



Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

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

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Please join us for the Autumn Convivium

Monday September 9, 2013

at the

Karnak Hall

3350 Sources Blvd. DDO

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Cost \$20.00

**To reserve send a cheque for \$20
(payable to MLUWC) to:**

**Shirley Wick
141 Maywood
Pointe-Claire, QC
H9R 3L9**

**Deadline for reservations is
Wed. August 28th**

Now is the time to:

*Pay your Membership dues
Sign up for Interest groups*

Meet New Members

Join a Pot-luck dinner

Find out what's on the Programme

*Become a Big Sister
& more!*

President's Message

Hello everyone and welcome back to another exciting year at the Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club!

I hope you have all had a great summer and that you are ready to reacquaint yourself with your friends and meet some new ones.

This year's CFUW AGM was in Saskatoon and it was an interesting and informative session. Thank you for allowing me to once again represent you at this event. I have included in this newsletter, a copy of CFUW's 2013 Annual Report which provides an overview of CFUW activities at the local, national and international levels this past year. It makes for very interesting reading.

We are trying a new format for our Convivium this year -- instead of the usual sit-down dinner, we are hosting an informal wine & cheese (and other assorted goodies). You will have ample opportunity to sign up for interest groups and potluck dinners, catch up with your friends and meet new members of MLUWC. Please provide us with feedback on this event by emailing either Shirley Wick or myself.

The Programme Committee has been hard at work arranging a series of interesting speakers for us. I hope you will find the programme line-up to be stimulating and thought-provoking.

Again this year the Thomas Moore Institute is generously offering us a bursary for one of their courses.

I'd like to take this opportunity introduce a new member of our executive: Paulette Cargill as Treasurer. Not only is Paulette new to the executive, she's also new to our Club, so please welcome her warmly when you meet her.

Feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or suggestions for improving our Club.

I hope to see you all at the Convivium on September 9.

**Gilda Martinello
mluwc1@mluwc.com**

Membership

Welcome Back!! This has been quite a summer. It seems that it started in early May, took a time out to apologize to spring in June and came back in full force in July. I hope that, despite all the upsetting news, everyone has been having a good season.

Some of our long-standing members have tended to avoid our opening and closing dinners because of the length of these events. The format of this year's convivium allows for a shorter evening. If you know any member who has been reluctant to attend the convivium in the past, please encourage her to attend this year. If she needs a ride, please let me know so that I can help to arrange one. If you are willing to provide a ride, please so indicate along with the approximate time that you are likely to attend.

Over time, in organizations like ours, members acquire skills and develop interests which are not known to the general membership. Very soon a short online survey will be sent out to elicit that information. Those members who wish to participate and have not provided an email address to the club may request a printed copy by **leaving a message for me at 514-448-0541.**

As always your guests are welcome at the Convivium. Please make sure that they reserve and make payment as indicated elsewhere in this newsletter. I will be at the Membership table to provide them with information about the Club.

Last March we learned about two CFUW partners - The Personal Home and Auto Insurance Group and The Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP). Our membership in CFUW allows us to benefit from the services these partners provide. More information can be obtained by following the link on the home page at www.cfuw.org.

Membership dues for this year are \$110 and are now due. Please remember to make your cheque payable to MLUWC.

IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY CHANGES TO YOUR COORDINATES PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO THAT UPDATES CAN BE MADE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

See you at the Convivium!!

**Constance Ellis
Vice President & Membership Chair**

BIG SISTERS WANTED

Are you a caring and kind individual?
Are you ready to introduce a new member to the Nuts and Bolts of our Club?
Are you willing to help her experience our Club fully?
If yes, then please call or email me to confirm your status as **The Ideal Big Sister**

CFUW ANNUAL REPORT 2013

CFUW is a non-partisan, voluntary, self-funded organization of 9,000 women. These women are members of 110 CFUW Clubs located in every province across Canada. Since its founding in 1919, CFUW has been working to improve the status of women, and to promote human rights, public education, social justice, and peace. It holds special consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC) and belongs to the Education Committee of the Canadian Sub-Commission to UNESCO. CFUW is the largest of the 61 affiliates of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW).

CFUW carries out initiatives and activities to work for the equality of women and girls at the national, international and local levels through its Clubs.

