



THE UWCM MEETING ROOM
 Atwater Library
 Club Room #7
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Welcome to October, 2021!

We hope you enjoyed the Open House on Sept. 22. What a turnout! It was so good to be able to see one another again! And wonderful to be inside our elegant Club Room #7 that we hope will see many of us back on a regular basis for interest group get-togethers and more. Here are a few of the many photos taken at the Open House.



(Thank you to Dominic Varvaro for the photos.)



**Message from Co-president,
Leah Trineer**



Happy Fall!!

I am writing this while sitting in my country home looking out at the leaves that are turning the beautiful shades of red, orange, and yellow that we all love so much and reflect our pride and joy in living in this part of Canada. So far, the weather has been wonderful and, if this continues, we have the promise of many more beautiful sunny days ahead and lots of time to be out of doors. Children of all ages have returned to school and UWCM is also looking forward to returning to “somewhat” normalcy, as a group. We met for the first time in 18 months on September 22 in our Club Room at the Library!!!

We want to thank all of you who came out and I think that your Co-Presidents speak on behalf of everyone in saying that it was a successful evening filled with lots of chatter and happy faces. We were all genuinely pleased to see one another and catch-up, however briefly. Over the space of two hours, approximately 25 members dropped by to say hello and partake of some light refreshment.

Our Interest Groups will begin to meet again; many are returning from their pandemic hiatus and others are new. Some will be face to face, while others may offer the possibility of a “hybrid” model if you are not able to get out in person. Reach out to the convenor if you are interested in joining. Some of our new groups sound exciting and we are always open to new ideas if you hear of something that you and others may enjoy. Registration will not “close” for the foreseeable future to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to join in as you see fit and are comfortable.

La Classe is looking forward to hosting us once again beginning in October although we want to draw your attention to the change in the date, by one week, to October 27 as a result of a change in the students’ academic schedule.





Wanda Leah Trineer

They will be offering us a special “tasting” menu at the regular price of \$25.00. The official “e-mail invitation” will be sent out about a week before so that we may notify La Classe of the number of attendees. All other relevant information will be included in that notice.



You will also be excited to read about Danièle LeBlanc, who will be coming to speak at our first dinner meeting. She is a dynamic individual and one that I am sure

you will not want to miss. She has much to share with us, not the least of which is how an organization like Jeunesses Musicales Canada has survived the pandemic by re-creating itself in order to continue to serve its community of students and developing artists.

Thanksgiving is not far away. As it approaches, we must admit that we have much to be thankful for. We hope that, over the past weeks, you have had the chance to sit around a dining room table and share a meal with family and friends. Or maybe you have plans to do so in the week to come. While we must all continue to live our lives with care and appropriate caution, we want to wish you all a Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving!

THE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB OF MONTREAL PUBLIC FOUNDATION

Foundation update:

Andrea de Gosztonyi has accepted the position of Chair of the Foundation for the coming year, 2021-2022, replacing Mme. Saôde Savary, whose resignation has been accepted by the Board.



Plans are under way to launch the Annual Giving Campaign in November. And the Trustees are working on other fundraising events for your pleasure and the Foundation's profit. - Elaine Bander, Foundation Secretary



Are you still in a party mood?

We are happy to announce that the first dinner of the year at our favourite UWCM restaurant, La Classe will be on **October 27!**

Enjoy a drink at 6:00. Dinner is at 6:30. Our speaker for the evening is Danièle LeBlanc. See more below.

**Our speaker for the evening,
Danièle LeBlanc**



How to fulfill an artistic mission in times of a pandemic

Jeunesses Musicales Canada (JM Canada) has been touring classically trained musicians since 1949. It has also helped broadcast classical music to children between the ages of 3 and 16 for the last fifty years. But when a deadly pandemic put a halt to all concerts, it was time to change the game plan: *Act local, go digital!* And establish key performance indicators to motivate the team and the board.

