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MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

Annual General Meeting - 6:30 pm

The AGM provides an opportunity for club members to hear and comment on activities that took place over the past year and to offer suggestions for the next. Elect new board members, share your thoughts with fellow members and hear what the club has accomplished.

There will be a reception in the Coach House before the AGM for the newest club members, starting at 5:00 pm.

Dinner starts at 7:30 pm

Join us for the last dinner meeting of the club's year. If you do plan to stay for dinner, don't forget to reserve!



May 16 DINNER MENU

- Seasonal salad
- Boeuf bourguignon en croûte
- Assorted pastries
- Coffee and tea

If necessary, order the alternative dish when you reserve **by Thursday, May 10.**

Email at reception@clubatwater.ca or call 514-935-2431.

Our dinner meetings are held at
Club Atwater
3505 Atwater Avenue

Cocktails: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 7:30 pm

Member and her guest(s): \$31.04 each, including tax (wine extra), charged on member's account.

Unaccompanied non-members: \$50 (for meal and a glass of wine) payable by cheque to UWCM, at the door.

Cancellations made to the Atwater Club 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.

Please take careful note of the menu (above) and mention any food allergies, dietary restrictions or special order when you make your reservation.

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

ANNUAL SUMMER SEND-OFF

Wine - Savoury snacks - Sweets

Hosted by the new board of directors, this is a great time to say *à bientôt* to fellow members.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

While we wait for Mother Nature to stabilize her mood swings and bring us “the sweet smell of different flowers in odour and in hue” (Shakespeare, Sonnet 98), let me brighten your day with some exciting updates.

On April 6, we honoured the winners of the first Olympes de la Parole competition during an awards ceremony held at the Atwater Library. The audience of almost a hundred included elected officials, community partners, parents, participating school delegations, media and members of the UWCM. We were honoured by the presence of UWCM member and MP Brenda Shanahan; CBC Political commentator and former Liberal Cabinet Minister Yolande James; Special Advisor, Indigenous Initiatives (Office of the Provost and Vice-Principal Academics, McGill University) Kakwiranó:ron Cook; Ka'nahsohon Deer and Robin Delaronde (both from the Kahnawake Education Centre); and CFUW Vice-President International Affairs Cheryl Hayles (who flew in from Toronto just to attend the event).

Each winning team made an oral and video presentation. The first- and second-place scholarships were given by the UWCM Foundation to winning teams from Villa Maria and Sacred Heart, respectively. The second prize (ex aequo) was awarded to The Study (team one) by Jocelyne Blais from the Sun Life Financial team of Marchand, Fairchild, Blais. The third-place prize was awarded to The Study (team two) by Rimeh Daghri of the Ordre des Chimistes du Québec.

This event was a phenomenal opportunity to increase the social capital of our club locally, nationally and internationally. It had been publicized through social media and online by GWI and its world federations, CFUW and its 100 clubs in Canada, the International Association of Women (IAW) and its global affiliates, the social media platforms of participating schools, our own website and Facebook page, and highly positive word of mouth. Also, the first-prize-winning team was

interviewed by Global TV News, the *Westmount Independent* and *L'actualité*.

We are very proud of the outcome of this activity that reflected our strategy of branding UWCM through three objectives: (i) to position the club in the community as a leader in promoting education for girls and women, (ii) to increase its capacity by collaborating with different partners, and (iii) to attract potential members through active networking.

The competition mentors praised their supporting teachers from the podium that evening and the seven-member jury accomplished a difficult task. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to our vice-president, Nadia Ramundo, for her constant support. And thank you to the club members who contributed to Les Olympes as mentors, review panellists, greeters, event planners, organizers, marketers and promoters, photographer, videographer, or simply by attending or offering words of encouragement. I remain indebted to our generous scholarship sponsors and to Annette Kopec Brawley from Surrey House Communications for acting as Master of Ceremonies.

As we congratulate the winners, we also witness the power of women's voices as they resonate with a deeper understanding of global issues to help manifest an elevation of humanity, where hope flourishes and on which a more equal society can be built. (See key moments of this event on Facebook, our website or by googling “Olympes de la Parole in Canada.”)

The second edition of this competition will begin next September and promises to be more spectacular than the first. We will need the energy of the sun to recharge our batteries, so, as “proud-pied April, dress'd in all his trim, Hath put a spirit of youth in every thing,” (ibid.) let us be optimistic about the future... and the weather?

