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OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

DINNER MEETING – Dr. Linda Shohet WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, from 6:00 pm

Literacy in Canada and the Diminishing of Social Agency

Literacy is one of the last sectors suffering from cuts by the current government. Others include environment, science, immigration settlement, archives, Statistics Canada, and other advocacy activities. Dr. Linda Shohet will analyze the impact of these cuts not only on the various sectors themselves but also on the fabric of Canadian society and democracy.

Dr. Shohet was founder and executive director of the Centre for Literacy of Quebec, a national centre of expertise and professional development in all areas of literacy and skills. She has written numerous articles, spoken widely, and consulted for provincial governments and for the US, UK and France on literacy, workforce skills training, and health literacy. She was a member of the Canadian Expert Panel on Health Literacy; helped draft the Calgary Charter, an internationally cited set of Core Principles for Health Literacy; wrote the content for an accredited online continuing medical education module to introduce health literacy to health-care professionals; and has served on many adult education and community organization boards. Dr. Shohet was named one of Canada's top literacy researchers by the Canadian Education Association, and was awarded a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. With a BA and MA from McGill and a PhD from Université de Montréal, she taught English for more than 30 years at Dawson College.

OCTOBER 14 DINNER MENU

- *Roasted squash soup*
- *Grilled salmon*
- *Crème brûlée*
- *Coffee and tea*

Don't forget your name tag!

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

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

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

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

Cancellations made to Club Atwater 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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, from 6:00 pm Amena Ahmad, Araya Everett, and Dylan Sheper *Once and for All*, a documentary on Iwan Edwards

Three young filmmakers discuss the process of capturing the final months of the career of internationally renowned and beloved local conductor Iwan Edwards. Maestro Edwards, who really doesn't like being called a maestro, will also be on hand to offer his thoughts and Welsh wit on being the subject of a documentary film. The filmmakers also hope to be ready to show us a preview of the film. To know more, go to <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/once-for-all-a-documentary-with-iwan-edwards#/story>. Mark your calendars and be sure to reserve your spot for what promises to be an engaging event!

Reserve with Club Atwater

Avoid any last-minute disappointment.
Reserve by Thursday, October 8.
Email reception@clubatwater.ca or
call 514-935-2431.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mes très chères dames,

September was quite a hectic month, with the return of activities in all spheres of our lives. Many of us lived through the back-to-school season in full throttle, either personally or through our loved ones. The club also experienced its own return to a new season, starting up our various interest groups. I hope that you have taken the time to get acquainted with the groups and activities. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Valerie Markham, our interest group coordinator, or any of the convenors. They all will gladly let you know more about what your club has to offer.

October often makes us think of breast cancer. Over the years, all of us have certainly known, directly or indirectly, someone who has battled this disease. This is the time to reflect not only on those affected but also on all of the fantastic organizations that promote the fight against it. These groups are proactive in their efforts to make this world a better place. I wish to see our club come to the forefront locally and get more involved with issues that relate to women of all ages. As you all know, the UWCM has increased its community outreach as well as its advocacy through the use of social media. It is important that this remain a group effort and that all our members contribute ideas and bring to light various causes that we can support. The board welcomes ideas and suggestions. All our efforts will certainly generate a strong return.

On October 24, Zoya Duba and I will be attending the first of two Provincial Council meetings, to be held in Sherbrooke. The meeting will be focusing on education and workshops. We hope that our attendance will demonstrate to the CFUW family the club's continued commitment and also provide us with some key takeaways. Please watch for updates. Secondly, I will be taking part in a workshop, as a follow-up to the national AGM, about president skills. This teleconference will centre around club activity, executive committees, the role of the national office and various marketing initiatives. I look forward to the collaborative exchange with the other presidents to strengthen our club locally and nationally through CFUW.

I hope that you will enjoy our first guest speaker of the year, Dr. Linda Shohet. Please invite a friend or family member to come to dinner with you. It will be a pleasure to get to know them. I would also invite all of you to take part in some way with your club, be it in joining one of the interest groups, helping with fundraisers, speaking about our club, or bringing an idea up to the board. All of these can and do make a difference in the club's growth and improving our get-togethers. Never forget that we are the UWCM!

