move to new quarters on campus. The Queen's Provost has made assurances that a suitable new home will be provided for QWA. Our requirements have been identified and communicated to the Provost representatives. I will provide updates as the process unfolds.

I hope that you will use this last year of QWA in 144 Albert to take advantage of our wonderful programs and to meet the talented women who make up this organization.

Valerie A. Klassen

Calendar of Events

Fall GM & Luncheon

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

**Speaker: Mara Shaw, Executive
Director, Loving Spoonful**

Spring GM & Luncheon

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Venues: Donald Gordon
Conference Centre

Executive Committee

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Events Coordinator needed! QWA Executive is looking for a member who will coordinate the April AGM and luncheon. Interested parties (one or two co-coordinators) should contact Ruth Rees at ruth.rees@queensu.ca ASAP!

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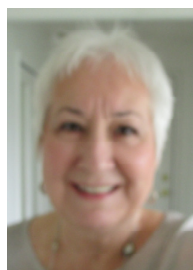
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Interest Groups



Fifteen healthy and thriving Interest Groups are under way this year. Most of them have already held their first meeting. There are several new convenors.

Lorraine Watson heads the Book Exchange Group, Marion Bot and Mary-Jean McIntyre the Bridge with Coaching, Jane Verner the Buffet Dinner with Guest, Valerie Colgan the Film/Theatre Group and Sheila Deane the Walking Group.

Those continuing to lead groups are Liz Harrison (Book Discussion), Cheryl Walker (Intermediate and Advanced Bridge). Sue Blay (Bridge: Social Duplicate), Sheila McDonell (Canada Reads), Leslie Comfort (Cooking with Grammas), Lynne Kenny (le Cercle Français), Rosalie Wintle (Genealogy), Bess MacMaster (The Investors' Circle) Ann Levison (Scribblers' Writing Group) and Louise Brown (Theme Luncheon)

Book Exchange

The Book Exchange is scheduled to start this year on Thursday October 10th barring any unforeseen complications with our book order. We have finalized the group's membership at 60 which means that there will be ten books on the reading list. I invite expressions of interest in the group for future reference.

I want to express my gratitude to Gayle Owen who lead the group for the past few years. She did an amazing job as coordinator and I want to thank her as well for

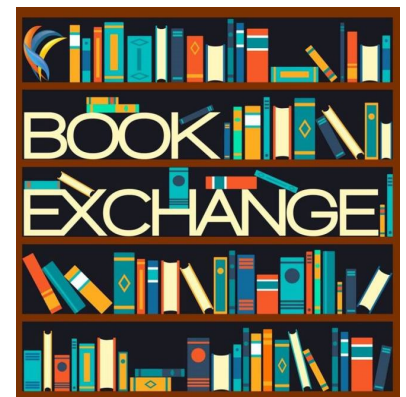
On behalf of all QWA members, I would like to thank them and their seconds in command, as well as remembering and appreciating the commitment made by all convenors throughout the long history of our Association.

The Stitch and Chat group is in abeyance until there is a convener. Any QWA member who would like to volunteer for this position would be warmly welcomed and well supported.

Of course, ideas for new groups are always welcome and they can be launched any time during the year. Please, contact me at ailizharrison@gmail.com if you have an interest, skill or hobby you would like to share with others.

Liz Harrison,

Vice President Interest Groups



her guidance as I embark on this journey as Coordinator.

Many thanks to Claire Shragge who has again volunteered to share her expertise to organize the exchange groups geographically as best as possible This is an enormous task and very time consuming.

Christine Watson and her spouse are also owed our appreciation again, for preparing the books for the exchange groups by cutting and pasting the book list with the list of exchange partners and dates into each

of the books in readiness for the start date.

As well, kudos to Leslie Benecki, Millie Morton and Maja-Lisa Thompson for being diligent “readers and book reviewers” for this year’s Exchange. In addition, many thanks are owed to Christine Watson and Kathy Burbank who very kindly offered their experienced insights, assessments and guidance for our final list.

While the books in the final list may not all be to all our members taste, I sincerely hope each member will gain insight into some issues and enjoyment with the diverse choices. It is my hope that the Book Exchange Interest Group will benefit for future planning with constructive criticism as well as positive comments for the choices this year.

