



Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

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General Meeting And Christmas Raffle

Tuesday, December 8 at
6:45 pm

Beaurepaire United Church
25 Fieldfare Avenue
Beaconsfield



Singing in the Snow With Wendy Hamel and Friends



'Tis the season to be jolly.....Enjoy the beautiful soprano voice of the very talented Wendy Hamel singing Christmas melodies old and new. MLUWC choir members will add a few favourites. Then we all join in as Lynda-Jean Coffin and Wendy get the "fa-la-la" spirit going with our annual MLUWC sing-along.

Raffle tickets may be bought from 6:45 pm on. The display of gorgeous interest group baskets will tempt you before our delightful concert begins at 7:45

President's Message

It was great to see such a large crowd come out for our Theatre Night fundraiser on November 10.

I thought the Lakeshore Players did a fine job with their performance of *Twelve Angry Jurors*.

And Nicole Awad along with her fundraising committee did an outstanding job of getting the tickets sold. Our decision to go with November rather than February certainly paid off. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Scholarship Fund.

If you haven't recently visited our website www.mluwc.com, I encourage you to take a look. Thanks to Pauline van Nieuwburg, the site has been updated. I think you'll like its fresh new look.

CFUW has also launched its new www.cfuw.org website. All members who had a member account on the old website can login to the new website's Members' area. You will have to reset your password (use your old one if you like) in order to reactivate your account.

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday December 8 at Beaurepaire United Church. (As parking is limited, you are encouraged to carpool). This year the proceeds of our annual Christmas raffle will go to the West Island Community Resource Centre's Fund to aid the victims of Earl Jones.

Heather Hamilton

December 6 is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

Membership

MOur present membership is 215. Thank you for paying your membership fees on time, allowing us to have the new 2009–2010 directories ready for distribution at the November meeting. If you still do not have your copy, it can be claimed at the December meeting. Please note any corrections or additions will be mentioned in the newsletters throughout the year. Our first addition to the new directory is as follows: Eiser, Leslie (Agrin) 514 697-1743 514 695-3333 leslie@ed.ca 7 Breton Woods, Beaconsfield H9W 5A6 and Tina Tessari: (514) 695-5981

Good news from the fundraising front

Our Theatre Night on November 10 was a great success! To our wonderful members and friends, we extend a heartfelt thank you. TWELVE ANGRY JURORS was a solid play that pleased many.

Your co-operation and support have given us a net profit of \$4,512, after paying our cost to the Lakeshore Players of \$ 660.00 (\$3:00 per ticket sold). Thank you again for supporting our major fundraiser, and **please reserve Thursday, May 6**, on your 2010 calendar for our game/luncheon.

Nicole Awad Barbara Armbruster
Barbara Sauve Elaine Creighton
The Fundraising Committee

Parking for the December Meeting

Douglas Hawes, Captain of Public Safety, City of Beaconsfield, has confirmed that parking will be permitted **in the church parking lot and the west side of Fieldfare Avenue.**

Stewart Hall Singers Christmas concert

SGet into the Christmas spirit to the strains of *Féerie de Noël/Sounds of Christmas*, a delightful pot-pourri of carols old and new sung by the Stewart Hall Singers. The concert will take place at St. Edmund of Canterbury Church, 105 Beaconsfield Boulevard, Beaconsfield, at 4:00 pm on **Sunday, November 29**. Tickets: \$20; seniors and students, \$15. Tickets and information: Joan Dyer, 514-697-8884; joandyer@allstream.net.

January Dinners: We currently have 12 hostesses whose lists are filled to capacity. We were fortunate that one new hostess stepped forward on November 16, so let us sign up and prepare for a wonderful evening on **Monday, January 11**. It is an opportunity to get to know each other on a more personal basis. We welcome any other prospective hostesses. Diane Nener 514-457-6540, and Kerstin Birch 514-457-6473.

Did you know that... NURSING IS A **GOOD** CAREER CHOICE

IT USED TO BE THAT WOMEN HAD FEW CHOICES: NURSING, TEACHING, CLERICAL/ SECRETARIAL WORK. MAYBE NURSING STILL HAS THAT SORT OF REPUTATION.