With her presentation on October 27, Danièle LeBlanc will share what has been working since March 2020 and what has been a challenge. And she will lay out the changes required to transform how concerts and activities will be produced both for the general public and for a young audience.

Working in the field of classical music and cultural events for more than 25 years, Danièle LeBlanc is recognized for her ability to lead national events. As the Executive and Artistic Director of Jeunesses Musicales Canada, she was also the Head of Education for the Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal as well as General Coordinator for the Canadian Vocal Arts Institute.

Her interest in activities dedicated to young audiences as well as the development of young professional artists has marked her career. She also led a prominent international career as a guest mezzo and was a cultural reporter and guest commentator for the Première Chaîne of Radio Canada.





UWCM hosts Quebec Provincial Council on Zoom. Saturday, October 23, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

We will be Zoom-hosting our Quebec sister clubs at the bi-annual meeting of CFUW-Quebec clubs. All members are more than welcome to attend this wonderful opportunity to hear what other Quebec clubs are doing and planning. In case you missed her in March, the guest speaker – Claire Webster, Certified Alzheimer Care Consultant and Founder of the McGill University Dementia Education Program –

will tell us about her personal experiences and give us advice in caring for a loved one experiencing dementia.

Her talk starts at 9:00 am sharp! The business part of the meeting – where club presidents report on membership numbers, fundraising achievements, advocacy plans, as well as ideas for member engagement – will start shortly after 10 am. Please join in to help us host our *consoeurs!*



TO REGISTER: Please contact Susan Button (514-933-1601, susan.button@mcgill.ca). The Zoom link will be sent to all registrants the day before the event.



LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge that the UWCM clubroom at the Atwater Library is situated on the traditional and unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk) Nation. Today, it is home to a diverse population of Indigenous and other peoples. We respect continued connections within the Montreal community and stand together with all peoples as custodians of the lands on which we gather. - September, 2021.

(This statement will be read at every formal gathering of members, and will be framed and hung in #7.)

Atwater Library and Club Room #7

Programs and Services

As of Sept. 18:

Atwater Library staff and volunteers are welcoming library borrowers inside our building on weekdays from 10 AM to 6 PM – mask wearing and distancing required. Access is limited to the stacks and circulation desk with the reading



room and computer centre remaining closed. For those who set up visits to the library, please note:

Our new contacts are:

Manager of Administration and Development, Nandi Belinsky (nbelinsky@atwaterlibrary.ca), who replaces Brandon.

Head Librarian, Roxann Fournier-Hoyt (rfhoyt@atwaterlibrary.ca), who replaces Kimberley.

Access to the UWCM Club Room #7
The Clubhouse is accessible between 10 AM and 6 PM, Monday to Friday.

Enter from Tupper Street and head upstairs to sign in and get the key to our room. There is a sign-in book and key to #7 in our mail slot in Roxann’s office, should you need to get into our #7 during regular business hours.

Be sure to lock the door when you leave and return the key when you sign out at the desk.

The rules regarding wearing a mask may change in the coming days. Please call the library in advance to get an update - 514-935-7344. Limit your presence to our clubroom and washroom.



Club room #7 - Atwater Library. Photo by Dominic Varvaro.



Photos & Event News from Members!

Hélène Audren gave a tea party at her place on August 26. She said, “It was a breath of fresh air during the pandemic. And those who attended enjoyed a beautiful afternoon in a lovely surrounding.” See the photos of happy times under the trees, drenched with sun!



