



Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

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President's Message

Our October General Meeting promises to be a good one. In addition to guest speaker, MNA Yolande James, we will also meet the three young women who received scholarships from MLUWC this year.

This meeting is also a great opportunity to purchase tickets for this year's Theatre Night fundraiser *Twelve Angry Jurors*. All proceeds go towards funding our scholarships so please participate and bring your friends too.

Thank you to Diane Nener and Kirsten Birch for volunteering to look after the January Potluck Dinners. Look for sign-up information at the general meetings. Hostesses and assistants are still needed and I understand that luncheons can also be organized.

Please take note that our November General meeting has been scheduled the 3rd Monday (November 16) due to the fact that Theatre Night is the week before (Tuesday, November 10). The speaker that night will be Pointe-Claire author, Sheila Kindellan Sheehan.

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General Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2009
at
The Karnak Shriners' Temple
3350 Sources Boulevard, DDO

Coffee

7:00 pm

Meeting

7:30 pm

Society's Role and Responsibility in the Education of Young Women

Guest Speaker:

Yolande James,
MNA for Nelligan,
Minister of Immigration and
Cultural Communities

*Come and meet our 2009
Margaret Manson and JAC
Scholarship winners*

Some dates to remember...

Tuesday November 10 – Theatre Night
Monday November 16 – General Meeting
Tuesday December 8 – Christmas Raffle & Meeting

Scholarships

First of all, Bev Fiddian-Green and the members of her Scholarship Committee, Carol Grazys, Jeannie Hazel and Mary Vlahos deserve congratulations for the outstanding work that they did on the 2008–2009 Scholarship Committee. Never have I taken over such a meticulously documented portfolio.

Our three big Scholarship winners for 2009 will come to our General Meeting on Monday, October 5, at which time each one will give you a brief presentation. I am sure that you will enjoy hearing from these remarkable young ladies.

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Fundraising

As you already know, we have 200 tickets to sell for Theatre Night, our major fundraising activity. The Lakeshore Players are presenting *Twelve Angry Jurors* by Reginald Rose, directed by the former drama director at John Abbott College, Murray Napier. The play is Tuesday, November 10 at 8:00 pm at John Rennie High School. We are counting on your support, ladies. There are over 200 of us in the club; if each of us buys only one ticket to allow us to give our scholarships, we will sell all the tickets in no time. You can call or e-mail one of our committee members for tickets. Thank you for your support.

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Membership

Once again, an enthusiastic welcome to our new and returning members. The fees are steadily coming in but many are still missing. Remember that the deadline is **October 16** if you wish to have your name in the directory, which should be available for the November meeting. Don't worry if your cheques are not cashed immediately as our treasurer may accumulate them prior to making the bank deposit.

As in previous years, business cards can be published in the directory at a cost of \$45. Requests may be sent with your membership fees (a separate cheque, please)

Many thanks to those who have sent cheques for our Scholarship Fund. Your generosity is truly appreciated. Receipts for tax purposes will be sent to you.

We would like to welcome the following new members: Janet Anderson, Anne Brossard, Nycole Charlebois, Francis Lortie, Janet McKelvie, Madeleine Peters, Nicole Rowland and Joyce Schaaf. Please look for the yellow name tags that identify new members and greet them at future meetings. Also, we are happy that Valerie Delacretaz has joined us once more. Welcome back, Valerie!

Many thanks to Anne Adams and Jeannie Hazel for their help in collecting the fees at the Convivium. As always, Gail O'Reilly did a wonderful job in welcoming new members and providing them with "Big Sisters". We have had a warm response to our "Big Sister" mentoring project. Thank you to all participating members who are providing an essential service to our membership committee.

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1st Vice President / CFUW Liason

It's that time of year again: time to submit proposals for resolutions on areas where you feel CFUW lacks policy. If any of you is considering submitting a resolution for AGM 2010, please note that the submission dates have changed. **The new deadline for receipt of the "Intent to Submit a Resolution" is October 15, 2009** and the completed draft resolution must reach the Director of Resolutions by November 15, 2009.

