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DECEMBER 2013 / JANUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 11: WINES FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON SPEAKER: BILL ZACHARKIW



L'Eau à la Bouche, August 2012
Courtesy M. Jackson

While considered rather irreverent about wine, Bill knows what he's talking about. He has over 25 years of experience in the wine industry, advising on wine as a sommelier (including 5 years at the now closed *L'Eau à la Bouche*), as a regular columnist in The Gazette, and as a radio commentator (CHOM977). Plus he is sought-after guest speaker.

Bill, a local (DDO) boy made good, is a well-travelled, well-informed and well-known wine enthusiast, known for describing wines in everyday language and for believing that wines are made to be drunk, not eulogized. He will give us advice on wines to pair with foods typically served during the festive season, adding his personal views and opinions – and no doubt exposing a few pretensions along the way!

Door prize: Bottle of Champagne: Tickets: \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

JANUARY 15, 2014: ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE – SPEAKER: GABRIELLE SOSKIN (Dinner Meeting)



Marie-France Coallier. The Gazette

Gabrielle came to Montreal from her native England in 1970. A graduate of the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School and Concordia University, Gabrielle started as an actor before becoming a teacher and director. In 1996, she was offered a permanent teaching position in the John Abbott Theatre Program, where she helped train many young artists in the community and directed every genre imaginable.

In 2000 she created Persephone Productions, a not-for-profit theatre company dedicated to creating work opportunities for emerging theatre artists. In the 13 years since its inception, the company has mounted 20 productions. Last July, Gabrielle turned over the role of Artistic Director to Christopher Moore, but she remains on the Board as Founding Artistic Director. Persephone's next production is *The Walnut Tree* – based on a novel by Martha Blum. The play will run from February 20 to March 2, 2014. Gabrielle will be performing in it and she has kindly offered a pair of tickets to the play as a door prize.

Door prize: Two theatre passes: Tickets \$5 each; 3 tickets for \$10.

Dinner Menu

December (Reserve by Friday, December 6.)

- French Onion Soup
- Tourtière
- Small Potatoes, Peas and Carrots
- Steamed Christmas Pudding, Lemon Sauce
- Tea/coffee

January (Reserve by Friday, January 10.)

- Mulligatawny Soup
- Chicken Stir-fry
- Quinoa
- Warm Pecan Pie, Ice Cream
- 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 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 NAMETAGS!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

December 10th is International Human Rights Day and with that in mind I wish to share some inspiring news regarding Karen Door's daughter, Indira Prahst. This year, the B.C. Human Rights Coalition, along with the United Nations Association in Vancouver, selected Ms. Prahst to be the recipient of the 2013 Renate Shearer Memorial Award in human rights. The award is bestowed on someone who the Coalition believes has made an outstanding contribution to domestic human rights. Congratulations Indira. Your mother has reason to be proud!

Last spring I reported that the 2015 CFUW AGM would be held in Montreal, but the LAC committee has since moved the event to Quebec City. It is scheduled for June 18-21, 2015. If you have not had an opportunity to attend a CFUW AGM, this is your chance to meet like-minded women from across the country. Volunteers from all Quebec clubs will be needed and I am confident UWCM members will step up and do their part.

Snuggle up, grab a warm blanket, December has arrived and with it comes the festive season. Whether you celebrate by saying Happy Hanukah, Merry Xmas, Joyous Kwanza, Blessed Bodhi Day, or simply Happy Holidays, as long as you take the time to say something nice to someone, the day will be a brighter one.

Warmest wishes,

Dominique Racanelli

President, UWCM Inc.

Calling All Artists

Painters, sculptors, photographers, quilters, jewellery designers, etc.

We are in the process of organizing an exhibition which will give you an opportunity to display your art work. If there is sufficient interest, we will start making arrangements regarding time and place. We welcome any suggestions in planning this event. Please inform me ASAP if you would be interested in participating.

Anna Di Turi,

Arts & Etc. Co-ordinator

Calling All Sponsors

How about contacting the new member(s) you have sponsored and inviting them to join you for the December dinner? Any questions about contact info, ask Carly Pepler.

