



Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

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Christmas Meeting and Raffle



Monday, December 14, 2015

6:30 pm

at

Summerlea United Church

225 50th Ave, Lachine,

H8T 2T7

Lachine

*(Parking is available on the streets
surrounding the church)*

[For directions, please see top of page 2]

Our annual festive evening of song, good food, and good company awaits members and guests.

The interest groups are preparing wonderful gifts to be won – gourmet baskets, gift certificates, and other surprises!

The McGill Conservatory Youth Choir will be regaling us with Christmas songs.

Our charity this year is the **West Island Mission** which provides food to those people in the West Island who are in need.

In addition to collecting funds for the West Island Mission, we will also be giving them food. So please bring a non-perishable item or two to the evening.

If you are bringing a sweet or savoury to share or are willing to help out, please contact **Christine Hamilton** to let her know.

Festive refreshments will be served following the musical performance and raffle.

Hope to see you there!



President's Message

Fall finally arrived in earnest on October 28th. The rain, the wind, the broken umbrellas - nothing dampened the spirits of those who turned out for our fundraising concert. The Lyric Theatre Singers gave a splendid performance. Our congratulations go to the fundraising committee for a job well done. Again our provincial and municipal representatives were very supportive.

Another month, another great general meeting presentation. We all left the meeting knowing more about what is possible as we leave this mortal coil. Our programme committee has really done well by us.

Sincere thanks to all those who donated prescription eyeglasses to the Lions Club recycling programme.

Now we look forward to the December meeting. We can participate in many ways: bringing the tasty morsels, helping to serve them, buying and selling raffle tickets and being in the audience for the McGill Conservatory Youth Choir. Please note that car pooling is advised. This will also be the last opportunity to sign up for a January Potluck Dinner or Lunch or High Tea.

Here's wishing everyone a happy holiday season.

Constance Ellis
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To donate to our Scholarship Fund at any time go to
http://mлуwc.com/scholarship_fund.html

Directions to Summerlea United Church

Take **HWY 20 going east**
Take exit **58 for 55e Ave.**
Turn **right** onto **55e Ave**
Turn **left** onto **Rue Victoria**
Take the 3rd **right** onto **51e Ave**
Take the 1st **left** onto **Rue René Huguet**
Take the 2nd **right** onto **50e Ave**
Destination will be on the right



Hospitality

Our charity this year is the **West Island Mission**, which provides food to those people in the West Island who are in need. As those of you who were at the November general meeting will remember, the money we usually raise will only cover the increase in the cost of turkeys this year! So let's try to exceed our past years' donations of between \$1,400 and \$1,500, so that in addition to covering the increase, we can help them provide more food to deserving families.

Food provision: many of you have volunteered to provide food for our Christmas event at the November meeting. However, many people at the meeting did not get a chance to sign up. And of course, many people were not in attendance. So if you are willing to bring food – sweet or savory – please let Christine Hamilton know asap.

In addition to collecting funds for the West Island Mission, we will also be giving them food. So please bring a non-perishable item or two to the evening.

We need your food donations and your presence to make the meeting a success.

Thanks,

Christine Hamilton
Chair, Hospitality Committee

CFUW NEWS

LAST FEDERAL ELECTIONS

Congratulations to four CFUW members who were elected to the House of Commune; they are:

- Elizabeth May (BC)
- Karina Gould (ON)
- Karen McCrimmon (ON)
- Brenda Shanahan (Chateauguay, QC)

With the election of Justin Trudeau as Prime Minister, a wave of change has started to form. These changes are of interest to all CFUW members. One of our advocacy subjects has gained the attention of the new government, namely, Violence against Women. An inquiry into the Missing and Murdered Aboriginal women has been promised. Also, the presence of the Government at the Paris Conference on Climate Change is welcomed. Optimism is the air.

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

During the AGM that was held in Quebec City last June, the resolutions adopted were:

- Reducing Climate Change through the Use of Carbon Taxes
- Saving our pollinators and our Environment: Moratorium on the use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides
- Physician Assisted Death

Of these Resolutions:

- Our new government will attend the upcoming Paris Conference on Climate Change.
- Neonicotinoid pesticides:
I am glad to report that the Ontario Superior Court has upheld a provincial regulation to **dramatically reduce the number of acres** planted with corn and soybean seeds coated with NEONICOTINOID pesticides responsible for the decline of bees, birds and other pollinators.

The regulations demand that farmers plant only half their acreage with neonicotinoid-treated seeds in 2016.

Bravo.

Please use the Resolution toolkit that was sent separately, and send your letter to your MP.

Suzanne Chaussé
V.P. and CFUW Liaison.

