



UWCM NEWSLETTER

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THE UWCM MEETING ROOM

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PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

Leah Trineer

Happy New Year!!!!

I trust that all of you have had a happy and, hopefully, a restful holiday. The fall has been busy so the break over the holiday was a welcomed change in our house. About a year ago, some of the medical experts being interviewed in conjunction with the pandemic, spoke about the fact that 2022 would see life "somewhat" return to normal but that it would not be before 2023 that things would resemble the world that we knew back in 2019. So now, as we stand on the brink of 2023, let's look forward with optimism and promise at the year ahead.

One thing to look forward to is home dinners!! All of us who signed up to host or be a guest is looking forward to getting together sometime next week. We have several new members participating so I wish you all a terrific time meeting new friends and re-acquainting with old ones. If you remember, take a photo or two so that Emma can include it in next month's Newsletter.

As in the past few years in February, when the students of La Classe are not available, we will be hosted by Il Cortile. Our own Lorraine O'Donnell, whose bio and presentation is summarized later in this Newsletter, will speak to us that evening. Lorraine's research at Concordia centres around Canadian women's history and history/heritage projects that involve and help build communities. She will speak about her recent publication "People's History of English-Speaking Quebec - A Community Based History Project for the Vitality of an Official Language Minority".



In 2019, the UWCM reserved a table at the Robbie Burns night at the Faculty Club at McGill University. Once again, this event is being offered and a table has been set aside. Currently, we only have one space left but I will keep a small "waiting list" just in case someone must cancel nearer the date. Let me know if you are interested. Details were provided in last month's Newsletter.

Stay warm and stay well!

INTEREST GROUPS - ACTIVE AT THIS TIME



We encourage anyone interested in creating or inspiring an interest group to do so.

Each interest group that is active and would like to be included in the monthly newsletter must send their update to Emma by the last weekend of each month to be included in the proceeding month.

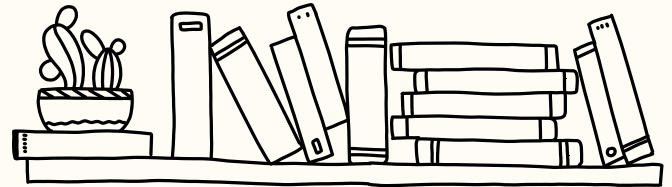
TRAVEL CLUB

Andrea de Gosztanyi is the Convenor of the Travel Group. The Travel Club will not be meeting in January.

Next meeting on **Tuesday February 14th 3:30-5pm**. Our theme will be Iceland, and our guest presenter will be Margarita Schultz.

I know that several of you have travelled there and some of us have this destination on our radar. Looking forward to a lively discussion and hints!!

Please confirm with Andrea



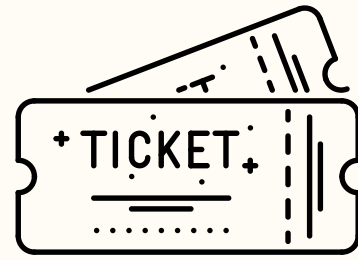
BOOK CLUB BUDDIES

The group will meet on **the third Monday of the month between 3:30 and 5:30 in the Club Room at the Atwater Library.**

There will be no meeting on December 19. The next meeting is **Monday, January 16th**. Leah is presenting "Death at the Chateau Bremont"

Each member will be selecting a book to recommend to the other members according to a monthly rota. Currently, the group is full. And a second Book Club is in the works so please keep an eye out for that email.

INTEREST GROUPS



STAGE AND SOIREE

At the beginning of 2023, we are starting our Stage and Soiree season. We want to start it with an opera: Opera McGill and McGill Symphony Orchestra | Hänsel und Gretel | January 26-29, 2023

When: Thursday (January 26th), Friday, and Saturday in the evening (at 7:30 pm) or on Sunday (2:00 pm).

Where: Monument-National: Ludger-Duvernay Hall, 1182 St Laurent Blvd, Montréal, QC, H2X 2S5, CA

Ticket price Senior \$35 (Regular \$40)

Liz Wirth will be there, at the opening, on Thursday, January 26th. Follow the link [HERE](#) to purchase tickets.

