



Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

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Convivium 2011

September's Convivium Dinner opens another lively year of interest groups, friendship and activities.

*Tuesday, September 13
Beaconsfield Golf Club
Cocktails: 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm*



Menu

Squash Soup

Grilled salmon with seasonal sauce, Greens and Jasmine rice

Lemon Meringue Tart

Complete Cost is \$35.00

Cash bar available

*Send cheque by Sept. 6 payable to
MLUWC*

To

Suzanne Dutoy

286 Lorraine, Baie d'Urfé, Qc

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We hope to see all of you there!

President's Message

It has been a most interesting summer with lots of rain and high temperatures. I have enjoyed relaxing time in the garden interspersed with time on the computer preparing a Procedures Manual for our executive and committee chairs and finalizing a report on the Strategic Planning Survey. I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and that it found you and yours well and happy.

The Convivium again promises to provide much pleasure for us all and I am sure that you are looking forward to meeting the MLUWC crew of friends again and welcoming new ones after a summer focused on family and perhaps travel. Please share the warmth and bring a friend to the Convivium!

The AGM in Newfoundland was rainy, windy and above all very rewarding, renewing old friendships from across the country and meeting new members, sharing ideas, having interesting discussions, learning new directions we could forge and above all committing to staying the course as we participate fully in CFUW at all levels from local to national.

As you read the CFUW column and see the million dollar nation-wide support for education and higher learning provided by our Clubs, which allows women and girls to enrich their lives, understand their rights and champion peace, fellowship and a better understanding of the world in which we live, MLUWC can be proud of all that we do to help the education of West Islanders.

See you at the Convivium!

Chitra Chopra

CFUW

News from AGM 2011 August 4-6 Newfoundland



CFUW St. John's hosted an enjoyable and informative AGM and as usual the AGM provided an opportunity to exchange ideas with members from across the country.

At the AGM, CFUW President Brenda Wallace announced that, in 2010, the 113 Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Clubs across the country gave over \$1,000,000 in bursaries and scholarships. In addition to the funds raised and distributed on a local basis, CFUW also gave \$89,000 from the CFUW Charitable Trust for scholarships available to women Canada-wide.

The Minister of the Status of Women for Newfoundland, Susan Sullivan, brought greetings from the Newfoundland Premier, Kathy Dunderdale, and quoted the Premier as saying 'Women are tired of knocking on the door, asking to be let in; they are now knocking the door down.'

Marianne Haslegrave, President of the International Federation of University Women spoke about the current four-prong IFUW programme promoting the power of education in developing countries: Education for (i) employment and leadership, (ii) freedom from violence, (iii) financial independence, employment and entrepreneurship, and (iv) sustainable futures. IFUW has important relationships with ECOSOC, UNICEF, ILO and UNESCO and IFUW representatives speak with a primary focus on the importance of secondary education for girls.

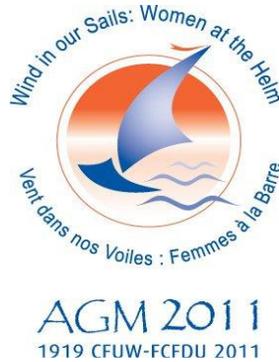
Susan Russell, CIR, informed the attendees about CFUW's International Women's Day support for the upcoming year in favour of CARE and its Maternal and Child Care project

The two resolutions proposed this year were both adopted into policy: #1 Reducing idling of all motorised vehicles; and #2 Criminalization of non-state actor torture.

The proposed, completely revised CFUW Constitution and By-laws was defeated after considerable debate due probably to the number of issues which remain unresolved and the fact that no amendments were allowed to be entertained.

**Future meetings: CFUW AGM - June 2012 in Victoria BC
IFUW Triennium - August 2013 in Istanbul**

Chitra Chopra
mluwc1@gmail.com



August 6, 2011

CFUW has received notification from Hon Peter Kent, Minister of the Environment that CFUW has received that following awards:

National Significant Person: Alice E Wilson (1881–1964)

CFUW member, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and the first woman to hold a professional position at the Geological Survey of Canada.

Event of National Significance: the creation of CFUW.

On August 26, 1919 University Women's Clubs from Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton and Victoria met in Winnipeg for the inaugural meeting of the "Federation of University Women in Canada." **Dr. Winifred Cullis of the United Kingdom** had urged immediate formation of a National Federation so that Canada could become one of the founding members of the newly proposed International Federation of University Women (IFUW) in 1919.

