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CENTENARY COMMITTEE NEWS

Notes by Susan Button on behalf of the Committee

Dear Members,

In 2027, we will celebrate one hundred years as a thriving and flourishing club and that is certainly a milestone to recognize and commemorate. The Board of Directors has established a Centenary Committee to plan activities and events as we lead up to this remarkable year and to organize a gala dinner to take place in October 2027.



The Centenary Committee members are:

- *Donna Jensen*: Committee chair, UWCM past president, retired legal secretary, English copy-editor and a dedicated volunteer.
- *Susan Button*: Committee secretary, retired after 42 years at McGill University Advancement with a special interest in the history of higher education for women and a devoted volunteer.
- *Andrea de Gosztanyi*: retired art and art history teacher, past president of the Hungarian St. Stephen's Ball, co-founder and treasurer of CHAC (an artists' collective) and a committed volunteer.
- *Elaine Bander*: retired Dawson College English teacher with specialized knowledge of Jane Austen and a staunch volunteer.

We are delighted to be working with all of you in the months and years ahead to create a memorable centenary.

The UWCM has benefitted from the loyal support of many remarkable and pioneering women. From founding member Elizabeth Monk (who, in 1942, became one of the first two women admitted to the Quebec Bar) to present-day honorary degree recipients Miriam Roland (Concordia 2018, Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*) and Elizabeth Wirth (McGill 2023, Doctor of Music, *honoris causa*), our members have had an extensive list of achievements over many years.

As the Club starts planning events to mark this upcoming watershed, the Centenary Committee also plans to highlight the history of the Club and to honour outstanding members in biographical sketches in the Newsletter. To mark this special occasion, the Committee has created this centenary tagline: *A Century of Empowerment*.

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OUR FOUNDATION...DID YOU KNOW?

From our Club website:

The UWCM Public Foundation is the charitable and fundraising instrument of the UWCM. The Foundation was established on April 15, 1985, in order to receive donations, issue tax receipts, and award bursaries and fellowships that advance the post-secondary education of women. It also supports selected registered charities within our community whose purposes are consistent with the objectives of the UWCM.

The Foundation is overseen by a group of appointed trustees who meet regularly to discuss strategy and the allocation of funds raised for that particular fiscal year. The trustees are members in good standing with the UWCM.

Annual Award and Bursaries to Female Students

- The **Betsy Barber Memorial Award** is given to an MBA student in the John Molson School of Business. It is named in honour of a past president of UWCM and graduate of Concordia's MBA program.
- The **Anne-Marie Trahan Memorial bursary** is provided to a deserving student. Named after a distinguished jurist and valued member of the UWCM who provided a generous bequest.
- **Educational bursaries** are for mature students. These are awarded by the institutions in our name.



Click the button to donate!
The Foundation accepts
donations all year long.

Community Outreach

The Foundation annually supports community organizations including libraries and spaces that support Montreal's vulnerable populations.

Donate!

