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MONTREAL LAKESHORE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB

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Celebrating 65 years of Friendship, Advocacy and Education

**General Meeting
Monday, March 13**

7:00p.m.

**On Zoom
Guest speaker**

Thomas Mulcair

**THE CURRENT STATE OF
QUEBEC POLITICS.**



7:00 – Join your MLUWC friends.
for some chit-chat

7:30 – Start of business meeting

8:00 – Guest speaker
Zoom invitation will be sent by
email

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

To me, March 1st always heralds the anticipation of spring. While we have not had a terrible winter temperature-wise, I am, nonetheless, looking forward to longer and warmer days.

March is also chock-full of important dates – International Women's Day and St Patrick's Day among others. I am going to celebrate International Women's Day at a Networking Breakfast with the West Island Women's Centre on March 16th. If you are interested in attending, you can sign up at www.wiwc.ca

We are very lucky to have a prominent member of the Montreal Irish community as our speaker on March 13th – Thomas Mulcair. After many years in provincial and federal politics, Mr. Mulcair is now a political pundit who can be heard on CJAD, CTV News, LCN and TVA. I am looking forward to hearing his take on the current state of Quebec politics.

Sunday March 12th we will be putting the clocks forward. Although we will be losing an hour, sunsets will be later – we won't have to eat dinner in the dark for the next few months!

May the luck of the Irish be with you in March,

Jane Cowell
President

PROGRAM

Monday, March 13
General Meeting
Remotely via Zoom

The Honourable Thomas Mulcair

Thomas Mulcair is a lawyer and political commentator born on October 24, 1954. First elected as a Federal Member of Parliament for the New Democratic Party in a 2007 by-election (Outremont), he became, the very next year, the first New Democrat ever to be elected in a general election in his province of Quebec.

Appointed as the Quebec lieutenant of his party, he was one of the architects of the “Orange Wave” which saw the New Democrats take three quarters of the seats in his home province and become, for the first time in the party’s history, the Official Opposition in the Canadian House of Commons. In 2012, he became the leader of the party.

With a government career spanning forty years, Mulcair came to Federal politics after serving three mandates as a provincial member of the Quebec National Assembly (Chomedey, Laval) (1994-2007). From 2003 to 2006, he served as Environment Minister in the Liberal government of Premier Jean Charest and was responsible for implementing Sustainable Development legislation, described as the most avant-garde in North America and still considered cutting-edge to this day. Having devoted his career to public service, Mulcair was also president of the Office des professions du Québec (1987-1993), the body governing Quebec’s professional orders. He was the first Canadian elected to the Board of Directors of CLEAR, the American Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation. Pursuant to the adoption of NAFTA, he lectured widely on its effects on the regulation of professions, including for the American Bar Association and the American Medical Association. As a lawyer he has worked in the Legislative Affairs branch of the Quebec Justice department and at the Conseil de la langue française and in private law practice for ten years. He was in charge of the revision of the French version of the laws of Manitoba pursuant to the Supreme Court decision. He was elected regional Secretary of the SPGQ, the Union of Quebec Government professionals, notably during the strike of 1982-1983.

Visiting Professor in the political science department at l'Université de Montréal from 2018 to 2022 where he taught a Master’s level course in Environment and Sustainable Development. He has also taught at UQTR, Concordia University and St. Lawrence College. He is a Fellow at the Centre for International Studies (CÉRIUM) and Senior Fellow of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights. He is chairman of the board of Jour de la Terre (Earth Day Canada).

Second in a family of ten children, Mulcair is married to Catherine P. Mulcair. They have two sons and four grandchildren.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 2 at 7:30p.m.

We are continuing to work on the school essay contest.
Anyone who would like to attend is welcome.

Not a CFUW delegate to UNCSW67? You can still participate!

The UN Commission on the Status of Women, UNCSW67, will be held in New York from March 6-17, 2023.

Who goes to the UNCSW? Representatives of [Member States](#), UN entities, and [ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations \(NGOs\)](#), ([ctrl click](#)) such as CFUW.

Access to the UN headquarters is restricted to those attending in person. However, the parallel events hosted by NGOs will be in-person, hybrid or virtual. **Anyone can register for the virtual events!** You do NOT need to be a CFUW delegate. To register for the parallel events, you must create an account on the CSW NGO/NY portal [here](#).

There are over 650 events being added to the CSW NGO platform [— Whova](#). ([Ctrl click](#))

When you log into the platform, you will see a tab called *Agenda*. This is where the sessions are listed.

