



Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

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General Meeting

Monday, 14 March 2011

The Karnak Shriners' Temple

3350 Sources Boulevard, DDO

Coffee: 7:15 pm.

Nancy Dunton: Architectural Consultant

will speak about

“The Square Mile Houses”



Interested in the history of our majestic buildings in downtown Montreal? Come and hear Nancy Dunton give us an illustrated look at the architecture of the Square Mile homes built at the end of the nineteenth century, when Montreal was the metropolis of Canada.

Nancy currently is a consultant specializing in the presentation of projects on architecture including conferences, architectural walking tours and exhibitions.

President's Message

March is almost here, and with it warmer days, more sunlight, and therefore, more optimism. **March 8 is the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day.** We should all do something special for another woman to help her smile or overcome some hurdle in her life. Maybe we need to do something for ourselves... Let us celebrate our achievements and give ourselves a pat on the back!

I was disappointed at the February meeting to find that almost nobody wanted to participate in the Nominations Committee. **While the Strategic Planning Committee is looking into the Club's future path, I will be most interested to see where you, the members and stakeholders, want to see the MLUWC a few years hence.** I wonder if you realize that two clubs in Quebec have folded because they could not find anybody willing to serve on the executive after a certain number of iterations. I worry that if members are not even willing to participate in the Nominations Committee, how many would consider serving on the MLUWC executive. **Surely, with a group of more than 200 talented, educated, altruistic women MLUWC can continue to be a vibrant and successful club for years to come—but we need your help to make that happen!**

Happy International Women's Day!

Chitra Chopra

➔ Membership

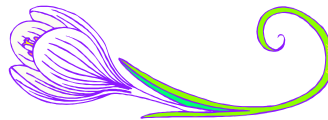
Remember it's Members Night at the April 11 General Meeting

Get to know more about your fellow members. Consider reserving a display space to showcase a particular hobby, interest or business you wish to share with fellow members. Contact Hille Viires, Event Co-ordinator for this evening, to reserve table space.

100th anniversary of International Women's Day

The **Zonta Club of Montreal** will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day at a luncheon on **Saturday, March 12** (12:00 noon - 3:00 pm) at Restaurant Le Chambertin in Pointe-Claire.

The guest speaker will be *Kate LeMaistre, former Associate Dean of McGill Faculty of Education. Kate is also a Past President and member of MLUWC.* Her topic is "*Celebrating Women: Women who have influenced me*".
\$50.00/person; free parking. Reservations a MUST by Monday, March 8. Please RSVP to Beverley Colquhoun, 514-288-9335; bevcoghoun@vl.videotron.ca



And Don't Forget: May 9th at 6:00 pm

Our Annual General Meeting and Dinner at the Beaconsfield Golf Club 49 Golf Ave., Pointe-Claire.

The date is fast approaching! It is time to mark your calendar, take out your cheque book and mail a cheque **postdated May 2, 2011 for **\$35.00 made out to MLUWC** to Margaret Vost, 190 Fairhaven Ave, Pointe-Claire Qc. H9S 4A8.**

Please allow at least 10 days for mail delivery.

Reservations will not be made until I receive your cheques. In the event of cancellation, cheques will not be returned after May 2 (four lost their deposit last year)

Reception (with cash bar) at 6:00 pm Dinner at 6:45 pm
Menu

**Roasted red pepper and tomato soup,
Assorted bread rolls and butter**

**Chicken with spinach mousseline, hunter's sauce, potato purée and
Seasonal vegetable**

Chocolate tulip cup filled with red berries

Coffee or tea

**Vegetarian main course - Spinach manicotti with tomato and basil sauce &
parmesan cheese.**

Good News from Away

Louise McLeod is a Past President of our Club who now lives in Doylestown, PA.
She continues to keep her MLUWC membership and so receives news of us each month.

As the Communications Convener and board member of the newly-formed Women Graduates-USA, IFUW's newest NFA, Louise felt we might like to know a little about their work. She is also on the board of the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund and a member of the Doylestown AAUW Branch.

The Power of Education in Effecting Change

IFUW Programme for Action 2010-2013

By Louise McLeod: IFUW Status of Women Committee

The 2010-2013 IFUW Programme for Action is based upon 4 pillars or themes for the triennium.

