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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February, Black History Month, MCW members had the privilege of hearing the Honourable Marlene Jennings speak about growing up in Montreal and some of her life experiences, and about the subtleties, in general, of racism in Canada; a very interesting and engaging talk.

Our March meeting will address Resolutions which were sent out about a week ago for everyone's perusal. The Resolutions Committee has been working diligently and they invite everyone to attend the Resolutions meeting that will be held on Thursday, March 7th beginning at 9:15 am and finishing at noon. At that time all proposed Resolutions received from the National Office, will be reviewed, discussed and voted on.

Mr. Anthony Housefather, who was Mayor of Cote St. Luc and now a member of parliament will be our guest speaker. – *Shirley Gyles - President*

Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon on February 7, 2019 at the cost of \$10.00 per person, payable at the door. The address is: 2700 Rufus Rockhead, Montreal. Please advise 5. Gyles if you plan to attend at: 450-672-7081 or e-mail: sagyles@sympatico.ca.



ANTHONY HOUSEFATHER, MP MOUNT ROYAL Speaker - March 7, 2019

Our speaker on March 7th is Anthony Housefather, MP- Chair of the Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights. He will be discussing surrogacy and human trafficking.

Mr. Housefather was elected as Member of Parliament for Mount Royal on October 19, 2015. In February 2016, he was elected as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, which has the power to examine and to produce reports on the policies, programs and expenses of the Department of Justice.

Anthony was first elected to office in 1994. He was initially elected as a municipal councilor in Hampstead, then elected in Côte-Saint-Luc/Hampstead/Montreal West, and served as Mayor of Côte-Saint-Luc between 2005 and 2015.

Moreover, Anthony has two Law Degrees (B.C.L. and LL.B.) from McGill University and an MBA from Concordia University's John Molson School of Business. Until he was elected an MP, he served as Executive Vice President Corporate Affairs and General Counsel at Dialogic Corporation.

On a personal level, Anthony participates in numerous activities in his community. He is a member of the drama society and swim team. His performance in swimming earned him seven medals at the 2013 Maccabiah Games, in Israel and he participated again in 2017, winning 5 medals. He has also been a volunteer for many years within a number of organizations serving the English speaking and Jewish communities.

You may find it interesting and helpful to know that NCWC policy has already been established as it relates to some of the topics he will be discussing. If you are keen to know more we encourage you to review and browse through some of these policies by visiting: <u>http://www.ncwcanada.com/communications/policy-and-briefs/policy-listings/</u>

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CHANTAL HÉBERT Woman of the Year 2019

MCW, Woman of the Year (WOTY) is **Ms. Chantal Hébert** who is an author, the national affairs writer with the Toronto Star and a guest columnist for L'Actualité. She is a weekly participant on the political panel at Issue on the CBC's The National as well as Radio-Canada's Les Coulisses du pouvoir on television and Gravel le matin on Montreal radio. She has served as parliamentary bureau chief for Le Devoir and La Presse.

A graduate of Glendon College, York University, Hébert is a Senior Fellow of Massey College at the University of Toronto and holds honorary degrees from a dozen Canadian universities. In 2012, she was appointed to the Order of Canada. Her second book: The Morning After, dealing with the 1995 Quebec referendum, was published simultaneously in both official languages in 2015.

A celebration luncheon will take place on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 12 noon, at the Mount Stephen Hotel, 1440 Street, Montreal. Tickets are \$75.00 and can be obtained by calling S. Gyles at 450-672-7081 or J. Macklin at 514-516-9023 or by emailing mcwinformation@gmail.com.

NCWC RESOLUTIONS 2019

The Board of the Montreal Council of Women and the Resolutions Committee invite you to attend an important meeting on **Thursday March 7th beginning at 9:15 sharp** at which we will review, discuss and vote on the **11 Resolutions** received from the National Office. It is imperative that we begin promptly so as to complete the process in a timely manner. Please come prepared having already read through the attached documents (NCWC 2019 Resolutions.zip).

As per our usual format, the luncheon and the Presentation will begin at noon.

Basic Procedure:

Resolutions can be: Accepted as is, Accepted with amendments, Rejected, Abstained. Voting procedures: - One Representative voting on behalf of Each Federate Society present six (6) votes (pink card) - Board of Directors members.....one (1) vote (yellow card) - Individual members.....one (1) vote (green card) The resulting vote (including any amendments/comments)

The resulting vote (including any amendments/comments) will be forwarded to the NCWC Resolutions Convener by March 31st. This information will also be published in the April Bulletin.

Again, we encourage you to attend and to familiarize yourselves with these documents in advance of the meeting.

