



Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

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

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GENERAL MEETING

Monday April 11, 2016

at

The Karnak Shriners' Temple
3350 Sources Boulevard, DDO

Coffee – 7:15

Meeting starts at 7:45

Guest Speaker

Cathy Wong, President
Le Conseil des Montréalaises

Topic

The Role of Le Conseil des Montréalaises

More information on page 2

Also, the **Fundraising Committee** is having an "Antique and Unique Vintage Sale" as well as a Bake Sale, so come prepared to shop or bring some items to donate

UPCOMING EVENTS ...

April 28 – Games Day & Luncheon
For info & tickets contact: **Mary Vlahos**

May 9 – AGM & Dinner Meeting
To reserve contact:
Gilda Martinello

President's Message

Every year we look forward to getting to know some of our newer members. Once again Members' Night lived up to our expectations. We heard from three very dynamic women who shared their experiences as well as their volunteer interests. The talents of our members were showcased in displays of artwork, jewellery, painting and photography.

Save the date! The Annual General Meeting of the CFUW Quebec Council will be held on April 23rd. The host club this year is UWC Montreal Inc. No doubt there will be further discussion of the relationship with the CFUW/GWI. Details will be provided as soon as they become available.

By the time this month's newsletter is published spring will have officially arrived. This is the time that we all try to find good homes for the items which we no longer use or have not used for a long time. Those items not destined for the Vintage Sale will be welcomed by many of the helping organizations in our community.

We are less than two months away from the end of the 2015 - 2016 programme. With the promise of improving weather I encourage everyone to participate as fully as possible.

Constance Ellis
mduwc1@mduwc.com

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

Programme Committee

The Conseil des Montréalaises was created by Montreal City Council in 2004. It acts as an advisory body to the municipal administration on all issues concerning gender equality and the status of women and hopes to encourage women's participation in public life.



Cathy Wong trained as a lawyer and is the youngest president in its history. She works as the youth sector development agent for the YMCAs of Quebec and is on the board of several organizations. In 2014 she was awarded the YWCA's Women of Distinction Award in the Young Woman of Distinction category.

Jane Edwards, Programme Co-Chair

FUNDRAISING

Games Day will take place on April 28, 2016 at the Herb Linder Hall in Beaconsfield, as in past years. Tickets are \$15.00 each and went on sale at the last General Meeting, on March 14. For those of you that were not present you will have a chance to purchase them at the next meeting on April 11 or by calling Mary at 514-683-5685 or Victoria at 514-637-9598. Please take note that there will not be any tickets sold at the door. Judging from last year's sold out event, please get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

STUDY GROUP LEADERS please talk to your groups and get your foursomes together.

As in the past, we count on your generosity to contribute either some savoury or sweet treats for the luncheon. A form will be passed around at the next meeting where you can sign up. Thank you in advance.





Our other fundraising event, back by popular demand, is the **Antiques & Unique Vintage Sale and Bake Sale** that will take place at the April 11 meeting. We accept used items that are in good condition, i.e. household items, jewellery, linens, etc. Please price them as you know their worth and bring them at 6:30 pm on the day of the meeting. All proceeds will go to the Scholarship fund.

Of course, you will still have a chance to Bring-a-book/Buy-a-book and participate in the 50/50 sale as every month.

We are looking forward to seeing most of you at this exciting and busy meeting on April 11.

Victoria Pinnell and Mary Vlahos, Fundraising Co-Chairs

**Annual General Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2016
Beaconsfield Golf Club**



6:00 – Cocktails

6:45 – Dinner, served with a complimentary glass of wine (white or red):

Vegetable Bouillon

Roast beets and arugula salad

Poached Salmon with pureed carrots and seasonal vegetables

Dessert

Coffee/tea

Guest Speaker: Dr. Victoria Kaspi, Associate Professor, McGill University,
First female winner of the Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal, Canada's top science award.

Cost: \$45.00

RSVP to Gilda Martinello before April 29, 2016 and mail to: Gilda Martinello, MLUWC, PO Box 383, Pointe-Claire, H9R 4P3

Make cheques payable to: MLUWC



MEMBERSHIP

I hope that everyone enjoyed their early Easter!

