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| <p style="text-align: center;">General Meeting Wednesday, September 15 Via Zoom</p> <p>Going once....sold?</p> <p>Real Estate Panel discussion featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pauline Van Nieuwburg • Georgiana Cretu • Linda Sestock <p>Moderated by Vida Guido</p> <p>7:00 – Join your MLUWC friends for some chit-chat</p> <p>7:30 – Start of business meeting</p> <p>8:00 – Guest speakers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Information on speakers and Zoom sign-in will be sent shortly</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">PRESIDENT’S LETTER</p> <p>Welcome back to the MLUWC and the 2021-2022 year! As I write this, it is mid-August, and we are in the midst of a heat wave. With such weather, it is hard to believe that Fall will soon be upon us – even if the calendar indicates the opposite.</p> <p>With all my friends and family now double-vaccinated, I am grateful to have been able to visit and hug the important people in my life this summer, and to have had the odd meal out in a restaurant. Even a couple of my Interest Groups have met in person outdoors. Except for people wearing masks, and the inability to travel outside the country, it has almost seemed like a normal summer!</p> <p>The Program Committee, chaired by Sabra Ledent, has been hard at work during the summer putting together an outstanding group of speakers for the upcoming year. What is yet unclear, is whether we will be listening to them in person - or on Zoom. We had hoped to have a hybrid model (In-person, as well as Zoom) for our September Kick-Off (Convivium). However, with Covid cases on the uprise, and a potential fourth wave on the horizon, it is unlikely that we will be meeting in person in the early autumn.</p> <p>The Executive Committee is very flexible and will adapt to all eventualities and regulations, as it has done over the last year and a half. I am extremely lucky to be backed up by an amazing group of capable women who have the best interests of the MLUWC and our members at heart. We are here to serve you, so please don't hesitate to contact any of us if you have any concerns or ideas.</p> <p>Looking forward to “seeing” you all September 15th as we begin our 64th year.</p> <p>Take care and stay safe, Jane Cowell President</p> |
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PROGRAM

September 15, 2021

Going once.... sold?! As we've learned we're in a real estate bubble...or are we? The housing market has been a hot topic since the pandemic began and hasn't stopped heating up. We've all heard the stories of soaring prices, bidding wars and scarcity of properties for sale. Come join us on September 15th to listen and learn from three certified residential and commercial real estate brokers.: **Pauline van Nieuwburg** is with RE/MAX, **Georgiana Cretu** with Adresz, and **Linda Sestock** is with Royal LePage. We can lean into the topic with the help of their expertise, based on their vast experience. They will provide us with practical suggestions on how to navigate current market conditions and arm us with the knowledge we need to improve our decision making. We request MLUWC members to engage with us and make this a meaningful exchange by emailing questions ahead of the event to Mluwcprogram@gmail.com. **Vida Guido** has kindly agreed to moderate what promises to be a very lively, highly informative panel discussion.



Pauline Van Nieuwburg

Remax



Georgiana Cretu

Adresz



Linda Sestock

Royal LePage

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome back, everyone. I hope that all of you enjoyed your summer. It looks like we will unfortunately still be dealing with Covid-19 in the coming season. I believe we have all adapted to the club's new normal which is Zoom.

A friendly reminder that it is time to pay your MLUWC membership fees for the 2021-2022 season.

If you have already renewed, thank you!

If you have not yet done so, you can pay your fees in one of two ways:

- by cheque, payable to MLUWC, for \$120, and mailed to:
Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club
P.O. Box 383
Pointe-Claire, QC
H9R 4P3

Or

- Go to our website, www.mluwc.com, click on *Membership*, scroll down to *Returning Members* and click on the yellow <Buy Now> button which will take you to PayPal and follow directions. **Note**, if you don't have a PayPal account, once on the PayPal page simply select *Pay with a credit or Visa Debit card* and follow instructions.

IMPORTANT → If we have not received your membership dues by **September 15**, you will not be included in the members' directory which will be e-mailed to members shortly thereafter.

