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Time to
return to
routine!



SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

OPENING DINNER, from 6:00 pm **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26** *Let's Get Back to Business*

Our first meeting back from summer break showcases the interest groups that are an important part of our club. Bring along a friend you might like to introduce to the club and its members. Feel free to sign up for one or more groups. During the dinner, group convenors will describe their group activities. Sign-up sheets for each group will be on display for consideration during cocktails. See you there!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Check the menu so you can mention any food allergies or order the alternate dish when you make your reservation. **Deadline to reserve:**

Thursday, September 20.

Email at reception@clubatwater.ca

or call 514-935-2431.

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.

Don't forget your name tag!

SEPTEMBER 26 DINNER MENU

- Cream of pepper soup
- Grilled chicken breast forestière
- Chef's-style potatoes and market vegetables
- Lemon meringue pie
- Coffee and tea

Our dinner meetings are held at **Club Atwater, 3505 Atwater Ave.**

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

Price for member and her guest(s): \$34.50 each, including tax (wine extra), paid upon entry (see above).
Unaccompanied non-members: \$50 (for meal and one glass of wine) payable by cheque to UWCM at the door.

No More Chits!

Meal costs **\$34.50** (including taxes) paid upon entry by cash, cheque, debit or credit card.
Drinks payable at the bar.

Meet & Greet

UWCM Foundation Kick-Off Breakfast

Saturday, September 29, 9:30 am
Coach House

- Learn more about the Foundation.
- Find out what fundraising entails.
- Bring your ideas, enthusiasm and energy.
- Enjoy a friendly breakfast with other members.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Co-Presidents: *Pam Georges* and
Andrea De Gosztonyi

Trustees: *Liz Annesley, Leah Trineer* (treasurer), *Elaine Bander, Alice Holman,* and *Saôde Savary* (club president)

NEXT MONTH – OCTOBER 17

Roger Giraldeau, Butterflyway Ranger (volunteer, David Suzuki Foundation Butterflyway Project):
The Monarch Butterfly - Just Another Butterfly?



The Butterflyway Project is a citizen-led movement that is bringing nature home to neighbourhoods throughout Canada, one butterfly-friendly planting at a time.



It's been a busy summer!



World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

This year, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) chose "Responding to the trafficking of children and young people" as the focus of World Day to highlight exponential growth of child victims of human trafficking.



Coach House reception for MATv's Ère Libre

On July 18, UWCM was invited to report on the *Les Olympes* competition on *Ère Libre*. Along with Foundation Co-Chair Andrea de Gosztonyi, I welcomed the MATv production team to the Coach House. Videotron MATv provides access to its customers to participate and distribute content of local interest.



Much-needed items donated to Herstreet/La Rue des Femmes

Also in July, thanks to your generosity at our Summer Send-Off, volunteers Adélaïde and Éloïse Jammes helped us collect, pack and deliver about 40 kilograms of hygiene products and bed linens to Herstreet. Next up: the Christmas shoebox project! Details to come.



Dear Colleagues,

I trust the unusual heat wave we all experienced has fuelled your batteries to help you get ready for a new season rich with exciting activities.

Our Program Chair, Dominique Racanelli, has booked exceptional dinner speakers with topics ranging from women in the artistic world, to fake news, to cannabis regulations. Bring your friends to enjoy these life-learning opportunities in a spirit of sisterhood.

Our Interest Group convenors are eager to meet you at the Coach House to taste wine, enjoy Robbie Burns Night, or discuss roads travelled, or at a restaurant, the opera, a museum or the streets of Montreal. You can sign up at our September dinner or contact Annette Rudy.

While some of us were busy attending garden parties, our Membership Chair Susan Button kept busy restructuring our Membership Directory while processing membership applications. I'd like to thank Susan and extend a warm welcome to new members.

