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MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER



**DINNER MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18,
from 6:00 pm**
Dr. Alan Shepard, President
and Vice-Chancellor,
Concordia University —
***Where is university education
going? And Concordia?***

At a time when technology is shifting our society so rapidly, what does the future hold for education? How can our society prepare today's students to be tomorrow's global citizens? With 46,000 students, Concordia is distinguished by its energy as a major Anglophone university in Québec. What is this urban, bold and engaged university doing to ensure today's students thrive in their careers so that Canada prospers in the 21st century?

Prof. Alan Shepard will answer these questions and share his vision for the 'next-generation' university. He held senior roles in universities in the United States and Canada, including Ryerson and Guelph, before his Concordia appointment in 2012.

SAVE THE DATE!
...details on page 6

**"FOUNDATION FEST" AUCTION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, from 6:00 pm**

Live auction — Silent auction — Chinese auction

Call Liz Wirth for details or to donate an auction item.

All money raised to go to four women's shelters and to bursaries.

MARCH 18 DINNER MENU

- Leek and pear soup
- Leg of lamb served on seven-grain rice, and vegetables
- Chocolate cake with a raspberry coulis
- Coffee and tea

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

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

Member cost: **\$31.04, incl. tax**
Non-members: **\$50.00,**
including a glass of wine
(by cheque payable to UWCM)
Guest cover charge: **\$5.00**

Please reserve with the
Atwater Club at **514-935-2431**
or reception@clubatwater.ca by
Friday, March 13.

**Cancellations made any later
than 5:00 pm on the Monday
before a Wednesday 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.**

Also in April: HOME DINNERS
Sign up today! All you need to know on the next page.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

International Women's Day is as relevant today as it was a hundred years ago. In 1908, about 15,000 women marched through the streets of New York City demanding shorter working hours, improved working conditions, and equal voting rights. Across the Atlantic, European, Scandinavian, and Russian women with similar struggles took notice, and rallies followed each year to address the many issues and discriminations women faced. In 1913, protests against the First World War became part of the movement, with Russian women leading the peace initiative. By 1917, Russian women held the "Peace and Bread" strike, which led to March 8 being declared International Women's Day in honour of the many acts of courage and determination of ordinary women who took action to correct myriad social issues and inequalities. It also serves to highlight what still lies ahead. This year's theme is "Make It Happen", so on March 8, why not renew your commitment to make a difference!

The UWCM board is always seeking to enhance your membership experience. This is done now through the dinner program we offer, the various interest groups at your disposal, and the newsletter. At our last board meeting, it was decided that access to the Coach House should also be part of a value-added service for our members. I'm pleased to inform you that your 2015 membership will now include free access to the Coach House during 2015 for a one-time event for your personal use. For example, if you wish to host a small cocktail party or have tea with your friends or family, the Coach House is now at your disposal — the regular charge of \$25 per hour to rent it will be waived for members during 2015. So, this lovely venue for your four-hour event is a \$100 membership value. We hope you will take advantage of this. Please coordinate with Valerie Markham for availability and access details.

Sincerely,
Dominique Racanelli
President

April Home Dinners

The dates of our co-operative home dinners are fast approaching! They will take place on April 21 and 22.

Even if you have already registered on the sign-up sheet at the last dinner, please contact me by phone or email as soon as possible. You need to let me know if you want to HOST or PARTICIPATE. If you are offering to host, please specify your preferred night and how many guests you can accommodate in your home.

Would you be interested in being a guest at, or helping to host, a vegan dinner at the Coach House?

Please contact me immediately so that I can organize the hosts, guests, dates and locations. We hope to have another year of cozy, fun-filled home dinners.

Elaine Bander
Member-at-large

Board Meeting Highlights

- A survey will be distributed to all UWCM members.
- The 2015 membership will include a one-time occasion of free access to the Coach House.
- The nominating committee is actively searching for new board members.



Make It Happen

March 8

www.internationalwomensday.com



MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Dear Members,

The UWCM Board is looking to the future and needs to discover ways our club will continue to grow and prosper. We need and value your input.

You will, therefore, be receiving a separate email with the link to access the survey. Or simply click on the link to **complete the survey now**.

It should not take more than five minutes. If you do not wish to complete the survey electronically, please contact Donna Jensen by phone or email and a printed copy will be mailed to you.

The deadline for responding is March 16, 2015.

That will give us time to gather and analyze the data and present a report to members at the AGM in May. All responses will be kept confidential and no single response — only aggregated answers — will be published.

We look forward to receiving your responses.

Elaine Bander, Donna Jensen, Anelia Wright
Survey Committee

EVENTS CALENDAR — MARCH 2015

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------|--------|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY | 9 Wine tasting | 10 | 11 BOD meeting | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 Film & Discussion Night | 17  | 18 Dinner meeting | 19 Stage & Soirée | 20 | 21 |
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INTEREST GROUPS

FILM & DISCUSSION NIGHT

Monday, March 16, 6:00 pm

Movie night revived — with a new approach. The theme for the first presentation will focus on female empowerment in the award-winning Canadian-directed film *War Witch (Rebelle)*. This movie is about a young woman who is abducted to become a child soldier in Africa and her story of survival. Refreshments will be served during the discussion segment of the evening. Suggestions for future films and themes are welcome.