National

Throughout the year, CFUW has carried out a variety of government relations activities, including participation in consultation with Canada's Human Rights Program, the pre-budget consultation, the 2016 census consultation, attending a series of roundtable discussions with the Liberal Women's Caucus on advancing women's equality, and participating in the NDP Women's Forum. CFUW actively participated in campaigns calling for the creation of a national housing strategy, urging reform to Canada's Access to Medicines Regime, seeking protection of women's reproductive rights, and calling for a National Action Plan to End Violence against Women and Girls. A variety of briefs and letters to government were also prepared, including, but not limited to: a joint submission with the YWCA Canada to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance for its study on Income Inequality in Canada; requesting that the Prime Minister meet with the First Nations leaders; encouraging the Government of Canada to take a strong leadership role at the 57th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women; requesting that the Government of Canada rectify gender inequities in access to Employment Insurance; and urging a ban on chrysotile asbestos. Comprehensive advocacy packages calling for bold action on the 2012 Adopted Resolutions were created, which covered such issues as climate change, food security, accessibility for persons with disabilities, mental health, and women in skilled and non-traditional occupations.

Local

At the local level, many CFUW Clubs carried out advocacy work which included CFUW Victoria which held a public forum on "Raising Children Out of Poverty"; CFUW Parksville/Qualicum which organized a town hall meeting on the "Idle No More" movement; CFUW Perth that held a public meeting on Climate Change and CFUW St. John's which convened a lunch program for inner city residents.

International

This year, CFUW led a delegation of sixteen women who attended the United Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) and presented two Parallel Events – Gendering the UN Convention Against Torture and Non-State and Victimization and Women's Right to Freedom from the Violence of Prostitution. During the Commission, CFUW delegates attended a variety of events, caucus meetings, and general sessions on topics relating to violence against women and girls which included such topics as Trafficking, Honor Killings, Peace and Security and Human Rights. Two CFUW Members attended the 16th Session of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group in Geneva.

As a member of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW), CFUW Clubs have raised over \$4,000 to donate to IFUW projects for women and girls in Bangladesh, Cameroon and Sierra Leone.

In preparation for the 37th IFUW Triennial Meeting in Istanbul, August 2013, CFUW members undertook research and planning for a seminar on Education for Women in Afghanistan and two workshops on Non State Actor Torture and Education for Women in Afghanistan. Also in preparation for presentation at the Istanbul

Conference, CFUW drafted three resolutions on Indigenous Education, Non State Actor Torture and Prostitution - the Nordic Model.

Other international initiatives included preparing a request for action by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Republic of Maldives about human rights and the violent treatment of women and girls.

More information about CFUW's advocacy work can be found at: <http://www.cfuw.org/en-ca/advocacy.aspx>

CFUW SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

In 2012-13, CFUW Clubs and the CFUW Fellowships Program awarded over \$1 million for education. CFUW has been helping women pursue post-secondary studies for over 95 years since its inception in 1919. Profiles of the winners of the 2013 CFUW Fellowships and Awards can be found online at: <http://www.cfuw.org/en-ca/fellowships/winners.aspx>

In Memorium

MARGARET FUNNELL

December 18, 1930 – August 9, 2013

After planning (from her hospital bed) and attending her 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration on August 8th, Margaret died early the next morning from complications of long-term diabetes. She leaves behind her devoted husband Owen, her children and grandchildren and her sister.

Marg was a graduate of Bishop Strachan School and the University of Toronto (BA Physics, 1953). She pursued a lifelong volunteer interest in education and social service through her involvement with MLUWC, Home & School, the Lakeshore School Board, the Community Resource Centre and the Zonta Club of Montreal. A member of MLUWC since 1964, Marg was an active participant on the Education Committee. And even with her limited mobility in recent years, she never failed to attend our Potluck Dinners.

Her shining spirit, her compassion, her absolute commitment to change the world one act of kindness at a time, her sense of justice and her principles will guide and inspire those whose lives she touched.

The funeral was held on August 15. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Margaret's memory to the charity of your choice.

MLUWC Scholarship Fund

As you come back to a year of activities and conviviality at MLUWC, please take a moment to remember the Scholarship Fund and the Club's constitutional commitment to supporting women financially in their educational endeavours.

The Fund's Treasurer, Helen Findlay, will be at the Convivium with information about the Fund, but your contributions are welcome at any time of the year. You may send a cheque payable to:

MLUWC Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 383
Pointe- Claire, QC
H9R 4P3

The website http://www.mluwc.com/scholarship_fund.html gives three other suggested ways of contributing to the Fund. And, of course, your involvement in the Fundraising Committee's activities will support the Scholarship Fund as well as being enjoyable.

