



*CLUB DES FEMMES UNIVERSITAIRES DE MONTRÉAL  
UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB OF MONTREAL*



Our first dinner this year at La Classe restaurant was professionally prepared and served by these students, who had started school only three weeks earlier!

OCTOBER DINNER: October 16. SPEAKER: Dr. Christiane Hudon, " Managing the St. Lawrence River under climatic uncertainty"

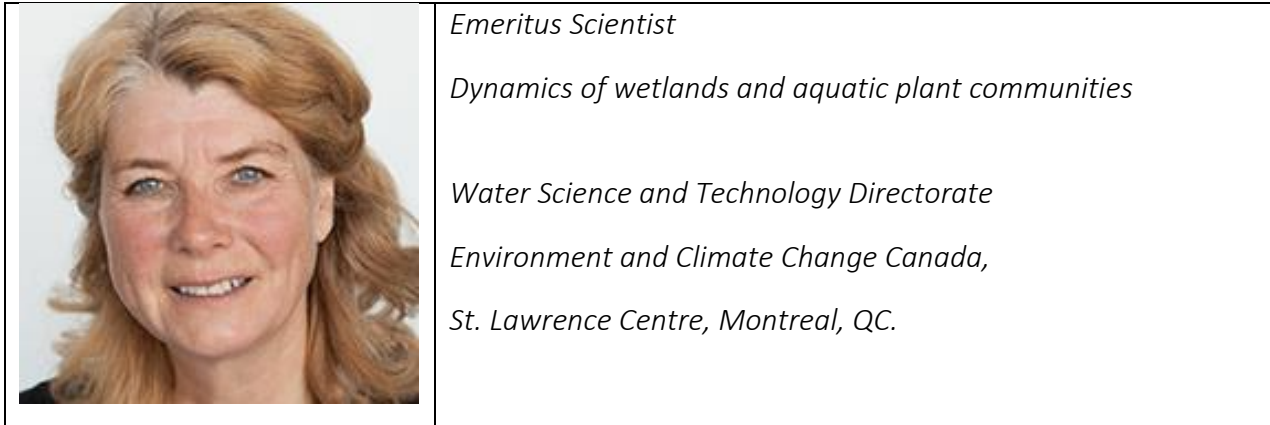
La Classe restaurant, 2000 Sainte-Catherine St. West, downstairs

All dinner logistics will be the same every month (\$25 for a three-course meal paid in cash at the door, menu shared two weeks in advance). Deadline to reserve is the Friday before the dinner (October 11). Parking available from Avenue de Fort.

Cocktails (cash bar) at 6 pm

Dinner at 7 pm

## Christiane Hudon



Christiane Hudon carries out research on the cumulative impacts of human activities (agriculture, navigation, urbanization, climate change) on the health of large river ecosystems, particularly the St. Lawrence River. Her studies use microscopic algae and large wetland plants as indicators of changing water quality and quantity. As a scientific expert for the Canadian government, she provided advice on the environmental impacts of nutrient enrichment, cyanobacterial proliferation and management of Lake Ontario–St. Lawrence water flow.

Her talk, entitled “Managing the St. Lawrence River under climatic uncertainty,” will provide an overview of the major environmental issues facing this unique river system.

Christiane Hudon holds a Ph.D. in Biological Oceanography from Laval University (1983). After a post-doctoral appointment at University of Waterloo (1983–84), she was hired as a research scientist at the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans, where her studies were concentrated on population dynamics of lobster (1984–86, 1991–93) and Arctic fisheries exploration and development (northern shrimp, arctic char, whitefish) (1987–90). In 1993, Christiane joined the St. Lawrence Centre (Environment Canada) and became associate professor at the Département des Sciences Biologiques de l’Université de Montréal. After studying the St. Lawrence River for 25 years, she was given the title of Emeritus scientist by Environment and Climate Change Canada (2018).

## GREETINGS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Welcome to October and a new season at UWCM! Your new board has been working diligently since May to make this year an enjoyable one for you.

