



Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

A Member Organization of The Canadian Federation of University Women since 1957

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APRIL GENERAL MEETING

MEMBERS' NIGHT
2 April 2012

(Note the revised date which
differs from the printed 2011-
2012 Programme)

at the

Karnak Shriners' Temple
3350 Sources Blvd. D.D.O.

6.30 pm. Set up displays

7.00 pm. Refreshments,
Networking, Exchange &
Discussion of Resolutions

7.45 pm. Business
Meeting, Voting on
Resolutions, Members'
Presentations



"Getting to Know Us"

Come and celebrate the diversity of our club's membership.

Arrive early to fully participate in the evening's activities.

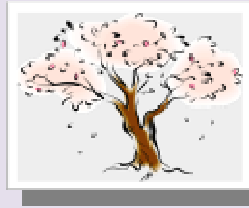
Learn more about each other's interests, work, passions and
volunteer involvements, in order to increase knowledge and
understanding of each other. A great opportunity to meet new

members and network!

It is not too late to reserve table space by emailing or calling

Hille Viires,

who is coordinating this event. The more the merrier!



The President's Message

It is spring again and everything is renewing itself. The sun is shining and the temperature was an unbelievable 24° today! I look forward to planting two gardens this year and enjoying the flowers, vegetables and herbs. There is a special catharsis from playing in the mud and communing with nature. Lives end and new ones begin – life is like that...

Members' night is just around the corner and brings with it an anticipation about "getting to know us". We will hear about the lives of three of our members and find out how their journey brought them to us. We also look forward to seeing the displays of some of our members and finding out what interests them and what consumes their lives. There is still time if you would like to share yourself and your fascinations with us.

April is also a time for consideration of the CFUW proposed resolutions for this year. The list of members studying each of the resolutions has been sent to all of you. I encourage you to provide feedback by contacting these members and then also by coming early to the general meeting at 7 p.m. to discuss your ideas with other Club members.

CFUW is again experiencing financial woes and, after a number of years, is proposing a fee increase of \$10 for 2013-2014. This increase will be discussed at the April meeting and also with the other Quebec Clubs at the QC Council AGM on April 21.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Chitra Chopra
mluwc1@gmail.com

Financial Literacy Workshop

Some of life's events can put your wealth and well-being at risk.

A notary can guide you through the legal ramifications. The next workshop, 'Covering all the bases', will be led by Me Gisèle Ghanem at the Annex adjacent to the Beaconsfield Library, 303 Beaconsfield Blvd. on **March 31st 1:30 p.m - 3:30 p.m.** So gather your friends and acquaintances and bring your questions and concerns to what will be a very informative session.

The presentation on Insurance which should have been held on March 3rd has been tentatively re-scheduled to April 14th, depending on a minimum of 10 reservations.

There will be a facilities fee of \$10 for each workshop.
Reserve now by e-mail to workshop@mluwc.com

Constance Ellis
Treasurer

M*embership* We welcome another new member to to our Club.
Elaine Sadori- e-mail: elaine.sadori@gmail.ca
At the April 2 meeting, I will have listings available of updated member information. So if you have changed your e-mail, address, or phone number, please e-mail me as soon as possible so that I can add your new contact information to the list.

Gilda Martinello Membership Chair
gilda.martinello@sympatico.ca

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MAY 14, 2012

To conclude our season's activities, plan on attending our annual AGM dinner on May 14, 2012. This year it will be at Golf Club St. Raphael on Ile Bizard, a truly beautiful venue.

Reserve early by sending your cheque to Suzanne Dutoy or Maria Kolodziej.

This is a Car Pool Opportunity

There will be a sign up sheet at the April 2 meeting for anyone wishing to carpool to the St. Raphael Golf Club for the AGM on May 14.

Québec Provincial Council of CFUW Clubs – Conseil provincial des clubs de la FCFDU du
Québec

**All CFUW club members are invited to attend the AGM slated for
Saturday, April 21 2012 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Toutes les membres des associations de la FCFDU sont invitées à participer à l'AGA
le samedi 21 avril 2012 de 9 h à 15 h 30.**

St. Lambert United Church Parlour/ au Salon de l'Eglise St. Lambert United Church,
415 Mercille (& Desaulniers)
St-Lambert J4P 2L6

Breakfast from 9 a.m. and lunch are included. Le petit déjeuner sera disponible à partir de 9 h et le
déjeuner est inclus.

Cost is \$28 payable to the South Shore University Women's Club (SSUWC).

Le cout est établi à 28\$ par personne. Veuillez libeller votre chèque à l'ordre de l'Association des
femmes diplômées des universités – Rive sud (SSUWC).

