



# UWCM

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## OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, from 6:00 pm  
DINNER MEETING speakers Susan Button  
(*UWCM: 90 Years On*) and Pamela Georges  
(*The Coach House Collection of Art and Silver*)



Throughout the 2017-18 season, we will be celebrating our past and pondering our future. Recently retired from McGill University after 42 years, **Susan Button** started as a secretary in the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research and went on to work on the History of McGill Project, helping Dr. Stanley Frost in the creation of *McGill University: For the Advancement of Learning*. She then worked in Development and Alumni Relations for 32 years, while earning a degree in psychology. Susan has been a member of the

Executive Council of the James McGill Society since 1977. In 2004, she was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the McGill Alumni Association. Susan is delighted to be a member of the UWCM and is currently serving as membership chair, having already served as secretary. "My years of volunteer service have been immensely rewarding," she says. "I never stop learning and I am constantly enriched by the people I meet."



After obtaining her nursing education in London, **Pam Georges** came to Montreal from England in the seventies and got her master's of adult education. During her professional career in Montreal, Pam was director of nursing for 27 years and a surveyor with the Canadian Council on Health Accreditation. Pam joined the UWCM in 1989 and, over the years, has participated in many activities and initiatives, including being president from 2000 to 2002. She is proud that it was during this time that the board established our mission

statement that still serves us today (see below). Pam was the convenor of several interest groups over the years, like Antiquing for Fun, Painters Corner and Travels With My Aunt. She is an artist, specializing in watercolour, and has been an avid antique collector. When she is not travelling, she divides her time between her home in Montreal, her cottage in the Eastern Townships and her flat outside London, England. Pam continues to be a strong and loyal contributor to the growth of our club.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE MENU!**

Mention any food allergies or dietary restrictions when you make your reservation by Thursday, October 12. Email [reception@clubatwater.ca](mailto:reception@clubatwater.ca) or call 514-935-2431.

### OCTOBER 18 DINNER MENU

- Roasted squash soup
- Grilled salmon
- Potatoes and market veggies
- Crème brûlée
- Coffee and tea

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

**New price for member and her guest(s):** \$34.50 each, including tax (wine extra), charged on the member's account.

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.

**Don't forget your name tag!**

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## Anniversary Gala - November 18



### Dr. Richard Fraser: *Dr. Maude Abbott, One of Our Founding Members*

Professor of pathology, Richard Fraser (BSc '69, MDCM '76) is now curator of the Maude Abbott Medical Museum of McGill University, founded in 1922. This museum was named in honour of Dr. Maude Abbott (1869-1940), one of the first women to receive a BA from McGill University and — not incidentally! — one of the founding members, in 1927, of

the University Women's Club of Montreal, Inc. Please plan to attend this special anniversary dinner, where distinguished invited guests and dignitaries will be present. Raise a glass to the club and, since it holds a royal charter, the Queen. A pre-dinner reception in the Coach House is also being planned.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear colleagues,

As we welcome a new season, I wish to thank you for your enthusiasm in supporting our new projects as well as the activities organized for you by our interest groups. Your participation in the club's sustainability is key to our success, so let's make it happen!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate three of our members whose leadership has been acknowledged nationally.

First, UWCM has nominated the Honourable Anne-Marie Trahan for the CFUW 100th anniversary notable woman award (2019). Besides an outstanding career path in law at the national and international levels, Anne-Marie has been instrumental in starting or supporting organizations that promote social justice, children's rights and the arts. She has several medals and awards to her credit including the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal. A member of UWCM, Anne-Marie has been very active as president and treasurer. She has also been Quebec Council VP and a CFUW board member.

Secondly, our Social Media Chair Earlyn Sharpe has been promoted to the role of Associate Director of Education at Karonhianónhnhwa Ionterihwaienstákhwa. According to the press release "... [she] has proven to be an exceptional leader in her past three years as principal of Karonhianónhnhwa... Earlyn and her school team have been recognized with the highest honour by

The Learning Partnership's National Awards Selection Committee..." As an Associate Director of Education, Earlyn will be responsible for "supervising, overseeing and supporting school improvement initiatives, working with schools' administration teams to provide educational leadership in highly effective pedagogical approaches to learning; supporting and supervising the administration of outside (post-secondary and adult education) services; and supporting the Director of Education in building an education centre responsive to the needs of the schools under its supervision."

Finally, Vice-President Nadia Ramundo has been invited by CFUW to offer online training to all clubs across Canada on how to make a video using Biteable software. (Just a reminder that UWCM pioneered these Biteable videos by collaborating with our John Molson student partner Slavena Kiryakova.) Our first video using this software was published and shared with all clubs last July 30th to commemorate World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Slavena will join Nadia in organizing and delivering the online training for CFUW clubs.

Hats off to these leaders who, once again, have shown the power of women working together!



