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DECEMBER 2016 / JANUARY 2017 NEWS



DINNER MEETING: WED., DECEMBER 7

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 of family history. 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 for her historical novel *What World Is Left*, inspired by her mother's experiences in a concentration camp, and in 2014 for *Hate Mail* about a boy reluctant to acknowledge his autistic cousin.

Monique has been teaching English at Marianopolis College for 32 years. Seen frequently in the *Montreal Gazette* and a regular guest on ICI Radio-Canada *Plus on est de fous*, Monique discusses what distinguishes young adult literature from adult literature, drawing on examples from her own work and others, sharing tips for hooking readers.

Monique's aim is not only to explore this field, but also to inspire us to consider writing our own projects. She will have copies of her works on hand for those who wish to buy them for holiday gift-giving.

PLUS! Fundraising draw: Buy tickets, pick prizes and win!

DINNER MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

Maestro Iwan Edwards: *Soul Searching Without Ceilings: A Life in Music*

Renowned and beloved Welsh-born Montreal conductor and music educator Iwan Edwards will discuss how music, the written word and fertile imaginations can generate energy, capture emotion, create confidence, and widen horizons.

Maestro Edwards has inspired generations of Montreal youth. He has chaired the McGill University Performance Department, conducted the MSO Chorus for many years, and twice conducted the National Youth Choir of Canada. He has founded and conducted many other distinguished choirs here and around the world, winning many awards for his performances and recordings. Maestro Edwards is a member of the Order of Canada and a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.

Last year, UWCM members enjoyed hearing from young filmmakers about *Once & For All*, their tribute to Iwan Edwards. This year, we are fortunate to be able to hear from Maestro Edwards himself.



DECEMBER 7 DINNER MENU

- French onion soup
- Lac-St-Jean tourtière, homemade ketchup, potatoes, peas, carrots
- Steamed Christmas pudding with lemon sauce
- Coffee and tea

JANUARY 18 DINNER MENU

- Mulligatawny soup
- Duck confit and vegetables
- Warm pecan pie with ice cream
- 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.

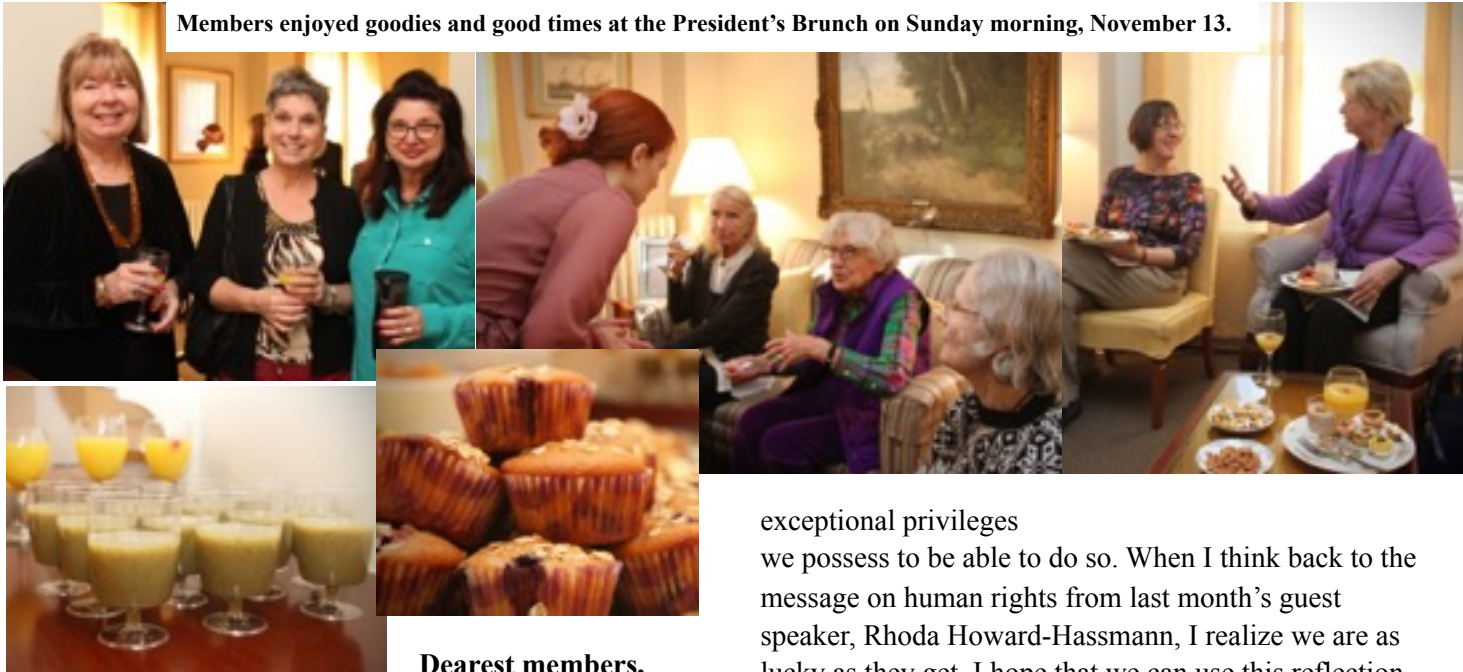
Mention any food allergies or dietary restrictions when you make your reservation.