Our advocacy activities *Free The Girls* and *Les Olympes* were given awards by CFUW (see more on page 5). *Les Olympes* has also qualified for the 2018 "Equals in Tech" Award led by the UN "Women We

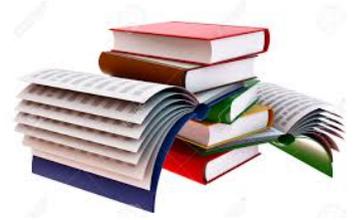
Empower" team. I submitted an article about *Les Olympes* to *Communicator*, the CFUW quarterly bulletin, as well as to *Le Conseil Pédagogique Interdisciplinaire du Québec* (CPIQ). This year, the competition will collaborate with Stella Musica and five high schools will participate. Please contact me if you would like to be part of our implementation team.

Our community outreach team will start preparing Christmas shoeboxes for Herstreet this October. Please contact me if you are interested in being part of the Shoebox Team.

I attended the CFUW AGM, where the Winnipeg motion calling for a two-level membership fee needed a two-thirds vote (228 votes) to pass. It was defeated (205 for, 128 against). The motion to increase CFUW dues by \$11 was also defeated. The new board was elected, with Dominique Racanelli being appointed VP Finance. Stay tuned for more information about CFUW as they prepare to celebrate their 100-year anniversary and the GWI triennial in Geneva.

Sending late-summer greetings to all,
Saôde Savary
President





INTEREST GROUPS

Welcome to a new year of interest groups!

I would like to thank Lauretta Alexander, Andrea de Gosztonyi, Carly Pepler, Liz Wirth and Linda Snell — wonderful women who continue to spearhead the interest groups we so enjoy. A special thanks goes to Nadia Ramundo for her stalwart leadership of our Women's Issues group last year.

We are always looking for new interest groups. If you like to read, would you be amenable to starting a book club? If you're knowledgeable about music and various composers, would you share that with other members? The list of groups is as long as the interests you enjoy.

Regarding the Women's Issues group, it is now time to pass the reins to someone else! Given our mission and our success with *Les Olympes de la Paroles*, it would be wise to continue this group. All it needs is one or two members to host it — the frequency is up to you. Even "spot" lectures would be welcome. Please contact me with your ideas and help enhance our mission!



Annette Rudy
 Interest Group Coordinator

TRAVEL CLUB

Tuesday, September 4, 7:00 pm (Coach House)

Travel to Japan with Judy Mowat

In late August, Elaine Bander took us to Scotland and Karin Doerr to Nova Scotia. Join us this month for Judy's tour of Japan and, in October, we visit Vienna and Salzburg! Convenor: Andrea de Gosztonyi

"Dining In" Hosts

October: Andrea
 Nov: Carmelita & Rahila
 January: Dominique
 March: Marsha & Adele
 May: Lauretta
 June: Liz

DINING IN — starts in October

Casual, potluck evenings with delicious food, laughter and camaraderie. Usually planned to be held in the last two weeks of each month. Details will come in following issues.

Convenor: Liz Wirth

OUTDOOR LADIES

Friday, September 21, 8:00 am (Parc Plaisance)

Saturday, September 29, 8:00 am (Mont Tremblant)

NANA: Day trips to national parks, \$45-\$55 approx.

Outings also available to Mont St-Bruno (Sept. 28) and Mont St-Hilaire (Oct. 5), but no UWCM members have booked those dates as yet. Navette Nature (NANA) runs shuttles to various national parks for a full day of enjoying trails, swimming and sights. Bring your own lunch and appropriate attire. Cost for transport and admission is about \$45 to \$55. The bus departs at 8 am from Dominion Square Tourist Office (1255 Peel) and leaves the park at 4 pm to return home. NOTE: Please make your own booking at Navette Nature (<https://www.navettenature.com/language/en/home/>). Let Carly know so she can keep everyone informed. New to this interest group? Send Carly an email to be added to the contact list. Convenor: Carly Pepler

STAGE & SOIRÉE

Tuesday, September 18, 7:30 pm — Place des Arts

Opéra de Montreal: Verdi's Rigoletto

Buy tickets online and be my guest in the Members' Lounge for a glass of wine at intermission.

