



Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

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General meeting

An evening with Laura Calder

Monday, 14 November 2011
The Karnak Shriners' Temple
3350 Sources Blvd DDO.

Coffee: 7:00 pm. Meeting: 7:30 pm. Guest Speaker: 8:00 pm

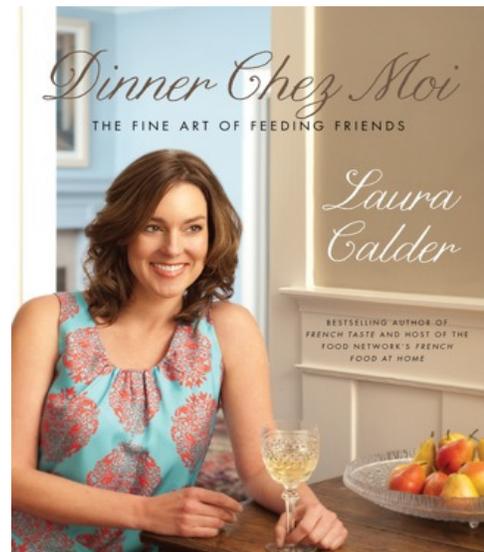
" THE EVOLUTION OF AN UNCONVENTIONAL CAREER"

Laura will be speaking to us about her career path and how it has evolved to her becoming a professional chef, host of the Food TV Network's "French Food at Home" and a bestselling cookbook author of "French Taste", amongst others. She lived in France for 10 years, specifically Paris and Burgundy, before returning to Canada.

Her recently published cookbook, "Dinner Chez Moi", the Fine Art of Feeding Friends, gives readers as many ideas for meals as there are days in the year. Dinner parties, according to Laura, are not stuffy and difficult ordeals but rather just a means of getting together and eating with others. The book offers sumptuous recipes as well as lush images.

This idea may sound very appealing to members who enjoy entertaining but find themselves time-challenged, and In need of new inspirations.

You may buy a SIGNED copy of this new cookbook for \$30.00, with a portion of this amount going to the Scholarship Fund. If you did not sign up for a copy at our General Meeting on October 3rd, you can order a book by leaving a phone message or emailing Marilyn Flaherty, no later than Friday October 28.



By ordering ahead we increase the chances of our having just the right number of signed copies, ready for members at the November 14 meeting. Please make cheques payable to the MLUWC Scholarship Fund.

We look forward to seeing you all at the meeting, and please feel free to bring a guest along for a nominal fee of \$5.00 cash, exceptionally for this occasion.

A note from Sheila Arnopoulos, our Guest Speaker at the October 3 meeting: You can learn about Montreal Community Loan Fund, the organization she spoke of that practices microcredit in poor districts in Montreal, on the following website: <http://www.acemcreditcommunautaire.qc.ca/>. Sheila's website is www.sarisonscooters.com.



The President's Message

It was good to see so many of you at the October general meeting both to participate in our first Town Hall and to hear from Sheila Arnopoulos about the impact of microcredit on the lives of some women in India. This month we will hear from another woman, author and TV host, Laura Calder about how she got to the point of sharing her obvious joy in the preparation and enjoyment of good food which enriches not only our lives but also our souls .

As Women's History Month continues, the Norwegian Nobel Committee have awarded the Nobel Prize Peace for 2011 jointly to three women, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Leymah Gbowee and Tawakkul Karman "for their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work ".

This is also the time to think about sharing the joy by buying theatre tickets for our major annual fundraising initiative to enable us to award three university scholarships and twenty bursaries to deserving women from the West Island. Ask friends and neighbors to buy a ticket and again help make this a special event of supporting the education of future generations of women.

Make a difference – do something for a special woman in your life!

Chitra Chopra

~ CFUW ~

The 32nd annual 2011 Governor General's Awards in Commemoration of the Persons Case recognized six outstanding women from across the country who have helped advance equality for women in Canada: Madeline Boscoe (BC), Nancy Hartling (NB), Lucie Joyal (QC), Sharon Donna McIvor (BC) and Kim Pate (ON). The sixth woman, this year's youth award recipient, Amber JoAnn Fletcher (SK), is an advocate for equality issues and social justice. This year also marks the 82nd anniversary of the Persons Case where the "Famous Five" Albertan women fought for and won the right for women to be recognized as persons under the law.