Kate Le Maistre
Chair, MLUWC Scholarship Fund

Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club		
SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
Financial Report		
	For the Year Ending	
	May 31, 2013	May 31, 2012
Opening bank/Investments June 1:	\$ 110,545	\$ 103,812
Revenues:		
General Donations - Receipts issued	5,290	9,061
Misc. Donations - Not receipted	1,974	740
Theatre Night Ticket Sales	4,650	4,150
Theatre Night Donations	650	650
Christmas Raffle Proceeds	1,620	1,443
Games Day Revenues	1,896	1,431
Other Fundraising	131	968
Interest Income	64	90
Investment Income (Dividends Reinvested)	4,687	10
Realized Gain on Investments	-	120
Total Revenues	20,962	18,423
Expenses:		
Scholarships Paid Out	12,050	9,000
Theatre Night Expenses	600	600
Games Day Expenses	169	187
Donations	1,620	1,443
Supplies, Services and Gifts	340	373
Bank Charges, Investment Fees	89	87
Total Expenses	14,868	11,690
Excess (shortfall) of Revenues over Expenditures	6,094	6,733
Closing bank/Investments May 31:	\$ 116,639	\$ 110,545

REPORT FROM MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN (MCW)

“For 120 years - A Voice for Women in Montreal”

Frances Lortie who attended the May 9th **Annual General Meeting** reports the following:

We welcomed the new president **Viviane Silver**. The outgoing president **Sandra Cohen-Rose** was thanked for her leadership.

Quincy Armorer of the Black Theatre Workshop was the guest speaker. He drew links to his love of Shakespeare and the Elizabethan world. Since, at that time there was no place for any woman in the theatre, all female roles were played by men. Finally by 1660 on stage and in England, women roles were played by women.

Shakespeare wrote five plays for women and the female roles were played by young men. Unfortunately, many of these women roles were portrayed as nasty witches or harsh characters, e.g. the two daughters that were mean to their father in King Lear and, Lady Macbeth, who “wears the pants in their relationship”. He concluded with describing writers that focus on Black Theatre.

SEPTEMBER MEETING:

The “Montreal Council of Women’s Town Hall Forum” will be held on **THURSDAY, September 12, 2013 at 12:00 noon** at “Les Jardins du canal” 2700 Rufus Rockhead (across from Atwater market). Lunch at 12:00 noon \$10/person - followed by the Town Hall Forum

You will have the opportunity **to meet the 2013-2014 MCW Board members** who are looking forward to a lively discussion of issues that are important to the federate members.

Sandra Cohen-Rose, MCW Past President, will lead an open discussion on matters of importance and concern to all Montrealers.

SPEAKERS: Vivianne M. Silver, President

Ingrid Berzins Leuzy -Convener, Arts, Culture & Heritage

Florence Holt - Convener, Education

Nusrat Mirza - Convener, Environment, Housing, and Land

Nadia Baraghi - Convener, Health, Child & Family

Maya Cerda - Convener, Transportation

Chitra Chopra - Convener, Resolutions

The Board will take note of your issues and follow-through on them as a resolution that will go to the **National Council of Women of Canada**, then ultimately to the Federal government, or bring them to the attention of the appropriate body.

If you wish to attend, RSVP on-line by Monday, September 9, 2013

REGISTER ONLINE: You are invited to fill out the online registration form for the Montreal Council of Women’s Town Hall Forum - Thursday, September 12, 2013 at noon.

Click on the link below to register online:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oD4HVJckSIxeyYXbYF6Mbi7RDgU_5xs84GvOIuPxxkKU/viewform

UPCOMING EVENT - The 120th Anniversary Gala Dinner will be held on Friday, November 29th (7:00 pm - 10:00 pm) at the Hotel-Omni Mount-Royal. Cost: \$100/person.

For more information on MCW events, you can contact Renate Sutherland or Frances Lortie.

Frances Lortie and Renate Sutherland
MCW Representatives

The Hat is Back!



Would you like to win a lively excursion for your mind? It's possible at this year's Convivium. The **Thomas More Institute** is once again offering a bursary to one of our members to participate in either two 12 week discussion series or one of 24 weeks.

The two 12 week courses which will be offered on the West Island, at The Church of Saint John the Baptist this fall are:

A Matter of Time - Our concept of time and the "culture of distraction." (Monday afternoons 1:30 to 3:30)

Emerging Hegemons the Challenge of the BRIC's (Brazil, Russia, India, and China) What does it take to be a hegemon? (Wednesday evening 7:00 – 9:00)

The fall sessions begin the week of September 16th. The Thomas More Institute offers many more courses at the Institute in Montreal and the winner can choose any course either on the West Island or in town. Courses are offered in fall, winter and spring, afternoon or evening.