Convenor: Liz Wirth

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Thursday, September 6, 12:30 pm (RSVP August 31)

Restaurant Portus 360 (rotating restaurant)

31st floor, 777 boul. Robert-Bourassa

(metro Square-Victoria—OACI)

Reviews of the places we visit will be in future issues!

From last year, rated **DELIGHTFUL** (excellent food, service, ambience): Restaurant Europea (1227 Mountain), Restaurant Bar George (1440 Drummond), Restaurant Bis (1229 Mountain), Restaurant Jardin Nelson (great jazz - 407 Pl Jacques-Cartier). Convenor: Lauretta Alexander



EVENTS CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 Labour Day	4 TRAVEL CLUB	5	6 LADIES WHO LUNCH	7	1 / 8
9	10	11	12 BOD meeting	13	14	15
16	17	18 WCCM luncheon / STAGE & SOIRÉE	19	20	21 OUTDOOR LADIES	22
23	24	25	26 DINNER MEETING	27	28	29 OUTDOOR LADIES
30	1	2 TRAVEL CLB	3	4 Centraide March of 1000 Umbrellas	5	

MCW Celebrates 125 Years

Thursday, October 18, 2018, at noon
 Maison Forget, 1195 Sherbrooke Street West
 Tickets: \$25 (incl. house tour and presentation)

Join* the Montreal Council of Women as they celebrate 125 years of supporting women and families at a special lunch held at a special place: Maison Forget, a Victorian mansion built for the first francophone chairman of the Montréal Stock Exchange, Louis-Joseph Forget. Historical presentation by Lt-Col. Bruce Bolton, Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada.

mcwinformation@gmail.com

* UWCM is a federate of the MCW; therefore, all UWCM members may attend any MCW function.

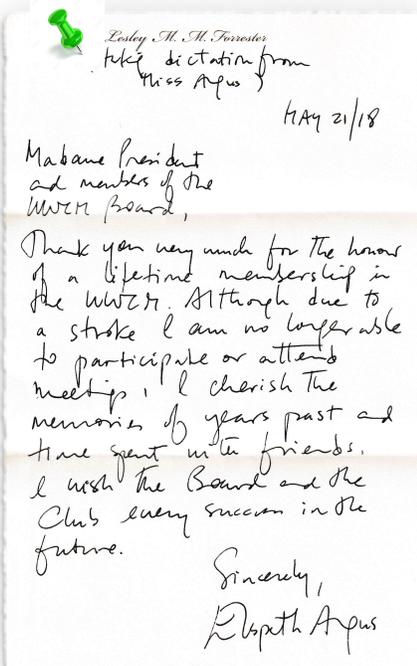


Condolences on the loss of Honorary Life Member

At our May 16 AGM, members voted unanimously to grant Miss Elspeth Angus the status of Honorary Life Member.

Sadly, Miss Angus passed away on May 30; however, shortly before her demise, Miss Angus sent us this short thank-you note, dictated to her friend and fellow UWCM member Lesley Forrester. We are pleased that we could bestow this well-deserved recognition before she died.

We offer our deepest condolences to all Elspeth's family and many friends.
 - S. Button, Membership





CFUW and MEMBER NEWS

Two Awards to UWCM

1. International Relations Committee Award

Free The Girls is a financial empowerment initiative undertaken by us in collaboration with Free The Girls (<https://freethegirls.org/>), an organization located in Indiana that helps women rescued from sex trafficking to reintegrate, through entrepreneurship activities, into their communities in Uganda, Mozambique and El Salvador. By mid-May, we collected about 1,300 new and gently used bras, packed them into 14 boxes, and shipped them by UPS to the United States.

2. Special Projects Award

Les Olympes de la Parole is an academic competition to help promote gender equality and education. The theme was *how access to new technologies could contribute to the empowerment of indigenous girls and women in a particular region of Canada*. Secondary-V girls from three schools participated, working in teams to produce a written essay, an oral presentation and a three-minute video. Winners were announced through a press release on International Women's Day in March and were honoured at an awards ceremony in April. This high-impact project integrated several goals of the UWCM, namely sustainability, community outreach and advocacy.

