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THE UWCM MEETING ROOM

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PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

Leah Trineer

Happy St. Patrick's Day & Happy Spring!!!!

Spring has arrived! Whether you follow metrological spring that arrived on the 1st or astrological spring which will arrive on the 21st, it signifies the promise of new beginnings. As the old proverb implies, March came in like a lamb, will it go out like a lion? The snow that came last week was a reminder that Mother Nature will let us know when spring truly arrives.

Snow aside, the days are getting longer and the sun is making it so nice to be outside. Maybe you got out to the parade on Sunday. Our Ladies Who Walk will be thinking about new parts of the city to investigate. The Gardeners will be celebrating getting their hands dirty whether in their own backyards or maybe in the pots on their balconies. The city is allowing for the opening and closing of the "terrasses" to be extended by two weeks at either end of the season so let us look forward to that!! Let us know what you are planning to celebrate the arrival of spring.

At our March dinner, we will be welcoming Gabriel Felcarek. Gabriel was born and raised in Montreal; he is an amateur musician whose passion for music and business led to him becoming an entrepreneur. In 2018, Gabriel co-founded GFN Productions, a Quebec-based company and producer of live entertainment across Canada. Since its founding, the company has become the leading Canadian presenter of live-to-projection film concerts, having put on such major works as Star Wars in Concert and The Lord of the Rings in Concert, to name but two. He is also the producer of several albums featuring the FILMharmonic Orchestra. Aside from his music interests, he is active in Canadian politics and has served as an advisor to the federal government in Ottawa, including two years as a member of the Prime Minister's staff.

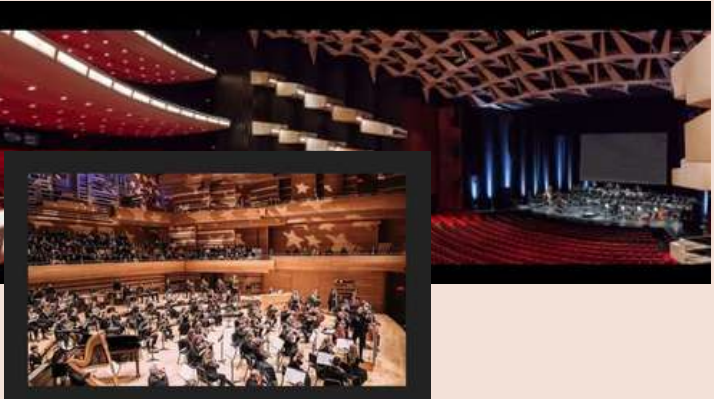
This young, locally based company are producing this year's event that we have chosen as our fund-raiser. Group tickets have been purchased for May 17th for "Music at the Movies: A Tribute to John Williams". Tickets will be available at the dinner; if you haven't already bought one, do consider doing so, whether for yourself or as a gift for someone who would love to hear the music of John Williams played live in our own Place des Arts.

Our Nominating Committee is busy trying to fill a few positions on the Board for members who have completed their term. If you are approached by them, do consider joining. We have a great Board and have had a lot a fun giving back to the Club. For those of you who are relatively new to UWCM, you will find that serving on the Board is a great way to be involved and meet other members. We are a volunteer organization and cannot do what we do without the continued support and involvement of our membership.

DINNER AT LA CLASSE - MARCH SPEAKER



Gabriel Felcarek.



May 17th

**Music at the Movies: A
Tribute to John Williams**

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DINNER AT LA CLASSE - APRIL SPEAKER



**Lisa Mintz, Executive Director of
urbaNature Education.**

Lisa Mints is an environmentalist, fundraiser, and community organizer. For approximately 10 years, she has played a significant role in saving green-spaces in Montreal. She is a founding member of Sauron's l'Anse a l'Orme which has succeeded in creating the largest municipal park in Canada, the Grand Parc de l'Ouest, in the West Island. She served many years in saving the Technoparc Saint Laurent wetlands and will be coming to speak to us about the important work being done with La Falaise Saint-Jacques .

DINNER AT LA CLASSE - MARCH

La Classe, March 20th at 6:30 pm

For reservations, please be in touch with Sheila Mohammed.

NOTE! You must make your reservation.



Dinner Meeting Dates:

- 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.

INTEREST GROUPS



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.

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, March 18th.**

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 Shevchenko

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.

March 28th Dinner

Please RSVP.

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.

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



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 at know if you are planning to come.

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](#).

Thursday, April 4, 2024 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm

IN PERSON AND BY ZOOM: SOLAR ECLIPSE – Trevor Kjorlien of Plateau Astro gives an illustrated presentation on the total solar eclipse passing over Quebec on April 8.