Membership

Thank you to everyone who has been so generous with the shoeboxes for the West Island Women's Shelter. It was Janet's turn to make the delivery this month and her car was full! If you still want to participate, our last collection will be at the December meeting. You could also drop them off at my home, if you cannot make the December meeting. One member even collected a cheque for the shelter from her neighbour.

The directories were handed out at the November meeting - if you will not be attending the December meeting, please call me so that you can pick up your copy.

Please welcome Linda Gimber to our Club. We had the opportunity of meeting her at our New Members Event in October.

** Please help us to spread the news about the MLUWC - the West Island's Best Kept Secret, with everyone you meet. .

** **we are still collecting SHOEBOXES FOR SHELTER**

** Don't forget your **nametags** - I will be collecting them for you at the meetings

** Remember to like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MLUWC>

Happy Holidays!

Linda Sestock
Vice-President & Membership Chair



Fundraising

As all of you know, the event took place on Oct.28 at the Dollard Banquet Hall and we were entertained by the Lyric Theatre Singers performing Best of Broadway.

In spite of the inclement weather, the show was sold out. The Singers gave it their all and the audience was delighted with their renditions of Broadway tunes, leaving with smiles on their faces.

265 tickets were sold. Together with the program book, the raffle sales and the donations, the amount raised that evening was \$15,000.00. After expenses, the net profit should be close to \$12,000.00

Of course, this unprecedented success would not have been possible without everyone's contribution and support in one way or another. So thank you all very much. I would like to extend a special thank you to the Committee members: Joyce Schaaf, Jane Cowell-Poitras, Judy Paquin, Janet Ankcorn and, of course, my partner in crime, Victoria Pinnell.

For the rest of the year, we will continue with our regular book sale and the 50/50 sale, by popular demand, as well as our other regular events.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and a nice winter.

Mary Vlahos
Co-chair, Fundraising

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At the November 5th MCW meeting, the guest speaker, **Dr. Shaheen Shariff**, Associate Professor in the Department of Integrated Studies, Faculty of Education, McGill University, spoke on the timely topic **"Rape Culture at Universities"**.

UPCOMING EVENT:

"Woman of the Year Award- 2015 Luncheon" will be held on December 4, 2015, at 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 380 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal.

Tickets: \$50.00

Available by contacting: S. Gyles at sagyles@sympatico.ca or MCW Board President, Chitra Chopra or by emailing: mcwinformation@gmail.com

The focus of this year's award, is a woman who has made an outstanding contribution towards the prevention of violence against women.

This year's winner, Ms. June Michell, is Co-Founder and Program Coordinator for Femmes Averties/ Women Aware.

Everyone is welcome to come and join MCW in honoring and celebrating Ms. Michell's tireless dedication, her unyielding strength and determination and, through her actions and initiatives, her outstanding contribution towards the prevention of violence against women.

Frances Lortie and Renate Sutherland
MLUWC representatives to MCW

Did You Know?

Environment Canada has recommended that microbeads be considered **toxic** under subsection 64(a) of the *Canadian Environment Protection Act*, as a precautionary measure and be added to the List of Toxic Substances? Micro beads are found in personal care products (such as scrubs, bath products, facial cleaners, toothpastes), as well as many other substances.



Interest Groups

Interest Group Leaders

Now is the time for all interest groups to gather small donations from each participating member, and come up with ideas for the content of their group Christmas basket. This tradition of a Christmas raffle provides lots of fun for members anticipating winning a gift basket and at the same time allows us to support a local charity with the proceeds of the raffle tickets.

From what I hear, all of the groups with the exception of cross-country skiing are well into their activities for the coming year. October and November are particularly busy with various events. Enjoy!

Linda Ricketts
Interest Group Chair

BON APPÉTIT DINNER CLUB -

Our second outing of the season was scheduled for **October 29th at Casa Mare in Pierrefonds** but was rescheduled to **November 12th** due to a local power failure. Our diners were not disappointed in this new and delightful dining experience.

The next restaurant that we will be visiting is **La Perle – Szechwan in DDO, on Thursday, November 26th at 6:30 p.m.**, organized by Jane Cowell-Poitras and Shirley Wick.

There will be no outing scheduled for December. Details for our January evening will be announced in next month's newsletter.

Please feel free to join our dining club if you have not had an opportunity to do so. Everyone is most welcome.

Victoria Pinnell vpinnell@lbpsb.qc.ca

BOOK CLUB 1 -

Our December Meeting will be held on December 9th, at 1pm. Our hostess will be Joan Pearson and the book to be discussed is: Nellie McClung, by Charlotte Gray. Our discussion leaders are Nancy and Joan. Hope to see everyone, and let's hope our lovely weather continues to cooperate! Cheers,

Marg. Nicoll-Griffith

BOOK CLUB 2 -

The Lady in Gold will be reviewed at our December meeting which will be held at Carole's home. Maureen will be reviewing the book. Books for our 2016 winter session will be decided upon at our November meeting.