Lorraine Watson, Coordinator

A Bit of History: Who Are We?

The Faculty Women’s Club (FWC) was established in 1939 by Mrs. Elizabeth Wallace, wife of Queen’s Principal Wallace. During the early years, with 300 faculty, mostly men, and 3,000 students, the FWC was established to introduce faculty wives to Queen’s and Kingston. Membership was limited to those whose husbands held positions as Assistant Professors or more senior levels. Single women members were Deans or Professional librarians. There was often a waiting list for membership as the FWC met at several small locations on campus. The FWC also invited spouses from another degree-granting institution in Kingston – the Royal Military College – to become members.

By the 1970s, universities across Canada were expanding as the baby boom generation moved into post-secondary age. Many new faculty members were hired from

elsewhere in Canada and abroad. In 1969 the university gave 144 Albert St to the FWC for its use. Boucher House, as it is known, was originally donated to the university by Mrs. Wallace and used as a student residence

During the past 50 years, there have been many changes at Queen’s. The university has established research and teaching centres, hired teaching adjuncts and researchers as term appointees. Many of our members joined the faculty or held administrative positions at Queen’s or its affiliates.

To accommodate these new realities, the Faculty Women’s Club became the Queen’s Women’s Association in 2001. The QWA recognized the changing times and although the wording seems complex, the Membership Eligibility reflects the current realities.

**Mary Zureik,
Archivist**

Queen's Women's Association
80th Birthday Party
April 30, 2019

QWA was founded in 1939 by Elizabeth Wallace, the wife of Robert Wallace, the 11th Principal of Queen's University.

To celebrate QWA's 80th birthday and to honour our founder, a birthday party was held on April 30, 2019 at QWA's home at 144 Albert St. with a full house of 35 attendees.

MC, Donna Watts, introduced our honoured guest, Shirley Brooks-Purkis, a member since 1941, who told us she is 99 years young. Shirley gave a wonderful and informative talk about how QWA was then and how it has evolved to what it is today.

Shirley Purkis cut the cake accompanied by a rousing rendition of Happy 80th Birthday QWA. Our President, Valerie Klassen, presented a gift of \$5000.00 from QWA to be added to the Elizabeth Wallace Bursary. This bursary is awarded to a mature woman student in need, returning to study at Queen's. An additional \$380.00 surplus from the event was also added to the bursary.

Tea, coffee, fancy sandwiches birthday cake and ice cream were served.

A history of the Association was also given and guests shared their memories and

stories, often humorous. To quote a member's comments; "These stories were examples of mutual support when life wasn't easy, women sharing time and skills, action on matters to advance the needs of women in the University and were exemplars of lived experience. Their remarks and stories were much more than the history of the organization. They are the values and attitudes of women and activities which are the essence of QWA".

With Shirley's permission I wish to share with you the beautiful thank you note she sent me.

"It was a truly delightful and memorable afternoon celebrating the 80th birthday of Mrs. Wallace's dream – a lovely haven where Queen's -minded women could seek solace. Thank you for continuing this legacy. Shirley Brooks -Purkis."

Bess MacMaster, coordinator of the event, wishes to thank her wonderful team who donated their time, fancy sandwiches, flower arranging and expertise. They were Melba Matthews, Doreen Morrison, Elaine Forshaw, Sue Kilpatrick, Jean Alexander, Donna Watts, Ann Levison and Valerie Klassen.

Submitted by Bess MacMaster



**Shirley
Brooks-
Purkis,
cutting
the cake.**



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Faith and Spiritual Life

MONTHLY GATHERINGS

Oct. 9
Nov. 13
Dec. 4

Add fun, food and friendly grammas to university life

Cooking *with* Grammas

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 PM

Share a 3-course home-cooked meal with Grammas from the Queen's Women's Association and students from across the university and around the world.

\$5/meal — Subsidies available

Registration Required

by noon on the Monday prior to the gathering

RSVP: wlp1@queensu.ca

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Facility Bookings

Planning a party, a family event or special departmental function of up to 60 people?

