



Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

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MLUWC

General Meeting

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13

2012

The Karnak Shriners'
Temple

3350 Sources Blvd. D.D.O.

Coffee at 7:15 p.m.

NOTE

Members' Night

and Resolutions

will be held on

April 2 2012

and NOT on

April 16

as published in the Program.

Our Guest Speaker will be

Ginette Sheehy

Director General, John Abbott CEGEP

Her Topic:

“CEGEPS IN QUEBEC, TODAY AND TOMORROW”

Come and hear about the dynamic changes taking place at John Abbott and how the programs offered fit into today's educational picture. Ginette Sheehy, Director General since 2008, will tell about the challenges of serving an increasingly large West Island student enrollment.



Each year the proceeds from raffle tickets sold at our Christmas event are donated to an organization making a difference in the lives of West Island residents.

This year the money was donated to **On Rock Ministries**, an organization that provides a food bank, a community diner and drop-in centre in Pierrefonds. Through members' participation and generosity, we collected a total of \$1,493.00, which is a record amount for this endeavour.

Although **Kim Reid, Director of On Rock Ministrie**, was unable to attend our Christmas event, Linda Ricketts and Janet Ankcorn visited Kim at the On Rock premises on December 21st and were able to present the money in person, which he accepted with great appreciation.

Suzanne Dutoy and Maria Kolodziej thank all those who provided refreshments following the Christmas choir concert.



President's Message

This seems to be the year for winterphobes! We have very little snow as yet though we have had a little bit of cold weather. Our climate is certainly changing.

I am sure that many of you have enjoyed the potluck dinners and the pleasure that these get-togethers bring you. I had also hoped to host a dinner this year but life contrived to thwart my wishes. Congratulations to Sita Tadros and Bauni McFadyen for the great job they did in getting everything organized so very well—the dinners certainly provided everybody with great satisfaction.

Barbara Armbruster and the Scholarship Committee have started the first phase of looking for the 2012 scholarship winners by distributing information flyers to advertise the upcoming MLUWC scholarships. The Scholarship Committee will be very happy to have your help in posting flyers and in spreading the word to prospective candidates.

Heather Hamilton's Nominations Committee will be starting up soon and is in need of some members. If you have any ideas for MLUWC and if you would like to work with some fun-loving women, please do consider joining the executive and volunteer. Those continuing on the executive would love to have you on the team!

Valentine's Day is just around the corner so do enjoy some delicious chocolate and light up the dreary February days with some beautiful flowers.

Happy Valentine's Day to all of you!

Chitra Chopra
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CFUW

A major cause of the disparity in wages between women and men is the small representation of women in skilled trades and technology. This is due in part to a lack of encouragement in the earlier years and a lack of opportunity later on. One club seeks to start a conversation on this issue and has filed an Intent to Submit a Resolution.

The following Intents to Submit Resolutions for the CFUW AGM 2012 have been filed:

1. Retention of Women in Skilled Trades and Non-Traditional Occupations
2. Affordable Housing: Senior Women
3. Request to Governments in Canada to Conduct Gender-Based Analysis of Climate Change Policies and Programs and to Include Women in Decision-Making
4. Moratorium on the Construction of Industrial Wind Turbine Developments
5. A Mental Health Strategy For Canada
6. Accessibility for People with Disabilities: A Barrier-free Environment for All
7. Preservation of Agricultural Land
8. Ensuring Food Security in Canada

Some are of particular importance in our area. While our Club does not seem too keen to participate in the Resolutions process, there may be members who wish to lead or participate in group discussions on some of the Intents. If that is the case a short article on your conclusions would be a welcome addition to the Newsletter.

Constance Ellis



Membership If you still don't have your 2011-2012 directories, you can pick yours up at the meeting on February 13. I look forward to seeing you then. If you are bringing a friend to the February meeting or if you know of someone who would be interested in joining our Club, I will have information envelopes on hand that you can pick up.

My term as Membership chair will end in May. If anyone is interested in taking over this position, please let me know. I enjoyed my tenure as membership chair – I got to meet a lot of the members that I might not have otherwise.

Gilda Martinello, Vice-President, Membership

On behalf of all members of our Club, I wish to offer our deepest condolences to Chitra and her family on the recent death of her mother, a member of the Halifax University Women's Club.

