



# UWCM

University Women's Club of Montreal Inc.

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## APRIL 2014 NEWSLETTER

### APRIL 23: ENGAGEZ-VOUS / GET INVOLVED (Bilingual presentation), SPEAKER: LILI-ANNA PEREŠA



Lili-Anna Pereša has served as President and Executive Director of Centraide of Greater Montreal since January 2013. An electrical engineer by training, she holds a graduate degree in management and a Master's degree in political science, with specialization in international cooperation and humanitarian aid.

Lili-Anna has always stayed true to her personal calling of making a contribution to society. She had her first experience as a volunteer aid worker at the age of 25 when she accepted an assignment from

World University Service of Canada to teach science in Malawi.

At Centraide of Greater Montreal, she heads an organization that supports a network of almost 370 agencies and projects that in turn help nearly half a million vulnerable people in Greater Montreal every year. Centraide depends on the commitment of more than 80,000 volunteers.

Before joining Centraide, her career took her from Burkina Faso for Oxfam-Québec to the Bosnian armed conflict for CARE Austria. She also headed several non-profit organizations, including the Montreal YWCA, Amnesty International-France, and the One Drop Foundation founded by Guy Laliberté.

Lili-Anna parlera de l'engagement sous toutes ses formes, de ses impacts et de ses enjeux, ainsi que de l'importance du réseautage entre les femmes, un des aspects les plus stimulants de sa carrière.

### MAY 21: UWCM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER

The AGM provides an opportunity for Club members to comment on past activities and to offer suggestions for next season. Share your thoughts and your hopes for the coming year.

Join us for the last dinner meeting of the year. Mark your calendars.

#### Dinner Menu

- Wild Mushroom Soup
- Stuffed leg of Chicken Cacciatore with Steamed Noodles and Grilled Vegetables
- Fresh Fruit Salad and Cookies
- Tea/Coffee

**Remember to mention any food allergies or dietary restrictions when you make your reservation.**

**Cocktails: 6:00 pm**

**Dinner: 7:00 pm**

**Member Cost: \$31.04 including tax; Non-members \$50.00, including wine (please pay by cheque to UWCM); Guest cover charge: \$5.00**

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

**Please reserve with the Club by Friday, April 18 at 514-935-2431 or reception@clubatwater.ca**

#### Notes:

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

**DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME TAGS!**



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Our 2014 Canadian Olympic Team brought out our national pride and happily reminded us that "*Mon pays c'est l'hiver!*" Now that April is here, we are all longing to put the snow shovels away and bring out the gardening tools. The reality is that a long winter will make spring's arrival so much sweeter. Don't be discouraged, spring will soon be here!

Governor General David Johnston proudly calls Canada a "smart and caring nation." He is able to make this claim because of the millions of recorded volunteers in our country. April 5th to April 12th is National Volunteer Week, and I want to thank our Board of Directors, our conveners, and all those who have taken the time to sit on our Club's various committees. Each UWCM volunteer ensures that our club remains vibrant. On April 11th, a Volunteer Appreciation Tea Party will once again be held in their honour.

### Board Meeting Highlights

The Nominating Committee has completed its mandate and will present its report at our AGM in May. At this time, I wish to advise all members of my offer to stay on as President of UWCM for one last year. I hope you will support my decision at the upcoming AGM.

Our new website will be fully launched by the end of March. If you have not done so lately, I invite you to visit the UWCM website, especially if you have a tablet or a smart phone. Many thanks go to Adeline Beaulac who was instrumental in working with the Web designer.

In order to ensure the Board's commitment to transparency, as well as actively involve our membership in decisions relating to financial

commitments, a new by law will be presented at this year's AGM.

The Quebec Council General meeting will be held on April 26th at the Atwater Club (see p.4). I hope to see many of you there!

Sincerely,

*Dominique Racanelli*

**President, UWCM Inc.**

### Keep in Touch

It is time to update our records. Please notify us of any changes to your postal address, phone number(s) or e-mail address.