Please let us know asap if you want to join us. Please let me know if you have questions.



Performances:

Hänsel und Gretel

ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK

Patrick Hansen, conductor and stage director
with the EMSB Chorale; Patricia Abbott, chorus master

Tickets to be purchased through the Monument-National Box Office (See below).

COFFEE KLATCH

This group has been convened by Leah Trineer and meets on the second Friday morning of the month, anytime between 7:30 and 9:30 A.M. at the Avenue G coffee shop on Greene Avenue (just south of Sherbrooke and Greene).

The next meeting is on January 13th.



INTEREST GROUPS

OUTDOOR LADIES

Due to the weather this interest group will be post poned. and will reconvine in the spring.

If you are interested in joining them, please send an email to: uwcmtl@gmail.com, subject heading, OUTDOOR LADIES



LADIES WHO LUNCH

Lauretta Alexander and Adele Hebert will be Co-convenors of this group.

Contact info for Lauretta



Many more interest groups to come.

Please reference the Interest groups document that will be circulating again with this month's newsletter.



INTEREST GROUPS

LIBRARY LECTURES AND LUNCH

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. **These events usually take place on Thursdays (but sometimes other days), from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. Located in room 7 after the lecture.**

Below is a list of Atwater Library events scheduled for the next month. These events will be virtual but in February we'll resume hybrid and in-person events.

Click [HERE](#) for the whole list of this season's upcoming events.

MONDAY, January 16 – 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Connect Project WEEKLY INTERNET PEER CAFÉ

BY ZOOM ONLY: Join Liz Perrin for a discussion about using computers, tablets, and smartphones. Stay for 20 minutes or the full two hours for sharing, learning, and socializing.

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

WEDNESDAY, January 18 – 2:00 to 3:30 pm

TFSAs, RRSPs and FHSAs

BY ZOOM ONLY: For the Atwater Library Financial Literacy Program, retired financial planner Lynn Bennett discusses Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSAs) and Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs) in the lead-up to the annual contribution deadline. As a bonus, she will also give a preview of the new Tax-Free First Home Savings Accounts (FHSAs). Q&A.

To REGISTER and get the Zoom link: Iverge@atwaterlibrary.ca.

THURSDAY, January 19 – 12:30 to 1:30 pm

BY ZOOM ONLY: For the Atwater Library Lunchtime Series, Dr. Richard Fraser, McGill University Professor of Pathology and Director of the Maude Abbott Medical Museum, gives an entertaining talk on "The Maude Abbott Medical Museum Lost and Found Department."

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

Please note that the Lunchtime Series is ONLINE ONLY during the month of January but will be mostly hybrid from February on.

WEDNESDAY, January 25 – 2:00 to 3:30 pm

RETIREMENT INCOME

BY ZOOM ONLY: For the Atwater Library Financial Literacy Program, retired financial planner Lynn Bennett discusses possibilities for income in retirement: pension plans, government benefits, investments, real estate, part-time work and more. Q&A.

To REGISTER and get the Zoom link: Iverge@atwaterlibrary.ca.

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THURSDAY, January 26 – 12:30 to 1:30 pm

ROAD SCHOLAR

BY ZOOM ONLY: The Atwater Library Lunchtime Series, features a presentation on Road Scholar, the not-for-profit organization dedicated to inspiring adults to learn, discover and travel. Find out about possibilities for fun and educational adventures. To REGISTER and get the Zoom link, click [here](#).

Please note that the Lunchtime Series is ONLINE ONLY during the month of January but will be mostly hybrid from February on.

WEDNESDAY, February 1 – 2:00 to 3:30 pm

POWERS OF ATTORNEY

BY ZOOM ONLY: For the Atwater Library Financial Literacy Program, lawyer Ann Soden and notary Anna Kamateros conduct an information session on powers of attorney. Q&A.

