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MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Annual General Meeting - 6:00 pm

The AGM provides an opportunity for club members to hear and comment on activities that took place over the past year and to offer suggestions for the next. Elect new board members, share your thoughts with fellow members and hear what the club has accomplished.

There will be a reception in the Coach House before the AGM for the newest club members, starting at 5:00 pm.

Dinner starts at 7:30 pm

Join us for the last dinner meeting of the club's year. If you do plan to stay for dinner, don't forget to reserve your place with the Atwater Club.

RESERVE EARLY

Avoid any last-minute disappointment.
Reserve by Thursday, May 14. Email at reception@clubatwater.ca or call 514-935-2431.

Wednesday, June 3, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Coach House

ANNUAL SUMMER SEND-OFF

Wine - Sandwiches - Sweets

The last event of the year (and hosted by the new board of directors), this is a great time to say *à bientôt* to fellow members.

NEW RESERVATION POLICY

Don't wait! Reserve today with the Atwater Club at 514-935-2431 or reception@clubatwater.ca.
Deadline: Thursday, May 14

May 20 DINNER MENU

- Cream of asparagus soup
- Roast beef au jus with chef-style potatoes
- Market vegetables
- Fresh-fruit salad
- Coffee and tea

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

CLARIFICATION ON DINNER COST

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

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

Cocktails: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm

Cancellations made to the Atwater Club 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 tags!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

On April 17, a Volunteer Appreciation Wine & Cheese was held at the Coach House. It was a relaxed evening filled with laughter and interesting conversations.

Thanks go to everyone who contributed to making the evening such a success and to all our volunteers for their time and efforts over the past year. I hope you remember that volunteers are always welcome at UWCM. If you are passionate about a topic or enjoy a specific activity, please consider starting a new interest group. Members will be most grateful for new options.

The UWCM board has commenced preparations for our AGM, to be held on May 20. This year, along with the annual report, the results of our member survey will be presented. Since sixty percent of our members took the time to participate in the survey, this is a clear indication of member engagement. Come to the AGM to hear what your fellow members have to say.

Our popular Summer Send-Off will take place June 3 at the Coach House. As in previous years, this event is

exclusive to our members and their invited guests. Bring along a like-minded friend who may be interested in joining our club. Keep in mind, as well, that it will be the first event of our new board, so come and cheer them on!

The CFUW annual general meeting will take place in Quebec City from June 18 to 21. The theme of this conference is River and Tides, Women on the Move. Be sure to visit the CFUW website to obtain full details. The Local Arrangement Committee is still welcoming volunteers for the weekend, so please contact Brenda Shanahan for additional information.

For the last three years, it has been my privilege to serve as president of UWCM Inc. The support from the membership has been tremendous and I am so proud to call many of you my friends. I am confident you will give the new board your full support and encouragement.

See you at our AGM!

Dominique Racanelli
President

Did you know?

The UWCM has contributed to five charitable organizations suggested by our 2014-2015 dinner speakers:

- Mediciens Sans Frontiers (Paul Yachnin)
- UNICEF (Michèle Hekimi)
- Friends of Mount Royal Cemetery (Myriam Cloutier)
- McGill University (Suzanne Fortier)
- Concordia Student Emergency and Food Fund (Alan Shepard)

"Survey says..."

The recent membership survey had quite a significant response rate, with 61 members taking the time to give us their thoughts and ideas. Most responses were very positive, and will be quite helpful to the board of directors and the membership in general going forward.

Details on the results will be reported at our annual general meeting, which starts at 6:00 pm on May 20.

*Elaine Bander,
 Donna Jensen, Anelia Wright*
Survey Committee

Board Meeting Highlights

- Survey final results discussed
- Wording of new bylaw regarding student membership amended and approved
- Clarified dinner pricing policy for non-members
- Reviewed possible dinner speakers for next year



Members Have Talent

In late March, the new Shriners Hospital for Children, through its architect, art committee and heritage committee, chose a piece to hang on its Arctic-themed 3rd Floor: a painting by one of our members, **Gertrud Antoine Barwick**. The large rendering of a polar bear has now been picked up for framing to match its new surroundings. “So the old girl is still busy creating things that will be viewed for many years to come,” she says proudly! We’re proud of you too, Gertrud!



EVENTS CALENDAR — MAY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Wine Tasting TBA		BOD meeting			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Outdoor Ladies	Victoria Day		AGM & Dinner Meeting			
24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Supper Club				



INTEREST GROUPS

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT

Wednesday, April 29, 7:00 pm (Coach House)

Favourite Places. Share a favourite destination in a 15-minute presentation. It could be about a city, an island or even a museum. Join us for the event, even if you don't want to present. RSVP before Sunday, April 26.

Convenor: Valerie Markham.

SUPPER CLUB

Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 pm (we meet at 6:45 pm)

Restaurant Quartier Perse (BYOB)
 4241 Decarie
 (corner Monkland, Villa Maria Métro)

Reservations a must!!!!

Call Sally Vineberg
 before 6:00 pm, May 19.

One place reserved for a new member until reservation deadline.

WINE TASTING

Date to be confirmed, 7:00 pm

The wine-tasting group is doing the ultimate wine-and-food pairing: dinner at a BYO restaurant with matching wines. A number of attendees will be asked to bring a bottle and be prepared to lead the discussion on the wine. Venue and date will be confirmed when you register or shortly thereafter.

Convenor: Linda Snell.