The March meeting was a pleasure as always. I am always impressed by the talents of our fellow Club members. It is always so nice to hear our members speak about their interests - everyone who speaks always does such a lovely job that I think that Members' night should be changed to International Woman's Day Recognition event.

Please help me welcome our 2 **new members**:

Jenni Slaven (who joined after our February Meeting) and Louise Gauthier.

Membership renewals - Invoices will be emailed in April for our 2016-17 annual club dues. You will have the option of bringing your cheques to our AGM in May. Dues are \$110 and cheques may be made out to MLUWC. If you wish, you can postdate your cheque for any date on or before August 15, 2016.

Thank you for liking our **Facebook page**; our likes have recently increased over 50% to 89. Please remember to share our news with you Facebook friends. I'd like to get over 100 likes by September!

Linda Sestock, Vice-President & Membership Chair

CFUW NEWS

At the General Meeting in March, the members present reviewed each of the Resolutions proposed for presentation at the CFUW Annual Meeting.

RESOLUTION 1:

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls – Ending the Marginalization of Indigenous Women in Canadian Society.

Adopted.

RESOLUTION 2:

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)- Diagnostic, Intervention and Support Plan for Children, Adults and Families affected by FASD.

Adopted with the following amendment:

Amendment:

Resolved No.1 part 1. add: f: Prevention plan through early education of parents and children on the dangers of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

RESOLUTION 3:
Strengthen the Pest Management Regulatory Agency in Order to Protect the Environment.
Adopted.

RESOLUTION 4:
Electoral reform: Adding Proportionality to the Electoral System in Canada.
Adopted with the following omission:
2nd resolve: Omit

4. A review of the new electoral system after elections take place under the new system.

RESOLUTION 5:
Sustainable Development Goals
Adopted.

Suzanne Chaussé, V.P. / CFUW Liaison



**BEGINNING THE
CONVERSATION**

CASE STUDIES ON
FINANCIAL LITERACY

presented by

*Montreal Lakeshore University
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Saturday, April 16 2016, 11 am
at Le Cambridge
340 Hymus Blvd, Pointe Claire

Reservation by email to workshop@mluwc.com

Nominations

We are looking for people who are interested in working on the **Executive** in one of these positions:

President
VP and CFUW Liaison
VP and Membership Chair
Secretary

or as one of several **Committee Chairs**:

Archives
Communications & Publicity
Interest Group Leader
Newsletter
Programme
Webmaster

Many of these positions can be shared.

If you are interested in continuing to make our Club a vital member of the West Island community, please contact someone on the Nominating Committee for more information: Linda Sestock, Janet Ankorn, Diane Gibb, Sandra Smith, or myself.

Please note that nominations close five days before the AGM in May and each new term starts at the end of the AGM.

Gilda Martinello

Chair, Nominating Committee
Past-President & Corporate Secretary

HOSPITALITY

As you know and, as announced by Gilda Martinello, we are looking for a Hospitality Co-Chair, to work with me on a regular monthly basis. You probably all know what this entails and it is really not onerous.

Set-up for the monthly meeting happens at 6 - 6.30 p.m. The Autumn Convivium is a modest event. The Christmas Raffle/Party will definitely require a second "Kitchen Witch" and the Annual General Meeting and Dinner is usually already pre-planned.

Gilda is stepping down from the Hospitality function. I have had some kind help in the last few months from Hille Vires and I am very thankful. I have had one other offer for "occasional" help and appreciate it. However, the co-chair position needs to be filled, starting in September.

Please get in touch with me at 514 - 646-0633, or see me at our next meeting on April 18th, if the above position would interest you.

