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OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

DINNER MEETING – Dr. Jonathan L. Meakins WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, from 6:00 pm *Modern Hospitals and the Healing Environment*



The McGill Reporter called Dr. Jonathan Meakins “one of the most distinguished surgical leaders in the history of McGill’s Faculty of Medicine.” A member of a notable Montreal medical family, he followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, who both held key appointments at the Royal Victoria Hospital and who dedicated their careers to transforming and improving health care. Dr. Meakins — now retired distinguished McGill professor — has served

as surgeon-in-chief at the Royal Victoria Hospital, chair of the McGill Department of Surgery, surgeon-in-chief of the MUHC, and from 2002 to 2008, Nuffield Professor of Surgery at Oxford University. He is currently the Director of the MUHC Heritage Centre. His illustrated talk will address the principles surrounding the creation of a healing environment, with specific focus on the history and evolution of surgical techniques at the Royal Victoria Hospital of Montreal.

Dr. Meakins’ talk is sure to stir memories among our members who both served at the Vic in various professional capacities and visited the Vic as patients. Dr. Meakins’ talk will remind us of how far we have come, and how far we still need to go, in providing a healing environment.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, from 6:00 pm Dr. Rhoda E. Howard-Hassmann, F.R.S.C. *State Food Crimes*

Dr. Howard-Hassmann’s latest book, *State Food Crimes*, is about states that deny their own citizens and others for whom they are directly responsible one of their most fundamental human rights: the right to food. Recently retired from teaching after 13 years as Canada Research Chair in International Human Rights at Wilfrid Laurier University, jointly appointed to the Department of Political Science and the School of International Policy and Governance at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, Dr. Howard-Hassmann is the author of many books on issues of human rights and is currently at work on a new one entitled *In Defense of Universal Human Rights*.



Reserve with Club Atwater

Avoid any last-minute disappointment.
Reserve by Thursday, October 13.
Email reception@clubatwater.ca or
call 514-935-2431.

OCTOBER 19 DINNER MENU

- Roasted squash soup
- Grilled salmon
- Crème brûlée
- Coffee and tea

Our dinner meetings are held at:
Club Atwater
3505 Atwater Avenue

Member and her guest(s): \$31.04 each, including tax (wine extra), charged on the member’s account, plus \$5 cover charge per guest, payable in cash at the door.

Unaccompanied non-members: \$50 (for meal and a glass of wine) by cheque payable to UWCM, at the door.

Cocktails: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm

Cancellations made to Club Atwater any later than 5:00 pm on the Monday before a dinner meeting will result in a 50-percent charge of the cost of the meal.

Mention any food allergies or dietary restrictions when you make your reservation.

Don’t forget your name tag!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dearest members,

I hope that September has treated you well and that you are having a chance to get involved with some of our interest groups, either the new ones or the ones that have started up again. It is great to see the club get energized for another season after the summer break. Should you wish to take part or organize a group, please do not hesitate to reach out to our board members for some guidance. We will gladly assist you. This year, a few members have decided to organize some stand-alone events, which is a great way to get involved and get things moving for all members. I will be hosting a brunch next month in our Coach House and will be pleased to get to socialize with some of you at that time.

On October 15, the Provincial Council will meet in St-Lambert, and all members are welcome. Please see details on page 5. Your Vice-President, Saôde Savary, and I will be sure to attend and will report back to you. We will also be keeping you in the loop regarding the events at the national office this year. As you all know, we are currently witnessing debates within CFUW, and this year promises to be a determining one on many levels.

I also invite you to keep an eye out through the media for the various advocacy events and community outreach efforts. Our board is working

quite hard at fulfilling its mission, reaching out into the community and getting our name publicized. Through various strategic exercises over the last year, it was agreed that we needed to do more of the things that are the *raison d'être* of our club. Our Advocacy and Community Affairs Chair, Rhonda Schanfield, suggests we participate in the 11th Annual Memorial March and Vigil for Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women on October 4. Please see page 5, or contact Rhonda, for details. I hope many of you can attend.

As the year progresses, board members will be working in a collaborative effort to get the UWCM recognized and involved doing great advocacy work. I wish to thank every single one of them for their time and continued support. We are very lucky to have a group of truly dedicated and passionate women in our club. We should see some positive and exciting things happening over the next few months. Look out for updates in the newsletters and special announcements at our dinner meetings! I'm looking forward to sharing the excitement with you all.

Yours truly,
Maya Bergeron-Métivier
President

Board Meeting Highlights

- Discussed CFUW AGM in St. Catharines
- Appointed trustees and officers of Foundation
- Extensive discussion of strategy for publicity and social media presence
- Approved change of bank to the CIBC and no-charge transactions
- Discussed Centraide March of 1000 Umbrellas

Send me your stories & photos!



