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JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER



Don't forget
your name tags!

SUMMER SEND-OFF

Wednesday, June 5, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Coach House

Wine - Savoury snacks - Sweets

And it's on the house!

Hosted by the newly elected board of directors, this is your chance to bid *à bientôt* to friends, *bienvenue* to new members, and *au revoir* to the Coach House.

FOUNDATION NIGHT AT THE CIRCUS

Nine to ninety: Everyone
loves the circus!

UWCM Foundation
Fundraiser

Friday, June 7, 8 pm

Performance by the graduating class
of the National Circus School of Canada
TOHU, 2345 Jarry East, Montreal
Tickets: \$50 (with a \$25 tax receipt)
Andrea de Gosztonyi



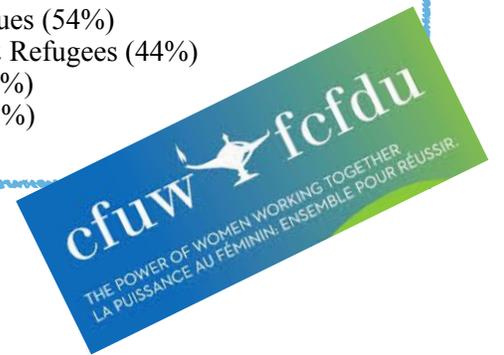


CFUW and Fall Federal Election Issues

Earlier this year, the CFUW asked for your help in predicting the critical issues for the upcoming 2019 Federal Election that should be featured on the platforms of the major parties. It heard from 48 clubs, one standing committee, and a handful of individual members. Before the AGM in Winnipeg, up-to-date fact sheets and talking points will be researched and developed. Stay tuned!

The top issues are:

1. Environment & Climate Change (90%)
2. Housing & Homelessness (79%)
3. Pharmacare (75%)
4. Poverty (63%)
5. Indigenous Issues (54%)
6. Immigration & Refugees (44%)
7. Child Care (40%)
8. Pay Equity (38%)



CFUW Dues Motions at AGM

Moved by Dominique Racanelli, on behalf of the CFUW Finance Committee,

1. That CFUW national dues increase by \$6.

Background:

- no CFUW dues increase since 2013, so it has not kept up with inflation;
- to ensure CFUW financial obligations and maintain its programs and services;
- comes into effect May 1, 2020.

2. That GWI international dues increase by \$10

Background:

- CFUW bylaws deem it to be a member of GWI;
- dues were set at 15.5 Swiss francs (CHF), subject to fluctuating exchange rates;
- in October 2017, GWI proposed a dues increase of 6 CHF (CDN \$8.40) that was disputed by CFUW;
- GWI's proposed dues will now total 21.5 CHF (CDN \$30.10) due May 1, 2020 — instead, CFUW offers to pay only CDN \$10 increase.

NOTE: The UWCM membership fee is set at \$195, and it will pay an additional \$86 (instead of the current \$70) per member – for membership in both CFUW and GWI – to CFUW on May 1, 2020.

NOTE: The third motion by CFUW Winnipeg (that proposed a CFUW club and another CFUW-GWI club) failed.

CFUW SAGE Awards



As part of its 100th Anniversary celebrations, CFUW introduced its SAGE Awards, given by each club to a current member with the longest period of CFUW membership. The UWCM is pleased to announce that our SAGE award winner is Miriam Roland (pictured above).

Higher education and learning have always been priorities for Miriam. A professional psychotherapist with degrees from Stanford and Adler universities, Miriam graduated in 1951 when there was little room for women scholars in professional and academic circles. So she made her mark in the community by volunteering for statewide study groups that reported on the safety of nuclear power plants and examined how history texts depicted women and minorities.

Miriam's support of Concordia University was just one example of her commitment to higher education. Once a student there, she was a member of the University's Board of Governors and made a generous \$3-million donation to establish the Miriam Aaron Roland Graduate Fellowships, which will support Concordia's aim of doubling its research by attracting the best and brightest students from around the world and training them to be the leaders of tomorrow.



