



# UWCM

University Women's Club of Montreal Inc.

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## NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, from 6:00 pm  
Rhoda E. Howard-Hassmann, Ph.D., FRSC  
*State Food Crimes*

Dr. Howard-Hassmann's latest book, *State Food Crimes*, is about states that deny their own citizens (and others for whom they are directly responsible) one of their most fundamental human rights: the right to food.

Recently retired from teaching after 13 years as Canada Research Chair in International Human Rights at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, jointly appointed to the Department of Political Science and the School of International Policy and Governance at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, Dr. Howard-Hassmann is the author of many books on issues of human rights.

Dr. Howard-Hassmann holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from McGill University and was named the first Distinguished Scholar of Human Rights by the American Political Science Association. She was also named a distinguished Scholar of Human Rights and was awarded the Sir John William Dawson Medal for interdisciplinary research. She has published numerous articles and book chapters on human rights and development, women's rights, GLBT rights, the Canadian foreign and refugee policy, and sociological issues in international and Canadian human rights. She is currently working on a book to be entitled *In Defense of Universal Human Rights*, has been on the editorial boards of many journals, and maintains a blog entitled "Rights&Rightlessness" at <http://rhodahassmann.blogspot.com>.

Next month:  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, from 6:00 pm  
**Monique Pollack** *Sex, Drugs and Foul Language: Writing for Young Adults*

Monique Pollack is the author of 19 novels for young adults, as well as one non-fiction book. She is a two-time winner of the Quebec Writers' Federation prize for children's and young adult literature. She was also the 2016 CBC Montreal-QWF inaugural writer-in-residence. She has been teaching at Marianopolis College for 32 years and is a frequent contributor to the Montreal Gazette.

### Reserve with Club Atwater

by Thursday, November 10.  
Avoid any last-minute  
disappointment.  
Email  
[reception@clubatwater.ca](mailto:reception@clubatwater.ca)  
or call 514-935-2431.

### NOVEMBER 16 DINNER MENU

- Green market salad
- Blanquette of veal en croute
- Mashed potatoes and market vegetables
- Coffee and tea

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 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 tag!**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Dear members,**

The months are flying by and the board is keeping busy trying to increase our club's membership and involvement in our community. We have a lot of work on our plates to ensure the well-being of our membership and the club's future, while at the same time creating a meaningful impact.

As we have been doing in the last two years, we continue to work on our strategic planning sessions that focus on three main areas: finance, membership and advocacy. This five-year planning and visionary exercise allows for specific tactics to be put into place in order to focus on the club's necessary actions. It also allows for more continuity as the board members go through their two-year mandates.

On October 15, the second of two CFUW Provincial Council meetings was held in St-Lambert, hosted by our sister club, the SSUWC. Members from the five Quebec clubs met to present and exchange ideas in a dynamic discussion dedicated to our current issues involving affiliation with GWI. As per the results of the vote at the CFUW AGM last June, as well as unfolding events from the August GWI Triennial meeting in Cape Town, the clubs reflected on the necessity, versus potential risks, of maintaining our connection to the international federation (GWI). The finances testify to a harsh reality but the need for the CFUW to remain part of GWI was strongly felt at the international meeting. As a result, a special task force has been

implemented by the CFUW National Office to address and analyze all our options. An email from CFUW National President Karen Dunnett was sent out recently to all members. I would encourage everyone to read it and to stay up to date on the latest news on both the CFUW and GWI websites. Your Vice-President and CFUW liaison, Saôde Savary, and I will do our best to transmit important details as the story unfolds. I believe that it is important to understand the impact of GWI on women's lives both locally and internationally. Although we often feel that we have achieved some equality and made great strides here in Canada, we have to remember that this is not the case for many women elsewhere. Their need for help and support from us is still very real and we definitely ought to stand in solidarity with them. This is the reason why GWI, CFUW and the UWCM exist: to take part in the contribution to women's rights and other pertinent issues.

Let us not take for granted the especially good fortune we have living here. That being said, I look forward to engaging in further discussion and actions on this. I do wish that you will share with me your voice, concerns and ideas. I thank you all for your continued support for our club and the fight for women's rights.

Yours truly,

*Maya Bergeron-Métivier*  
**President**

## PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH

**Sunday, November 13, 11 am, Coach House**

Join me for a pleasant gathering to get to know each other a bit better. Cappuccinos and mimosas are on the menu! Also: melon gazpacho, chia parfaits, homemade vegetable pâté, mini pineapple muffins, mini blueberry muffins, nut bread, brie and compote — and a few more delicious surprises! Price per person will be approximately \$20 (based on the cost of the food). Please contact me to book your spot.