Pilar, Emmanuelle, Barbara, Carmelita



Saôde & Dominique



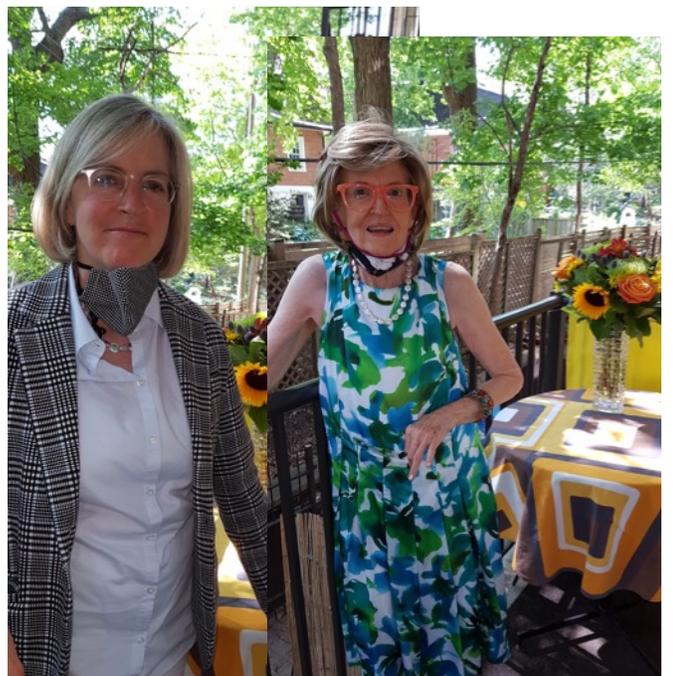
Rahila & Suzanne



Zofia & Carly



Andrea & Marsha



Marie & Hélène Audren

INTEREST GROUPS

Travel Club



Andrea de Gosztomyi organizes the Travel Interest Group. During the coming year, depending on circumstances, they may meet outside, on Zoom, or in person in our club room at the Atwater Library. If you are interested in joining the travel group, please let us know! Send an email here: uwcmtl@gmail.com the subject heading *Travel*.

Note from Andrea - The next meeting of the Travel Club will be Tuesday, **October 12th, 3:30 to 5:30** at the Clubhouse in the Atwater Library. The theme will be: ***Catching up on untold stories!*** The past few months we have covered Travel Essentials, Travel Disasters, Travelling on Water, and Amazing Art discovered on your travels. Let's hear some more stories to add to these themes! See you there, RSVP appreciated. Send to: uwcmtl@gmail.com. *As per library rules, double vaccination is required.*



Outdoor Ladies

Organized by *Zofia Laubitz*, members have been walking together during the summer of 2021 and will continue to walk until/unless the weather becomes inclement. They meet on the third Sunday of the month at 11:00 AM. If you are interested in joining them, send an email to: uwcmtl@gmail.com. Use the subject heading *Outdoor Ladies*



Note from Zofia: For our October activity, I thought we might do something different from our usual activities: an evening walk. Specifically, I'm suggesting that we go to see the Gardens of Light at the Botanical Garden:

<<https://calendrier.espacepourelavie.ca/gardens-of-light>>. This event, which started at the beginning of this month, continues until October 31. I suggest we go toward the end of the month, when it gets dark earlier. I think one of the evenings from October 22 (a Friday) to October 24 (Sunday) could be suitable. Anyone who wants to take part in this activity will need to purchase a ticket **in advance**. So if you'd like to see (and photograph!) the lanterns, please contact me soon. Then, once we have a group of interested people, we'll decide on the exact date and time for our visit and arrange to buy our tickets accordingly.



Atwater Library Lectures and Lunch

Carly Pepler has researched the Atwater Library Lunchtime Lectures. They are as follows until the end of October. They are free and available online as noted. Members will not be meeting in person or serving lunch until further notice.

Lunchtime Series

The Atwater Library Lunchtime Series features once-a-week presentations by leading writers, musicians, intellectuals, scientists, and many more people sharing their knowledge and experience with the Atwater Library community. Lunchtime Series events usually take place on Thursdays (but sometimes are on other days), from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. At present they are on zoom only.

Upcoming ONLINE Events

Thursday, October 7, 2021 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM Craig Silverman, journalist and author, discusses our information environment and how we can guard against being manipulated or duped by fake news. To REGISTER and get the Zoom link, [click here](#).

Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM /

Classical guitarist and teacher **Daniel Karrasch** gives a presentation.