An Interview
with Alberta:

A Founding
Member of
MLUWC
tells of her life
and the
initiative taken
with her friend,
Margaret
Manson, to
found a Club
for women -
University
Graduates
living in the
in the newly
burgeoning
West Island
communities.

ALBERTA SHEARER (SINCLAIR)

In September 1918, on a farm near Huntsville, Ontario, a tiny baby girl was born. As she was only 2 lbs, 7 oz. the doctor pronounced that it was unlikely she would survive. A feather pillow was heated in the oven of the wood stove and the tiny baby was placed in its warmth. Happily, not only did she survive but she lived to have a long and very active life.

After elementary school, Alberta attended high school in Huntsville and Bracebridge, Ont. and then lived in residence at the University of Toronto while she attended Trinity College. In 1940, she received her B.A. and in 1941, two certificates in Education, qualifying her to teach at the high school level which she did until 1947 in Ontario.

Alberta met Bill Shearer at the University of Toronto. After the Second World War, he got a job with CBC and moved to Montreal. The couple married in 1947, and lived downtown until 1953, when they built the Pointe Claire house in which Alberta still lives. She was raising two sons and supply teaching at several West Island high schools, when she met



Margaret Manson. They began travelling to Montreal to attend the monthly U. of T. Alumnae Association meetings. Many other West Island dwellers were also there to find the social and cultural stimulation that was lacking in their communities. Soon, gatherings began to take place in the Dorval home of Marybel Monty. The first meeting attracting 30 graduates, making it clear that there was a good possibility that either an alumnae Association or a University Women's Club could be organized.

The first public notice in the Lakeshore News announced that there would be a meeting at St. Columba-by-the-Lake Church on October 18, 1957. 78 graduates from 18 universities registered. Margaret Manson had a contact with someone in Ottawa at CFUW and from the start, MLUWC had their blessing and received its charter in June 1958.

Margaret Manson became president and Alberta became archivist and publicist, placing notices in the *Montreal Star*, the *Gazette* and four local newspapers, a job which she continued for several years. Initially, Club fees were \$6 annually with \$2 going to the Scholarship Fund.

During the 1980's, Marybel and Alberta entertained the MLUWC Travel Group with travelogues of several European countries. Alberta continued her travels after Marybel's death, eventually visiting six continents and several of the world's island groups. Her most recent slide presentation of colourful scenic beauty; outstanding architecture; traditional, ceremonial and contemporary dress; was presented in 2008.

In the early 60's, Alberta represented the Club on the Montreal Council of Women. She served from 1960 to 1963 on the Education Committee of the Quebec Government Commission that produced the Parent Report. Alberta led our Club's Environmental Study Group, which was the only one in CFUW, in the late 1960's. They produced a recommendation to the Minister of Human Resources regarding clean water and the banning of pollutants. This group also pioneered recycling initiatives in several West Island municipalities. This work by the MLUWC resulted in her being asked to chair the meeting when the head of the Montreal City Environment Improvement Group was the guest speaker at a Montreal Council of Women meeting. She was also CFUW representative for five years. Under Amy Williams, she was vice-president of MLUWC and then served as president from June 1970 to June 1972.

Alberta Shearer has been a valuable member of our Club for over 50 years, taking on many roles, and we are fortunate that she is still involved and active in many aspects of the Club.

Judy Paquin

The Jaunters see how our Amy Williams/John Abbott Scholarships are put to work

In November a group of Jaunters visited John Abbott College. We were very well received, being met by the Communications liaison and a student ambassador. We were led to the boardroom where we met the Director General, Mme Ginette Sheehy. She gave us a short presentation on the college—the successes of the past, the needs for the present and the goals for the future. We then visited the cafeteria, the library and a chemistry laboratory where we saw young people who really seemed to be enjoying their work and their surroundings.

Our last stop was the Student Services department. There we met the director and Annie Proulx, our liaison for the Amy Williams Scholarship. We learnt about the array of services offered to the students. **Of special note was the fact that 10% of students require financial assistance and the College operates a food bank to help needy students.**

Mme Sheehy will be the speaker at the February General Meeting. If each attendee at that meeting were to bring a non-perishable item we could make a difference.

