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The Annual Dinner was held on 20th September



The Annual Dinner was a well-attended event this year in the lovely surroundings of the Caledonian Club. Sir Robin Murray proved to be a very accomplished and entertaining speaker.

Our President, Marlene was pleased that so many young members joined us and later expressed their appreciation and enjoyment of the event.



The striking décor of the room seems to have had a detrimental effect on these photographs but at least the smiling faces are still evident.



Lunch and Annual General Meeting 11th November 2023

Buffet lunch

Venue: St. Columba's Church of Scotland,
Pont Street, Knightsbridge SW1X 0BD

Date: Saturday 11th November 2023 Time: 12.30pm for 1.00pm

Price: £24.00 per person

Closing date: Friday 3rd November 2023

Contact on the day: Marjory Montgomerie 07768 895839

Please email me to reserve your place cblack@compartuk.co.uk

Payment Bank account name: Glasgow University Womens Club London
Sort Code: 09 01 51 Account number: 69548309

By post Cheque made payable to Glasgow University Womens Club
London with your name on the back to:
Cathy Black, 23 Battlefield Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 4DA

**Please note that for those members who do not have a standing order,
2023/24 subs and lunch payment can be made together.**



The Annual General Meeting of the Glasgow University Women's Club (London) will take place on Saturday 11th November 2023 at 2.00pm

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last AGM Proposer and Seconder
2. Any matters arising
3. President's report
4. Treasurer's report Proposer and Seconder
5. Events Secretary's report
6. Membership Secretary's report
7. Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 2023-2024

President and Catering Organiser	Marjorie Montgomerie
President Elect	Vacant
Past President	Marlene Terry
Treasurer	Margaret Henderson
Events Secretary	Cathy Black
Membership Secretary	Marjorie Bremner
General Committee member	Sarah Lawson
General Committee member	Vacant

8. Future programme
9. AOB

Marlene Terry
President



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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GLASGOW UNIVERSITY
WOMEN'S CLUB (LONDON) HELD 19 NOVEMBER 2022

The President, Tina Tamman, was in the chair. 19 members attended.

1. The minutes of the last AGM were approved. There were 13 apologies for absence.

Proposer: Jan Coughtrie
Seconder: Anne O'Hagan

- 2 Matters arising**

None

- 3 President's Report**

Tina reported that she took over from our previous president, Sarah Lawson in February 2022 as she was not able to attend the AGM in November 2019. However, she did expend quite a lot of energy organising the President's Tea Party, coming to London from Reading to look at potential venues. That was in December and there was talk of another Covid lockdown so it was very important to ensure that a refund would be given if there was indeed another lockdown and the Tea Party had to be cancelled. The manager of the nicest venue on her list, The Merton Hotel, assured her that a refund would be made in those circumstances and he did not insist on a deposit. Twenty members put their names down for the event of 5th February but on the day 18 members attended. Tina was pleased that several members thanked her afterwards for finding the place, at reasonable cost, which they would revisit.

One of the members, Marjorie Bremner, has a dietary requirement. Tina was keen to ensure that her needs would be dealt with properly. The meal provided on the day was so impressive in terms of content and presentation that Tina was delighted and took a photograph of it.

Spring Lunch took place at St Columba's church on 23rd April. Although 16 people signed up, only 13 attended on the day. Leonard, the caterer provided his usual cold buffet with strawberries and cream to finish. There were two speakers from our own ranks: Liliias Gillies who talked about her involvement with Wandsworth Older People's Forum and Trish Thomson, a magistrate for years, talked about the rules and her own experience. Both speakers were excellent and inspiring, but it was a pity there were so few listeners.

Tina was also concerned about the number of members who would attend the Annual Dinner out of a total membership of 70 and what size of venue she should be looking for. One of our committee members, Carolina Valiente, working in Central London offered to provide assistance. She composed a letter stating what we wanted and sent it to potential candidates. Unfortunately, no suitable responses were received. However, Tina found a suitable venue – The Old Bank of England – which was willing to host the Club at very reasonable terms. On the evening of 28th June, 29

members and guests attended. Our speaker was one of Tina's BBC colleagues, Charles Haviland, who formerly reported from several South East Asian countries, now working in the newsroom in Broadcasting House. It was worrying when he admitted that this was his first after-dinner speech but he did very well and kept everyone interested and amused.

Only two weeks later, one of our long-standing members, Mae Purser, sadly died suddenly, which was a big shock since she had been in such good form at the Annual Dinner. Some members wrote to share their sadness, and several attended her funeral.

The September outing was the first time the club had run a mid-week event, a guided tour of the Wallace Collection followed by a visit to the museum café. It was a most enjoyable event, attended by thirteen members.

Tina reported that her year as President had made her very much aware how fragmented and therefore vulnerable the members are. For example, if someone booked but failed to turn up to an event there is no mechanism to contact that person immediately. There is a database with addresses and telephone numbers which the next president intends to use to breathe new life into the club. Committee meetings will be held 'in person' rather than on Zoom and she will encourage members from an area to know who else lives there.

