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JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

RSVP by June 1.

SUMMER SEND-OFF

Don't forget
your name tags!

Wednesday, June 6, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Coach House

Wine - Savoury snacks - Sweets

No charge! (It's on the house.)

Greet special guest Provincial Council R.D. Jane Cowell-Poitras.

Hosted by the newly elected board of directors.

Bid à *bientôt* to fellow members and encourage some potential members to join.

2017-2018 UWCM Foundation Annual Report



Fundraiser Cancelled

Citing excessive work and personal commitments, UWCM Foundation President Earlyn Sharpe has decided to resign her position. Therefore, the "Night at the Circus" fundraising event announced in last month's newsletter has had to be cancelled. Watch for further news this fall about a new fundraising initiative. Any ideas? Let us know at uwcm.com.

This year, the UWCM Public Foundation faced an uphill challenge of raising funds for the usual scholarships for women and local women's shelters. Members generously donated \$3,225 in the sixth Annual Giving Campaign. Combined with the \$3,000 issued by our Board of Directors, a total of \$6,225 will be disbursed among certain organizations. Thank you for your donations — further donations are always welcome.

Until the Foundation fiscal year end of June 30, 2018, the Foundation Trustees are Liz Annesley, Wanda Leah Trineer (treasurer), Elaine Bander, Alice Holman, and Saøde Savary (as Club President). These trustees will meet in June to allocate amounts and choose the specific recipients.



Tour of Art and Architecture at MUHC

Back, from left: Gertrud Antoine Barwick, Valerie Aitken, Zofia Laubitz, Andrea de Gosztonyi
 Front, from left: Donna Jensen, Judi Ritchie, Marsha Sklar, Anelia Wright

Honorary Life Membership

Proposed at last month's AGM by Membership Chair Susan Button, long-time member **Elsbeth Angus** was voted in as Honorary Life Member "in recognition of her 63 years of unwavering commitment to the mission and purpose of the club... serving on many boards..." Miss Angus, we thank you, we are honoured in honouring you, and we wish you well.

Updated Directory

The 2018-2019 Membership Directory will soon be sent to you. If you do not see it in your email inbox, check your Junk or Spam folder. Keep this directory handy all year for easy reference and personal use only. (The information it is confidential.) Be sure to note on your copy any changes or corrections posted in the newsletter throughout the year.

Susan Button
Membership Chair

PRAISE FOR HOME DINNERS

I had my first experience with a UWCM home dinner and how nice it was to be able to dine in such a relaxed, intimate atmosphere. Alaka's home is filled with exotic pieces from their travels and fabulous orchids... the perfect backdrop for conversations about trips, gardening, families and recipes! I thank her for hosting and allowing a group of us to get to know each other better.

Judith McTavish
Publicity

Free The Girls — The Final Tally

- Contributors — UWCM, Club Atwater, Downtown YWCA, Carrefour St-Laurent, Carrefour St-Leonard, The Study, Villa Maria, Sacred Heart
- Collected over 1,300 bras
- Fabricated from cotton, polyester and polyami
- Weighing a total of six kilos
- Packed into 14 boxes for shipping
- Shipped by UPS from the home of Saôde Savary
- Will provide a six-week inventory for Mozambique women entrepreneurs recently freed from human trafficking to allow them financial freedom.



Exposing colourful corsets

Above, from left: Nadia Ramundo, Saôde Savary, Nicki Ayoub, Judy McTavish. Photo by Judi Ritchie.



Summer Initiatives



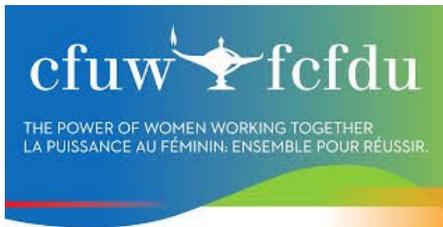
Herstreet foundation
 Give life a new meaning

A local women's shelter helping homeless women and those in distress, Herstreet/La Rue des Femmes tell us the summer is its peak season. It is requesting such contributions as hygiene products like incontinence pads (all sizes), toothbrushes, slippers (knitted or hotel styles, one size fits all), socks (all sizes), pyjamas/night gowns, twin-size bed sheets. These products, as well as meals and snacks, are given out free from its second-hand counter. They are not sold or re-marketed.

