



# UWCM

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## February 2010 Newsletter

### FEBRUARY 24: CLAIRE HOLDEN ROTHMAN

A talk on her best-selling novel, *The Heart Specialist*

Claire Holden Rothman is a Montreal fiction writer with a law degree from McGill and an M.A. in creative writing from Concordia. For many years she taught literature at Marianopolis College and for four years led the advanced fiction workshop in the English Department of McGill. These days she works as a translator, primarily of scripts for television and film, but she has also translated books. In 1993, she won the John Glassco award for her translation of the first novel written in French Canada, Philippe Aubert de Gaspé Junior's 19th century classic, **Le chercheur de trésors (The Influence of a Book)**. Claire's own works of fiction include two collections of stories (**Salad Days, Black Tulips**) and a novel, **The Heart Specialist**, published by Cormorant Books in 2009 and recently longlisted for the 2009 Scotiabank Giller Prize.

Inspired by the career of Dr. Maude Abbott, **The Heart Specialist** is a testament to the power of dreams and perseverance. For more information, see: [www.claireholdenrothman.com](http://www.claireholdenrothman.com).

**Cocktails: 6:00 pm; Dinner: 7:00 pm**

### MARCH 17: ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Irish music to celebrate St. Patrick's Day



The group **CRAIC-ATAC** will perform traditional Irish music with *joie de vivre*. Band members are **Claude Bertrand** on guitar and bouzouki; **Janet Laskey** on fiddle, small harp and low whistle; **Jocelyne Patenaude** on button accordion and hurdy gurdy; and singer **Donna-Marie Sullivan Marosi**, who also plays the bodhrán (celtic drum).

Mark your calendars.

### Dinner Menus

- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Duck Leg Confit with Blueberry Sauce
- Crushed Garlic Potatoes
- Mixed Vegetables
- Warm Pecan Pie
- Coffee/Tea

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

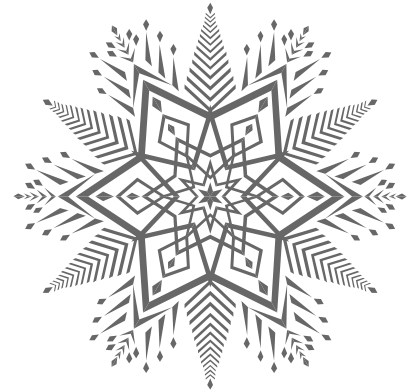
**Remember to mention any food allergies or dietary restrictions when you make your reservation.**

**Our dinner meetings are held at:  
Atwater Club  
3505 Atwater Avenue**

**Please reserve with the Club at 514-935-2431 by Friday, February 19.**

#### 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.**
- **Don't forget your nametags.**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear UWCM Members,

Are you concerned about the future direction of our Club? Would you like to be more involved in the Club's destiny? Now is a good time for you to act, since interesting positions need to be filled on next year's Board of Directors:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Membership Chair
- Program Chair, one year commitment to terminate current term
- Outreach Chair, one year commitment to terminate current term

Roxane Stanners will be chairing the Nomination Committee. If any of these positions appeals to you or if you just need more details, don't hesitate to contact either Roxane or me. "Come on Board", it's a great experience!

Last year, we dedicated the February event to CFUW, with Patricia DuVal, CFUW President, and Chitra Chopra, Vice-President Quebec, as speakers. The positive reactions to this event convinced us to continue the theme this year, particularly since our resolution on Financial Literacy has become a CFUW policy.

Mark your calendar for February 17, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, when UWCM is hosting an event at the McGill Leacock Building with L. Jacques Ménard, Vice-Chair of the National Task Force on Financial Literacy as guest speaker, and Dennis Trudeau, well-know journalist, as moderator. This will be the first public event of this National Task Force and we are the ones who initiated it!

Also mark your calendar for February 24 for our monthly dinner meeting at the Atwater Club with author Claire Holden Rothman.

**AGM news:** This year the CFUW AGM will be held in Ottawa, from July 15 to 18, at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Ottawa. For a more global point of view, the IFUW Triennial AGM Conference is scheduled for Mexico City, from August 3 to 9.

The shortest month of the year will be quite busy! I hope to see you at our McGill event as well as at the monthly dinner.

All my best,

*Johanne Desrochers*

President, UWCM Inc.