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH.

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INTEREST GROUPS...

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT
Wednesday, September 28

CANCELLED

Regrettably, due to her work schedule, convenor Valerie Markham has had to cancel this group until further notice. If anyone is interested in taking over as convenor, please contact Valerie Markham

CHIT-CHAT *en français*

Monday, October 24, 7:00 pm (Coach House)

This year's first Chit-Chat get-together will be a movie night! Soirée cinema en français: Film à l'affiche Les intouchables suivi d'une discussion entre nous. À bientôt!

Convenor: Johanne Desrochers

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Thursday, October 6, 12:15 pm

NEW!

Restaurant L'Arrivage
350 Place Royale (Place d'Armes Metro)

Finally, a daytime activity for those members who have some free time and prefer to venture out during the day. Enjoy delightful food, ambiance, conversation, laughter and wit.

Deadline to reserve: September 29, noon.

Convenor: Lauretta Alexander

Next month:

DINING IN - NOVEMBER 24
Contact Liz Wirth to register

OUTDOOR LADIES

Sunday, October 16, 11:00 am

Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue Village and McGill's Macdonald College. We will meet at 11:00 am.

We can take the #211 bus that **leaves Lionel-Groulx metro station at 10:14 am** and arrives at the terminus just after 11:00 by John Abbott CEGEP and Macdonald College. Those who are driving should be able to find metered parking on campus or on Lakeshore Road. The fall colours should be in full splendour, and the boardwalk on the waterfront and canal locks leads to lots of restaurants. Please call me to let me know if you are coming so we will wait for you. Convenor: Carly Pepler

STAGE & SOIRÉE

Thursday, October 13, 8:00 pm

Constellations (Centaur Theatre)

Tickets: \$43.50 (seniors) \$51 (regular)

A physicist and a beekeeper keep falling in love through parallel worlds. "A romantic, intimate, quantum mechanics comedy about love, friendship, destiny and honey!" Reserve with Elizabeth Wirth before October 5. We will first meet for a meal at 6 pm (optional). Convenor: Elizabeth Wirth

STITCH-IN' TIME

Tuesday, October 25, 7 pm (Coach House)

NEW!

Join us at the Coach House for an evening of friendly crafting, congenial chatter, and amicable assistance. Whatever your hobby (quilting, knitting, embroidery, crocheting...), it's more fun doing it with a group of like-minded ladies. Please call to let us know you will be there. Convenor: Donna Jensen



... AND MORE INTEREST GROUPS

WINE TASTING

Monday, October 17, 7:00 pm (Coach House)

Do you know that Spain is the world's third largest producer of wine? In our first tasting of the year, we will taste and compare wines from different regions of Spain. Please reserve your spot by contacting the convenor by email or, only after October 11, by phone — but at the latest before the 14th. The cost of the wines we taste is shared among participants. Reservations are a must and a no-show fee is charged. Convenor: Zoya Duba

WOMEN'S ISSUES

Wednesday, October 26, 7:00 pm (Coach House)

We will meet every last Wednesday of the month from 7 to 8:30 pm. to discuss topics that align with our mission of empowering women through education. Topics for discussion might be based on movies, academic reports, news articles, CFUW action items, and more. Members will share and help populate our new blog, suggest guest speakers, or encourage potential members to attend. Contact the convenor to reserve your spot.

Convenor: Saôde Savary

EVENTS CALENDAR — OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4 Vigil and march for missing and murdered women	5	6 Ladies Who Lunch	7	8
9	 Thanksgiving	11	12 BOD meeting	13 Stage & Soirée	14	15 Que. Council meeting / Newsletter deadline
16 Outdoor Ladies	17 Wine Tasting	18	19 Dinner meeting	20 Parliament Hill, Ottawa	21	22
23	24 Chit-Chat <i>en français</i>	25 Stitch-in' Time	26 Women's Issues	27	28	29
30	 Halloween	31				



ADVOCACY

Centraide March of 1000 Umbrellas Corner of McGill College and de Maisonneuve

Join us at 11:45 am on Tuesday, September 29. Bring your UWCM umbrella — let the city know about our club — and show support for all the work Centraide does for our community.



Please join us Tuesday, October 4, for the **11th Annual Memorial March and Vigil for Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women**. The vigil and march starts at 6:00 pm at Place Émilie-Gamelin (Berri-UQAM metro).

