



# Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

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*Here it is once again...  
our wonderful Christmas Sing-along  
and Raffle.  
on*

Monday 12 December 2011  
at

**Cedar Park United Church 204 Lakeview, Pointe Claire**

Save the date and come and join your friends and fellow members to celebrate the beginning of the holiday period! **The fun begins at 6:30 pm. in the Church Hall.** Parking is easy in the adjacent church parking lot.

Interest Groups are preparing delightful surprises to be won: gourmet baskets, Christmas baking, wonderful gift certificates and who knows what else. Raffle tickets are  
6 for \$5:00 or 15 for \$10:00

The Stewart Hall Singers, under the direction of Douglas Knight, will present festive Christmas music and traditional carols. Refreshments for all, including hot Christmas punch, will conclude the evening!

If you are able to contribute sweet or savory treats for the refreshment table, please contact Hospitality Chairs Suzanne Dutoy and Maria Kolodziej,

**This year On Rock Community Diner will benefit from the proceeds of our ticket sales.** This local West Island organization is an initiative of On Rock Ministries, under the direction of Kim Reid, which provides food for needy West Island residents.

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## *President's message*

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by so quickly. It is almost Christmas again! MLUWC is preparing for another wonderful Christmas meeting replete with singing by the Stewart Hall Singers (and our voices), all those wonderful raffle gifts provided by the interest groups, and the enjoyable eats and drinks. This year we will give our raffle money to the *On Rock Community Diner* in Pierrefonds which provides healthy meals to low-income families in the West Island.

Thank you to all who purchased, made donations and sold in the name of promoting education. **We have collected almost \$5,000 from our Theatre Night including many donations, and \$925 from the sale of the Laura Calder books and visitor fees. Laura also gave us her honorarium for the Scholarship Fund! This puts us well on our way to providing for next year's scholarship recipients. I would like to thank those of you who went, and encouraged friends and neighbours to go, to Dix Mille Villages and helped add some more money to our Scholarship Fund.**

I wish you and your families all the best for a joyous and festive holiday season.

Thank you to all the members of MLUWC who participated and made 2011 a wonderful year to remember!

This is a time to count our blessings and share the joy! I wish you all peace, happiness and only the very best in 2012.

Chitra Chopra



At this treasured family season, I wish to offer our Past President, Heather, the condolences of us all on the sudden and unexpected death of her husband.

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## CFUW

We are coming to the end of Financial Literacy Month and there have been some good initiatives and articles published on the subject. The CFUW policy on *Promoting Financial Literacy in Canada* proposed by our sister club, University Women's Club of Montreal Inc, has been on the books since 2009 and the club has continued to follow up with its proposals to further the understanding of financial literacy as an essential life-skill. The *Globe and Mail* published an article on November 17, 2011 entitled *The real lessons of Financial Literacy Month* noting, among other things, that there has never been more information available in the area of personal finance and yet financial literacy issues still exist.

If anyone would like more information on the initiatives of UWC Montreal Inc or would like to participate in promoting financial literacy, please contact me for information.

MLUWC is planning a workshop early in the New Year to cover a variety of aspects of financial literacy as it affects women today. We would appreciate input regarding any topics that you consider valuable for inclusion in this workshop.

Chitra Chopra

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## Membership

On October 27, we hosted a New Members' Night at The Cambridge. Many of the new members and their big sisters attended this event along with members of the executive. Many thanks to Patricia Khal for making it possible for us to use the facilities of this beautiful residence.

Since the last Newsletter, one new member, Linda Sestock, has joined our group. I'm sure you will make her feel very welcome when you meet her. Linda's details are in the Directory. Marilyn Gollan has returned to the MLUWC and her e-mail address is [m.gollan@videotron.ca](mailto:m.gollan@videotron.ca)

The 2011–2012 Directory is available and copies will be at our Christmas event for anyone who does not have a copy. Please note that Mary Leblanc's e-mail is incorrect; it should read: [mleb@email.com](mailto:mleb@email.com). Also, Ginger Brossard's phone number did not appear in the listing but is on the back cover of the Directory under "Fundraising". If there are any other errors or omissions, please let me know.

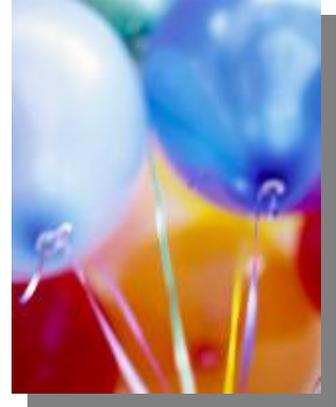
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## *This January's Pot Luck Dinners*

**9 JANUARY 2011**

We are pleased to report that we have 9 filled dinners and 2 luncheons. There is just one dinner list (Beaconsfield south) with a few openings. Since November 14's meeting was our last time "manning a table", if you want to take part in the Pot Luck Dinner, you must phone Sita or Bauni as soon as possible. We will do our best to accommodate you. The deadline is 30 November.



If anyone has signed up and is unable to attend, please notify us immediately.

We will be e-mailing the guest lists to all the Hostesses and their Assistants by mid December. We will include a list of guidelines and suggestions for you. The Assistant Hostesses will be phoning each guest to discuss the menu after they receive their lists.

Please remember that 1 guest per dinner party can donate \$25.00 to the Scholarship Fund in lieu of cooking a dish. If you are wish to do this, please speak to your Assistant Hostess.

A huge "Thank You" to all the ladies who volunteered to be Hostesses and Assistants!

Merry Christmas to all!