Of the five proposed resolutions for consideration at the AGM in Winnipeg, only four were adopted: "Promoting Financial Literacy in Canada", "Protecting the Health of Canadians by Reducing Environmental Toxins", "Employment Insurance Reform" and "Addressing Climate Change: Greenhouse Gas Emissions". The resolution entitled "Canadian Department of Peace" was rejected. We will now be preparing advocacy letters to send to our government representatives regarding these resolutions.

We have started discussing the governance proposals forwarded to us by CFUW. If you would like to have a copy of these documents or would like to participate in these considerations, please contact Heather Hamilton or me.

The Quebec Council's mid-year meeting will be held on October 17. An article has been sent to 45 newspapers and magazines regarding the scholarships awarded by the Quebec clubs. Similarly, we will be preparing more information on publicizing our activities and providing information on CFUW so that all the Quebec clubs will benefit from this concerted action. The Council is looking for somebody to take care of the website. If you would be interested in finding out more about what this entails, I would be very pleased to discuss this with you. If you would be interested in participating at any level we would be pleased to have you join us.

I look forward to seeing you all at the October meeting!

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An Invitation from University Women's Club of Montreal Inc.

October is Women's History Month in Canada

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Person's Case and to celebrate Women's History Month, the University Women's Club of Montreal Inc. has invited retired librarian Miriam Tees to speak on the "Famous Five", the extraordinary women who advanced political rights for all Canadian women by securing a court ruling that women are persons and are eligible to be appointed to the Senate. This is a dinner meeting and will be held Wednesday October 14 at the Atwater Club. To reserve call 514-935-2431 by Friday October 9th. The cost is \$32.65

Interest Groups News

Greetings to all members, especially group leaders.

If you wish to propose a new group and become its group leader, please show up a half hour prior to the meeting on October 5 at the Karnak Temple.

I will have blank sign-up sheets available. If you wish to join a group that is already filled, please call the group leader and that person will be happy to assist you in developing an additional one, such as French Conversation 2, for example. I will be looking for people interested in Cross Country Skiing and would invite someone to lead the group, hopefully much earlier this upcoming season, depending on snow conditions.

As everyone is aware, Art Appreciation is still dormant. If you wish to volunteer to lead this group, please telephone me. Please remember that there is always guidance available and it is much more interesting to work with a buddy.

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Book Discussion I

We will be meeting on Wednesday, October 14th at 1 pm at the home of Hildburg Schleiermacher, 111 King Ave., Pointe Claire to review and discuss Margaret Atwood's new book **Payback** (Debt and the Shadow Side of Wealth). Members, please call Hildburg at 514-695-4142 if you are unable to attend. Hope to see everyone!

Book Discussion II

Book Club II will meet on October 15 at 1:30 pm at Louise's place, 70 Kirkwood, Beaconsfield, (south of the 20 and north of Beaconsfield Bd, 1 street east of St Charles Blvd). Joan Dyer will review *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Because the group has gained a few more members, we are now 12, a good number for discussion.

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C.A. Wellness

This group is organizing "A Tuesday Holistic Retreat" on **Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:30 pm** at the Harmoni Health Center, 102 Du Barry, Kirkland (X St. Charles-2nd Floor).

This session will explore deep relaxation, breath work, visualization, meditation and gentle movement. Please bring a blanket or yoga mat.

For the October meeting, please contact Renate Sutherland re: your attendance at 514-695-1970 or graeme.renate@sympatico.ca. Space is limited.

Jaunters

On Tuesday, October 20, 2009 we will be visiting the Fur Trade Museum in Lachine at 1255 St Joseph Blvd. The cost is \$4.40 per person. This is a group rate so we must be at least 15 people otherwise the price will increase. The guided tour is from 10–12. Lunch will be at Ristorante Andrea located at 3194 St Joseph next to the Dairy Queen. Prices range from \$10.95 to \$16.95 for the business lunch special. We will meet at the Pointe Claire Shopping Centre located just north of the 20 at St. John. PLEASE BE THERE FOR 9:30 AM.