Best regards,

Maya Bergeron-Métivier
President

Board Meeting

- Discussed Coach House landscaping responsibilities
- Discussed Centraide March of 1000 Umbrellas
- Advocacy chair to send letter to PMO regarding violence against aboriginal women and girls
- Possibility of forming hosting subcommittee for Provincial Council AGM in April

Condolences are extended to member Jane Yaple on the death, on September 7, of her husband, Dr. Hans Möller.



INTEREST GROUPS...

Chit-Chat en français
Thursday, October 1, 6:00 pm

Place: Square Saint-Louis —
Institut du Tourisme et d'Hôtellerie du Québec

This first *Chit-Chat en français* get-together will bring us to Square Saint-Louis, renowned as the closest thing to a European neighbourhood square this side of the Atlantic. After strolling in the area and learning about its history, we will have a nice dinner at Institut du tourisme et de l'hôtellerie. *Tout cela en français bien sur!*
Convenor: Johanne Desrochers

NEW!

BOOK CLUB
Tuesday, October 6, 4:00 pm
(Coach House)

Tell us about your favourite historical novel, one set around some historical fact or about people and life other than in contemporary times. Share with the group the historical and not-so-historical facts, as well as your perspective on the novel itself. Refreshments will be served. We will decide on next month's topic and convenor at this get-together. Convenor: Valerie Markham

STAGE & SOIRÉE
Wednesday, October 7, 7:30 pm

Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke West —
McGill Symphony Orchestra (season opener)
Tickets: adults \$18, seniors and students \$12.
Convenor: Elizabeth Wirth

WINE TASTING
Monday, October 12, 7:00 pm (Coach House)

The wine group will start out the year with a Merlot tasting led by Zoya Duba. We will see if the Merlot grape is truly an underdog compared with Cabernet Sauvignon, and will discover its capacity to produce good wines. Reserve with convenor by email by Thursday, October 8, at the latest.
Convenor: Linda Snell

**IT'S
BACK!**

ARTS & ETC.
Thursday, October 15, 6:00 pm
Botanical Garden Festival of Lanterns

Join us for a celebration of "Pumpkin Art" followed by an evening walk through the "Gardens of Light" where over 1,000 carefully crafted lanterns are on display. Please confirm your attendance.
Convenor: Dominique Racanelli

OUTDOOR LADIES
Sunday, October 18, 11:00 am

We will explore the architecture, miniature parks, and coach houses and gardens in the back streets of Montreal's Gay Village. We will meet at the Beaudry Metro at 11:00 am. After our walk, restaurants abound for lunch. Convenor: Carly Pepler

TEA AND POETRY
Tuesday, October 20, 3:30 pm (Coach House)

NEW! Every month, we will meet to read and discuss a poem by a Canadian woman and enjoy a cup of tea together. Please contact me if you wish to attend.
Convenor: Karin Doerr



... AND MORE INTEREST GROUPS

SUPPER CLUB

Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 pm (we meet at 6:45 pm)

Ristorante Primo & Secondo
 7023 Saint-Dominique (metro De Castelnau)

Reservations a must!!!!

Join us for dinner at a resto just a few steps from Jean-Talon Market in the heart of Little Italy. Call Linda Swanston before 6:00 pm, October 20. One place reserved for a new member until reservation deadline.

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT

Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 pm (Coach House)

It's not too late to share your fave Italy destination. Short presentations about any area, town, city or museum in Italy, enjoyed or dreamed of. Show pictures, memorabilia or food, or simply join us to hear the tales and dream!

Wednesday, October 28, 7:00 pm (Coach House)

The theme for the October meeting will be determined at the September meeting. Stay tuned to the newsletter for more information on the next topic.

Convenor: Valerie Markham

EVENTS CALENDAR — OCTOBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			30 Travels With My Aunt	1 Chit-Chat <i>en français</i>	2	3
4	5	6 Book Club	7 Stage & Soirée BOD meeting	8	9	10
11	12  Thanksgiving/ Wine Tasting	13	14 Dinner meeting	15 Newsletter deadline / Arts & Etc	16	17
18 Outdoor Ladies	19  Election Day	20 Tea and Poetry	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Supper Club	28 Travels With My Aunt	29	30	31  Halloween



CFUW News



Watch for updates about the CFUW 100th Anniversary Scholarship Project, and its goal of raising an additional \$100,000 for local and national scholarships.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The UWCM will be hosting the Quebec Council of CFUW Clubs/Conseil québécois des associations de la FCFD AGM on Saturday, April 23, 2016, at Club Atwater. We need a local personality to speak to members — any suggestions? Anyone wishing to help and be on this committee, please contact a board member. Further info in later newsletters.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Say “Hello” to someone you don’t know! At this month’s dinner, try to greet a member new to you.

