



Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

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General Meeting

Monday, November 12, 2012

at

The Karnak Shriners' Temple
3350 Sources Boulevard, DDO

Coffee - 7:15 pm

Meeting - 7:45 pm

Helping Animals – Confronting Cruelty



Guest Speaker:

Rebecca Aldworth

Executive Director,

Humane Society International Canada

For each of the past 14 years, Rebecca Aldworth has been a firsthand observer of Canada's commercial seal hunt, escorting more than 100 scientists, parliamentarians and journalists to the ice floes to witness the killing. She was one of the principal architects of the 2009 European Union prohibition on seal product trade, which resulted in a crash in seal fur prices in Canada, sparing over one million baby seals from the slaughter in the past four years alone.

HSI Canada is an effective voice for animals with programs targeting companion animals, wildlife and habitat protection, marine mammal preservation and farm animal welfare.

Visit their website at
www.hsi.org/world/canada

President's Message

At our October meeting, we met some very impressive young women who were the recipients of our Scholarships. I'm sure you were as awestruck as I was. Let's ensure that deserving young women continue to receive money from MLUWC by supporting our fundraising activities.

Our major fundraiser is coming up – Theatre Night on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Tickets are still available for “The Butler Did It.” I hope to see many of you at the play – make an evening out of it: go out for supper and then see the play – what a great way to spend a Tuesday night!

On October 13, MLUWC hosted the Quebec Provincial Council which reunites the five Quebec Clubs. Our special guest was Robin Jackson, Executive Director of CFUW. Robin brought us up to date on various CFUW initiatives including one with the National Council of Women.

On October 19, CFUW along with the YWCA, the Canadian Labour Association and the Public Service Association of Canada held a public roundtable on the Women's Movement in Canada: Where is it going? CFUW remains one of the few women's organizations in Canada – many lost their federal funding due to cuts imposed by the Conservative government. CFUW is an independent, self-funded women's organization and plays an important role in ensuring that women's voices are heard in Canada.

Our November General Meeting is sure to be very interesting as we learn more about Humane Society International Canada. It is a leading force for animal protection, representing tens of thousands of members and constituents across the country. HSI Canada works to protect all animals through education, investigation, litigation, legislation, advocacy, and field work.

See you all on November 6 and 12!

Gilda Martinello
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Membership

Let us extend a warm welcome to the following new members: **Julia del Grande, Wendy Hedrich, Giovanna Pessina, Jane Schissler, Claire Segal and Beata Tarcsy**; and to returning members: **Adla Halwani, Isabella Hewitt and Margaret Stephenson**. We all have a part to play in helping each one to find some aspect of the club which is beneficial to her.

The Club directory is now being prepared for printing. The payment of dues gives the Club the permission to include a member's name and coordinates in the directory. Without that payment, the Club does not have that implicit permission and therefore cannot include the coordinates of anyone who has not paid.

Anyone who had a second telephone number (fax or phone) listed last year should ensure that it is still current. If it is not, and you have not completed the Membership application form as requested, please inform me by email without delay.

The directories will be distributed at the November general meeting. If you are unable to attend that meeting, please make arrangements with a friend or a neighbour to collect your directory.

Constance Ellis
Vice-President Membership

Workshop Series

The first workshop in our **Public Forum** series will take place on **Saturday October 27**. The issues of work/life balance will be discussed. This will be of particular interest to anyone who is juggling a job or business with children and/or aging parents. Anyone of either gender is welcome; so tell your family, friends, neighbours or colleagues. The session will run from **1:30 pm. to 3:30 pm.** at Re/Max Royal Jordan, 101 Amherst in Beaconsfield. Cost is \$15. **Reservation at workshop@mluwc.com.**

Constance Ellis

60 MILLION GIRLS ANNUAL CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 8TH

Wanda Bedard, President of 60 Million Girls will be our Guest Speaker at our Annual General Meeting in May 2013. 60 Million Girls Annual Conference will take place on **Thursday, November 8th** at l'Ermitage on the campus of Collège de Montréal on Côte-des-Neiges. Tickets are \$100. (\$75 Tax receipt). The two guest speakers will be Roxanne Joyal Co-Founder of Free the Children and Jackson Kaguri, Founder of Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project. 60 Million Girls is completely volunteer-run which enables them to keep administration costs below 1% of the donations they receive. For further information, contact **Elizabeth Semmelhaack**.