Dr. Virginia Gildersleeve of the United States had reinforced this idea and had offered the alternative of joining the American Association of University Women (AAUW). The Canadians attended the first IFUW meeting in 1920 as the Canadian Federation of University Women, a charter affiliate committed to encouraging international understanding and peace.

The MLUWC Executive Needs You!

The position of VP-CFUW Liaison needs to be filled immediately. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the running of our Club and to learn more about our national organization, CFUW.

The main responsibilities of the position are:

- Act as the CFUW Representative of the Club
- Report Club activities to CFUW and CFUW activities to the Club
- Facilitate the Resolutions process by:
 - communicating the proposed resolutions to the membership, via the Newsletter,
 - assigning each resolution to a particular study group for discussion
 - chairing the voting on the resolutions at the April meeting

- communicating any amendments proposed by the Club to the CFUW Resolutions chair
- Assist the President as needed and, in her absence, perform the duties of the President

**For further information, please contact Heather Hamilton,
chair of the Nominating Committee.**

*M*embership

Hard to believe, but another summer has come and gone! Time to think about getting back to “normal” activities and the Montreal Lakeshore University Women’s Club.

Membership fees are now due and remain at **\$95**. If you are a member of more than one club, please contact me and I will discuss the fee structure on an individual basis.

You can mail your cheque or give it to me at the Convivium on Tuesday, September 13. Bookkeeping is simplified by sending one cheque but if you find that difficult, you may send a cheque of \$50 no later than October 15 and include a post-dated cheque for \$45 dated January 13, 2012. An application form is not needed as long as your name is on your cheque.

If you would like to donate to the Scholarship Fund, please include a second cheque with your fees. You will be sent a receipt for your 2011 taxes.

If you are mailing your cheque, please send it to:

Gilda Martinello
MLUWC
P.O. Box 383
Pte Claire, QC H9R 4P3

Membership fees for Life Members and Honorary Members are waived but if you wish, you may pay the \$95 or any other amount and the money will go into the Scholarship Fund. You will receive a tax receipt for this amount.

Remember to **verify** your name, address and other information in the 2010–2011 **Directory**. If there are **changes or corrections** to be made, please e-mail me as soon as possible so that I may update my files and include your correct information in the new directory.

Guests are welcome at the Convivium but their meal must be paid in advance. Please introduce your guests to me at the Membership table so I may give them information about our Club.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Convivium on September 13.

Gilda Martinello
Vice-President, Membership



Big Sisters wanted



At one time, we were all new members of MLUWC.

Do you remember what it was like coming to a meeting where you didn't know anyone? It wasn't a very comfortable feeling, was it?

That sums up how I felt at my first Convivium: I didn't know anyone nor could I figure out what the sign-up tables and interest groups were all about and I didn't know with whom I was going to have supper.

It made for a very anxious cocktail hour.

Fortunately, I was invited to join a very nice group of women and they are now my friends.

I'd like to make the first exposure to our Club a much more welcoming one than I had. I would like to be able to assign a "big sister" to anyone whose first meeting will be the Convivium.

If you are interested in becoming a "big sister" do let me know. You may have a new member assigned to you for the Convivium or later in the year.

The duties of a "big sister" are not onerous —just explain the workings of our Club, answer any questions she may have, introduce her to other members and follow up if you haven't seen her at a monthly meeting.

We all enjoy seeing a friendly face at meetings, so why not do your part and become a "big sister"!

Contact me either by phone or e-mail
(gilda.martinello@sympatico.ca).

Gilda Martinello
Vice-President, Membership

Here follow important financial reports: one from our Club Treasurer, one from the Chair and one from the Treasurer of our Scholarship Fund.