Nancy Acemian
Membership Chair

HOSPITALITY

Our hospitality team (Luhan Wahbeh and Tina Tessari) is looking forward to the day when we can all meet in person again in our new location at Cedar Park Church in Pointe-Claire. They are currently looking for a 40-60 cup electric coffee pot to use at our in-person meetings. If you have such an item cluttering up your home, please consider donating it to the club where it will be put to good use. Contact Luhan or Tina for more information. Or contact us at:

mluwc.newsletter3@gmail.com. We can arrange for pickup.

Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

Financial Report

For the period ending:

| | May 31, 2021 Actual | May 31, 2021 Budget |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| MLUWC Dues | \$ 18,425 | \$ 22,800 |
| MLUWC AGM Revenue | - | 5,000 |
| Fall Kick-Off Event Revenue | - | 5,000 |
| Advertising | 400 | 400 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 18,825 | \$ 33,200 |
| EXPENSE | | |
| CFUW Membership Dues | \$ 12,160 | \$ 14,440 |
| Provincial Council Dues | 320 | 380 |
| Montreal Council of Women Dues | 60 | 50 |
| Total Memberships | \$ 12,540 | \$ 14,870 |
| MLUWC AGM Expenses | - | 5,000 |
| Fall Kick-Off | - | 5,000 |
| Hospitality - Other | - | 200 |
| Total Hospitality | \$ - | \$ 10,200 |
| Communications - Website | 717 | 300 |
| Communications - Publicity | - | 100 |
| Total Communications | \$ 717 | \$ 400 |
| Rent | - | 2,000 |
| Office, Bank, Postage | 685 | 350 |
| PayPal Fees | 201 | 275 |
| Insurance | 439 | 300 |
| Total Administration | \$ 1,324 | \$ 2,925 |
| Membership | 200 | 400 |
| Newsletter | - | 100 |
| Program | 1,100 | 600 |
| Advocacy | - | 200 |
| CFUW Convention Delegate 2020 | - | 100 |
| MLUWC Scholarship Fund | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Donations - Other | 1,426 | 400 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$ 19,307 | \$ 32,195 |
| NET INCOME | -\$ 482 | \$ 1,005 |

Bank balance at 2021.05.31 is \$9054.43

MLUWC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Since 1958, MLUWC has given scholarships and bursaries to deserving women in the West Island. Because of your kindness, many lives have been positively affected by these scholarships and bursaries.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, fundraising was very different this past year. Fortunately, this did not impact our Fund in any way. In fact, due to the efforts of the Scholarship Fundraising Committee and member donations, the Scholarship Fund increased by almost \$8,000 this year over last year.

We will award over \$12,000 again this year to West Island women who are continuing their education. In addition to four scholarships for university studies, we are proud to provide support to students at John Abbott College, Place Cartier and Centre Jeanne Sauvé Adult Education Centres.

Donating to the MLUWC Scholarship Fund can be done at any time. Credit card donations are accepted online through canadahelps.org. If you prefer, you can write a cheque payable to MLUWC Scholarship Fund and send it to P.O. Box 383, Pointe-Claire, QC H9R 4P3. Tax receipts are issued for donations of \$25 and up.

In accordance with our bylaws, a copy of the Scholarship Fund's financial statement for the year ended May 31, 2021 is presented below.

