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22nd Annual January Pot Luck Dinners

A wonderful MLUWC tradition

Monday, January 12, 2015

6:30 pm

Potluck Dinner Coordinators:

**Patricia DuVal
Gisèle Lambert**

Bon Appétit!

**Our next General Meeting is
Monday February 9th**

President's Message

Happy New Year Bonne Année Buon anno Feliz Año.

I do hope that your holiday turns out to be as enjoyable as you planned and that the new year brings you all that you wish.

Those who were unable to attend the last general meeting missed a wonderful evening. The choir - Montreal City Voices- was wonderful, entertaining and engaging. The organizers of the meeting did a superb job. Our thanks go to the members who provided the tasty morsels which we so enjoyed. The Interest Groups offered wonderful raffle prizes and raffle ticket sales exceeded \$1400.

This year the raffle proceeds were donated to the West Island Association for the Intellectually Handicapped. Their representative was on hand to collect the cheque. She told us very briefly about some of the work they do.

Congratulations to Shirley Wick and her special events team - Margaret Galley, Phyllis Havercroft and Orian Leggett - for a job well done.

Looking ahead we have the dinners in January. I urge everyone to participate. Some assistant hostesses have already completed the planning but it may not be too late to be squeezed in. Meeting in small groups makes for great conversation.

February and March bring us very interesting topics for our general meetings and we'll have a couple of workshops along the way.

In April our club will be hosting the Annual General Meeting of the Quebec Council of the CFUW. Anyone wishing to participate in the planning of this event should communicate with me.

So rest and relax. We have some busy days ahead.

Constance Ellis
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Membership

Happy New Year! I wish everyone a healthy, happy 2015!

Membership directory: there are still copies of the directory available, so if you didn't pickup yours in 2014, you can do so at the February meeting (or you can call me to arrange a pick up at my home).

Our networking outreach program has been successful. We have only met twice this fall but we were able to raise \$120 for the Scholarship Fund and \$125.00 for the West Island Cancer Wellness Centre (they hosted our November 5 a 7). Through our networking events we are able to introduce new women to our group. You can help by talking about the MLUWC with your daughters and friends - and don't forget our monthly meetings are open to guests.

All my best,

Linda Sestock

Vice-President & Membership Chair

CFUW News

IFUW wishes to change its name to Graduate Women International. The IFUW Board believes that this name will convey the image of a group of graduate women united in a common purpose to empower girls and women everywhere through education.

In the restructuring process, IFUW wishes to grow the Federation and to develop an alternative income stream generated by open conferences. The plan is to evolve the 2016 IFUW Triennial in Cape Town, South Africa into a public conference that attracts a wide audience, including leading educationalists and educational funders.

We need the MLUWC members to give us some input before January 30th, 2015 on the matter.

Suzanne Chaussé

Vice President, CFUW Liaison

[Editor's note: You will receive a special email, early January, to outline the probable effects of this proposal and to explain the ease with which you can vote.]

Programme Committee

December Meeting, Concert and Raffle

The MLUWC December meeting was a festive success, as usual, thanks to the combined efforts of many MLUWC members. Programme committee member Victoria Pinnell organised

a wonderful choir to regale us. The Montreal City Voices of Harmony Inc. who sing in the a cappella style treated us to a range of seasonal and popular music. Their exuberant and very spirited performance left us all with smiles on our faces. In the middle of their performance they stopped and led us in a sing-along after which some of our more courageous members joined the Montreal City Voices for a very interesting and fun-filled performance. Linda Ricketts and the interest groups contributed many wonderful prizes for our raffle that raised \$1435 for the benefit of the West Island Association for the Intellectually Handicapped (WIAIH).



Heidi Schaaf, daughter of Joyce Schaaf, helped present the cheque to Tracy Wrench, the recreation director of the WIAIH. Shirley Wick and her hospitality team served us a lovely array of delicious offerings generously brought in by our members. The hard work of the team made the entire production seem effortless – from the hospitality team, the ticket sellers, the contributors to the prizes for raffle, and so many others who helped in countless ways. All those present were in high spirits and a good time was had by all!

Chitra Chopra
Programme Committee Chair

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee sends best wishes to all of you and thanks you for the support you have shown in the past year.

We will keep you informed of future events in the coming year.

Happy Holiday Season. Health, happiness, peace and prosperity in 2015 !

Mary Vlahos
Fundraising Chair

Nominating Committee

Over the next month, I will be putting together a nominating committee to look for candidates to fill executive positions which will become vacant at the end of our current year.

Three people from the general membership as well as two from the Executive form the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in being part of the Committee, please let me know. The duties are not strenuous and we meet only a couple of times.

Gilda Martinello
Past President and Corporate Secretary

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Interest Groups

Bon Appétit Dinner Club

Our third outing of the season on November 27th was the French restaurant, Le Bordelais. A lively group of 20 members enjoyed a wonderful and varied meal with outstanding service. Ginger and Helene arranged for a private section of the restaurant, which allowed us to visit and enjoy one another's company.