Musical “farewell” from outgoing president

IMAGINE

(lyrics by S. Savary)

Imagine no glass ceiling
Glass staircase or glass cliff
No queen bee, no colour line
Solid justice for all.
Imagine all the women
Standing hand in hand.

You, you may say I’m a dreamer
But I’m not the only one.
I hope someday you’ll join us
With equality for everyone.

Imagine all the women
Standing side by side
No imposter syndrome
No shame to hide

Imagine all our sisters
Rising without blame...

You may say I’m a dreamer
But I’m not the only one
I hope someday you’ll join us
With equality for everyone.
I hope someday you’ll join us
With equality for everyone.



(sung at AGM by Barbara Lewis to the tune by John Lennon)

Les Olympes de la Parole

On May 10, participants with their parents and grandparents joined Les Olympes leader and outgoing UWCM President Saode Savary with supportive club members at the Atwater Library for an awards ceremony celebrating the achievements of the winning teams.

This successful event featured amazing presentations by secondary-school students on the results of their studies about the poverty that continues to be a major obstacle to empowering women and girls. Introducing Les Olympes de la Parole to students has enabled them to experience advocacy at a young age. Many family members expressed their thanks to Saode and club members for giving this opportunity to the young women.

The students showed great enthusiasm for the project. One student on the winning team, finished by saying “this project has changed my life forever.” She and two fellow students informed the audience that they have decided to study law as a result of working on this project.

Thanks to Saode’s initiative, energy, time and dedication (with our support), this project has brought our club to the world stage and given it a wider audience in Montreal.

- Susan Ross

Honours and Awards



UWCM member Anne-Marie Trahan was given the Mérite Christine-Tourigny 2019 Award by the Quebec Barreau, which honours a lawyer committed to the profession as

well as her social involvement and her particular contribution in the advancement of women in the law profession. For more details:

<https://www.newswire.ca/fr/news-releases/merite-christine-tourigny-2019-le-barreau-du-quebec-souligne-la-contribution-de-l-honorable-anne-marie-trahan-828130322.html>

One of the founding members of UWCM, Elizabeth C. Monk (President 1932-1938), was recently designated a “historic personage” by the provincial government. A 1923 law graduate, she fought for 20 years to be admitted to the Quebec Bar. She was one of the first women to sit as a Montreal city councillor in 1940, and the first Quebec woman to receive a Queen’s Counsel designation in 1955.



Join us this fall in our new venue to raise a glass to this extraordinary, legendary woman.



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Foundation Facts

At this year's May dinner, the UWCM Public Foundation held a raffle for gift baskets donated by various Interest Groups. The convenors and participants put together awesome baskets of wine, home-baked goods, wine, souvenirs and city-tour bus passes, and more wine!

In very little time that night, the raffle collected an impressive \$600 to add to funds being raised for bursaries. Congratulations to the winners. If you missed out this year, start saving for next year!

At the Annual General Meeting, the Nominations Committee reported that they had filled the Foundation's slate of trustees for next year. From July 1 until fiscal year end of June 30, 2020, the trustees are Andrea de Gosztonyi and Liz Annesley (co-presidents), Elaine Bander (secretary), Valerie Aitken, Jane Glenn, Judith Ritchie, and Donna Jensen and Leah Trineer (club co-presidents). Current trustees will meet this month to allocate amounts of donations and to which specific organizations.

PRAISE FOR HOME DINNERS

Thanks again this year to those members who hosted our home dinners. Sally and Mary, Nellie and Elaine, and Judy Mowat were the "hostesses with the mostest" who welcomed fellow members to dine with them last month. Maybe you might want to take your turn next year in order to reach out to fellow members and like-minded women.

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Events Calendar - JUNE 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 Ladies Who Lunch Travel Club	5 Summer Send-Off	6	7 "Night at the Circus" Foundation Fundraiser	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Dining In
16 Outdoor Ladies	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 / 30	24	25	26	27	28	29



Interest Groups

OUTDOOR LADIES

Sunday, June 16, 11:00 am

Cap St-Jacques Park

This is a beautiful park with lakefront and walking paths. It is better to drive to get there so we are really hoping to carpool. Parking is \$9/day at the entrance off Gouin Blvd. West, which will be paid by passengers. Details of carpooling will be available later. Please let me know if you are coming, and will be driving or looking for a ride.