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

Thursday, April 11, 2024 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm

IN PERSON AND BY ZOOM: Award-winning writer Susan Doherty discusses her new novel Monday Rent Boy with journalist Anne Lagacé Dowson.

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.

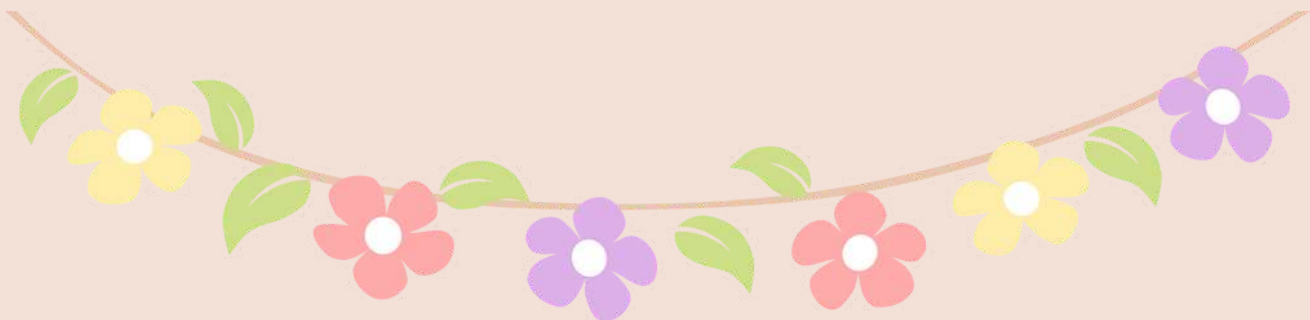
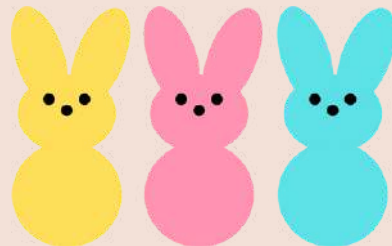
By cheque or money order made payable to UWCM Public Foundation.

For more info, contact Donna Jensen (donjenvr@yahoo.ca, 514-507-4322).

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

DIRECTORY UPDATES

New Members





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Username: viewonly

Password:

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.



cfuw fcfd

Realizing potential. For all women.
Le pouvoir par le savoir.

CFUW has a new look!

CFUW has made the decision to move forward with our acronym to represent the new brand and our members. The process of incorporating a new brand and the abbreviation of our name was a two-year process.

Clubs were concerned that the word 'university' was not inclusive to prospective members. This prompted an extensive external consultation process on the requirements behind a legal name change. This also spurred internal consultation with members- through focus groups, two townhalls, an open member forum and surveys.

Concerns were brought up about losing the historical connection to the organization's roots as well as potentially high financial costs to all clubs to adopt a new legal name ex. Charitable Trusts/Scholarships. The legal name of the organization remains unchanged (Canadian Federation of University Women) but we now have licensing to CFUW.

Founding CFUW members were trailblazing university graduates at a time when universities in Canada were not yet generally open to women. Some members and clubs wanted to retain the historical roots of the organization while still opening membership to be more inclusive to women from all walks of life who support the goals and mission of CFUW.



GWI UPDATES

Irene Joliot-Curie

1897-1956

Nobel Prize In Chemistry in 1935
Member of AFFDU all her life
One of the first three women in the
French Government as the
Undersecretary of State
for Scientific Research in 1936







LE CONSEIL DES FEMMES
DE MONTRÉAL
MONTREAL COUNCIL
OF WOMEN



FEMMES AVERTIES
WOMEN AWARE

ELIMINATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



ALHAM MAHMOD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
WOMEN AWARE

Join us on Thursday, April 4th, at 12:00PM ET to hear Alham "Ally" Mahmud give us an update on its mission to provide long-term support to survivors of intimate partner violence.

Women AWARE is a Montreal non-profit and MCW federate that is raising awareness of conjugal violence against women and providing support, advocacy and a safe space for victims.





REGISTER NOW

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Click on the image to register if you are interested in participating.

MEMBERS' SPOTLIGHT



A wonderful afternoon Tea at the Liz,
hosted by Joan Hagerman

Leah Trineer , Gertrud Antoine-Barwick,
Lyse Mayer, Sally Cooper, Joan Hagerman



Book Club Buddies had a splendid time at our club room in The Atwater Library.

The photo above: Tanya Fitzpatrick and Rhonda Schanfield

The photo on the Left: Margarita Schultz, Sandra Brodsky, Barbara Kerr, Linda Edgar, Tanya Fitzpatrick

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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17 	18 Book Club Buddies	19	20 DINNER	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Women's Issues	29	30
31 	1	2	3	4	BIRTHDAY'S THIS MONTH Laurretta 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 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

APRIL

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