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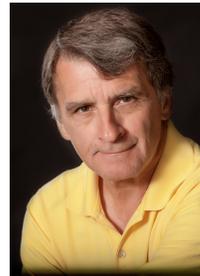


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your name tag!



OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

**DINNER MEETING: WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 17, from 6:00 pm**
Roger Giraldeau, Butterflyway Ranger
David Suzuki Foundation Butterflyway Project:
The Monarch Butterfly: Just Another Butterfly?



Roger Giraldeau spent 40 years working in the banking and investment field until retiring in 2011. It was then he decided to volunteer with the aim of giving back to those who were less fortunate. He started at the Humane Society and, out of his love of animals, he began to follow a vegan diet and to make it his goal to tell of the importance of treating animals with respect and coexisting in nature.

Roger was ultimately drawn to the David Suzuki Foundation and their guiding principal of "What we do to the planet and its living creatures, we do to ourselves." One of the many projects supported by the Foundation is the plight of monarch butterflies, which migrate from Mexico to Canada, and 90-percent have disappeared over the past 20 years. After a few years of moderate improvement, unfortunately, the population dropped another 25 percent last year.

Join us to learn from Roger, known as a Butterfly Ranger, how this beautiful creature has almost become extinct and what we can all do to mend our actions and help the monarch reclaim its place in North America.

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, October 11.**
Email at reception@clubatwater.ca
or call 514-935-2431.

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.

OCTOBER 17 DINNER MENU

- *Roasted squash soup*
- *Grilled salmon, with potatoes and market veggies*
- *Crème brûlée*
- *Coffee and tea*

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

Price for member and her guest:
\$34.50 each, including tax (wine extra), payable upon entry by cash, credit or debit card.

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

No More Chits!

Meal: **\$34.50** paid at entry by cash, cheque, debit or credit card.
Drinks payable at the bar.



**DINNER MEETING NEXT MONTH:
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, from 6 pm**
Pianist Katarzyna Musiał: *Stella Musica Promotes
Women in Music*

This Polish-Canadian pianist has performed as a concerto soloist, recitalist and chamber musician throughout North America, Europe, Asia and Africa. Among many other accomplishments, she holds a master's degree from the Academy of Music in Cracow, an Artist Diploma from the Vancouver Academy of Music and a Diploma in Advanced Music Performance Studies from Concordia University under her mentor Philip Cohen. Her last CD, *Come Dance with Me*, received rave reviews

Katarzyna is the founder and artistic director of the Stella Musica Festival, celebrating its fifth appearance in 2019. She will share with us her view of the organization's "women in music" promotion.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

As we begin another season, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you and all our new members.

As I enter my second year of presidency, we are facing the challenges of a board functioning at three-quarters capacity and the uncertainty of renewing our lease with Club Atwater due to infrastructure changes required by its new business model. These changes will impact our dinner meetings and other activities. Together, ladies, we must embrace these challenges as an opportunity to channel our energy into innovative, positive actions to ensure our vision prevails and our mission moves forward. **Now is the time to...**

Innovate: I am excited to announce that issues regarding a new location are now under the vigilant assessment of a seven-member task force responsible for proposing alternative venues for our dinners when required, and proposing a location for a clubhouse once our Coach House lease expires in September 2019. I thank everyone who has joined the task force. I am sure they will bring innovative solutions to the table.

Communicate: Change often causes questions and uncertainty. To address any concerns and keep you informed, I will hold a "President's Discussion Cocktail" at the Coach House on three dates: October 11, January 10, and April 11, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. I am inviting each one of you to sign up during our opening dinner on September 26.

Join the fun: The opening season is an opportunity to hear about the activities carefully crafted by our interest group convenors to promote social interaction, mutual support, networking and sisterhood. Visit their spot at the tables—and bring a friend—on September 26 to decide where and how you will begin the fun.

Advocate: (i) In the context of the consultation on a National Pharmacare Plan, I have used the CFUW template to send a letter to the Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare Secretariat in order to communicate our position. (ii) On October 4, let's all join the Centraide March of 1000 Umbrellas ending at Place du Canada after 12:30 pm. (iii) That same day, join me at the Coach House between 5:00 and 6:00 pm for the Vigil in Memory of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. (iv) On October 18, watch our new video about Persons Day on Facebook.

Build bridges: To remain sustainable, our club needs to expand its horizons. The Olympes de la Parole is one of our sustainability building blocks. I have begun school visits and will have visited all five participating schools in October. This

year, our new partnership with Stella Musica will offer our participants additional opportunity to practise debating publicly at a round-table discussion during the Stella Musica Festival at Théâtre Outremont. I am still looking for volunteers to help me with this project.

Strengthen links: By reaching out and learning more about each other.

Other initiatives include:

Quebec Regional Council meeting, which we will be hosting in November. I need volunteers to help organize this event.