Christine Hamilton, Hospitality Co-Chair

REPORT FROM THE MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN (MCW)

LE CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTRÉAL

“A Voice for Women in Montreal” since 1893

The Montreal Council of Women and the National Council of Women of Canada add their voice to the greetings from the International Council of Women on International Women’s Day (IWD)

Statement to mark International Women’s Day 2016:

The International Council of Women, since its founding in 1888, has worked to advance the equal rights of women and end all forms of discrimination, including violence, which they endure. In working to achieve this, the Council fully supports the United Nations’ instruments and resolutions to achieve gender equality and empowerment of women, including the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Beijing Platform for Action, Security Council Resolution 1325, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

It is the Human Right of all Women:

- to be educated,
- to realize their aspirations,
- to have control over their livelihood,
- to contribute their abilities to society,
- to receive equal pay for equal work,
- to live healthily,
- to live free from violence and fear,
- to live with dignity, and
- to live in peace.

Yet, in many parts of the world, women are discriminated against in education, job and promotion opportunities, wage parity and political participation, among others. In some societies women suffer from early marriage, trafficking for the sex industry, also domestic and sexual violence. We further note with deep concern the serious violation of human rights of women refugees.

The International Council of Women stresses the urgency for all nations to take steps to hasten the achievement of gender equality, a crucial factor toward sustainable and future development of the world. The equal and full participation of women in all spheres of life helps the world to overcome impending challenges such as climate

change, water security, regional wars and humanitarian crises, achieve sustainable development for future generations and create a more just society and inclusive economy.

The International Council of Women will continue its efforts to realize the vision of a society with gender equality where all women and men share the same opportunities to maximize their potentials. Let us accelerate to network and unite our hearts to make this world far better for women to live in.

The following was reported in the MCW-CFM March 2016 edition of “THE BULLETIN”

“In keeping with the theme gender parity of the *International Women’s Day Campaign*, Montreal Council of Women featured two dynamic speakers at the March 2016 meeting. *Cathy Wong, President, and Sharon Hackett, Vice-President of the Conseil de Montréalaises* gave a presentation entitled, “**Gender Equality in Montreal**” followed by a lively question period.

Following the recommendations of the 2002 Sommet de Montréal, the Council of the city of Montreal established the Conseil in 2004. The Conseil, made up of 15 volunteer members representing the diversity of the Montreal population, has as its mandate to advise the Municipal Government on any matters relating to equality between genders and to promote the participation of women in public life. The primary focus is for women living in Montreal, working for the City of Montreal and/or governing Montreal.

Studies have been conducted with recommendations on Women and Housing (2006), on Public Transportation (2007 and 2009) all to improve living conditions of women. Many of us in attendance were not aware that public buses would make stops at corners in between regular bus stops during the dark hours of the day.

They encourage women’s participation in the governance of the City by teaching about the structures of the city, by encouraging women to attend meetings, to question and make suggestions to elected officials and to promote gender-based analysis.

Working with a small budget and only 2 staff members, the 15 volunteers are striving to make the work of the Conseil better known to the public.”

During the morning of the March meeting, we also discussed the *National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) Resolutions*, which dealt with the following issues: Better Quality and Cruelty Free Meat; National Dementia Strategy; Plastic Microfibres in Bodies of Water; Wireless Communication-A Hazard to Humans?; Paid Apprenticeships and Internships; The Right to Potable Water on First Nations Reserves; Updated and Adequately –Funded National HIV/AIDS Strategy; and an update on Cessation of the Use of Solitary Confinement in Federal Prisons.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 7th, 2016 at 12:00 Noon; Light Lunch @\$10/person

PROGRAM: Guest speaker: **Wanda Bedard, President and Founder, 60 Million Girls Foundation** who will be speaking on: “*Rachel Raspberry Pi: Innovation in Girls Education in the Developing World*”. Ms Bedard is an MBA graduate of Hautes Études Commerciales (HEC) Montreal and a graduate (B. Com) of McGill University. Following a number of years as a volunteer with UNICEF Canada, in 2006 Wanda established the “60 Million Girls” public foundation, which raises funds for education projects in the developing world.

