



UWCM President's Annual Message May 19th 2010

The Mission of the University Women's Club of Montreal is:
Social Interaction, social responsibility and growth of women in all areas of life.

Interest Groups in 2009-2010

Year after year our Interest Group convenors keep this Club lively with their activities in accordance with the social interaction aspect of our mission. Those dedicated convenors are:

Supper Club: Gloria Ménard
Stage and Screen: Liz Wirth
Wine Tasting: Linda Snell
Investment Group: Adèle Hébert
Travels with my Aunt: Pam Georges
Arts & Etc.: Valerie Atkins
Carte Blanche: Jane Yaple
Literary Evenings: Zofia Laubitz
Outdoor Ladies: Jeanette Sharma and Donna Deaken
Gardening Group: Lauretta Alexander
Resolution Committee: Judith Kashul

Keeping an Interest Group going is a very demanding job, these ladies deserve a warm hand of applause.

Advocacy at work

The resolution on Financial Literacy presented by our Club at the CFUW AGM in 2009 became a CFUW policy and is actually on its way to be part of the three resolutions presented by our Canadian Federation to the AGM of the International Federation of University Women this summer in Mexico.

But it became more than a policy it became advocacy at work. First the Resolution Committee invited the Vice-Chair of the Task Force on Financial Literacy, M. Jacques Ménard to speak to us with the support of McGill and the Port of Montreal. Then, this Committee presented a brief at the public hearings of this Task Force in Montreal.

How about that for social responsibility! Thanks to a dedicated committee and the support of this Club!

Monthly Meetings

The Monthly meeting offered us every reason to attend:

September: Our traditional Opening night and sign up for Interest Groups

October: Miriam Tees on the "Famous Five" in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Persons Case

November: Auction Evening during which we raised \$7,532 for our Foundation

December: Music with the Face Midi Jazz Vocal Ensemble

January: A lunch for the first time with Wanda Bédard presenting the 60 Million Girls Foundation

February was a double: M. Jacques Ménard on Financial Literacy and Claire Holden Rothman author of "The Heart Specialist" inspired by the career of Dr Maude Abbott

March made us dance to Irish Music with Craic-Atac

April was our traditional Home Dinners event

Some issues dealt with by the Board in 2009 – 2010

The Board voted for the coming President of CFUW and commented, then voted, for the proposed review of the Board structure of CFUW.

A lifetime Membership was awarded to Virginia Barber.

We supported Reverend Glynis William for the Montreal Council of Women 2009 Women of the year award.

In memory of our deceased Members

Let's now take a minute of silence in memory of our Members who departed this year: Margaret Stronach, Vera Fedchun, Patricia Joan Giacomelli and Jane Palmer Wansbrough.

Changing of the guard

In closing, I would like to thank the members of this year's Board. It has been a pleasure and an honour to work with such a remarkable group of talented and dedicated people.

Thank you and congratulations to: Liz Annesley, Lilian Harper, Brenda Shanahan, Liz Wirth, Judith Kashul, Lynn Verge, Adeline Beaulac, Gloria Kearns, Margaret Jackson and Maria Massi for their good and important work.

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President UWCM Inc.