But the world has changed. The **opportunities** open to trained nurses now **are many and varied**, the health care field has grown into a multi-faceted industry really. Our group Issues and Resolutions has been discussing how we can encourage young men and women to enter the Nursing profession and stay in it. **It is widely reported that we do not have enough nurses in Quebec now and that as older nurses retire there will be more shortages. Nurses play an integral part in our health care system. What can we do to help or improve this situation?** Marjorie Hamilton Harding. 514-695-0125

Environmental Studies Group Tip

A home-delivered newspaper often comes wrapped in a plastic bag and/or elastic band. The Montreal Gazette now offers its subscribers three options for recycling these bags and bands. You can drop them off at the Gazette office, at its printing plant, or by going to www.montrealgazette.com/home_delivery you can request that your carrier pick them up at your home. The bags and bands are then sent to the newspaper's distributor for re-use.

Gazette Offices: 1010 Ste Catherine St.W Printing Plant: 7001 St. Jacques St. W.

♥ *Street Kids* ♥

Last year many of you generously gave me towels for the medical clinic for street kids which operates out of the CLSC Faubourg on Sanguinet St. You also donated some blankets and sleeping bags. These items were much appreciated by the clinic staff (and no doubt the kids) and there was a note of thanks in our Newsletter.

This year, they are attempting to set some of these kids up in apartments and are looking for small kitchen appliances (toasters, kettles, coffee makers etc.) in **WORKING ORDER** and pots, pans, cutlery, dishes etc. I will be collecting these items but please contact me if you have anything to donate. Please do **NOT** just drop them off at my house as I have limited storage space. When you call, we could discuss how and when I could collect your item(s). Thank you in advance for your donations. Judy Paquin, 514-428-0541

Stratford Festival Excursion: September 20-24



Plans for our Stratford Festival Tour 2010 are being finalized. To date, we have a group of 38 theatre-goers. Reservations have been made at The River Garden Inn in Stratford, a hotel within walking distance of the Festival Theatre.

We are now taking ticket orders for the following plays:- Shakespeare's "As You Like It" and "The Winter's Tale"; the Musicals "Kiss Me Kate" and "Evita"; "Dangerous Liaisons", "Peter Pan", "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" and, Michel Tremblay's "For the Pleasure of Seeing Her Again".

If you wish to join us and reserve a place for this thoroughly enjoyable excursion, please call Louise Dagenais (514-694-7651), Barbara Rowan (514-694-4286) or Renate Sutherland (514-695-1970) as soon as possible.

Interest Groups ✨ Interest Groups ✨ Interest Groups ✨ Interest Groups

An important word to the Interest Group Leaders

Most of you will know that our **Christmas Party and Raffle** will take place on Tuesday, December 8. Hopefully the weatherman will be more kind to us than in 2008. **Group leaders** have been working on preparing incredible prizes for our Raffle. **They and our seven volunteer reindeers are asked to be at Beaurepaire United Church at 6:30 p.m.** Your generous help in selling raffle tickets is very much appreciated and, as usual, the funds being raised will be presented to a worthy West Island organization. Price of tickets will be \$5.00 for 6 tickets, \$10.00 for 15.

Sincerely, Christine Hamilton

~Late November gatherings~

Issues and Resolutions : The next meeting will take place at Renate Sutherland's home on **Tuesday, November 24** at 9:30 am

Environmental Studies: The group meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am at Betty Gibb's apartment. Dates of our next meetings are **Wednesday, November 25, 2009**, January 27, 2010, February 24, 2010, March 24, 2010, April 28, 2010. Please contact Betty Gibb at 514 -697-1945 if you are interested in attending.

German Kaffeeklatsch : We shall meet on **Thursday, November 26**, at 2:00 pm, at the home of Joyce Schaaf. The group will not meet in December.

Travel : The next meeting will be on **Monday, November 30**, at 7:00 pm. The reason for this is to keep all our meetings on Mondays. (There will be no meeting in December or January). Ian MacDonald (Marney's husband) will take us to SCOTLAND. How lucky are we to be able to sit in warm comfort and enjoy a trip to an often cold and blustery country! Location: Sunrise Senior Living Residence 505 Elm, Beaconsfield (top of Woodland) Call Judy Paquin, 514-428-0541 or Janet Ankcorn, 514- 426-0729 for information.