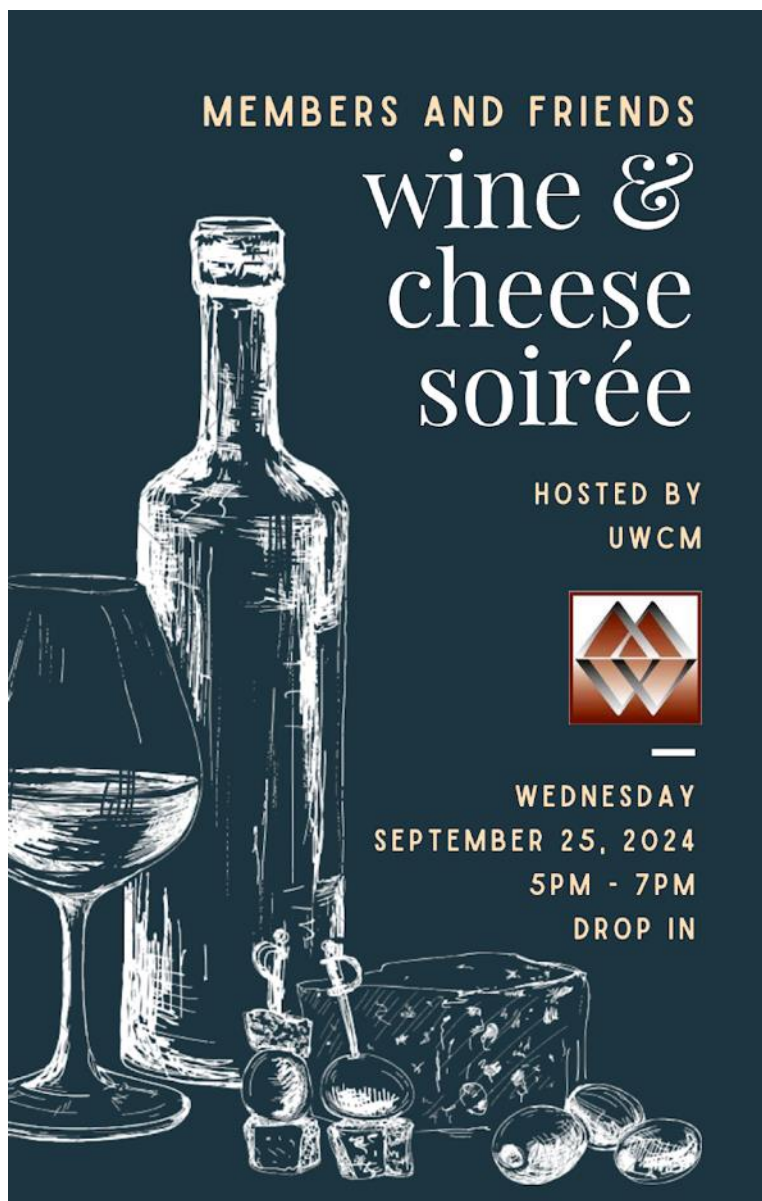
A charitable tax receipt is provided for all monetary donations of \$25 or more.

CLUB WINE & CHEESE: SEPTEMBER 25

We are delighted to invite you to Soirée Wine and Cheese on Wednesday, **September 25**, 5-7 pm, at the UWCM club room in the Atwater Library. Please bring a friend, if you can.

RSVP to Sheila by **September 22**. We can accommodate a maximum of 40 people.

If you have questions, please contact Olga Shevchenko.



CLUB DINNERS: NEXT ONE OCTOBER 23

Connect with fellow members!



The first club dinner of this season was September 18, and the next one is **October 16**. Stay tuned for an email sending menu and details!

Our dinners generally take place on the third Wednesday of each month at [La Classe](#) restaurant, 2000 St. Catherine Street West. Doors open around 6:00 p.m. Each dinner features a special guest who gives a talk on a subject of interest to members. Price: \$30 each – CASH ONLY. Wine and liquor at the bar with debit/ credit available.

Parking

Available under 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.

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OUR INTEREST GROUPS

We encourage anyone interested in creating or inspiring an interest group to do so. Want to join an existing interest group, start a new one, or learn more? Email with your name and contact information.

Book Club Buddies

- Each member selects a book to recommend to the group on a rotational basis.
- The group meets on the third Monday of the month from 4:00 to 5:30 in the Club Room at the Atwater Library.
- Next meeting: **October 21.**
- The current group is full. The convenor, Tanya Fitzpatrick, is starting a waiting list for a second group.
- For information, contact Tanya.



Coffee Klatch

- This group meets on the second Friday morning of the month, anytime between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. at Avenue G coffee shop on Greene Avenue (just south of Sherbrooke). Next meeting: **October 11.**
- For information: Leah Trineer.



INTEREST GROUPS (cont' d)

Library Lectures & Lunch

- This is different from other interest groups in that the organizer, Carly Pepler, has no list of participants, but she keeps our members aware of upcoming Atwater Library lectures.
- Upcoming lectures:
 - September 26. *Reinterpreting Paul Kane and Indigenous History*. I.S. MacLaren.
 - October 3. *Defending Anglo Rights*. Andrew Caddell.
 - October 10. *The Roots of Russia's War on Ukraine*. Maria Popova.
 - October 17. *Montreal Cartoons*. Aislin (Terry Mosher) and Boris (Jacques Goldstyn)
 - October 24. *Montreal's Square Mile*. Elizabeth Kirkland and Don Nerbas.
- To see the full series, click [here](#).
- Carly will be serving lunch in Room 7 for \$5 on Thursdays after the lectures **EXCEPT for October 3 and 10**. Please let her know if you are coming.

