



Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

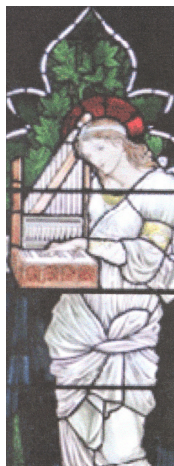
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General Meeting

Deck the Halls with Carmina choir!

At our Christmas party on December 14, we will be entertained by the Carmina choir.



The Carmina choir has been active for just over 10 years. It is made up of people from all walks of life who come together simply for the joy of singing.

Music is selected from various times and places, though rap has yet to take its place in our programmes.

The audience is encouraged to join in singing certain pieces. Although not a church choir, Carmina gratefully acknowledges the support of the Unitarian Church of Montreal as part of its Congregational Programmes.

President's Message

November is a month which truly gives us pause.

We honour the soldiers who make peace possible and allow us to live with the freedoms we take so much for granted. It is also the month honouring children. As I write this, the UN

Universal Children's Day is coming on

November 20, and in India, Children's Day will soon be celebrated on November 14, the birth date of its first Prime Minister, Nehru. It is always time to think of a better future for all the children of the world, in terms of their health, safety,

environment, and last but not least, their education. **We have just finished our major**

fundraiser for the year and, with your help, we have collected funds to provide scholarships for some deserving young women, the children who are our future.

As December arrives and the festive season unfolds, let us continue to appreciate what we have and to share the warmth. **MLUWC has chosen to give its Christmas fundraising dollars to the West Island Cancer Wellness Centre which takes care of cancer patients and their care givers.** Give a smile to those who do not smile for they need it the most. Give a hug or a warm touch to friends; they will appreciate it. And most of all, be kind to yourself, you are worth it!

I wish you and yours peace and joy this holiday season!

Chitra Chopra

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Communications



An appeal to the membership: It would be helpful if members would forward all and any social news to me. Thanks for your help.

Eva Weiss Communications Chair

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*Here it is
once again...
our fabulous Christmas Raffle.*

Study Groups are preparing delightful surprises to be won at our traditional December Meeting: Gourmet Baskets, Christmas Baking, wonderful Gift Certificates and who knows what else.

This year

The West Island Cancer Wellness Centre



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will receive the proceeds from the sale of our raffle tickets. You will remember their wonderful work from attending the October General Meeting.

Come prepared to do a very good deed while having a very good time.

Tickets go on sale at 6:30 pm: 6 for \$5.00 – 15 for \$10.



And remember that January brings our festive Potluck Dinners!

Are you one of those who have put off signing up for a Potluck Dinner? Avoid the possibility of being left out of the January 10 festivities by phoning co-ordinators Kerstin or Diane right now. Or take advantage of the last opportunity to sign up at our Christmas meeting on December 14.

To date, 88 members have signed up for dinners in 10 homes. We still need two hostesses and one assistant in Beaconsfield North and one assistant in Pointe Claire North. If we have a large response before our cut-off on December 14 we will need more members willing to open their homes.

Those that have already signed up will be contacted by mid- December by your assistant to work out the details for a lovely dinner. To those who have not signed up —we are hoping to hear from you!

Kerstin Birch 514-457-6473 Diane Nener 514-457-6540

~ News From the Fundraising Committee ~



Ginger Brossard, Fundraising Chairman

Our first fundraiser of the season 2010–2011 is over! **Ticket sales generated gross revenue of \$4,848.00.** Our play, *Steel Magnolias*, took us to the deep South for a while and the story had a final message: the need for good friends to help us through bad times and to rejoice with us during good times!! How true!

New this year: two door prizes !!

Names of our theatre-goers were entered in a draw for two gift certificates: one for a manicure at **West Spa in Dollard-des-Ormeaux, donated by owner Nathalie Bedard**, and the other, in the amount of **\$100.00, for a dinner for two at "Le Gourmand" in Pointe-Claire, donated by owner Ken Oliphant.**

I wish to thank not only our kind donors and our members for contributing to the success of our Theatre Night but also **The Lakeshore Players**, who gave us a benefit performance in support of our Scholarship Fund!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Environment Group Tip – from Betty Gibb

Remember: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. We have concentrated on Reuse and Recycle. Now it is time to focus on Reduce.