Gilda Martinello
MLUWC Scholarship Fund

| Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club | | | | |
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| SCHOLARSHIP FUND | | | | |
| Financial Statements | | | | |
| | | As at | | As at |
| | | May 31, 2021 | | May 31, 2020 |
| <u>BALANCE SHEET</u> | | | | |
| Bank Account | | \$ 21,819.45 | | \$ 30,638.74 |
| Investment Account at cost | | \$ 171,401.58 | | \$ 154,723.52 |
| Market value at May 31, 2021 = \$209,735 (May 2020 \$166,454) | | | | |
| Accounts Receivable | | \$ - | | \$ 120.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | \$ 193,221.03 | | \$ 185,482.26 |
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| Scholarship Fund Balance | | \$ 193,221.03 | | \$ 185,482.26 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | \$ 193,221.03 | | \$ 185,482.26 |
| <u>INCOME STATEMENT</u> | | | | |
| REVENUE: | | | | |
| General Donations (received) | | \$ 6,635.43 | | \$ 2,775.53 |
| Canada Helps Donations | | \$ 4,150.00 | | \$ 983.00 |
| Other Contributions (not received) | | \$ 6,275.01 | | \$ 3,158.33 |
| Fall fundraiser tickets | | | | \$ 7,930.00 |
| Spring fundraiser tickets (received) | | \$ 2,500.00 | | |
| Christmas raffle | | | | \$ 1,542.00 |
| Other fundraising activities | | | | \$ 5,967.50 |
| Investment income | | \$ 1,780.32 | | \$ 1,084.78 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | | \$ 21,340.76 | | \$ 23,441.14 |
| EXPENSES: | | | | |
| Donations | | | | \$ 1,542.00 |
| Scholarships paid | | \$ 12,800.00 | | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Fall Fundraiser Expense | | | | \$ 9,077.63 |
| Spring Fundraiser Expense | | \$ 200.00 | | |
| Supplies, services and gifts | | \$ 57.38 | | |
| Post Office box rental | | \$ 137.97 | | \$ 135.09 |
| Bank charges and investment fees | | \$ 406.64 | | \$ 90.98 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | \$ 13,601.99 | | \$ 16,845.70 |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES | | \$ 7,738.77 | | \$ 6,595.44 |
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| Scholarship Fund, Beginning of Period | | \$ 185,482.26 | | \$ 178,886.82 |
| Scholarship Fund, End of Period | | \$ 193,221.03 | | \$ 185,482.26 |

SCHOLARSHIP DONATION FORM

Donation Form

MLUWC Scholarship Fund

Charity Registration Number 85457 5289 RR0001

Personal donation Company donation

In Memory/In Honour

For: In Memory or In Honour

Please complete the following:

Honouree Name: _____

I enclose my donation of \$ _____

Notification Information:

Please make cheque payable to **MLUWC Scholarship Fund**.

Name: _____

Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$25.00 and more.

Address: _____

Donor Name: _____

City/Prov. _____ Postal Code _____

Address: _____

City/Prov. _____ Postal Code _____

Send to:

Email: _____

MLUWC Scholarship Fund

P.O. Box 383, Pointe-Claire,
QC H9R 4P3

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!

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The **Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club (MLUWC) Scholarship Fund** encourages education and life-long learning by awarding scholarships and bursaries to qualified and deserving West Island women.

To this end the **Fundraising Committee** will strive to meet our new 2021-2022 objective which will be reported, following the first **Scholarship Fund Committee** meeting this month, along with the announcement of planned fundraisers for the season.

Victoria Pinnell

Fundraising Chair



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

We wish our university scholarship recipients all the best as they start their new school year. Scholarship recipients also receive a one-year membership to the MLUWC. **Welcome Anika Singh, Lori Desnoyers-Garneau, Isabella Gavanski and Christina-Maria Maalouf** to the club.

Thank you letter from Amy Williams Scholarship recipient, **Lori Desnoyers-Garneau**:

To Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club
AMY WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP

I am honoured to receive the Amy Williams Scholarship. I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity, and I am fully aware of the wonderful chance this scholarship offers me for my future studies and aspirations. I could not be luckier to receive this award, and I want to thank the selection committee for choosing me.

Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club is an amazing association that promotes and encourages education, equality, social justice, and community services. I am very proud and thankful for the support they are giving me. The last year has not been easy for anyone and knowing that the association is there to help its community is heartwarming.

With University starting this fall, I will work harder than ever with sweat, effort and perseverance, knowing the Amy Williams Scholarship is there to support me, with my family, and reminds me to never give up, and always follow my dreams and my career goals.
Thank you very much,

Sincerely,
Lori Desnoyers-Garneau

Thank you letter from **Anika Singh**, Bursary recipient

Dear Ms. Maria, De Wolfe and the MLUWC Scholarship Committee,

I am sincerely honoured to have been selected as a recipient of the MLUWC Bursary. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your generosity! It means the world to me knowing I have support from the strong and wonderful women at the Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club who believed in me.