Details TBA. To REGISTER and get the Zoom link, [click here](#).



Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM

Celebrated cartoonist **Terry Mosher (Aislin)** gives an illustrated presentation on his new book. Details TBA. To REGISTER and get the Zoom link, [click here](#).

Wine Tasting

Organized by *Linda Snell*, a minimum of **ten participants** are required to move ahead with the group. They will meet on the second Monday of the month, depending upon Linda's schedule. Members must be double vaccinated to participate. Please send an email with your interest to: uwcm1@gmail.com Use the subject heading *Wine Tasting*.



Stitch and Bitch (Formerly called *Crafts*)

Dianne Theoret-Major convenes this group, which can meet either in the Club room at the library, or on Zoom. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Our first meeting will be on October 14, 2021. A minimum of five ladies is required to move forward. Send an email here with your interest to: uwcm1@gmail.com. Use the subject *Stitch and Bitch*. For meetings at the library, members must be double vaccinated.

Performances! (Formerly called *Stage and Soiree*)

Elizabeth Wirth is the convener. A minimum of five participants is required to move ahead with the group. Depending on the venue, you may need to have the "VaxiCode" to enter. Please send an email with your interest to: uwcm1@gmail.com. Use the subject heading *Performances!*





NEW! Fireside Gardening

Elaine Bander will organize this group, which will meet on the third Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7:30 pm either on Zoom or at the UWCM Club Room #7 in the Atwater Library. A minimum of six participants is required to move ahead. Please send an email with your interest to: uwcm1@gmail.com. Use the subject heading *Fireside Gardening*. Note: Time can be adjusted depending on the group.

Financial Literacy

Andrea Bobkowitz will organize the group, which will meet at 7:00 PM on the second Thursday of the month. Andrea will focus on a specific document that is available on the UWCM website under *Financial Literacy*. Developed by women for women, a facilitator manual and 15 case studies are available in a print-ready PDF for use by community groups, professional educators and others.



The case studies that will be explored in the sessions will be based on the unique needs and interests of group members.

Andrea will present one case study per meeting. The group will run via Zoom until it is possible to meet at the library. A minimum of six members is needed to move forward. Please send an email with your interest to: uwcm1@gmail.com. Use the subject heading *Financial Literacy*. Please see below for more information about the first session on Oct. 14.



Note from Andrea: We are looking forward to the inaugural UWCM Financial Literacy meeting on October 14 in the Club Room of the Atwater Library. At this first meeting, we would like to discuss Case #14: Power of Attorney in of the Financial Literacy Guide, 3087_CaseStudies_int-EN_FWeb_Inter.pdf (uwcm.com). We reviewed the list and decided to begin our discussion with a subject that affects us all, regardless of age or marital status. Power of Attorney (POA) is so important to implement while we are healthy; once you become fragile, you will depend on this “well-thought-out” document for your primary guardian. Do you have someone in mind? Did you know you can split a POA for health and a POA for asset management? Did you know naming your spouse may NOT be what’s best for you? Please join us at UWCM Financial Literacy meeting.

Memorable Jaunts

Dominique Racanelli will organize this new group. Come and enjoy what our city and surrounding towns have to offer with like-minded members. For the out-of-town excursions, car pooling will be necessary, so if you don't drive, invite a member who does.



Note from Dominique: The first outing: **October - In the City “Two Gifts from Two Cities”**



Montrealers are familiar with the Art Nouveau Arch outside Victoria Square Metro, a gift from the city of Paris. How many know that just a block away from the same Metro is a precious gift to Montrealers from the city of Berlin? We will meet underneath the arch, take photos, and proceed to view the large section of “The Berlin Wall”.



