

## MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN – LE CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTRÉAL

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we come to the end of another year at MCW, I would like to thank you all for the privilege of serving MCW for the past two years. It has been an interesting time filled with a variety of activities. MCW hosted the NCWC AGM in the summer of 2015 which was a tremendous success thanks to all the members and federates who participated and the delegates who came from across Canada. We undertook a strategic planning process which gave us the opportunity to see what MCW meant to us and what it could be. We appreciated presentations and panel discussions ranging from a young girl's efforts to help the homeless, learning about Montreal's efforts towards gender parity and the Conseil des Montréalaises, and how Raspberry Pi and the 60 Million Girls Foundation are making a difference in education. We heard from members of the different political parties and deliberated long and hard to make informed decisions about the governing of our country.

Now, as we come to the end of yet another year, the Program Committee has a special AGM planned with an enjoyable, fun activity to send us off for the summer feeling good about ourselves as we help women around the world through the NCWC Development Organisation. Details are available elsewhere in this Bulletin. I hope that you will turn out in good numbers to help us achieve our goal.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the members of the Board, the committee chairs and to our many members without whom MCW would not be the organisation that it is today. As I turn over the helm, I feel sure that you will all enjoy many more enjoyable years as members of MCW, and I look forward to continuing to work together with you to forward MCW's goals under the guidance of a new vision.

I put forward the same challenge again and ask that each and every one of you bring in one new member, federate or individual, to further the efforts of MCW on behalf of women everywhere!

I wish you all a wonderful and relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September! – Dr. Chitra Chopra, President

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SILENT AUCTION**

Prior to the Annual General Meeting and during lunch, a **Silent Auction** will take place to raise funds for the National Council of Women of Canada Development Organization.

**MCW AGM MEETING LUNCHEON -  
MAY 19, 2016**

Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon on May 19th, 2016. The cost is \$10.00 per person, payable at the door. The lunch will be hosted by the members of the MCW Board.

For catering purposes, please advise us if you plan to have lunch by telephone [514 935-1674](tel:514-935-1674) or e-mail: [frances.gregory@videotron.ca](mailto:frances.gregory@videotron.ca)

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Please note that it is that time of the year, **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**. We are asking that you please renew your membership. The renewal form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Individual Member \$35

Federate Member (1 - 99 Members) \$40

Federate Member (100 Members and over) \$50

Please send completed form and check to:

Montreal Council of Women

P.O. Box 72117

151 Atwater Ave., Montreal, QC H3J 2Z6

## Wanda Bedard – Rachel Raspberry Pi: Innovation in Girls' Education in the Developing World

Technology can transform lives, even in the most remote areas. Since 2013, **Wanda Bedard**, through her foundation **60 Million Girls**, has been harnessing new technologies to educate young girls and children in rural areas of Sierra Leone. Using a device called Rachel-Pi, she is helping children to reach their academic goals by giving them access to learning materials. Rachel-Pi is an offline server that runs on a tiny and affordable computer that can deliver math and science tutorials to students living in remote districts where the lack of electricity, transportation and qualified teachers makes for poor schooling conditions. Rachel-Pi is transforming the lives of young people there.

"They now have access to a wealth of educational content and can take control of their learning; they are becoming more and more curious about things," said Bedard during her presentation at the MCW meeting on April 7. Not only the children, but the whole community is attracted by the technology. "Community engagement is paramount," said Wanda. "It elevates the level of education."

The project has been so successful that 60 Million Girls will be partnering with McGill University to evaluate the impact of self-learning education and the impact of technology on intrinsic motivation over the next two years. They will be adding a digital literacy program to the maths and science tutorials to help the children learn how to read and write as well.