Be a friend, bring a friend! Remind someone of our offer to anybody who joins now and pays the total fee to get a membership until December 31, 2016.

Ask past members to come back! They might want to rejoin. Be our best recruitment tool!

Membership Directory updates. Changes are noted in newsletters through the year. Updated directories will not be sent out until next June.

Let’s do this right!
Anelia Wright
 Membership Chair

Directory Updates

PLEASE NOTE

Susan Button’s correct address

Leah Trineer’s office phone/fax no’s should be deleted

Jane Weber’s office phone number should be deleted

Jill Wood’s Montreal postal address should be deleted

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Irene Kruzel (Université de Montréal, MA)

Pamela Patchet (University of Toronto, BA)

Chantal Beauregard (Université de Montréal, BACC)

The Ladybug Foundation Inc.

Hannah Taylor is a 19-year-old from Winnipeg. At the age of 8, she created the Ladybug Foundation, a registered charitable foundation that raises funds for and awareness of people who are homeless and hungry. At 10 years old, she wrote the children’s book *Ruby’s Hope*, and started an educational program to teach children about homelessness and how to get involved to help make a difference. Voted one of Canada’s 100 Most Powerful Women, Hannah is now studying at McGill. Every January 31, she leads the “Walk a Mile in Their Shoes on National Red Scarf Day” fundraiser. To purchase a red scarf and to read more: ladybugfoundation.ca and icanmakechange.ca.



Centraide March of 1000 Umbrellas

Join us at the corner of McGill College and de Maisonneuve at 11:45 am on Tuesday, September 29.

Bring your UWCM umbrella (talk to Rhonda Schanfield about getting one). Show support for all the work Centraide does for our community. At the same time, let the city know about our club! Parade begins at noon. centraide-mtl.org





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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Our *super* Supper Club convenor, Gloria Ménard, enjoys more than dining out. She also holds both Mount Royal Park and the state of provincial anglophone services dear to her heart. A recent article

in *The Senior Times* (<http://www.theseniortimes.com/tag/gloria-menard/>) describes one of the founding members of *Les amis de la montagne* as a long-time fighter for the mountain and its integrity and cleanliness. It also tells of her campaigning on the No side in the 1980 sovereignty referendum and opposing then-mayor Jean Drapeau's plan to erect a tower on top of Mount Royal. In fact, Drapeau was so impressed with Gloria that, in 1986, he asked her to run as a councillor for his Civic Party. Her unsuccessful run did not keep her down, though. She continued campaigning for the No side in the 1995 referendum. And now, Gloria's concerns also include the recently vacated sites of the Royal Victoria and other hospital buildings.

Originally a research chemist and then an Alcan technical writer, Gloria then produced documentaries and reported for CBC Radio on the environment and other issues.



For the last 30 years, Gloria has been working as a communications consultant from her home and, among other things, compiles and edits the *Red Feather Forum*, which tracks the flow of Anglophone health and community

institutions in the Montreal area. To read more about Red Feather, visit <http://www.redfeathermontreal.ca/index.htm>.

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CORRECTION

In our last issue, Rhonda Schanfield's and Valerie Aitken's names were misspelled. We apologize for the errors.



Don't forget to vote!
FEDERAL ELECTION
October 19, 2015

Viennese Ball of Montreal
 sponsored by the Austrian Society



Fledermaus Ball
 Celebrating
 the 190th birthday of
 Johann Strauss Jr

November 21, 2015

Join members Liz Wirth (chairman), Suzanne Crawford (whose daughter Evelyne, last April's Auction intern, is debuting this year), Carolyne Desrosiers (who is on the Ball committee) and others at this year's Viennese Ball.

Tickets available online at: <http://balviennoisdemontreal.org>