- Penny Rankin- VP Admin/Convenor on Resolutions



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"A Family Journey with a Transgender Child" . . .

. . .Is the title of a timely talk by Kimberley Manning, Principal of the Simone de Beauvoir Institute of Concordia.

As part of the lecture series offered by the Women's Canadian Club of Montreal (founded in 1907), it will be held **Tuesday**, **February 19th at 12:30** in Victoria Hall. The Hall is located at 4626 Sherbrooke St near the corner of Lansdowne Avenue in Westmount. The #24 bus stop faces the Hall.

A sandwich lunch with tea/coffee is available from 11:15 to 12:15 for \$6.

Cost: \$10 for non-members, and free for members. The event is open to women and men.

Further info: Carolyn Roper. (514) 932-4005 (publicity), and Kim Convener (514) 878-0113 (President)

Penny Rankin, Social Justice Advocate

"Born and bred" in Montreal, Penny began her eclectic career path in the UK where she both trained and worked as a Montessori teacher before spending a number of years in radio with London Broadcasting (LBC) and then as Radio Manager for the advertising firm of Downton Advertising, an affiliate of Saatchi and Saatchi. She also sat on the editorial board and wrote a monthly column for the trade magazine Media World.

Having returned to Canada and to further study and teaching, she volunteered with and has sat on a number of non-profit boards, as well as working two years as the Executive Director of an inner-city mission of the United Church.

An active member of the Anglican Church of Canada, Penny is currently Chair of the Mission Standing Committee of the Diocese of Montreal and is the lead coordinator of an initiative to raise awareness of Human Trafficking, as it manifests in both Montreal and Canada as well as abroad.

As Convenor on Resolutions for the Montreal Council of Women, she has developed resolutions relating to Human Trafficking for submission to the Federal government via the NCWC (National Council).

A mother of three adult children, she lives with her husband on Nun's Island and enjoys travel for both pleasure as well as "voluntouring" (CESO-Canadian Executive Services Overseas).

A self-described Social Justice advocate, her talk entitled: "The Scared, The Scarred and our Sacred Duty-Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery in Canada and Beyond," will provide a broad outline of the issue worldwide with a focus on how Trafficking manifests itself here in Canada.

Kim Manning

A parent, political scientist, and passionate advocate, **Kim Manning** is Principal of the Simone de Beauvoir Institute at Concordia University. Guided by a progressive vision of the possible, Kim has worked to pass new laws in Quebec City and Ottawa on respecting gender identity, has developed new collaborative projects on combating racism and exclusion in education, and frequently contributes to media discussions on feminism and women's and LGBT nomination candidate for the Liberal Party of Canada in the riding of Outremont.

Keynote speaker: Award winning author and historian Denyse Baillargeon will present :

To Be Equals in Our Own Country:Women and the vote in Quebec





The University Women's Club of Montreal invites you to celebrate International Women's Day 2019

Date: March 8th 2019, from 11h30 to 13h00 Light lunch: \$10

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Club Atwater, 3505, av Atwater, Montréal, QC H3H 1Y2 RSVP by February 28th 2019 at uwcmontreal@aim.com

The Scared the Scarred & our Sacred Duty

> Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery in Canada and Beyond

Free Forum on Human Trafficking Wednesday, March 13, 2019 Victoria Hall, Westmount: doors open 6:15pm, programme 7 - 9:30pm. Light refreshments. Keynote speaker Anthony Housefather MP, Chairman of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights. For information and to register: stmatthias.forum@gmail.com

Sponsored by St Matthias Church, Anglican Diocese of Montreal.

MCW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - GET INVOLVED! -For a chance to win 2 Tickets to the 2019 Woman of the Year Luncheon!

Every member can participate. SEIZE THE CHALLENGE!

The Montreal Council of Women Memb ership Committee has set a goal of increasing our Federate membership by 30% and our individual members by 10% for the fiscal year 2018 – 2019.

A membership drive has been organize d in order to achieve the goal. This goal cannot be attained without your participation in identifying potential members and inviting them to join the Montreal Council of Women.

For each Federate organization that j oins by your recommendation, you will have three chances in the draw to win two tickets to the Woman of the Year luncheon. For each individual member who joins, you will have one chance.

Should you identify a Federate and/or an individual who is showing interest but you need individual assistance to "clinch the deal", please do not hesitate to contact Joan Macklin, our Membership Secretary at 514-516-9023.

To our Federate members, we ask that you advise your members as they are all eligible to win! Contest begins now and closes March 31, 2019. GOOD LUCK! http://montrealcouncilwomen.org