60 Million Girls is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Since its inception, it has invested \$ 2.4 million in girls' education projects. It is entirely volunteer run and is supporting projects in 14 developing countries around the world. For more information, visit: <http://60millionsdefilles.org/en/>. – I. Godefroy



### The McGill Women's Alumnae Association (MWAA)

AGM & Networking Brunch  
Saturday, May 28, 2016  
11 am - 1 pm

Omni Hotel, 1050 Sherbrooke St W Montreal  
Cost: \$40

**RSVP/Pre-Register:** March 21 to May 20, 2016

**Contact:** Event Registrar at 514-398-1248

[/montreal.registrar@mcgill.ca](mailto:/montreal.registrar@mcgill.ca)

The MWAA invites you to its 127th Annual General Meeting followed by a brunch where you'll have an opportunity to engage in some professional and personal networking. You'll also hear from guest speaker Caroline Codsí, ICD.D., who will share her out-of-the-ordinary life as a war survivor, immigrant to Canada, single mother, volunteer, corporate executive and active feminist.

**ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**



**Montreal Council of Women**

**Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 12 noon**



Les Jardins du Canal  
2700 Rufus Rockhead, Montreal  
(Across from the Atwater market)

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SILENT AUCTION**

Prior to the Annual General Meeting and during lunch, a **Silent Auction** will take place to raise funds for the National Council of Women of Canada Development Organization that was established in 1985 by NCWC.

NCWCDO is a charitable organization, dedicated to the support of projects in Canada and developing countries which are, in turn, directed to educational and social welfare programs to improve the quality of life for women and their families.

Each attendee is requested to bring an item for the auction.

Examples of items are: a book, a bottle of wine, a gift basket, knitted items, baked goods, knick-knacks, a painting, etc.

**New members and guests are welcome.**



Lunch will be served at 12 noon. Price: \$10.00 per person, payable at the door. The **silent auction** will take place during lunch.

Kindly allow us to plan the correct number of covers by reserving at: 514-935-1674 or email: [frances.gregory@videtron.ca](mailto:frances.gregory@videtron.ca)



<http://montrealcouncilwomen.org/>

## WOMEN'S ART SOCIETY

April 26, 2016: The Women's Art Society of Montreal presents:

Multidisciplinary Artist, **MARY SUI-YEE WONG**,  
 "Dress and Identity in Canadian Art", from 1:30 -  
 2:30 pm at the McCord Museum, 690 Sherbrooke  
 W., Nonmembers \$10. [www.womensartsociety.com](http://www.womensartsociety.com)



**WOMEN'S ART SOCIETY  
 OF MONTREAL**



Tuesday, May 10, 2016: The Women's Art Society of Montreal presents:

**SARAH MURPHY, WASM** Member and Flamenco Dancer, "Caminos Flamencos" at the McCord Museum, 690 Sherbrooke W. from 1:30 to 2:30pm. Guests: FREE [www.womensartsociety.com](http://www.womensartsociety.com)

Plus: <http://www.themontrealeronline.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/womensart-april.jpg>

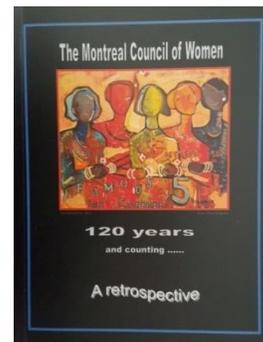
The Women's art Society of Montreal Presents:

Its Annual Members Juried Art Show on Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, 2016, from 10 am to 5 pm.

**Vernissage:** Saturday, May 28, 2016 from 2pm to 5pm at Concordia's Grey Nun's Residence Hall: 1190 Guy St. (between St. Catherine and René Levesque)

### MCW Article and Announcement Submissions

The next issue of The Bulletin will be in June. Please submit your articles, announcements and photos by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May via email to: [mcwbulletineditor@gmail.com](mailto:mcwbulletineditor@gmail.com)



### 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](mailto:info@montrealcouncilwomen.ca), or contacting B. Destounis email: [bdestounis@videotron.ca](mailto:bdestounis@videotron.ca) or S. Gyles, email: [sagyles@sympatico.ca](mailto:sagyles@sympatico.ca).

### FEMMES DU MONDE À CÔTE-DES-NEIGES

#### INTERCULTURAL POTLUCK LUNCH

Bring a dish to share and take part in the discussion.

#### BEING A LESBIAN IN THE SOUTH-EAST ASIAN COMMUNITY

Wednesday, MAY 11th

Lunch at 11:30 a.m.,

Discussion from 1:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Being a woman is already a challenge in everyday life. But how to also live with a different sexuality? What are the particular challenges at the heart of the South-East Asian community?