Please bring your items with you when you attend the Summer Send-Off at the Coach House on June 6th. Any questions? Contact Saøde Savary.

PROMOTIONAL SHOE BAGS

Everyone can use a shoe bag once we're out of sandals and back into winter boots. With the help of Petits-Mains en Entreprise d'Insertion, de Formation en Couture Industrielle — and with fabric samples donated by decorating firm Ambienti Design, we will be producing UWCM shoe bags ready for sale this fall — in time for early Christmas-gift shopping — with proceeds being shared with Petits-Mains(<https://www.petitesmains.com/about-us>)



Electronic Annual General Meeting
 Saturday, June 23, 11:30 am to 4:30 pm
 Coach House

Join us for the first-ever electronic Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW-FCFDU) at the Coach House on Saturday, June 23, 2018. RSVP Saøde Savary before June 13, 2018.

New Provincial CFUW Club

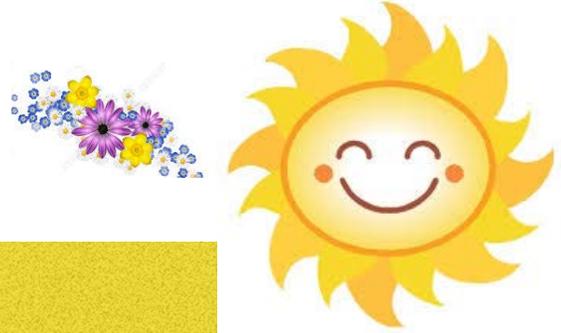
Exciting news! French Regional Director of the Quebec Council Anne-Lise Dupuis and outgoing Vice-President Dominique Racanelli are very pleased to announce the formation of a new club, joining the province's existing five clubs (Montreal, Lakeshore, South Shore, Sherbrooke and Quebec City). The Association des Femmes Diplômées des Universités du Montréal – AFDU-Montréal so far has 11 members and is the second (alongside Quebec City) French-based provincial CFUW-FCFDU club.





Notes from the President's Annual Report (2017-2018)*

- **Membership:** Since last fall, 11 new members, and with attrition, total members now of 86 including two students. Recruiting new members as well as increasing member involvement in club activities remain challenging.
- **Les Olympes de la Parole competition** was an initiative not only to fulfill our mission but also to increase our profile in the community and, thus, to increase membership.
 - Over 1,400 hours were spent organizing this project resulting in many new contacts.
 - A total of \$6,000 in cash prizes were given to four teams in three participating schools.
 - A seven-member jury spent 177 hours deliberating.
 - Each student winner received a congratulatory letter from Marie-Ève Bordeleau, newly appointed Commissioner of Indigenous Relations of Montreal.
 - Positive exposure by Global TV, *The Montrealer*, *Westmount Independent*, Facebook pages of CFUW, GWI, IAW, McGill, Villa Maria, Sacred Heart, The Study, Carrefour des Femmes de Saint-Léonard.
 - Winning projects were submitted to Canada's Voluntary National Review of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to possibly be featured on the Government of Canada website and/or social-media channels.
- **Free The Girls Used-Bra Drive** was successful thanks to contributions from UWCM members, YWCA, Club Atwater and local schools and community partners, who also posted the initiative on their Facebook pages. Some 1,300 bras were collected as well as \$450 for shipping costs. Shipped via UPS in 14 boxes to Indiana before landing in Mozambique.
- **Shoe Box Project.** The club spontaneously joined this Christmas gift-box drive just before the December dinner meeting. Twenty-four festively wrapped shoe boxes full of personal grooming products and gifts were dropped off at Victoria Hall in time for delivery to local women's shelters.
- Members enjoyed such **one-time activities** as the TEDxTalk Montreal, two free Essentrics exercise classes at Club Atwater, Robbie Burns Night at the Coach House, and regular Dining In, Ladies Who Lunch, Outdoor Ladies, Stage & Soirée, Travel Club, Women's Issues, and Wine tasting **interest groups**.
- **Vacant board positions:** vice-president, advocacy chair, and Foundation president.
- Developed a new four-year **strategic plan** and a new operational plan, all posted on the website.
- Developed a list of **partners/competitors** in Montreal in order to build collaborative practices.
- **Scholarship-recipient thank-you letters and pictures** were posted, a practice planned for future recipients. Our Membership Chair also contacted CFUW scholarship recipients living in Montreal to invite them to club activities.
- Negotiations are in progress with McGill University Library to store our **archives**.
- The **website** is now fully bilingual in an effort to tap into a relatively untouched market.
- The club's **90th anniversary** was celebrated in a lavish evening last November.
- The implementation of a **respectful conduct policy** included attaching a letter signed by all board members with the dues invoices. An advisory panel of three qualified club members will address any complaints.
- A new four-year **strategic and operational plan** has been developed and posted on our website. Also developed is a list of **partners/competitors** in Montreal to build collaborative practices.