Outdoor Ladies

- Convenor Zofia Laubitz comes up with a variety of fun activities around town. **There are none currently scheduled.**
- To join, if you want to lead an activity of your own with an intrepid group of walkers, or for information, contact Zofia.

INTEREST GROUPS (cont' d)

Museum Jaunters

- This group has guided tours with local museums.
- You are welcome to join the group. For information, contact the co-convenors: Adèle Hébert and Pilar Shephard-Cumming.
- The most recent visit was on September 5. Interest group co-convenor Adèle reports: "We had a fabulous visit of the [Cosner](#) Art Gallery located at the Ritz Carleton followed by a marvellous lunch at Pois Penché restaurant. We learned so much from our wonderful guide about Marc Aurel Fortin, William Brymner and so many more Canadian artists." The group's second convenor Pilar writes: "an interesting visit of Canadian and Quebec Art" adding "a lovely day of friendship, art, and a great food."



INTEREST GROUPS (cont'd)

Women's Issues: What Does Aging Mean to You?

- This group meets to discuss women's issues over dinner, generally on the last Thursday of the month.

- At the last meeting on August 29, a big group of Club members met and talked about our summers to get to know one another. Then we brainstormed on which issues to address this fall. The main theme that emerged was aging. How do we manage our health, changing physical selves, technology, and housing as we get older? Convenor Olga guided us to identify these sub-themes to address, and kept the discussion on-topic and lively.



- Next meeting: **September 26** at the McGill University Faculty Club. Olga writes: "We are meeting at 6:00 pm for a cocktail, and around 6:45, we will go upstairs to the dining room. So, you may join us at any time convenient for you. And, please, don't forget that you may park at the back of the Faculty Club building for \$15. If you need more information about the parking, please let me know."
- For more information: Olga Shevchenko.

FROM OUR NETWORK OF WOMEN'S CLUBS



Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW)

Call for Resolutions

The September 13 CFUW Club Action Newsletter puts out this call:

- The due date for Intents to write a resolution for the 2025 Policy Session is **November 1**. The intent submission includes a proposed topic title and a short paragraph explaining what the resolution will be about. Information on writing and submitting Intents, as well as the full schedule for this year's resolutions process, is available here: [2024-2025 Resolutions Information and Guidelines](#).
- Please check the CFUW Adopted Resolutions Book to confirm that CFUW does not already have a resolution on your topic. Updates to dated resolutions are welcome.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss your intent prior to submission, Resolution Committee Co-Chairs Margaret Therrien and Wendy Taylor are available to answer any inquiries.

Call for Participants for CFUW National Committees

Note to readers: As reported in the August issue, the CFUW August 16, 2024, Club Action Newsletter asked for an expression of interest from club members from across Canada to join a CFUW National Committee. The September 13 CFUW Club Action Newsletter adds:

Thank you to everyone who has answered the call to be a part of the CFUW National Committees. We are still looking for women who have a love for numbers and finance or who are passionate about articles and bylaws - [CFUW Expression of Interest Form 2024-2026](#).

For information on CFUW committees, go to the Federation [home page](#) and click on "Committees" on the upper-right-hand menu.

To subscribe to the *CFUW Club Action* newsletter, click [here](#).

FROM OUR NETWORK, cont'd



Graduate Women International (GWI) News

From the GWI September 11 newsletter:

GWI Young Member Network (YMN)

After successfully launching its first session, find the recording [HERE](#), of a four-part mentoring series on 12 August to commemorate International Youth Day, the YMN looks forward to its upcoming session on **21 September** for the International Day of Peace. This mentorship programme will focus on careers in the humanitarian sector, where members will gain insights into different career paths and experiences within the field. All GWI young members and guests are encouraged to join and benefit from this initiative hosted by the GWI YMN. A certificate of attendance will be provided to each participant. Additional sessions will take place on **24 October**, focusing on youth engagement in United Nations processes, and **25 November** addressing e-learning and gender studies. Registration details will be announced soon.