Please send your cheque to/Veuillez expédier vos chèques à :

Jennifer Fallon, 725 Smiley, St-Lambert QC J4P 1G6

*We are invited to join a delightful spring fling
in
NEW YORK - NEW YORK*

Every year, the AFDU de Québec organizes a Fund Raising Trip and this year, the destination is
New York City, leaving Thursday May 31 and returning Sunday June 3.

The visit includes: A guided Tour of the City (St-John the Divine, Central Park, Harlem,
Rockefeller Center, St-Patrick's Cathedral, Trump Tower...) plus, visits to The Cloisters,
The Metropolitan Art Museum with its Monet Exhibition at that time, the Statue of Liberty, the
Frick Collection, the Grand Central Station, the New York Public Library, the Bronx Botanical
Garden. At night, the possibility to see The Lion King musical or go to a New York
Philharmonic concert.

Those of you who are interested to find out more, please sent me an email and I will forward
the pertinent information.

Louise Dagenais



Advance Notices

Let's go to the Circus

Before running off to join the world's greatest circuses, the young graduates of the NCS present the fruit of their three years of higher circus arts training. Once more, audiences will be thrilled by this annual show, which features a plethora of disciplines, among them juggling, corde lisse, trapeze, contortion, hoops, Chinese poles and hand-to-hand. You can't help but be amazed when witnessing the talent of these young, energetic acrobats, and you'll be equally impressed by their innovative staging. A unique opportunity to discover **tomorrow's circus stars.**

When - Wednesday evening, June 6 (time to be determined)

Price \$23.50



Those of you who are interested, please send me a cheque dated for April 9.

This will confirm the numbers to be used for our reservation and will allow me to advance the funds by Visa. So far we have a block of **20 places** put aside for our group. First come, first served, as usual. Latecomers will have to book directly with La Tohu. If there are more than 20 replies before the 9th, I will be able to get additional places but not later since La Tohu has to open the remaining seats to the general public.

We intend to have dinner in the West-Island before the show and we will arrange car pooling in link with the restaurant. The details will follow later (time & restaurant).

Louise Dagenais

The Jaunters invite you to a Private Gala Concert in May

At the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul on
Sherbrooke Street right beside the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts on

Wednesday May 16th at 11.00 am.

The visit will include an introduction to its amazing organ (7,000 pipes) under the direction of the brilliant young Director of Music, Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm.

Jonathan will show us what his instrument can do, and it is amazing, by playing excerpts from the Prelude and Liebestod from Wagner's Tristan and Isolde, from Borodin's Polovtsian Dances and Themes from Bizet's Carmen.

Stephanie Manias, Section Leader among the sopranos and a rising young soloist, will perform opera and religious dazzlers by Mozart, Verdi and Andrew Lloyd Webber. The fee for this event is \$10.00 per person if at least 20 attend. The Jaunters open this invitation to all members of the Club and especially to members of the Music Interest Groups. Carpooling is recommended and we feel we can arrange free parking at the Church for six or seven cars; others can park on the street beside or near the Church.

We plan to reserve for lunch at the nearby Persian restaurant Nocochi.

To join in the event, please reserve with Kerstin Birch without delay.

MLUWC SUBMISSION FOR MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S 120th ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET

From the MLUWC archives – Renate Sutherland

FOUNDING DATE – October 1957; in June 16, 1958, at the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Triennial in Montreal, MLUWC received its Charter.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT – “Enhancing the lives of women through education, scholarship and social responsibility”.

PURPOSE OF MLUWC

- to stimulate, arouse and sustain among its members an interest in cultural, social and political fields
- to develop an awareness and sustain interest among members in the specific work of University women, nationally and internationally, through the activities of CFUW and IFUW
- to foster a sense of responsibility and encourage university graduates to place their education and professional training at the service of the community
- to award scholarships and bursaries so that women in the community may continue their education

HISTORY OF MLUWC

In the words of its 1st President, Margaret Manson, 1957 was the time the Lakeshore (now known as the West Island) was in the throes of a mushrooming suburban area, farmer's fields were being sowed with houses rather than grain. We were developing the beginning of community recreation programs, creating libraries for all the young families who were moving to the Lakeshore. “While our hands were busy, our minds were clamoring for intellectual satisfaction – so what to do.”

The Founders of MLUWC were eighty plus women, graduates of many universities, who met in Valois to form a bona fide University Women's Club. That first year, adhering to CFUW guidelines, they established goals, wrote a constitution and set a fee structure. They established the second Monday of

the month as general meeting night and formed the first of **many Interest Groups** "Through it all we found a **fellowship** and satisfaction that gave suburban life a new quality".