The Treasurer's Report

From Connie Ellis

Our Club had a successful year. We were able to meet all our obligations and are in a healthy position to meet any new challenges which may arise this year. Communications has been added as a new line item to track those expenses relating to internal (member surveys etc.) as well as external communications

Statement of Revenues & Expenses For the period June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011

	2011	2010
Opening Bank Balance June 1, 2010	\$ 6,963	\$ 7,230
 Revenues:		
Membership Fees Collected	17875	18910
Other Revenue	<u>236</u>	<u>1832</u>
Total Revenues	<u>18111</u>	<u>20742</u>
 Expenses:		
CFUW Fees Paid	12083	12480
Other Association Fees Paid	40	254
Annual Meeting	(96)	(5)
Convivium	(301)	(167)
Administration	615	958
Communications	417	0
Membership	393	691
Newsletter	526	503
Program	650	790
Hospitality	166	230

CFUW Convention Delegate	475	1115
Rent	775	775
Donations	<u>450</u>	<u>1886</u>
Total Expenses	<u>16193</u>	<u>19509</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	1918	1233
Transfer of funds to Scholarship Fund:	750	1500
Closing Bank Balance May 31, 2011	\$ 8,131	\$ 6,963



MLUWC Scholarship Fund

From Sandra Smith, Chair

The MLUWC has a long tradition of awarding scholarships to women and girls of the West Island to encourage their continuing education. The monies in the Fund are administered by the MLUWC Scholarship Fund committee and are conservatively invested in order to realize moderate growth.

We currently award \$8,000 per year. In order to achieve this goal, the MLUWC Scholarship Fund relies on fundraising activities and donations in cash and kind from our members and friends. For your information we are presenting the financial statement as at our year end, May 31, 2011 as well as a donation form.

For more information please consult mluwc.scholarships@gmail.com

**Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club
Scholarship Fund Financial Report
From Helen Findlay, Treasurer**

	For the Year Ending	
	May 31, 2011	May 31, 2010
Opening bank/Investments June 1:	\$ 103,814	\$ 92,033

Revenues:

General Donations - Receipts issued	5,827	5,496
Misc. Donations - Not receipted	1,218	1,520
Theatre Night Ticket Sales	4,872	4,947
Theatre Night Donations	696	275
Christmas Raffle Proceeds	1,401	-
Games Day Revenues	1,985	1,711
Interest Income	106	80
Investment Income (Dividends Reinvested)	173	791
Realized Gain on Investments	6,429	-
Total Revenues	22,706	14,820

Expenses:

Scholarships Paid Out	8,000	8,000
Theatre Night Expenses	600	600
Games Day Expenses	285	113
Donations	1,401	-
Supplies, Services and Gifts	426	207
Bank Charges, Investment Fees	213	211
Total Expenses	10,926	9,130
Excess (shortfall) of Revenues over Expenditures	11,780	5,689
Closing bank/Investments May 31:	\$ 103,814	\$ 92,033

If you wish to make a personal donation to the Scholarship Fund, please use a donation form. It will make it easier to give you your tax receipt. Forms are available to download from the Club's web page.



Scholarship Committee Report

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the following recipients of our scholarships:

The Margaret Manson Scholarships:

Maria Montecillo - who is entering her final year of BSc. in Biochemistry at Concordia University.

Anna Phan - who is working to complete her MSc. thesis in Dietetics and Human Nutrition at McGill University, MacDonald Campus.

The Amy Williams Scholarship: Awarded to a student who is graduating from John Abbott College and who will pursue her university studies at a Quebec University. This year's winner is Jessica Marrone, who will enter Concordia University to work toward her B.A. in English Literature.

We also awarded 10 bursaries to students at Place Cartier Adult Education Centre and 10 bursaries to students at Centre Jeanne Sauve.

I would, once again, like to thank the hard-working members of the Scholarship Committee: Pamela Deans, Frances Lortie, Eibhlin McHale, Diana Nevins and Brenda Plescia. On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, I would also like to express our appreciation to the Executive and the Scholarship Fund Committee for their ongoing support.

The Margaret Manson and Amy Williams Scholarship recipients have been invited to speak to our members at our October General Meeting.

Barbara Armbruster,
Chair, Scholarship Committee

Charitable Giving

After the recent resumption of mail delivery, I received a mailing (address labels enclosed) from a charity which I have supported for many years. As this was the fourth such mailing this year I couldn't help wondering whether this particular charity still needs my support. Are they spending more than they should on administration? Are the objectives of the charity being met?

Some years ago I discovered an organization which allows me to donate securely and anonymously (to the charity) if I wish. More importantly, I avoid being part of the 'list exchange'.

Going forward I plan to channel all charitable donations through www.canadahelps.org. Check it out! You'll see that many of the charities you support are registered there.

Constance Ellis

Some Important Dates to Mark on your Calendars:

October 5th!