Carly Pepler

Membership Chair

Membership News

Please welcome new member:
Earlyn Sharpe

Note the follow address change:
Sylvia Ilkiw

Last year the Foundation raised \$6,000 in our Annual Giving Campaign and \$7,000 at our Dawson Theatre Night. Although we did not reach our goal of \$15,000, we were very pleased with the enthusiastic response that we received from our members.

In June, we disbursed \$12,000 in the form of scholarships, bursaries and donations:

Dawson Professional Theatre Program	\$1,000
2 scholarships @ \$ 500	
Concordia University	\$6,000
6 bursaries @ \$ 1,000	
Chez Doris	\$1,250
Auberge Shalom	\$1,250
Native Women's Shelter	\$1,250
Auberge Madeleine	\$1,250

Betsy Barber Memorial Award

Some years ago, a group of UWCM members decided to honour one of their favourite friends, Betsy Barber, by creating the Betsy Barber Memorial Award in her memory. Betsy was not only a member of UWCM, but also a graduate of the MBA program at Concordia University. Each year a female student in the MBA program at Concordia University is awarded this prize.

This endowment fund has decreased over the years due to the annual disbursements. This year, the recipient of the Betsy Barber Memorial Award is Wen Qiong Chen, who received \$750.

In her response to our donation she writes:

"I'm very grateful that I received your generous contribution. I will use the award to assist my future studies in MBA program at the fine John Molson School of Business.

"I moved from China to Canada a year ago and started my MBA program in 2012. I have been studying very hard to adapt myself in a new academic environment. I also have been studying French and in the coming semester, I will go to

France for an exchange program to enrich my studies and improve my French.

After completing my first year in the full-time MBA program, I saw my progress as a professional business woman. I also found a part-time job as a buyer in the metal recycling industry, where I can immediately apply my studies. I will keep doubling my efforts this year and keep making myself a better person. I'm truly grateful for getting this award as it will help me reach my goals

I will remember your kindness, and I will contribute to women in society."

Concordia University recently advised the UWCM Foundation that they will be reducing the annual return on investment from 5% to 3.5%. This means that the amount of this award will decrease in the future.

NB: If any of you would like to contribute to this endowment fund, thereby increasing the annual amount of this award, you may do so by writing a cheque to: **Concordia University**, ensuring that you make a note on your cheque that you wish your donation to be directed to the **Betsy Barber Memorial Award**. Send your cheque to:

Irwin Pollock
Senior Development Officer
Concordia University
1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West, MB 15-349
Montreal, Qc H3G 1M8

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Annesley

Chair, UWCM Public Foundation

Dawson Scholarship Recipients

Skyler Clark is 19 years' old and attending her second year of the Dawson College Professional Theatre program. She was raised in the Laurentians, and graduated from Laurentian Regional High School.

Skyler was most recently cast as Grusha and Ludovica, the Nephew and the Lawyer in Dawson's studio production of *A Caucasian Chalk Circle* directed by Gary Plaxton and Barbara Kelly. She is going to be working on Judith Beny's production of *Middletown*, and she is looking forward to an exciting future in projects to come.

Nicky Fournier is currently in her second year of the Professional Theatre program at Dawson and loving it. Originally born and raised in British Columbia, she always had a passion for theatre.

After graduating from high school, Nicky decided to move to Montreal to pursue modelling but could not ignore the desire to get back into school to continue studying Theatre. Nicky recently acted in her first Studio production, *After Shakespeare* by Harry Standjofski, as Juliet and as King Lear's mother, Gran. Her hobbies outside of school include: biking, learning to sew, modelling, and improvisation at Montreal Improv.

DECEMBER 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

Scrapbooking – Monday, December 2, 7:00 pm

Come join us at the Coach House for an evening of fun, fellowship, and scrapbooking. Everyone welcome.

Leah Trineer

Chit Chat en Français – Friday, December 6

There will be a Memorial Service for Polytechnique Victims at the Ecole Polytechnique, 2900 boulevard Edouard-Montpetit, Montreal.

Time: TBA

Dominique Racanelli

Winetasting – Monday, December 9, 7:00 pm

Cool Yule Cocktails: Come join us at the Coach House for some fun and festive insight into Sparkling Wine, the varietals, and how to use it in Christmas cocktails. Cost \$15. Space is limited so reserve early

Jill Wood

Dinner Meeting – December 11, 6:00 pm

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