



# UWCM NEWSLETTER

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**THE UWCM  
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# PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

Leah Trineer

March, hard to believe!! I feel like March is the "hump day" of winter just as we think of Wednesday as the "hump day" of the week. The next question is whether it is coming in like a lion, or a lamb? The first couple of days made it hard to tell but I am hoping that it might be considered like a lion so that we have the end of the month to look forward to.

Speaking of things to look forward to, I hope that you are all looking forward to returning to La Classe this month. We will be treated to a buffet dinner so no prior menu selection is required but we ask that you R.S.V.P. your attendance with Sheila Mohammed (sheilamohammed33@gmail.com) as soon as possible so that our numbers can be passed on to La Classe. In addition to getting back to La Classe we are going to be "serenaded" at our dinner by a presentation from the Montreal Chapter of The Raging Grannies!! This organization has been around for over 30 years in Montreal and was most recently seen "protesting" at the COP15 Biodiversity Conference held here in December. Whether you have seen them before, or not, you are in for an enlightening and musical evening! Looking forward to seeing you all there!!

The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) has just sent out the package of resolutions that they are asking us to read and then provide them with our comments and input. Linda Edgar is heading up a small committee to meet for the purpose of this review and report back to our membership with their comments. The committee will likely only meet a couple of times so the commitment is short in nature but most interesting in its content and the added perspective that it will provide you about our national organization. These resolutions will be voted on at our May AGM so that I, as one of the delegates to the CFUW AGM this summer, may vote as you would vote. There is a link in this Newsletter to take you to the site where you can review them; if you are interested in joining in on the discussion, please contact with Linda (lindajeannedgar@gmail.com).

Besides our national CFUW, University Women's Clubs across the country are also organized according to the provinces or regions where they reside. In Quebec, we have the Quebec Provincial Council which represents the six clubs in Quebec. The Council meets twice per year, once in the spring and once in the fall; each time a member club acts as "host". The next meeting will be on **April 22nd in Quebec City**. The meeting normally gathers early for a 9:00 a.m. start and wraps up around 3:00. There is usually about a \$35.00 registration fee and a light lunch with a guest speaker is provided in addition to the business meeting. While there are designated delegates to the Council (i.e. the club presidents) any member is encouraged to come along. If you are interested in learning more, please feel free to contact me and mark the date on your calendars if you might be interested; car-pooling is usually arranged if multiple people wish to attend.

## INTEREST GROUPS - ACTIVE AT THIS TIME



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

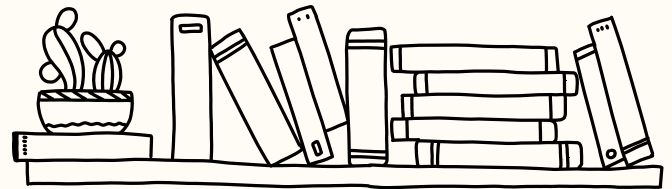
Each interest group that is active and would like to be included in the monthly newsletter must send their update to Emma by the last weekend of each month to be included in the proceeding month.

### TRAVEL CLUB

Andrea de Gosztanyi is the Convenor of the Travel Group.

Andre is currently on vacation, keep an eye open for an email.

Several members have traveled there and some of us have this destination on our radar. Looking forward to a lively discussion and hints!!



### 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.**

The next meeting is **Monday, March 20.**

Each member selects a book to recommend to the group on a rotational basis. Currently, the group is full. If this is of interest in a second Book Club please let us know.

# INTEREST GROUPS

## MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts is presenting a beautiful exhibit dedicated to the development and innovation of women in design.

If you are interested in attending the exhibit it is open to the public between Feb 18- May 28th.

Let us know if you have an interest in organizing a guided tour.

## OUTDOOR LADIES

It's time for the Outdoor Ladies to emerge from hibernation. Given this month's uncertain weather, we propose an indoor activity: a visit to the renovated Insectarium: <https://espacepurlavie.ca/en/insectarium>. Among other things, we'll be able to experience the Great Vivarium, with live insects.

The date and time will be **Saturday, March 18, at 11:00 a.m.** Since there are only 50 tickets for sale per time slot, we recommend that anyone who wants to join us should purchase a ticket as soon as possible: <https://espacepurlavie.ca/en/ticketing>. If you live in the Montreal area—which most of us do—be sure to get a CMM Resident Ticket; the so-called Regular Tickets are more expensive. If you're not sure if you live in the CMM, there's a list of municipalities here: <https://cmm.qc.ca/a-propos/territoires-et-municipalites/>.

Let us know if you are interested in a guided tour.

## WOMEN'S ISSUES GROUP - PHOTO FROM THEIR FEBRUARY DINNER



The next meeting is on **March 30th.**

Please contact Olga for more information regarding this dinner

## COFFEE KLATCH

This group **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).



# INTEREST GROUPS

## SOCIAL MEDIA

SEEKING INTEREST in a group interested in learning the social media basics for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

We have tentatively arranged a presentation on social media basics with the Atwater library to host the lesson.

This will be a daytime presentation. Please email Olga if you are interested in attending. Please include a preferred weekday.

At this time the group needs a minimum of 3 people to be established.



