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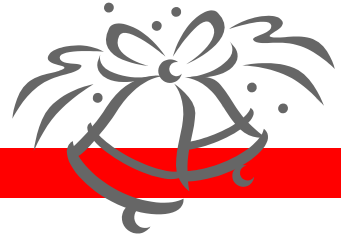
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DECEMBER 9: A WINTER CELEBRATION

FACE School Midi-Jazz Vocal Ensemble

Under the direction of Emmanuelle Racine-Gariépy, the FACE School Midi-Jazz Vocal Ensemble will get us into a holiday mood with *Seasonal Music*. This group of about 12 girls aged 13-17 will kick-off our Winter Celebration with their performance prior to the dinner at 6:30 pm.

This year, the charitable organization that we will be supporting is Actions Réfugiés Montréal. Their greatest need is telephone cards, so you don't bring anything but crisp hard cash whether it is blue or mauve or green (see page 4).

Cocktails: 6:00 pm; Performance: 6:30 pm

Reserve by Friday, December 4.

JANUARY 20: LUNCHEON

Wanda Bedard speaks on **60 million girls** Foundation

60 million girls is a public foundation established in February 2006 by Wanda Bedard and a group of talented, creative and energetic women who strongly believe in the need to support education for girls in order to create a more just and balanced world. Its objective is to support at least two major education projects annually in developing countries with the greatest gender disparity in school enrolment by raising funds through the Foundation.

Its members all give of their time freely as volunteers for this passion. They come from all different walks of life, different professions and careers and are of every age group. They share a very strong commitment to shaping the world as best as they can, by supporting the empowerment of girls and women and boys and men through education.

Their projects for 2009 are 'Empowering Girls through Education in Zimbabwe: the Girl Child Network' and 'Educating Lenca Girls Today, Empowered Lenca Women Tomorrow'. For more information, see www.60millionsdefilles.org

Luncheon: 12:00 pm (noon)

Reserve by Friday, January 15.

Dinner Menus

December

- Leek & Pear Soup
- Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings
- Christmas Log

January

- Lentil & Tomato Soup
- Grilled Salmon on Spinach Salad with Fennel Remoulade Sauce
- Trio of Sorbet with Cookies

Cost: \$30.48 (including tax – non-members, please pay by check)

Remember to mention any food allergies or dietary restrictions when you make your reservation.

Our dinner meetings are held at:

**Atwater Club
3505 Atwater Avenue**

Please reserve with the Club at 514-935-2431

Notes:

- Cancellations made any later than 5:00 pm the Monday before a Wednesday meeting will result in a charge of 50% of the cost of a meal.
- Do not forget your nametags.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear UWCM Members,

December already! In a few weeks we'll be starting a new year...time flies!

Traditionally, this is a time to share and enjoy good moments with friends and family. We got off to a good start with our Foundation Auction Dinner. Once again, thanks to the great organization of the Foundation Committee and to all of you, it was a joyful and successful event.

But as we are all aware not everyone is in a position to share with their family. This year the Board has decided to support Action Réfugiés Montréal as our Christmas Charity. Their request is very simple: money for telephone cards. So, at the December monthly dinner, come early to listen to the Face Christmas Choir, and bring along "un bleu" (5\$) to help Action Réfugiés Montréal help people to call home. It's easy, no food, no toys, just money.

Governance

In view of the revision to our Bylaws, at our last AGM, by the addition of the following clause:

"20.4 Any financial advisors appointed by the Board to manage the securities, assets, and investments shall comply with accepted independence standards",

it was determined that it was not advisable that a club member act as our financial advisor. With the CIBC Branch Manager, we have begun the process of implementing this change. The results of these discussions will be proposed to the Board.

I take this opportunity to thank Adèle Hébert for her conscientious handling of our investments over the years.



Advocacy

Gun control and environment issues are driving you to want to do something? Go to the new CFUW web site, www.cfuw.org, where you will find ways to act and be a visible voice.

The Resolution Committee has not rested on its laurels since its successful Financial Literacy campaign in Winnipeg. Action plans are coming together. Mark your calendar for February 17th. Jacques Ménard, Vice-Chair of the National Task Force on Financial Literacy, will be our guest speaker for a special event at McGill University. Not to be missed!

January Lunch

Please take note that for the first time in a long time, our monthly meeting is a luncheon in January. It was a request from our members that our Program Chair was happy to fulfill. Thanks Lynn!

May the yearend festivities be happy for all of you!

Johanne Desrochers

President, UWCM Inc.

Montreal Council of Women

Next General Meeting
Wednesday, January 20
Lunch: 12:15, Meeting: 12:30

Where: Les Jardins du Canal, 2700
Rufus Rockhead (opposite Atwater
Market).
Lunch Cost: \$6.00

TRIBUTE TO PAT GIACOMELLI

We were all very saddened to learn of the death of Pat after fighting so bravely against cancer for seven years. Her gentleness, her smiling face, courage, friendliness and positive spirit will be missed by all.

