



2017 - 90 years of Alumnae Friendship

The President's Tea Party, held at The Crypt, St Martins in the Field, 1st February 2020.



Sarah presided over the first GUWC event of 2020. Twenty-eight members and guests attended this

function including several familiar faces I have not seen for a while and it was so lovely to see them again. We were greeted with fresh and beautifully presented sandwiches, cakes and scones. The photographs below are ample evidence of friendly chat – lots of smiles and gestures with hands. Another great afternoon tea! But if we go there next year, we must ask them to bring out teapots and make the tea properly instead of all those messy individual tea bags.

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Next Event: Spring Lunch, Saturday 28th March 2020

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

Date Saturday, 28th March 2020
Time 12.30pm for 12.45pm
Price £19.00

Lunch will consist of cold buffet, dessert. Drinks: wine, tea or coffee.

Guests are welcome at this event.

Speaker Sarah Lawson

Title of talk **“The pleasures and shocks of dipping into the lives of Polish children surviving World War II”**

I sat next to Sarah at the President's Tea Party. She was wondering who she should ask to be the speaker at the Spring Lunch. I had no ideas to offer. Then the conversation turned to what she had been working on recently. She had so much to say on the subject. I was captivated. Even so, she was quite surprised when I suggested it was obvious who the speaker for the Spring Lunch should be.

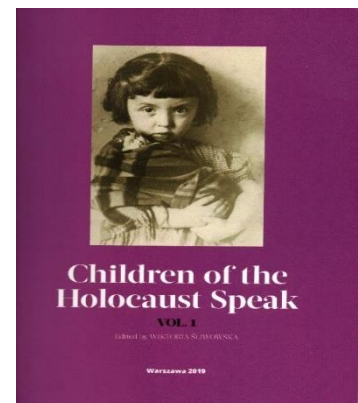
Here is a little background from Sarah:



We Couldn't Understand Why...

I've been helping to produce English versions of Polish memoirs of the Holocaust. The writers were all children at the time, in mortal danger only because they were Jewish, and their stories of survival are fascinating. They give a child's eye view—remembered by adults—of hiding in cellars or barns and of being protected (or

not) by the adults around them. Some had unbelievably close calls, others were able to “pass” as “Aryans”; they all had forged papers and assumed identities and had to keep remembering who they were supposed to be. Is it possible to hide in a field of potatoes? It is, if that's the only place you've got and bad people are looking for you. It has been a real privilege to work on these texts and get them to a wider readership.



Some handouts and copies of the books will be available on the day or can be ordered free of any charge from the Association of Children of the Holocaust, ul. Twarda 6, 00-105 Warsaw, Poland. Email: chsurv.kontakty@jewish.org.pl.

We were very pleased to welcome Carolina on to the committee following the AGM in 2019. As usual when we have a new member of committee, we like to introduce her to the members by asking a few questions.



Degree and year of graduation

MPhil Monetary Economics 1991 and MPhil International Finance 1992
(PHD International Banking 2002)

Why did you choose Glasgow University?

I received different offers from various UK Universities. My friends in Venezuela recommended going to Scotland because they were met with a warm welcome and friendship when they studied there. These recommendations, together with the content of the programmes offered by the University in the area of Economics and Finance, persuaded me this was the best place for my studies.

Why did you choose your degree?

I had been working in different government and private organisations in Venezuela (Caracas). Being an Economist, my working experience inspired me to look for further specialisation in the areas of economic policies and on the study of financial markets.

How has your degree helped in your life?

As a consequence of my Masters degrees and additional PhD, my supervisor and two of my lecturers at the university persuaded and supported me to start lecturing at University. Since then I have enjoyed every day of my work as an academic in Economics, Finance, Banking and Corporate Governance.

Best student memory of Glasgow University?

There are so many beautiful experiences I remember from my stay at the University!

-Some wonderful members of faculty come to mind, not only at the Adam Smith building (Economics), but particularly in the Accounting and Finance building (Finance).

-I valued each one of the scholar activities (visitor lectures and debates), that accompanied the academic work during my stay at the university.

-I loved working at the Reference Library in the Department of Accounting and Finance. It was cosy and full of extremely valuable documents and publications which helped me to understand the world of finance. These motivated me to learn more.

-The university also offered a great place for my son to learn chess and to start competing in the field as part of the children club (weekends). He would later become the captain of the chess club at St Aloysius' College.

