



Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

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24TH ANNUAL January Pot Luck Dinners

A wonderful MLUWC tradition

Monday, January 8, 2018

6:30 pm

Potluck Dinner Coordinators:

Jeannie Hazel

Linda Ricketts

Bon Appétit!

**Our next General Meeting is
Monday February 12th**

President's Message

Happy New Year!

How time flies. This was already my second December meeting as your President and every year I continue to be grateful for your amazing generosity. Thanks to all of you, we raised \$1,720 for CARE Jeunesse and \$865 in gift cards.

The GWI issue is ongoing. It was understood that the increase, if it happened, would only occur after the vote at the CFUW AGM in June 2018 and any increase would only occur in 2019. Some CFUW members are unhappy with waiting and so now the CFUW is offering its members the opportunity to voluntarily pay \$8.40 in the new year to support the GWI. I, personally, will be waiting. The GWI understood, when they offered this option, that the money would only be available in 2019. Everyone is free to act as they would like - the letter from CFUW President Hollett, explaining all of the details, was forwarded to you December 8th.

We had the opportunity to meet our new members at our event held in November. Our Membership Chair and other members have done a great job of welcoming our new members.

The MLUWC supported the Kiwanis Christmas Train event again this year and your fellow members are working hard in all of our interest groups to provide wonderful experiences for all of our members, work in community outreach and political advocacy.

Wishing you all health and happiness in the New Year,

Linda Sestock
mduwc1@mduwc.com

To donate to our Scholarship Fund at any time go
to

http://mduwc.com/scholarship_fund.html

CFUW News

The CFUW has submitted a shadow report to the United Nations in preparation for the third Universal Periodic Report in which it makes several recommendations on the overall theme of Violence Against Women (VAW): VAW on Campus. The whole Report is worth reading: See <http://www.cfuwadmin.org/Portals/1/cfuwadminfiles/webfiles/advocacy/unitednations/universalperiodic/CFUW%20UPR%20Submission%20October%205%202017.pdf>

Here are some of its recommendations:

1. Access to Justice; calling for training on sexual assault for all public servants including **judges**;
2. Non-State Torture; recommending that the government immediately amend the Criminal Code of Canada to include torture committed by non-State or private individuals and organizations (non-State actors) as a specific and distinct criminal offence;
3. Indigenous Women: safe drinking water, housing and shelters, childcare, access to healthcare and mental health services;
4. Problems faced by the National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls should be addressed by putting the families at the center of the inquiry.



In the preparation leading up to the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW62), CFUW prepared a statement on the challenges for women and girls living in rural and remote areas in accessing services. [Read the statement here.](#)

UNCSW 2018 will take place from March 12 to 23 2017 in New York, NY. CFUW will send a delegation of 20 members to attend, network and discuss issues.

Didn't get to join the webinars last month? Don't Worry! You can watch the recorded presentations here: [FundScrip Information Session](#), [Biteable Video Training](#).

International Day of Remembrance - December 6th

The CFUW 1989 École Polytechnique Commemorative Awards commemorate the fourteen women students murdered at the École Polytechnique in Montreal. The funding is for graduate studies in any field. The applicant must justify the relevance of her work to women. Find out more about the women

who have benefited from CFUW's national Fellowships and Awards program here and learn how you can apply online today: <http://ow.ly/RtpW30gCEFQ>

GWI News

Violence against women and girls is not unavoidable or inherent to human nature - it is taught. GWI holds that changing the narrative and educating the world, and especially men and boys, on the harmful impact of gender-based violence and the importance of gender equality can eliminate Gender Based Violence (GBV) worldwide. A video showing boys refusing to hit a girl is meant to show that violence is taught, not inherent or unavoidable.

Nancy Doray and Patricia DuVal
Vice Presidents, CFUW Liaisons

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

As we move into the New Year, the Fundraising Committee is always looking for new time-efficient and effective ways to raise the necessary funds to support the Club's scholarship and bursary program.

I would ask all of our members to think of successful activities or events that perhaps were done in the past and that we could repeat, or if you have new ideas that you have seen done elsewhere, that you think would work for the MLUWC, I would appreciate your taking a moment to provide me with your most valuable input.

We will not have a Spring Fundraiser this year, given that we will be celebrating our Club's 60th Anniversary with a Gala Dinner on Wednesday, April 18th, 2018.

Victoria Pinnell (vpinnell@gmail.com)
Fundraising Chair

Programme Committee

This year's December meeting was a wonderful success in its new location thanks to the combined efforts of so many people. This year the Philomela Choir under the direction of Margo Keenan entertained us. Suzanne Chaussé and the interest groups provided intriguing baskets that allowed us to raise \$1,720 as well as \$865 in gift cards to benefit C.A.R.E. Jeunesse, providing help to young people on their pathway to becoming independent.