~ December Meetings ~

Music Appreciation: We will attend the MSO concert on **Wednesday, December 9**, 10:30 am at Place des Arts. Selections are "Suite No.3" and "Violin Concerto in A Minor" by Bach and "Symphony No. 98" by Haydn. Lunch nearby. For details, phone Maria Cranker, 514-694-3963

Book Discussion 1: Our December book choice is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* written by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. We will be meeting on **Wednesday, December 9**, 1:00 pm at the home of Norah Christie, 33 Claude, Beaconsfield. Please call Norah at 514-695-6165 if you are unable to join us. Hope to see you all . Margaret Nicoll-Griffith mumng@aol.com

Music History: Continuing with music from the Romantic period, we chose the year 1872, and will discuss two themes prevalent in music of that time. One is the introduction of nationalist, or ethnic music, and to demonstrate, we will listen to Dvorak's *Romance*, and Tchaikovsky's *2nd Symphony*, the 'Little Russian', or 'Ukrainian' symphony, which abounds with Slavic folk melodies and dances. We will also discuss opera in the 19th century, illustrated by excerpts from Verdi's *Aida*, followed by the two *L'Arlesienne* suites by Bizet. The meeting will take place on **Thursday, December 10**, at 1:00 pm. Refreshments: Joan Dyer. Please advise if you will not be attending. Joanne Brais, 514-695-2392

Conversation en français: Le prochain rendez-vous du groupe *Conversation en français* aura lieu chez Sita Tadros **vendredi, le 11 décembre**, à 9:30 h.

Tutto Italiano: The group will meet for lunch on **Friday, December 11** at 12 noon at Ristorante Portovino. Renata has kindly offered to bring the wine. Gilda Martinello, 514-364-7210; gilda.martinello@sympatico.ca

J **auunters:** On **Tuesday, December 15, 2009** we will visit the CENTRE D'HISTOIRE DE MONTREAL located at 335 Place d' Youville in Old Montreal. Housed in the old fire station, the CHM is a small unpretentious historical museum presenting exhibitions on various themes related to life in Montreal. The guided tour is from 10:30–12:00. The ticket price is \$1.75.

Lunch will be at Les Filles du Roi. A special lunch menu is available.

We will meet at 9:15 am at the Pointe Claire Shopping Centre located just north of the 20 at St John. Please be on time. Let me know if you wish to go to the museum.

Virginia Sears, 514-425-0737 va.sears@sympatico.ca

B **ook Discussion Group II:** We shall meet on **Thursday, December 17** at 1:30 pm at Joanne Brais' home, 55 Cedar Ave, Pointe Claire. Adla Halwani will review *The Cello Suites* by Eric Soblin. Book Club II Leader: Louise Dagenais, 514-694-7651
dagpal@sympatico.ca

~ New Groups ~

A **rt Appreciation:** This interest group is starting up again under new member and co-ordinator, **Céline Dupuis**. Céline is very keen to organize a serious art group and will be at the November 16 meeting with a sign-up sheet and some information. Please welcome her and sign up if this interests you. If you are unable to attend on Monday, please phone or e-mail her: 514-426-8012; celinedupuis@rogers.blackberry.net
Pamela (outgoing co-ordinator)

W **ine appreciation:** The Wine Appreciation group is at present full with 10 members and four spares. We meet monthly on the 3rd Wednesday in the evening.
At the Convivium four people signed up who were interested in starting a second wine appreciation interest group. With two other new members, six are still not enough to found a new group. I will keep these names and if enough call me to bring the numbers up to 10, I will let everyone know. This new group would decide on a co-ordinator as well as a time and night to meet. I, or one of our members, would be pleased to help organize the first meetings. Please contact me, Pamela Deans, at 514-697-2195, or pamdeans@sympatico.ca

**December 6th is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence
Against Women**

Please join the West Island Women's Centre and Valois United Church for the 20th Anniversary December 6 Vigil to remember the 14 young women killed at the École Polytechnique on December 6, 1989.