CFUW is still busy preparing its 100th anniversary celebration next year in Winnipeg. This June, it submitted a brief to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights national consultation on human trafficking in Canada. In August, it submitted "A Pre-Budget Brief: A Focus on Economic Justice for Women" to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance ahead of the 2019 budget. The Charitable Trust invites all members to join them at 1:30 pm on October 13, as they make an online presentation about Indigenous Women and Post-Secondary Education (details on page 6). Let's get together at the Coach House to support this initiative and learn from these experiences.

Graduate Women international (GWI) is a global organization dedicated to the empowerment of women and girls. Currently, GWI has national affiliates (CFUW is one of them) in 57 countries and individual members in other countries where there is no affiliate. GWI also works through its connections with the United Nations in all 4 UN centres, is an ECOSOC-accredited organization and has a partnership with UNESCO. Your membership fees include full membership in CFUW and GWI. As a UWCM member, you belong to an important, highly credible national and international network of women you should be proud of.

It is time to use these links and bridges in meeting the challenges ahead to demonstrate once more the power of women working together!

Wishing you a fruitful and engaging season,

Sincerely,
Saôde Savary
President





INTEREST GROUPS...

Suggestions and questions from Annette:

1. Do you have a topic close to your heart? Enrich fellow members by giving a one-time lecture for all to enjoy. Contact me today!
2. Various members have artistic skills that we would like to showcase at our September 26 meeting. There is still time to let me know if you have a painting, sculpture, or other artwork you would like to display.
3. Our members have, or have had, illustrious careers. Would you like to talk to us about your career path? Would you like to mentor someone? Please contact me. And don't hesitate to give me names of fellow members who fit this bill!
4. We would like to pay tribute to the varied cultures among our membership. An evening of ethnic dinners prepared by our members would be a fun way to do so. Look for the signup sheet at the September 26 dinner or contact me directly.

Annette Rudy, Interest Group Coordinator

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Tuesday, October 16, 12:15 pm (RSVP Oct 11)
Restaurant Beatrice
1504 Sherbrooke St. West (Guy-Concordia metro)

A daytime activity members can enjoy! Delightful food, ambience, conversation, laughter...

Convenor: Lauretta Alexander

Resto Review

Last month, the LWL all enjoyed Portus 360. With a revolving, panoramic view of our city, mountain and river, it made us Montrealers, quite fed-up with street construction, beam with pride! Delicious Portuguese fare...

A **delightful** experience.

OUTDOOR LADIES

Sunday, October 21, 11:00 am,
Mount Royal Park

The leaves should be beautiful by then! We will meet at the Chalet at Beaver Lake and head up toward the lookout (and maybe the Cross) and then down the hill. We may end up at Lola Rosa on Park Avenue for lunch. The #11 bus fairly regularly heads up the mountain either from Côte-des-Neiges or from Park Avenue on Sundays. Convenor: Carly Pepler



Last-minute outing! On Sunday, September 23, the Mount Royal Cemetery is having an "Outstanding Women of Different Eras" tour at 1:00 pm. It starts from the main gates on Chemin de la Forêt. This one is focused on fur trader wives, early university graduates, artists and others. It is free and no booking is needed.

DINING IN

Tuesday, October 30, 6:30 pm - *Celebrating Halloween*
Host: Andrea de Gosztanyi

Please contact Andrea to participate. Maximum 10. Andrea 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 2, 7:00 p.m. (Coach House)

We will visit Vienna and Salzburg through the eyes of an artist. Special guest Ilana Kuska, art educator, will be sharing her photos with us. Join us. Be sure to contact the convenor to reserve your spot.

Convenor: Andrea de Gosztanyi



UWCM FOUNDATION

DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US!

Saturday, September 29, 9:30 am!

at the Coach House

- ☼ Learn more about the Foundation and its fundraising efforts.
- ☼ Bring your ideas and meet Co-Presidents Pam Georges and Andrea de Gosztonyi.
- ☼ Enjoy a friendly breakfast.



EVENTS CALENDAR — OCTOBER 2018

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|----------------------|--|------------------------|--|--|--------|----------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  March of 1000 Umbrellas / Vigil | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8  Thanksgiving | 9 | 10 BOD meeting | 11 President's Discussion Cocktail | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 Ladies Who Lunch | 17 Dinner meeting | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Outdoor Ladies | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 Dining In | 31  Halloween | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>***NEXT MONTH, please note***</p> <p>November 14 dinner meeting will be held at LE GLADSTONE (4114 Ste-Catherine St. W., Westmount)</p> </div> | | |



Foundation Facts

Disbursements

Each year, the Foundation Trustees select several educational institutions and community charitable organizations to receive grants. For the 2017-2018 fundraising year, trustees met on June 28 and agreed to disburse the total of \$6,500 raised this year to:

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| Concordia University (three \$1,000 bursaries) | \$3,000 |
| Betsy Barber Memorial Fund | \$ 500 |
| Community Auberge Shalom | \$1,000 |
| Auberge Madeleine | \$1,000 |
| Auberge Transition | \$1,000 |

Annual Giving Campaign

In 2012, the Foundation introduced an Annual Giving Campaign to supplement the monies raised through its major fundraising event. This aspect of our fundraising is launched each fall, allowing members to donate, as they so wish, without any need to leave their home. To date, this campaign has raised some \$25,000. You will be receiving a letter in October asking for your participation once again. We sincerely appreciate your generosity, and the community is most grateful for the commitment of UWCM to better the lives of women in need.