Interim Program Chair Maria Masi has set up a slate of speakers on wide-ranging topics and, with departing Program Chair Andrea MacKenzie, arranged dinner and reservation details. Treasurer Rhonda Schanfield has been busy updating our books, paying bills, and connecting with our bank and investment advisor. Vocalist Barbara Lewis, our Communications Chair and Facebook-poster extraordinaire, keeps us current. Membership Chair Ilea Tant dove right in to confirm our membership count and update the directory for you. Fairly new to Montreal and previously a member of our Ottawa club, Dianne Theoret-Major is the Interest Group Coordinator, and offers some new options for spending time with fellow members. The special efforts of Noran Ahmed (as Newsletter Editor), Gawa Atif (CFUW and Advocacy Liaison), and Secretary Barbara Kerr (putting her computer skills to the test) are most welcome and appreciated!

Our new clubhouse already feels bright and welcoming, thanks in large part to the organizational talents of Carly Pepler and her team of volunteers including Laretta Alexander, Liz Annesley, Elaine Bander, Andrea de Gosztonyi, Zofia Laubitz, Sheila Mohamed, Andrea MacKenzie, Judi Ritchie, Linda Snell, Ausma Tane, Ilea Tant, and Nellie Wright.

In August, Leah and I attended the CFUW annual general meeting in Winnipeg. We attended workshops and lunches, discussed strategies with new and familiar colleagues in an effort to represent our club's interests, and celebrated 100 years with the CFUW. On the 26th of this month, we will be attending the Provincial Council meeting in Ayers' Cliff (hosted by the Sherbrooke club) and suggest you might want to attend as well.

We, along with Foundation co-presidents Andrea de Gosztonyi and Liz Annesley, invite you to join us as we move toward a bright future for the UWCM.

*Leah Trineer and Donna Jensen*

## CFUW MEMBERSHIP DUES

At the CFUW AGM in August, a clear majority of clubs voted to approve an increase of \$6 per member to support the daily operations of the CFUW, as did our members at our AGM in May. A motion for a fee increase of \$10 per member to support CFUW financial contributions to GWI (which UWCM members had also approved at the May AGM) did not pass.

Your board has decided to absorb this \$6 per member increase for the next financial year. Therefore, the total UWCM membership fee for 2020 will remain at \$265, the same as the last six years (since 2014). The club is now operating out of a new venue at a significantly reduced monthly rent, although it has incurred one-time costs to move. The board will take a closer look at our financial situation, including our membership dues, at the end of this year.

*Donna Jensen*

Co-President

## UWCM Foundation

Just a reminder – the UWCM Foundation is the fundraising arm of UWCM and is governed by a Board of Directors elected at each Annual General Meeting of the club.

We organize various fundraising activities throughout the year, including the Annual Giving Campaign each fall, culminating with our major event held each spring. The funds that are generated from these activities are disbursed annually, in the month of June, as bursaries to mature women students at Concordia University as well as supporting several local women's shelters.

So, keep looking for news about our forthcoming fun events!

*Andrea de Gostonyi and Liv Annesley*

Co-Presidents, UWCM Foundation

## New clubhouse is keeping history alive



Long-time member May Robertson (now deceased) donated this brass plaque to the club in 1989 when the club moved to its then new clubhouse at the Atwater Club (formerly the Montreal Badminton and Squash Club). It was installed on the front door of the Coach House that spring and stayed there until now. Shortly after the club relocated earlier this year, it was removed, cleaned and polished (many times), and varathaned by my husband, Dominic Varvaro.

The reconditioned and repurposed wooden trophy board to which the plaque is now affixed is from Queen of Angels Academy, a private girls' high school in Dorval my daughters attended, which closed its doors in 2012.

Thank you to Dominique Racanelli, Maya Bergeron-Métivier, and Lesley Forrester for helping me track down its origins, especially to Lesley for the full story. I hope you enjoy it and many other UWCM historical treasures on display in our new clubhouse.


*Donna Jensen*

Co-President

October 2019 Event Calendar						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 7 pm Travel Group	<b>2</b> RSVP Deadline Ladies Who Lunch  12 pm 1000 Umbrellas (details page 9)	<b>3</b> 12:30 pm Library Lectures and Lunch  3–7 pm Open House	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7 pm Crafts New and Old	<b>9</b> 12:15 pm Ladies Who Lunch	<b>10</b> 12:30 pm Library Lectures and Lunch	<b>11</b> RSVP Deadline Dinner with Dr. Christiane Hudon	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6 pm Dinner with Dr. Christiane Hudon	<b>17</b> 12:30 pm Library Lectures and Lunch	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 11:00 am Outdoor Ladies	<b>21</b> Wine Tasting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 12:30 pm Library Lectures and Lunch	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:00 am Quebec Provincial Council Meeting – Ayer's Cliff (details page 8)
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 12:30 pm Library Lectures and Lunch		

