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General Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2014
at
The Karnak Shriners' Temple
3350 Sources Boulevard, DDO

Coffee - 7:15 pm
Meeting - 7:45 pm

The Restitution of Looted Art



Dr. Catherine MacKenzie
Professor of Art History,
Concordia University

Dr. Catherine Mackenzie was researching the return of artworks looted by the Nazis to its rightful owners long before the subject made world-wide headlines. An expert in the techniques of provenance, Dr. Catherine MacKenzie will help us delve into this fascinating subject

*Don't forget we will continue to collect toiletries
and other personal items for the West Island
Women's Shelter!*

President's Message

Once again, the Pot Luck Dinner that I attended was great – the food was delicious and the conversation fascinating. The evening allowed me to become better acquainted with women in the Club that I knew only slightly and to meet one of our interesting new members. I hope you enjoyed your Pot Luck Dinner (or Lunch) as much as I did. Congratulations to Linda Ricketts and Jane Edwards for a great job in organizing this year's Pot Luck Dinners.

Several executive positions will become vacant for the 2014-2015 year and Chitra Chopra will be chairing the Nominating Committee to look for people to take on these roles. If you are interested in working on the Committee or becoming a part of the executive, please let Chitra know.

Sandra Munro and the Scholarship Committee have started to publicize our Margaret Manson and Alberta Shearer Scholarships (each worth \$2000). These scholarships are awarded to women living in the West Island who are currently in university pursuing full-time studies. If you know of anyone who might be eligible for this scholarship, encourage her to check out our website: <http://mluwc.com/index.html> for more information on how to apply. The deadline for applications is Friday, March 14, 2014.

I am looking forward to hearing our February guest speaker, Catherine MacKenzie of Concordia University, talk about the restitution of art stolen during World War II. For those of you who are interested in this and would like to know more about what happened to art stolen by the Nazis during the war, there is a new movie that deals with this subject; The Monuments Men is being released February 7. Unfortunately, not all the art was found and Dr. MacKenzie will bring us up to date on Concordia's efforts to find art stolen from Max Stern, a Jewish art dealer living in Germany at the beginning of the Nazi regime.

I look forward to seeing you on February 10.

Gilda Martinello
mluwc1@mluwc.com

CFUW

It is that time of year again when we will soon be asked to vote upon the following **CFUW Resolutions**. Before we can vote we need your enlightening thoughts and input. To that end, we are looking for members who would like to be a part of the discussion groups regarding these issues.

Pauline van Nieuwburg is leading a discussion group on Resolution 1 - **An Enhanced Canada Pension Plan**.

Linda Sestock will lead Resolution 2 - **A Culture of Peace**.

Patricia DuVal will lead Resolution 3 - **Preservation of Democracy: Increasing Voter Participation in Canada**

Nancy Doray will lead Resolution 4 - **Promoting Plain Language**.

Please call or email Linda, Pauline, Nancy or Patricia to participate. **We also plan on meeting at 6:00pm before the February 10 General meeting in order to discuss the resolutions.** (Sandwiches will be served)

Click on the links below for the full text and background of the resolutions.

[2014 Proposed Resolutions for Amendment](#) (whole package)

[2014 Proposed Resolutions for Amendment](#) (without background)

Linda Sestock

Vice President & CFUW Liaison

POT LUCK DINNERS - January 13, 2014

The 21st Annual Pot Luck Dinners were held January 13, 2014. Over 100 participants braved icy conditions to attend one lunch and eleven dinners. We hope that everyone enjoyed the evening!

Any comments or advice that would help in planning next year's dinners is welcome so don't hesitate to contact us by email.

A big thank you to the Hostesses and Assistant Hostesses for all you did to make this event a success!

Hostesses

Donna Bourne
Jeannie Hazel
Marney MacDonald
Margaret Vost
Francoise Perreault
Tina Tessari
B. J. Bell
Suzanne Dutoy
Patricia Murray
Lorraine Retfalvi
Leona Smart
Connie Ellis

Assistant Hostesses

Maria Roussakis
Marie-Belle Cunningham
Valerie Fortin
Beate Cloetta
Nancy Lloyd
Bauni McFadyen
Ginger Brossard
Maria Kolodziej
Sandra Munro
Eleanor Shaver
Eva Weiss
Maureen Rowe

Linda Ricketts and Jane Edwards
Potluck Dinner Coordinators

Nominations

It is time, once again, to look for new faces on the Executive and for Committee Chairs while some of the incumbents take a much deserved reprieve. We look forward to sharing your fresh perspective and innovative ideas to further the purpose of our organisation in a convivial environment.

