



UWCM NEWSLETTER

January and February| 2024



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THE UWCM MEETING ROOM

Atwater Library
Club Room #7
1200 Atwater Ave.,
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PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

Leah Trineer

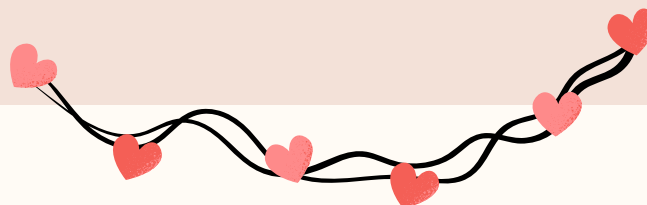
Since we are combining the events of January with the February Newsletter, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy start to the New Year! The Chinese New Year is just around the corner on February 10th and this year welcomes the green wood dragon, symbolizing prosperity, and good luck!! These echo my wishes for all of you!

Our January "Home Dinners" were highly successful! I wish to thank all those who hosted and attended; there were five evening meals and one lunch attended by over 30 guests. In addition, the Women's Issues Group met that week because of the conflict with the Robbie Burns evening on the 25th, their usual night, and had eight member and guest attendees. All-in-all a wonderful week! Seven members and their guests also attended the Robbie Burns evening, which once again was a great event.

In February we are looking forward to welcoming Scott Phelan who comes to us from the Board of the Montreal Irish Monument Park Foundation. Most of us can claim to be "at least a little bit Irish", if not genuinely more, as we approach the month of March. Scott will be speaking about the Black Rock Memorial Park, the significance of the rock, and of the long history of the Irish in Montreal.

In March we will be welcoming Gabriel Felcarek, from GFN Productions, the Quebec producer and promoter of concerts, albums, and digital media. They invest primarily in Quebec and Canadian talent but have showcased artists from around the world. This young company who began operations in 2018 having partnered with the Orchestre FILMharmonique. Together, they have created a program that has become a mainstay of the programming at Place des Arts, as well as at locations elsewhere in Quebec, Ontario, and beyond. They are putting on the production that we are featuring in our 2024 fund-raising for the Foundation, "Music at the Movies: A Tribute to John Williams". Mark your calendars, May 17th, and tickets are available at all up-coming dinners.

Once again, let me take this opportunity to wish each of you the very best for the year to come! Happy Valentine's Day



DINNER AT LA CLASSE - FEB SPEAKER

Mr. Phalen presentation's on February 21 st will provide a brief history of the Irish community in Montreal and about the up-coming month of March being National Irish Heritage Month. Mr. Phalen will also speak about the Great Irish Famine of 1840 and what role Montreal and Quebec played during that crisis. The final focus of the presentation will surround the Black Rock and its significant value as an iconic symbol of Montreal and the history, heritage, and humanity that it represents. Discussion of the Black Rock leads into his involvement in the Montreal Irish Monument Park Foundation, the up-coming project of building a world-class memorial park in Griffintown and the recent developments which will see it become a reality.



Scott Phelan

Scott is a 6th generation Irish Quebecer whose ancestors hail from just outside Kilkenny in Ireland and whose family emigrated to Canada in the 1820s and settled in a community near Mirabel north of Montreal called St. Columban.

A graduate of Loyola High School and Concordia University, Scott was a well known entrepreneur in Montreal owning and operating a small chain of five car stereo and car accessory stores in the 1980s as well as a consumer electronics retail store called La Boutique Electronique and five Bell independently contracted Bell retail outlets from the early 1990s until his retirement in 2014.

Scott has been an active volunteer serving in many senior positions in not-for-profit organizations such as the Loyola High School Alumni Association (President 1999- 2003), the Independent Communications Dealer Association of Canada (President and Chairman 2004-2011), the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal (President 2016 to 2018), the St. Patrick's Development Foundation (Director 2018 to date) and of course as Director of the Montreal Irish Monument Park Foundation since 2020 and as President of its Finance and Fundraising Committee.

He continues to work as a consultant for small businesses in the Montreal area and is married with three grown children and two grandchildren.