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ATTENTION GROUP LEADERS: please make sure your group has organized as usual a **tempting prize** to raffle at our Christmas meeting....thank you. Marjorie HH. Any problems, call 514-695-0125

Issues and Resolutions The next meeting of the Issues and Resolutions Group is on **Tuesday, November 23 at 9.30 am** at Connie Ellis's house. We shall be discussing John Ralston Saul's book, *A Fair Country*. Members, please read Part I and Part IV to prepare for the meeting. Many thanks, Marjorie

Book Club 1 Our December Book Club discussion will feature Charles Dickens. We will review *Girl in a Blue Dress* by Gaynor Arnold, with an overview of *A Christmas Carol*, by Himself. We will meet on **December 8 at 1:00 pm** in the home of Renata Bagga, 129 Harwood Gate, Beaconsfield. Please call Renata if you are unable to attend—514-694-6137. We would like to thank everyone who supported our *The Heart Specialist* open meeting in October; from the proceeds, we were able to make a donation of \$150 to the Scholarship Fund. Please come by our table at the Christmas Meeting for a draw on a gift card from Clio Books. mumng@aol.com

Music History We continue with the Romantic period, with the year 1875, studying three well-known works — excerpts from Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*, the two *Peer Gynt* suites by Grieg, and Bizet's *Carmen* Suite No.2, as well as a lesser known but just as pleasing work, Saint-Saens' Piano Concerto No.4. We will meet as usual on **Thursday, December 9 at 1:00 pm**. Please let me know if you cannot make it. Refreshments: Louise. Joanne Brais, 514- 695-2392

German Kaffeklatsch Gnädige Frauen, please come and enjoy a Christmas Kaffeeklatsch at my house on Wednesday, **December 15, at 1.00 pm**. This is our new time, and exceptionally, a Wednesday, the day after the Christmas raffle. The address is 200 rue Renaissance in Pincourt on Ile-Perrot. Kindly advise if you cannot attend. I will be presenting the Lady and the Unicorn Tapestry series at the Cluny Museum, Paris. Christine Hamilton, 514-646-0633

Book Club II We will meet next on **Thursday, December 16 at 1:30 pm** at Joan Dyer's home for the review by Ina of *The Heart Specialist*, the much-discussed book by Clare Holden Rothman. Recently, some of us were able to attend a talk given by the author. This will certainly contribute to enriching the discussion after the review. Please inform Joan if you cannot attend. Louise Dagenais

Tutto Italiano Our group will be going to an Italian restaurant (TBA) on Friday, **December 17** for our Christmas lunch. Our January meeting will be a presentation on the Caravaggio exhibit in Florence. The presentation will be given by Louise Dagenais and Celine Dupuis who went to Florence in October to see the exhibit. We are looking forward to our private "viewing".
Gilda Martinello

Music Appreciation We will meet Wednesday, **January 5, 2011 at 10:00 am**, at the home of Mary Hersey. Members will present *Violet Crumble* by Ryan, *Poème* for violin and orchestra by Chausson, and Symphony No.5 by Prokofiev in preparation for the **January 12, 10:30 am** MSO concert. For details, call Maria Cranker, 514-694-3963.

On **Sunday, November 28, at 4:00 pm**, at St Edmund of Canterbury Church, 105 Beaconsfield Boulevard, Beaconsfield, the **Stewart Hall Singers** sing Christmas, with a delightful program featuring *The First Nowell* by Ralph Vaughan Williams (a musical nativity play based on mediaeval pageants), Francesco Durante's *Magnificat* and a selection of Christmas carols. Tickets —\$20, \$15 seniors —are available from Joan Dyer, 514-697-8884; joandyer@allstream.net

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Issues & Resolutions Nov. 23 rd 9:30		1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Book Club 1 1 pm	9 Music History 1 pm	10	11
12	13	14  Christmas Sing-in & Raffle 7 pm	15 German Kaffeeklatsch 1 pm	16 Book Club 11 1:30 pm	17 Tutto Italiano	18
19	20	21 Winter begins	22	23	24	25 
26	27	28	29	30 Music Appreciation January 5 10 am	31 New Year's Eve	

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