**Hope to see you there!**

**Maya Bergeron-Métivier**



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## INTEREST GROUPS

### DINING IN

**Thursday, November 24, 7:00 pm**

Theme: American Thanksgiving

Hostess: Andrea de Gosztonyi

Please contact Andrea to participate. Maximum of 12 diners, so first come, first served. Andrea will decide with you what you will bring. Keep your invoices as costs will be divided evenly. Also, we will decide on the theme for the January dinner.

Convenor: Elizabeth Wirth

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### STITCH-IN' TIME

**Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 pm (Coach House)**

Join us for an evening of friendly crafting, congenial chatter, and amicable assistance. Whether you quilt, knit, embroider or crochet, it's more fun doing it with a group of like-minded ladies. Please join us!

Convenor: Donna Jensen

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### WINE TASTING

**Monday, November 14, 7:00 pm (Coach House)**

Wines from Puglia, the region in the "boot" of Italy, are gaining a worldwide reputation. We will explore the different grape varieties from this and other areas of southern Italy. Please contact the convenor before November 11 to reserve your spot.

Convenor: Zoya Duba

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### STAGE & SOIRÉE

**Saturday, November 12, 7:30 pm — Viennese Ball**

Join us at this year's event. Tickets available online at <http://balviennoisdemontreal.org>

**Sunday, November 20, 7 pm — Wirth Vocal Prize**

Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke West, 514-398-4547

Convenor: Elizabeth Wirth (tickets are free)

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### OUTDOOR LADIES

**Sunday, November 20, 11 am – Outremont/Mile End**

Two adjacent neighbourhoods miles apart in history and atmosphere. We will meet outside Outremont city hall (543 Côte-Ste-Catherine at Davaar, accessible by buses 129 or 51). Our walk will take us up the back of the mountain a little past Pierre E. Trudeau's family home and then down through a residential and Hasidic Jewish area across Park Avenue into Mile End and the St. Viateur bagel shop. Please let me know if you are coming so we will wait for you.

Convenor: Carly Pepler

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### LADIES WHO LUNCH

**Thursday, November 3, 12:15 pm**

Au Bistro Gourment

2100 rue St-Mathieu (Metro Guy) — BYOW

Bring your own wine, ladies! Deadline to reserve is noon on October 27. Convenor: Lauretta Alexander

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### TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT

**Thursday, November 10, 7:00 pm (Coach House)**

We had a wonderful time last month, and decided the theme this month will be Italy. Nadia Ramundo will talk about her trip to Sicily, and Marsha Sklar will take us to Venice. Sicilian wine is on the menu!

Convenor: Andrea de Gosztonyi

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### WOMEN'S ISSUES

**Wednesday, November 30, 7:00 pm (Coach House)**

Twelve members have already signed up – there's room for more! This lifelong learning activity will help us share our perspectives on topics that align with our mission of empowering women through education. Contact the convenor to reserve your spot.

Convenor: Saôde Savary

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## Coach House Travels



On October 6, member Elaine Bander (far left) showed us pictures and maps of New Zealand from her recent trip, while we all sipped Australian wine! Then Zofia Laubitz (below) took us on her trip to the marshes of Manitoba, from the southernmost end up to Churchill.

Join us next time to see where we will travel next!

- Andrea de Gosztonyi,  
 Convenor



## EVENTS CALENDAR — NOVEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Start of Annual Giving Campaign	2	3 Ladies Who Lunch	4	5
6	7	8 	9 BOD meeting	10 Travels With My Aunt	11 	12 Viennese Ball
13	14 Wine Tasting	15 Newsletter deadline	16 Dinner meeting	17	18	19
20 Outdoor Ladies / Wirth Vocal Prize	21	22 Stitch-in' Time	23	24 Dining In	25	26
27	28	29	30 Women's Issues			

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



## RESOLUTIONS, ETC.

Before its adoption, a resolution must undergo a multi-step process that involves: identification, validation, formulation, consultation and/or discussion, solution and implementation. This process is summarized in 15 activities described below.