DINNER AT LA CLASSE - FEBRUARY

La Classe, February 21 at 6:30 pm

For reservations, please be in touch with Sheila Mohammed.

NOTE! You must make your reservation.



Dinner Meeting Dates:

- February 21st, 2024
- March 20th, 2024
- April 24th, 2024
- May 15th, 2024
- June 19th, 2024

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.
- Parking is available under the LaSalle College, the entrance is on Fort Street. Parking is free and should be done on level P3. When you exit, notify the attendant by using the button indicated for assistance and mention that you were eating at La Classe.

February Menu

ENTRÉES - FIRST COURSE

1 - SOUPE MINISTRONE AVEC ALFRED LE FERMIER CHEESE

1 - Minestrone Soup with Alfred le Fermier cheese

2 - POLEPETTE (BOULETTE DE VEAU MARINARA)

2 - Polepette (Marinara veal meatballs)

3 - SALADE D'HIVER, VINAIGRETTE AU CIDRE DE GLACE

3 - Winter salad, ice cider vinaigrette

PLATS PRINCIPAUX - MAIN COURSE

1- RISOTTO CHAMPIGNONS SAUVAGES ET CANARD CONFIT (VÉGÉTARIEN D'OPTION)

1 - Duck confit and wild mushroom risotto (vegetarian available)

2 - SAUMON POÊLÉ, SAUCE VIERGE ET LÉGUMES DU MARCHÉ

2 - Pan seared salmon, virgin sauce and market vegetable

3 - COUPE DU BOUCHER (BOEUF) ET MOUSSELINE DE POMMES DE TERRE

3 - Butcher's cut (beef), Yukon potato mousseline

DESSERT

1 - BROWNIE CHOCO-DULCE DE LECHE

1 - Brownie choco-dulce de leche

2 - CHOUX PASSION

2 - Passion fruit choux

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST AT 6:30PM.

PLEASE BRING CASH TO PAY FOR YOUR DINNER (\$30 TAX INCLUDED)

WINE AND LIQUOR AVAILABLE BY DEBIT/CREDIT. FREE PARKING -

FORT ENTRANCE ON P3 AVAILABLE. UPON EXIT, PRESS THE

ASSISTANCE BUTTON AND SAY YOU HAD DINNER AT LA CLASSE.

INTEREST GROUPS



Each interest group that is active and would like to be included in the monthly newsletter must send their update to Emma Major majoremma101@gmail.com by the last weekend of each month to be included in the proceeding month.

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



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).



BOOK CLUB BUDDIES

The group meets 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, Feb 19th.**

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.

Although this group is full, if there is enough interest in forming another one please contact Olga

INTEREST GROUPS



WOMEN'S ISSUES GROUP

The next meeting of the Women's Issues interest group (dinner) will be held at the McGill Faculty Club.

February 29th Dinner

Please contact Leah Trineer to RSVP.



PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY GROUPS THAT ARE NOT LISTED.

AFTERNOON TEA

A brand new group!

Leah and Emma invite you to join them at an afternoon high tea.

Saturday, February 24th

2 pm-4 pm

At Cafe Brume located on

**388 Rue Saint-Zotique East,
Montréal, QC H2S 1L7**

Fixed-rate of \$30

Please contact Emma Major to RSVP.
Please include "Afternoon Tea" in the subject line.



YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP FOR THEM BY EMAILING UWCMTL@GMAIL.COM WITH YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION.

THE SUBJECT LINE IS THE CLUB YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN.

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.

Please let Carly Pepler know if you are planning to come.

Thursday, February 15, 2024 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm

IN PERSON AND BY ZOOM: Rapper and historian [Aly Ndiaye aka Webster](#) traces the life of [Shadrach Minkins](#) (1814-1875), a Black man who was born into slavery in Virginia and made his way to Montreal in 1850 via the underground railroad. He made a good life in Montreal, working as an entrepreneur, marrying and raising a family. [In October 2023 a plaque honouring Minkins was unveiled at his burial site in Mount Royal Cemetery.](#)

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

FRIDAY, February 23, 2024 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm

IN PERSON ONLY: To celebrate BLACK HISTORY MONTH, the [IMANI Gospel Singers](#), directed by Marcia Bailey, perform a program of spiritual music and discuss the evolution of Black gospel music.