In peace and friendship,

Saóde Savary
President



CFUW Electronic Annual General Meeting

Saturday, June 23, 11:30 to 4:30 pm (with a one-hour recess at 1:30 pm)

Join us at the Coach House.

RSVP by May 23.





Changes at Club Atwater

At the March 21 information meeting of Club Atwater members, we learned of plans to partner with a tutoring business (for 13- to 19-year-olds) with the aim of increasing its membership. Many UWCM members attended and posed relevant questions and comments.

Some renovations have already begun. Improvements to the sports areas are planned but, more relevant to our members, the front staircase and three second-floor front rooms (which include one that was often used for our monthly dinners) will no longer be accessible as they are being converted into the tutorial area with private access. All renovations are scheduled to be finished by late summer.

Management promises to retain the architectural integrity of the decor and that events already reserved will be honoured (we were specifically assured that our AGM dinner will not be affected).

Clearly, AC management has fine-tuned their business plan. Members of our board, however, are meeting with them this month to discuss the impact of these changes on future UWCM dinners and how they will accommodate us — as well as if Coach House use is compromised.

In response to Club Atwater's initiatives to stabilize its financial status, our Board will be reflecting on our strategic plans, how our club might benefit from these changes and whether or not to take any action. The Board promises to keep you informed.

EVENTS CALENDAR — MAY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 TRAVEL CLUB	8	9 BOD meeting	10	11	12
13 	14 WINE TASTING	15 LADIES WHO LUNCH	16 AGM & Dinner Meeting	17	18	19
20 	21	22 DINING IN	23	24	25	26
27 OUTDOOR LADIES	28	29	30	31	1	2 STAGE & SOIRÉE



INTEREST GROUPS

OUTDOOR LADIES

Sunday, May 27, 11:00 am - *Saint-Michel Environmental Complex*, 2345 Jarry, at Iberville

A large park adjacent to TOHU Performing Arts Complex, this is where a quarry and city dump used to be. (Don't worry, the bears don't come to visit anymore!) Said to be the size of Mount Royal Park, it has won several environmental awards. We will meet at the TOHU entrance. Take metro blue line to Iberville, transfer to #94 bus north to Jarry. Parking is also available. Please let me know if you are coming so we will wait for you.
Convenor: Carly Pepler

WINE TASTING

Monday, May 14, 7 pm (Coach House)

Topic: Rieslings from around the world.
We will taste a variety of this varietal and ask ourselves, Does terroir really matter? Reservations essential — by May 10 at the latest, please.
Convenor: Linda Snell

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Tuesday, May 15, 12:30 pm (RSVP by May 9)

Restaurant il Campari Centro
1177 rue de la Montagne (Peel metro)

Convenor: Laretta Alexander

TRAVEL CLUB

Monday, May 7, 7:00 pm (Coach House)

We're back and ready to travel. We will follow our member Andrea MacKenzie to Buenos Aires, Colonia in Uruguay, and Chile's Santiago, Vina del Mar, and Valparaiso — as well as some vineyards near El Yacal at the foot of the Andes. Toss in a little tango to dance our way home!
Convenor: Andrea de Gosztonyi

DINING IN

Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 pm - *Spring Fling*

Hostess: Sally Vineberg
19 Briardale Road, Hampstead H3X 3N7

Rescheduled from the original March date, this event is fully booked but we will start a four-person waiting list. Sally will inform you what you need to bring. Costs will be added up and divided evenly.
Convenor: Elizabeth Wirth

STAGE & SOIRÉE

Saturday June 2, 6:30 pm - *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). Welcome to stay overnight at members' houses in the Townships.
Convenor: Elizabeth Wirth

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SINCERE CONDOLENCES to family and friends of member Chantal Beaugard, who died on March 21. Chantal was the first female announcer at Radio-Canada and had more recently worked in PR at the MUHC.



