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FEBRUARY DINNER

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

Wednesday, February 19. \$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 (February 14) with Sheila Mohammed. Free parking available: turn 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!



February 19: Hubert Lacroix, Strategic Counsel for Blake, Cassels & Graydon

How Basketball at McGill Influenced My Values and Management Style

As strategic counsel for Blake, Cassels & Graydon, Hubert Lacroix assists clients with the development of business strategies, corporate governance, long-term planning and major deals. Before joining Blakes in February 2019, Hubert spent 10½ years as president and CEO of CBC/Radio-Canada, a tenure during which he notably achieved an unprecedented digital transformation of the broadcaster.

In that capacity, he was responsible for overseeing the management of CBC/Radio-Canada in order to ensure that Canada’s national public broadcaster could deliver on the various aspects of its mandate and continue to offer Canadians a broad spectrum of high-quality programming that informs, enlightens and entertains, and that is created by, for and about Canadians.

While Hubert has had a long and diversified career in the fields of law, communications and sports, he comes to speak to us about how his experience as the varsity head coach of the McGill University women’s basketball team, very early in his career (1978 to 1987), helped to mould and shape the values and management style that have brought him to where he is today.



UWCM contributed 12 shoeboxes to the Christmas Shoebox Campaign. Thank you very much for your contributions and thanks to board member Gawa Atif for coordinating the effort!

GREETINGS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Welcome, fellow members, to a new decade! As the club settles into its new “home” at the Atwater Library, members are watching closely as women’s roles evolve personally, socially, professionally and politically – and as the world’s climate changes before our very eyes.

Your board will be holding a team-building and strategic planning session this spring, analyzing the club’s financial stability and discussing how to attract energetic, young members to help us continue to move forward. In this same spirit of teamwork, some changes in board personnel have been necessary: Anelia Wright is filling in for Ilea Tant at the monthly dinner front desk and Sheila Mohammed has taken over dinner-reservation duties while Maria Masi is in Italy.

We are seeking volunteers to start new interest groups. If you are curious to learn about something (playing chess? speaking French? literature, art or music appreciation?), chances are someone else is too. Why not pick a time and place to meet with others? Our city has so much to offer and our clubhouse is available during regular library hours, so you can gather to exchange ideas over a cup of tea or coffee (cups, plates, spoons and napkins are there for your use – but please clean up before leaving). Form a book club, watch a documentary on the TV, play bridge, discuss the latest social issues, share a recipe, or a business opportunity... Contact Dianne Theoret-Major with your idea and she’ll put your group on the schedule.

Our Archives Committee is finalizing its work on gifting club documents to the McGill University Archives before the end of February. This long-overdue initiative will allow our club to be better memorialized and become a permanent source of reference for generations to come.

We are thrilled that Advocacy Chair Gawa Atif has agreed to the title of “Acting Vice-President” while overseeing the VP duties for the foreseeable future.

This month, our featured speaker (postponed from more than a year ago) is former CBC President Hubert Lacroix. He will tell us about how coaching the McGill women’s basketball team – while also maintaining a distinguished career – influenced his management philosophy and personal values. We hope you will join us at La Classe to hear this dynamic speaker and enjoy another delicious and affordable meal.

We wish you love and friendship while you celebrate Valentine’s Day with your significant other. And while you’re at it, why not give some love to the planet by changing a personal habit (recycle, take public transit, compost) for the sake of the generations to come.

Best regards,

Leah Trineer and Donna Jensen

TEDxMontrealWomen is postponed

The “TedxMontrealWomen” February 8 Event on “Climate Change and the Environment” is postponed to September 12, 2020.

If you have purchased a ticket, please check your email for details.

TED has announced that it will partner with five TEDx teams from across the globe to curate a worldwide activation for their upcoming TEDWomen event and TEDxMontrealWomen is one of these teams! The others are TEDxSydney (Australia), TEDxLagos (Nigeria), TEDxPortofSpain (Trinidad & Tobago) and TEDxColombo (Sri Lanka). The activation requires TEDx events to take place in the fall of 2020.

Interest Groups – February 2020

All interest groups require an RSVP, if you plan to attend.

Wine Tasting No planned activity for February, next meeting on March 9, 2020, 7:00 pm. **Please note that this event will be cancelled if it does not have at least 8 attendees.** Convenor: Linda Snell

Ladies Who Lunch Tuesday, February 11 at 12:30 pm Restaurant Marcus 1440 rue de la Montagne (metro Guy Concordia) RSVP 06 February Convenor: Laretta Alexander

Networking February 20, time changed to 5:30 pm. Location: Atwater Library, Unit 7. Small fee for wine/snacks. Convenor: Dianne Theoret-Major

Dining In Dinner at Dominique Racanelli’s, February 5, 2020, at 6:30 pm. Convenor: Liz Wirth

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

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

Crafts New and Old February 11, at 7 pm. Calling out to everyone: come join us for discussions about crafts, bring your knitting, crocheting or any craft you are doing and drink some wine with us. Small fee for wine. Location: Atwater Library, Unit 7. **Requires a minimum of 5 to make the 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. February 9, at 2:30 pm – Wirth Vocal Prize Final, Pollack Hall, McGill University. Admission free, reservations: <https://www.mcgill.ca/music/channels/event/2019-2020-wirth-vocal-prize-298783>

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Dining In 6:30 pm	6 Library Lecture and Lunch 12:30 pm	7	8 Women in Business Conference Hotel Place d'Armes 8:30 am – 6:30 pm
9 Stage and Soiree 2:30 pm	10	11 Ladies who Lunch 12:30 pm Crafts New and Old 7:00 pm	12	13 Library Lecture and Lunch 12:30 pm	14	15
16	17	18	19 Dinner Meeting 5:30 pm	20 Library Lecture and Lunch 12:30 pm Networking 5:30 pm	21	22
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Upcoming Events Calendar – Montreal Universities



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



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



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



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

Strength Is Strength!

Concordia's John Molson School of Business is having its annual Women in Business Conference on February 8. More details and ticket reservation:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/311612646413509/>

Did you know?

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

Interested in hosting a home dinner this year?

Stay tuned for the details on how to register!

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NOMINATION COMMITTEE, headed by Leah Trineer, is looking for members to fill the Board of Directors positions of:

Vice-president, program chair, newsletter editor, membership chair, marketing chair, webmaster, and member-at-large.

We are actually looking for someone immediately to oversee and maintain our website on a voluntary basis. If you are comfortable working in the digital world – or know of someone who is – and would like to volunteer your time overseeing our website to make sure it stays current and accessible, please contact Donna Jensen.