

MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN – LE CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTRÉAL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this missive, it is becoming warm outside and I see the early signs of spring and with it nature's renewed birth. On the other side of the country some flowers are already blooming. In Montreal we will have to wait a bit for the early crocuses to push through as it is still spring skiing season for those of you who enjoy snow sports.

By the time you receive this Bulletin, the 60th Commission on the Status of Women meetings will be in full gear and we will be looking for outcome reports and agreements on future directions in response to the challenge of the seventeen-pronged Sustainable Development Agenda. The Draft Agreed Conclusions document has been published and CSW reaffirms a number of conclusions including The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, reaffirms that CEDAW provides an international legal framework, and welcomes commitments to gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Information on the NCWC AGM in Saskatoon this June can be found elsewhere in the Bulletin. Do consider participating in this invigorating and motivating AGM with women from across the country.

Wishing you all a joyous and wondrous spring! – *Dr. Chitra Chopra, President*

REMINDER NOTICE

The proposed amendments to the By-laws have been distributed to members. Please note that April 4, 2016 is the deadline for comments to be sent to mdwindeler@bell.net (Marjorie's e-mail) as well as vote at the AGM in May.

MCW APRIL 7 MEETING LUNCHEON

Lunch will be served at 12 noon. The cost is \$10.00 per person payable at the door. We ask that you advise Frances Gregory at (514) 935-1674 or by email: frances.gregory@videotron.com, if you plan to have lunch. The hostess group will be announced later.

We are looking for groups who would like to host one of the lunches during the coming year starting in September 2016. This is important as we need to raise money in order to send representatives of MCW to the annual meeting of the National Council of Women. Please contact Frances Gregory at (514) 935-1674 for more information.

**WANDA BEDARD**

President and Founder
60 Million Girls
Foundation

Guest Speaker April 7th Meeting

At our next monthly meeting, April 7th, guest speaker will be Ms. Wanda Bedard, who is the founder and president of 60 Million Girls. She will be speaking on Rachel Raspberry Pi's, "Innovation in Girls Education in the Developing World."

Ms. Bedard is an MBA graduate of Hautes Études Commerciales (HEC) Montreal and a graduate of McGill University, B. Commerce.

New members and guests are welcome.

MARCH MEETING 2016

In keeping with the theme gender parity of the International Women's Day Campaign, Montreal Council of Women featured two dynamic speakers at the March 2016 meeting. Cathy Wong, President and Sharon Hackett, Vice-President of the Conseil des Montréalaises gave a presentation entitled "Gender Equality in Montreal" followed by a lively question period.

Following the recommendations of the 2002 Sommet de Montréal, the council of the City of Montreal established the Conseil in 2004. The Conseil, made up of 15 volunteer members representing the diversity of the Montreal population, has as its mandate to advise the Municipal Government on any matters relating to equality between genders and to promote the participation of women in public life. The primary focus is for women living in Montreal, working for the City of Montreal and/or governing Montreal.

Studies have been conducted with recommendations on Women and Housing (2006), on Public Transportation (2007 and 2009) all to improve living conditions of women. Many of us in attendance were not aware that public buses will make stops at corners in-between regular bus stops during the dark hours of the day.

They encourage women's participation in the governance of the city by teaching about the structures of the city, by encouraging women to attend meetings, to question and make suggestions to elected officials and to promote gender-based analysis.

Working with a small budget and only 2 staff members the 15 volunteers are striving to make the work of the Conseil better known to the public.

A conference on Public Transportation will be held on April 14, 2016 at Cour Mont-Royal, 14th floor. News and events can be seen on the website

http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/portal/page?_pageid=6737,60597570&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL -

- M. Berger

MCW Article and Announcement Submissions

The next issue of The Bulletin will be in April. Please submit your articles, announcements and photos by the 10th day of April via email to: mcwbulletineditor@gmail.com

ATTENTION: MCW Federates and Individuals

The MCW's AGM will be coming up in May 2016, and as Chair of the Nominations Committee I would like to know, if you or anyone in your organization would be interested in holding a position on the Board of MCW.

MCW is a coalition of many organizations and we want to represent your needs and in order to succeed with those objectives, we need input from our membership.