Rhonda Schanfield
 Advocacy and Community Affairs

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Québec Council of CFUW Clubs / Conseil québécois des associations de la FCFDU

All CFUW club members are invited to attend the Quebec Provincial Council Meeting on **Saturday, October 15, 2016, from 9 to 15:30**. Breakfast from 8:30 am. The event will be hosted by the South Shore Women's University Club at Saint Barnabas Church, 95 Lorne in Saint-Lambert (Hwy 132, Exit 78 to Notre-Dame Street, after four blocks turn right onto Green Avenue, drive one block, cross Victoria onto Elm and then another block (two blocks in all), turn right onto Lorne Avenue). Cost: \$35 per person (includes a continental breakfast, morning coffee break, lunch and parking). Registration form was emailed to members or call Dominique Racanelli to register.



Summer Soirée / Lebrun Exhibit

“In mid-August (photo below), 14 thirsty members of the club met in a garden at Place Trafalgar for a delightful early evening of wine and hors d'oeuvres. Bev, Linda and Pam hosted a fun event that brought a few members together for a very pleasant summer reacquaintance,” writes Bev Rowat.

As for the planned museum trip to Ottawa: “Unfortunately, I did not receive any response to my proposal (to visit) the Lebrun exhibit. I did go with friends and found the exhibit delightful and surprisingly large,” writes Marsha Sklar.



Left to right (seated): Sandra Gottlieb, Margaret Jackson (hidden), Judith Mowat, Marsha Sklar. (Standing): Dominique Racanelli, Rhonda Schanfield, Karin Doerr, Beverly Rowat, Brenda Marquis, Laretta Alexander. (At back): Zofia Laubitz, Zoya Duba, Pamela Georges, Linda Snell.

A DAY ON THE HILL



A visit to Parliament Hill on October 20, 2016, is being arranged by the **Quebec Council of CFUW Clubs**. It will include bus transportation from Montreal to Ottawa, a guided visit of the Parliament Buildings, lunch, and a sitting during Question Period. Details regarding cost, departure times and sign-up will be available at our first dinner meeting on September 21, 2016. Space is limited!! Organizer: Dominique Racanelli, President, Quebec Council of CFUW Clubs



RESOLUTIONS ETC...

This is a monthly update about the status of resolutions at CFUW and its sister clubs in order to keep members informed about the dynamics and outcomes of the resolution process.

What are resolutions?

They are issues of concern that are identified and investigated in order to take a position that will positively influence the conditions of women and girls in a given context. The topics can stem from local, national or international domains and conform to CFUW's mission and interest.

Resolutions are often proposed by CFUW clubs. They are reviewed nationally by all sister clubs before being amended and proposed for adoption but are not necessarily adopted. This is only done by a vote at the CFUW national AGM.

Resolutions and policy

Adopted resolutions are translated into policies that serve as catalysts to fuel advocacy and actions. The CFUW-FCFDU Policy Book 1964-2015 (available at cfuwadmin.org) is structured around 10 concepts articulated in 47 policy domains: Aboriginal (1), Children (1), Safety (3), Culture (3), Social Problems (4), International (4), Education (7), Environment (8), Health (7), and Laws and Regulations (9). Several policies are assigned to each domain. This 280-page book includes all resolutions that were adopted by CFUW, including the UWCM Resolution on Women's Financial Literacy.

During the June 2016 AGM in St. Catharines, five resolutions were adopted:

1. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls – Ending the Marginalization of Indigenous Women in Canadian Society, *proposed by CFUW Barrie and District.*
2. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) – Diagnosis, Intervention and Support Plan for Children, Adults and Families Affected by FASD, *proposed by CFUW Guelph and CFUW Kitchener-Waterloo.*
3. Strengthen the Pest Management Regulatory Agency in Order to Protect the Environment, *proposed by CFUW Owen Sound and Area.*
4. Electoral Reform: Adding Proportionality to the Electoral System in Canada, *proposed by CFUW Leaside-East York and CFUW Etobicoke.*
5. Sustainable Development Goals Also Known as Global Goals, *proposed by CFUW Standing Committee on Advocacy, CFUW Standing Committee on International Relations, CFUW Standing Committee on Education.*



Clubs that plan to submit a resolution must follow a certain process that I will outline in the next newsletter.

Regards,
Saôde Savary, **Vice-President**

Membership Directory Updates

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Agnes Noubicier (MA, UQAM)
- Nadia Ramundo (Psych/Econ, McGill)
- Elisabeth (Betty) Eitner (Treasurer, Carrefour des Femmes de Saint-Leonard)
- Mariana Frank (BSc, Concordia; MSc, U of T; PhD, U of T)
- Veronique Menard (BSc, UQAM; Psych grad student, UQAM)



DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY!!