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MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

INTRODUCING: A new way to pay Instead of waiting for a statement each month from Club Atwater, your board has agreed to management's proposal to have one of their employees take immediate payment for dinner — by cash, credit card or debit card — at our Welcome Desk when you arrive. Your drinks will be payable in the same manner at the time of purchase. No more purple or blue chits to fill out and sign! No more statement mix-ups! Members will pay a total of \$34.50 for dinner just like you are at a regular restaurant! Non-members will still pay \$50 by cheque made payable to UWCM.

Reserve with Club Atwater before
Thursday, March 8
reception@clubatwater.ca
or call 514-935-2431
Mention any food allergies or dietary restrictions when you make your reservation.



DINNER MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, from 6:00 pm

Julia Gersovitz - A Career in Architecture

Distinguished Montreal architect Julia Gersovitz's career has been stellar. She is a founding partner of EVOQ, a firm that specializes in both the conservation of historic buildings and sites and in culturally inspired designs for Canada's Northern communities. She began her work in conservation with the Maison Alcan project when the discipline was still undeveloped in Canada and is now considered a national leader in this field.

Ms. Gersovitz has a thorough understanding of cultural, economic, functional and regulatory issues related to making interventions on heritage sites. Her ability to reconcile protection needs with contemporary expectations has been recognized in numerous award-winning projects. Her Montreal work has included the Sir George Étienne-Cartier Monument, the McGill Arts Building, Hotel Gault, St. George's Anglican Church, and St. Patrick's Basilica. Ontario projects include Rideau Hall, the Mackenzie King estate, Union Station, and the West Block of Parliament.

In addition to her practice, she has been an adjunct professor at McGill University School of Architecture since 1980, teaching conservation and history courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Ms. Gersovitz continues to be a visiting professor in Canada and abroad. She has also served as a member of numerous design review commissions, at both the provincial and municipal levels. Her community engagement has included directorships on the boards of various not-for-profit organizations, including Heritage Montreal.

MARCH 14 DINNER MENU

- Leek-and-pear soup
- Lamb shank, rice, vegetables
- Chocolate cake with a raspberry coulis
- Coffee and tea

Our dinner meetings are at:
Atwater Club
3505 Atwater Avenue

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

Member cost: **\$34.50, incl. tax**
Unaccompanied non-members:
\$50.00, with one glass of wine

No cancellations after 5:00 pm on the Monday before a Wednesday dinner. Otherwise, a 50-percent charge will be applied to your account.

Don't forget your name tag.

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



HOME DINNERS — April 18 or 19

A welcomed change of pace, this annual event replaces our usual monthly Club Atwater dinner. It gives us a chance to gather in a smaller group at a member's home and enjoy a friendly potluck dinner. It also helps new members get to know us better. Decide your preferred date (April 18 or 19) and if you wish to host or attend (you might even want to co-host with

someone else). Guests should indicate any food or mobility restrictions; hosts should declare their maximum capacity. Each host will be given a list of guests and she will let you know what dish she would like you to bring. Contact Donna Jensen today or wait to fill in a sign-up sheet at the March dinner. We ask that changes be kept to a minimum.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear colleagues,
 Something extraordinary happened at our January dinner meeting when Program Chair Elaine Bander had the past meet the present, offering a rare and precious opportunity for former and current presidents to share their visions of the UWCM with attendees. When members were asked to express their own vision, they echoed many key words from the panel: sisterhood, pleasant social interaction, and advocacy. This reassured me that we are all travelling the same path. Here is what I had to say:

My vision of the UWCM is that of a nucleus in full mutation within a continuously transforming environment. The energy that emanates from this nucleus radiates positively at all times. This nucleus has many parts that are interconnected into the whole. In my vision, the whole is greater than its parts, and sense-making for the nucleus is derived from creating multiple bonds with other nuclei in order to better understand and control the changing environment, thus assuring the stability of the whole. In my vision, the nucleus is our club. The whole is the empowerment of women. The energies emanating from it are the activities we do to support the empowerment of women through education, social interaction, and lifelong

learning. The bonds are the support and caring we give each other, the mentorship we do, the time we commit to club activities and the collaborations we build locally, nationally, and internationally with other nuclei so that, as educated and socially engaged women, each action we take leads to the stability and magnification of the whole.

Through this nucleus, we will become makers of a positively transformed world, where each girl and woman will be educated enough to grasp opportunities and to take their proper place — not because of their differences but because of their capacity and their talents. Where women are educated enough to fight inequalities, injustice, sexism and all types of violence, educated enough to dissipate fear and to dare to dream of becoming all they can be. This will only be achieved with your active involvement in club activities. Meanwhile, let us jointly strive to make the world a better place for women and girls, for in every woman there was a girl, and within every girl, there is the inextricable heart of a woman. Keep warm until spring!