### October Event Calendar – Montreal Universities

 <https://community.mcgill.ca/events/>

 <https://calendrier.umontreal.ca/?com=EventList&month=10&perpage=8&year=2019>

 <http://www.concordia.ca/alumni-friends/events.html>

 <https://evenements.ugam.ca/>

## Interest Groups – October 2019

Wine Tasting October 21, 2019, at the Atwater Library, unit 7.

Convenor: Linda Snell

Ladies Who Lunch Wednesday, October 9, at 12:15 pm. RSVP October 2.

Restaurant Renoir at Sofitel Montreal: 1155 Sherbrooke St. West (Peel metro)

Convenor: Laretta Alexander

Networking You will be sent an email, as we have not decided on a date for the first meeting.

Temporary Convenor: Dianne Theoret-Major

Dinning In Emails will be sent about the October dinner.

Convenor: Liz Wirth

Travel Club Will be meeting on Tuesday, October 1, at the Atwater Library, unit 7.

Convenor: Andrea de Gosztanyi

Outdoor Ladies Sunday, October 20, 11 a.m. Parc Maisonneuve . Meeting place: Pie-IX metro station. Parc Maisonneuve is a large (63 ha) park adjacent to the Botanical Garden. The park welcomes walkers, cyclists and in-line skaters on its network of trails; some 10 km of footpaths are available to walkers. This will be the Outdoor Ladies' first visit to this park, and with luck the fall leaves will be close to their peak. RSVP with Convenor: Zofia Laubitz

Crafts New and Old The meeting is on October 8 at the Atwater Library, unit 7, at 7 pm. Our first meeting will be about Knitting / Crocheting. Please print patterns to share your knitting project. New to knitting? Email Dianne and she will explain what to pick up.

Convenor: Dianne Theoret-Major

Library Lecture and Lunch on Thursdays If you signed up at the dinner, then Carly Pepler will be sending you an email of the lecture list. Convenor: Carly Pepler

These groups did not have enough ladies sign up Couples Gourmet, Dining at Home (new groups)

### Open House – Thursday, October 3

Join us at the new club house (Room 7, Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave., Westmount, Quebec H3Z 1X4) any time between 3 and 7 pm for drinks, crackers, and chats. You only need to show up and have fun!

## Ways to vote

[https://www.elections.ca/content2.aspx?section=vote&document=index&lang=e&fbclid=IwAR1-vnefnx8sCusJ7mXzi4-Aa8\\_OAL0En4SB0P937X4SVCTd\\_cuwgs53zg](https://www.elections.ca/content2.aspx?section=vote&document=index&lang=e&fbclid=IwAR1-vnefnx8sCusJ7mXzi4-Aa8_OAL0En4SB0P937X4SVCTd_cuwgs53zg)

## The Better Ballot Campaign

The Guelph-based campaign which started in 2018 during municipal elections is now going national. It stands up for the right of everyone to be heard in political spaces without fear of harassment. More details: <https://thebetterballot.ca/>

### Quebec Provincial Council Meeting

Saturday, October 26 (9:00 am – 3:30 pm)

Hosted by the Sherbrooke club at Ayer's Cliff

Cost \$35, includes lunch

Speaker: Dian Cohen

### Did you know?

You are most welcome to send us your business card to advertise in the newsletter for \$100 dollars payable to UWCM!



Departure at 12:00 pm – Place du Canada; Arrival at 1:00 pm – Place des Festivals





**Chez Doris** needs your donations (mainly leggings and underwear are required)

You can read the details here <https://globalnews.ca/news/5876683/chez-doris-womens-shelter-montreal-donations/>

### Red Ribbon Night



Centre universitaire  
de santé McGill



McGill University  
Health Centre

On Thursday, November 7, 2019 the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) Foundation is hosting its second Red Ribbon Night at the Rialto Theatre. This inspiring musical event will feature international contemporary singer (and UWCM member!) Barbara Lewis as well as pop-star Martin Levac performing songs from their current shows.

More details & tickets: <https://muhcfoundation.com/event/red-ribbon-2019/>

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