Sunday, December 6, 2009

4:00 pm

Valois United Church

70 Belmont Avenue

Pointe-Claire

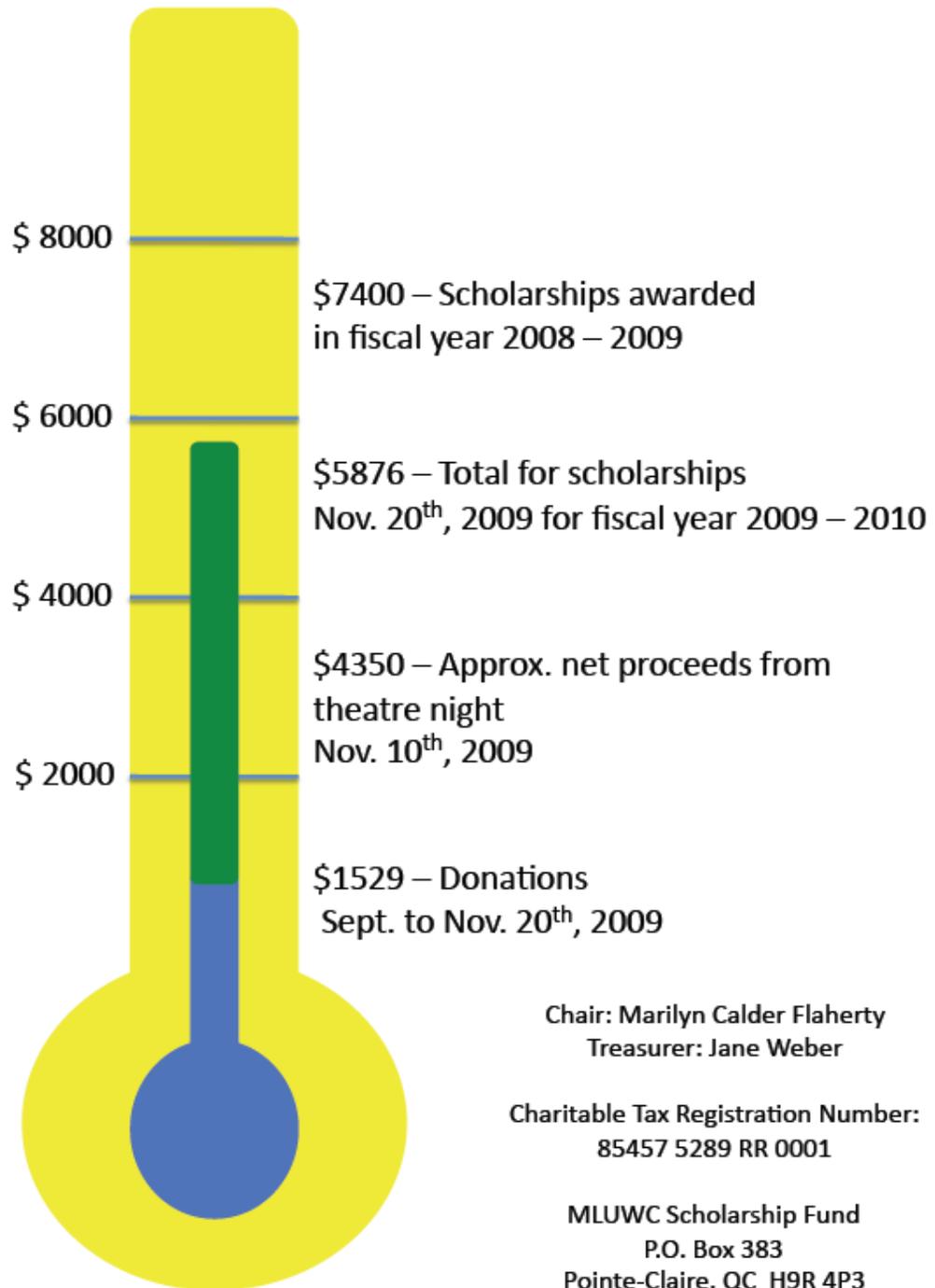
Reflection by Professor Rosemary C. Reilly, Concordia University

Musical performance by Kerry-Anne Kutz and friends

For more information, please call the Women's Centre at 514-695-8529

Special thanks to Marilyn Flaherty for sending a vivid representation of our fundraising success to date (see below).

MLUWC SCHOLARSHIP FUND



~December 2009~

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