CFUW has been busy with President Brenda Wallace writing to Minister Diane Finley regarding cuts to the Wapikoni Mobile's funding which is responsible for skills development workshops in new media technologies to First Nations youth in isolated Quebec communities. She also wrote to Prime Minister Steven Harper encouraging the Government of Canada to ensure that Afghan women have a strong voice at the upcoming Bonn II conference. CFUW believes that the rights of Afghan women to education and an equal voice at the bargaining table are essential to a durable peace in Afghanistan. (CFUW Week in Review)

Brenda Wallace also wrote to the Minister of Public Safety to voice CFUW's concerns about the human and financial costs of the government's Omnibus Bill C10 - the *Safe Streets and Communities Act*. In turn, Susan Murphy, Vice-President British Columbia wrote to BC Premier, Christy Clark and Myra Wills, Vice-President Ontario wrote to Ontario Premier, Dalton McGuinty regarding their concern about this bill. (CFUW Week in Review)

Chitra Chopra

And, please don't forget our
Fundraising Theatre Night: Tuesday November 8
at the John Rennie Theatre: 8 o'clock,
The Lakeshore Players present
Jane Eyre
Adramatic adaptation of Charlotte Bronte's famous novel.
For tickets: contact Ginger Brossard at: brossarda@videotron.ca

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Since our Convivium in September, 7 women have joined our club. It's my pleasure to introduce them to you: Brigitte Blais, Donna Bourn, Irene Crozier, Sue Davis, Alexandra Fragatos, Jeanne Marie Shipley and

Theresa Sliz.

In addition to these 7 new members, we have three returning members: Marne Dezso, Magdalene Peters and Sachi Williams

Please extend a warm welcome to our new and returning members at our next general meeting or at any interest group meetings that they may be a part of. Their contact information will be in the new membership directory .

Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, we have lost several members. We all realize how important it is for us to attract and keep members. So please, invite a friend or a neighbour or a work colleague to join us at one of our general meetings and hopefully, they will become members as well. **You are our greatest recruiters.**

The Membership Directory will be available at our next general meeting on November 14.

As always, please let me know of any changes regarding your personal information. Although it is too late for inclusion in this year's directory, I will ensure that the information will be given to the newsletter editor, as necessary, and update the directory for next year .

Gilda Martinello
Membership

♥ News you'll want to hear! ♥

Our delightful former member, Jean Morrison, has entered a stand-up comic contest; so as you can see "She's Back". You can go to you tube /Jean Morrison (red hat and jacket) and see her entry (a bit rushed as they only had 3 minutes). If you like the video and want to help her get to the finals you can register at www.winnipegfreepress.com/gone-wacky to get a list of all the competitors or go directly to <http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/gone-wacky/Jean-Morrison-131522263.html> , click on her name and then login to vote - daily - if you wish, until Nov. 6th . She would love to make the finals. So, enjoy and then send it on. Maria Cranker, who has already voted for Jean's video, thinks it would be fun if we could help her win. The video is "pure Jean".

Phyllis McGlashan

Phyllis, a long-time member of our club and former member of our Executive, died on October 9, 2011. Born and raised in Montreal, Phyllis joined the teaching staff of the PSBGM and rose to the position of Vice-Principal. Friends will remember her avid interest in sports and her accomplishments as a skilled needlewoman. She will be missed.

Dix Milles Villages

Please invite all your friends and join us on Wednesday, November 23,
between 6 and 9:00 in the evening
for our own, exclusive shopping evening at Dix Milles Villages in
Pointe Claire Village.



Let's help celebrate 65 years of fair trade, mainly helping women and their families to enjoy a better quality of life. What an opportunity to buy unique Christmas gifts in a social setting. 20% of all sales for the evening will be donated to our own Scholarship Fund.

Your purchase helps in three ways—the free trade recipient, the Scholarship Fund and the person to whom the gift is going! It is a privilege to be invited to have a shopping evening at this store—please show your support for this event. Janet Ankcorn



The STRATFORD FESTIVAL TRIP— September 19–23, 2011

Our group of 49 theatre goers has just returned from another wonderful Stratford Festival Theatre Tour. It was a great success! We enjoyed 12 different performances which included the musicals *CAMELOT* and *JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR*; Shakespeare's *TWELFTH NIGHT*, *THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR*, *RICHARD III* and *TITUS ANDRONICUS*; *THE GRAPES OF WRATH*, Harold Pinter's *THE HOMECOMING*; Molière's *LE MISANTHROPE*, John Mighton's *THE LITTLE YEARS* and Michel Tremblay's *HOSANNA*.

We are very grateful to Louise Dagenais, Joan Ebbett and Renate Sutherland for organizing this wonderful theatre adventure, which also included an excursion to the village of St. Jacobs.

~ Stratford 2012 The Festival's 60th Anniversary ~

Plans are being made for the 60th Stratford Festival for September 17–21, 2012. The Calendar of plays includes the following: Shakespeare's *Much Ado about Nothing*, *Henry V* and *Cymbeline*; Musicals *The Pirates of Penzance*; *42nd Street* and *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*; Other plays are *The Matchmaker*; *A Word or Two*; *Wanderlust*; *Elektra* and *The War of 1812*.

