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JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER



Don't
be sad...
There's something to
do this month!

SUMMER SEND-OFF

No need to reserve!
And there's no
charge! It's on the
house!

Wednesday, June 7, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Coach House

Wine - Finger food - Sweets

Your board of directors, including the newly elected members, invite you to the last event of our year. Drop in to say *à bientôt* to fellow members! **Don't forget your name tags!**

UWCM FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

*Our major fundraising event
of the year is almost here.*
Saturday, June 3, 11 am

The "Cavalier Maxim" is docked at the Alexandra Pier. Board at 11:00 am. We set sail from the Old Port at 11:30 sharp, and return around 1:30 pm. While on board, enjoy a tour of the waterfront as we take a short trip down the St Lawrence while dining on a delicious brunch. The on-board deck is enclosed but offers a panoramic view for maximum sightseeing.

Tickets are \$95 (adults) or \$60 (children under 17) with a tax receipt for the donation portion.

Contact Donna Jensen or Liz Annesley .



**Ladies Who Lunch
Thursday, June 1, 12:15pm**

Restaurant Le Taj
2077 Stanley Street (Peel metro)

Convenor: Laretta Alexander



From PRESIDENT to PRESIDENT

Dear (Outgoing President) Maya,

Three years ago, you entered the vice presidency role, by embracing all new challenges with great optimism and the conviction that “together, we are stronger.”

Building on the paths of those who came before you as president, you were able to create a synergy that spawned team cohesion and brought new perspectives toward UWCM sustainability.

Your stewardship was characterized by strategic thinking and tireless effort to increase UWCM membership and visibility.

From a personal point of view, you have brought with you the fresh wind of youth and a new dynamism that have stimulated several members. Your energy and dedication will be hard to match. I would like to thank you, on behalf of the board and all members, for your outstanding work, your leadership and commitment in building a stronger club. As your term of president ends, we wish you the best in all your future projects. The work you have done will bring a positive impact as we continue to work together toward a better world.

Saôde Savary, Incoming President

Updated Directory

The 2017-2018 Membership Directory has recently been emailed to you. If you have not noticed it, check your Junk or Spam folder. Keep your directory handy all year for easy reference and personal use only. The information it contains is confidential. Be sure to note any changes or corrections posted in the newsletter throughout the year.

90th Anniversary Gala

November 15, 2017

Survey Results

In 2015, we had conducted our first survey and received a 61-percent response rate. This time, the response rate was almost identical: out of 84 invitations sent, 50 members responded.

A significant majority of members is satisfied with the Atwater Club’s accessibility, billing and reservation services, and is also satisfied with the quality of food served at our dinners.

Forty out of the fifty respondents rated the affordability of our annual dues as satisfactory or higher. And, in a major shift from two years ago, an overwhelming majority supports the role of advocacy as an important aspect of our club, a direction that the present board has encouraged.

However, there is no consensus on what value the Coach House brings to the club – we will need to ask members more questions. In fact, the Coach House was used only 40 times over the last 10 months – 20 times by board and foundation meetings and 20 times for interest groups and special events. The UWCM pays about \$2,200 a month to rent these facilities. This past year, most respondents hardly used the Coach House if at all, and have not taken advantage of reciprocal benefits offered by the Atwater Club.

The survey also shows that we now have almost the same number of long-time members as newer members – confirming the board’s opinion that the club’s dynamics continue to change and evolve even as we maintain traditions and pursue our founding mandate.



Montreal
 MURAL Festival:
 Boul. St-Laurent



Canada Day History Quiz

Psst: Google could help!

1. Name our three female Governors General.
2. What were the first three provinces to obtain the vote for women? The last?
3. Who was our first and only female prime minister?
4. Who was the first Canadian woman astronaut to go into space?
5. From which book by L.M. Montgomery does this quote appear: "It is so much easier to be good if your clothes are fashionable."
6. Who opened the first post office in Canada? Where was it located?
7. What animal is featured on the RCMP badge?
8. Who was the first black female newspaper publisher in Canada and was designated a Person of National Historic Significance in Canada?
9. What was the name of the Canadian flag before the current maple leaf?
10. What first woman professor of a Canadian university had a Montreal street named after her? What is the name of the university?
11. Mary Two-Axe Earley was a Mohawk woman from the reserve of Kahnawake who worked as an indigenous women's rights activist against general discrimination. What was the important piece of legislation (Bill C-32) that passed in 1985 as a result of her work?
12. In 1929, after a long-fought battle led by five women, Canada recognized that women were persons

- and could be elected. What is the piece of legislation commonly known as? Can you name the five women?
13. Claire Kirkland-Casgrain was first elected to the Quebec National Assembly in 1961. She then worked toward what very important piece of legislation for women that was finally adopted in 1964?
 14. In what year was the International Exposition held in Montreal? What were Canadians celebrating?
 15. In 1984 at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, who was the first Quebec woman to win a gold medal? What was the discipline?
 16. Who was the member of the Quebec National Assembly who originally obtained maternity leave which included 18 weeks of leave?