Join us at the Coach House for breakfast! Saturday, September 29, 9:30 am. Learn more and share ideas.

Liz Annesley

UWCM Foundation Trustee

MCW - CFM

MCW celebrates 125 years

Thursday, October 18, at noon, with tour
 Maison Forget, 1195 Sherbrooke St. West
 Historical presentation by Lt-Col. Bruce Bolton, Black
 Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada
 \$25.00 (limited tickets available)

Venue Relocation Committee

Change is in the air! Due to scheduling conflicts, two dinner meetings this fall will not be held at Club Atwater. As well, our Club Atwater lease expires next September 2019. So...

The board of directors mandated a committee of seven members to:

1. Find a venue for two dinner meetings this year. (Mission accomplished! See below.)
2. Find a new location for a clubhouse.
3. Find a new venue to hold dinner meetings.

This committee (Elaine Bander, Donna Jensen, Yvonne Saleh, Maria Masi, Carolyn Pepler, Suzanne Crawford (to review lease or contract) and, as a consultant, Nadia Ramundo) will keep you up to date with progress and details as they are finalized.

McGill University Book Fair

Redpath Hall, 845 Sherbrooke Street West

Tuesday, October 16, 1 pm – 9 pm

Wednesday, October 17, 10 am – 8 pm

Thursday, October 18, 10 am – 6 pm

**Thousands of books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl.
 Free admission.**

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

Proceeds go to bursaries and scholarships.

Dinner Meetings at Le Gladstone

For the November 14 and December 5 dinner meetings this year, the UWCM will be relocating to:

Le Gladstone

4114 Ste-Catherine St. West, Westmount

The Relocation Committee has secured the entire accessible restaurant area for our use, with a specially chosen menu, at a cost of \$38 (plus tax and service) per member. Good news! There is a bar area in the restaurant and our scheduled speaker will still be coming. We will inform you shortly on the way we will handle reservations.



CFUW News and Notes

The CFUW Charitable Trust usually raises most of its funds at the CFUW annual national AGM. But with the AGM being an electronic event this year, the Charitable Trust has instead produced a webinar. It will be offered for viewing on October 13 at 1:30 pm EDT. The title of the webinar is *Experiences of Indigenous Women in the Pursuit of Post-Secondary Education*. This viewing is offered to members for a donation. (Any amount \$25 and over will receive an income tax receipt.) The topic hits very close to home, as you might have heard, Earlyn Sharpe, a former UWCM member, has been instrumental in the

design and planning of the first ever Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) First Nations and Inuit Education program, launched by the Mohawk community of Kahnawà:ke and McGill University. Guest speaker for the webinar is Alana Robert, a recent winner of the CFUW Aboriginal Women's Award. Viewers will have the chance to ask the panel questions.

Register by contacting Zindzi Makinde, Member Engagement Coordinator.

Deadline for registrations is October 10.

Thanks received from Free The Girls

Last year's advocacy project, Free The Girls, was a great success. In late summer, we received a lovely thank-you letter from the organization in Chesterton, Indiana, acknowledging receipt of our shipment of 14 boxes of bras.

Directory Updates

Please update your most recent directory:

Anne-Marie Trahan has a new email address.

International Literacy Day

Under a theme of Literacy and Skills Development, International Literacy Day was celebrated around the world on September 8.

Since its inauguration in 1966, this day has been used to create awareness about progress and challenges in the development of literacy, a key component of the UN [Sustainable Development Goals](#) and the UN [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#). One of the goals is raising awareness globally of the issues surrounding adult and child literacy. In addition, the *Education 2030: Incheon Declaration* provides a framework toward inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning for all. Despite the progress made, the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) reports that 750 million adults – two-thirds of whom are women – still lack basic reading and writing skills, according to

the latest available data for 2016. As a result, gender gaps remain problematic (UIS-2017).

More than 617 million children and adolescents are not achieving minimum proficiency levels in reading and mathematics, (UIS-2017).

These and many more facts explain why International Literacy Day focused on skills and competencies required for employment, careers and livelihoods — particularly technical and vocational skills — along with transferable and digital skills. View this two-minute video produced by UNESCO (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vu5o5Ruh6is>).

I encourage you to share your knowledge and skills with others in order to reinforce the power of women working together.

- Saôde