



Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

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*Our Annual General Meeting
and Dinner
at the*

*St. Raphael Golf Club
1111 rue de l'Eglise
Ile Bizard
Promises to be a
Memorable Evening.*

*A delicious menu;
an engaging speaker.*

See you there!

Cocktails-6:00 pm Dinner-6:45 pm



*Our Keynote Speaker
will be*

The lively and engaging Dr. Joe Schwarcz.

Dr. Schwarcz, Director of McGill University's Office for Science & Society, will talk to us about "The Wonderful World of Chemistry".

His goal is demystifying science for the public, the media and students. He and his team, promote public awareness about matters of food, health, nutrition, medication and cosmetics.

As well as teaching courses in McGill's Chemistry Dept. and Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Schwarcz hosts a radio show, writes a weekly Gazette newspaper column called "The Right Chemistry", has authored 13 books, including "An Apple a Day", "Science, Sense and Nonsense", and most recently "Dr. Joe's Health Lab".

During the past year McGill University's Office for Science and Society received a generous endowment of \$5.5 million dollars from Lorne Trottier CEO of Matrox, which will advance the work even further.

The Golf Club is reserved, the menu is set, and we look forward to seeing all of you at the AGM Dinner. This is a wonderful way to conclude the MLUWC season, in a beautiful atmosphere. Consider carpooling with fellow members, if Ile Bizard is not familiar to you.

See page 9 for direction to the Club

The President's Message



Thank you all for the privilege of serving MLUWC for the last two years. It has been an interesting time filled with a variety of activities. Most of them have been the annual events to which we all look forward, but some of them have led us down a different path. The strategic planning process gave us all a chance to consider what MLUWC meant to us. We had the opportunity to participate in workshops on financial planning for women and in the deliberations of the Parliamentary Committee on Palliative and Compassionate Care.

Games Day is just around the corner and Ginger Brossard is busy organizing this last fundraising event of the year, but she still needs some help. This is an opportunity for an enjoyable diversion and there is still time to buy tickets—just call Ginger or send her an e-mail!

Our AGM promises to be very interesting again and there is still time to buy tickets (call Suzanne Dutoy-Dachy). This year the AGM will be held at the St Raphael Golf Club and if you are unsure about how to get there, we can provide a ride for you—just call me. We will be treated to a presentation by McGill University's Joe Schwarcz, well known for "entertaining public lectures on topics ranging from the chemistry of love to the science of aging".

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the members of the executive, the committee chairs and to the many members of the Club without whom MLUWC would not be able to function nor provide so many hours of pleasure. As I turn over the gavel and the tiara (!) to Gilda Martinello, I feel sure that you will all enjoy a kinder, gentler MLUWC under her guidance.

I wish you all a wonderful summer!

Chitra Chopra

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Annual General Meeting and Dinner

May 14, 2012

Remember!

This year it will be at St. Raphael Golf Club on Ile Bizard, a truly beautiful venue.

1111, RUE DE L'ÉGLISE, ILE BIZARD.

To conclude our season's activities, do plan to attend our annual AGM dinner.

Why not car pool with friends.

**Reserve by sending your cheque for \$38
postdated May 2, and made out to MLUWC.
to Suzanne Dutoy or Maria Kolodziej.**

**Your reservation will be made when we receive your cheque.
In the event of cancellation after May 2, cheques cannot be returned.**

Cash Bar: 6:00 pm Dinner: 6:45 pm All taxes and gratuities are included.

Menu:

Roasted tomato bisque with crème fraîche and chives

Roasted chicken breast on bed of spinach, barley risotto and mushroom sauce

Strawberry and rhubarb compote with chocolate mousse

tea, coffee or tisane

Please indicate if you have any special dietary needs when you send your cheque.
The Chef will do his best to please —within reason

Suzanne Dutoy (514- 826-1080) and Maria Kolodziej (514 – 695-0307)

Important Newsletter Information

from our Past President.

After 3 years of composing and editing the Newsletter for MLUWC, Johannah Lloyd is passing the baton to me. These are big shoes to fill for sure. Johannah took on the challenge of the Newsletter when no one else wanted it and she has really done a wonderful job of producing an informative and stylish monthly Newsletter.

Our proofreader of many years, Joan Dyer, has also decided to retire from that post. So we are currently seeking a replacement. If you are interested, please contact me by e-mail or phone.

The May Newsletter is the last for this MLUWC year, so now is the time to inform you of the new email address for Newsletter submissions for next year: newsletter@mluwc.com.

And although it seems a long way off, you also need to know that the deadline for the

September Newsletter is Friday August 10, 2012.

Thank you very much, Johannah and Joan, for your commitment to the newsletter and to MLUWC.

Heather Hamilton
New Newsletter Editor

NEW YORK—NEW YORK!

There is still time to register for a trip to New York City over the extended weekend of **May 31 to June 3**. This trip is organized by AFDU Québec as their annual fundraiser.