Education became one of the main topics for discussion with the drafting of a brief to the Quebec government on Bill 62 which was an act respecting the reorganization of the school commissions on the Island of Montreal. The **Scholarship Committee** directed its support to a feasibility study for a center for children with learning disabilities. Another study group did research, wrote, published and distributed a bilingual directory of community services, the beginnings of the West Island Community Resource Center which still is in operation today. The club drafted its **first resolution for CFUW** on the subject of water pollution, and lobbied the provincial government on the establishment of the Montreal Urban Community (MUC) and the need for an English CEGEP on the West Island.

By 1962, after four years of church basements, the Club moved to Stewart Hall, its home for the next forty-five years. Over the years we have nominated members to local school, hospital, CLSC and library boards, as well as municipal governments. We have been involved in the community's issues of language rights, nutrition, education, youth protection, the environment, immigration, the status of women, and the Constitution, often writing and presenting briefs to governments.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club has a long tradition of awarding scholarships to young women of the West Island to encourage their continuing education.

The first fundraiser for our scholarships took place in 1958 and a year later the first MLUWC scholarship of \$100 was awarded. As the cost of continuing education increased, the value of the scholarships also increased. **The MLUWC Scholarship Fund received its designation as a charitable organization from the Canada Revenue Agency in 2002. We are now authorized to issue official tax receipts to our donors as well as donate funds to local charities to support social services which benefit women, children and families.**

Our annual scholarships and bursaries consist of \$4,000 for TWO Margaret Manson Scholarships; \$2,000 for the Amy Williams Scholarship and \$2,000 to be shared by the Lester B. Pearson's Place Cartier Adult Education Centre and the Marguerite Bourgeois Centre Jeanne Sauvé Adult Education Center.



In order to award \$8,000 per year, the MLUWC Scholarship Fund relies on fundraising activities and donations. To date the Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club has awarded 281 scholarships /bursaries for a total of \$196,300.

PROGRAMS AND INTEREST GROUPS

Nine monthly meetings are held, beginning with the Autumn Convivium in September, and closing with the Annual General Meeting in May. Meetings are usually held at the Shriner's Karnak Temple in Dollard des Ormeaux. There are more than 20 interest groups available to Club members ranging from Art and Music to Travel and Book Discussion, Jaunters, Healthy Living, Issues and Resolutions, Gourmet Cooking, Wine Appreciation and Bridge. For the past 15 years, Club members have organized an annual theatre tour to Stratford, Ontario. Each year the Club raises funds for a West Island Charity (around \$1,000) at the December Christmas meeting. Interest groups each donate a gift or basket to be raffled at this fundraising event. A monthly Newsletter is distributed to members via e-mail. The April General Meeting features displays of members' professional, volunteerism and other interests and promotes networking as we 'get-to-know each other' better. A discussion and consideration of all proposed CFUW resolutions is an important part of this April Members' Night.

ROLE OF MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN in MLUWC

In 1962 MLUWC began its affiliation with the Montreal Council of Women when Alberta Shearer (Pres. 1970-72) became our first representative. Ten years later, one of our charter members and first Life member, the late Amy Williams (Pres. 1968-70) became our representative to the Montreal Council of Women. Motivated by a deep concern for social justice and the rights of women, Amy became president of the Montreal Council of Women twice, most recently on the occasion of their 100th anniversary, and later the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC). She represented Canada on the International Council of Women of which she was vice-president. As President of the NCWC she was a full-time advocate representing the voice of the women of Canada on such issues as health, education, the environment and pensions for older women.

The Club has always been a great supporter of the Council and many of its members have and will continue to take an active role.

FUTURE OF MLUWC

The basic structure of MLUWC and our affiliation to CFUW remain the same with continuing to encourage women to take the opportunity, which the club affords: to develop leadership skills and experience in group participation. Fellowship and sociability, opportunities to continue our education,

the growth of knowledge of issues affecting women and society at large, volunteering our skills locally and in the larger community, and the support for young women through scholarship and mentoring still continue today. In 2011 the Club Executive initiated the development of a Strategic Action Plan related to increasing membership, maintaining program quality and diversity and, finding ways to better respond to the interests of members. All this allows us to continue to use our education and advocacy for the benefit of the local and global community.

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Wine Appreciation 1 Among the wines tasted at our February meeting was Signalis Santorini (\$22.85), a delightfully fresh white wine with a long finish and the perfect match for grilled calamari. The winner of two Italian red wines tasted was La Casetta Ripasso (\$27.85) With its tangy cherry aroma, this full bodied wine is the perfect accompaniment to a springtime menu featuring lamb. Our next meeting will be held at on April 18 at Janet Ankcorn.