Bonus Walk: Sunday, May 26 - 10 am, St-Henri
Walk for Alzheimer's - George-Etienne Cartier Park
 Join me and new director Noran Atif as we walk with IG Wealth Management to raise funds for Alzheimer's research. Pay \$20 (\$15 for seniors) to register. Please let me know if you will be joining.

Summer excursions

Iles-de-Boucherville and Navette Nature

We will be planning an outing in the summer sometime and we will also be looking at trips with Navette Nature that some of us used last year. This is a bus service to large provincial parks, Mt. Orford and Plaisance last year and 5 more destinations this year. They are all-day excursions and cost about \$50 round trip. Please let me know if you plan to come. Convenor: Carly Pepler

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Tuesday, June 4 at 12:15 pm (RSVP by May 28)

Les Enfants Terribles
 1 Place Ville Marie, 44th Floor
 (metro McGill)

Convenor: Lauretta Alexander



TRAVEL CLUB

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

Tuesday, July 9, 7:00 pm (TBD)

Tuesday, August 6, 7:00 pm (TBD)

Tuesday, September 3, 7:00 pm (TBD)

Join us this month and throughout the summer (see dates above) to tour with one or more fellow Travel Club members. As the Coach House will be in some disarray starting in June, details about locations will be discussed at the June 4 gathering.

Convenor: Andrea de Gosztonyi

DINING IN

Saturday, June 15 - Evening in Knowlton

Always a great time to catch up with a smaller group of fellow members and share in a potluck meal. Costs will be added up and divided evenly.

Convenor: Elizabeth Wirth





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Atwater Library Lunchtime Series

Atwater Library and Computer Centre
 1200 Atwater Avenue, Westmount, Qc H3Z 1X4
 514 935-7344 www.atwaterlibrary.ca

FRIDAY, May 31 — 12:30 to 1:30 pm

Cynthia Boyle Russell tells the astounding story of her father, Willard Boyle, who spent his childhood in a remote Quebec logging camp and went on to win a Nobel Prize for Physics. Her book will be for sale.

THURSDAY, June 6 — 12:30 to 1:30 pm

Karen Molson gives an illustrated presentation on Sir John A. Macdonald's summer residence near Rivière-du-Loup and discusses the process of creating an exhibition about it for the Virtual Museum of Canada.

WORKSHOP June 6 – 1:30 pm

*Virtual Museums and Online Exploration**

Immediately following Karen Molson's presentation, Liz Perrin leads a **free hands-on tour** of some of the most renowned museum collections, the most famous neighbourhoods and landmarks, and the furthest reaches of outer space. Learn where the internet can take you without leaving home. We can supply tablets but invite participants to bring their own devices. Advance registration is requested but not required. To register or get more information, please contact Richard Cassidy (514-935-7344, richard@atwaterlibrary.ca)

*Part of the Atwater Library CONNECT to a Digital Lifestyle project, funded by the Government of Canada.

UWCM Headquarters Moving to National Historic Site: Atwater Library

Designed by architects Hutchinson, Wood and Miller, this beautiful building includes large arched windows on three sides, original wood doors and high ceilings. Built in 1920 and named a National Historic Site in 2005, it was the original home of the first Mechanics' Institute in Canada. It is also the oldest subscription library in Canada that was first formed in 1828 when citizens recognized the need for educating workers of the many industries expanding throughout Montreal. It is also the last Mechanics' Institute building in Canada serving its original purpose.

The Atwater Library and Computer Centre is an independent charitable organization dedicated to promoting learning and to building a strong community. The UWCM is proud not only to set up shop in Suite #7 this summer but also to become associated with this local and national cultural icon.

Member Barbara Lewis Performs This Month in Ottawa

BLOOD ORCHID:
How Women Feel

Barbara Lewis
 in concert

"Lewis is a gifted singer,
 but more importantly, a born
 communicator"



Shenkman Arts Centre, Ottawa
 Tickets: 613-580-2700
 Saturday, June 15, 8PM