Don't forget your name tag!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members enjoyed goodies and good times at the President's Brunch on Sunday morning, November 13.



Dearest members,

I want to take a moment to thank you all for the energy and collaboration I've seen, especially over the past few weeks. I feel that the club is taking on some renewed friendships, as well as engagement, common vision and drive. And I hope to see us continue to grow more and more unified. Being part of such a group truly gives me great pride.

With the colder months approaching, I want to wish you all merry holidays. As we enjoy the abundance that we share with our loved ones, let us not forget the

exceptional privileges we possess to be able to do so. When I think back to the message on human rights from last month's guest speaker, Rhoda Howard-Hassmann, I realize we are as lucky as they get. I hope that we can use this reflection not only to be thankful but also to give us some forward momentum in making the world a better place. With the numerous bright minds I see in our Club, we can certainly leave a strong legacy. So, let's help the UWCM and its affiliates be remembered for years to come!

Sincerest regards,
Maya Bergeron-Métivier
President



Hobnobbing With Academia

PHOTO CREDIT: Joe Dresner



On November 3, Maya and Dominique Racanelli attended the Concordia University Chancellor's Builders Dinner. Pictured here: Concordia President and Vice-Chancellor Alan Shepard with Dominique.

Board Meeting Highlights

- Board was advised of Foundation fundraising efforts
- Website and social media update was discussed
- Board informed of new members
- Debate over board positions and duties
- Scheduled next five-year strategic planning meeting

Sincere condolences are extended on the death of longtime member, Dr. Sheila Horn-Bisailon, on November 18th.



INTEREST GROUPS

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT

Thursday, December 1, 7:00 pm (Coach House)

Last time, Marsha Sklar shared her adventures in magical and mystical Venice. Then we toured the beautiful island of Sicily with Nadia Ramundo. Italian wine, salties and sweets were tasted for a visual and sensory experience. Now this month, we will be visiting China — minus the jet lag! Please contact the convenor to reserve your spot. *Note: We will be on hiatus until April, when the theme will be England and Scotland. Watch for details in the April newsletter.* Convenor: Andrea de Gosztonyi

WINE TASTING

Monday, December 12, 7:00 pm (Coach House)

We will compare different white-grape varietals to understand their unique attributes. Please reserve your spot with the convenor before December 9.

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

The topic for this month will be decided in December. Reserving is a must; please contact the convenor before January 5.
Convenor: Zoya Duba

DINNING IN

Tuesday, January 24, 7:30 pm

Pam Georges (hostess)

Please contact Pam to reserve your spot. The maximum is 10 diners, so first come, first served. Pam will inform you of the theme and you'll decide together what you will bring. Keep your invoices as costs will be divided evenly. The theme for the next dinner will be decided at the January dinner.
Convenor: Elizabeth Wirth

CHIT-CHAT *en français*

Sunday, December 4, 2:30 pm

Musé d'art contemporain (MAC)

Join me for a French guided tour of the *Biennale de Montréal 2016*. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors (no additional charge for the tour). We could have tea or wine nearby afterwards. Please confirm your spot. Convenor: Johanne Desrochers

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Thurs., December 1, 12:15 pm (RSVP by Nov. 24)

Restaurant Le Paris (BYOW)

1812 St. Catherine St. West (Metro Guy)

Thursday, January 5, 12:15 pm (RSVP by Dec. 29)

Restaurant Alba

1112 Sherbrooke St. West (Metro Peel)

Convenor: Laretta Alexander

STAGE & SOIRÉE

January 26 to 28, 7:30 pm

Opera McGill – Monument Nationale

Tickets: \$40 regular / \$35 senior

Convenor: Elizabeth Wirth

WOMEN'S ISSUES

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

This month, we will watch and discuss a film to help us share our perspectives on empowering women through education. Contact the convenor to reserve your spot.

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

We will discuss the issue of the trafficking and prostitution of women. Convenor: Saôde Savary

STITCH-IN' TIME

Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 pm (Coach House)

Bring your hand-sewing project to an evening of conversation and stitchery! Convenor: Donna Jensen




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DECEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Ladies Who Lunch / Travels With My Aunt	2	3
4 Chit-Chat <i>en français</i>	5	6 Commemorate 1989 attack at École Polytechnique	7 Dinner meeting	8 MCW lunch	9	10 International Human Rights Day
11	12 Wine Tasting	13	14 BOD meeting	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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JANUARY 2017

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22	23	24 Dining In / Stitch-in' Time	25 Women's Issues	26 Burns 5 à 7 / Stage & Soirée	27 Stage & Soirée	28 Stage & Soirée
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UWCM Foundation

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

Members recently received a letter regarding the Annual Giving Campaign, which runs from November 1 to June 30, 2017. Feel free to send your donation any time. We will send you a tax receipt for the full amount.