Mandatory Registration.

Within the context of the International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia.

6767, chemin de la Côte-des-Neiges, bureau 597  
 REGISTRATION: [514-735-9027](tel:514-735-9027)

Free Day care with the registration in advance.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMAN OF CANADA

The **NCWC AGM** will be held in Saskatoon from June 9-12, 2016.

### Highlights

Thursday, June 9: 5 - 7:30 pm:

Opening Reception at Faculty Club, University of Saskatchewan

Friday, June 10: 5:30 - 8:30 pm:

Reception/Supper/Presentation at forestry Farm, National Historic Site

Saturday, June 11: 6:30 pm:

Banquet at Park Town Hotel

### Fees

Full AGM Registration: includes Thursday, Reception nutrition breaks, Friday and Saturday Dinners, plenary sessions, docket... Cost: \$310, Daily Registration: (Friday or Saturday) \$160.

### Deadline for Submission

April 30, 2016.

### CLAIRE KIRKLAND CASGRAIN'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE WOMEN OF QUEBEC

Claire Kirkland Casgrain was a pioneer for women's equality. In 1961 she was the first woman to be elected to the Quebec Legislature, the first named to cabinet, the first to sit as interim premier and the first appointed a provincial judge. She found that as a married woman she could not sign a lease to rent an apartment on her own. Her husband had to sign for her. At this time in Quebec, married women could not open an account, open an account at a store or sign for their children to receive medical treatment. As a result of Claire's efforts, Bill 16 which expanded the rights of married women in Quebec so that they could sign contracts without their husband's consent.

Claire Kirkland Casgrain passed away on March 24th, 2016 at the age of 91. The first national funeral for a woman was held at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral on Saturday April 2nd attended by members of the family, several dignitaries who spoke highly of her accomplishments and her compassion. Claire Kirkland-Casgrain will be remembered for significant contribution she made by working for women's and human rights.

- F, Gregory

## ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Come and shop in St. George's Boutique  
Thursdays from 11 am to 2 pm  
Ladies and men's clothing, books, treasures  
Come see....all sorts of interesting things.  
1101 Stanley Street, near Bell Centre  
St. George's Anglican Church, Tel. 514-866-7113

We will also accept donations of gently used clothing, laundered or dry cleaned and on hangars.  
We will also accept small pieces of furniture.  
Please call Sylvia White at 1-613-677-6305 or drop donations off at the church from Tuesday to Saturday. Leave at church office.

Sylvia White  
St. George' Anglican Church  
1101 Stanley Street, (facing Windsor Station)  
[514-866-7113](tel:514-866-7113)



## ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN Diocese of Montreal

### “Women’s Day of Celebration”

**Theme: Journeying With Our Saviour**

**Thursday May 19, 2016**  
Holy Eucharist at 10:30am  
Christ Church Cathedral  
635 St. Catherine St. West

**Celebrant: Reverend Dr. Karen Egan**

followed by

Registration, Lunch, Afternoon Program at 11:30am  
Fulford Hall, 1444 Union Ave.

**Guest Speaker: Lauren Lallemand**  
Action Réfugiés Montréal

**BIENVENUE À TOUTES ET À TOUS !  
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

We look forward to seeing you!

# MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN / LE CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTREAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



**PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:**       **INDIVIDUAL**                       **FEDERATE**

## INFORMATION REQUIRED: INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OR FEDERATE PRESIDENT AND REPRESENTATIVES

Name of Applicant:  
*(President's Name if Federate)*

Name of Federate:	Number of Members:
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Email Address:

Address:	Province:	Postal Code:
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City	Telephone:	Cell:	Fax:
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### REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNCIL (FEDERATE):

Name:

Email:

Address:	Province:	Postal Code:
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City:	Telephone:	Cell:	Fax:
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### ANNUAL FEES

<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Member	\$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patron Member	\$60.00
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<b>FEDERATE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1- 99 Members	\$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	100 + over Members	\$50.00
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### PAYMENT

Please make your cheque payable to: **Montreal Council of Women**

### RETURN ADDRESS

Please return the completed form with your cheque to the Membership Secretary.

**Marilyn Berger**  
**Membership Secretary**

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