Convenor: Valerie Markham

SUPPER CLUB

Tuesday, March 31, 7:00 pm (we meet at 6:45 pm)

Restaurant La Salamandre (French, BYOB)
4350 de la Roche

Reservations a must!!!!

Call Annette Rudy before 6:00 pm, March 24. One place reserved for a new member until reservation deadline.

STAGE & SOIRÉE

Thursday, March 19, 7:30 pm - Pollack Hall

Opera McGill - Lisl Wirth Black Box Festival
Boris Brott and McGill Chamber Orchestra:
Gianna Schicci and *Suor Angelica*
(Puccini operas)

Convenor: Liz Wirth

WINE TASTING

Monday, March 9, 7:00 pm (Coach House)

A tasting of wines from British Columbia – is there such a thing as “western terroir”? Registering by email is a must!

Convenor: Linda Snell

OUTDOOR LADIES

Sunday, March 22, 11:00 am - Jean Drapeau Park

We will meet at 11:00 at the entrance to the Jean Drapeau Park metro station. That is the easiest way to get there – yellow line from Berri-UQAM. We will tour as we wish and plan where to have lunch.

For details, contact Carly Pepler.

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT

Wednesday, February 25, 7:00 pm (Coach House)

NEW — NESCO World Heritage in Transylvania. Jill Wood will take us on a virtual tour of vivid landscapes, mountains, castles, churches and amazing food! A mélange of architecture and chic sidewalk cafés punctuate the towns of Brasov, Sighixoara and Sibiu, while many southern Transylvania Saxon villages are dotted with fortified churches that date back half a millennium.

Wednesday, March 25, 7:00 pm (Coach House)

Spring in Spain. Join Zofia Laubitz as she shares her experiences travelling north with the season, from sunny Andalusia to the high Pyrenees.

Convenor: Valerie Markham



CFUW in QC in June

The QUWC is hosting over 250 women from across Canada at the CFUW Annual General Meeting in Quebec City on June 18–21, and is looking for volunteers. Please contact Maya Bergeron-Metivier or Brenda Shanahan for details.

Two resolutions will be presented at the AGM.

Resolution 1 from CFUW Edmonton
Saving Our Pollinators and Our Environment:
Moratorium on the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides

Resolution 2 from CFUW Victoria:
Reducing Climate Change Through the Use of
Carbon Taxes

Did you know...

...we supported, via the CFUW AGM, resolutions regarding: (1) an enhanced Canada Pension Plan, (2) promoting plain language, (3) a culture of peace, and (4) increasing Canada's voter participation.

...we made a donation to the Atwater Library & Computer Centre at the request of our March 2014 guest speaker Linda Leith.

...we circulated information regarding the English Montreal School Board electoral registry.

Social Media

Jill Wood's Facebook Tips

- ◆ In the top search box, type "Facebook Tips" and a group page will appear. Click "Like" and all the tips and tricks for improving your Facebook account and experience will appear in your newsfeed. It's that simple!
- ◆ There are lots of helpful Facebook groups for your hobbies. Just search for anything you are interested in. One of mine is *The Organized Genealogist*, which has tons of great ideas for improving ancestry research.

Membership News

Welcome new member

Edmée Métivier, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue

At the end of our February dinner meeting, president Dominique Racanelli presented guest speaker **Dr. Suzanne Fortier** with a **UWCM honorary membership**. Welcome, Dr. Fortier!

Newsletter Editor

Donna Jensen

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Submissions and photos are welcome! Deadline is the 15th of each month.



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The Public Foundation of the University Women's Club of Montreal Inc.
La Fondation Publique du Club des Femmes Universitaires de Montréal Inc.

FOUNDATION FEST 2015

PLEASE MARK APRIL 15, 2015 FOR THE EVENT OF THE YEAR !

Montreal is known for the Jazz Fest and the Comedy Fest but this will be the star of all FESTS !

Our Foundation Auction had lost some zest, but it will be back with the fest !

Only top items for the auction so there is no waste of your valuable time :

SIX truly exciting LIVE auction items (already in hand), to be called out by the one & only Roxane Stanners

Silent Auction items (min value \$100 each, starting bids \$ 30)

Chinese Auction items – minimum value \$ 25 each

Furthermore all donations > \$50.00 by cheque to the Foundation, donated April 15, go into a draw for dinner for 2 at the Atwater Club and you get a tax receipt.

All monies raised go 100% to our beneficiaries :

Women's shelters

Chez Doris, Auberge Shalom, Nature Women's Shelter, Auberge Madeleine

Bursaries for mature women returning to school at Dawson College & Concordia (incl Betsy Barber Fund)

Please call me to donate items to the auction or if you have any questions.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wirth
President, UWC Foundation