The UWCM board of directors has named the Foundation as its December charity and, as a

result, we will be holding a draw at the December dinner with wonderful prizes to win! **So be sure to bring your chequebook and cash. Raffle tickets are \$10 for one, \$20 for three.** Please be generous. Many women are counting on us!!

Liz Annesley and
Donna Jensen
Foundation
Co-Presidents

PSST!! Save the date:
Saturday, June 3, 2017



Bulletin Board

*Do you have your own business?
Do you want to grow your client base?*
Post your business card here!

For \$20 an issue or \$125 a year (nine issues per year), we will run your ad. Send a PDF — along with your cheque — and we will place your ad in the next newsletter.

Our newsletter is read online (from our website), and its usual readership consists of current members, Provincial Council clubs, CFUW clubs, and friends of the UWCM including Club Atwater and the Montreal Council of Women.

Contact Donna Jensen



MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN 2016 Woman of the Year Award Luncheon

Honouring Monique Séguin, Ph.D.
for her outstanding work in suicide prevention.

Thursday, December 8, 2016, 11:30 am
Omni Hotel, 1050 Sherbrooke St. West

Dr. Monique Séguin is a professor at the department of psychology and psycho-education at Université du Québec en Outaouais. She is a researcher at the McGill Group for Suicide Studies and researcher at the Quebec Network on Suicide, Mood Disorders and Related Disorders. She has worked and written extensively on the topic of suicide prevention and associated risk factors.

Reserve your tickets (\$60, cash bar) from Isa Godefroy

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Burns Night at the Coach House



Cinq à Sept

Thursday, January 26, 2017

It's the birthday of Scotland's national poet Robert (Robbie) Burns (1759 to 1796). Did you know Robbie Burns wrote *Auld Lang Syne* (times long past)? Join us to celebrate with a wee dram of single-malt Scotch, nibbles and homemade shortbread. Listen to

Burns songs and recite your favourite Burns poem (find them at robertburns.org). To pay for the Scotch, a \$10 charge will be applied. Space is limited, so reserve early. Contact Elaine Bander by January 20.

Resolutions, etc...

For an explanation and summary of the recent public forum on the Canadian electoral reform, and to help explain the rationale behind the CFUW resolution (entitled *Changing the First-Past-the-Post Electoral System to Proportional Representation in Canada*) adopted at the 2016 AGM, please take the time to read my blog at <http://uwcm.com/blog/>.

Saôde Savary
 Vice-President

NEW! Read my blog post.

Advocacy and Community Affairs

December 6 is National Day of Action and Remembrance on Violence Against Women. The Fédération des Femmes du Québec will hold a commemoration at noon at the park at 2915 Ontario East (corner Florian). For more info: <http://www.ffq.qc.ca/2016/11/commemoration-du-6-decembre/>

Also at noon on the same day, the Anglican Church Women of the Diocese of Montreal will hold a service at Christ Church Cathedral (635 Ste-Catherine West) for the 14 young women who were killed on this date in 1989 at the École Polytechnique. Please join the Eucharist (light refreshments follow the service).

Rhonda Schanfield, Chair

UPCOMING SPEAKERS



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Dr. Judith Adamson, author and Dawson College professor:
Reflections of a Minor Biographer

How to go from an ordinary Montreal upbringing to collaborate with Graham Greene on his final book, write his biography, and edit the correspondence between Leonard Woolf and the woman he spent his life with after Virginia died? Writing literary biography is not an ordinary Montreal story — it's a peculiarly devilish task.

Judith Adamson is the author of many books and biographies, including *Graham Greene and Cinema*, *The Dangerous Edge* (his biography), *Charlotte Haldane* (about J.B.S. Haldane's first wife), and *Max Reinhardt: A Life in Publishing*. She edited *Love Letters*, the thirty-year correspondence between Leonard Woolf and Trekkie Ritchie Parsons, and selected the essays in Greene's much acclaimed last book, *Reflections*, recently republished. This talk will reflect on the difficulty of the work and the luck she had finding subjects.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15
Brenda Shanahan,
 Member of Parliament for
 Châteauguay-Lacolle
A Day in the Life of an MP



Welcome New Members

Marianna Frank (BSc Concordia, MSc and PhD UofT), Westmount

Ida Godefroy (BA Concordia), Westmount,

Judith Metavish (BA SGWU, BEd McGill), Dorval,

Nadia Ramundo (BA (Psych) McGill), St-Léonard,