The visit includes a guided tour of the City, a visit to The Cloisters, the Metropolitan Art Museum with its Monet Exhibition at that time, the Statue of Liberty, the Frick Collection, the Bronx Botanical Garden and more, according to how energetic you feel. At night, choose between *The Lion King* musical or a New York Philharmonic concert.

Those of you who are interested in receiving the details, please send me an e-mail and I will forward the pertinent information.

Louise Dagenais



Membership Another year is almost over – where does time go??
Since my two years as Membership Chair is nearing its end, I would like to thank the many people who have helped me these past two years – there are too many to name and I wouldn't want to miss anyone – but a great big THANK YOU!!

I enjoyed my time as Membership Chair--met a lot of interesting people – new and current members – people that I probably would not have met in such a brief time period if it weren't for my role as membership chair.

I encourage you to become involved in the executive in any way you can, it's a great way to meet people and feel that you have contributed to the growth of the Club.

Remember to forward any changes to: mluwc.membership@gmail.com. One last change that I would like you to note: Maude Grenier's new phone number is 514-695-5770. Please note that her email address is no longer valid.

I wish my successor an enjoyable two years and all our members an enjoyable summer,
See you in September!
Gilda Martinello
VP/Membership Chair

*Our Fundraising Chair invites you
to
bring your friends to
Our Games Day for the Scholarship Fund
Thursday, May 3, at 12:00 Noon
at
The Beaconsfield Lawn Bowling Annex
303 Beaconsfield Boulevard*

We hope you will come to join in the fun. We still have tickets to sell (\$15.00) and are looking for a few more interesting door prizes.

Call your friends and form your own table or simply come along and join the rest of us.

Please reserve by sending me an e-mail or by giving me a phone call.

Looking forward to hearing from you.....Anne (Ginger) Brossard



Savvy Seniors Health Fair

Saturday, May 26, 2012
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Bingo de la Presqu'île
2555 Dutrisac, Vaudreuil-Dorion

Once again, our Club will be exhibiting at the Savvy Seniors Fair.

The event will be held on **Saturday, May 26** at the Bingo Hall in Vaudreuil-Dorion. There will be many kiosks staffed by people who will answer your questions regarding health, help around the house, hobbies and much more. We hope that you will drop by and say hello.

This event is being sponsored by Comfort Keepers, the CSSS Vaudreuil-Soulanges and Sweet City Lifestyle. All proceeds will go to the Parkinson Society of Montréal.

This event is free so come listen to the speakers, discover local resources and enjoy a coffee.

Gilda

Please note that the **Jaunters** extend **two invitations** to all MLUWC members and friends:

in **May**, to a private concert; in **June** to the Circus.

See the Interest Group announcements for details.

The Travel Group invites you to their meeting on May 7 at the Sunrise Senior Living Residence, 505 Elm, with refreshments at 7:00 pm followed by the presentation at 7:30 pm.

Veronica Valentine, a fellow member, will entertain us as she presents her travels to the United Arab Emirates, a very interesting area of the world. Barbara Sauve and Mary Wells

*And
The Stewart Hall Singers Invite You To
A Célébration!!*

Come celebrate 40 years of song with the Stewart Hall Singers at their 40th Anniversary spring concert, Saturday, **May 12, 8:00 pm**, at **Église Saint-Joachim, Pointe Claire**. The program features those most singable of composers, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and George Gershwin. You'll go home singing for sure! Tickets, \$20, available **from Joan Dyer**, joandyer@allstream.net; 514-697-8884.



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Music History The Music History group will attend the last Concert Espresso given by Les Violons Du Roy at Bourgie Hall on **Thursday, May 3, at 2:00 pm**. The program features the entire suite of 12 violin concerti that make up *L'Estro Armonico*, Opus 3 by Vivaldi, the work that really put him on the map.

On **Thursday, May 10**, there will be a screening of the French movie (no subtitles), *Antonio Vivaldi, Un Prince à Venise* at Joan Dyer's. Please see the notice for our June event on page 9.

Kaffeeklatsch Christine will host the final meeting of the season on **Tuesday, May 8** and Margarita will present.

Book Club 1 Our next meeting will be held on **May 9 at 1:00 pm** at Margaret Nicoll-Griffith's home in Pointe Claire. The book, *The Red Queen* by Margaret Drabble, is to be reviewed, by Christa. This is an absorbing tale of Korean history, from the complicated politics of palace life in the 18th century, to the thriving economy of present South Korea. Please call Margie if you are unable to join us.

Jaunters

In May

We invite Members and friends to join us for a private **Gala Concert on May 16 at 11:00 am** at the Church of S t. Andrew and St. Paul (Sherbrooke Street N. beside the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts).

We shall meet the brilliant young organist and Director of Music, Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm who will introduce us to the gorgeous sounds of “his” 7,000 pipes, the *trompette en chamade* and the dazzling array of stops on this rather intimidating Casavant organ.