TMI has been engaged in life-long learning in the liberal arts for decades. Its guiding theme, **Curiosity at the Center of one's Life**, defines its approach: university level discussion of timely and fascinating issues for inquiring minds. Skilled course designers prepare a feast of questions, readings, activities and films to challenge and interest. The method is Socratic: questions guide the exchanges. A surprising and interesting range of opinions emerge.

A representative from the Institute will be our guest to tell us a little more, to answer our questions and to draw the winner's name out of The Hat.

Villa Beaurepaire

Affordable seniors' housing in Beaconsfield

Public Information Session

Wednesday, August 28th at 1:30 pm

Beaurepaire United Church 25 Fieldfare Avenue, Beaconsfield

We will provide information about the project such as architectural plans, apartment layouts, rents and inclusions. Apartment visits available.

Application forms will be available.

Kindly RSVP: 514 823 2325 or Email info@villabeaurepaire.com

www.villabeaurepaire.com



Interest Groups

I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer and is ready to enjoy all of the interest groups that MLUWC has to offer.

The **Travel group** is still looking for new leaders! Please contact **Mary Wells** or **Barbara Sauvé** if you would like more information about leading this group (alone or with a friend).

The following groups still have room for new and returning members: **Savvy Investor's Group, Art Appreciation, French Conversation, New Book Exchange, Cross Country Skiing, Tutto Italiano, Evening Book Club, Jaunters, Out to Dinner, Travel** and our newest groups: **Film Discussion** and **Current & Emerging Issues**.

Our outreach groups: **Public Forum Workshops & the Networking Group** will also continue this year. The Networking Group will start meeting again in late September/early October with a breakfast meeting at Dix Milles Villages. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from meeting and networking with other working women from the West Island - please email me for more information or to be included on our invitation mailing list.

Linda Sestock
Interest Groups Chair
lsestock@royalpage.ca

Art Appreciation - As so few of us are in town all winter, we're "going the Jaunters route" i.e. sharing the load! Please read the sign-up sheet carefully and put your name in the appropriate box so that we can get the planning underway. On **Saturday September 21** at the Kirkland Colisée there will be a presentation of Munch's life and work. Buy your tickets in advance, watch the show then have a coffee and discussion in the lobby afterwards. While you are there, buy your tickets for the Vermeer production on November 3rd! **Jeannie Hazel**

Book Club I - Our September book, **Catherine the Great** by Robert K Massie, will be reviewed, on **September 11, at 1:00 pm**. The venue is Margaret's living room, and the reviewer will be Hildburg. I hope to see everyone. If you have a book to share, Kerstin will be ready with her "loan book"! I hope you all had a lovely summer. **Marg Nicoll-Griffith**

Book Club II - The season will start with Louise reviewing **The Tigress of Forli** by Elizabeth Lev. We will meet at Ina's on **Wednesday September 18 at 1:30 pm** contrary to the usual Thursday since Music History has a concert on that day. See you all at Ina's and if you cannot make it please let her know. **Eva Weiss**

Jaunters - For our September jaunt we will visit historic Ile-Saint-Bernard on **Friday September 13**. Discover Chateauguay's little known treasure. Join us for a guided historic boat tour on a covered shuttle boat, a walking historic tour of the island and a buffet lunch in a restored convent. This land, the former Seigneurie of Chateauguay, was inhabited and protected for over 200 years by the Grey Nuns. In 2010, the wetland conservation organization Ducks Unlimited and the Ministère des Ressources Naturelles de la Faune du Québec became the owners of the wildlife sanctuary, therefore ensuring that this natural area would be protected in perpetuity. Héritage Saint-Bernard is responsible for managing, protecting and developing the Refuge faunique Marguerite-d'Youville. The cost will be \$41.50 per person and includes everything ... the guided walking tour, guided boat tour, a hot buffet lunch, and parking. We will carpool as usual from Pointe-Claire Shopping Centre, meeting at 9:00 am (or meet in the parking lot on Ile Saint-Bernard for 10:00 am). Light transportation is available for those with difficulty walking but please advise us when signing up. Contact Suzanne Taylor before Monday September 2nd. <http://www.ilesaintbernard.com>

Interest Groups - continued

Kaffeeklatsch (German Conversation) - The first meeting of the year will take place **Tuesday October 1st at 10:00 am** at the house of Addie Ciebien. Please let me know if you cannot attend. **Christine Hamilton**

Music Appreciation - The Music Appreciation Group will hold its first meeting of the season at Adla Halwani's home, **Thursday September 26, 10:00 am**. This season the Montreal Symphony Orchestra morning concert series we attend will perform on Thursdays 10:30 am at Maison Symphonique. At our meeting we will have the pleasure of familiarizing ourselves with the music and composers featured in upcoming MSO concerts. We will be learning about Smetana's "Vitava (The Moldau)", Bruch's "Violin Concerto No.1" and Dvorak's "Symphony No. 8" to be performed October 10. And Haydn's "Symphony No. 59 Fire", Prokofiev's "Violin Concerto No. 1" and Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition" to be performed October 31. We will also organize carpooling and lunch to follow the concert. For details, please contact **Maria Cranker**.