Sincerely,  
*Saôde Savary*  
**President**



## INTEREST GROUPS...

### WOMEN'S ISSUES

**Monday, October 23, 7:00 pm (Coach House)**

Please join us for the first in a fabulous series of TED Talks on women's issues. December 6 is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in Canada. Established in 1991 by Parliament, this day marks the anniversary of the 1989 murders of 14 young women at École Polytechnique de Montréal. They died because they were women. We will view two TED videos centred around the topic of violence against women and, after each video, will hold a discussion. The evening will conclude with the expression of commitment toward concrete actions we can take to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls. Contact convenor to reserve your spot. Convenor: Nadia Ramundo

### LADIES WHO LUNCH

**Thursday, October 5, 12:15 pm (RSVP by Oct 2)**

Restaurant Boris Bistro  
 465 McGill St. (Square-Victoria-OACI metro)

A daytime activity for those members who have some free time and prefer to venture out during the day. Enjoy delightful food, ambiance, conversation, laughter and wit. Convenor: Laretta Alexander

### STAGE & SOIRÉE

**Thursday, October 5, 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

*Jewellery & Scarf Sale (Coach House)*

Please drop by for our show of wonderful, exclusive jewellery and fashionable scarves. No reservation necessary — just mark the date and do drop in. (See page right for more information.) Convenor: Elizabeth Wirth

### WINE TASTING

**Date: TBA, 7:00 pm (Coach House)**

Back by popular demand!

Linda Snell has expressed interest in re-activating the wine-tasting group, but needs you to commit to attending. Her wonderful offer was made public at our September dinner meeting, to a resounding burst of applause! Please email her to indicate your interest. Convenor: Linda Snell

### OUTDOOR LADIES

**Sunday, October 22, 11:00 am, Parc de l'Île de la Visitation**

This is a small island park in Rivière des Prairies that should be very pretty in October. We will meet at the end of the small bridge leading to the park at 11 am. Take the orange line to Henri-Bourassa metro station, then the #48 bus (or #49) east on Henri-Bourassa to St-Firmin. Walk two blocks north to Gouin Blvd and then east to Rue du Pont (¼ block). This takes you across the bridge. We will have lunch in a nearby restaurant because, although there is a small bistro on the island, it only has outdoor seating. Please contact me to let me know if you are coming so we will wait for you. Note: All visits to parks will be dependent on weather. If you say you are coming and the weather is inclement, I will let you know by noon on Saturday if the visit is cancelled. Convenor: Carly Pepler



### MARNI BLUNDELL and TANYA VOLBORTH

cordially invite you to a showing of designer jewellery and luxe cashmere and silk stoles

**Thursday, October 5, 2 pm to 8 pm**

UWCM Coach House, 3529 Atwater Avenue, Montreal

### FRIENDS WELCOME

We thank the UWCM and the member who is renting the Coach House for us for this occasion.



PRODUCTIONS NAHARTMA presents *L'ange de la Colonie*  
 November 9 (7:30 p.m.) and November 12 (2 p.m.)  
 Celebrating Jeanne Mance, founder of Hôtel-Dieu Hospital and  
 proclaimed in 2012 as co-founder of Montréal. For more  
 details, contact Anne-Marie Trahan.



## ... and more Interest Groups

### DINING IN

**Monday, October 16, 6:30 pm**

Theme: Fabulous Fifties Cocktail Party

Host: Dominique Racanelli

Please contact Dominique to participate. Maximum 8 people; priority given to those who have registered as hosts. Dominique will let you know what you will bring. Keep your invoices, as costs will be divided evenly. Next theme and hostess will be decided for the next dinner.

Convenor: Elizabeth Wirth

### TRAVEL CLUB

**Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m. (Coach House)**

Visit exotic places without ever leaving Montreal. Presentations will take you to the four corners of the earth. Vicarious pleasure awaits you, so become a part of this dynamic group and maybe share your travel experiences with us too. Join us this time for a trip to the Amazon with Suneeti Phadke. Come for one session or the whole series. Be sure to please contact the convenor to reserve your spot.

Convenor: Andrea de Gosztonyi

## EVENTS CALENDAR — OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4  March of 1000 Umbrellas	5 Ladies Who Lunch / Stage & Soirée	6	7
8	9  Thanksgiving	10 Travel Club	11 BOD meeting	12	13	14
15 Newsletter submission deadline	16 Dining In	17	18 Dinner meeting	19	20	21 Que. Council meeting
22 Outdoor Ladies	23 Women's Issues	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31  Halloween	<b>AND NEXT MONTH...</b> <b>November 9,12 : L'ange de la Colonie</b> <b>November 15: 90th Anniversary Gala</b>			