The Hospitality Co-Chairs, Christine Hamilton and Kathleen McGrath, along with their hospitality team provided a great punch, which went very nicely with all the sweets, and savories that were brought by our members. The hard work of so many people – from Janet Ankcorn who was instrumental in organizing the event and finding the new location, the hospitality team under the direction of Christine, Maria Korab-Laskowska our photographer, the reindeer (aka the ticket sellers), to the generous contributions of the Schulich School of Music at McGill to the prizes for raffle – all contributed to a wonderful evening.

Thank you so much for your support and generosity this year! Best wishes to you and your families for a very happy holiday season and I hope to see you in the New Year at one or more of our activities – there is a plethora of interesting opportunities ahead.

All the best for 2018,
Marianna Newkirk
Program Chair

Photos from our Christmas meeting



Linda presenting cheque to C.A.R.E. Jeunesse



The Philomela Choir entertaining us



Linda & Patricia presenting gift cards to C.A.R.E. Jeunesse



Gilda delivering raffle prize to lucky winner

Hospitality

A huge Thank You from Kathleen McGrath and from myself for all your wonderful help to make the evening delicious, and the set-up and clean-up pleasant. An astounding number of people volunteered and contributed savouries and sweets, so that our membership and the members of the choir, Philomela, could enjoy our Christmas Party/Raffle evening. It was a very worthwhile event, indeed.

Christine Hamilton and Kathleen McGrath
Hospitality Chair

Memories from the Archives

James Baldwin, an African-American novelist, essayist, playwright, poet, and social critic has been credited with saying: "Know from whence you came. If you know from whence you came, there are absolutely no limitations to where you can go."

Over the course of the next year as we celebrate our 60th Anniversary, we will be sharing interesting information from our Archives to help us understand our roots, how we as a club have evolved as the role of women in Quebec and Canadian society has changed, and to inspire us to look to the future with optimism and boundless energy.

Looking Back at the month of December

1963

A most unusual Christmas party was held at Stewart Hall in 1963. Le Centre d'Art de Vaudreuil-Soulanges provided an entertaining program of selections by Molière, followed by the enthusiastic rendition of various French songs and poems to the delight of Club members. The members enjoyed participation in several games and contests and were later served refreshments.

1959

Three new study groups were formed. The Status of Women Committee headed by Anne Fuller, was planning to work closely with the CFUW and to consider a study of the Quebec situation. Willadean Hart chaired the Penal Reform Group who were planning to visit various penal institutions in and around Montreal and to study various facets of this question on the local and federal levels. Last but not least, the World Refugee Year Committee led by Dorothy Williamson, planned to study how the Club could continue to contribute. It is worth noting that the MLUWC was one of the 39 CFUW clubs across Canada which contributed to the fund for the International Federation of University Women Relief during the period of March 1st to August 31st 1959.

1967

There was a very special Christmas party at Stewart Hall with the theme "Christmas in Canada 1867". The decorations, displays and refreshments were all planned to evoke the spirit of Christmas 1867. Many Club

members wore period costumes and even the raffle prizes had an 1867 flavour. An old-fashioned drum tree, a wreath, homemade mincemeat and shortbread and wine were some of the prizes offered. The pièce de resistance of the raffles was a doll dressed entirely in period costume finished with exquisite and dainty handwork. There was also a special guest speaker - Dr Alana Smith - Vice-Principal and history teacher and former head of the History Department at Lindsay Place High School. Dr Smith discussed Canadian social life and customs and the people of 1867. A rendition of songs from the 1867 era followed.

Jane Cowell-Poitras
Archivist

MLUWC at the Christmas Train



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CARE Jeunesse will put the cards together and hand them out to young adults (from the West Island) for Christmas, according to their needs when they will be on their own - after they leave foster care on their 18th birthday.

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Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

Scholarships available for 2018-2019

The Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club is offering two \$2000 scholarships, the Margaret Manson and the Alberta Shearer, to female university students for the academic year 2018-2019. To be eligible students must be residents of the West Island of Montreal (from Lachine to Rigaud), enrolled, full-time, in an undergraduate or graduate program at a Québec university, Canadian citizens or permanent residents. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and solid academic performance.

For further information and an application form, visit www.mluwc.com, email mluwc.scholarships@gmail.com or contact a member of the MLUWC Scholarship Committee at 514-241-3720.

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 16, 2018.