Tina concluded by reminding everyone that there are only 5 years to go to our centenary.

4. Membership Secretary's Report 2022

For the year to 30 September 2020, we had 79 members.

For the year ending 30 September 2021, we had 70 members.

For the year ending 30 September 2022 we have 75 members

Sometimes the number of members does not exactly tie up with those who have paid because some people miss paying one year and then pay the next.

New members are Sahar Afzal, Pauline Connor, Yvonne D'Inverno, Sheila Richards and Julie Simmons. Sadly, one member, Mae Purser, died.

Marjorie reported that she attended a Glasgow University London Alumni Ceilidh at Cecil Sharp House. Some of our members are going to the Glasgow University Burns night at the Caledonian Club in January 2023. Both these are events which potential new members attend. In the search to recruit new members, Marjorie suggested that:

- GUWC business card should be reprinted with the LinkedIn address on it and be available for members to take with them on appropriate occasions.
- The LinkedIn Group should be revitalised
- GU Alumni Office be asked to assist with increasing membership numbers in the build up to celebrating our centenary.
- Action should be taken to set up a website for the Club.

5 Event Secretary's Report

6 th November 2021	AGM 16 members attended with 12 apologies
5 th February 2022	President's Tea Party - 20 people attended
23 rd April	Spring Lunch – 13 members attended
28 th June	Annual Dinner – 25 members and 4 guests attended
21 st September	Summer Outing to the Wallace Collection – 13 members attended

6 Treasurer's Report 2022

Copies of the accounts, prepared by the Treasurer and reviewed by Angela Caldara, were circulated. The Treasurer, Margaret, thanked Angela for her work.

This year the club ran a full range of 'in person' events and made an overall surplus on functions. When costing the Annual Dinner, exact prices were not available before the price per ticket was set. The event actually proved a little less expensive than anticipated.

There are 75 paid up members this year. We only lost one member and had some new members and a couple of existing members who caught up on unpaid subscriptions. With no other expenditure apart from hall hire there is quite a healthy surplus of £586 and an increased bank balance, which should be kept as with increasing hall hire costs and smaller attendance at events it is more difficult to predict how the next few years will go.

Last year it was reported that someone had hacked the club's account to make £46 worth of payments to Vodafone which had duly been returned by the bank. Last October Vodafone also returned the £46 to the club's account. Vodafone also repaid the bank which then advised the club should just keep the money as a donation.

Proposer Marjory Montgomerie

Seconder Liz Abbott

7 Election of office bearers and committee for 2022/23

As the new president, Marlene Terry, was not present at the meeting and will not take over the presidency until January 2023, Tina, now officially the Past President, continued to chair the meeting.

The new committee is as follows:

President	Marlene Terry
President Elect	Marjory Montgomerie
Past President	Tina Tamman
Treasurer	Margaret Henderson
Events Secretary	Cathy Black
Membership Secretary	Marjorie Bremner
General committee member	Sarah Lawson

Office bearers were elected 'en bloc' unanimously.

8 **Future programme 2023**

Informal dinner	16 January
President's Tea Party	28 th January
Spring Lunch	1 st April
Annual Dinner	TBC
Summer outing	TBC
AGM and lunch	11 th November

8 **AOB**

There was a discussion on the topic of recruiting new membership with the centenary of the club coming up in 2027. GU Alumni Office should be contacted and asked to assist with the updating of the website. More should be done to attract younger GU graduates to meetings and 2 of our members, Averil Leimon and Sorcha Ni Foghluda, offered to provide, by email, ideas as to how the format of meetings could be changed to achieve this. LinkedIn is a useful tool which should be kept updated. GUWC cards (with details of who to contact for information about joining the club) will be reprinted.

A question was asked by Rona Passmore re the surplus reported by the Treasurer. Was it time to make a donation to Glasgow University as is normally done when club funds allow? It was the Treasurer's view that a donation should not be made at this time because of the uncertainty of rising prices.

Meeting ended at 3.50pm

Informal Meet ups

Two meet-ups have already taken place this month. The photograph on the left is of the West Kensington meet up and the photograph on the right is from the one which took place in North London.



2023/24 Subs Now Due

Subs for 2023/24 have been held at the amazingly good value price of £10! If you have a standing order set up, your subs will be deducted from your bank account at the date requested so nothing further to do.

If you do not have a standing order you can pay direct to our bank Santander 69548309 sort code 09 01 51

If you are paying by cheque please write GUWC subs on the back and send to:

Margaret Henderson, 32 Granard Avenue, London, SW15 6HJ

Moved home? Changed email or phone number? If you have recently changed any of your contact details, please do let us know. We'd love to stay in touch! Please contact Marjorie Bremner, Membership Secretary.

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