## ADVOCACY

### Centraide March of 1000 Umbrellas McGill College and de Maisonneuve

Join us at 11:30 am on Wednesday, October 4, on the southwest corner of de Maisonneuve and McGill College. Bring your UWCM umbrella, if you have it, or help hold our banner. Let people know about our club and show support for all the work Centraide does for our community. March starts around noon and heads toward the Quartier des Spectacles. Food trucks will also be on site to provide all kinds of tasty fare. Centraide will be posting live on its Facebook page and Twitter feed. #WeCentraide



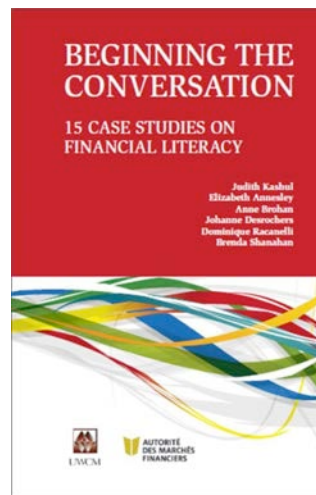
## Provincial Council in QC



### Québec Council of CFUW Clubs / Conseil québécois des associations de la FCFDU

All CFUW club members are invited to attend the Quebec Provincial Council meeting on **Saturday, October 21**, from 9 to 3:30. Breakfast from 8:30 am. The event will be hosted by the Quebec City Women's University Club at Pavillon Agathe-Lacerte, Université Laval, 1100 avenue de la Médecine, Quebec City G1V 0A9. Special attendee: Grace Hollet, CFUW President. Invited speaker: Sophie D'Amours, Rector, Université Laval.  
 Cost: \$35 per person (includes a continental breakfast, morning coffee break and lunch). Parking is free.  
 Registration form available to members upon request.  
 Contact Debra Christiansen-Stowe to register.

## Financial Literacy



The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada has reviewed and approved the addition of our *Beginning the Conversation* case-studies booklet to the Canadian Financial Literacy Database. This means that this valuable financial-education tool, created by UWCM members, is now available to all women and women's centres, clubs and educational institutions across Canada interested in facilitating

discussions and beginning conversations on financial topics of concern to women. Any questions will be directed to the Financial Literacy Chair and UWCM members will be informed of the impact this excellent financial tool has on Canadian women.

[http://itools-ioutils.fcac-acfc.gc.ca/RDCV-BRVC/sear-rech-eng.aspx?f0=2&f5=13&WT.mc\\_id=CFLD-TA-Women](http://itools-ioutils.fcac-acfc.gc.ca/RDCV-BRVC/sear-rech-eng.aspx?f0=2&f5=13&WT.mc_id=CFLD-TA-Women)

## McGill University Book Fair

### Redpath Hall

845 Sherbrooke Street West

**Tuesday, October 17, 1 pm – 9 pm**  
**Wednesday, October 18, 10 am – 8 pm**  
**Thursday, October 19, 10 am – 6 pm**  
 Thousands of books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl.  
 Free admission.

If you who would like to work as a volunteer for a 3- or 4-hour period during the Book Fair, please get in touch with Carly Pepler.

**Proceeds go to bursaries and scholarships.**



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## TEDxMontrealWomen



SUNDAY  
 NOVEMBER  
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**BRIDGES.** We build them, we traverse them and sometimes we even burn them. Speakers will share their Ideas Worth Spreading in the form of personal stories and perspectives that offer bridges across race, background, belief, opinion and differences that divide. Sunday, November 5, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Théâtre St-Denis, 1594 rue St-Denis, Montreal

Tickets: \$100 per person.

It's easy to sign up at <http://tedxmontrealwomen.com/>. Click:

Buy Tickets / Tickets / Number of Tickets / Checkout / Provide the personal information requested and your desired type of payment (credit card or PayPal).

Once you have received your confirmation, email Nadia Ramundo so she can add you to the list of members attending. She will coordinate any carpooling and make reservations for a group dinner after the event.

### BULLETIN BOARD

Place your business card or advertise your business in our newsletter for \$20 an issue or \$125 a year (nine issues a year).



Email Donna Jensen a PDF ([donjenvar@yahoo.ca](mailto:donjenvar@yahoo.ca)) and send in your cheque.

### Give Bras. Support Women.



This advocacy project will collaborate with [freethegirls.org](http://freethegirls.org), whose goal is to support victims of human trafficking.

Bras will be shipped to El Salvador, Mozambique and Uganda where the women in the program will sell them at local markets to make a safe and sustainable income. These women begin to thrive, some paying for their children's schooling and some being able to buy a home for their family.

*Don't be embarrassed!* We expect all bra donations to be anonymous. First, put them in a bag, then discreetly slip them into the appropriate bin.

<https://freethegirls.org/thesolution>

*Give \$1 for postage.* Drop a loonie into the colourful eyeglass case located above the bin.

*Local bra-collection sites (so far):* Coach House, Atwater Club changing room, Carrefour des femmes de Saint-Leonard, Villa Maria, The Study and Sacred Heart.

*Remember, one woman's trash is another woman's treasure!*



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