Travel - THE TRAVEL GROUP MEETING IS CANCELLED FOR APRIL.

Music History April means Scarlatti *père* and the second *Concert Espresso* given by Les Violons Du Roy at the Bourgie Hall on **Thursday, April 5, 2:00 pm**, featuring Alessandro Scarlatti's *Stabat Mater* and works by other composers of the Baroque period.

Book Group 1 Our next Book Club meeting will be held on **April 11th, 1pm**, and Jeanette will be our hostess. We will be discussing the new biography **Wilfrid Laurier**, written by **Andre Pratte**. This book will be reviewed by Beth. Judith, at Clio books in the Pointe Claire Plaza, has invited us for tea and an overview of some book choices for next year, on **March 28th at 2:30 pm**. Please let me know if you want to be a part of this afternoon so I can give Judith an idea of numbers. Call Jeanette if you are unable to be with us on April 11th, and please call or E mail me if you want to join us at Clio's on March 28th at 2:30pm. Marg

Music Appreciation The MSO Group will meet **Friday, April 13th, 10 am**, at Maria Cranker's home. Bizet's "Carmen," Louie's "Arc" for violin and orchestra, Ravel's "Rhapsodie espagnole," and Falla's "Three Cornered Hat" will be presented in preparation for the **April 27th** MSO concert. The concert will be the last Friday morning matinee of this year's series. A final potluck is tentatively set for Friday, June 1st at Dianne Robinson's home.

Kaffeeklatsch Klatschers will meet at Suzanne Dawson's on **Tuesday, April 17, 1:30** for her presentation of useful German phrases.

Book Club 11 On **April 19 at 1:30 pm** at Gilda's place, Eva will review "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett. A page turner book by the author of *The Magician's Assistant*, where, this time around, an opera singer happens to be in the middle of a dramatic situation. Remember that it is time to submit your book selections for next year. Please inform Gilda if you will not attend. Thank you. Louise Dagenais

Conversation en français: le prochain rendez-vous du groupe aura lieu chez Janet Anderson, **le 20 avril à 09h30**. Dianne Dianne Robinson <http://diannequilts.blogspot.com/>

Tutto Italiano - **Friday, April 20 at 2.00 pm** at Carole Newberry's, Beaconsfield, to view the film *Tea with Mussolini*. Please notify Carole if you cannot attend.
Renata

Healthy Living The group will meet on **Tuesday, April 24 at 7.30 p.m.** at the home of *Nini Singh in Beaconsfield*. Discussion topic: *"....even little bits of physical activity improve health."* For the April meeting, please contact Renate Sutherland re: your attendance at graeme.renate@sympatico.ca

Food for thought: "Diet is less important than being active, leading Researcher Steven Blair says" Gazette article , January 12, 2012.

Jaunters **On April 25th** we will once again be visiting The Avmor Gallery (445 Ste Helene St.-514-282-3301) to view Mr. Avrum Morrow's latest show-"The Junk Collection Bric-a-brac", Featuring modern art created from the detritus of the office desk drawers of his friends and prominent associates, Mr. Morrow has put together 80 colourful assemblages designed to put a smile on people's faces

Many of you may recall our popular gallery trip of a few years ago where we viewed the paintings of the façade of the building by many prominent Montreal artists. These are part of the permanent collection, and can be enjoyed again.

We will be leaving the parking lot of the **Pointe Claire Plaza at 10.00 am**. Lunch will follow our tour at Bar et Boeuf at 500 McGill St. at Notre Dame .

Please inform Nancy Lloyd if you wish to attend, stay for lunch and if you are able to drive. 695-7153 or net.lloyd@sympatico.ca

Art Appreciation. In April, we will go back to the MMFA to get acquainted with **Feininger The Great Carnival**. It is the first posthumous retrospective in North America on Lyonel Feininger (1871- 1956). This exhibition offers the first comprehensive panorama of the oeuvre of this American artist, who has been strangely forgotten since he spent most of his life in Germany.

A celebrated cartoonist, a leading figure of Expressionism, one of the most famous modern artists in Germany where he was condemned as a "degenerate" artist by the Third Reich.

He returned to New York after a fifty-year absence.

The exhibition highlights the surprisingly modern multidisciplinary dimension of this versatile creator, who was an illustrator, painter, draughtsman, engraver, photographer, musician and composer. The 350 or so works exhibited include paintings, watercolours, engravings, illustrations and carved toys.

We have a reservation for **Wednesday April 25 at 11.00**. The cost for 15 participants will be \$12.00 but free for the VIP members. We will later have lunch at L'Autre Saison on Crescent Str. at 1:00 p.m.

Louise Dagenais

~ April ~

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