Saóde Savary
President



Board meeting highlights

- Discussed upcoming vacant board positions.
- Contemplated membership participation, retention and increase.
- Planned procedure for April dinners and appointed coordinator.
- Finalized five-year strategic plan.
- Budgeted two strategy planning meetings with refreshments.

- Resolved new Atwater Club billing procedure.

Celebrate the life of recently deceased

DONNA DEAKEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 12:30 pm

Royal St. George College (RSGC)

Ketchum Hall, 120 Howland Avenue

Toronto, ON

HOST: Henriette Breunis



Women and Music

Festival Stella Musica
 Musique au Féminin
 4^e Édition
 THÉÂTRE
 OUTREMONT



Musique au Féminin

Friday, March 23, 8 p.m. - Théâtre Outremont

Thursday, March 22 - Intimate performance at 6:00 pm followed by a round-table discussion on the psychology of coping with stress under challenging conditions.

Celebrating its fourth year, Stella Musica presents *Musique au Féminin*, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI.




Special appearance by renowned soprano Natalie Choquette. Performances by innovative aboriginal composer/musician Barbara Croall (of the Odawa First Nation), and exceptional choreographer/dancer Jane Mappin. With dancer Daniel Firth and fascinating concert pianist Katarzyna Musial.

Tickets Adults \$39, Students \$18, Seniors \$34, Festival \$30, UWCM special \$25

(<http://www.theatreoutremont.ca/en/event/festival-stella-musica-4th-edition-of-the-grand-concert-musique-au-feminin/>). For more information: <http://en.stellamusica.org/>

The Stella Musica Festival is a non-profit organization whose primary mission is to promote and honour the contribution of women in music and the arts.

EVENTS CALENDAR — MARCH 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 BOD meeting	8 	9	10
11 Clocks spring ahead	12	13	14 Dinner meeting	15	16 St. Patrick's dinner-dance at Club Atwater	17 
18 St. Patrick's Day Parade 	19 Wine Tasting	20	21 Ladies Who Lunch / Fake News workshop	22 Dining In / Stella Musica	23 Stage & Soirée / Stella Musica	24 Stage & Soirée
25 Outdoor Ladies / Stage & Soirée	26 Women's Issues	27	28	29	30	31



INTEREST GROUPS

WINE TASTING

Monday, March 19, 7:00 p.m. (Coach House)

Something Old, Something New

Is older better? We will taste a few very old wines, compare them to new versions of the same varietal, and discuss the aging process. Reservations essential! Please confirm your attendance before March 14.

Convenor: Linda Snell

STAGE & SOIRÉE

Friday and Saturday, March 23-24, 7:30 pm

Sunday, March 25, 2:00 pm

Leonard Bernstein's *Candide* - Boris Brott, conductor

Presented as part of the Lisl Wirth Black Box Festival.

Pre-concert lecture one hour before each performance.

Convenor, and for invitation to opening night reception:
Liz Wirth

OUTDOOR LADIES

Sunday, March 25, we meet at 11:00 am

Irish History Walk

We will start at the Old Dublin pub on Cathcart (behind Birks) and work our way down through Griffintown to Old Montreal. At the end, we will decide where to eat — there are several restaurants in Old Montreal. The metro to McGill or the #15 bus on Ste-Catherine will get you to the start and the #715 bus will get you back to the metro system at the end. Please let me know if you are coming so we will wait for you. Convenor: Carly Pepler

DINING IN

Thursday, March 22, 6:30 pm - *Spring Fling*

Hostess: Sally Vineberg

Reserve your spot, maximum seven guests. Sally will inform you of the theme and what you will bring.

Costs may be added up and divided evenly. Convenor:
Elizabeth Wirth

WOMEN'S ISSUES

Monday, March 26, 7:00 pm (Coach House)

Join us to review and discuss resolutions proposed by our sister clubs. Resolutions concern a position we will take to influence the conditions of women and girls in a given context. These topics can stem from local, national or international domains and conform to CFUW's mission and interest. Learn more about the resolution process on our website (<https://uwcm.com/resolutions/>), join the conversation and be part of the solution. The resolutions proposed are:

- Education to serve as a vehicle for social justice for vulnerable children living in closed religious communities (Nelson & District)
- Fair and non-discriminatory management of refugees and asylum seekers (Perth & District)
- Ending youth homelessness (BC Council)

Convenor: Nadia Ramundo

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Wednesday, March 21, 12:15 pm (RSVP March 16)

Restaurant Hambar

355 McGill (Square Victoria-OACI metro)

Convenor: Laretta Alexander

And next month...