Gilda Martinello

DUPLICATE BRIDGE-

In December we will meet on Thursday, December 10 only. Our morning play will be followed by going out for lunch. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jane Quail or Ginger Brossard.

Jane Quail

FILM CLUB -

Our FILM CLUB and the HUDSON FILM SOCIETY will present the film, "I'll See You in My Dreams", on December 21st. Here is the plot summary:

In this vibrant, funny, and heartfelt film, a widow and former songstress discovers that life can begin anew at any age. With the support of three loyal girlfriends (June Squibb, Rhea Perlman, and Mary Kay Place), Carol (Blythe Danner) decides to embrace the world, embarking on an unlikely friendship with her pool maintenance man (Martin Starr), pursuing a new love interest (Sam Elliott), and reconnecting with her daughter (Malin Akerman).

Refreshments will be served after the show.

Suzanne Chaussé

GERMAN CONVERSATION GROUP -

On Tuesday, Dec. 8

As usual, we will be meeting at my house, to watch a short Deutsche Welle program and then discuss over munchies. We will also get down to business with Chapter 19.

Guests are welcome. If you intend to look in on us, please telephone me, Christine.

If you cannot make it, or, if you wish to bring a friend, please do inform me.

Christine Hamilton

GOURMET 3 -

Our last supper of 2015 will be held on Thursday, December 3 and Gilda will be hosting. Recipes will be sent out shortly.

Gilda Martinello

ISSUES AND ACTION GROUP -

At the last meeting of the Issues and Action group, it was decided to concentrate efforts on three main issues: the Syrian refugee crisis, women's financial health and the effect of micro beads on the environment. Meetings will now be held at members' homes: the next one will be held on November 27th at Patricia DuVal's house.

Nancy Doray and Patricia DuVal

MUSIC APPRECIATION -

There are no further concerts in 2015 that we will be attending. On January 7 at 10 am, we will meet at the home of Dianne Robinson to prepare for the January 14 MSO morning concert. Music and presenters will be: Borodin's "Prince Igor," Maria Cranker; Poulenc's "Concerto for Two Pianos," Susan Cruickshank; Q. Chen's

"Instants d'un opera de Pekin," Dianne Robinson; Jordan Pal's "On the Double," Maria Korab-Laskowska; Prokofiev's "Suite from The Love of Three Oranges," Addie Ciebien. Refreshments by Maria Korab-Laskowska. All the best for the Season--good music and good cheer!

Maria Cranker

MUSIC HISTORY -

The Music History group will meet at Joan's on Thursday, December 10 at 1 pm. Refreshments courtesy of Adla. Please let Joan know if you can't come.

Joan Dyer

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB -

We've had our first review meeting at Donna's home where Joanne reviewed Elizabeth is Missing. The verdict was unanimous – not a very good mystery and a very depressing story. Hopefully our next mystery Black Rock by John McFetridge will prove to be more interesting - the story is set in Montreal in 1970. We will be meeting at Giovanna's home and Gilda will be the reviewer.

Gilda Martinello

TUTTO ITALIANO -

Buon giorno amici

Tutto Italiano Grupo will have our Cena di Natale (Christmas lunch) on Tuesday, December 8th at 1 PM . It will be a pot luck lunch of divers " piatti italiani".

Our hostess has invited her daughter to speak to us about her recent trip to Italy. We also plan to practise the vocabulary on the document given to us at our November meeting.

NB: As our hostess has limited space, only current group members are invited.

Ciao tutti!

Carole Newberry & Mary Vlahos co-leaders

WINE APPRECIATION GROUP 1 -

We will meet at the home of Jeanne Marie Lefebvre (Shipley) at 7.15 p.m., on December 9th. Please contact Jeanne Marie to reserve your place.

Janet Ankorn

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December 2015

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meeting

En concert/In Concert

LES CHANTEURS STEWART HALL SINGERS

Samedi le 5 décembre 2015

Saturday December 5, 2015

20h00/8PM

MOZART REQUIEM Cantiques de Noël/Christmas Carols

Directeur/Director

Douglas Knight

Accompagnateur/Accompanist

Philip Crozier

The Stewart Hall Singers will mark the untimely death in Vienna, December 5, 1791, of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with a performance of his sublime Requiem, on Saturday, December 5, 2015, 8 pm, at Église Saint-Joachim, 2 rue Ste-Anne, Pointe Claire. Christmas will be the theme of the second half of the concert — audience participation welcome for the sing-along carols. Come and enjoy! Tickets, \$20, available from **Joan Dyer**.