Pillar 1: Education for Empowerment and Leadership

Definition: Raise awareness and understanding and create opportunities through ongoing formal and informal education for women and girls to become literate, knowledgeable and independent and take an equal role in leadership and decision-making in both individual and public life.

Pillar 2: Education for a Sustainable Future

Definition: Raise awareness and create opportunities through ongoing formal and informal education on how to live in a way that sustains environmental, social and economic processes, and ensures a just distribution of resources.

Pillar 3: Education for Freedom from Violence

Definition: Raise awareness and understanding of what constitutes violence and how to take action to create environments in which nations, communities and individuals can prosper free from physical, psychological, economic, social and cultural violence.

Pillar 4: Education for Financial Independence, Employment and Entrepreneurship

Definition: Raise awareness and understanding for women and girls to become financially literate and learn to understand how to obtain and manage finances and other resources; matters essential for women's autonomy. By doing this, create opportunities for women to become employed, self-employed and / or entrepreneurs.

The work of IFUW is to empower women and girls through lifelong education for leadership, decision-making, and peace. IFUW's four priority action areas are education for the girl child, adult literacy for women, access to and the advancement of women in higher education, and empowering women to be leaders and decision makers.

How Others in our Society Manage

The Issues and Resolutions Group recently received anthropologist Ann Douglas at one of their meetings.. Ann is in the process of writing a book about the Inu, having taught and lived with aboriginal people in Cape Breton among the Micmac and in Arctic Bay among the Inuit. We eagerly await her book, as what she managed to tell us in under two hours was so interesting.

We learned the Inuit way of sharing responsibilities in their communities through extended family ties and lateral relatives, very important in the harsh climate of the North.

In the modern world we separate work and family life. The traditional Inuit way combined work (survival) and play in a highly disciplined manner. The group, family, community, came first. Children had to learn hard lessons early so that they could be really self-sufficient. European influences have produced many changes in their way of life, not all bad, but obviously not all good either.

As we discussed these First Nations' issues, we read *A Fair Country* by John Ralston Saul. Also on our reading list are *The White Dawn* by James A Houston, *Champlain's Dream* by David Hackett Fischer, and *Encounters on the passage* by Dorothy Harley Eber, who visited Nunavut and wrote stories of expeditionary forces and their dealings with the native people

For Your Careful Attention

CFUW DRAFT PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS FOR COMMENT

The following draft resolutions have been submitted for voting at the AGM 2011 in St. John's Newfoundland this August. The complete resolutions can be found on the CFUW website at www.cfuw.org at the link [Proposed Resolutions 2011 - Booklet for Clubs](#)

The Issues and Resolutions committee will be evaluating the second resolution. Any comments or input should be directed to Marjorie Hamilton Harding..

Anybody wishing to look at the first resolution should contact Chitra Chopra.

CONTROLLING IDLING OF ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES

Proposed by UWC Toronto

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments to create and enforce standards, either through regulation or law, to control the idling of motor vehicles.

CRIMINALIZATION OF NON-STATE ACTOR TORTURE

Proposed by International Relations Committee

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to amend without delay the *Canadian Criminal Code* to include torture committed by private individuals (non-state actors) as a specific and distinct criminal offence.

RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to (i) exercise due diligence by initiating into Canadian policies and practices without delay all appropriate measures to ensure that women and girls (who are disproportionately affected by extreme forms of violence), and men and boys are not subjected to torture by non-state actors in the private sphere, (ii) respect the high priority of establishing gender-sensitive frameworks on the global United Nations agendas, and (iii) uphold Canada's commitments to applicable United Nations human rights instruments to which Canada is a signatory.



The FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE's Games Day Luncheon

Remember how much fun this was last year. Be sure not to miss this year's!

Our second fundraising activity of the year is the Games Day Luncheon, to be held at the same place as last year, the Beaconsfield Lawn Bowling Annex, 303 Beaconsfield Blvd., on Thursday, May 5 at 12 noon.

Tickets are now on sale at the March General Meeting or through me, **Ginger Brossard**

Hope to hear from you soon.



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Environmental Group Tip

We have very good tap water on the West Island. If you must carry water use metal or re-useable bottles filled with tap water. Encourage those you see to do likewise.