Interest Groups

OUTDOOR LADIES
Sunday, May 27, 1:00 pm

Trees of Mount Royal Cemetery

A free, guided walk provided by the cemetery, this replaces what had been scheduled and published last month. We will meet at the gatehouse (1297 Chemin de la Fôret) in Outremont. Take #129 bus at 12:10 pm from Sherbrooke and Parc to Laurier. Walk about one km uphill. Or take #11 bus east from Cote des Neiges at 12:20 pm — or #11 west from Parc and Mont Royal also at 12:20 pm — to the upper entrance and walk about one km downhill to the gatehouse. There is also parking at the gatehouse. Please let me know you are coming so we will keep an eye out for you.

Sunday, June 17, 11:00 am - Bois de Liesse Park

We meet at 11 am at the entrance (at the north end of Douglas B. Floreani Street in St-Laurent). This is a large nature park that should be very nice in June. Accessible by bus and foot, we will try to arrange carpooling. Please let me know if you plan to come. Convenor: Carly Pepler.

LADIES WHO LUNCH
Tuesday, June 12 at 12:00 pm
(RSVP by June 4)

Restaurant Jardin Nelson
 407 Place Jacques-Cartier (Champ-de-Mars métro)
 Convenor: Laurretta Alexander

NOTE
 new location

Please note
 noon-time
 reservation!

TRAVEL CLUB
Monday, June 4, 7:00 pm (Coach House)

Are you ready to travel? This month, join us as we go on short jaunts and weekend getaways with Zofia (Baie St-Paul), Karen (a taste of Florida), Elaine (a walk from Clawton to Selborne, Hampshire), and Andrea (Southern California wine country, Temecula). Convenor: Andrea de Gosztonyi

DINING IN
Thursday, June 14, 6:30 pm - Summer Solstice

Hostess: Maria Masi
 578 Claremount Ave., Westmount (514-489-1512)

Always a great time to catch up with a smaller group of fellow members and share in a potluck meal. Our hostess, Maria, will let you know what you need to bring. Costs will be added up and divided evenly. Convenor: Elizabeth Wirth.

STAGE & SOIRÉE
Saturday June 2, 6:30 pm

Book today for June 2!

Opening Benefit Gala
 Theatre Lac Brome, Knowlton
 Headliner: pianist and singer Gregory Charles
 Open bar, good food and fun! Tickets: \$150 per person (with a \$50 tax receipt). You are welcome to stay overnight at members' houses in the Townships. Convenor: Elizabeth Wirth.