Thanks to your donation, I will be able to pursue higher education at McGill University which has always been a dream of my parents and me. Upon completion of my studies in Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, I plan to pursue a career as an audiologist. Becoming an audiologist has been a dream of mine ever since I was diagnosed with hearing loss. I hope to connect, understand and even mentor young cochlear implant users! As the former First Lady of United States, Eleanor Roosevelt would say, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." As I look forward to the future, I will always remember that it is with the support of the MLUWC Scholarship Committee who believes in the beauty of my dream that I will be able to have a bright future!

By awarding me the MLUWC Bursary, you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus more on school which is a step closer to my goal. This thoughtful gift will positively impact my future career and prospects. It will allow me to make my goals and dream a reality. I hope in turn one day I will be able to give back and help other students achieve their goals just as you have helped me. I do not want to be recognized as a person with hearing loss, but rather as a helpful person who inspires light in others to overcome the challenges of living with their disabilities!

With sincere thanks,
Annika Singh

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Congratulations to our very own **Judy Kelley** on being acclaimed Chairperson of the Lester B. Pearson School Board.

<https://montrealgazette.com/news/judith-kelley-acclaimed-as-lester-b-pearson-school-board-chairperson>

In this age of increasing encroachment on language rights it is important that we demonstrate our willingness to vote to maintain our English School Boards.

Below is a message from **Kate Le Maistre** urging all of us to make the effort to vote in this important election:

September is going to be a busy month for voters. While the federal election dominates our televisions, radios and social media, school board elections fade into the background.

But voting in this round of school board elections is one of the most important ever. The provincial government has taken away the voting privilege of people affiliated with French-language boards, now called service centres, which report directly to the Ministry of Education. A low voter turnout for elections to English-language boards would support the government's claim that elections are unnecessary and possibly fuel the elimination of this exercise in democracy.

Many commissioners in the Lester B. Pearson School Board and the English School Board of Montreal have been elected by acclamation, but if you are in a ward where an election will be held, your vote is important for the functioning of the board as well as for the future of elections.

Please look for your voting card in the mail and find out about the candidates.

ADVOCACY

Welcome back everyone. Hope you all had a nice summer. Time to resume our monthly meetings starting with September 2, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM

Hope that all past members will rejoin the group and we are looking forward to welcoming any newcomers.

The link will be sent to you together with the agenda closer to the date.

Patricia DuVal & Mary Vlahos,
Co-chairs

CFUW & GWI NEWS

All members of the CFUW National Office have changed and updated their email addresses. To communicate with a member of national office, please email the appropriate individual at the email provided below. Our old email addresses will be retired soon, and therefore you will have to contact us at our new email address.

Robin Jackson, Executive Director - execdir@cfuw-fcfdu.ca

Rachel Deneault - Member Services - memberservices@cfuw-fcfdu.ca

Charlotte Akin - Advocacy Coordinator - advocacy@cfuw-fcfdu.ca

Betty Dunlop - Fellowships Manager - fellowships@cfuw-fcfdu.ca



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, 18 September 2021
CEST 4:00PM – 5:30PM

Young Members Network
Connecting Across Generations
Fourth Webinar



International Day of Peace: Celebrations Across Generations

All Members of GWI are welcome.
Join us for an interactive session creating meaningful intergenerational connections.
Register Here: <https://graduatewomen.org/register-for-webinar/>

To mark International Day of Peace and to conclude its “Connecting Across Generations” webinar series, GWI YMN will hold webinar on Saturday, September 18, 2021 @ 10 AM EST (4-5:30 PM CEST) entitled “International Day of Peace: Celebrations Across Generations”.

[Click here to register!](#)



- **SIGN A LETTER:** Consider signing this open letter, as an individual, from the Canadian Campaign for Afghan Peace in support of actions Canada could take to support Afghans and Afghanistan. **[Click here to sign the letter & email Canadian decision-makers.](#)**

Patricia DuVal and Mary Vlahos

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies are extended to the family of **Nancy Bengough** who died on May 8 in St. Sauveur. She was a MLUWC member for more than 20 years while she lived in Beaconsfield with her family. There are still many current members who vividly remember her. As a neighbour, she introduced us to quilting. In fact, the banner that hangs from the MLUWC lectern was designed and quilted by Nancy.

