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DECEMBER/JANUARY DINNERS

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

\$25 for a three-course meal paid in cash at the door, menu shared in advance. Deadline to reserve is the Friday before the dinner (November 29; January 10) with Maria Masi. Free parking available on Avenue de Fort. Enter by turning right from Fort Street (below Ste-Catherine), go down the ramp, turn right, and go to parking level P3. Take the elevator marked LaSalle College's "La Classe."

Cocktails (cash bar) at 5:30 pm; dinner at 6:30 pm.

Please remember to bring your name tags!



December 4 Soprano Julie Lafontaine accompanied by musician Bernie Cossentino

Montreal-born singer Julie Lafontaine has managed a career and family for close to 30 years. Julie attended McGill University and studied under renowned baritone Louis Quilico. She has worked in a variety of musical capacities from professional choirs to classical soloist to lead vocalist in local bands to cast member of the bilingual Montreal production of *Les Misérables*. Perhaps most notably, Julie performed in the series *Canada's Got Talent* in 2012, where she made it to the finals as the judges' choice.

Bernie Cossentino is a Montreal-based musician and keyboardist who, along with performing, runs Twin Page Productions, offering services for computer-music programming, recording, composing, arranging, producing, as well as music transcriptions for various artists, locally and worldwide. His other collaborations include performances with Audrey De Montigny, Mario Pelchat, Bobby Bazini and Ima.

January 15 Dr. Jeff Turnbull, Chief of Staff at The Ottawa Hospital

Topic: The Managed Alcohol Program



Photo : <https://www.ottawahospital.on.ca/en/about-us/our-leadership-team/senior-leadership-team/dr-jeff-turnbull/>

Dr. Turnbull holds a Master's Degree in Education from University of Western Ontario and a Doctorate in Medicine from Queen's University as well as specialty certification in Internal Medicine through the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He has served as the Vice-Dean of Medical Education at the University of Ottawa from November 1996 to July 2001, the President of the Medical Council of Canada from 1998 to 2001 and finally the President of the Canadian Medical Association from August 2010 to August 2011.

GREETINGS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

“No studies have been done to link gun legislation to declining firearms-related deaths, but you can draw your own conclusions.” — Heidi Rathjen, December 1999

For many Montrealers, December has the pallor of loss as we remember what happened on December 6, 1989. It has been 30 years since that horrible angry man (whom I refuse to name) specifically targeted and shot dead 14 young female engineering students, simply because they were female. Take a moment on December 6 to never let them be forgotten by saying their names: Geneviève Bergeron, Hélène Colgan, Nathalie Croteau, Barbara Daigneault, Anne-Marie Edward, Maud Haviernick, Barbara Klucznik, Maryse Laganière, Maryse Leclair, Anne-Marie Lemay, Sonia Pelletier, Michèle Richard, Annie St-Arneault, and Annie Turcotte.

At our December dinner, we welcome soprano Julie Lafontaine, accompanied by Bernie Cossentino, to entertain us and help put us in a festive mood. Your board has chosen the Shoebox Project (<http://www.shoeboxproject.com/montreal.html>) again this year for the club’s Christmas charity. Go to its website to read the suggested contents to include or donate online via Canada Helps. Bring your wrapped shoebox to our December 4 dinner or drop it off at our clubhouse (1200 Atwater Avenue, Unit #7) downstairs from the Tupper Street entrance before December 5.

If you haven’t already, you will soon be receiving your membership renewal invoice. Payment due dates have changed a bit this year, to January 1 for a full payment, or mail two cheques dated January 1 and March 15.

Board member Gawa Atif will head our Resolutions Committee this year and welcomes members to join the committee in assessing proposed CFUW resolutions as well as deciding on a possible resolution topic to submit to National Office.

We are pleased that loyal club member Elaine Bander and her Archive Committee have re-established contact with McGill University and its archivist, Dr. Yves Lapointe, to further steps to create a permanent record of the UWCM to which future researchers and historians can refer. Dr. Lapointe hopes to have completed archiving our many documents, records and photos within the next few months.

On January 23, why not spend an evening with us celebrating Robbie Burns at the McGill Faculty Club. Price for admittance with a meal is \$45 paid to Leah in advance (there’s a cash bar). Leah has reserved a table of 12, and the first ten (10) people who reserve and pay her will be guaranteed a spot. Hurry! The event sells out fast.

In the meantime, please take time away from your busy life to be kind to those less fortunate, to remember loved ones lost, and to enjoy a healthy holiday season.

Leah Trineer and Donna Jensen

Christmas Shoebox Campaign is back

We are very pleased to announce that once again we are organizing a Christmas charity campaign to assist women in need. This year we are partnering with the Shoebox Project: <http://www.shoeboxproject.com/montreal.html>

The project allows two contribution options: one for providing shoeboxes in kind and a second one for those who prefer donating in cash (link on the right-hand side of the website's home page).