ART & ARCHITECTURE

AT THE MUHC

Friday, April 20, 2:00 pm

1051 Decarie Boulevard

This free, one-hour tour will focus on the art and aspects of the architecture of the Glen site. We will meet at the main entrance of the Royal Victoria Hospital. Very knowledgeable guides will be open to any questions. You must register — **before April 6** — with member Valerie Aitken to take advantage of this special tour.



McGill

Library
Bibliothèque



Black, White, and Re(a)d: How to Tell Real News From Malarkey
 Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 pm (Coach House / Atwater Club)

FREE FOR MEMBERS

Have you ever fallen for a news story that turned out to be fake? Don't be fooled again! This workshop will teach you everything you need to know. McGill University librarians Emily Kingsland and Katherine Hanz will cover the history of fake news (Spoiler: It's older than you think!) to today's online troll farms. You will learn about tests you can apply to determine the veracity of a tweet, how to compensate for your personal biases, and tools you can use to unearth the truth. Join us at the Coach House as Katherine and Emily (above) lead a lively and informative discussion. Everyone is welcome. Free for members; \$15 for non-members. Register today with Nadia Ramundo.



Alternative Facts
 by Jane Glenn

I hear there's a rumour circulating among UWCM-ers that, at an Outdoor Ladies event organized by Carly Pepler last summer (a visit to the caves beneath Pius XII Park in St. Leonard), I had to be escorted from the park by four police officers. The rumour-mongers have been all a-twitter since then, tweeting left and right about possible causes ("to subdue [her] unruly behaviour?") and consequences (the officers were "handsome and muscular"). I have nothing to say about any of this, as it is all fake news! The alternative facts are that I had to leave the event earlier than others, and when I got outside, realized I was a bit

unsure of the route to the bus stop. Four police officers were standing nearby, leaning on their bikes, so I asked one for directions. He said they would take me there (for one startled second, I thought he meant that I should leap on the back of his bike and we would all ride off together!). But, no, we simply walked along sedately, chit-chatting amicably *en français*. As we walked, however, it dawned on me that our convoy might look deeply suspicious to anyone watching, and I said a little prayer that we wouldn't cross paths with anyone I knew. A prescient glimmer of the "fake news" to come...

The real news in my story is how enjoyable the various UWCM Interest Groups are. It mentions one and alludes to another, but there are a number of other groups. Their various convenors work hard to enlighten and entertain us, and deserve our fullest thanks and support.

QUEBEC COUNCIL AGM

Saturday, April 28
Host: CFUW Lakeshore
 Members of all five CFUW Quebec clubs, including the UWCM,

are invited to attend. This is a great chance to get to know some members of our sister clubs. More details in the April newsletter.



At the urging of our February speaker, Professor Adelle Blackett, please contact your local MP to insist that Canada join other nations who have already ratified the international labour standards convention 189 in support of fair wages and decent conditions for domestic workers, of which there are approximately 150,000 in Canada alone. More info at www.facebook.com/events/182011539195348/



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Graduate Women International

Empowering women & girls through lifelong education

Graduate Women International (GWI) was formerly known as the International Federation of University Women (IFUW). Most of the founding members, including Virginia Gildersleeve, were graduates of colleges (which were not universities). Gildersleeve graduated from Barnard College, a women's college, and later served there as dean. Since Columbia University had refused to admit women for many years, the IFUW's vision at that time might have been to open universities to women so it would not be

solely the privilege of men. This vision fits the contemporary focus of gender equality in education.

The GWI logo was designed in 1924 by Norwegian jeweller David Andersen as a blue enamel brooch with a lit lamp in gold surrounded by a closed chain symbolizing friendship among women and countries. The spread of light from the lamp is symbolic of women's global wisdom.

(from a GWI discussion group, February 2018)

\$55 plus tax



cash bar

ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT

at Club Atwater

Friday, March 16

- 6 pm Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
- 7 pm Buffet dinner
- 8 pm Dancing

Cancellations over 48 hours: free of charge
 RSVP by March 12 * Dress: business chic

MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTRÉAL

Since 1893 / Depuis 1893

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

MARGARET TRUDEAU

Saturday, April 21, 2018, 11:30 am

Mount Stephen Hotel, 1440 Drummond

Tickets: \$75 mcwinformation@gmail.com



MCW/CFM

WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT YOU!

Have you purchased a new condo? Accepted a new position? Been the recipient of an award? Adopted a rescue dog? Taken a cute photo you'd like to share?

Please give us your news and views.

Deadline is the 15th of each month.

Newsletter editor: Donna Jensen

Copy-editing and proofreading services:
 Zofia Laubitz

Nominating Committee

The following board positions are open for nomination: Program Chair, Advocacy Chair. All members interested in serving on the UWCM board of directors are asked to contact one of the (below) members of the Nominating Committee.

Anelia Wright (Chair), Elaine Bander, Susan Button