



Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

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Annual General Meeting and Dinner

Monday May 12, 2014

at

Golf Saint-Raphaël

1111 rue de l'Église, Île-Bizard

Cocktails 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:45 p.m.

It's time to celebrate the arrival of summer with a beautiful evening of camaraderie, good food, and inspiring words from our keynote speaker—prize-winning author, **Alix Ohlin**.



To reserve your place please send a cheque for **\$45.00 (payable to MLUWC)** to **Shirley Wick** **by May 1st.**

Menu

Mixed Salad with honey-Dijon & roasted nut dressing
Chicken with white wine and creamy mushroom sauce
Chocolate mousse
Coffee, tea

If you have any special dietary needs, please contact Shirley Wick. Within reason the Chef will do his best to accommodate.

There is an elevator to the Dining Room at the side entrance.

Unleashing the Writer Within



Alix Ohlin, M.F.A. was born and raised in Montreal. She currently lives in Easton, Pennsylvania, and teaches at Lafayette College and in the Warren Wilson MFA Program for Writers.

We know from our last meeting that our members all have fascinating stories waiting to be told. Who better to help us than novelist, and short-story writer, Alix Ohlin, whose recent novel, *Inside*, was a finalist for the Rogers Writers Trust Prize and the Scotiabank Giller Prize, and who just happens to be a new mother, and daughter of our very own long-time member Carol Ohlin.

Don't forget Games Day & Luncheon fundraiser for the MLUWC Scholarship Fund.

Thursday May 1 - noon to 4:00 at the Beaconsfield Annex

Tickets \$15 – contact Mary Vlahos

President's Message

It's hard to believe that my two years as President will be ending in a few short weeks. I've enjoyed my presidency very much – I have met so many interesting people and have learned so much. I urge you to consider being on the executive of our Club – it is a rich and rewarding experience.

I would like to thank the members of my executive team for their hard work and support throughout my term as your President. Some of them will be stepping down this year and they deserve a big round of applause for the work they have done these past two years (or more). Those leaving are **Janet Ankcorn** (Communications), **Nancy Doray** (Programme), **Heather Hamilton** (Newsletter), and **Renate Sutherland** (Archives). Thanks also to **Jane Edwards** and **Linda Ricketts** for their work in organizing the Pot Luck Dinners this year. A special thanks to **Kate Le Maistre** for her work as Chair of the Scholarship Fund.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many members who encouraged and cheered me on throughout my two years. Your words meant so much to me – thank you!

I wish the new executive much success in their endeavours over the next two years.

I hope that many of you will attend **Games Day** on **Thursday, May 1**. Games Day always proves to be an enjoyable event with lots of good food and fun. Mary Vlahos is looking for a few volunteers to help out with the food. Please contact her if you are able to help out or if you are interested in attending.

Our **AGM** is scheduled for **Monday, May 12** at the Saint-Raphael Golf Course. I hope the weather will cooperate this year and allow us to have our cocktails outside so that we can enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Contact Shirley Wick before May 1 to let her know you will be attending or if there are any special food requirements.

Alix Ohlin, the daughter of one of our members, Carol Ohlin, and an award-winning author will be our guest speaker.

If I don't get a chance to see you at Games Day or the AGM, I wish you a most enjoyable and relaxing summer.

Gilda Martinello
President

Nominations

As Chair of the Nominating Committee, I am pleased to present the following slate of officers and Committee chairs for the year 2014 - 2015:

Executive

New mandates for:

President	Connie Ellis
Vice-President & CFUW Liaison	Suzanne Chaussé
Vice-President & Membership	Linda Sestock
Communications	Jeannie Hazel
Past President	Gilda Martinello

Returning officers for their 2nd year:

Treasurer	Paulette Cargill
Recording Secretary	Joyce Schaaf

Standing Committee Chairs

New mandates for:

Archives	Jane Cowell Poitras
Interest Groups	Linda Ricketts
Newsletter	Barbara Armbruster
Programme	Vacant

Returning chairs for the 2nd year of their term:

Fundraising	Mary Vlahos
Hospitality	Shirley Wick
Scholarships	Sandra Munro

Returning for an additional year:

Webmaster	Chitra Chopra
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Other committees

New mandate for:

Potluck Dinners	Gisele Lambert & Patricia DuVal
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Returning for an additional year:

Newsletter distribution	Janet Guay
Photographer	Judy Paquin & Janet Ankcorn

MLUWC Scholarship Fund

New mandates for:

Chair	Barbara Marcolin
Treasurer	Susan Keating

I greatly appreciate the efforts of the members of the Nominating Committee:
Marie-Belle Cunningham, Patricia DuVal, Connie Ellis and Elizabeth Semmelhaack.

