

UWC Minutes

April 23rd, 2019

Regular Luncheon Meeting:

President Mariel Birnbaumer called the meeting to order at 12:30.

Kathleen Hall moved to approve the minutes of the regular March meeting. Mónica Plou seconded. They were approved.

President Birnbaumer announced that the Treasurer's Report was available from Ann Glotzbach Noguer.

The President stated there were no new members to announce. Those interested in becoming a member could get an application from her.

The following announcements were made:

Kathleen Hall announced the UWC meets Teatro Colón would take place on May 13.

Vivien Lane's Literary Masters group meeting will be on May 16. They will read three short stories by Alice Munroe.

Shaké Balian presented her daughter Laura. She announced the Writers Workshop for Thursday May 9th and Spanish through Experience for Wednesday May 29th, when Melodye Rooney will speak about "Las Vidas Secretas de los Petróleos".

Pamela Ferguson announced the Book Club reading will take place on the second Tuesday of June. They will be reading *The Woman in Cabin 10*, by Ruth Ware or a story by Julian Barnes.

Kathleen Hall announced The Current Affairs series will take place on the Thursday May 9 Phyllis Barrantes home. Information will follow.

Christine Clarke announced that Continuing Education would approach the topic of translation of the Old Testament: "Lost in Translation", to take place Thursday April 25th at Barbara Grünenfelder-Elliker's home at 3pm.

Mariel Birnbaumer summarized a few topics of the April 2 board meeting: facilitating the flow of arrivals at the luncheons; improving intra-board communications and becoming technologically updated; continuing to support the Orquesta de los Barrios directed by Nestor Tedesco.

The President called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gwendolyn Díaz-Ridgeway moved to do so and it was seconded by Vivian Lane. The meeting was adjourned.

Guest Presenter at the Luncheon:

Eliana María Santanatoglia, Director of the Fundación Instituto David Hume, Centro de Investigaciones en Evolución Normativa e Institucional.

Topic: "Hume Today. Hume's Contributions to Current Philosophy and Social Sciences"

Brief Summary: David Hume, Scottish Enlightenment philosopher of the eighteenth century, contemporary of Adam Smith, wrote six volumes of *The History of England*. His work was controversial for his times. His intent was to understand human nature and his approach was an experimental method of reasoning in moral subjects. He delved into three areas: Naturalism, Empiricism and Human Nature. He divided Human Nature into three areas as well: Understanding, Passion and Morals. Seen as an inspiration to current twentieth and twenty-first century schools of thought, his tenets coincide with current views of the world. Areas such as the study of human behavior, evolutionary biology, game theory and the connection between natural sciences and social sciences have been influenced by his views. Today, many consider him a "rock star of philosophy".

After a series of questions and answers, President Mariel Birnbaumer closed the meeting promptly at 2:30