According to the MLUWC By-Laws, the Nominating Committee, constituted at the February General Meeting, must comprise two members from the Executive and three members from the general membership. The two members from the Executive are Chitra Chopra, Past-President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, and Connie Ellis, Vice-President & Chair of the Membership Committee. The members from the general membership are Marie-Belle Cunningham, Patricia DuVal and Elizabeth Semmelhaack. If there is anybody else from the general membership who would like to join the committee, please contact me. The job requires that you know some Club members who, you think, will fill the upcoming vacant positions on the Executive for the next two-year term. If you are interested in joining us to find new leaders for our Club or if you know of someone who you think would like to join the team, please contact one of us.

The two-year term of the following positions will be coming to an end in May and we are looking for women who would like to join a team which works to further the goals of our Club while also enjoying the time spent in these pursuits. You are most welcome to share one of these positions if you prefer. We will be pleased to discuss the requirements for any of these positions that may be of interest to you. Please note that nominations close 5 days before the AGM and each new term starts at the end of the AGM. We are excited that we already have some members interested in some of these positions!

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We look forward to seeing you at the February meeting and will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Chitra Chopra

Chair, Nominating Committee

Past-President & Corporate Secretary

Membership

This month we welcome Maria Korab-Laskowska, a scientist and a photographer, and Diane Gibb, a marketing specialist. Please help them to experience all that our club has to offer.

Name tags serve not only to identify us but to introduce us to other members. They are particularly helpful to new members as they try to get to know other members and learn about our Club. I'm asking each member to make sure that she has a name tag at the next general meeting. If you need a replacement (cost \$5) please let me know by Thursday, February 6th.

Always remember: ***MEMBERSHIP IS EVERY MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY.***

**Constance Ellis
Vice-President &
Membership Chair**

Lakeside Academy & the West Island Women's Shelter

Congratulations to the students of **Lakeside Academy**, part of the Lester B. Pearson School Board, for their efforts on behalf of the MLUWC to provide much needed toiletries to the **West Island Women's Shelter**.

In mid-January, a representative of the West Island Women's Shelter picked up 16 Walmart recycling bags filled with toiletries and approximately 100 large tubes of Crest toothpaste, 100 Oral B toothbrushes and 100 packages of dental floss that the students collected. The West Island Women's Shelter was very pleased with these donations.

Many thanks to the students as well as Victoria Pinnell, Community Services Co-ordinator at the Academy and one of our members, who helped organize this endeavor.

MLUWC has received a lovely thank you letter from the West Island Women's Shelter (which will be posted at the next General meeting). The Shelter was overwhelmed by our members' generosity. Your kindness was greatly appreciated. Don't forget we will continue to collect items for the Shelter at our future General meetings.

***A Reminder from the Fundraising
Committee:***

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday May 1, 2014

***Our Games Day will be back by popular
demand!***

More details at a later date.

Where are they now?
A search to find former MLUWC Scholarship Recipients

Thanks to Connie Ellis, we have tracked down another former scholarship recipient. Below are the words of Kimberly Bull:

In 1997, as a graduate of John Abbott College without eligibility for financial aid in Quebec, the Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club scholarship I was awarded greatly eased my transition to university. After I completed my DEC in Pure & Applied Sciences, I went on to obtain a B.Sc. in Biochemistry at Concordia University and a M.Sc. in Environmental Toxicology at McGill. The MLUWC scholarship allowed me to focus on my studies, which in turn allowed me to successfully compete for other scholarships from NSERC and FRSQ-FCAR-Santé. I began my career conducting research at Environment Canada's National Water Research Institute and then at Concordia University's Centre for Structural and Functional Genomics in biofuels. For the past 4 years I have been working in Environmental Health, Safety & Sustainability at IHS Inc. It is difficult to summarize in an "elevator pitch" my work to those who are unfamiliar with chemical regulations, but it involves the development of data and software for the classification and communication of chemical hazards according to regulations, in order to protect human health and the environment. Now over 16 years later (time flies!), I am still very grateful to the MLUWC for the scholarship I received and the opportunities it has provided me since then.

You're invited to....
The West Island Community Resource Centre
Networking Lunch

Date: Friday, February 21st 2014

Time: 11:15-2:00pm

Location: Stewart Hall Cultural Centre, 176 Lakeshore Rd, Pointe-Claire, H9S 4J7

Topic: When Push Comes to Shove: identifying violence and relationship abuse among youth featuring the West Island Women's Shelter, SPVM and Batshaw Youth and Family Centres

(For more information, please refer to invitation attached)

To register: Please **RSVP by February 6th** online <http://crcinfo.ca/event-registrations/?ee=300> or please call us **514-694-6404**