Answers: 1) Jeanne Sauvé, Adrienne Clarkson, Michaele Jean. 2) Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta. Québec. 3) Kim Campbell. 4) Roberta Bondar. 5) *Anne of Green Gables*. 6) Hugh Finlay. Halifax. 7) Bison. 8) Mary Ann Shadd. 9) The Red Ensign. 10) Carrie Derek. McGill University. 11) Native women who married "white" men were allowed to come back to the reserve and be buried there. 12) The Persons Case. Henrietta Muir Edwards, Nellie McClung, Louise McKinney, Emily Murphy, Irene Parlby. 13) The 1964 *Act respecting the legal capacity of married women* where married women may now practice a profession, manage their property and sign contracts; it absolves married women from the obligation to obey their husbands. 14) 1967. 100th anniversary of Confederation. 15) Sylvie Bernier. Swimming. 16) Lise Payette.

(Courtesy of Montreal Council of Women)

June 22 to 24, 2017



Register and/or volunteer for the Annual General Meeting and Conference of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW-FCFDU) at Sheraton Airport Vancouver in Richmond, British Columbia, June 22 to 24, 2017.

To register, go to <https://www.proreg.ca/events/cfuw/2017/welcome.php> or call ProReg Registration Solutions toll-free at 1-866-760-2005. Deadline to register is June 13, 2017.



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Guided
tours: \$15 adults;
kids under 12, free



President's Annual Report (2016-2017)

It has been two years since my mandate began, after being in the club for just over four years. I have now completed my term as president. My aim was always to lead, protect and ensure our club's growth – with excellent output and a professional image. I believe that we should be model examples of what it is we choose to execute. I can proudly say that, thanks to our board and our members, we are on a very positive path.

Every member should recognize the effort our devoted board members have given and the time they have dedicated to making things happen for all of us. I thank:

- Saôde Savary, vice-president for just one year, who has done a great job at keeping us connected to CFUW and GWI. Her work through her blog and interest group is representative of what is to come.
- Anelia Wright, who had agreed to extend her term for one more year. Her energy, personal touch and warm welcome to new members have certainly been noticed.
- Elaine Bander put another great lineup together this year in our monthly dinner programming. The varieties of topics and speakers have really inspired many of us over the months. She is now working on another great lineup to help us celebrate our 90th anniversary.
- Susan Button, as secretary, has done a great job not only in taking minutes but also in searching through our archives to update our history.
- Nicki Ayoub has finished her first year steering our finances. She successfully simplified things by moving our operating account to CIBC.
- Donna Jensen has gone above and beyond her mandate as newsletter editor. She willingly gives a helping hand and, this past year, also took on the position of foundation co-chair.
- Rhonda Schanfield has continued to bring new ideas forward and bring us closer to our mission.
- Susan Ross has been in charge of publicity and internal communications. She has been very active in answering member requests and created positive changes with new print media and fresh ideas.
- Earlyn Sharp, who accepted to join our board to fill in the much-needed social-media chair. Her expertise will surely create the steam we need to move forward in this digital era.

I wish to also thank all the members, convenors, volunteers and dinner hosts who have helped us in all club activities. Thank you, dear members, for the trust you bestowed in us and for all the ideas and energy that you brought to this club over the past year. We couldn't have done it without your support and participation.

At the beginning of my mandate, I had given myself three areas to focus and improve on:

- Increase membership with a more inclusive approach.
- Increase community outreach and advocacy involvement.
- Increase our visibility through the use of social media.

Our club had some success in these goals, although I cannot say that we have had major wins in advocacy or social media. Although our club's overall membership count has declined slightly, we have been successful in the past few years attracting new professionals and younger members. We continue to expand and reflect our values and mission and have seen a movement toward advocacy. As a result, we saw a great shift in interest group popularity from wine tasting to Women's Issues! This speaks volumes.

Secondly, in regards to our community outreach and advocacy activities, Rhonda continued her efforts in gaining visibility by organizing our participation in the Centraide March of 1000 Umbrellas, the Annual Memorial March for Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women, and celebrating International Women's Day. It is now up to more of us to take part and better support these activities, really the *raison d'être* of our club.

Regarding social media, we still have a way to go. It's been difficult to fill this position or gain strong support. With Earlyn having stepped in, I have faith

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President's Annual Report (2016-2017) ...cont'd

(that this will soon pick up. We need members to actively participate, send in photos and comment on postings made. Social media is about being active. In order to attract new members in this day and age, we need to broadcast all the great things we do and believe in.