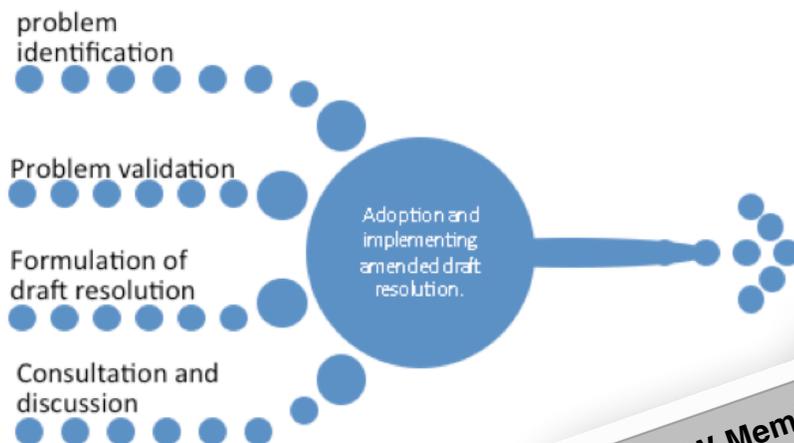
1. Identify an issue of concern.
2. Check Policy Book that issue new.
3. Decide with Resolution Committee ("RC").
4. Complete Intent to Submit a Resolution form and send it to the National Resolution Committee ("NRC") at [resolutions@cfuw.org](mailto:resolutions@cfuw.org).
5. Investigate issue and set scope – including data collection and analysis, challenges, objectives, jurisdictions, implications, impact and anticipated outcome – to build draft resolution ("res").
6. Submit draft res to the NRC for review.
7. NRC provides feedback and sends Proposed Draft Resolution Package to the proposing club.
8. Re-submit draft res based on NRC feedback.
9. Online distribution of proposed resolutions to sister clubs for comments and amendments.
10. Study and validate comments and amendments to be accepted or rejected in the final draft resolution.
11. Amended draft res sent to all clubs before AGM.

12. Presentation of final draft res by a representative of the proposing club at CFUW AGM.
13. Adoption or rejection of the resolution.
14. The adopted resolution becomes new policy and is incorporated into CFUW Policy Book.
15. Proposing club works with NRC to implement new policy locally and nationally.

### 2017 Deadlines:

- ◆ November 15, 2016 - Complete the Intent to Submit a Resolution form for AGM 2017
- ◆ January 15 - Submit completed draft proposed resolution
- ◆ February 15 - Final draft resolution sent out to National Office
- ◆ February 15 to April 15 - Period when all clubs are consulted on the proposed resolutions and suggest amendments and/or comments
- ◆ April 16 to May 15 - Study amendments
- ◆ After May 15 - Amended Draft Resolutions sent to all clubs
- ◆ June 22 to 24 - Presentation during CFUW AGM

*Saôde Savary*  
**Vice-President**



### CFUW Membership Discounts

- Avis and Budget Car Rentals
  - The Personal Group Insurance
  - UPS Members Benefit Program
- And more! Go to <http://www.fcfdm.org> today.

Newsletter editor: Donna Jensen

Copy-editing and proofreading services:  
 Zofia Laubitz



## 2016-17 Annual Giving Campaign

The UWCM Public Foundation, established in 1985, has raised over \$265,000 to use for scholarships for female students and to support local women's shelters.

Our annual appeal for donations this year runs from November 1 to June 30, 2017. No amount is too little — or too large — and a tax receipt will be issued for all donations. Watch for details coming to you soon!

Best regards,  
*Liz Annesley* and *Donna Jensen*  
**2016-2017 Foundation Co-Presidents**

## Advocacy/Community Affairs

The *Centraide March of 1000 Umbrellas* took place on September 29. I'd love our club to have an even bigger presence next year! Please join in to support Centraide and to continue to increase our club's visibility! Also, on Tuesday, October 4, Saôde Savary, Elaine Bander and I attended the *vigil and march in honour of missing and murdered Aboriginal girls and women*. We marched from Place Emilie-Gamelin to Place Viger.

*Rhonda Schanfield, Chair*



## "May" Day on the Hill



Our visit to Parliament Hill, arranged by the Quebec Council of CFUW Clubs has been **postponed until Thursday, May 18, 2017**. It will include bus transportation from Montreal to Ottawa and back, a guided visit of the Parliament Buildings, lunch, and a sitting during Question Period. We will also be able to take advantage of the **Annual Tulip Festival**. Further details will be available after the new year. Space is limited to a maximum of 40 people!  
 Organizer: Dominique Racanelli, President, Quebec Council of CFUW Clubs

At Centraide's March of 1000 Umbrellas: Saôde Savary, Donna Jensen, Frances Gregory.  
 Read more at [centraide-mtl.org/en](http://centraide-mtl.org/en)



To learn more about missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls: [www.genderadvocacy.org](http://www.genderadvocacy.org)



**Celebrate 10 years!**  
 Monday, Nov. 7, 6-8:30 pm  
 Le Nordelec (lobby)  
 1751 Richardson, Griffintown

Cocktails & canapés: \$100 (tax receipt for \$75)  
 514-234-1174 :: [www.60milliongirls.org](http://www.60milliongirls.org)