## BRIDGE 1 & 2

### CALL TO ACTION

The advanced bridge group is looking for one more player at the appropriate level to join them.

The bridge for beginners group is looking for someone willing to teach others how to play.

If you are interested in either one of these opportunities please email Olga.



**FOR OTHER INTEREST GROUPS THAT ARE RUNNING CAN BE FOUND BELLOW.**

**YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP FOR THEM 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

LADIES WHO LUNCH  
LAURETTA ALEXANDER AND ADELE HEBERT

WINE TASTING  
EMMA MAJOR

BRIDGE FOR ADVANCED PLAYERS  
SANDRA BRODSKY

BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS - TBD

# INTEREST GROUPS

## ATWATER 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 or so.

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

**Thursday, March 16, 2023 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm**

**IN PERSON AND BY ZOOM: IRISH CELEBRATION** – Concordia University Irish Diaspora Professor Jane McGaughey profiles the podcast The Irish in Canada. With Irish music. To REGISTER and get the Zoom link, click [here](#).

**Thursday, March 23, 2023 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm**

**IN PERSON AND BY ZOOM:** Dr. Joe Schwarcz, the popular author and Director of McGill University's Office for Science and Society, gives an illustrated presentation. To REGISTER and get the Zoom link, click [here](#).

**Thursday, March 30, 2023 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm**

**IN PERSON AND BY ZOOM:** Author Mary Soderstrom discusses her new book Against the Seas: Saving Civilizations from Rising Waters. To REGISTER and get the Zoom link, click [here](#).

**Thursday, April 13, 2023 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm**

**IN PERSON AND BY ZOOM:** Shelley Pomerance discusses her translation into English of François Gravel's memoir, Colonel Parkinson in Charge: A Wry Reflection on My Incurable Illness. To REGISTER and get the Zoom link, click [here](#).

**Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm**

**IN PERSON AND BY ZOOM:** Mark Gallop gives an illustrated presentation on "The St. Lawrence Waterway Project: From Colonial Canals to the Seaway." To REGISTER and get the Zoom link, click [here](#).

**Thursday, May 11, 2023 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm**

**IN PERSON AND BY ZOOM:** McGill University Library's Christopher Lyons gives an illustrated talk on "Making Black Canadian History: The Life and Collections of Montrealer Roy States (1919-1980)." To REGISTER and get the Zoom link, click [here](#).

## DINNERS AT LA CLASSE - MARCH

The next dinner will be back at our beloved La Classe Restaurant, on March 15.

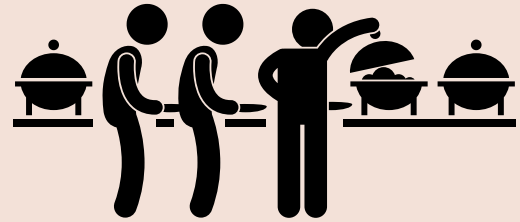
Reminders:

- Please bring cash to pay for your dinner (\$30 tax included)
- Wine and liquor at the bar with debit/ credit available.
- Special coffees cost extra.

La Classe this month is hosting an exciting buffet for us to attend.

For reservations, please be in touch with Sheila Mohammed.

NOTE! You must make your reservation known to Sheila



## OUR PRESENTATION FOR MARCH IS THE MONTREAL RAGING GRANNIES

The Montreal Raging Grannies were started in 1989 by four activist women, Joan Hadrill who headed the peace group "West Islanders for Nuclear Disarmament", Mary Rowan, Barbara Seifred, and Jean Laidlaw Perreault. They have participated in government hearings, made presentations to community groups and marched in countless demonstrations. They are famous for "singing" out about environmental issues including nuclear waste disposal, fracking, pipelines, and plastic pollution. They have stood up for indigenous rights, women's rights, senior's rights, and equal rights. They have raged against violence and gun use and the sale of violent toys for children. Most recently, they were present at the 2022 United Nations Biodiversity Conference (COP15).

Please join us on March 15th when some of the Raging Grannies will come out to tell us about themselves and some of the issues that they are passionate about, through song.

## DINNERS AT LA CLASSE - APRIL



For reservations, please be in touch with Sheila Mohammed.

NOTE! You must make your reservation.

### Reminders:

- Please bring cash to pay for your dinner (\$30 tax included)
- Wine and liquor at the bar with debit/ credit available.
- Special coffees cost extra.

## RECOMMENDED READING FOR OUR APRIL SPEAKER



### Amal Elsana Alh'jooj

If you are interested in reading this book before the dinner follow the link provided to purchase the book. [HERE](#)

Amal is the author of *Hope is a Woman's Name*, a personal memoir that recounts her experiences. Dr. Amal Elsana is the Founder and Executive Director of PLEDJ (Promoting Leadership for Empowerment, Development and Justice), which brings her vision of empowering the most marginalized communities to address intractable social problems to the local, national, and international levels.

This is a compelling and important book, a reflective autobiography of an exceptional woman which must have been difficult to write. Dr Amal Elsana Alh'jooj is a Bedouin, Palestinian, Arab, Israeli, Muslim, feminist and social work academic with degrees in Social Work from Ben Gurion University of the Negev and McGill University. She has a wealth of experience in innovative community development in the Naquab amongst her own people, is an articulate and experienced speaker on Bedouin rights and been nominated for and received national and international awards.