We also extend condolences to the family of **Diana Jane Nevins**, also a long-time member of the MLUWC. Diana was involved in many community activities before and after retirement. She was a member of the Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club, volunteered at the EcoMuseum, and tutored elementary school children. Recreationally, playing bridge, book club, curling and lawn bowling were enjoyed for many years, the latter two along with her husband Bob

MLUWC is grateful for the generous donations made by the Nevins family and friends to the MLUWC Scholarship Fund.



INTEREST GROUPS

MLUWC has a variety of groups which meet to discuss interests or to participate in events. Covid has severely restricted the activities of some groups. Some groups have successfully transitioned to Zoom or hold meetings outside when weather permits

Some groups are limited by space (as they meet in members' homes). In some cases, there is no room to accept new members **However, members are always encouraged to start new interest groups.** In fact, that is how most groups are started. If you want more information on starting a group, please contact Franca Ferrara, the MLWC interest club leader.

Below is a sampling of some of our interest groups. A complete list with interest group leaders will be available with our 2021-2022 program

BON APPÉTIT DINING CLUB

Our dining club is a dynamic group of approximately 50 club members who enjoy dining together and sharing the gastronomy of restaurants in and around the West Island. We average between 15 and 20 diners an outing.

We meet the **fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30pm for the dinners and 12:00pm for the luncheons.** Each outing requires two ladies to organize. They will inform the members of the date, time and location of that month's restaurant and request confirmation of their presence. They will also call and reserve the restaurant, arrange preferred seating, method of payment and review menu.

I will be contacting past participants to see who wishes to remain in the group. For those members interested in participating for the first time you will be provided a link shortly to sign up.

Please note that the Bon Appétit Club will not be dining together until the current restrictions associated with COVID-19 and gatherings are lifted.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, Group leader: **Victoria Pinnell**

BOOK DISCUSSION I

We are beginning our new Book Club year, September 8th, at 1:00pm, hopefully in Judy Kelley's garden. Our fall back would be a Zoom meeting, set up by Judy. The book chosen for discussion is "**Our Darkest Night**" by Jennifer Robson. We hope to follow up on the wonderful zoom call with the author that was organized by our fund-raising group last spring. As we had just finished reading her fascinating book, "**The Gown**", we were very interested to meet her, and this book will show us a different side of historical fiction writing. Marg will lead the discussion- if you have a chance to see the film "**Tea with Mussolini**", this movie covers the same period of history. It brings the countryside and situations to life, helping to understand the personal actions of the fictional, and real people in our book. This group is able to accept a few new members.

See you all in September,
Margaret Nicoll-Griffith

BOOK DISCUSSION II

Our first meeting of the season will be held Thursday, September 16 at 1pm on Zoom. Marilyn Flaherty will review **American Dirt**, a controversial novel about a Mexican mother and son, who are forced to flee a cartel, escaping to the United States. This group is not able to accommodate new members at this time

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 and 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!



Coffee Time Coordinator and MC, **Nancy Acemian**

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION 1

The twelve members of our group will meet on the first Tuesday of the month on Zoom, until such time as we agree to get together in person again, to discuss our book selections. Our first meeting of the season will be on Tuesday, September 7 at 7:30pm to discuss The **Vanishing Half** by Britt Bennett. This group is full at this time.

Linda Ricketts

EXPLORING WORLD CULTURES

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. September's meeting, Thursday, September 23, at 7:30pm, via Zoom format will provide an opportunity to explore presentations/possible outings for 2021/2022. The group has room for new members.

Sally Gurekian

FRENCH CONVERSATION

French conversation is meeting on Zoom (virtually) on Friday September 17 at 9:30am. We have already booked this session on the MLUWC Zoom account with Nancy Acemian. The group has room for new members

Janet Anderson

KNIT & CHAT

We usually meet at each other's home the last Saturday of the month from 1:30 to approximately 4:30pm. We enjoy the knitting but especially the chat. This gives us the opportunity to share our stories and to become not only a group of knitters but also a group of friends. We end our session with some yummy cake or cookies with either coffee or tea. Our group is complete but if you wish to join, please do, and you can be on our "spare" list giving you the chance to join us periodically.