Interest Groups

ART APPRECIATION - We are exceptionally fortunate to have Helena Scheffer to speak to us at 2:00 pm on **Thursday February 13** at the Kirkland Library at a fascinating textile exhibit. Please join us. **Synthesis II**, a unified and yet dynamically diverse show, is a travelling exhibit of unique textile art combining the work of 16 Canadian members of Studio Art Quilts Associates (SAQA). SAQA is an international organization of artists, curators, gallery owners and collectors with over 3,000 members. This is the first time a regional SAQA exhibition has been presented in Quebec, so this is a rare opportunity to view these exceptional, colourful artworks. The show runs from February 8 to 27, 2014 Kirkland Library 17100 Hymus, Kirkland (Mon-Fri: 10 am - 9 pm, Sat-Sun: 10 am - 5pm)
Vernissage: Sunday, February 9, 2-4 pm. **Jeannie Hazel**

BOOK CLUB I - Our next book club meeting will be on **February 12** at 1:00 pm, when we will discuss Michael Ondaatji's voyage to England, with his **Cat's Table**. The reviewer is Kerstin, and our hostess is Sacha. Enjoy the book and keep on the lookout for good reads for next year. **Marg N-G**

BOOK CLUB II - We will be meeting on **February 20** at 1:30 pm. **Iron Curtain** by Anne Applebaum will be reviewed by Joanne Fraser; the hostess is Suzanne Dawson. The subtitle of this book is: *The Crushing of Eastern Europe, 1944-1956*, which says it all. **Eva Weiss**

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING - We will meet for Cross country skiing at **9:30 am** at the Morgan Arboretum on each **Tuesday morning** in February. All welcome. **Janet Anderson**

DUPLICATE BRIDGE - We're off to a great start in 2014 but we're still looking for new members or spares. Remember we are a friendly group and we do not have a director. In fact, things probably go better without one! We hope you'll consider joining us as we'd love to have you and we're sure you'd enjoy both the Bridge and interesting discussions. For more information, please call **Janet Broadbelt**

EVENING BOOK CLUB – On **Tuesday February 25 at 7:15 pm** we will discuss **Bone and Bread** by Montreal author Saleema Nawaz. **Linda Sestock**

JAUNTERS – On **Thursday February 13**, the Jaunters will be attending an 11:00 am I Musici concert at Ogilvy's in the Tudor room, 5th Floor. The concert title is **Music from the Orient** and promises to be a lively event. Lunch is planned nearby at the exclusive Europea restaurant on Mountain Street. **Tickets for the concert must be purchased individually, as soon as possible, from Marianick at the I Musici box office** 514-982-6038 (1:00-5:00 pm) under the name of MLUWC. Our group price is \$26 per ticket. Once the ticket is purchased, please contact Janet Ilavsky to confirm attendance. We will meet at the Pointe Claire Plaza parking lot, corner of St. John's Blvd. and Highway 20 at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome. **Janet Ilavsky**

Note: Diane Nener is willing to take 3 ladies in her car who wish to attend both the I Musici Jaunt in the morning and Art Appreciation's 2:00 pm Quilting exhibit in Kirkland. I think Jeannie (AA) will try to accommodate those who wish to do both. You could even pick up a sandwich in Ogilvy's basement and eat it in the car. Maybe another car wants to also arrange to take in the Quilting exhibit?

Interest Groups - continued

MUSIC HISTORY – There will be no Music History meeting in February as the group will be focussing all its energy on concert going, attending two concerts on **Thursday February 6**: the Baroques Matinées recital featuring the baroque oboe at 11:00 am at Bourgie Hall downtown, and the Orchestre Metropolitain concert directed by Yannick Nezet-Seguin, featuring Richard Strauss and Beethoven, 8:00 pm at Église Saint-Joachim, Pointe-Claire, in the Pointe-Claire Grands Concerts series. Members are to arrange their own tickets for the OMM Grand Concert through Stewart Hall, 514-630-1220, either by taking a subscription to the whole series (\$40) or a single ticket for this specific concert, \$16 senior rate. **Joan Dyer**

TÊTÈ-À-TÊTE (French Conversation) - Le prochain rendez-vous sera chez Janet Ankcorn le **21 février**. Si vous avez le goût de nous rejoindre pour parler en français dans un ambiance amical veuillez me donner un coup de fil. **Dianne Robinson**

TRAVEL – We resume meetings on **Monday February 3** with traveller and accomplished photographer, Maria Korab-Laskowska presenting Krakov, Wooden Architecture of Eastern Poland and other cultural points of interest. Look forward to gathering at Le Vivalis, 300 Stillview - 8th floor, Pointe-Claire 7:00 for 7:30 pm. **Mary Wells & Barbara Sauv **

TUTTO ITALIANO – Tutto Italiano will be meeting on **Tuesday March 11** at 1:30 pm. We shall be viewing a film on Maria Callas. Additional information will be emailed to members. **Renate Bagga**

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