Let me know by Oct 5 if you plan to attend.

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Conversation en français

Le prochain rendez-vous du groupe « conversation en français » aura lieu chez Janet Ankcorn, le 16 octobre, à 9h30.

Tutto Italiano

The Tutto Italiano group will meet at 2:00 pm on Friday, October 16 at Renata Bagga's, 129 Harwood Gate, Beaconsfield (514-694-6137) to plan the program for the upcoming year. Renata will show slides of her recent trip to Florence and Gilda will provide refreshments. Anyone wishing to join the group should contact group leader **Gilda Martinello, 514-364-7210;** gilda.martinello@sympatico.ca.

Music Appreciation I

Wednesday morning, October 7 we will hear the MSO play selections by Grieg, Dvorak, and Colgras. On Wednesday, October 28 we will meet to prepare for the November 11 MSO concert featuring music by Copland, Bernstein and Daugherty. New members are welcome. Please phone Maria Cranker at 514-694-3963 for details.

Music History

For this session only, the group will be hosted by Maureen Rowe, and the discussion will be moderated by Joan Dyer. This will be an all-Mozart program, music composed in the year this great composer of the Classical period died, 1791. Among the considerable amount of music he composed in the final year of his life, we chose the best-known: excerpts from *The Magic Flute*, the clarinet concerto, and the Requiem. The meeting will take place on October 8, at 1:00 pm
Refreshments: Joanne Fraser.

Travel

We are fortunate to be able to hold our Travel evenings again this year at Sunrise Senior Living Residence, 505 Elm Ave. in Beaconsfield (top of Woodland). The first date will be a bit later than usual — Mon. Oct. 19 at 7:00 pm — due to the MLUWC General Meeting and Thanksgiving weekend. Our own Renata Bagga and her husband, Arun, will present their trips to Pompei, Malta and Poland. Renata suggests that we see the movie, "Valkyrie" before her presentation on October 19. For information, please call Judy Paquin at 514 428-0541 or Janet Ankorn at 514 426-0729.

**German conversation group
"Kaffeeklatsch"**

The Kaffeeklatsch welcomed two new members for the 2009-10 year; we are now a total of seven! Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 27th October, at 2 p.m., at the home of Christine Hamilton. Each member of the group will be asked to relate the life of a person they admire - man or woman - preferably with a German connection.

Shaw Festival Trip - Sept. 14 -18, 2009

Our group of forty theatre-goers has just returned from our first Shaw Festival Trip to beautiful Niagara-on-the-Lake. It was a great success! We enjoyed performances which included Bernard Shaw's *The Devil's Disciple*; Noel Coward's *Tonight at 8:30* plays *Brief Encounters*, *Play, Orchestra, Play* and *Star Chamber*; Stephen Sondheim's *Sunday in the Park with George*; Michel Tremblay's *Albertine in Five Times*; Garson Kanin's *Born Yesterday* and Eugene O'Neill's *A Moon for the Misbegotten*. Other highlights were the excursions to the Peller Estates Winery and the Butterfly Conservatory. We are very grateful to Louise Dagenais, Barbara Rowan and Renate Sutherland for organizing this wonderful theatre adventure.

Stratford Festival Trip 2010

Plans are being made for our trip to the Stratford Festival for September 2010.

The Calendar of plays includes the following: Shakespeare's *The Tempest* (Christopher Plummer) and *As You Like It* (Brent Carver); the musicals *Kiss Me Kate* and *Evita*; *Dangerous Liaisons* 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, call Louise Dagenais (514-694-7651), Barbara Rowan (514-694-4286) or Renate Sutherland (514-695-1970) as soon as possible.

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Editor: This position is still open!

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