Thursday, February 29, 2024 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm

IN PERSON AND BY ZOOM: A LEAP IN THINKING on LEAP DAY – Participants in [McGill University's Building 21](#) give an overview of their outside-the-box scholarship and futuristic thinking.

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

Thursday, March 14, 2024 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm

IN PERSON AND BY ZOOM: ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION – [Festival Bloomsday Montréal](#) presents a program of Irish music and words with Kathleen McAuliffe, Barbara Ennis Canella and Natalia Davidova.

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

Thursday, March 21, 2024 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm

IN PERSON AND BY ZOOM: MONTREAL HISTORY – Raymond Jess, PhD, talks about the Irish Protestant community in Montreal in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Presented in collaboration with the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society of Montreal.

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

FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

Music at the Movies: A Tribute to John Williams
Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier, Place des Arts, Balcon section
Friday, May 17, 2024, 7:30 pm

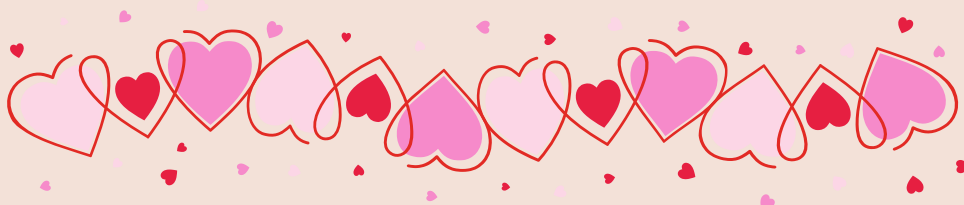


Tickets: \$100

Income tax receipts will be issued for the \$40 donation portion of the ticket price.
By cheque or money order made payable to UWCM Public Foundation.
For more info, contact Donna Jensen

Proceeds will support bursaries for female students and local outreach for women.

DIRECTORY UPDATES





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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.



SAVE THE DATE

2024
CFUW-FCFDU
AGM & CONFERENCE



Sandman Signature Edmonton
Downtown Hotel
July 22nd - July 24th, 2024
Edmonton, AB
Code: **2407CFUW20**

Realizing potential. For all women.

Stay tuned for more information!



Graduate Women International
Empowering women & girls through lifelong education



Rachel Lutz
CFUW Wolfville, NS



Olenka Kravets
CFUW Sherbrooke
& District, QC



Denise Bradden
CFUW St Catharines, ON

Welcoming Refugees: Three Canadian Stories and the GWI Experience

Tuesday, February 13th at 12:00 ET
*Register [HERE](#) to join this
conversation*

Sharing ideas from around the world about
welcoming refugees

Join us for a GWI Outreach
Conversation hosted by CFUW
Wolfville, CFUW Sherbrooke & District,
and CFUW St Catharines which will
feature speakers who have worked to
welcome refugees to their communities.



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Click [HERE](#) to
register if you are
interested in
participating.



The Montreal Council of Women 



Helping women in crisis

Logifem's **Sally Richmond** has worked for many years with women in crisis. As Executive Director of Logifem she shares her insights on the state of local women's needs for shelter and care.



FEBRUARY 15 AT NOON

 **REGISTER NOW**

Let's walk together on February 24, 2024

Join the MCW's
Marvelous Mavens
and Logifem

Join Team MCW and
support THE FIGHT
AGAINST HOMELESSNESS
on the Coldest Night of the
Year 2024



montréal ville saint-laurent
24 fév. 2024

Logifem
coldest night

  **REGISTER NOW**

THE MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN 

THE DANGERS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

ITS INCREASING USE AND IMPACT ON EQUALITY AND ETHICAL
DECISION MAKING.