If you wish to join us and reserve a place for this thoroughly enjoyable excursion, **contact Renate Sutherland or Joan Ebbett as soon as possible.**



~ *Interest Groups* ~

In late October

Jaunters The first jaunt will be to the Musée Ste-Anne in Ste Anne de Bellevue on **October 24. We will car pool from PC shopping centre at 10:00 am.** Park nr Donegani end at the west side. At 10:30 am we will arrive at the Old Simon Fraser house, 153 Ste Anne, to be greeted with coffee and a lecture about the history of the old Rex theatre. Lunch will be served at 12 noon (quiche and salad, coffee and dessert, \$16). After, there will be a presentation on the John Abbott dynasty by Elizabeth Abbott. (Maude Abbott was the first woman to graduate from McGill Medical School).

There is still room for more participants, but we need to know final numbers, as we will be the only guests that day. RSVP to Pat Jones ASAP , and if not carpooling go directly to the Musée by 10:30 am. Pat Jones,; patriciajones@sympatico.ca

We will be jaunting somewhere **in November**, but the venue has not been confirmed yet. If you are signed up you will receive an e-mail; if you have just now decided to join us, please let Pat Jones know you wish to be on the Jaunters list. E-mail patriciajones@sympatico.ca,

A \$5 fee will be collected from all Jaunter members in the next two months, for the Christmas basket.

Music Appreciation Members will meet at the home of Mary Hersey on Friday, **October 28 at 10:00 am** to prepare for the November 11 concert. Bach's *St. John's Passion* will be presented. Kent Nagano will conduct this concert, which is scheduled to last from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Lunch downtown will follow. For details please phone Maria Cranker.

In November

Wine Appreciation Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 pm.** If anyone is interested in joining our group, please let me know. At the moment, we have a full complement of members, but we may need spares in the future.

Gilda Martinello

T **Travel - Monday, November 7 at 7:00 pm** will be the next Travel evening. Joyce Schaaf , who provided us with a captivating travel experience last year, is ready to take us on a Mediterranean cruise. The meeting will be at the Sunrise Senior Living Residence, 505 Elm, with refreshments at 7:00 pm followed by the presentation at 7:30 pm. You may register to join the group at this time. Barbara Sauv , and Mary Wells,

B **ook Club I** The November meeting, on Wednesday, **November 9, 1:00 pm**, will be held at Beth's in Beaconsfield. Hildburg will review *Niko*, by Dimitri Nasrallah. This novel about a Lebanese child's experience growing up in Montreal has many home truths about the struggle to belong, far from home. It should be an interesting afternoon. Please phone Beth if you are unable to be with us.
Marg N-G

K **affeeklatsch** The German Conversation Group will meet at Suzanne Dawson's on Tuesday, November 15. We will be discussing the German Beer Purity Law. Please advise Suzanne if you are unable to attend. If you wish to join our group, or wish to have more information, please contact Christine Hamilton.

B **ook Club II** Our November meeting will be held at Nicole Awad's on **November 17, at 1:30 pm**, as usual. H l ne Quaid will review *A Mountain of Crumbs* by Elena Gorokhova. The story takes place in the Soviet Union , where the heroine Elena is controlled by the state the same way she is controlled by her mother, a battle she must win in order to survive. Sounds like a captivating story. Louise Dagenais

H **ealthy Living** The group will meet on **Tuesday, November 22 at 7:30 p.m.** at the home of Margaret Vost, 109 Fairhaven Ave., Pointe Claire. Discussion topic: "Building Stronger Bones". For the November meeting, please contact Renate Sutherland re: your attendance at graeme.renate@sympatico.ca

A **rt Appreciation** On **November 25**, we will be visiting the Mus e national des beaux-arts du Qu bec in Quebec City to view the exhibition *Up Close and Personal with the Caillebotte Brothers Painter and Photographer*, an inside look at France in the age of Impressionism.

The exhibition presents nearly 150 previously unexhibited photographs taken by Martial Caillebotte in the 19th century, when photography was still in its infancy, and some 40 paintings by brother Gustave, a patron and fast friend of Degas, Monet, Renoir and other Impressionists.

Two brothers', sometimes similar, sometimes different views of subjects ranging from the streets and monuments of Paris to sailboats, seacoast landscapes, interiors and the Caillebotte family home in the country. A nation, a family, a good life, seen through the eyes of two men.

This exhibition is a co-production of the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Culturespaces and the Musée Jacquemart-André, Paris, where it was presented from March 25 to July 12, 2011. The 47 members of the group will be personally contacted by e-mail for the details and logistics. Louise Dagenais

The McGill Choral Society and Women Making Music

present

Handel's Messiah and Seasonal Music

Sunday, November 20, 3:00 pm.

Église Saint-Enfant-Jesus, 5037 St. Dominique (corner St. Joseph).

Adults \$20 / Students \$10; parking \$5.

For tickets: Maria Crancker, or Mary LeBlanc

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Sun.	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	October 24 Jaunters	1 October 28 Music Appreciation 10:00 am	2 Wine Appreciation 7:00 pm	3	4	5
6	7 Travel 7:00 pm	8	9 Book Club I 1:00 pm	10	11	12
13	14 <i>General Meeting</i>	15 Kaffeeklatsch	16	17 Book Club II 1:30 pm	18	19
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