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

Renate Sutherland and Frances Lortie
MCW Representatives



INTEREST GROUPS

It is that time of year again when we ask you to submit your Annual Report for your Interest Group. The reports need to be emailed to Linda Ricketts by **April 1, 2016** at the very latest. As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Linda Ricketts, Chair of Interest Groups

ART APPRECIATION - A MMFA visit and tour has been arranged for Thursday morning March 31, to see the exhibit “Pompeii: Life and Art in a Roman Town”. This will be followed by a group lunch at Newtown Restaurant on Crescent. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested in attending and carpooling.

Cineplex Kirkland’s In The Gallery series is presenting “Leonardo Da Vinci – The Genius in Milan” on Thursday, April 14th and Sunday, May 1st. This film purports to trace the multiple paths of Da Vinci’s interests and knowledge in the arts, science and mechanics.

[Linda Ricketts](#)

BOOK CLUB I - our April Meeting will be held on April 13th, 1pm, at Marg's home, the top of the hill, 101 Drayton. Nini will lead us in discussion on the book, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* written by Rebecca Skoot.

The New Yorker calls this book extraordinary. What do we think? Please call Marg if you are unable to join us. See you all in April.

[Marg Nicoll-Griffith](#)

BOOK CLUB II - We are meeting on Thursday, April 21 at 1:00 at H el ene’s home and Maureen will be reviewing **The Lady in Gold** by Anne-Marie O’Connor. We will also be selecting our books for the fall session 2016.

[Gilda Martinello](#)

DUPLICATE BRIDGE - will meet at 8:45 a.m., on Thursday, April 14, at the Herb Linder Annex [next door to the Beaconsfield Library]. There will be no Duplicate Bridge on Thursday, April 28, to allow our members to participate in our annual Games Day luncheon Bridge.

Jane Quail

GERMAN CONVERSATION - Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 5th, at Joan Dyer's, where we will be working on Chapter 24 of our text. On Tuesday, April 19th, we will meet at my house. All meetings take place at 9.45 a.m. Please inform me and the hostess if you cannot attend.
Christine Hamilton

ISSUES & ACTION GROUP - The West Island group, with which we are partnering, met last week with the Refugee Action Committee and have submitted an application for a family of 6. If you would like to work directly with the family, a police check will be required. You can get more info from one of the Issues group. We will also bring the info to the next general meeting.
Nancy Doray & Patricia DuVal

MUSIC APPRECIATION – Music Appreciation members will meet Thursday, April 7, 10:30 am at Adla Halwani's home to prepare for the April 14 Montreal Symphony morning concert. Maude Grenier will bring refreshments. Presentations will be made by the following participants: Barbara Sauvé on Simon Bertrand's "Gravite", Dianne Robinson on Scott Good's "Evening, North Shore, Lake Superior", Mary Hersey on Jeffrey Ryan's "Moving Still", and Addie Ciebien on Elgar's "Concerto for Cello in E minor, op. 85". For further information contact Maria Cranker.
Maria Cranker

MUSIC HISTORY - The next meeting of the Music History group will take place on Thursday, April 14, 1 pm, chez Joan, as usual, when we will move on to Johannes Brahms. Ina is scheduled for goodies. As always, please let Joan know if you can't come.
Joan Dyer

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB - The April meeting will be held at Joyce's home at 1:00 on Wednesday, April 13. Suzanne will be reviewing **Through a Glass, Darkly** by Donna Leon. We will also be selecting our books for the 2016-17 session.
Gilda Martinello

TUTTO ITALIANO – Buon Giorno Amiche
The next meeting for the Tutto Italiano group will be on April 12th at a member's home. Details to be confirmed later.
Carole Newberry

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April 2016



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	Ger. Conv. 9:45 am			
11	12	13	14	15 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
MLUWC General Mtg. 7:15 pm	Tut. It.	Bk, Club I 1 p.m. Myst Bk. Club 1 pm	Dupl. Bridge 8:45 am Music Appr. MSO Mus. Hist. 1 pm	
18	19	20	21	22
	Ger. Conv. 9:45 am		Bk. Club II 1 pm	
25	26	27	28	29 <i>Deadline to RSVP for MLUWC AGM</i>
			MLUWC Games Day 12 pm	

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