Fondation de la Résidence de soins
palliatifs de l'Ouest-de-l'île
La compassion, c'est notre priorité!



West Island Palliative Care
Residence Foundation
Compassion lives here

Défilé de Mode:
Fashion Show:



Une nuit à Paris
A night in Paris

Billets / Tickets: 100.00\$

Mercredi le 5 octobre 2011

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

18 h 30 / 6:30 pm

Pour plus d'information veuillez contacter Janet Ankcorn

For more information please contact Janet Ankcorn

And looking ahead --- **Wednesday, November 23, 6:00–9:00 pm** --- for an exclusive shopping evening at Dix Mille Villages in Pointe Claire village.

We will receive 20% of all sales for the Scholarship Fund. Tell your friends—have a fun shopping experience and beat the Christmas shopping crowds.

♥ Many thanks from Janet Ankcorn



Theatre Night: Tuesday November 8

Our first Fundraiser for the year is **THEATRE NIGHT**.

We have received the information for our Benefit Evening from the Lakeshore Players. The title of the play is **JANE EYRE** by Charlotte Brönte, adapted for stage by Willis Hall and directed by John Saylor.

We have chosen **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 at 8:00 pm**. As usual it will be held at the **JOHN RENNIE THEATRE**.

Quickly put this date and venue on your calendar; invite a friend and make a night of it ! By the way, all the seats have been re-upholstered and are much more comfortable ! I will be present at the monthly meetings at the back of the hall to answer all your questions and to solicit your help on the evening of the November 8.

Ginger Brossard
Chair, Fundraising.

Pot Luck Suppers *January 9, 2012*

A VERY SPECIAL INVITATION

All members of the Montreal invited to participate in our Annual great opportunity to meet other some jokes, laugh, and yes, enjoy a For this to happen, we need

Hostess, you are responsible for and coffee...

Assistant Hostesses – You will be responsible for co-ordinating the meal and assisting the hostess for the evening.

Please sign up at the Convivium on September 13. Bauni and I will be at a table with the sign-up sheet. If you have already decided to help, please e-mail me at sitanarissa@sympatico.ca so that I can have a sign-up sheet ready.

Sita Tadros!



Lakeshore Women's Club are Pot Luck Dinners in January. It is a members, relax, have some wine, tell delicious meal.

Hostesses and Assistant Hostesses! setting the table and providing the tea no cooking!!!

~ *Interest Groups* ~ *Interest Groups* ~ *Interest Groups* ~

A Reminder to **Interest Group Leaders**.....

Hope you've all enjoyed the summer. Also, hope to see as many of you as possible at the Convivium on September 13 with information and sign-up sheets for your interest groups. If you, as leader, will not be able to attend please have a replacement to inform and answer questions from new members. Many thanks.

Marjorie Hamilton Harding
Chair, Interest Groups

Advance Notice of October Activities

Book Club II Since too many members are away in September, the first Book Club II meeting will be held in October. Because of organizational constraints, the date has been brought forward to **Thursday, October 13, at 1:30 pm** and not as originally planned, October 20.

Ina Lessard will host this first meeting of the new season and Christine Hamilton will review *Girl in a Blue Dress* by Gaynor Arnold. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Louise Dagenais

Travel **Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:30 pm** will be our first scheduled Travel gathering. Enthusiastic and well-travelled Victor Breedon will take us to India. Come for refreshments at 7:00 pm to be followed by the presentation. You can register at this meeting, to be held at Sunrise Senior Living Residence, 505 Elm, Beaconsfield, if you did not sign up at the Convivium.

Barbara Sauve and Mary Wells

Music History In memory of Music History Group founder and leader, Joanne Brais, the group will continue under the leadership of Joan Dyer and will normally meet, as before, on the second Thursday of the month. However, exceptionally, the first session will take place on **Thursday, October 20, at 1:30 pm** the third Thursday of the month, at Christine Hamilton's house, 200 Renaissance Street, Pincourt and will be devoted to Gustav Mahler, in recognition of the centenary of his death in 1911. Refreshments: Nicole.
joandyer@allstream.net

Art Appreciation The first activity of our group will be a visit to the new Claire and Marc Bourgie Pavilion of Quebec and Canadian Art and the new concert hall of the Fine Arts Museum on **Wednesday, October 26**. More information will follow by e-mail.