Upcoming world dates and events

GWI posted these upcoming dates and events in their recent newsletters:

- 21 September - International Day of Peace
- 21 September - YMN Mentoring Series 2/4
- 26-29 September - UWE, Annual Conference, Albania
- 27-29 September - Women Graduates - USA, Conference, Washington D.C.
- 5 October - World Teachers Day
- 11 October - International Day of the Girl
- 15 October - International Day of Rural Women

To subscribe to the **GWI Update Newsletter**, click [here](#).

Join the Graduate Women International Young Member Network (YMN) Mentoring Series!

GWI encourages its young members to join the second session of this series with a webinar on 21 September focusing on careers in the humanitarian sector, where members will gain insights into different career paths and experiences within this field.

REGISTER

Zoom link coming soon!

Additionally, two more webinars will be organised: one on 24 October, focusing on youth engagement in United Nations processes, and another on 25 November for Orange Day, addressing e-learning and gender studies. All GWI young members and guests are encouraged to join and benefit from this initiative hosted by the GWI YMN. More information will be sent in the coming days for members who wish to register.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING SESSIONS
(Details of topic, mentor and registration will be available soon.)

- 21 SEPTEMBER 2024**
Careers in the Humanitarian Sector
- 24 OCTOBER 2024**
Youth and United Nations Processes
- 25 NOVEMBER 2024**
Orange Day! E-learning and Gender Studies

All young women are welcome to join and benefit from this wonderful initiative hosted by the GWI YMN.
A certificate of attendance will be provided for each session.

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Infographic from the *CFUW Club Action Newsletter*

FROM OUR NETWORK, cont'd



Montreal Council of Women (MCW)

From the August issue of the *MCW Pulse*:

THE MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN
& THE TEAPOT PRESENT...
ANN LAMBERT'S

OKAY BOOMER
A Film by Beanduck Productions
and Theatre Ouest End
Starring Laura Mitchell

November 28, 1:30pm - 3:30pm
La Vieille Brasserie: 2801 St. Joseph Boulevard, Lachine

REGISTER NOW

Join us for this thought provoking short film followed by a discussion on age and ageism led by writer and producer Ann Lambert & award winning actress Laura Mitchell.

Cookies and coffee will be served.

"OK Boomer" Film Screening

Hosted by our federate, The Teapot, this event will feature a short film written by MCW member Ann Lambert and starring Laura Mitchell. Ann will discuss her inspiration for the play and lead a conversation on aging and ageism with Laura. Join us for this thought-provoking event, complete with coffee and cookies! On **November 28**. Registration link [here](#).

FROM OUR NETWORK, cont'd



National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC)

From the NCWC August newsletter:

Call for Resolutions

In preparation for the NCWC Fall General Meeting, resolutions and updates submissions are now accepted until **September 30**.

Please submit resolutions and updates to Mary Potter, Resolutions Convenor.

To read [NCWC Resolutions Criteria](#) for submission, please click [here](#).

AGM

The Fall General Meeting will be held on Saturday, **November 30** with details to be announced.

Sign up for the NCWC newsletter [here](#).

BIRTHDAYS!

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CLUB CALENDAR

September

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|-----|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 Board Meeting | 05 Museum Jaunters: Cosner Gallery Library Lecture & Lunch | 06 | 07 |
| 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 Library Lecture & Lunch | 13 Coffee Klatch Wine tour | 14 |
| 15 MCW at the Terry Fox Run | 16 Book Club | 17 | 18 Club Dinner | 19 Library Lecture & Lunch Museum Jaunters: Gallery 203 | 20 | 21 GWI YMN |
| 22 RSVP deadline: Club Wine & Cheese | 23 | 24 | 25 Club Wine & Cheese | 26 Library Lecture & Lunch Women's Issues | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 Deadline: NCWC call for resolutions | | | | | |

October

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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The UWCM meeting room

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