There is a collection box installed at the clubhouse door (Atwater Library, Unit 7) and at the December 4 Christmas dinner. Boxes will be delivered on December 5 before the December 6 deadline. For additional information, please contact Gawa Atif

Co-presidents Donna Jensen and Leah Trineer represented UWCM at the CFUW Quebec Provincial Council Meeting which took place October 26 at Ayer's Cliff. The upcoming meeting will be on Saturday, April 25, in Quebec City.

Christmas March on Avenue Mont-Royal (December 7)

<https://www.mtl.org/en/what-to-do/festivals-and-events/la-marche-de-noel-aux-flambeaux-montreal>

MCW Special Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 5, 2019, at noon. Address: 2700 Rufus-Rockhead. \$15.00 per person will include a glass of wine with lunch.

The community will also be commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the December 6 massacre at the École Polytechnique de Montreal.

Registration is via MCW treasurer Renate Sutherland, but anyone wishing to bring a favourite dish can contact Doreen Chartier.

Membership Dues Update

Membership renewal notices for 2020 will be mailed out to members shortly. There are a few changes to note this year.

New Fee Split – As noted in the October Newsletter, annual dues for 2020 have been set at \$265, the same as last year. The portion payable to CFUW, however, has increased to \$76 per member. As a consequence, only \$189 will be retained by UWCM.

New Payment Options – Although payment is preferred by cheque, membership dues may now also be paid by e-transfer. Members who wish to pay electronically are asked to contact the Treasurer, Rhonda Schanfield, to make arrangements and set up security questions.

New Payment Dates – Membership dues are payable January 1, 2020, and should be received by the Treasurer by January 31, 2020. Members who pay by cheque may opt to divide their payment in two equal payments dated January 1 and March 15, but both cheques are to be mailed together and received by the Treasurer by January 31, 2020.

Update Media Permission – Each year members are asked to confirm their permission for use of their personal information in the directory and their photo for club purposes. This may include posting pictures taken at club events to UWCM social media. If you do not wish your information/photo to be used you must check off the opt-out box on the renewal form.

Slea Tant

Membership Chair

**The UWCM tour of the
Museum of Fine Arts on
Saturday November 9 was fun!**

Interest Groups – December 2019/January 2020

All interest groups require an RSVP, if you are attending the event.

Wine Tasting December 9, 2019. Location: Atwater Library, Unit 7; at 7 pm. RSVP by Monday, December 3. Topic is biodynamic and organic wines allowing the “Terroir to speak.” January TBA. **Please note that this event will be cancelled if it does not have at least 8 attendees.**
Convenor: Linda Snell

Ladies Who Lunch December 3 at 12:15 pm. RSVP by November 29. Restaurant: Vago, 1336 Greene Ave. Westmount (Atwater metro). January TBA. Convenor: Laretta Alexander

Networking Convenor: Dianne Theoret-Major. Will not be meeting in December 2019 (as it would have been December 26). January 23, 2020, at 5:30 pm.

Dinning In Convenor: Liz Wirth. Upcoming meetings TBA.

Travel Club Returns in the spring. Convenor: Andrea de Gosztanyi

Outdoor Ladies This group will not be meeting again until March 2020. Convenor: Zofia Laubitz

Crafts New and Old December 10 and January 14. Bring the craft you are working on: knitting, crochet, needlepoint. Location: Atwater Library, Unit 7. **Requires a minimum of 5 to make group work.** Convenor: Dianne Theoret-Major.

Library Lecture and Lunch on Thursdays A list of lectures is posted on the Atwater Library website. Convenor: Carly Pepler

Stage and Soiree Liz Wirth can be contacted if interested in joining this group. No activities in December or January: Opera McGill (Weill’s *Street Scene* January 31 – February 2 at Monument National) and Opéra de Montréal. Further details coming soon.

Upcoming Events Calendar – Montreal Universities

McGill

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

Université
de Montréal

<https://calendrier.umontreal.ca/>

Concordia

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

UQAM

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



BARBARA LEWIS - VOCALIST
plus 2 invited guests:
Singers, Cherylyn Toca
& Colleen Bartley

What you need to know about women at work

An interesting episode of the McKinsey
Podcast (transcript included):

https://www.mckinsey.com/featured-insights/gender-equality/what-you-need-to-know-about-women-at-work?fbclid=IwAR3mmGi8TNsMAQfsz9z1Mm46YYK0XyXe0hRKL-t6wA8aH6IGIOMsr9_dM#

FREE! Annual Christmas Concert!

Free! with ticket - Sun, Dec. 15, 2PM

Tickets available after Nov. 15th

Victoria Hall, Westmount - 514-989-5226



Can We Reach Gender Equality Faster?

Read the article in Forbes Magazine:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/kweilinellingrud/2019/11/12/can-we-reach-gender-equality-faster/?fbclid=IwAR2SxRXxeOYkx5rMKuY5GKGS4tCCeucLDBS0ZiYvZo25tVAPSIIVzbLhFA#7397ff447d25>

Did you know?

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

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism>

<https://www.ydesfemmesmtl.org/en/violence-against-women-halloween-shock-campaign/>