For your information, I encourage you to go on the Montreal Fine Arts Museum website at: http://www.mbam.qc.ca/en/musee/salle_de_presse.html and click on the Press Room, Release 2011 section, and on:

The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Unveils the Architecture of its New Pavilion of Quebec and Canadian Art and its New Concert Hall.

You will be able to get the appropriate information on this new acquisition and accomplishment, the twenty Tiffany stained glass windows of the Erskine and American Church included...

Louise Dagenais

Wine Appreciation Groups 1 and II

The two Wine Appreciation groups are planning on outing to the Pointe-à-Callière museum in Old Montreal to see its new exhibition: *To Your Health, Caesar! Wine and the Gauls*.

The exhibit celebrates one of the oldest and most splendid of all human accomplishments: wine! Visitors are guided along the fascinating “wine road” from its earliest days, with special attention to the birth of wine making in Gaul (modern-day France).

The date for this visit has yet to be determined but will be communicated to members of the two Wine Appreciation groups. It may be possible for others to join us. For more information, contact either Marie-Belle Cunningham or Gilda Martinello.

September Activities

The deadline for our September issue has found many members still happily absorbed in this outstanding summer. And so, our current calendar looks unusually sparse. However, “life” resumes in September and there will soon be many more, interesting events to mark on our calendars!

Kaffeeklatsch The first meeting of the group (which normally meets on the second Tuesday of the month) will be held on **September 6 (the first Tuesday) at 1:00 pm** at Christine Hamilton's. The topic to be discussed is the history of the English Yew. Kindly telephone me if you cannot attend. Christine Hamilton, 514-646-0633

Book Group I Book Club I will begin the season with *The Future Of Freedom* by Fareed Zakaria, to be reviewed by Jeanette Brooker. We will be meeting at Kerstin's on **September 14 at 1:00 pm**. I hope we will all be able to join in the discussion of this interesting book. We are hoping to have an open meeting in November with a guest speaker, with the possibility of a small donation to the Scholarship Fund, but this has not yet been confirmed. I hope to have information to give out at the Convivium. Book Club members, please let Kerstin know if you are not able to join us on the 14. See you then!
Marg Nicoll-Griffith

Conversation en français Tête-à-tête: le premier rendez-vous du groupe aura lieu chez Dianne Robinson, **le 16 septembre at 09h30**. Vous êtes invitée à assister à une belle matinée de conversation en français.
Diane Robinson

Music Appreciation **The MSO September 2011** We look forward to hearing six Montreal Symphony Orchestra Friday morning concerts this season in our brand new concert hall where everyone is guaranteed a good view and state-of-the-art acoustics. Tickets will be mailed out to group leader Maria Cranker at the end of August. Those tickets will be distributed at the first prep meeting, **Friday, September 16, at 10:00 am** Maria Cranker's home. "Symphony No. 1" by Gounod, "Cello Concerto No. 1" by Saint-Saens and "Bacchus et Ariane, Suite No. 2" by Roussel will be presented as they are the program for the September 30 concert.
For details, please contact Maria Cranker.

New Book Exchange Hear Ye! Hear Ye! All **NEW BOOK EXCHANGE** members. The organizing get-together for choosing our books for the year will be at the usual place at **7:30 pm on Wednesday, Sept 28**. Hope to see you at Clio's in the Pointe Claire Plaza (corner of St. John's Rd and Donegani) .Bring your great suggestions.
B. J. Bell

Tutto Italiano If you're interested in anything Italian, you will enjoy our group. We watch Italian movies, go to Italian restaurants, listen to Italian music, etc. You don't need to know Italian to join our group. New members are welcome and there will be a sign-up sheet at the Convivium.
We normally meet on the **third Friday of the month** and members take turns hosting meetings at their homes. Final arrangements have not been made yet but will be communicated to all Tutto Italiano members.
Hope to see you on September 13.
Co-chairs : Renata Bagga and Mary Vlahos

~ September ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Kaffeeklatsch 1:00 pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 <i>Convivium</i> 6:00 pm	14 Book Club 1 1:00 pm	15	16 Conversation <u>en français</u> Music <u>Appreciation</u> New Book <u>Exchange</u>	17
18	19	20	21	22 Duplicate Bridge 8:45 am	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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Deadline for the October Newsletter September 16

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