with **Indra Kubicek**, MCW member
and President of Digital Moment



FEBRUARY 29 AT NOON

 **REGISTER NOW**

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

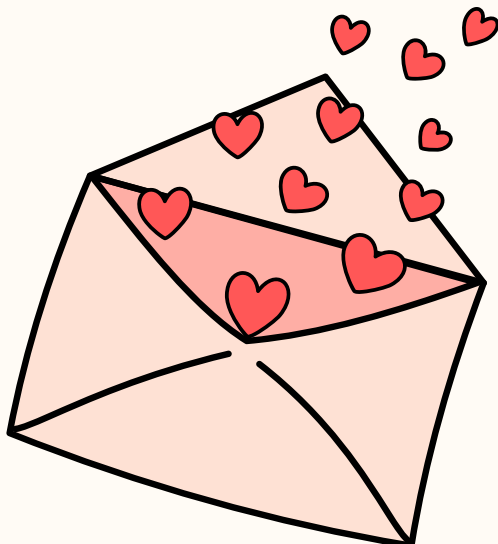
ADVANCING WOMEN'S RIGHTS AROUND
THE WORLD: WHY COLLECTIVE ACTION
MATTERS



Lauren Ravon, Executive Director of Oxfam Canada, will join the Montreal Council of Women to provide an overview of the state of women's rights in Canada and globally. JOIN US!

MARCH 7 AT NOON

 **REGISTER NOW** 



MEMBERS' SPOTLIGHT



Spotlighting McGill's women in STEM

Marking the International Day of Women and Girls in Science with some of McGill's celebrated researchers

By Stephanie Wereley

Internal Communications Officer, Communications and External Relations

FEBRUARY 7, 2024

Featured in the attached link is our very own Dr. Caroline Palmer
Click [here](#) for the link.



Ausma celebrated her 100th birthday, on Dec 15th.
Photos from December 27th, at the monthly celebratory
tea for birthdays at Manoir Westmount.



A picture from the home dinners
this year in January



NEWS FROM THE OLD MISSION BREWERY

PATRICIA MACKENZIE PAVILION UPDATE

Place Tenaquip: Helping local unhoused

By: Donna Jensen

Last year, Mission Old Brewery purchased property in eastern Lachine to build an 18-unit transitional home for vulnerable members of the local population. The Montreal Gazette writes that “thirteen of the units will be studio apartments with their own kitchens and bathrooms, and five will be larger units to accommodate a couple or a parent and child.”

Members may recall that CEO Jim Hughes spoke to us at last June’s dinner and told us of the current homeless issue. A spirited and compassionate discussion ensued about possible solutions. Since 2022, Hughes has been working to find an appropriate location with long-time Mission supporter Tenaquip Foundation that approached him with this idea.

Montreal’s milder climate last fall enabled the existing building to be demolished earlier than planned. It is expected that construction will begin this spring and be completed before the end of the year. This \$8-million project is being funded with a Tenaquip Foundation donation of almost \$5-million, with the remaining financial support coming from different levels of government. In addition to transitional lodging, the building will have office space for Mission staff to offer psychological support and to help tenants find employment and more permanent housing.

For the last few years, the UWCM Foundation has used the monies raised to support, among other deserving entities, the Patricia Mackenzie Pavilion that is the women’s branch of Mission Old Brewery. As such, we are pleased to learn of this important housing solution and are sure members will agree.

Note that our fundraiser tickets (for \$100 with a \$40 income tax receipt) are still available for sale for the upcoming Tribute to John Williams symphony concert on May 17 at Place des Arts. For more information, contact Donna

Sources:

Eve Leclair, Communications and Public Relations Manager, Old Brewery Mission, 902 boul. Saint-Laurent, Montréal (eleclair@missionoldbrewery.ca)

CBC Radio Daybreak, <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-15-daybreak-montreal/clip/16034583-lachines-transitional-housing-project>

Montreal Gazette, <https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/from-humble-beginnings-to-5-million-gift-for-the-unhoused>

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25	26	27	28	29 Women's Issues	BIRTHDAY'S THIS MONTH Dominique Racannelli - Feb 12 Donna Jensen - Feb 15 Emma Major - Feb 19 Please send in your birthdays if you are a new member so we can celebrate you on your month.	

If you have not given your birthday yet please email Emma Major at majoremma101@gmail.com

MARCH

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