What about the governmental sessions being held at the UN? You can view these on the UN Web TV, some live, some recorded. No registration is required. Check the listings on [UN Web TV](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- CAMEUS (Canada, Mexico, USA) will be hosting a virtual event on **Wednesday, March 15th at 3 pm ET** called *Digital Education: Lessons Learnt and Innovations Introduced*. We will have a speaker from each CAMEUS country. We hope you join us for this event.
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Our CFUW parallel event will be in-person on Tuesday, March 7th, *Even Odds in Digital Education for Marginalized Women and Girls*.

POTLUCK EVENTS DAY JANUARY 16, 2023

Finally after 3 years of restrictions due to Covid-19 we were able to have a 3 in-person events to which 21 ladies attended in addition to a Zoom session with 6 people.

Some photos pictured in the February newsletter showed many happy faces at the 5-7 event held at Linda Sestock's.

Sabra Ledent (5-7pm) and Yolande Martin(Lunch) hosted the 2 other events.

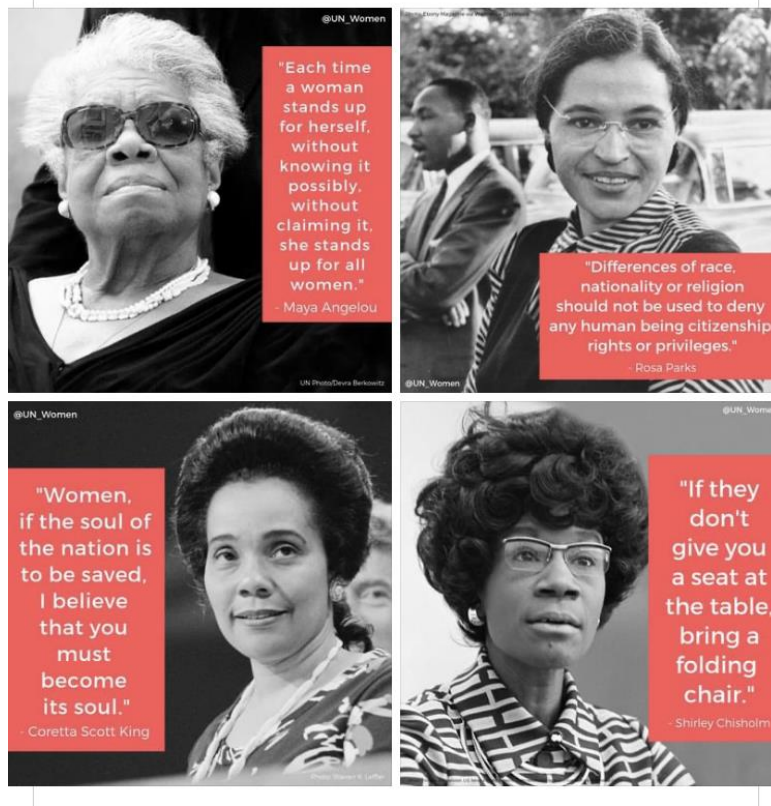
Thanks to all who participated especially the hostesses and their assistants as well as to Nancy Acemian for organizing the zoom session.

Carole Newberry and Suzanne Chaussée Potluck Co-Ordinators

TO ALL WHO CELEBRATE (AND, WHO ISN'T IRISH ON ST. PATICK'S DAY?);



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH



To learn more about the Black Changemakers visit:

[Black Changemakers 2023 \(cbc.ca\)](https://www.cbc.ca/black-changemakers) (ctrl click)

SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY COMMITTEE

DID YOU KNOW?

This month the Scholarship Committee is featuring the profile of **Amy Williams**, a lifetime member of the MLUWC. After reading about her long and important contribution to social change in her community, you will understand why we have a scholarship named in her honour.

Linda Ricketts
Scholarship Committee Member



AMY WILLIAMS. 1927-2010

AMY WILLIAMS

Amy was President of the MLUWC from 1968-1970, and a lifetime member. Deeply concerned for social justice and the rights of women, Amy continued her involvement and leadership over the years. Following her presidency of MLUWC, she was in turn President of the Montreal Council of Women, the Canadian Federation of University Women, and the National Council of Women of Canada. In 1977 she attended the IFUW in Scotland, as President of the Canadian Federation of University Women. As President of the NCWC, she was a full-time advocate representing the voice of women of Canada on such issues as health, education and the environment. Amy chaired a two-year study on the financial status of older women across Canada. Subsequent lobbying resulted in changes to pension legislation for this age group.