Pat was a longstanding member of UWCM. She was someone who valued education greatly and was always proud of her association with our club. She loved to attend the monthly dinners, not only to meet her fellow colleagues, but also to learn from the speakers and satisfy her curious mind. She would love to engage others in conversation and bring joyfulness to the room.

Pat was an avid gardener and an active member of the Gardening interest group. She would often offer to organize one of the events to assist the convenor. She was so enthusiastic about garden design and colour and loved discussing the various perennials, annuals, etc and how they would best fit into a particular setting.

Pat was a regular member of the Wine Tasting group where she brought her discerning taste as well as her eagerness to learn more about the various components of the wines. She looked forward to these evenings and the great enjoyment that ensued.

Pat had a passion for literature and loved to delve into the characters, setting, plot, etc of novels and would bring an interesting dimension into the conversation. She looked forward to attending the Literary Evenings and the lively discussions that occurred.

Pat was a truly dynamic, vivacious friend who brought her high-spirited energy to anything she touched. Personally we shall all miss her greatly. UWCM has lost one of its strongest supporters.

Liz Annesley

SAVE THE GUN REGISTRY!

Bill C-391 proposes to abolish the long gun registry and eliminate the existing records of 7 million registered guns. Rifles and shotguns are the firearms most often used to kill women and children in domestic violence. 88% of Canadian women killed with guns are killed with a shotgun or rifle. The law is working; gun-related spousal homicides are down 50%.

Call, email and write your MP to express your support for the gun registry. Abolishing the registry will endanger public safety and rearm domestic violence. To find your MP [click here](#).

To learn more about this issue and to learn how you can save gun control in Canada click [here](#). Sample letters to send to the government are included and may be copied, signed by you and sent postage-free to your MP.

Judith Kashul



Membership News

Welcome to:

Edith Drummond,

Lillian de Romer,

Note that Virginia Barber has moved and her new address is:

Dr Virginia Cox Barber,
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New Volunteer Column

Do you volunteer?

Does the organization you work with, have events or activities it would like to publicize?

Would it like to advertise for volunteers, services or items it needs?

In the spirit of our Outreach effort, a spot has been reserved in the newsletter for a volunteer organization column. Send your information to:

Gloria Kearns

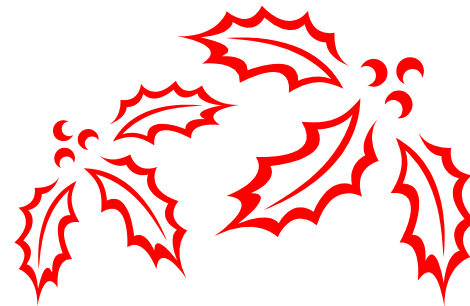
STRENGTHENING FINANCIAL LITERACY: A NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR CANADA

**Speaker: M. L. Jacques Ménard, Chairman-Bank of Montreal,
Vice Chair- Canada's Task Force on Financial Literacy**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2010 from 6 to 8pm
Leacock 26, Leacock Building, McGill University**

Your Resolutions Committee has been busy planning its biggest challenge yet. On February 17, 2010, you can find out about the inner workings of the newly appointed National Task Force on Financial Literacy from its Vice Chair, L. Jacques Ménard.

Co-hosted by McGill's School of Social Work and other McGill sponsors, we will also be inviting our sister clubs from the West Island and the South Shore, the McGill community and members of the public. This groundbreaking event will give the public an introduction to the issue of financial literacy by one of Quebec's most thought-provoking opinion makers.



This event is part of your Resolutions Committee's advocacy work and action plan following the successful adoption by the CFUW of our club's resolution in August 2009 concerning the recognition of financial literacy as an essential life skill and the need for the development of the appropriate programs and national strategy to ensure access for Canadians of all ages.

Are you interested in attending the event or in helping our committee with this event? Please call any of the committee members (chair Judith Kashul or volunteer co-coordinator Liz Annesley). We are particularly wishing our members to be on hand as greeters and hostesses.

Brenda Shanahan

SPECIAL DONATIONS AT OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Your Board has decided to designate Action Réfugiés Montréal (ARM) to receive gifts given at our annual Christmas Dinner to be held this year on December 9.

We have had discussions with Reverend Glynis Williams, Executive Director of ARM to understand the needs faced by refugees especially at Christmas time. We have learned that the most pressing need is to have phone cards so that they can talk to family at Christmas. They are often in the Immigration Detention Centre in Laval with no access out to Canada. To call home while there, refugees need a telephone card. These cards are also used to call their home country to officials for documentation and papers for their refugee hearings in Canada.

The suggested response to this need is for us to give money for purchasing phone cards. The cost of an overseas telephone card starts at \$5. We ask you to be generous with \$5, \$10 or more. You can even write a cheque to Action Réfugiés Montréal. Tax receipts are issued for all donations over \$20.

We are pleased that Glynis will join us at our Christmas Dinner to tell us more about the work at ARM.

Judith Kashul