Positions vary from delegated positions, to members of the Board at large who have the right to participate and also to vote, on any committee. Would you please personally consider and/or ask your membership if anyone is interested. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Isabelle Godefroy
Chair, Nominations Committee
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514 649 2648

WOMEN'S ART SOCIETY

March 1, 2016, Tuesday: The Women's Art Society of Montreal presents WASM member and Fabric Artist, DEANNE HABEEB, "My Montreal - Fantasy in Collage" 1:30 - 2:30pm at the McCord Museum, 690 Sherbrooke W. Guests FREE
www.womensartsociety.com

March 15, 2016, Tuesday: The Women's Art Society of Montreal presents Artist, DEBORAH MARGO, "Tending Asphalt Oasis" 1:30 - 2:30pm at the Mccord Museum, 690 Sherbrooke W. Nonmembers \$10 www.womensartsociety.com

March 29, 2016, Tuesday: The Women's Art Society of Montreal presents Composer, LOUIS BABIN, "How I Used Music to Portray St. Exupery" 1:30 - 2:30pm at the Mccord Museum, 690 Sherbrooke W. Nonmembers \$10
www.womensartsociety.com



Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club

presents

“Positive and Active Aging: Prevention of Elder Abuse”

Speaker: Daphne Nahmiash Ph.D.
Honorary President of NDGCCEA

in collaboration with the Education Committee of

The McGill University Research Centre for
Studies in Aging

Date: Saturday, March 19, 2016, 1:30 p.m.

Location: Résidence Réseau Sélection
15 Place de la Triade, Pointe Claire

Seating is limited

Reserve (by March 12) at

workshop@mluwc.com

All are welcome

www.mluwc.com



An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

CHW Montreal invites you to take charge of your health at this educational evening with two fascinating speakers:

Jill Barker

Fitness columnist for the Montreal Gazette, Jill will share her expertise and strategies for success to stay healthy and fit.



Dr. Nadav Berkovitz

One of the medical team from the CHW Marla Dan Stroke and Invasive Neuroradiology Institute at Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Israel. Dr. Berkovitz will share the great strides being made in stroke intervention and treatment.



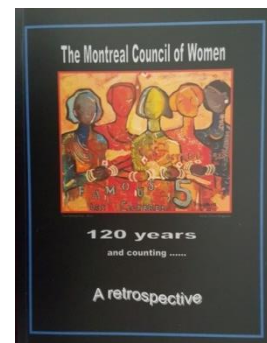
Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 pm

Cote St. Luc Aquatic Centre
5794 Parkhaven, Cote St. Luc

Tickets: \$36 in advance / \$40 at the door
(includes refreshments and a partial tax receipt)

To book your tickets, call 514-933-8461
or register online www.chw.ca/montreal

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO (CHW) is non-political, volunteer-driven, and funds a multitude of programs and projects for Children, Healthcare and Women in Israel and Canada. This event is a fundraiser for the CHW Marla Dan Stroke and Invasive Neuroradiology Institute at Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Israel.



MCW BOOK LAUNCH

The MCW book, **“The Montreal Council of Women, 120 Years and Counting...”**

A Retrospective, is a kaleidoscope of the various women's organizations that have been formed in Montreal over the past 120 years. The cover, beautifully designed by well-known, accomplished artist, **Cheryl Braganza** offers a panoramic view of some of the city's oldest groups, a treasure trove of information relating to these women. Copies are \$20 each. This treasure chest of information can be purchased by sending an email to: info@montrealcouncilwomen.ca, or contacting B. Destounis email: bdestounis@videotron.ca or S. Gyles, email: sagyles@sympatico.ca.



Presents

Linda Bond

**Research on Reading and Spelling
Development**

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2016

Place: Elizabeth Ballentyne Elementary
School
314 Northview St. (off Westminister)
Montreal-West, H4X 1E2

Time: 5:30 – 6:30 PM **light supper:**
7:00 p.m. **Speaker**

COST: For DKG members: 15.00\$
For non-members: 20.00\$
For students: 10.00\$

R.S.V.P: Members RSVP to your Chapter
Presidents by phone or email.
Non-members – RSVP to Erika
Sebaldt or Tel. 514-489-2760
or email erika.sebaldt@bell.net

PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT WOMEN & CHILDREN
& OUR DKG EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

*******Bio on the net**

www.gammaque.weebly.com



Presents

EVADNE ANDERSON

**Speaks on “BUDDISM”
“Buddhism meets the goal of Global
Awareness”**

Date: Monday, April 11, 2016

Place: Coach House McGill
3715 Peel Street
(Parking at the Education building on
McTavish, walk through to Peel)

Time: 5:30 – 6:30 PM **light supper:**
Check with security for Room
7:00 p.m. **Speaker**

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