## FOUNDATION NEWS

Tickets will be  
available starting  
March 15 at our  
Dinner.

BREAKING NEWS...



### FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 5:30 pm**

Atwater Library Auditorium  
1200 Atwater Avenue, Westmount, QC

**\$50**

**CARTOONING is COMMUNICATING**

with Terry "Aislin" Mosher and Jacques "Boris" Goldstyn

To support bursaries and local outreach for women.

Short reception follows.

## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE ON THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

### Proposed Resolutions for Policy Session July 2023

We are pleased to forward to you the draft Resolutions for 2023. Thank you to the CFUW Policy Book Review Sub-Committee working with the CFUW Advocacy Committee, CFUW Halifax, CFUW Hamilton, CFUW Perth and District and to the CFUW International Relations Committee. We appreciate the thoughtful attention you have given to the preparation of those Resolutions which can result in important additions to CFUW's updated Policy Book, and future directions in advocacy.

**Resolution 1 - CFUW Advocacy Committee**

Title: Archiving Select CFUW Policies I

**Resolution 2 - CFUW Advocacy Committee**

Title: Archiving Select CFUW Policies II

**Resolution 3 - CFUW Halifax**

Title: Immigration Detention in Canada

**Resolution 4 - CFUW Hamilton**

Title: A comprehensive maternal death prevention strategy

**Resolution 5 - CFUW Perth and District**

Title: Fair Treatment for Canadians Suffering from Chronic Lyme Disease and Other Tick-borne Diseases

**Resolution 6 - CFUW International Relations Committee**

Title: Impact of international trade agreements

For more information and the full documents follow the link [HERE](#)



## 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.

## THE CLUB BILLBOARD



If you would like to advertise anything along the above lines, please feel free to send a brief ad in PDF format to [uwcmntl@gmail.com](mailto:uwcmntl@gmail.com) **in addition to** a \$15 fee (either by cheque payable to the University Women's Club of Montreal Inc. or via bank transfer) **no later than** the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. \* **Businesses/self-employed people are eligible for one-year ads in every newsletter for a one-time payment of \$100.**

Members are most welcome to advertise for themselves or on behalf of family and friends.

Kindly note that **only** advertisements received with their payments within the deadline will appear in the immediately upcoming newsletter. Any ads/payments received after the 15<sup>th</sup> will be postponed to the following month.

**All advertising funds will be dedicated to the Centennial Celebration reserve.**

## GWJ UPDATE

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW67) - March 6-17, 2023

Theme: Innovation and technological change, education in the digital age for achieving gender equality, and the empowerment of all women and girls

CFUW is one of the ECOSOC-accredited, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that belongs to the United Nations and, as such, a team of delegates will attend the UNCSW67 in person. If you are not a CFUW delegate, you can still participate.

To register for parallel events, create an account via the CSW NGO/NY portal here and view live or recorded governmental sessions on UN Web TV. Click

[https://whova.com/portal/registration/ngocs1\\_202303/](https://whova.com/portal/registration/ngocs1_202303/) to register. Go to the agenda tab at <https://ngocsw67forum.events.whova.com/> for session dates and times.

In particular, sessions of interest:

Tuesday, March 7 - a CFUW parallel event on Even Odds in Digital Education for Marginalized Women and Girls

Tuesday, March 14 - a GWI-hosted parallel event on Innovative Ideas in Education and Advocacy Advancing Women and Girls

Wednesday, March 15 - a CAMEUS\*-hosted virtual event on Digital Education: Lessons Learnt and Innovations Introduced. A speaker from each CAMEUS country will be on the panel

Thursday, March 16 - a GWI-hosted parallel event on Gender Equality in Digital Education: Young Women and Financial Challenges.

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\*CAMEUS is short for Canada/Mexico/USA, the North American regional group of GWI affiliates.

CFUW Club Action Newsletters (February 10 and 24, 2023) include many details on sessions being hosted by our international partners on digital education and gender equity. See also "Let's Go Virtual for CSW67!" GWI update, February 22, 2023

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### GWJ Supporters Network

As part of the CFUW-GWI 2023 Outreach Conversations initiative, Dr. Barak Ovacik of the Turkish Association of University Women will present the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals on March 24, 2023, at 12 noon EST and despite the devastating earthquakes earlier this month in Türkiye (formerly spelled Turkey). The co-hosts for this presentation and conversation are the Turkish Association of University Women and CFUW-Nepean. Read more from Dr. Ovacik in her letter to NFAs published in a recent CFUW Club Action Newsletter.



# MARCH

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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19	20 Book Club Buddies	21	22	23	24	25
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If you have not given your birthday yet please email Emma Major at majoremma101@gmail.com

## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Lauretta Alexander - March 4  
Leah Trineer- March 10  
Lorraine O'Donnell - March 11  
Pilar Shephard-Cumming - March 12  
Maria Ardito Masi - March 12  
Bev Rowat - March 27  
Susan Button - March 30

# APRIL

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