Constance Ellis

REPORT FROM MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

January 5, 2012

McGill University Health Centre project: Super hospital

Speaker: Alex K. Paterson, QC

Chair, Foundation for Greater Montreal

Honorary Chair, the Best Care for Life Campaign

We are happy to report that the new hospital is at last finally appearing among the 15 cranes at the Glen site! It has taken much hard work (co-operation, public, private and political) to get this project off the ground. A brief update:

- In 2000 – The idea to build a new MUHC hospital takes shape
- 2004–05 – Agreement reached to do it
- Numerous problems with planning, architecture, decontaminating the Glen Yards, which hospitals would be involved, financing, , were eventually settled enough to get started
- 2010 – Construction began
- 2012 – Parking facility, underground and surface
- 2013 – Interiors
- 2014 – End of construction and hospitals will move in! That’s the plan!

We will have **The McGill University Health Centre** made up of :

- the Teaching Hospital of McGill University
- partnership with five other teaching/ academic hospitals
 - ❖ Montreal Chest Hospital
 - ❖ Montreal Children’s Hospital and the Shriner’s Hospital
 - ❖ Montreal Neurological Hospital
 - ❖ Royal Victoria Hospital
 - ❖ Lachine Hospital and Camille Lefebvre Pavilion merged into MUHC in 2008
- internationally renowned research institute
- \$205 million in new equipment
- new research facilities and equipment
- new information systems
- 100% single patient rooms
- new Cancer Centre
- new Birthing and Neo-natal Centre
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In the spring we will try to arrange a tour of the site. More information will follow—probably in the next Newsletter.

Upcoming February2, 2012 meeting: Marguerite Blais, Quebec Minister responsible for seniors will discuss the latest news on “Seniors”.

Marjorie Hamilton-Harding and Renate Sutherland

News About our January Dinners

On January 9, 2012 we had 10 Potluck Dinners and two Potluck Lunches. A total of 94 ladies took part and from the feedback received, a good time was had by all.

We would appreciate any comments or advice that would help in the planning of our Potluck Dinner for 2013. Please do not hesitate to send us an e-mail.

Again, a heartfelt “Thank You” to all the gracious hostesses and their assistants for everything you did. To all the guests, thank you for being a part of our Annual Potluck Dinner and hope to see you all next year.

Sita Tadros & Bauni McFadyen

HOSTESSES

Maria Cranker
Lorraine Retfalvi
Ginger Brossard
Kate Le Maistre
Diane Robinson
Helene Quaid
Janet McKelvie
Patricia Murray
Helena Scheffer
Kerstin Birch
Beate Cloetta
Sita Tadros

ASSISTANTS

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Jane Quail
Janet Guay
Judy Paquin
Brenda Ticehurst
Joanne Fraser
Connie Ellis
Diane Birch
Heather Robertson
Tina Tessari



Stewart Hall Singers Theatre Benefit Night



The Lakeshore Players will be offering a benefit performance of *The Real Inspector Hound* on behalf of the Stewart Hall Singers on Tuesday, February 7, 8 pm at the Louise Chalmers (formerly John Rennie) Theatre.

The Real Inspector Hound is a short, one-act play by Tom Stoppard. The plot follows two theatre critics named Moon and Birdboot who are watching a ludicrous setup of a country house murder mystery, in the style of a whodunit. By chance, they become involved in the action causing a series of events that parallel the play they are watching.

Please contact Joan Dyer, 514-697-8884, for tickets if you would care to support this Theatre Benefit Night on behalf of the Stewart Hall Singers .

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Jaunters In January

On **January 26, 2012, at 7.30 pm**, at the Beaconsfield Library, 303 Beaconsfield Blvd., the Jaunters will be attending a very timely public presentation titled **DIGITAL EVERYTHING: How The Internet and New Technology Changes Everything**. This will be a powerpoint presentation by Michael Lautman, Ph.D., who is excellent and will have all the modern devices like smartphones, tablets and e-readers on display.

We will have an **early dinner at 5.00 pm** at Boulangerie Homestyle (and restaurant), 445 Beaconsfield Blvd., carpooling from Plaza Pte Claire at 4.45 pm.

Contact **Margaret Galley** at 514-695-2599 or marggal@videotron.ca for information.