Tina Tessari

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

This year, the members of the Mystery Book Club have decided to read books set in different countries. Our first read is set in New Zealand and is entitled **Dead Lemons** (renamed **The Killing Ground**) by Finn Bell. We are meeting on Wednesday, September 8 at 1:00pm via Zoom. Susan Pick Vadivel will be reviewing the book. This group is at capacity.

Gilda Martinello

NETWORKING COMMITTEE

In the spirit of the MLUW Club, we foster and encourage members from all walks of life to join us to expand their networks by sharing their interests and talents. Our speaker events focus on Women entrepreneurs, who have interesting stories to share and from which we all learn and grow. Whether it be a speaker event or a social exchange, we welcome one and all to the MLUWC networking group!

The first event of the 2021-2022 session will be held on **Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:00pm**. While the details are still being finalized, we request that you save the date in your calendars should you be interested in attending. Please look out for details of the speaker and location on our Facebook page and by email (for those on our mailing list). If you wish to be added to our mailing list, please send an email to lsestock@royalpage.ca

Vida Guido

TRAVEL

The Travel group will start in October on Zoom. I have reserved with Nancy Acemian the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm starting in October. In our Travel meetings we share experiences from our travels or invite a speaker, but we have nothing scheduled yet. The Travel group has room for new members.

Maria Korab-Laskowska

WEST ISLAND WALKS - MONDAY MORNINGS

The West Island Walks group was started in the fall of 2020. After being shut in so much, many of us appreciated being able to talk to others and get some exercise. Sixteen people initially joined up, and we averaged about 7 walkers each week. Although we were masked and socially distanced, it was wonderful being outdoors with other people. We walk every morning at 10:00 am.

Last year we walked every Monday morning until after Christmas, and then stopped when the more severe government regulations came into effect in January. We started back up in April and continued until the end of July, when many of us were finding it too hot. We hope to begin again at the end of August.

Some of the places we walked include Yulle Park in Pierrefonds, Ste Anne de Bellevue, Baie D'Urfé, Beaurepaire, Pointe Claire Village, Cedar Park, Angel Woods, Bois de Liesse Park, Terra Cotta Park and Bois de Île Bizard Park. We like water and trees! As a rule, we walk for about an hour and fifteen minutes. We have people of varying abilities and ages - some walk faster and some walk slower - the important thing is to move at a comfortable pace and have fun.

Since not everyone can make it every week, new members are welcome and encouraged! We have walked in snow, blistering heat, and rain, so it is suggested you dress appropriately for the occasion! I hope you will consider joining us!

Jane Cowell-Poitras

WINE APPRECIATION- GROUP II

We meet on every second Wednesday of the month for a themed evening at one of our member's homes to taste wine and rate 3 wines with food pairings that are selected by the evening's hostess; otherwise, we meet virtually during any COVID restricted situation. We begin the year's activities with a wine tour or restaurant outing in September and a backyard BBQ in August. Overall, our Wine Appreciation evenings are well marked by laughter, storytelling, great conversation, growing friendships and of course the discovery of new wines! Membership to this group is presently complete.

Diane Gibb



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.

 MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN
CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTRÉAL

HATE SPEECH: A VIOLENT ATTACK ON CANADIAN DIVERSITY

Thursday, September 2, 2021
5:00 to 6:30pm EST via Zoom

OUR EXPERT PANELISTS:

Dr. Barbara Perry, Director of the Centre on Hate Bias and Extremism at Ontario Tech University 

Dr. Vivek Venkatesh, UNESCO co-Chair in Prevention of Radicalization and Violent Extremism and Director of Project Someone 

Amira Elghawaby, Journalist and Human Rights Advocate 

Who amongst us is not shocked and appalled by the increasing level of hate speech raging over the airwaves, online, in printed media and in the streets of our communities here in Canada and internationally? Hate speech inevitably incites hate crimes. Examples of these atrocities and their traumatic impact on our citizenry is all too evident in the past few years. As a society, it is our responsibility to investigate the causes of hate speech and find ways to counter its heinous effects. As someone has said "Hate is a demon Police can't slay."