At a CFUW meeting in 1969, the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) President emphasized the importance of not only supporting education for women, but also improving social conditions around the world. Consequently, Amy encouraged the organization of a social action study group within the MLUWC. By her own account (1998 MLUWC 40th Anniversary – Past President's Report) these are some of the major projects undertaken during her tenure as President of MLUWC. The Community Studies Group researched, compiled and published a bilingual directory of West Island Community Services, which was widely utilized. A resolution on the harmful use of phosphates to waterways was proposed by the Environmental Study Group and defended at a conference at York University in 1970. A brief was drafted and presented to the Quebec Government on Bill 62 in regard to the reorganization of the school commissions on the Island of Montreal.

For all her efforts over the years, Amy was named a member of the prestigious Order of Canada in 1985.



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



The **Scholarship Fundraising Drive** which began in **September 2022 and will continue until April 2023 has been very successful..** With two remaining months of the drive, we continue to welcome all credit card donations, which may be made online through www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/10093 or with a cheque payable to; **MLUWC Scholarship Fund** and sent to **P.O. Box 383, Pointe-Claire, QC H9R 4P3**. Tax receipts are issued for donations of \$25 or more.

The Fundraising Committee is also conducting an **Easter fundraiser April 8 and 9, 2023 in partnership with Beau Blooms** owned and managed by Christine Gurekian. A tabletop arrangement of spring flowers or a small potted plant will be available for \$40.00. We hope to place a maximum of 50 orders from which a certain percentage of the sales will go to the Scholarship Fund. Should we reach our objective, it will secure approximately 4 more bursaries. Given that quantities are limited, we encourage you to place your orders early. **Deadline is March 24.** An order form was forwarded to the membership at the end of February.

A **Fundraising Dinner** is also planned for **Wednesday, April 19, 2023** to commemorate the Club's 65th anniversary at the Enoteca Monza Restaurant on Blvd. Saint-Jean in D.D.O. If you would like to help organize this event, your support would be most appreciated.

Registration details will follow.

Members of the Fundraising Committee are; Anne Brohan, Sally Gurekian, Carole Newberry and Mary Vlahos. Should any MLUWC member wish to join our committee, you would be most welcome.

Victoria Pinnell
Fundraising Chair

SCHOLARSHIP DONATION FORM

Donation Form

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You can also make secure online donations using your credit card through CanadaHelps.org.

Visit mluwc.com and click on: Donate to the Scholarship Fund.

Thank you for your support!

INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Group coordinator: Vida Guido

New Wine tasting group proposal: Are you interested in joining a new wine tasting group? If so, please contact Nicole Larocque at :

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB (Formerly Evening Book Club II)

We will be meeting on Wednesday March 15 at 1:30 - 3:30p.m. at the Pierrefonds library. We will be discussing the book **"The Rossetti Letter"** by Christi Phillips. There is always room for anyone who would like to join us.

Happy reading...

Luhan Wahbeh

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 28. We meet at 7:00p.m. and the presentation begins at 7:30p.m. on Zoom. This month we are happy to welcome Ian Macdonald, a repeat presenter, and Marney's husband. This time he will tell us about Eastern China

Today, China is very present on the world stage, and we are used to seeing the powerhouse that it has become. A trip to Eastern China in April 1989, just a few months before the Tiananmen uprising showed a very different China, one that on the surface seemed well behind 'the West' but one in which there were hints of the rapid development that was about to happen. Over a few weeks on a small guided tour, Ian captured over six hundred images in a few major cities but also in some rural areas of Eastern China (Shandong Province.) Much of what he saw then was not what would be on typical tourist itineraries, and in a few instances he was able to wander about on his own, photographing what struck his interest. He will present a selection of his slides. Please join us!

Joyce Schaaf

BOOK DISCUSSION I

Our next meeting will be on March 8 at 1:00p.m. Our hostess is Judy Kelley who will also lead the discussion on our March book, “**Scarborough**” by Catherine Hernandez. As usual, if the weather dictates, we will review via Zoom, but we are hoping spring will be here! More information will be sent, if necessary, closer to the date.



Marg Nicoll- Griffith and Judy Kelley

BOOK DISCUSSION II

We will meet on Thursday, March 16 at 1:00p.m. on Zoom. Louise Dagenais will review “**Skeletons at the Feast**” by Chris Bohjalian. The book tells the story of a German family fleeing the advancing Russian troops in the last months of WWII.