In Memoriam

ALBERTA SHEARER (SINCLAIR)

September 18, 1918 - October 7, 2012

Early in the last century, a 2 lb. 7 oz. baby girl was born on a farm near Huntsville, Ontario. The doctor pronounced that it was unlikely she would survive. She lived 94 years.

After high school in Huntsville and Bracebridge, Alberta attended Trinity College at the University of Toronto. In 1940, she received her B.A. and in 1941, her certificates in Education. She taught high school until her marriage to Bill Shearer in 1947.

Bill's work took them to Montreal, followed by a move to the suburbs to raise their family. While supply teaching at several area high schools, she met Margaret Manson. They began travelling to Montreal to attend the monthly U. of T. Alumnae Association meetings where they met Marybel Monty. They found many West Island dwellers at these meetings and began planning a satellite club. Several successful meetings with over thirty women convinced them that a West Island University Women's Club was feasible. The first official meeting was October 18, 1957. They quickly registered 78 graduates and received the MLUWC charter from the CFUW in June 1958.

Alberta began serving as publicist and archivist, represented the Club on the Montreal Council of Women, and was a founding member of the Environmental Study Group. She held additional executive positions and became President in 1970. She was active in the environment, travel, and music appreciation groups until her liver cancer prevented her attendance at those meetings.

There will be a memorial service, **Saturday November 10 at 2:00 pm** at Lakeshore Evangelical Church, 470 Brookhaven, Dorval. The family would appreciate any donation to the Canadian Cancer Society or the MLUWC Scholarship Fund.

Fundraising

We would like to thank all those who have already purchased their tickets for our Theatre Night fundraiser - *The Butler Did It* - on **Tuesday November 6**. Those who still wish to buy tickets, you may do so from the various interest group leaders, or from one of our committee members. (Nicole Awad, Suzanne Taylor, Joanne Fraser or Mary Vlahos)

Ladies, I know we can count on your support to sell all of the 200 tickets and raise the money we need for our SCHOLARSHIPS. We sold quite a few, but still have many more to sell ... Invite a friend, go out to dinner and then to the theater, have a wine and cheese with some neighbours before the event, make an outing out of it.

Thanks to your support and enthusiasm, we made a total of \$145 from the half and half and the book sale at the October meeting. We intend to do the same for our November 12 general meeting. So please bring more books with you on that date so that we can sell them, along with the books we stored from the October meeting.

Thanks for all your efforts and see you at John Rennie at 8:00 pm. on November 6.

Nicole Awad
Fundraising Chair

2013 Pot Luck Dinners – January 14, 2013

Time is quickly passing and January 14, 2013 will be here before we know it! Of course, that means that time is also running out to sign up for the Pot Luck Dinners. To date, we have 5 full evening dinners and 6 evening dinners with spots left to fill. We have one luncheon this year and there is one spot open to sign up for it. The areas which still have space available are: Pointe-Claire South (2), Beaconsfield-Beaurepaire (4), Vaudreuil-Dorion (3), Ile Perrot (4), Dorval South (2), and Pierrefonds (4).

The November meeting will be the last meeting you will have an opportunity to sign up for the dinners. After that time you can contact either myself or Leona Smart and we will gladly help you find a Pot Luck Dinner to attend. We would like to have all sign ups completed by the beginning of December so that we can then hand the lists to the hostesses and assistant hostesses so that they can then contact their guests and plan their menus before the Christmas rush. These dinners are a very pleasant way to spend time learning about other members of the MLUWC so **don't miss out on this fun evening**. Drop by the table at the November 12 meeting and we will assist you or email or phone us to get your name slotted in.