The next restaurant we will be visiting is **M. Epicé, a Szechuan / Thai (BYOB) restaurant** in Pointe Claire on **Thursday, January 29th at 6:30 p.m.**, organized by Ausma Groskaufmanis and Shirley Wick. Details for the evening will follow in the New Year.

If you are looking for a lovely evening out, please feel free to join our dining club if you have not had an opportunity to do so. Everyone is most welcome.

Victoria Pinnell

BOOK CLUB I -

We will be meeting on the 14th of January at 1PM, at Christa's to discuss **Norman Bethune**, written by **Adrienne Clarkson**, a selection of the Extraordinary Canadians series put together by John Ralston Saul and published by Penguin books. The "Globe and Mail " reviews it as,"insightful!" Our reviewer is Nora. Hope to see everyone. May you all be relaxed after the holiday rush, and find time to curl up with a good book. Happy New Year to all.

Margaret N-G

BOOK CLUB II -

Our group will be meeting on Thursday, January 15 at Carole's home. Hélène will be reviewing the book Empress Dowager Cixi by Jung Chang (who also wrote Wild Swans, a book we read earlier this year).

Gilda Martinello

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING -

The cross-country ski group meets at The Morgan Arboretum at 9:45am on both Tuesday January 20 and at 9:45 am on Tuesday January 27. All welcome.

Janet Anderson

DUPLICATE BRIDGE -

We shall be meeting on Thursday, January 8 and 22, at 9 AM at Centennial Hall in Beaconsfield.

Jane Quail

German Conversation Group

Please be advised that the German Conversation Group will be meeting on Tuesday, January 20th at 9.45 a.m. at the home of Maria Kolodziej. As usual, please advise the hostess and me if you are unable to attend. Ich wuensche allen frohe Festtage.

Christine Hamilton

Gourmet 3 -

After a couple of months of non-activity, we are getting together once more for a lovely evening of food and conversation on Thursday, February 5 at Ginger's home. As a reminder, we have changed our schedule and will now be meeting on the first Thursday of every month.

Gilda Martinello

JAUNTERS - The Jaunters' outing for January 21, 2015 will be to the Museum Pointe à Callière

The exhibition **The Greeks – Agamemnon to Alexander the Great** takes visitors on a breathtaking and illuminating journey through 5,000 years of Greek history and culture, beginning around 6000 BCE to 323 BCE. It is the most comprehensive exhibition about Ancient Greece to tour North America in a generation, and features some of the finest artifacts of the classical world. Many of the objects have **never** before travelled outside of the country. The exhibition includes priceless treasures, the fruit of fascinating archaeological discoveries, along with items recounting the epic adventures of heroes of Ancient Greece, from the siege of Troy by Agamemnon to the triumphs of Alexander the Great. Visitors will be able to admire over 500 exquisite treasures drawn from the collections of 21 Greek museums, including the renowned National Archaeological Museum and the new Acropolis Museum in Athens.

Tour 10:30 –12 pm

Carpool from the Pointe Claire Plaza at 9:15 am

Entrance fee \$14.00 pp (for a minimum of 15 people). Cost will go up if we are less than 15.

Lunch at the museum \$15-\$23.

RSVP deadline January 7, 2015

Reserve with Ina Lessard stating if you can drive, need a ride, and are staying for lunch

Patricia Jones

Photo Club

Our next meeting will be at Adla Halwani's home on January 20th.

We will talk about light, review assignments and share images.

You will receive an email with details.

Maria Korab-Laskowska

TÊTÊ-À-TÊTE (French Conversation)

La prochaine réunion sera chez Renata Bagga, le 16 janvier . Si vous avez le gout de nous joindre pour parler en français dans une ambiance amicale veuillez me donner un coup de fil.

Diane Robinson

TRAVEL -

We do not have a meeting in January, but please reserve February 3rd for an exciting trip to Burma, Cambodia & Vietnam with Muslim Harji.

Thank you very much.

Maria Korab-Laskowska

TUTTO ITALIANO -

Tutto Italiano will meeting on the 20th of January at a member's home.

We shall have a presentation on the Montepulciano area.

Additional information will follow.

Renate Bragga

Wine Appreciation II -

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3 at the home of Gilda Martinello.

Joyce Schaaf

January 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
			1 New Year's Day	2	
5	6	7	8 Duplicate Bridge 9 a.m.	9	
12 Pot Luck Dinners 6:30 p.m.	13	14 Book Club I 1 p.m.	15 Book Club II	16 Tête à Tête	
19 M L King Day	20 X-Country Ski 9:45 a.m. German Conversation 9:45 a.m. Photo Club Tutto Italiano	21 Jaunters 10:30 a.m.-noon	22 Duplicate Bridge 9 a.m.	23	
26	27 X-Country Ski 9:45 a.m.	28	29 Bon Appétit 6:30 p.m.	30	

February 2015

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