Jonathan plans a virtuoso program and has asked Stephanie Manias, soprano, Choir Section Leader and soloist, to present several dazzlers by Mozart, Verdi and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

After the concert, we plan to have lunch at the nearby Persian restaurant Nocochi. Reservations are necessary and so we shall need to know in advance how many will join us. The Museum Café and a delightful new coffee house, Olivier Potier, both nearby on Sherbrooke Street’s south side, are options for those who might prefer them.

The cost for each participant is \$10:00. We shall need at least 20 guests to proceed and we ask that you reserve with Kerstin Birch by sending Kerstin your cheque for \$10.00 no later than May 7

(Cheques to be made out to Johannah Lloyd, event organizer)

Kerstin will e-mail directions to those who drive. We can offer free parking for 6 or 7 cars and suggest car pooling. Metered parking is available on the street for others. Car pooling will be from Pointe Claire Plaza at 9:30 am. Please **let Kerstin know if you can drive and if you are coming to lunch** (at Nocochi's ...a terrific little cafe).

In June, let's go to the Circus.

Before running off to join the world’s greatest circuses, **the young graduates of the National Circus School present the fruit of their three years** of higher circus arts training. Once more, audiences will be thrilled by this annual show, which features a plethora of disciplines, among them juggling, *corde lisse*, trapeze, contortion, hoops, Chinese poles and hand-to-hand. You can’t help but be amazed by the talent of these young, energetic acrobats, and you’ll be equally impressed by their innovative staging. A unique opportunity to discover tomorrow’s circus stars.

When: Wednesday evening, June 6, 8:00 pm Price: \$23.50 Please send Louise Dagenais a cheque dated May 5, by May 5. This will confirm the numbers to be used for our reservation. Late comers will have to book directly with La Tohu. We intend to have dinner on the West Island before the show and will arrange car pools from the restaurant. Details to follow mid May. Louise Dagenais.



Wine Appreciation Group I The winning Portuguese wine tasted at our March meeting was a Muscat from the Stugal Peninsula—Jose Marie da Fonseca 2007. This wine is a perfect match for Stilton or any strong firm Quebec cheese and, at just over \$15, easy on our budget too! Our next meeting will be held on **May 16** at Diane Nener's.

Book Club II *THE MIDWIFE OF VENICE*, a historical novel by Roberta Rich, will be reviewed by Maureen Rowe on **Thursday, May 17 at 1:30 pm** at Suzanne Dawson's home. Be sure to inform Suzanne if you cannot join us. This book opens a window on the Renaissance in Venice, especially on the lives of Jewish women, segregated because of their religion and restricted to the private sphere.

A reminder that it is time to send in your book suggestions for next year's program.

At our **June Book Club meeting on June 7**, we will be discussing *ANNABEL* by Kathleen Winter. Gilda Martinello will be the reviewer and I will be hosting. Louise Dagenais

Conversation en français Tête-à-tête Le prochain rendez-vous du groupe aura lieu chez Susan Cruikshank **le 18 mai à 09h30**. RSVP Dianne <http://diannequilts.blogspot.com>

Tutto Italiano For our last meeting of the season on we are planning a visit to the Leonardo da Vinci Centre in Montreal We shall co-ordinate transportation and arrange details by e-mail. Please call if you cannot attend.
Renata

Three More June Events

Music Appreciation Our group will meet at Dianne Robinson's home on Friday, **June 1 at 11:00 am** for a short meeting followed by a potluck luncheon.

Music History Nicole Awad will host the final meeting and potluck to evaluate this year's program and plan next year on **Thursday, June 14**.

Art Appreciation In June, the Art Appreciation aficionados will be going to the National Gallery of Ottawa to view **VAN GOGH: Up Close**, an exhibition featuring approximately 50 paintings, including works that have rarely been shown publicly, as well as a selection of Japanese prints. Group members will be informed of the date and specifics by e-mail Louise Dagenais

DIRECTIONS to the St. Raphael Golf Club

FROM Highway 40, turn NORTH to Pierrefonds Boulevard and continue along to Jacques Bizard; Turn NORTH, cross the bridge onto the island and continue straight ahead to Chevrement. Turn left along Chevrement to de l'Eglise. Turn right (North) onto de l'Eglise and continue to the Club, on your right.

~ May ~

◀ April							June ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3 Games Day 12 noon	4	5	
6	7 Travel 7:00 pm	8	9 Book Club I 1:00 pm	10	11	12	
13	14 <i><u>AGM and Dinner</u></i> 6:00 pm	15	16 Jaunters 11:00 am Wine Appreciation 1	17 Book Club II 1:30 pm	18 Conversation en français 9:30 am Tutto Italiano 2:00 pm	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Savy Seniors 9:00 am to 2:00 pm	
27	28	29	30	31			

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