Bauni McFadyen and Leona Smart
Pot Luck Dinner Coordinators



**THE
BUGLER
DID IT**
by Tim Kelly
directed by
Liz Truchanowicz

MLUWC
Theatre Night Fundraiser
Presented by Lakeshore Players
Tuesday November 6 at 8:00 pm
Louise Chalmers Theatre at John Rennie High School
Tickets \$25
All proceeds to MLUWC Scholarship Fund

This delightful comedy parodies every English mystery play ever written, but with a decidedly American flavour. Miss Maple, a society dowager with a reputation for clever weekend parties, invites a group of detective writers to eerie Ravenswood Manor where they are to impersonate their fictional characters. When a real murder takes place, laughs and thrills begin as the writers kick off a zany search for the killer. See if you can unmask the fiend before the writers do!

South Shore University Women's Club Silent Art Auction

This is an auction of landscapes painted by Beryl Bird, a former member of the **South Shore University Women's Club**. The event will be held on **Sunday October 28, 2012** in the church hall of St. Barnabas Church, 95 Lorne Ave, St. Lambert. It will begin at 2:00 pm. and bidding will close about 3:30 pm.

Coffee, tea and a selection of homemade desserts will be served. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and will be available at the door. For more information, please call Janet at 450 672-2902 or Carol at 450 672-9401.

Christmas Bazaar

The Auxiliary of the Lakeshore General Hospital is holding its annual Christmas Bazaar on **Thursday, November 1**, from 9:00 am. - 3:00 pm. Baked goods, hand-knits, hand-mades, books, etc, etc. All proceeds go toward the purchase of medical or surgical equipment for the hospital. Purchases of \$20 or more will receive a free parking pass.

REPORT FROM MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN (MCW)

“A VOICE FOR WOMEN IN MONTREAL”

The Montreal Council of Women CELEBRATION of October Women’s History Month – ***HONORING WOMEN JOURNALISTS*** - on Thursday, October 4th, 2012 was privileged to hear, question and meet an exciting panel of Montreal women journalists. The guest speaker, *Linda Kay, Chair of the Department of Journalism at Concordia*, first Female Sports writer for the Chicago Tribune spoke about her new book “THE SWEET SIXTEEN” which tells the journey that inspired the Canadian Women’s Press Club in the early 1900s..... and it was of interest to hear, that the Women’s Press Club closed in 2004 because it no longer could sustain itself. The panelist, *Janet Bagnall, Montreal Gazette; Sonali Karnack, CBC, Jamie Orchard, Global TV; Lea Roboam, Freelancer, Cammille Ross, CTV and Nancy Wood, CBC* were given the opportunity to share their own journeys. They exemplified the ever-changing role of women in our society, and felt very strongly about how strategic it was for them, as women journalists, to support women’s groups, such as MCW, in addressing the human rights and social issues faced by women. It is the importance of women, acting together in groups, which often initiates and effects changes in our society. This excellent presentation was moderated by ***Cheryl Braganza, MCW Convener for Art, Culture and Heritage.***

MCW GENERAL MEETING on November 1, 2012 at 12:00 noon

Program: “*Education and Cyber-Bullying*”

Guest Speaker: **Maureen Baron, M.A.** Pedagogical Services,
English Montreal School Board

Where: 2700 Rufus Rockhead (near Atwater Market)

If you are interested in attending the MCW General meeting on **Thursday, November 1, 2012** on “***Education & Cyber-Bullying***”, please let Renate Sutherland know or you can access the MCW’s website: www.mcw-cfm.org under “Invitations” and let them know that you will be attending the November meeting.

UPCOMING EVENT: “*Woman of the Year Luncheon*” on Friday, December 7th at 11:30 a.m. at the Omni Mount Royal Hotel, 1050 Sherbrooke Street West.

The Theme for 2012 is A FEDERATE MEMBER or INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF MCW THAT HAS RAISED THE STATUS OF an ORGANIZATION and/or OF SOCIETY. Please let Renate know if you are interested in attending, so that we can arrange to car pool.

You can also contact our representatives to the Montreal Council for Women for further information or let them know if you want to receive the MCW Monthly Newsletter by email.

Renate Sutherland and Frances Lortie
MCW Representatives

STRATFORD FESTIVAL TRIP – September 17-21, 2012

Our group of forty-four theatre goers has just returned from another wonderful Stratford Festival Theatre Tour.