Membre de La fédération canadienne des femmes diplômées des universités
Member of the Canadian Federation of University Women

Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

Bourses d'études pour 2018-2019

Pour l'année académique 2018-2019 Le Club des diplômées universitaires de l'ouest de l'île de Montréal offre deux bourses d'études de 2000\$: le Margaret Manson et l'Alberta Shearer. Les critères d'admission: être résidente de l'ouest de l'île de Montréal (de Lachine à Rigaud); être inscrite, à temps plein, à une université située au Québec, à un programme d'études de premier cycle ou de cycle supérieur; être citoyenne canadienne ou résidente permanente. Les candidates doivent démontrer un besoin financier et une forte réussite académique.

Pour plus d'information et le formulaire de demande, visitez www.mluwc.com., courriel mluwc.scholarships@gmail.com ou communiquez avec un membre du Comité des bourses du MLUWC au 514-241-3720

Les soumissions devraient être déposées au plus tard le 16 mars 2018.

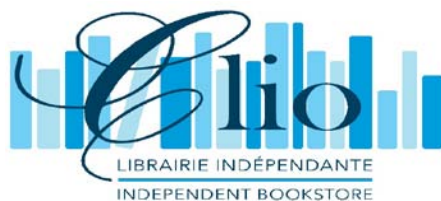
Special Anniversary Project

As part of our 60th Anniversary celebrations, Mary Vlahos and the members of the Anniversary Committee have approached some local merchants to offer discounts to our MLUWC members. The following merchants have confirmed what discounts they are prepared to offer:

Maurizio's on St.Charles Blvd. 10% off any regular priced meal.

Richer Jewellers Dorval are offering MLUWC members a 15% discount on any in-store merchandise at regular price.

Librairie Clio is offering a 15% discount.



Lindt Chocolate Pointe Claire will offer a **25% discount**. See card below.



Boutique Gourmande Sorella will offer a 10% discount. See card below



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Pot Luck

By now all hostesses and assistant hostesses should have a list of the participants in their group, for the Pot Luck meals on January 8th, 2018. Assistant hostesses will communicate directly with each guest in the group, in regards to menu and any other particulars of the meal.

Let us hope for cooperative weather and an enjoyable event for all participants!

Jeannie Hazel & Linda Ricketts
Pot Luck Coordinators

Did You Know?

Between 40 and 50 percent of women in European Union countries experience unwanted sexual advances, physical contact, or other forms of sexual harassment at work.

THAT December 10th, 2017, Human Rights Day, kicks off a yearlong celebration of the upcoming 70th anniversary of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in Paris in 1948.

Nancy Doray
Co-Chair, Issues to Action Group

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

Do you know the role of a Commissioner of Oaths?

It is an individual who is empowered to certify the oath or “solemn affirmation” of a person upon documents such as: diplomas, birth certificates and other records.

If you are in need of this service, please contact Victoria Pinnell. vpinnell@gmail.com



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Upcoming events:

The Opera McGill production of Lucia de Lammermoor at the Monument National Theatre: 26 Jan 2018
<https://www.mcgill.ca/music/channels/event/opera-mcgill-lucia-di-lammermoor-269077>

The McGill Symphony Orchestra at the Maison symphonique under Kent Nagano. 13 Feb 2018
<https://www.mcgill.ca/music/channels/event/mcgill-symphony-orchestra-269066>



Join us for our monthly lectures, which take place at Centennial Hall, 288 Beaconsfield Blvd, on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Consult our website <http://shbbhs.ca/> on a regular basis to keep yourself informed of our lectures, exhibitions and the latest news.

Our Warmest Greetings for the New Year!

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2017-2018, you will be able to do so during that evening. \$5 for the year gives you free access to all our lectures.

Thank you and looking forward to seeing you again,

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*Pauline Faguy-Girard
Trésorière*

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Interest Groups

The December meeting was a success again this with the Philomela Choir, the good food and the Raffle. Because of your generosity, this year's charity, C.A.R.E. Jeunesse received a cheque of \$1,720.00.

I would like to thank all the Interest Groups and their members for their generosity on this occasion. I also wish everyone a nice Christmas and a very special 2018.

Suzanne Chaussé
Interest Groups Chair

Bon Appétit Dinner Club

Our next outing will be a mid-winter luncheon at Les Pâtes Ricardos in DDO, scheduled for Jan. 25th at noon. An outing requires two members of the Bon Appétit group to arrange the luncheon or dinner. We are in need of one more diner to help organize this outing. If you have not already planned one of these dinners, please contact me to sign up. The success of the group and subsequent outings rests on the support and participation of all members.