OUTDOOR LADIES

Sunday, May 17, 11:00 am - Botanical Gardens

Come see and smell the lilacs! We will meet at the ticket booth area at 11:00 am. There is an entrance fee of \$15.25 (adults), \$14.25 (seniors), or \$11.25 (adults) and \$10.25 (seniors) with a Montreal Access Card. Take the Green Metro line to Pie-IX and the 139 bus up to Sherbrooke. Lunch available on Sherbrooke Street one block east of Pie-IX.

For details, contact Carly Pepler.

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Submissions and photos are welcome before the 15th of each month.

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!

Membership News

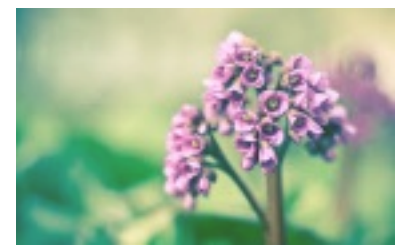
New member Martine Dubois, welcomed in our last issue, has asked that her contact information be amended.

Remember how shy you were when you first came to a club event? Be sure to give a warm welcome to new or unfamiliar members when you next see them. Let's work to do this right.

Anelia Wright
Membership Chair



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Tea Time at Ogilvy



Sunday, May 24, 2:00 to 5:00 pm
5th Floor, Ogilvy's

A downtown day shelter for women in difficulty, Chez Doris has been in operation for 35 years and has long been an organization supported by the UWCM. Named after a homeless woman who was attacked and beaten to death, it's a place where women can find refuge without judgement.

Its sixth annual fundraiser, Tea Time at Tudor Hall (on the 5th floor, Ogilvy's downtown) will serve a selection of fine teas and many treats including fresh scones and cupcakes. A silent auction will also take place. Tickets, \$60, are available online at chezdoris.ca or.

A donation of gift certificates, gift baskets, or other appropriate items for the silent auction or door prizes would also be appreciated.

Be part of a research study



The Canadian Institute of Medical Research is seeking participants in its research study: How does calcium affect vascular health of women? It is looking for healthy, post-menopausal women who are non-smokers and not taking medications for high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or to manage osteoporosis.

For a one-year period, participants must be willing to alter the amount of calcium in their diet and take (or abstain from taking) calcium supplements. They will be reimbursed for the cost of the supplements and any parking expenses.

Contact: 514-934-1934 ext. 45742
calcium.medicine@mcgill.ca

Jazz for L'Abri d'Espoir

Salvation Army Cocktail Fundraiser
May 19, 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Lion d'Or
1676 Ontario East, Montreal

Raising funds for L'Abri d'Espoir, the Salvation Army shelter that offers a safe, supportive environment for women and their children.



Lorraine Desmarais, pianist composer
 Elizabeth Shepherd, jazz vocalist

Wine and hors d'oeuvres - Door prizes - Silent auction
 Corporate sponsorship packages available

Tickets: \$100 (tax receipt of \$45 provided).
 For tickets or details: 514-288-2848, extension 2266,
 or evenementsqc@armeedulalut.ca
 Fax: 514-288-3521, www.soireejazz.ca

Spring Hat Rose Tea

Sunday, April 26
3:00 to 6:00 pm
6767 Cote des Neiges



Presented by: The Coloured Women's Club (member of MCW)

Tea supplied by DAVIDSTEA
 SPRING HAT COMPETITION



\$25 in advance, \$30 at the door

Information and tickets:

450-672-7081

514-488-3284

514-696-7944

sagvles@svmpatico.ca

"Social interaction, social responsibility and growth of women in all areas of life"



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FROM OUR ARCHIVES
 Celebrating the 50th Anniversary
 - Adeline Beaulac, archivist



Photo at left: Elizabeth Monk, QC, charter member (far left) and club president Dorothy Kidd study the UWCM 50th Anniversary brochure.

Silver rose bowls filled with spring flowers were centrepieces, and silver candelabras adorned the head table. The delicious menu consisted of beef filet, fiddleheads and wild rice, followed by anniversary cake with mint ice cream served with Royale de Neuville rosé wine.

Montreal Star, March 11, 1977: "University women fete half century of achievement" by Eleanor Callaghan

FOUNDATION FEST AUCTION

The annual fundraiser on April 15 was a social and financial success, with about 60 men and women attending. The evening began with Alex and Levi, a jazz duo from McGill University, playing a festive sax and bass for the cocktail hour, sponsored largely by a donation from Lauretta Alexander. The live auction, called by Roxane Stanners in her inimitable crowd-pleasing way, raised \$2,585 with only seven items. A masterful auction catalog was devised and designed by Suzanne Crawford. The Chinese and silent auctions together fetched a similar amount so, with donations since January 1, an estimated total of well over \$9,000 was raised to date...and you still have time to send in your donation.

We are especially grateful to Evey Crawford Renzi (on the eve of her 16th birthday) and Alexa Papanastasiou who expertly handled the Chinese-auction distribution as called out by Suzanne Crawford. Special mention

for the floral centrepieces (a dozen roses each in beautiful vases) goes to Dominique Racanelli. These were sold at evening's end raising \$220 more. Notable thanks to Anelia Wright, who solicited many excellent auction items from Charton Hobbs, Westmount shops, and personal and corporate donors.

The prize draw for cash donors was won by our treasurer Leah Trineer, who worked all evening on the desk and will soon be sending out tax receipts for donations. Sincere thanks also to all those not named who contributed time and effort and valuable auction items to make the evening a major success.

Please email any photos of the evening (which we hope to include in the June newsletter) to me.

Gratefully,
 Elizabeth Wirth
 Foundation President