The trip was a great success! We were very pleased with our large comfortable bus and our fine accommodation at The Arden Park Hotel. Many of us attended up to six plays which included the Musicals of ***42nd STREET*** and ***THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE***; Shakespeare's ***HENRY V***, ***MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING***; ***CYMBELINE***; Sophocles' ***ELEKTRA***; Thornton Wilder's ***THE MATCHMAKER***; Morris Panych's ***WANDERLUST***; and Clark Gesner's ***YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN***.

Our faithful Excel-Tours' driver, Jean-Guy, drove us to and from the theatres. He has been with us for the past ten years and will now be retiring. We will miss him.

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



STRATFORD FESTIVAL TRIP – September 23-27, 2013

Plans are being made to attend the 61st Stratford Festival from September 23 - 27, 2013. Hotel accommodations are again being made at THE ARDEN PARK HOTEL, which is within walking distance of the Stratford Festival Theatre.

The 2013 Calendar of plays includes the following:

Shakespeare's ***ROMEO AND JULIET***; ***OTHELLO***; ***THE MERCHANT OF VENICE*** and ***MEASURE FOR MEASURE***; the Musicals ***FIDDLER ON THE ROOF*** and ***THE WHO'S TOMMY***; Noel Coward's ***BLITHE SPIRIT***; other plays are ***THE THREE MUSKETEERS***; ***MARY STUART*** and ***WAITING FOR GODOT***.

If you wish to join us and reserve a place for this thoroughly enjoyable Stratford Trip, please contact Louise Dagenais, Renate Sutherland or Joan Ebbett as soon as possible.

Interest Groups

ART APPRECIATION - In November we will visit the new DECORATIVE & DESIGN collection at the MMFA. In 2011, the space devoted to the decorative arts was expanded. The new gallery layout designed showcases nearly 1,000 objects. Laid out on three levels, it invites visitors to discover the evolution and metamorphosis of objects arranged along thematic lines. We will try to have a guided tour for which there will be a cost but the entry is free. It will take place on **Wednesday November 28 at 11:00 am**; as usual **carpooling from Pointe Claire shopping center at 10:00 am**. If you wish to attend, please send by email before Saturday November 24 your reply and mention if you can drive or if you need a ride; this is important to simplify the organization of the outing. Please indicate as well if you intend to stay for lunch. I will need a volunteer to find and reserve the restaurant. If complementary information is required, it will follow by email when we get closer to the date of the visit. Louise Dagenais

BOOK CLUB I - Renata did an excellent review of **The Winter Palace** to prepare us for our exciting visit with the author, **Eve Stachniak**, on **November 1** at the Cambridge at 1:00 pm. This will be an excellent opportunity to chat with this Canadian-Polish rising star on the Canadian literary scene. We will share the afternoon with the Cambridge Book Club as well as our Book Club II. As we will be serving some refreshments, we need to know numbers --Book club II, please let Louise know if you can join us. I hope to see you all on November 1st. Marg N-G

BOOK CLUB II - Book Club II will meet at Nicole's home to discuss **Half Blood Blues** by Esi Edugyan which Ina will review on **Thursday November 15 at 1:30 pm**. This book tells the story of the death of jazz at the dawn of Nazism in Germany. The name 'Half-Blood Blues' takes its inspiration from the book's hero and a jazz legend in the making. Hieronymous 'Hiero' Falk is just nineteen when he starts playing with the 'Hot Time Swingers' alongside Charles 'Chip' Jones and Sidney 'Sid' Griffiths, the narrator of the tale. The son of a German woman and a French African brought in to marshal the Rheinland after that part of Germany was ceded to France after the Treaty of Versailles, Hiero is a half-breed or 'mischling'. The story is set both in the 1940s in Berlin and Paris as the Trio try to stay one step ahead of Hitler's ever advancing army but also in the 1990s in a newly reunited Germany at a concert in Hiero's honour. At the heart of the story is the secret Sid harbours as to how Hiero's fate was sealed. Please let Nicole know if you cannot attend. Louise Dagenais