When I instituted our strategic planning sessions in addition to our regular board meetings, it was in order to deal with the short-term rotating of board members without losing grasp of the club's status. We focussed on finances, membership, and advocacy. We looked at the new portfolio management system, the sustainability of the Coach House, the state of our relationship with the Atwater Club, the challenges of e-media, community outreach and realigning our mission statement and purpose.

The UWCM attended both Provincial Council meetings this year, first in St. Lambert and then in Lennoxville. There we worked collaboratively toward lobbying and advocacy, and Saôde helped put together a brief that eventually was presented to the Ministry of Education. We also discussed the current issues between GWI and CFUW.

I feel we must continue to develop friendships and associations among women who are eager to share experiences and interests. We need to advocate for women worldwide in their pursuit of higher education and socio-economic stability, and to develop and use our expertise to effect change and promote the improvement of the status of women and children everywhere in the world. I believe in the importance of lifelong education and I hope that every member of UWCM sustains this growth and advancement of women. We need to stand in solidarity for one another across the globe. As more fortunate women, we should use our knowledge to better others. It is central to our

mission statement ("Social interaction, social responsibility and growth of women in all areas of life") and is why I created a board position and a central point of our strategic plan. And I remain strongly aligned with the intentions of our predecessors. It is our responsibility to continue to fight for women's rights.

The debate between CFUW and GWI began last year and is ongoing. At CFUW National AGM in June, CFUW-St-Thomas will again put forward the motion to amend the CFUW bylaws (striking out Article 4 on being a member of GWI). This amendment would change the constitution of the current structure and would enable CFUW to operate independently and without the necessity of being tied to this international entity. The changes to the bylaws would inevitably result in the CFUW withdrawing from GWI.

Last August, GWI met in Cape Town, SA, for its Triennial meeting. One factor to consider is both GWI and CFUW have changed leadership, which could result in a favourable meeting ground for collaboration. We have been affiliated with GWI since 1919. We must evaluate the fallout of dissolving such an alliance and its impact on our members, but more importantly on the advancement of women worldwide. At our May 17 AGM, the board recommended to vote against the St-Thomas amendment and the assembly of members agreed, so Saôde will convey this position in Richmond.

I wish Saôde luck in this national debate at the AGM and in her mandate as president of the UWCM. I know that she will be a strong voice of reason for us and for all.

Maya Bergeron-Metivier
President (2015 to 2017)



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Montreal MURAL
 Festival - June 8 to 18



2016-2017 UWCM Foundation Annual Report

The UWCM Public Foundation carried on its yearly challenge of raising funds for scholarships for women and Montreal women's shelters. We are grateful to our members who donated \$3,045 in our 5th Annual Giving Campaign. We wish to thank the UWCM Board of Directors for their donation of \$3,000. The raffle held at our December meeting brought in net proceeds of \$1,092. The funds raised so far total \$7,137.

Along with the Foundation Trustees (member-at-large Alice Holman, UWCM president Maya Bergeron-Métivier, and treasurer Wanda Leah Trineer), we wish to thank the Fundraising Committee members (Judi Ritchie, Anelia

Wright, Valerie Aitken, Johanne Desrochers, and the late Leslie Brooks, whose idea it was to choose the Cruise as our major fundraising event) for their effort in organizing and enabling all of these fundraising activities.

We now wish incoming president of the UWCM Foundation, Maya Bergeron-Métivier, the best of luck and much success as she begins her term for 2017-2018. We are confident that she will be a strong, energetic leader.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Annesley, Donna Jensen
Foundation Co-Presidents

Thank you...

As you all know, the UWCM Foundation is a vital organ of the club. Its work allows us to remain coherent with our mission of promoting education for girls and women, among other things.

The report presented to you at the AGM is evidence of the effort invested in managing the Foundation. For the past year, two members have acted as co-presidents in addition to other club positions they hold or have held. I am humbled by their generosity, compassion and commitment to UWCM.

On behalf of all members, I would like to express our gratitude to Liz Annesley and Donna Jensen.

Saóde Savary,
Incoming President

Successful fundraiser to fight cancer



Musical event sponsored by the UWCM at the Atwater Club — for a good cause.

From left, professional percussionists Catherine Varvaro (on the marimba), Nicholas Gélinas, piper Jérémy Tétrault-Farber, singer Anne-Sophie Doré-Coulomb, and pianist Alex McNally performing their mix of jazz, classical and contemporary pieces. It was a successful fundraiser for Catherine's participation in the Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer. Proceeds to fund cancer research, treatment, care and prevention programs at the Segal Cancer Centre of the Jewish General Hospital. (Never too late to donate! Go to http://www.conquercancer.ca/site/TR/Ride/Montreal2017?px=4179935&pg=personal&fr_id=1591).

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