Contact Carly Pepler

Or leave a message at the Coach House at 514-934-1362 or [uwcm@uwcm.com](mailto:uwcm@uwcm.com)

### Membership News

Welcome new member:

Annette Rudy

## FOUNDATION FOOTNOTES

### NEWS FLASH!

Our major fundraising event will take place on **Wednesday, May 28th**, at Concordia University. You will have the opportunity to meet Quebec wine producers, sample their wines, and taste other local foods. You will be serenaded by musicians while viewing the city and St. Lawrence River from a lovely rooftop lounge and terrace. What could be better on a warm summer evening?

It's time to mark this date on your calendar, and to think about who you would like to bring along. You can obtain tickets for \$75 at the April and May monthly dinners, or by contacting me.

Hope to see many of you at this early summer event.

*Liz Annesley*

**Chair, UWCM Foundation**

The UWCM Foundation contributes to local women's charities including the following.

**Auberge Shalom** was set up in Snowdon in 1989 by the Council of Jewish Women of Canada as a crisis centre for women suffering from conjugal violence. Its 12-bed shelter provides free emergency accommodation for women and children for up to three months. The Auberge welcomes women from all religions and cultures, and provides specialized services for the Jewish community.

Last year, over 250 conjugal violence victims were able to find refuge at the shelter. Some 700 women in crisis situations accessed the Auberge's 24-hour support line. Its drop-in program includes legal and financial counselling, resource referrals, a collective kitchen, counselling, and play therapy for children.

From its inception, the Auberge has assumed an advocacy role, with the goal of stopping the cycle of conjugal violence. To that end, it networks with other organizations to increase and promote public awareness of the issue.

The University Women's Club of  
Montreal Public Foundation presents...

## *SAVOUR THE FLAVOUR: Celebrating Quebec Terroir*

Wednesday, May 28, 2014, 5 pm to 7 pm  
Concordia University Rooftop Lounge and  
Terrace

1515 Ste-Catherine St. W., 11th Floor

Proceeds to Concordia University  
scholarships

**\$75**

**Chez Doris** has been providing a safe haven for women in difficulty for 30 years. This day shelter in downtown Montreal was named for a destitute "street" woman who was found raped and beaten to death in an alley in 1974. Some 3,700 women a year now benefit from its many services.

Poverty and homelessness define the clientele of Chez Doris. Up to 80 percent suffer from some form of mental illness. Others are burdened with intellectual deficiencies. Many have addiction problems.

Devoted staff and volunteers offer a "no questions asked" welcome. They provide needy visitors with meals, crisis counselling, free clothing and bathing facilities. There is an on-site medical clinic, paired with psychiatric and healthcare counselling. Clients can also enjoy a wide range of educational programs and socio-recreational activities.

## QUEBEC PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF CFUW CLUBS AGM – INVITATION



All CFUW club members are invited to attend the Quebec Provincial Council AGM slated for Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. A Registration Form is below.

**Place:** Atwater Club, 3505 Atwater Avenue,  
Montreal, QC H3H 1Y2. ([www.clubatwater.ca](http://www.clubatwater.ca))

**Cost:** \$35 (full day, breakfast and lunch) per person --  
payable to University Women's Club of Montreal Inc.

**R.S.V.P. before Thursday, April 17,** to Maya Bergeron-Métivier by e-mail.

Please send your cheque to:  
Maya Bergeron-Métivier

Registration Form  
CFUW QUEBEC PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Saturday, April 26, 2014, Atwater Club

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Club position (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any food allergies? \_\_\_\_\_



### REGISTRATION FOR THE 2014 AGM IS NOW OPEN!

Registration for the 2014 AGM in  
Kitchener-Waterloo is now open.

For instructions on how to register and for  
information on tours, accommodation, dining and  
more, please visit:

<http://www.proreg.ca/events/cfuw/2014/>

Please read the [AGM Registration Information  
Guide](#) before registering.

Please report any problems with the registration  
form to [cfuw@ProReg.ca](mailto:cfuw@ProReg.ca) or call ProReg  
Registration Solutions toll-free at 1-866-760-2005.

Remember to register before **May 19th** to receive the  
Early Bird Discount on registration fees. The final  
deadline for registration is June 9th.