-I also worked as a teacher at the Glasgow University's Saturday Club (Language Centre) for a number of years. Here I worked with children and adolescents who wanted to learn Spanish. These children comprised ages from 6 to 16 years old, in diverse stages of their education in different Glasgow primary and secondary schools. We used to organise and deliver plays and song functions to celebrate different dates and occasions. It was such fun!

- I cherished my life at the university... and I loved the arrival of the end of Spring time (May), when I would be studying in the open green areas of campus, in preparation for my exams.

Where do you live now? How long have you lived there?

I moved to London in 1997. Since then I have formally become a higher education academic. It is a job that makes me happy... particularly when students realise that economics, finance, corporate governance are not only fun but essential in anyone's life.

Where is your favourite place to have lived and why?

I love Scotland. When it is sunny it is one of the best places to enjoy nature and tradition! I love London and the opportunities for work and personal enjoyment it offers. Both places have been remarkable to me. The international flavour that characterises society and the warmth that the residents offer within and outside the university are invaluable to students and their families.

When did you join GUWC?

Last year (2019) I met some wonderful ladies in one of the Alumnae events organised by the University. These ladies invited me to attend the Annual Dinner of the GUWC, and the rest is history. It has been a pleasure to become a member of the Club. I wish I had met you earlier!

How did you get involved with GUWC originally?

My first events were the GUWC Annual Dinner and the informal periodic dinner.

Best memories of GUWC events?

This is my first year. Looking forward to enjoying many more!

The first time I joined a GUWC's event the friendliness of the whole group was remarkable. I also love the fascinating conversations one can have every time we meet. Having so many interesting and capable women in one single place is a very motivating experience.

Hobbies/interests outside of GUWC?

Reading, gardening, watching interesting documentaries and films. I am also very interested in attending theatre, opera and art exhibitions and functions.

What might members be surprised to know about you?

I am also a Cancer Coach. I have been working with cancer patients and carers for a number of years. This work makes me smile always.

What 3 things would you save if your house went on fire?

Only three single things or am I allowed "three groups of things"? My books, my family pictures and albums, and my DVD collection. Sorry!

Best holiday ever and why?

When I came to Britain, I wanted to visit Sherwood (one of the books I hold dear since my childhood is Robin Hood). Therefore, in 1996 my two children and I attended the Robin Hood - Sherwood Festival. We attended a large number of activities that the event and Nottingham offered (events in jousting, song, dance, storytelling, sword-fighting, archery, museums, medieval music, etc.). We even had the opportunity to join a mediaeval feast for which we fittingly dressed up. It was great!

Informal Catch ups

Report from Marjorie Bremner -

I am attaching a photo of the last event.(13th January 2020)
We had a great evening with many interesting connections discovered. It was lovely that Cathy's neighbour Helen Stephen was able to attend again. Unfortunately, a couple of people could not come because of ill health and we missed Carolina who was lecturing that evening

The next informal catch up date is Monday, 20th April in the Amba Hotel, Charing Cross, London, WC2N 5HX from 6.30pm.
If you are planning to attend, please contact Marjorie on marjorie.bremner@gmail.com or mobile no. 07879 480224.



Forthcoming Events

Annual Dinner

Date and venue to be confirmed

Summer Outing

Date and venue to be confirmed

AGM and Lunch

7th November 2020

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.

Email : Marjorie.Bremner@gmail.com

By Post: 48 Ingleway, North Finchley, London
N12 0QN

SPRING LUNCH Saturday, 28th March 2020

To reserve your place(s) either email or send form and cheque

1 By Email

Make a bank transfer (£19.00 per person) to:

Bank account name: GUWC (London)
Account number: 69548309
Sort code: 09 01 51

Contact Cathy Black cblack@compartuk.co.uk

Confirm the bank transfer has been made and notify her of any dietary requirements/allergies

2 By Post

Complete the form below and send it, together with payment (£19 per person) by cheque made payable to Glasgow University Women's Club (London) with your name on the back to:

Cathy Black, 23 Battlefield Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 4DA

Closing date: Friday 20th March 2020

Contact on the day: Marjory Montgomerie 07768895839

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SPRING LUNCH Saturday, 28th March 2020

I shall/shall not be attending the lunch

Member's name:

No. of guests:

Guest name(s):

Dietary requirements (including allergies):
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I enclose a cheque for (£19.00 per person)