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*JANE WANSBROUGH*  
(1940 - 2009)

Jane joined the UWCM in 2000. She was an inspiring French and English language teacher to both youngsters and adult learners. Jane was also a dedicated lifelong volunteer. She committed much time and energy to the Junior League of Montreal, and also gave support to oncology patients. More recently, she was lauded for her efforts as Chair of the Auxiliary of the Montreal General Hospital. During her tenure, she was especially proud of her contribution to the magical "tent dance" fundraiser.

She will be sadly missed by many.

## CFUW AGM/CONFERENCE AND CENTENNIAL OTTAWA, JULY 15-19, 2010

### WOMEN HELPING WOMEN IN CANADA AND THE WORLD

#### How Security and Development Go Hand In Hand

#### Focus: Afghanistan

With:

- General Natynczyk, Chief of the Defence Staff,
- Leading Development Agents
- Dr. Sima Samar, Afghan Independent Human Rights Commissioner
- Charlotte Gray, Historian and Author
- And other surprises you would only find in Canada's Capital City

These annual gatherings are joyful and stimulating events that seek to develop our personal growth and the growth of each Club, conduct the business of National, learn new and exciting ideas to bring home and tour the destination city with the people who know it best.

The Ottawa Club is working very hard to produce a memorable AGM/Conference in honour of our Centennial year.

### REPORT FROM LAC 2010

It is with delight and considerable relief that the Local Arrangement Chairs report that the threads are coming together to make this upcoming AGM/Conference a memorable event in the CFUW chronology. The key speakers are confirmed.

We will explore diplomacy, defence and development working together through a dialogue with General Natynczyk, Chief of the Defence Staff and equally senior leaders from CIDA and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. After a break, a panel of experts from the field will discuss the main issues in the four targeted areas and then facilitators will lead interactive workshops to produce ideas for action. The plan is to turn these concepts into practical projects in home Clubs.

Saturday evening, our speakers will tie the threads of the weekend tapestry together.



Winnipeg was superb; we have big shoes to fill and we don't want you to miss the party.

The More the Merrier; we would love each member of the clubs across Canada to be able to attend. Second best would be for at least one delegate from each Club to come to Ottawa.

Please mark July 15-19 on your 2010 calendar

#### *Diane Rummery, Ottawa LAC Publicity*

The extraordinary Dr. Sima Samar, physician, human rights activist, founder of schools and clinics for women and girls in both Pakistan and her home country, Afghanistan, Honorary Officer, Order of Canada, winner of the Humphries Prize, special envoy to the UN for Darfur, is coming to Ottawa to tell the story of her country at this gala event.

We will also have the opportunity to meet an extraordinary young Canadian, Alaina Podmorrow, age 12, who has founded Little Women for the Little Women of Afghanistan.

Charlotte Gray, social historian and biographer of so many Canadian women from our past, will be the speaker at the Scholarship Trust Breakfast.

You'll be pleased to know that one arm of LAC is planning fun bits to tuck into this busy program. Now we just need you to come.

## 2009 HOME DINNERS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tuesday, April 13 & Wednesday, April 14

In what has become a popular tradition, home dinners are held in the houses of members who have volunteered to host groups of approximately 4 to 8 guests for supper. Everyone contributes to the meal, which is organized by the hostess. If you would like to host a dinner in your home, please indicate your preferred date and contact Liz Worth.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the January, February and March events.

It's a great way to get to know your fellow members and have a great time, too!

## YOU ARE INVITED TO A "SWISHING PARTY"

**What is it:** Everyone brings at least one clothing item, or scarf, purse, jewelry, etc., in good condition, which is not being used any longer. And, hopefully, everyone will find at least one item brought by someone else to take home and liven up their wardrobe.

**Where and when:** Sunday, January 31, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm at 4075 Highland Ave., Montreal.

**What else:**

- Tea and snacks will be served.
- Please bring a non-perishable item for a food bank. They need stuff all year round, not just at Christmas. For ideas about what is needed, go to this website and scroll down for a list of 25 items: <http://www.moissonmontreal.org/en/news.html>
- If you do not wish to take back the clothing and accessories not chosen by other people at the party, I will collect them and take them to Fripe-prix Renaissance.
- Please invite other people who may be interested!

RSVP to Elizabeth Robinson to let us know if you are coming and how many others are coming with you.

*Liette Michaud*



## Membership News

**Welcome to:**

**Margo Baculis,**

**Helen Midgley,**

**Dorothy Thomas-Edding,**

## 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**