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March 2010 Newsletter



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).

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

APRIL 13, 14 AND 18: HOME DINNERS 2010

Join us for an evening (or afternoon) of food, fun and camaraderie.

It is time to sign up for one of our annual, and very popular, home dinners! The dinners are held in the homes of members hosting tables of **6 - 8**. Everyone contributes something to the meal, and the **hostess discusses what to bring with each guest**. If you would like to host a dinner in your home, please indicate your preferred date and contact Liz Wirth (see below)

New this year is a LUNCHEON on Sunday, April 18 hosted by Gertrude Barwick, with space for 7 guests. There will be more venues for the dinners on the 13th and 14th. We try to get you a convenient dinner location. Final deadline for signing up is our monthly dinner meeting March 17th, but please sign up sooner, especially if you plan to host.

Liz Wirth is coordinating this event. To sign up, you can reach Liz:

- by email
- by telephone
- or by fax

Watch the April Newsletter for the list of hostesses and guests. Your hostess will be in touch with you soon after to discuss the menu.

Dinner Menus

- Green Pea Soup
- Carbonade of Beef with Sweet Onion Sauce
- Herb Potato
- Green Beans & Peppers
- Tiramisu
- 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, March 12.

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,

75 ... 75 interested people came to listen to Jacques Ménard talk about financial literacy instead of watching the Olympics!

Mr. Ménard was interesting, funny and very accessible. He answered all the questions, stayed long after to chat, signed some one's book and accepted to be part of a group picture.

The evening ran smoothly under the expert direction of Dennis Trudeau.

The success of this event rested on teamwork as the Committee Chair, Judith Kashul repeated all along. She made sure work was evenly shared and kept us on track. Thank you, Judith, for your efficient leadership. The financial literacy brain of the Committee is Brenda Shanahan. She is the one who started it all. Without her, I guess that a fair number of university women, including myself, would not know that financial literacy even existed. Liz Annesly, Anna Di Turi, Dominique Raccanelli, Anne Brohan and I completed the team.

Thanks to all the UWCM Inc. members who came and supported this Resolution Committee event. It was most appreciated that all were wearing their Club pin proudly. I have a special mention for the three husbands who came in support of their wives....Mr. Masi, Mr. DiTuri and Mr. Coulton (Judith Kashul).

The leftover untouched food platters from the buffet were brought to the "Dans la rue" bus on St. Catherine. Needless to say, they were accepted with smiles!

Now, that's all well and good but it's passed. Upcoming at our Club are the always well-attended Home Dinners in April preceded in March by a special St. Patrick's Dinner and evening of Irish music.

Interest group activities are going on well, thanks to the dedication of the conveners.

The **Spring Quebec Provincial Council** of CFUW will be held in Québec on **April 24th**. Car pooling will be organized.

It is an honour to be part of such an active Club!

Johanne Desrochers

President, UWCM Inc.

**L'Association des femmes diplômées des universités AFDU Québec
invites you to attend the
CFUW QUEBEC PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday April 24, 2010
9:30 am – 4:30 pm**

Pavillon Agathe Lacerte
Université Laval
1100, avenue de la Médecine
Université Laval, Québec (Québec)

Registration fee: \$35.00, includes: continental breakfast, morning coffee break, lunch.

Free parking.

Cheque payable to AFDU Québec.

Send your name, phone no., e-mail address, and club name with payment by April 15, 2010 to:

Thérèse Demers
afduquebec@gmail.com

Also see the activities section of www.afdu.qc.ca

A NOTE FROM THE INTEREST GROUP COORDINATOR

As the end of my first year as Interest Group Coordinator approaches, it is the right time for a discussion on how Interest Group activities have been going and to plan for next year. These activities provide opportunities to learn, to have fun, and to meet new friends. Consequently, Interest Group activities are very important in the life of our Club. In addition, a few board members have asked whether membership renewal might be related to participation in group activities and integration in the Club.

On February 2, I invited the President, Vice-President, and all Interest Group Conveners to a meeting to exchange ideas, suggestions, and opinions based on their personal experiences as group leaders. The discussion was lively and dealt with a variety of issues. I would like to take this opportunity to mention just a few of the topics that were covered:

- the number of members joining the groups versus the actual attendance at the activities;
- whether regular meetings as opposed to occasional meetings would increase participation;
- whether more meetings during the day or on weekend would respond better to members' needs (at least for some group activities);
- proposals for new groups that might reflect the interests of those not presently participating in any group (many ideas but not enough volunteers to organize the group activities).