We will enjoy a beverage in the World Trade Centre Montreal, and proceed to St Helene street, where 22 gas lamps line the street. Yes! This special Old Montréal street is one of the few streets in North America to still have gas lamps. It is in many movie scenes. Come and find out why. Interested? Send an email here: uwcmtl@gmail.com for *Memorable Jaunts*

Ladies Who Lunch



Lauretta Alexander convenes this group. They meet either at the chosen restaurant or at the nearest metro station on the first Tuesday of the month at 12:15 PM. Those who want to go to a restaurant must be double vaccinated. Please send an email with your interest to: uwcmtl@gmail.com with subject heading *Ladies Who Lunch*.

Ladies Who Dine in Restaurants

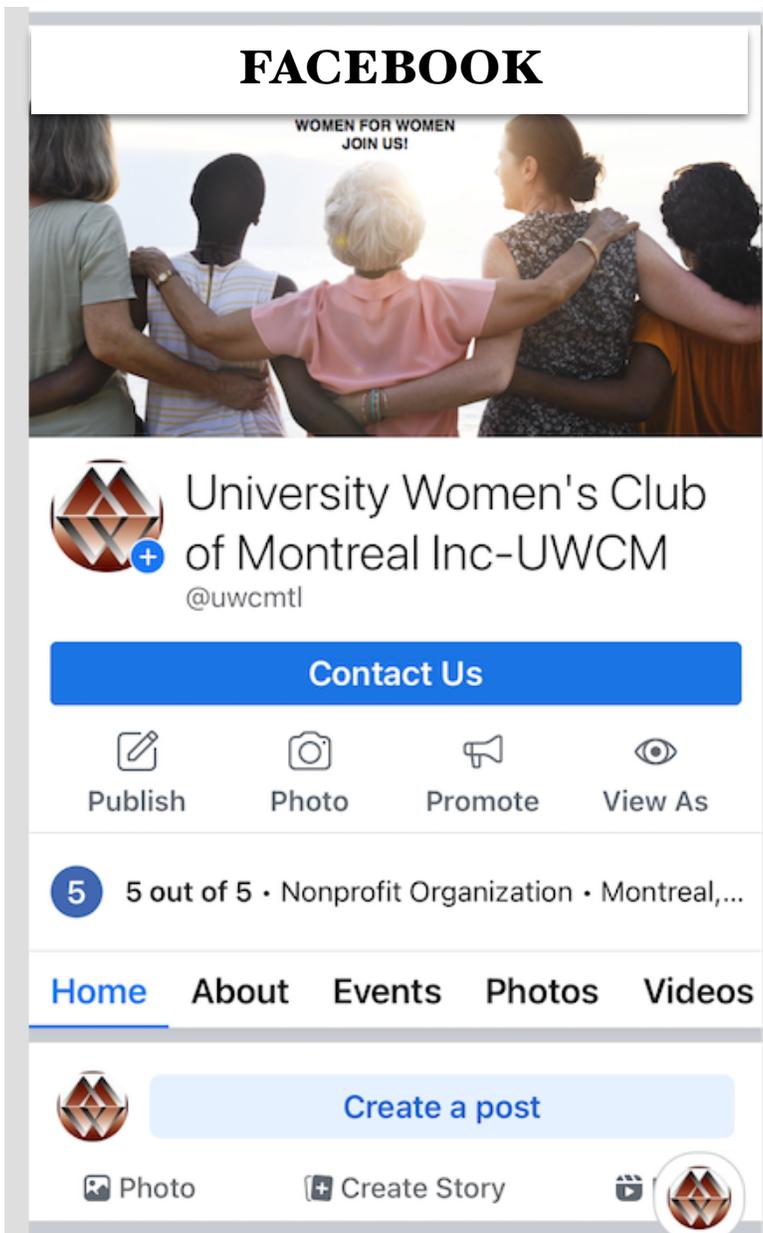
We are looking for a convenor for this group. They would meet (with a minimum of 4 members) on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in joining or organizing this group, please let us know. The first dinner should be on Thursday, October 7, at 7:00pm. Send an email with your interest to: uwcmtl@gmail.com. Use the subject heading *Ladies Who Dine In Restaurants*.





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