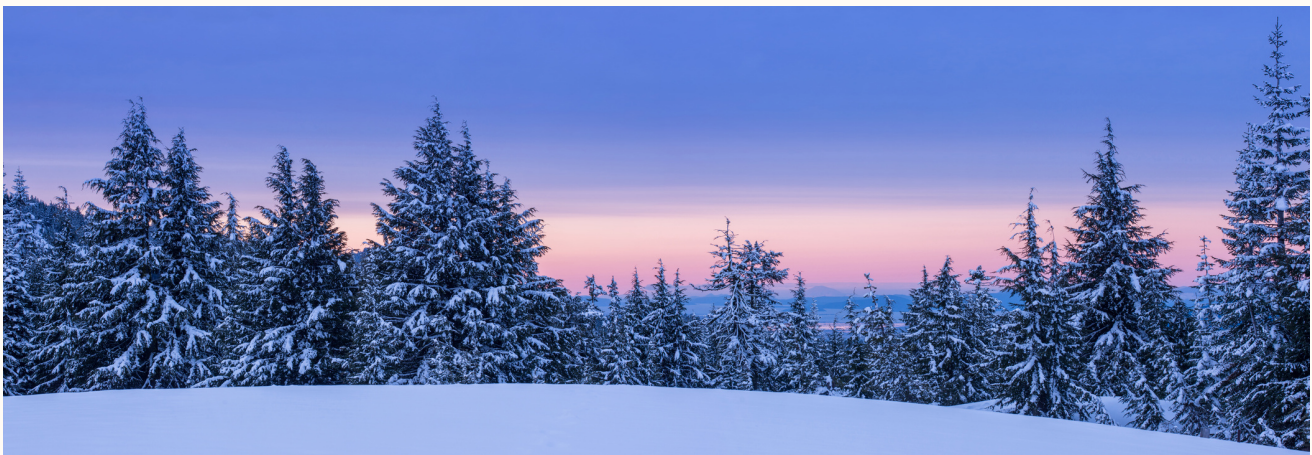
To REGISTER and get the Zoom link: lverge@atwaterlibrary.ca.

WEDNESDAY, February 9 – 7:30 to 9:00 pm

BOOK CLUB

BY ZOOM ONLY: Writer Mary Soderstrom leads the Atwater Library Book Club in a discussion of The Posthumous Memoirs of Brás Cubas by Joaquim Maria Machado de Assis, translated from the Portuguese by Flora Thomson-DeVeaux.

To REGISTER and get the Zoom link: patrick@atwaterlibrary.ca.



OTHER INTEREST GROUPS THAT ARE RUNNING AND YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP FOR BY EMAILING BARBARA WITH YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION. THE SUBJECT LINE IS THE CLUB YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN.

INTEREST GROUP - CONVENER/ ORGANIZER

FIRESIDE GARDENING - ELAINE BANDER

ARTS AND CRAFTS - DIANNE THEORET-MAJOR

STAGE AND SOIREE - LIZ WIRTH AND OLGA SHEVCHENKO

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY - TBD

BOOK CLUB #2 - TBD

AFTERNOON TEA - TBD

WOMAN'S ISSUES - OLGA SHEVCHENKO

WINE TASTING - EMMA MAJOR

BRIDGE FOR ADVANCED PLAYERS - SANDRA BRODSKY

BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS



HOME DINNERS

The organization of the evening will be left partially up to the host and her guests. But we suggest holding the event during the week of January 16th.

The intent of the event is to create an opportunity for members to meet in a more intimate setting and to welcome newer members into the club.

The evening is meant to be a potluck, so please coordinate with your host when she calls about bringing an appetizer, a casserole, vegetable(s), dessert, bread, or wine. It is meant to be a no-fuss evening with lots of time to chat.

Please send photos to Emma of your dinners and gatherings.

DINNER IN FEBRUARY AT IL CORTILE

For reservations, please be in touch with Sheila Mohammed.

NOTE! You must make your reservation.