Music History - The group will meet on **Thursday September 5 at 1:30 pm** at Joan Dyer's place to launch the new season and prepare for the Baroque Matinee concert on **September 19** at Bourgie Hall; the concert tickets will be distributed at the meeting. As usual, please let Joan know if you cannot come.

Good news! I Musici is returning to the West Island and is offering two Sunday afternoon concerts at Église St-Joachim in Pointe-Claire: October 27 and March 23, 2014. Call I Musici at 514-982-6038 and mention MLUWC to subscribe. **Joan Dyer**

New Book Exchange - Attention all prospective Book Exchange members: please mark **Wednesday October 2 - 7:30 pm** on your calendars. Judith at Clío's Book store in the Pointe-Claire Plaza has kindly agreed to present her selection of new releases. Call **B.J. Bell** for more information or if you cannot attend. Happy Reading!

Savvy Investors Group - Hello ladies, the Investors Group will be meeting on **September 24 at 7:00 pm** (the last Tuesday of September). All interested members please email me to confirm your attendance. See you soon!
Gina Spiridigliozzi

Tête-à-tête (French Conversation) - Le prochain rendez-vous du groupe Tête-à-tête sera **le 20 septembre, à 9h30**, chez Susan Cruickshank. Nous sommes un petit groupe agréable et aimons parler français. Pensez à nous joindre. Vous serez les bienvenues. **Dianne Robinson**

Travel - We are looking forward to more travels during our first meeting in October. Please check next newsletter for details. Suggestions welcome. **Contact Barbara Sauvé or Mary Wells**

Tutto Italiano – Our meeting will be held at Renata Bagga's home on **September 10 at 2:00 pm**. We shall decide the program for our coming monthly meetings. Please call if unable to come.

Evening Book Club – Our book for September is **Beloved** by Toni Morrison. New members are welcome. Please sign up at the Convivium or contact **Linda Sestock**.

The Programme Committee has been busy planning a very special series of speakers this year. The full programme will be available at the Convivium. The first of these will be a representative of **Héma Québec** who will speak on the very important and current subject, **"Recent Developments in Organic Donations"** on **Monday, October 7th, 2013**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Nancy Doray
Programme Committee Chair

2014 Pot Luck Dinner News

All members of the Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club are invited to participate in the annual Pot Luck Dinners on **January 13th 2014**. These dinners replace the monthly meeting for January. They give members an opportunity to meet each other while enjoying delicious food, wine and conversation in an informal atmosphere.

Sign up sheets will be available at the September 9th 2013 Convivium meeting where you can indicate how you want to participate. **Hostesses and Assistant Hostesses are needed to coordinate the dinners.** The Hostess provides the venue for the meal, sets the table and supplies tea and coffee, but does no cooking! The Assistant Hostess contacts the guests to coordinate the planning of the various courses prepared by the guests, and assists the hostess on the evening.

Close to 100 members participated in the Pot Luck Dinners in 2013. We are counting on your participation to make the evening a success this year.

We look forward to having you sign up at the Convivium. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

Linda Ricketts
Jane Edwards

ANNOUNCING
THE FILM CLUB PREMIERE
'STORIES WE TELL'
a film by
Oscar-nominated director
Sarah Polley

produced by Anita Lee
for the National Film Board

Tuesday, September 17th 2013
6:30 p.m.
at the Pointe Claire Public Library

Information and sign up at the Convivium

September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Aug. 28 Last Day for Convivium reservations	29	30	31
1	2 LABOUR DAY	3	4	5 Music History 1:30	6	7
8	9 CONVIVIUM at Karnak Hall 5:30-8:00pm	10 Tutto Italiano 2:00 pm	11 Book Club I 1:00 pm	12	13 Deadline for October Newsletter Jaunters	14
15	16 Executive Meeting 7:30 pm	17 Film Club 6:30 pm	18 Book Club II 1:30 pm	19 Music History Concert	20 Tête-à-tête 9h30	21 Art Apprec - Munch @ Colisée Kirkland
22	23	24 Investing Group 7:00	25	26 Music Appreciation 10:00 am	27	28
29	30	Oct. 1 Kaffeeklatsch 1:00 pm	2 New Book Exchange 7:30 pm	3	4	5

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