Consider using 144 Albert Street. One person in the group using the facility for an event must be a current member of the QWA and take responsibility for the event. The cost per function is \$4.00 for each person attending. *Full details from*

Anita Krebs 546-4887 anitak@cogeco.ca

Stephanie Frances Deutsch

(nee Heagerty) passed away quickly and peacefully at St. Mary's Hospital in Kitchener on Tuesday, July 16th in her 102nd year. Beloved wife of the late John James Deutsch, former Principal of Queen's University. Predeceased by her brother John Heagerty of Montreal. Stephanie was born in Saint John, New Brunswick to the late Eleanor (Donnelly) and Dr. John Heagerty.

She will be greatly missed by her daughter, Mary Elizabeth and her three grandchildren Erin, Marianne and Jennifer McLeish. She was loved by her great grandchildren Ellie, Jamieson, Mira, Mark and twins Enya and Elian.

Stephanie was raised primarily in Ottawa and graduated from Glebe Collegiate in 1933 at the age of 16. She finished a B. Comm. degree from McGill University in 1937 and then worked for the Bank of Canada for a number of years where she met her husband. They moved to Vancouver in 1956 where she did the accounts for the UBC Faculty Club. They came to Kingston briefly and then back to Ottawa for 4 years before finally returning to Kingston in 1969.



After her husband passed away, Stephanie enjoyed auditing classes, book clubs, French groups, bridge, golf, swimming and participated in the Women's Faculty Club (Honorary President) and Women's University Club. She also received a plaque for 25 years of volunteering at the Kingston General Hospital. Stephanie loved art and music and played the piano at the grade 10 level in to her 90's.



John James Deutsch,

February 26, 1911 – March 18, 1976

Principal of Queen's University 1968 – 1974

Hi! I'm Linda Kenney and I've been asked by the family to say a few words about Stephanie.

My husband, Joe, and I knew her a little, years ago. She was probably in her sixties. At that time, the Deutschs had a cottage on the Rideau and they would occasionally come to our resort at Jones Falls for a meal, sometimes bringing friends. We'd graduated from Queen's a few years earlier and were thrilled to have the principal and family drop by. Often, they would stop by the front desk for a chat and we found them delightful. For six months each year, a chat over the desk was our chief socialization. Later, Stephanie was a widow and then, with her failing eyesight limiting her driving, she sold the cottage and we lost track of her.

1) We were Dummy & East

Years later, after moving from the country to Kingston I started learning Bridge and joined Queen's Women's Association (initially to meet Bridge players!). There, I bumped into that wonderful lady again. At this point she was in her 90's, everyone's favourite senior and a fun Bridge partner.

She always chose to sit in the east position so that the western sun would help her to see! She recognized me and welcomed me, directing me to take the seat across from her (west).

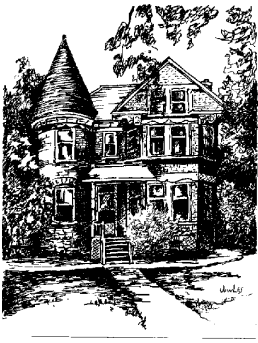
I would enjoy her crusty, critical comments and watch as dummy while she would repeatedly bid game with very little in her hand and be barely able to see the little I had to support her across the table in dummy. More often than not, as I watched horrified at her reckless bidding, she would make the contract! Later, I'd drive her home and go in for tea which gave me time to hear her stories and see her mementos and treasures!

Thank you for letting me share some of my Stephanie stories! I'm sure we all have oodles of them!

The remainder of Linda's story can be found pinned to the bulletin board in the foyer at 144 Albert Street.



Linda Kenney



**QWA Fall
General Meeting
and Luncheon**

Queen's Women's Association
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**Donald Gordon Centre
Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019
11:30 Registration and Cash bar
12:00 Luncheon
General Meeting to Follow**

Luncheon Reservation Due: Tuesday October 15, 2019
Payment must be received by the 15th, we have to pay in advance.
Cost: \$35.00 - cheque payable to QWA with form

**Speaker: Mara Shaw
Executive Director, Loving Spoonful**

Menu

Soup and rolls

Chicken Supreme or Vegetarian Strudel

Dessert

Coffee, Decaf, Tea

Chicken or Vegetarian Please circle one choice

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Guest name, if applicable, with food choice _____

Dietary Restrictions