Victoria Pinnell

BOOK CLUB I

We will start the New Year with Sue Monk Kid 's wonderful historical novel "The Invention of Wings". On January 10th, 1 pm, we will meet at Christa's in Pointe Claire. Our reviewer is Joan. Our story, set in the south, will warm us all up on a winter day!! Hope to see you all.

Margaret Nicoll-Griffith

BOOK CLUB II

The January meeting of Book Club Two will be held on the 18th at the home of Nicole. The selection for the month "The History of Bees" by Maja Lunde will be reviewed by Helene.

Sandra MacDonald Smith

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

We shall be meeting on Thursday, January 11 and 25, at 8:45 AM at Centennial Hall in Beaconsfield.

Jane Quail

JAUNTERS

Date: January 16, 2018

Time: 9:00 am at The Studio 77 for coffee and brief history of the building

10:30 am tour of Stewart Hall Gallery (meet at 10:15)

Place: Stewart Hall Art Gallery: The Pellan Exhibit

This original exhibition, created in collaboration with the Musée des maîtres et artisans du Québec and the Théâtre du Nouveau Monde, takes you to the stage of Twelfth Night by Shakespeare, performed in Montreal in 1946 and 1968. The five acts serve as a canvas for the splendid costumes and prints of Quebecois painter Alfred Pellan (1906-1988), along with the sets and archival photographs.

Lunch: 12 noon at Comme Chez Soi

Transportation: on your own.

RSVP: Pat Jones

Pat Jones

German Conversation Group

Our group will meet on January 9 at 10 a.m. to watch and discuss the German/French film, "Frantz" and toward the end of January, we will continue with our text book, i.e. the Review Chapter 41, date to be determined. We will also be reading from the German translation of Victoria and Abdul. Ich wuensche Allen ein Frohes Neues 2018.

Christine Hamilton

ISSUES TO ACTION

The **Issues to Action Group** prepared letters to be sent to our local mayors to encourage them to light up their city halls in orange during the *16 days of Activism* (Nov. 25th to Dec. 10th to support the U.N. world-wide campaign to *Orange the World* against violence towards women and girls. Patricia also prepared orange ribbons that were distributed at the November meeting.

Next meeting: Jan. 10th

Nancy Doray and Patricia DuVal

MUSIC APPRECIATION

The Music Appreciation Group will meet January 11, 10 am, at Susan Cruickshank's home in preparation for the January 18 Montreal Symphony morning concert. Maria Korab-Laskowska will present Beethoven and his "Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor, op.37." Susan will present Tchaikovsky and his "Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, op. 74: "Pathetique." Carolina Soulie will provide refreshments. For details contact Maria Cranker.

Maria Cranker

MUSIC HISTORY

We will continue Antonio Pappano's overview of Italian opera with his episode on Puccini on Thursday, January 11, 2018, 1:00 pm as usual chez moi. Sandra and Louise are scheduled for goodies. As always, please let me know if you cannot come.

Joan Dyer

NETWORKING GROUP

We will be having an event on Wednesday, January 10, at 7 p.m. at Studio 77 in Pointe Claire Village.

Linda Sestock

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Our next meeting is on January 9th at 2 pm. The hostess will be confirmed by email.

This is our last official meeting before the February exhibition so we will be discussing ready prints and make final post-processing and a few demonstrations.

Maria Korab-Laskowska (mariakorab@gmail.com)

TÊTE-À-TÊTE (French Conversation)

Le prochain rendezvous de groupe Tête-à-tête sera vendredi, le 19 janvier à 9:30 chez Dianne Robinson. Nous sommes un petit groupe agréable et aimons parler français. Pensez à nous joindre. Vous serez les bienvenues.

Janet Anderson

TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group will meet on January 22.

Meetings are held at Le Vivalis, 30 Stillview, 8th floor, Pointe-Claire with refreshments at 7:00 pm and presentations starting at 7:30.

This time we will travel to Easter Island with Wojtek Skoryna.

Come to learn more about the moai, giant and mysterious statues carved by the Rapa Nui people that dot the spectacular landscape. Science has put to rest some of the more bizarre theories about the enigma of Easter Island, but questions and controversies remain.

Maria Korab-Laskowska (mariakorab@gmail.com)

January 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
8 6:30 PM Pot Luck Dinners	9 10 AM German Conversation 2 PM Photography group	10 Bk. Club I Issues to Action Networking Group 7 PM	11 8:45 Duplicate Bridge 10 AM Music Appreciation 1 PM Music History	12 Deadline for Newsletter
15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16 9 AM Jaunters	17	18 Bk. Club II Music Appreciation concert	19 9:30 AM French Conversation
22 7 PM Travel Group	23	24	25 8:45 Duplicate Bridge noon Bon Appetit	26
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