Betty Gibb

Issues and Resolutions The next meeting of the group is on **Tuesday, February 22, 9.30 am** at the Wellesley on Hymus in Pointe Claire.

Cross Country Ski Group We look forward to two cross-country ski outings in March. On **March 2 at 9:30 am**. We plan to ski at Bois-de-Liesse Nature Park. Meeting place will be the Park's Gouin Street parking lot (just west of Autoroute 13) On **March 16 at 9:30 am** we will have our final outing at the Morgan Arboretum and lunch in St. Anne de Bellevue. Meeting place will be the Conservation Centre's parking lot. We welcome everyone and all levels of skiing. Please call Nancy Lloyd (for March 2) or Mary Wells/ Heather Robertson (for March 16) to confirm, for directions or for more information. Nancy Lloyd.

Music Appreciation—MSO Morning Matinee Series

We will attend two Wednesday morning MSO concerts this month, on **March 2** and **March 30, 10:30 am at Place des Arts**, with lunch following at a nearby restaurant. The March 2 concert features Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 and Sibelius' Symphony No. 5. On **Wednesday, March 16, 10 am** we will meet at Maria Cranker's home to prepare for the March 30 concert. Tchaikovsky's "Capriccio Italien," Saint-Saens' "Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso," Rachmaninoff's "Caprice Bohemien," Rimski-Korsakov's "Capriccio Espagnol" and Quebec composer Denis Dion's world premiere "Itineraire" for solo marimba, percussion, piano and strings will be studied in preparation for the March 30 concert. The March 30 concert is the last MSO morning matinee for this season and in the current concert hall. In fall 2011 the MSO will move to the new concert hall. For more details, please contact Maria Cranker.\

Book Club I We will be discussing Nino Ricci's book *The Origin of Species*, on **Wednesday, March 9 at 1:00 pm**. Beth will be our reviewer. Jan will be our hostess at The Sunrise, 506 Elm Ave in Beaconsfield. We will meet in their meeting room on the 2nd floor. If you have any questions please e-mail me at mumng@bell.net or give me a call. Hope to see you all in March.

Music History The next meeting of the Music History group will take place on **March 10th, at 1 p.m.** We will study music from the year 1909, a momentous time for Classical music, as reflected by these works. We begin with some Impressionist masterpieces, i.e. Debussy's *L'Après-Midi d'un Faun*, and DeFalla's *Nights in the Gardens of Spain*, followed by several pieces by the atonalist Schoenberg. Also on the program: the neo-Romantic Piano concerto #3 by Rachmaninoff (Rach 3) and some music from the R. Strauss opera *Der Rosenkavalier*. Refreshments: Suzanne D. Please let me know if you cannot make it. Joanne Brais.

Kaffeeklatsch-- our group will meet at the home of Joan Dyer on **Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 1.00 pm**. Please advise Joan if you are unable to attend.

Book Club II Book Club II will meet on **Thursday, March 17, 1:00 pm** at Maureen Rowe's home. We will be discussing *The History of Marriage* by Elizabeth Abbott, who has written a sometimes illuminating, sometimes horrifying book which Suzanne Dawson will review. Maureen would like to know who will not attend.



Louise Dagenais

Conversation en français: **Tête à Tête** - Le prochain rendez-vous du groupe aura lieu chez Renata Bagga, **le 18 mars 2011 à 09:30**. Dianne Robinson, co-ordinatrice.

Art Appreciation The Musée National des Beaux Arts de Québec is holding an exposition on Québec artist **Marc-Aurèle Fortin**: *The Experience of Colour* from February 10 to May 8, 2011.

The Art Appreciation group will be soon invited by email to attend this exposition. planned for **Wednesday March 23**. Participants will be allowed to follow the aesthetic path of this talented draftsman and colourist through Quebec in the first half of the 20th century. Some hundred paintings, watercolours and prints attest his modernity. Louise Dagenais.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 X- Country Skiing 9:30 am Music Appreciation 10:30 am	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Book Club I 1 pm	10 Bridge 8:45 am Music History 1 pm	11	12 Zonta Luncheon 12 noon
13	14	15 Kaffeeklatsch 1 pm	16 X-Country Skiing 9:30 am	17  Book club II	18 Conversation en français 9:30 am	19
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