Hate speech is complicated by the need to protect our right to free speech while creating and enforcing laws to protect us from hate speech that infringes on our right to live in peace, free from bullying, harassment, and fear. Hate speech impacts all of us, as it has few, if any, boundaries of race, colour, creed, culture, or sexual orientation. One can say that the "haters" are also "victims" of hate speech.

The impact of hate speech is enormous and far reaching, because of the digital technology (fake news – disinformation, misinformation) – a veritable frontier that is proving a challenge to regulate.

Join us on September 2nd, 2021, for the unique opportunity to explore these and the many other parts of this complex issue with our panel of Canadian experts.

TO REGISTER: MONTREALCOUNCILOFWOMEN.CA



DÎNER AVEC UNE AUTEURE | LUNCH WITH AN AUTHOR

Mercredi le 13 octobre 2021 à midi | Wednesday, October 13th 2021 at noon

CLAIRE HOLDEN ROTHMAN

Venez rencontrer Claire Holden Rothman, auteure à succès née ayant grandi à Montréal.
Meet Montreal born and raised bestselling author, Claire Holden Rothman.



Réervations: 514 631.7101 #221 / info@forestandstream.ca

SVP, réserver le plus tôt possible (au moins 7 jours à l'avance) lors des événements spéciaux afin que nous puissions vous offrir le meilleur service possible.

Please reserve as early as possible (min. 7 days' notice) for special events.
In doing so, you help us to provide you with the highest standard of service.

For tickets to this event please contact Janet Ankcorn (jankorn@bell.net). Please do not call Forest and Stream Club.

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 need this service, please contact **Victoria Pinnell** (vpinnell@gmail.com), or **call Jennifer Ferguson** (514-697-7663 between 9am and 5pm)



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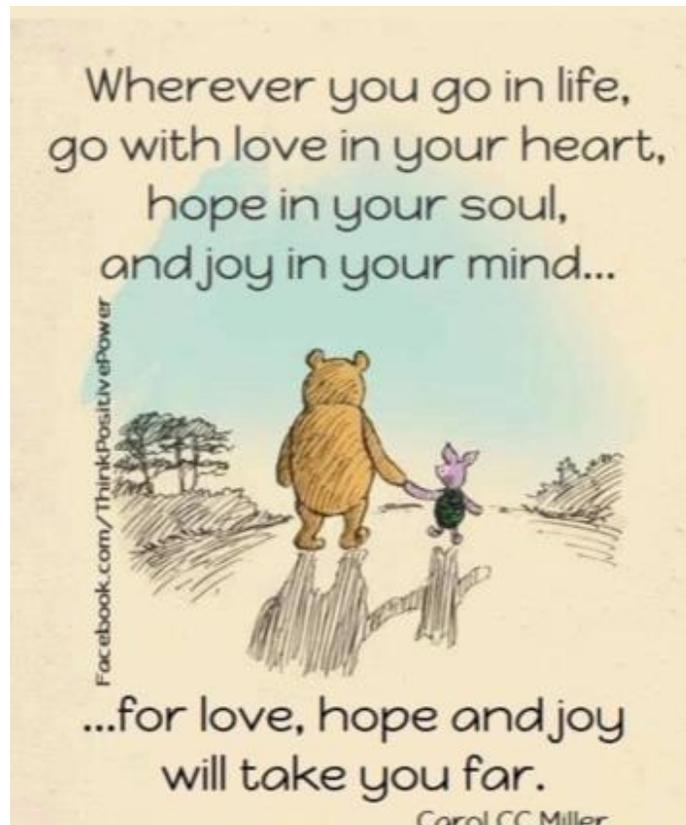
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| | | | 1 Coffee time 10:30 am Zoom | 2 Advocacy 7:00pm Zoom | 3 | 4 |
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