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 4 of our Constitution, additional nominations may be made in writing to the Nominating Committee at least five days before the Annual Meeting, but consent must be obtained first from the nominee, accompanied by the signatures of five members. Please forward nominations to Chitra Chopra, Past President & Chair of Nominating Committee.

Chitra Chopra
Past President & Chair, Nominating Committee

**The West Island Palliative Care
Residence is hosting a special
women-centred fundraiser on
Wednesday May 28th
6:00 to 9:00 pm.
at the Pavillon Chateau
Vaudreuil**

**Activities include an
inspirational speaker, kiosks
featuring products and services
for women, hors d'oeuvres and
wine.**

Tickets \$50

**For tickets and info contact:
Jessica Newey 514-693-1718
jnewey@wipcr.ca**

Membership

This month we welcome **Brigitte Garceau** who practises family law. She is extremely enthusiastic about our Club and we can look forward to her participation.

As we close the books on another year, I would like to express my appreciation for all the help that I have received from so many members. The people who invited friends to the general meetings, those who encouraged their friends and acquaintances to visit the website to learn about the Club, others who told their friends about the wide range of activities and those who helped at the general meetings all played a part. Their efforts were responsible for thirty-three new members. They were motivated to join us and we all need to motivate them to renew their membership.

Membership has its privileges and in our Club one of the privileges which we all enjoy is to take stock of potential improvements and bring them to the attention of a member of the executive for consideration. Please exercise that privilege.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, at the Annual General Meeting & dinner we will be paying tribute to those women whose efforts over many years have made our Club what it is today. The Hospitality committee will be taking reservations until the end April. If you plan to attend please make your reservation early.

Invoices for the membership dues for the year 2014 - 2015 will be sent out at the end of the month. Please make your payment by August 15th 2014. For your convenience post-dated cheques (**\$110 payable to MLUWC**) will be accepted at the AGM.

The wheels keep turning and planning for the new year must begin. There will be a membership drive in June. If you know anyone who is looking for conversation, intellectual stimulation or activities outside of her job or her children's activities; or anyone who may be wondering what she will do when she retires five or ten years from now, do tell her about our Club. If she expresses an interest please send her coordinates to me at membership@mluwc.com so that she may be contacted.

I challenge everyone to help to improve on this year's membership numbers. Always remember:

MEMBERSHIP IS EVERY MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Constance Ellis
Vice-President & Membership Chair

Fundraising

For Member's Night this year we decided to try something new by holding a "nearly new" sale. Members brought items they no longer needed and we resold them. There was also a baked goods table that was highly popular and all the goodies disappeared very fast. The idea was very well received and helped us raise \$503.55 for the Scholarship Fund.

I would like to thank the Committee members and all the volunteers that helped out that evening. Most of all I would like to thank all of you who participated in this event, either by bringing items or buying them. Without everyone's input this event would not have been possible. It was a fun evening that we can repeat at a later date.

Mary Vlahos
Fundraising Chair

Stewart Hall Singers

AHOY there! Set sail into spring with the Stewart Hall Singers!
Come celebrate Mother's Day with a splash!
Proudly presenting **CONCERT MARINA** or *Riding the Waves*,
featuring the *Nelson Mass* by Josef Haydn
and a selection of seafaring songs by Holst, Gilbert and Sullivan,
Rodgers and Hammerstein, and Cole Porter.
Embark on this rollicking musical voyage at Église Saint-Joachim, Pointe-Claire,
Saturday, May 10, 8:00 pm.

Tickets, \$20, available through Joan Dyer or at the door.

REPORT FROM MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN (MCW)

“A VOICE FOR WOMEN IN MONTREAL” since 1893

The MCW April 2014 BULLETIN reported the following:

International Women’s Day in March was celebrated with an inspiring presentation by *Ms Daniela Chivu*, who is Convener for Immigration and Citizenship and Global Affairs, and Co-representative to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women for the National Council of Women of Canada. Her topic on “human rights which are women’s rights” was relevant to the Commission of the Status of Women forum taking place at the United Nations, New York (March 8-21, 2014). Canada had a number of delegates who attended from various NGOs.

Dr. Chitra Chopra, who is presently MCW Executive Vice-President and Bonnie Destounis represented the National Council of Women of Canada Development Organization (NCWCDO). “... it was an eye opener to perceive the severity of problems women face worldwide! Presentations were made by exceptional women, some rose from poverty-stricken area to higher education. They now had the opportunity to share their experiences and to influence NGOs.”