It was also suggested that our approach and attitude towards new or shy members is very important.

I would like to invite all of you to contribute your ideas to this discussion and especially to suggest, and volunteer for, new activities. This is **our Club** and, in my opinion, the best way to feel part of it is by participating and being involved.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Maria Ardito Masi
Interest Group Coordinator

**Registration for the upcoming 2010
CFUW AGM in Ottawa goes on-line
Mar. 1, 2010. See National Website
CFUW.org.**

ZONTA Club of Montreal presents its Annual International Women's Day Luncheon Saturday, March 13th, 2010, 12:30 pm

Join in the celebration with us and with special guest, Wanda Kaluzny, Conductor and Artistic Director Montreal Chamber Music Orchestra.

Wyndham Montréal Aéroport Hotel
Au Coin du Feu,
12505 Côte de Liesse
Dorval, QC H9P 1B7

Tickets: \$50.00 (parking included)

Cash Bar: 12:30 pm

RSVP: Monday, March 8

Contacts: Yvonne Quintyn
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March CARTE BLANCHE
Discussions with UWCM Board Member
Gloria Kearns on volunteer work
experience

The University Women's Club of Montreal encourages its members to be active in the community and many of us are engaged in some form of volunteer work.

What kind of volunteer work do you do? What impact do volunteers have in your community? What are the benefits for you? Are there issues that you would like to bring to other members' attention regarding volunteer work such as benefit events, special needs assistance, etc.? Those are a few examples of topics that could be discussed.

As part of the Carte Blanche interest group, we will be holding an informal discussion about our experience as volunteers in different types of activities and organizations.

See the Events Calendar for details.



OUR FINANCIAL LITERACY EVENT DEEMED A GREAT SUCCESS!

This is only the first step in what promises to be an exciting advocacy campaign in the coming months for the promotion of financial literacy.

With the announcement that the Federal Task Force for Financial Literacy is launching its consultation document February 22 and that it would begin conducting public hearings shortly thereafter in April and May 2010, Mr. Ménard told the 75 - 80 attendees gathered at the McGill University venue that the Task Force is committed to hearing from Canadians from all walks of life. With the help of moderator Dennis Trudeau, Mr. Ménard answered probing questions from some of our members about how to reconcile the need to save with the demand to spend and the role of the big banks in allowing

STEPHEN LEWIS FOUNDATION

Heather Keith, from the local CFUW Grannies, has been selected to join a delegation of 40 Canadian grandmothers heading to Swaziland this May. She will attend the first international African grandmothers' gathering on African soil in order to help tackle the great challenges of raising grandchildren orphaned by AIDS. The Canadian delegation will represent more than 5,000 women from across the country involved in the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign. They will participate in the event alongside African grandmothers from 40 projects supported by the Foundation in 15 countries.

Heather was the initiator of the CFUWSD Grannies group (local Townships group) which has raised

people to get into debt.

Representing McGill University was Tony, husband of Maria Masi, member of our Board and also known as Provost Masi, with Director of Social Work Dr. Wendy Thomson and Dean of Students Jane Everett, both early sponsors of our event.

Many, including Mr. Ménard and a number of special guests who are experts in the field of financial literacy (Glorianne Stromberg, former OSC commissioner, Richard Shillington, income security researcher and Gary Rabbior, President of the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education), stayed to chat and enjoy the yummy refreshments prepared by caterers extraordinaire Anna di Turi and Dominique Racanelli. As our Club President stated in her message, let us not forget the many other UWCM volunteers who ensured that every detail was attended to, thank you all. Thank you to our ever gracious Club President Johanne Desrochers, who brought the evening to a close with her insightful closing remarks.

Judith has just reminded me to say that we are always looking for new members for the Resolutions committee and will be recruiting for the work ahead!

Brenda Shanahan

more than \$26,000 for the Foundation with their sales of AIDS angels and other wares.

Heather and her fellow grandmothers are urgently seeking donations of Aeroplan miles to get the delegation of Canadians to Swaziland and home again. Through its Beyond Miles programme, Aeroplan facilitates the donation of miles by Aeroplan members to the Stephen Lewis Foundation, year-round, to offset ongoing travel costs. Miles for the Swaziland gathering should be donated through the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign website at: www.grandmotherscampaign.org

Beverly Smith

Sherbrooke University Women's Club