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# News from the Fundraising Committee



Theatre Night, our first fundraiser of the season 2011-2012 was held on Tuesday, November 8 at the Louise Chalmers (formerly John Rennie) Theatre in Pointe Claire. This Benefit performance was offered by The Lakeshore Players Inc.

We wish to thank the Company for offering us a wonderful performance of *Jane Eyre*.

The proceeds of this performance go to the Scholarship Fund with a view to helping deserving young women attain their career goals.

This year's ticket sales and donation revenues came to \$4895.05

Thank you, everyone  
Ginger Brossard, Chair

Pictured at our November General Meeting are guest speaker, Laura Calder, and Marilyn Flaherty, Programme Committee member and coordinator of the event. This was a highly successful meeting with attendance of over 110 members and many guests, who enjoyed Laura's very refreshing account of the evolution of her career.

**The Scholarship Fund benefited by a portion of the sales of her new cookbook, "Dinner Chez Moi".**





The Stewart Hall Singers will be presenting their annual Christmas concert featuring Handel's *Messiah*, Part 1, along with Christmas carols and a sing-along on **Friday, December 9 at 8:00 pm at St Joachim's Church in Pointe Claire.** Don't miss the Hallelujah chorus in celebration of the choir's 40th anniversary -- it's bound to raise the roof! Tickets, \$20, are available from Joan Dyer, 514-697-8884, [joandyer@allstream.net](mailto:joandyer@allstream.net).



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### **Interest Group Leaders**

**Please ensure that the women in your group are members of the MLUWC. You can check in the current Directory or contact me at: [gilda.martinello@sympatico.ca](mailto:gilda.martinello@sympatico.ca) if you are not sure.**

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**Music Appreciation** Our group will meet at **10:00 am, Friday, November 25** at Maude Grenier's home. Selections by Gershwin and Holst will be studied in preparation for the December 9 MSO concert. Lunch downtown will follow the concert. A ticket with our group may be available. Phone Maria Cranker for details.

Did You Know? Fascinating facts about La Maison Symphonique de Montreal

The hall's auditorium is completely detached from the rest of the building structure and sits on rubber and steel acoustic insulators to prevent the transmission of noise and vibrations from outside. It is designed according to the "shoebox" model, a configuration that produces environments of superior acoustic quality and offers a more intimate relationship between artists and audience. The hall has nine acoustic reflectors above the stage and the orchestra level, individually powered, allowing for the acoustic environment to be adjusted according to the scale and type of performance.

The hall has 2100 seats, 200 of them located in the chorus. All the auditorium surfaces except the floor are finished in Quebec beechwood. The new concert hall is a LEED building (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), promoting sustainable choices in terms of the quality of interior environments and environmental site management.

**Jaunters** We will be visiting the Stewart Hall Art Gallery in Pointe-Claire to view the new art collection of works by Montreal artists, on **Thursday, December 8, 2011. Meet at 10:15 am** at Stewart Hall. Following the guided tour you will be free to visit the entire gallery at your own pace. Lunch will be at Piazza Romana in Pointe Claire village.

RSVP to Sevinc Agbaba (514-694-1380) [sevoncan@yahoo.ca](mailto:sevoncan@yahoo.ca), **before Dec 2, 2011.**

**Music History** We will meet at Joan Dyer's, 221 Lakeshore, Pointe Claire, **on December 8, at 1:30 pm** to turn the clock back two hundred years and begin exploring the Baroque era in preparation for the first Concert Espresso on January 19. Please let Joan know if you cannot attend.

The deadline for contributing to the one-time scholarship to be awarded to a music student at McGill in memory of Joanne Brais is the end of the calendar year. If you had been intending to make a donation in recognition of Joanne's contribution to the Club but have not yet done so, please send your donation to the Scholarship Fund.

**Tutto Italiano** Our December meeting will be on **Friday, December 9** at an Italian restaurant. The details will be e-mailed to members of the group. Please call Renata Bagga if unable to attend.

**Book Club 1:** Our December meeting will be held at the Sunrise on **Wednesday, December 14, at 1:00 pm.** Please call our hostess Jan, if you are not able to join us. Members will discuss books that have made an impression, either new releases or old favourites, possibly ideas for Christmas gifts! It promises to be an interesting afternoon. We will be raffling our usual \$50 book gift card at the Annual Christmas Party—come and see us!

Please note that I will only be using this e-mail address as of January 1, 2011:  
[mumng@bell.net](mailto:mumng@bell.net)  
Margie Nicoll-Griffith

**Book Club II** Sandra Smith will review *Little Princes* by Conor Grennan, describing the epic story of a man's battle to save the lost children of Nepal and how he found himself in the process. The meeting will be held at Helene Quaid's home on **December 15 at 1:30 pm.**

As usual, please inform Helene if you do not intend to attend. Thank you.  
Louise Dagenais

**Travel** There will not be a meeting of the Travel group in December or January but we will look forward to resuming our program on Monday, February 6, 2012 with Dianne Robinson presenting Myanmar.

Barbara Sauvé and Mary Wells

## **Please Note**

**The deadline for January's Newsletter is Friday December 9.**

**The newsletter must go out on December 13. If you miss this deadline, your news will not appear in the**

**January Newsletter**

# ~ December ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Music Appreciation <b>November 25</b> 10:00 am	Deadline Pot :Luck Dinners <b>November 30</b>		1	2	3
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11	12 <i>Christmas Meeting and Raffle</i>	13	14  Book Club 1 1:00 pm	15  Book Club 11 1:30 pm	16	17
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