Susan Pick Vadivel

COFFEE TIME

Welcome to **Coffee Time** on Wednesdays at 10:30am via Zoom. No reservations required. This is a group that formed last year when we were in lockdown to keep in touch on a weekly basis. I must admit I didn't expect it to still be going on. So, we decided to make it an official Interest Group for the coming year. A topic of conversation is suggested for each week in the invite sent out on the Monday or Tuesday before. It is a chit chat group where we share laughs and opinions from the comfort of our homes. Hope to see some new faces. All are welcomed!



Nancy Acemian, Coffee Time Coordinator and MC

DINNER CLUB

We are looking forward to the arrival of spring and to future outings with the Dinner Club.

On February 23 our ladies visited Resto Vieux Four Manago for lunch and enjoyed wonderful selections with the charm of their wood-fired oven.

Our next dining experience is a dinner tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 28 at Le Méchant Cuisinier. Our thanks to Mariam Ishak and Linda Sestock for organizing this evening. Once finalized, details will be forwarded to diners under separate cover.

**Group leaders: Sally Gurekian
Victoria Pinnell**



EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION I

We will be meeting on Zoom Tuesday evening March 7 at 7:30p.m. The book selection under discussion will be **“Looking for Jane”** by Heather Marshall. We are looking forward to seeing as many members as possible present!

Linda Ricketts

EVENING BOOK CLUB II

See Afternoon Book Club

FRENCH CONVERSATION

French Conversation meets on Friday March 17 at 9:30a.m. on Zoom.

Janet Anderson

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

We will be meeting on Zoom on Wednesday, March 8 at 1:00p.m. Gilda Martinello will review **“Nine Lives”** by Peter Swanson. This mystery is about nine strangers who receive a list with their names on it – and then die under highly unusual circumstances.

Gilda Martinello

NETWORKING GROUP

Next Networking event scheduled for March 22 at 7:00p.m. at Studio 77. Cost to attend is \$25,00. Information for events in April and May to follow soon.

February networking event had 30 participants the biggest turnout since before Covid. \$205 was raised for the Scholarship Fund.



Biagina M., Mariam I., Linda S.



Guest Speaker: Susan Williams (Boomer Encore),

Linda Sestock and Vida Guido

MLUWC MEMBERS' NEWS

Congratulations to MLUWC member **Dianea Phillips** featured as a **McGill Trailblazer**

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A trailblazing educator

McGill alumna Dianea Phillips has made a career of bringing STEM education to life to inspire underserved students

With Heartfelt Sympathy



We extend condolences to Diane Gibb and family on the peaceful passing of her mother HÉLÈNE GIBB (Henri) at the age of 92 (December 2nd, 1930 – February 19th, 2023).

A private Celebration of Life Service was held on Sunday, February 26th.

We extend our condolences to Ina Lessard and family for the loss of her husband. Below is a message from Ina:

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of my husband, Robert (Bob) Lessard on Sunday Feb 12, 2023 at the age of 84. He received amazing care by the CLSC in the last months and was surrounded by family in his final hours.

We extend our sincere condolences to the family of Nini Singh. Nini was a long-time member of the MLUWC and a great supporter of the Scholarship Fund. At this time we have no further details but will share them with the members when they become available.



On this page, we announce activities that are going on in the community, e.g., breakfasts, concerts, etc. as well as other topics that may be of interest to our members but are not directly associated with our Club, e.g., commissioner of oaths. If you have any items you would like published on this page, please email the information to me (mluwc.newsletter3@gmail.com) and note that it is for the Community News page.



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Adrienne will discuss the ways that colourism and racial exclusion impacts and shapes our view of the world, with an emphasis on how this has affected women in particular and how we can begin to “erase the erasure collectively.”

Visit the MCW website for registration information
Upon registering you will receive a confirmation- the Zoom link will be forwarded to you on the morning of the event.

On Friday, March 17, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., the Lakeshore Chamber Music Society will present a concert with:

Piano Quartet, featuring:

Elizabeth Dolin, cello

Lambert Chen, violin

Laurence Kayaleh, violin

Meagan Milatz, piano

The Program will feature works by Dvorak and Schuman.