OUR SPEAKER



Lorraine O'Donnell our guest speaker manages to Quebec English-Speaking Communities Research Network (QUESCREN) at Concordia University. Her background is in history and community development. Lorraine's Ph.D. research looked at the role of women at Eaton's retail company.

The Parti Québécois adopted Bill 101, formally known as The Charter of the French Language, in 1977. It called for French to be the language of work, business, and government in Quebec. What did this mean for English speakers, whose roots went back centuries in the province? Her presentation will give some answers to this question, looking at issues like education, communities, and identity. These are topics that she has explored with colleagues in a recent [book](#).



Menu

Antipasto a Scelta

Caprese (Mix Salad with Tomatoes and Bocconcini)

Eggplant, Melted Provolone Cheese and Tomato Sauce

Stracciatella Soup

Crepe filled with Ricotta and Spinach, Safran Sauce

Grilled Vegetables

Secondo A Scelta

Linguine with Tomato Sauce

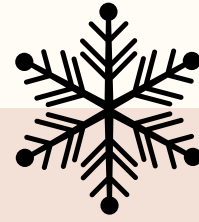
Gnocchetti In Gorgonzola Cream Sauce

Vegetarian Lasagne

Rice, diced Shrimp and Creamy Safran Sauce

Pappardelle in Wild Mushroom White wine

FOUNDATION NEWS



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by Donna Jensen, UWCM Foundation Chair

WHEN: Our main fundraising event will be held on the evening of **April 27, 2023.**

WHAT: Enjoy a bilingual presentation entitled Cartooning as a Communication Tool by Terry "Aislin" Mosher and Jacques "Boris" Goldstyn.

WHERE: Atwater Library Auditorium

FROM: Marie Bourbonniere, Veronica de la Collina, Maryse Igenito, Donna Jensen, Barbara Kerr, Ilea Tant, Anelia Wright (Fundraising Committee)

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE ON THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Every year, our University Women's Club receives resolutions from the Canadian Federation University of Women (CFUW). These resolutions deal with areas of concern to Club members - topics may be related to the environment, health, politics, and women's issues in the broadest sense.

All clubs are asked for their input on these resolutions prior to being voted on at the CFUW general meeting. Since there are 95 CFUW clubs with a total of over 7500 members across Canada, the resolutions we propose carry some weight. Over the years our resolutions have played an important role in advocating for the rights of women and children.

As we prepare for this year's resolutions we are looking for volunteers to help study them and decide if and how they should be presented. This ad hoc committee only meets a few times for exciting and important discussions.

If you are interested in helping out, please email me.

CFUW NEWS

The link to the website for the members only portal is [HERE](#).

As a member you are welcome to access the exclusive side of the CFUW website. Please feel free to discover more information and details regarding international club news. Such as the Danesh Online Library (DDL).



Do you wear pearl jewelry?

Olga Shevchenko, a UWCM member, an FGA gemologist and a jewelry designer, is making a presentation about pearls. She will speak about various issues related to pearls: What is a pearl? Why have pearls always been so precious and searched for? Real or imitation? How to choose pearl jewelry? How to wear pearl jewelry? And so on...

Do not forget to put on your beautiful pearl jewelry! Please feel free to bring your pearls with you.

When: Atwater Library (UWCM's room)

When: **February 8, 2023, at 6:30 pm**

Format: cocktail and presentation

16 people are welcome; so, RSVP, if you are coming.

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JANUARY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Deadline for newsletter submissions	2	3	BOARD MEETING	5	6	7
8	9 Woman's Issues Interest Group	10	11	12	13 Coffee Klatch	14
15	16 Book Club Buddies	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2		

If you have not given your birthday yet please email majoremma101@gmail.com so that Emma can include it.

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

Dr. Carolyn J Pepler - Jan 4
Linda Edgar - Jan 26
Andrea de Gosztanyi - Jan 29

FEBRUARY

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5	6 Woman's Issues Interest Group	7	8 Pearls Event	9	10 Coffee Klatch	11
12	13	14 Travel Club	DINNER	16	17	18
19	20 Book Club Buddies	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	1	2	3	4