JAUNTERS – **November 13** outing to **Pointe-à-Callière Museum** – **SAMURAI - Prestigious collection of Richard Béliveau**. 350 Place Royale, Montreal. Parking is across the street at King Edward Pier. Private guided tour at 10:00 am. Lunch in L'Arrivage Restaurant (on site) at 12:00 pm. Price range \$17.95 to \$19.50. General admission \$18.00; Seniors \$14.00; Group Rate for 15 or more people including guided tour is \$10.50. **We need 15 minimum for a private tour at \$10.50 per person**. If we don't have 15 people we will pay the higher rate and will have to see exhibition on our own. **Meet as usual at Pointe-Claire Plaza at 9:00 am. Drivers will leave at 9:05 sharp**. Please advise Isabella Hewitt (preferably by email) if you will be attending. Deadline is November 2, but we would appreciate responses sooner. We as organizers have cancellation deadlines. Please advise her 1) attendance; 2) if you will be a driver, need a lift or are going on your own; 3) if you are staying for lunch. It promises to be a very interesting exhibit, so we hope to see you there.

KAFFEEKLATSCH (German Conversation) - The group will be meeting at Joyce Schaaf's house on **November 6 at 1:00 pm**. Please advise the hostess or me if you cannot attend. Christine Hamilton

MUSIC APPRECIATION – Music Appreciation will meet on **Friday, November 2 at 10:00 am**. at Addie Ciebien's home to prepare for the November 9th and November 30th MSO Friday morning concerts. Composers and their compositions to be presented are Sibelius and his "Violin Concerto" by Sevinc, Magnard and his "Symphony No. 4" by Dianne, Barber and his "Violin Concerto" by Marne and Shostakovich and his "Symphony No. 10" by Margarita. Sevinc will bring refreshments. For details call Maria Cranker.

Interest Groups - continued

MUSIC HISTORY – The next meeting of the Music History group will be held at Joan Dyer's on **Thursday, November 8 at 1:30 pm**. Sandra has kindly offered to provide the goodies. Marne will give us a presentation on opera and Verdi in anticipation of attending the November 24 screening of the Metropolitan Opera's presentation of *Otello* at the Colisée in Kirkland (Saturday, 12 noon). Members intending to come to the opera at Kirkland are asked to arrange their own tickets (\$26.39 regular admission, \$24.09 senior's price for a single ticket). Anyone who was unable to attend the first meeting and who has ordered and not yet paid for her tickets to the Concerts Espresso series of concerts in the winter/spring is asked to please send a cheque in the amount of \$101.10 to Louise Dagenais. Similarly, anyone who has not paid her contribution for the Christmas basket should have \$5 ready for collection at the meeting. Joan Dyer

OUT TO DINNER - 13 lucky ladies enjoyed good food and scintillating conversation at our first dinner at Terra Mare on September 27. Here are the restaurants we chose to visit this year:

October 25 th	Nolah	DDO
November 22 nd	Bistro 1843	Ile Bizard
January 24 th	La Perle	DDO
February 28 th	Fuji	Pfds.
March 28 th	La Seranata	DDO
April 25 th	Portovino	Dorval
May 23 rd	Willow's Inn	Hudson
June 27 th	Auberge des Gallant	Rigaud

Bon appétit and welcome to guests and new members.

TÊTÊ-À-TÊTÊ (French Conversation) - La prochaine rendez-vous sera chez Susan Cruickshank **le 16 novembre**.

TRAVEL – On **Monday November 5** we will be entertained by Margarita Reti and her son taking us on a **Safari – Kenya and Tanzania**. The meeting will be held at the Sunrise Senior Living Residence (505 Elm, Beaconfield) with refreshments at 7:00 pm, followed by presentation at 7:30 pm. A wonderful travel experience and new members welcome. Barbara Sauve and Mary Wells

TUTTO ITALIANO - November meeting will take place on **November 13** at Montreal's **Pointe-à-Callière Museum**, visiting **The Etruscans - Ancient Italian Civilisation** exhibition. We plan to have light lunch at the museum restaurant. We shall be leaving at 10:00 am, and carpooling. Please join us if you are interested.

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