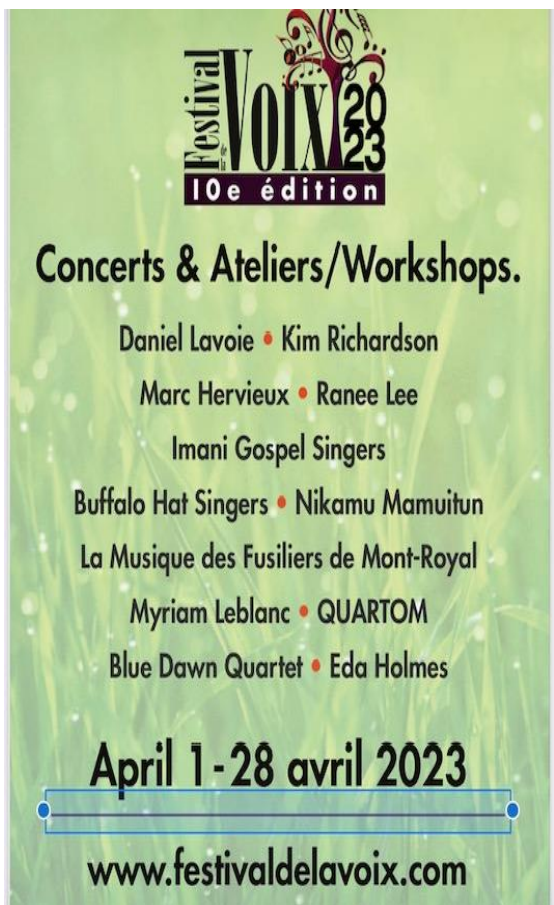
Location: Union Church

24 Maple Avenue

Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue

Tickets are available at the door: \$20 for adults; \$10 for students; free for 16 & under

The concerts are sponsored in part by the Conseil des arts de Montréal.



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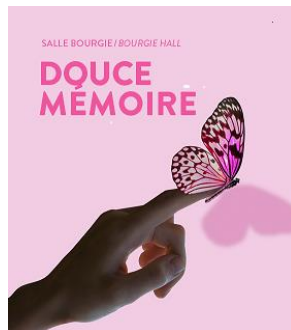
Praised for its “rich-textured, vibrant sound” and “hypnotic beauty”, the Studio de musique ancienne de Montréal (SMAM) has established a reputation as Canada’s finest early music vocal ensemble. Directed by Andrew McAnerney since 2015, SMAM offers a ten concert season in Montreal and regularly tours Canada and internationally.

Program

As part of the complete sacred cantatas of J.S. Bach series undertaken by Bourgie Hall over eight years ago, the SMAM will perform four works focused on the faithful’s unconditional confidence in divine protection.

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In collaboration with Bourgie Hall



Bourgie Hall

Thursday, April 6th, 2023 7:30p.m.

Buy Concert Tickets (\$60/\$52/\$33) Many composers have poignantly paid tribute to their predecessors, often at the time of their passing. We are bringing you a few of these moving works, both from the Renaissance and our own era, which express their composers’ sorrow, admiration, and gratitude

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Joyce Schaaf



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If you need this service, please contact **Victoria Pinnell** or **call Jennifer Ferguson** (between 9am and 5pm)



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Many of our new members mention Facebook when asked how they heard about the MLUWC



We're also on **Instagram**



AIR CANADA AEROPLAN PROGRAM

Back in 2012 MLUWC got an Aeroplan number that would give the opportunity to our members to donate their Aeroplan points if they so wished. The minimum donation is 1000 points. Until this year we had accumulated **57,846 points**.

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March

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Coffee Time 10:30 a.m. Zoom	2 Advocacy 7:30p.m. Zoom	3	45
5	6	7 Evening Book Club I 7:30p.m.	8 Coffee Time 10:30 a.m. Zoom Book Club I 1:00p.m Mystery Book Club 1:00p.m.Zoom	9	10	11
12	13 General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Zoom	14	15 Coffee Time 10:30 a.m. Zoom Afternoon Book Club 1:30	16 Book Club II 1:00p.m.Zoom	17 French Conversation 9:30 a.m. Zoom	18
19	20 Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m. .Zoom	21	22 Coffee Time 10:30 a.m. Zoom Networking Studio 77 7:00p.m.	23 Dinner Club Noon .	24	25
26	27	28 Dinner Club Armchair Travel 7: 00pm Zoom	29	30	31	

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Proofreaders: Janet Ankorn and Gilda Martinello (Many thanks)

April Newsletter Deadline: March 20

Please note: In April I will be requesting the annual reports from executive members, interest groups and committee chairs. It would be important to submit the reports as soon as possible as I will be leaving for a trip the first week of May (booked 4 years ago!) and would like to complete the reports and the May newsletter before I leave in order to have everything done for the AGM.

CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, MARCH 8, 2023