•**Deep condolences** are extended to National CFUW President, Grace Hollett, who lost her husband on May 16, 2018.

•CFUW submitted a brief to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance highlighting the need for bolder commitments and targeted policies to **end violence against women**, ensure access to universal child care, close the gender pay gap and ensure safe and adequate housing. It was submitted on August 3, in anticipation of the 2019 budget.

•This past summer, the U.S. government put in place a cruel policy on asylum seekers that resulted in over 3,000 children being separated from their parents. As the family reunification process is slowly starting, CFUW has written letters to put pressure on the U.S. government **to ensure all families are reunited** as soon as possible and that migrant families are no longer separated and detained in jail-like conditions. Prior to these communications, CFUW contacted Women Graduates-USA to inform it of our support on this issue. Read the [Letter to US Ambassador](#) and [Letter to Minister Freeland](#).

•Congratulations to Past President **Dominique Racanelli**, who has taken on the daunting duties of VP Finance for CFUW while continuing with her role on our board as Program Chair.

At the recent conference to mark the 40th anniversary of the Simone de Beauvoir Institute at Concordia University,



UWCM member Karin Doerr (seated) organized and participated in, together with her daughter, Indira Prahst (pictured standing at left), a workshop entitled "Exploring Genocide as a Subject in Different Disciplines."



June Summer Send-Off Above, from left: Carly Pepler, Judi Ritchie (hidden), Karin Doerr, Judith McTavish, Susan Button (hidden), Gloria Ménard, Nicki Ayoub.



Above: Judi Ritchie serves some celebratory bubbly to departing board member Elaine Bander.



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MEMBERSHIP

Say "Hello" to someone you don't know!
 Give a warm welcome to a new face or an unfamiliar member.

Bring a friend or ask a past member to return!
 Check out our interest-group program, planned activities and like-minded members.

Keep your directory up to date. New contact information is always noted in the newsletter.

Changes of address:

- Carmelita Rasquinha,
- Barbara Maclaren, moved to new address

Please welcome our new member:

Gawaher Atif, B.A. McGill, B.A. American University (Cairo), Exec. Ed. Harvard University,

Susan Button
 Membership Chair



Advocacy and Community

March of 1000 Umbrellas Thursday, October 4, 11:30 am



Centraide is launching its annual fundraising campaign with its March of 1000 Umbrellas through downtown. Join us at 11:30 am on the southwest corner of de Maisonneuve and McGill-College to demonstrate our commitment to Centraide. Bring a UWCM umbrella if you can!



SAVE THE DATE:
 November 10

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together. At a TEDx event, speakers spark deep discussion subject to certain rules and regulations. Details in next newsletter.

This is my seventh year as a UWCM member. I recall being warmly welcomed at my first monthly dinner.

I have met many interesting women, made some close friends, gained new perspectives, and learned so much about the hometown in which I have always lived.

I take pride in knowing that my membership fee not only allows me to encounter fascinating women but also contributes to women who are less fortunate.

I want to thank our loyal, intrepid proofreader, **Zofia Laubitz**, whose availability and sharp eyes keep this publication in tip-top shape. In this, my fifth year as Newsletter Editor, I plan to continue including items of interest about our members and I welcome your photo and idea contributions!

Donna Jensen, Newsletter Editor



Women's Canadian Club of Montreal

Victoria Hall: 4626 Sherbrooke St. W., Westmount **Tuesday, September 18 - 12:30 pm**
Signature on the St Lawrence: The Champlain Bridge Project
 Stéphanie Lassonde, SNC-Lavalin, Senior Communications Director
 Sylvie Rabbat, Project Controls Manager

Light lunch (\$5) starts at 11:15 am
 Lecture (\$10 for non-members) starts at 12:30 pm