Organized by your MCW representatives, **MLUWC** hosted the **Montreal Council of Women Luncheon on Thursday, April 3, 2014.** It was a great success and MLUWC President Gilda Martinello introduced our Club to the 40 MCW members who were in attendance. The guest speaker, **Dr. Arshad-Ayez**, Assistant Professor, Concordia University shared her research, teaching practice, and her previous anthropological experience on the “Challenges and Opportunities in Teaching Environmental Sustainability in Quebec.”

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **The MCW Annual Meeting on May 15, 2014, Lunch (\$10.00) at 12:00 noon**
- **Afternoon Tea and Networking on June 19, 2014 at 12:00 noon**

Where: Les Jardins du canal, situated at 2700 Rufus Rockhead (opposite Atwater Market)

Please contact Renate by email if you are interested in attending any of the above events.

Frances Lortie and Renate Sutherland
MCW Representatives

Interest Groups

BOOK CLUB I - In May we will review **Flying Over 96th Street**, written by Thomas Webber. We will meet at Nora's at 1:00 pm. on **May 14th**. This book was chosen by Jan Cushman for our club and I think we will feel Jan's spirit in our discussion. **Marg Nicoll-Griffith**

BOOK CLUB II - We will meet on May 8th, when Gilda will review **When China Rules The World: The End of the Western World and the Birth of a New Global Order** by British Journalist and scholar, Martin Jacques. Gilda will host the meeting. **Eva Weiss**

EVENING BOOK CLUB - We are meeting May 27 at 7:15 pm. Our last book for the season is **The Orenda** by Joseph Boyden. Heather will host the meeting. **Linda Sestock**

JAUNTERS – Keep the date open for the next Jaunters adventure in September 2014! Join us for a 2 hour Tour of Mount Royal Cemetery on **September 11(10:00am-12:00 pm)**. Founded in 1852, the Mount Royal Cemetery is one of the oldest rural cemeteries in North America. The cemetery's 165 acres are located on the north flank of Mount Royal. Here we can observe some 145 species of birds and century-old trees along trails or amid gardens and terraces. Our historical guided tour will recall the life of famous figures who are buried there, as well as the flora and fauna of the cemetery. After the guided tour we will go for lunch. There will be more details to follow. **Pat Jones**

KAFFEEKLATSCH - Our group will meet on Tuesday morning, May 13th, or May 20th, at 10:00 am. Exact date and place to be discussed. **Christine Hamilton**

MUSIC APPRECIATION – The Music Appreciation Group met Thursday, April 24th, 10 am. at Judy Paquin's home to prepare for the final MSO morning concert of the season, to be held on Thursday, May 1st. Margarita Reti will bring refreshments, Adla Halwani will present Mozart's "Flute Concerto No. 1, K313," and Suzanne Dawson will present Zemlinsky's "Die Seejungfrou (The Mermaid)." Thursday, May 8th, 11 am, Dianne Robinson will host our wrap-up meeting followed by a potluck luncheon. For details, please contact **Maria Cranker**.

MUSIC HISTORY – There will be no meeting in May as we will be attending two concerts: Thursday evening, **May 1, 8:00 pm**, Orchestre Metropolitain at Église Saint-Joachim, Vienna the Magnificent (members are responsible for arranging their own tickets), and Thursday morning, **May 15, 11:00 am**, Salle Bourgie, the last Matinée Baroque recital, devoted completely to the harpsichord. Members will be e-mailed regarding car-pooling and lunch (Sandra, car-pooling; Adla, lunch arrangements). **Joan Dyer**

OUT TO DINNER - These are the restaurants we will be going to in the next months:

May 22	Il Bellissimo	Dorval
June 27	The Keg	Pointe-Claire

TÊTE-À-TÊTE - Le prochain rendez-vous sera chez sera chez Janet Anderson le 16 mai. Si vous avez le gout de nous joindre pour parler en français dans un ambiance amical, veuillez me donner un coup de fil. **Dianne Robinson**

Interest Groups - continued

TRAVEL - There was a thought to reschedule the planned April meeting: however after checking with the membership as to availability, it was decided that it would be better to start our program again in the fall. Thanks to all who responded, but there will be no meeting in May. Happy travels to all and we hope we can look forward to more outstanding presentations.

Barbara Sauvé & Mary Wells

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May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>Don't forget to reserve for AGM Dinner by May 1st!</i>		1 Games Day & Luncheon 12:00 - 4:00 Music History 8 pm	2	3
4	5	6	7 Book Club I 1:00 pm	8 Music Appreciation Book Club II	9	10
11  Mothers' Day	12 AGM & Dinner at Golf St-Raphaël	13	14 Art Appreciation 10:00 am	15 Music History 11 am	16 Tête-à-tête 9h30	17
18	19	20	21	22 Out to Dinner 6:30 pm	23	24
25	26 Joint Executive Dinner & Meeting	27 Evening Book Club 7:15 pm	28	29	30	31

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