



University Women's Club of Montreal Inc.

Club des Femmes Universitaires de Montréal Inc.

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A year has already passed! Time surely flies when you're busy and this Club and its Board surely was. Let's refresh our memories.

CFUW AGM 2009

A fair group of our members had important roles in the organisation of last summer's CFUW AGM in Montreal; an unforgettable experience for all and a great event for our visitors. Even the weather was on our side!

Coach House Renovations

Meanwhile, the Coach House was undergoing a major rejuvenation! It's clean and beautifully redecorated. It's so welcoming now! We hope more and more members will find ways to take advantage of it. All suggestions are welcome.

Resolutions Committee

The resolution committee did not stand still, working hard on a resolution on Financial Capability that will be presented at the CFUW AGM in Winnipeg, this summer. The Committee is very proud of its resolution and received a fair number of interesting comments from Clubs all over Canada.

Interest Groups

Interest groups all worked successfully again this year. I have even heard that some new ones may begin or be reborn next year.

The following convenors are the backbone of our club:

Adele Hebert: Investment Group
Linda Snell: Wine Tasting
Judy Mappin: Literary Evenings
Pam Georges: Travels with My Aunt
Liz Wirth: Stage and Screen.
Gloria Menard: The Supper Club
Valeria Aitken: Art & Etc and Outreach
Jane Yaple: Carte Blanche
Sylvia Ruby: Classical Music Corner
Outdoor ladies: Jeanette Sharma and Donna Deaken

Strategic Planning

Don't worry; I will not forget to mention the Strategic Planning started a year ago, even if I did mention it every month (almost). A few examples of the results of this planning are:

- a new membership brochure,
- an efficient mentoring program,
- better-defined Board position descriptions,
- revised By-Laws
- Board tasks calendar
- an Outreach Position on the Board
- revision of the Program
- and more to come...

Yes, more to come, since the Governance committee is now under the President's responsibility. I can already tell you that our next duty will be to review the financial and investment policies of our Club.

The Changing of the Guard

It's now time to warmly thank Jacquie Scott, Ruth Starr and Anne Brohan for their good work and dedication to our Club. Their presence on the Board was appreciated and I certainly hope to see them all continue to be active members of UWCM.

Welcome to the new Board Members: Margaret Jackson, Gloria Kearns, Maria Masi and Lynn Verge. On behalf of the other Board members, I would like to tell you that we are looking forward to having you all on board.

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