In February Jaunters will meet on **Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 11:00 am** . We will have a guided tour of the exhibit "Colours of India", at the Pointe-A-Callière Museum in Old Montreal, followed by lunch upstairs in the L'Arrivage restaurant. For more information contact Patricia Murray at patriciamurray@videotron.ca. More details will be sent to the Jaunters Interest Group members very shortly. Patricia Murray

Out-to-Dinner Our next dinner is on **January 26, 6:30 pm** at L'Academie Restaurant on St. John's Blvd. next to Future Shop. The organizers are Brenda Plescia and Barbara Armbruster. February's outing is to Chez Lien (BYOB) on **February 23, 2012**. The organizers are Nancy Lloyd and Gilda Martinello.

Future venues:

Chef Akbar (Indian)— March 22

Mezzamis (Modern Grill)— April 26

La Verita (Italian)— May 24

Le Surcouf (French) — June 22

All are welcome to join us. The more, the merrier!

Carol Kelly

Wine Appreciation II Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1 at 7:00 pm. We will meet at Brigitte Blais' home. If you are unable to attend, please contact Brigitte or myself. An email will be sent to members of the group with directions to Brigitte's within the next week. Gilda Martinello

Travel The Travel group will meet on **Monday, February 6, 2012 at 7:00 pm** with refreshments followed by the presentation at 7:30 pm at Sunrise Senior Living Residence, 505 Elm in Beaconsfield. We look forward to Dianne Robinson presenting her travels in Myanmar, a country much in the news these days.
Barbara Sauvé and Mary Wells

Cross-country skiing We will be meeting **Tuesday mornings, 9:45 am**, weather permitting, from January 10 to March 13 at various Montreal Nature Parks. Here is the schedule for February:

Parc Angrignon	Tuesday February 7 th
Parc Rene-Levesque	Tuesday February 14 th
Parc des Rapides	Tuesday February 21 st
Morgan Arboretum	Tuesday February 28 th

Please contact either Nancy Lloyd, net.lloyd@sympatico.ca or Janet Anderson, janet.anderson@sympatico.ca to confirm your attendance and for information about directions and car pooling. Everyone is welcome.

Book Club I We have left the warmth of Luxor and *The Mistress of Nothing*—and will enter the worlds of Virginia Wolfe, *To the Light House*, and Vita Sackville, with *All Passion Spent*—a warmth of a different degree of temperature! We will meet at the home of Patricia Khal at The Cambridge on **February 8 at 1:00 pm.**

Please call Patricia at 514- 697-8903 if you cannot be with us . In the mean time—keep warm!
Margie mumng@bell.net

Music History The February meeting will be held at Joan Dyer's on Thursday, **February 9 at 1:00 pm** to prepare for the April concert featuring Alessandro Scarlatti's *Stabat Mater*. Please contact Joan if you cannot attend. Joan Dyer.

German Conversation We will meet at Hildburg Schleiermacher's residence on Tuesday, February 14 at 1:00 pm. Please note that Hildburg lives at the Wellesley, corner of Hymus and St. John in Pointe Claire and kindly cancel with Christine, if you are unable to attend. Christine Hamilton.

Book Club II *The Amber Room* by Steve Berry will be the book reviewed on **February 16 at 1:30 pm** by Joanne Fraser at Carole Newberry's home. As usual, please inform Carole if you will not attend. Thank you. Louise Dagenais

Healthy Living The group will meet on **Tuesday, February 28 at 7:30 pm** at the home of Renate Sutherland, in Pointe Claire. Discussion topic: “*EAT SMART – which foods are good for what?*” Please contact Renate Sutherland re your attendance at graeme.renate@sympatico.ca

~ February ~

◀ January							March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	Out to Dinner January 26 at 6:30	Jaunters January 26 at 7:30 pm	1 Wine Appreciation II 7:00 pm	2	3	4	
5	6 Travel 7:00 pm	7 X-Country Skiing 9:45 am	8 Book Club I 1:00 pm	9	10	11	
12	13 General Meeting 7:30pm	14 X-Country Skiing 9:45 am German Conversation 1:00 pm	15	16 Book Club II 1:30 pm	17	18	
19	20	21 X-Country Skiing 9:45 am	22	23 Out to Dinner 6:30 pm	24	25	
26	27	28 X-Country Skiing 9:45 am Healthy Living 7:30 pm	29				

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