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Accolades for Les Olympes



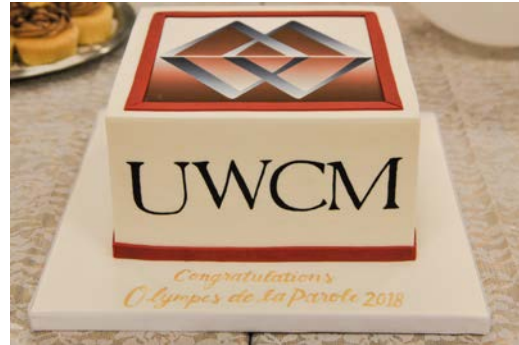
First-prize winner Villa Maria College:
Using Raspberry Pi Technology to Disseminate Mental Health Information Amongst Nunavummiut Girls and Women
 Students from Villa Maria with one of the judges Liz Annesley and UWCM Foundation President Earlyn Sharpe, who presented the award.

...the experience (was) as (if) floating three feet above ground because it was so uplifting. - **Cheryl Hayles** (CFUW VP, International Affairs)

The project managed to promote so many of the themes and objectives of UWCM and CFUW... It was joyful to see so many proud parents take part ... you managed to reach out to the Indigenous community. A big thank you to your board, for supporting the financial awards presented. - **Dominique Racanelli** (VP Quebec CFUW)

The work of the young women, educators and volunteers still stands out in my thoughts. I look forward to next year.
 - **Robin Delaronde** (Kahnawake Education Center)

Quel grand succès. Que c'était beau de voir toutes ces jeunes filles qui avaient beaucoup travaillé. Bravo d'avoir créé Les Olympes de la parole sur le continent nord-américain.
 - **Anne-Marie Trahan**, UWCM member and retired judge



...how warming to the heart it was to see my Mohawk people involved in the opening and closing of (this competition), as well as the theme. ...a beautiful example of Indigenous inclusion.
 - **Kakwiranó:ron Cook** (Aboriginal Outreach Administrator, McGill)



Back row (from left): Judith McTavish, Brenda Shanahan, Anne Depachtère (Collège Marie de France), Cheryl Hayles (CFUW). Front row: Katarzyna Musial (Stella Musica), Nicki Ayoub, Saôde Savary, Dominique Racanelli, Anne-Marie Trahan, Nadia Ramundo *Photos by Liz Chin (UWCM student member)*



Petition for Gender Equality

CFUW is asking members to sign an e-petition to the House of Commons to bring **gender parity** to boards of directors. Sign the petition online at <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-1530>

Women are still vastly underrepresented on boards of directors. Public and private corporations need to commit to parity! There is no obligation on the part of any Member of Parliament to sponsor an e-petition. Neither the House of Commons nor any Member of Parliament sponsoring a petition endorses the views or information contained in any e-petition posted on this website. Moreover, they do not make any representation. Go to petitions.ourcommons.ca for more information.

I invite you to familiarize yourselves with e-petitions and contact me should you have any questions.

Nadia Ramundo
Vice-President

Hats Off to Long-Time Members

- 60+ years: Elspeth Angus
- 50+ years: Valerie Knowles, Maria Lubecki
- 40+ years: Elizabeth Lewis
- 30+ years: Judith Mowat, Miriam Roland, Anne-Marie Trahan
- 20+ years: Pamela Georges, Ausma Tane, Elizabeth Wirth

Federal Budget 2018

Highlights

- Use-it-or-lose-it Parental Benefit
- More funds for organizations providing support to survivors of gender-based violence
- 5 days paid leave for survivors of domestic violence
- More funds for workers to access legal aid
- Funding for skills and job training
- More funds for Indigenous People and to build Nation-to-Nation relationship
- Gender-Based Analysis Plus/Gender budgeting legislation
- Proactive pay equity legislation

Shortcomings

- No new funding for child care in a gender focused budget (No plans for Universal child care)
- No funding or timeline for Pharmacare
- No National Action Plan on Violence Against Women
- Insufficient additional funding for safe drinking water for First Nation communities

(From *CFUW Club Action Newsletter*, April 2018)



Friday, June 8 - 8 pm

UWCM Foundation Fundraiser

A NIGHT AT THE CIRCUS
 National Circus School of Canada

Tickets: \$50



Sunny but cold (to Carmelita, it was really cold!) Outdoor Ladies on their Irish Tour, in front of the original Joe Beef's on de la Commune, March 25. From left: Carmelita O'Rasquinha, Ilea O'Tant, Carly O'Pepler, Gloria O'Ménard, Mika O'Faciú, Rahila O'Bootwala, Ausme O'Tane, Donna O'Jensen, Joan O'Hagerman. Photographer: Zofia O'Laubitiz.

