

MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN – LE CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTRÉAL

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President's Message

At this particular time, almost everyone is consumed with the upcoming Federal elections, and MCW members are no different. Those who attended our October 1st meeting, heard from two candidates who are running in the election: **Alexandra Mendès** is the former President of the Liberal Party of Canada's Quebec wing, and **Anne Lagacé Dowson**, is a news reporter (CBC), arts reporter, press reviewer, both who took part in the round table discussion. Unfortunately, the Conservative candidate at the last minute was unable to attend. More information is available by speaking to candidates in your electoral district or by attending information sessions.

And now that the Federal elections are just a scant few days away, we urge all of you to please go out and VOTE !. We also encourage your family, friends and neighbours to become informed, get involved, get mobilised and VOTE!

The 60th Conference of the UN Commission on the Status of Women will be held in New York in early March 2016. If anyone is interested in participating with NCWC and attending this very informative and broad-based meeting of concerned NGOs, please contact us at mcwInformation@gmail.com.

The deadline for submitting NCWC resolutions for 2015 is almost here. This is now the time to start thinking about a resolution for next year especially if you are concerned about an issue of which NCWC and MCW should advocate but currently lack the policy to do so. Emergency resolutions are also entertained throughout the year should an issue crop up where we would wish to have our voices heard.

Closer to home, MCW is looking for your nominations to honour a Woman of the Year who has made an outstanding contribution towards Prevention of Violence against Women. Federates please consider making a nomination. The criteria and application form are available on the MCW website www.montrealcouncilwomen.org and the deadline of October 31, 2015 is fast approaching. Tickets for the luncheon are available by speaking to any of the Board members or contacting Shirley Gyles directly at Tel. 450-672-7081, Email: sagyles@sympatio.ca. - C. Chopra

MCW WOMAN OF THE YEAR (WOTY) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2015, HILTON GARDEN INN, MONTREAL

NOVEMBER SPEAKER
Dr. Shaheen Shariff

Dr. Shaheen Shariff will be our distinguished guest speaker at our next meeting in November. In continuing with our theme for the year, "Violence against Women," Dr. Shariff will be speaking about "Rape Culture at Universities."

Dr. Shariff is an internationally recognized authority on emerging socio-legal, educational and public policy

issues relating to the use of social media among youth and young adults. She is currently Associate Professor, Faculty of Education, Associate member of both the Faculty of Law and the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism at McGill University. In addition, she is an Affiliate Scholar, Center for Internet and Society at Stanford Law School. She is also the Director of *Define the Line Projects* www.definetheline.ca and on the Board of Directors of Kids' Help Phone.

- C. Chopra



MCW OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Our Federate member, Montreal Hadassah-WIZO, will host the luncheon for the meeting to be held on Thursday, November 5th, 2015. We would ask that you advise Frances Gregory at 514 935-1674 or by e-mail at: frances.gregory@videotron.ca if you plan to attend. The lunch costs \$10.00, payable at the door and will be served at 12 Noon.

MCW WOMAN OF THE YEAR (WOTY) AWARD – 2015 LUNCHEON

The MCW yearly **Woman of the Year award** luncheon which every year honours an exceptional woman, will take place at noon, on **Friday, December 4, 2015**, at the **Hilton Garden Inn**, 380 Sherbrooke St. West, in Montreal.

The focus of this year's award is on a woman who has made an outstanding contribution towards the prevention of violence against women. You are encouraged to please nominate a woman who has made just such a difference in the lives of women. The criteria for nomination and a copy of the application can be downloaded at: montrealcouncilwomen.org/docs/woty-application-criteria.2015.docx

Everyone is welcome to join MCW in honouring and celebrating the accomplishments of an exceptional honouree. Tickets are **\$50 dollars** and are available by contacting any MCW Board member or by emailing us at: mcwinformation@gmail.com or S. Gyles, Tel. 450-672-7081 or email: sagyles@sympatico.ca

MCW OCTOBER 1st ROUND TABLE MEETING Panel Discussion on Women's Issues

At our last meeting held on the 1st of October, two candidates running in the up-coming Federal elections participated in a round table discussion. **Alexandra Mendès**, who was also the past president of the Liberal Party of Canada is running Brossard – St. Lambert and NDP Candidate and former CBC/Radio-Canada journalist **Anne Lagacé Dowson**, who is running against Justin Trudeau in the riding of Papineau. **Lagacé Dowson** is a news reporter (CBC), arts reporter, press reviewer, Past Liberal Candidate. The **Honourable Eleni Bakopanos** served as moderator. The panel was originally scheduled to include three candidates from the three major parties however the third candidate representing the Conservatives pulled out at the last minute.

During the afternoon discussion the candidates were queried on a number of interesting topics and given two minutes to respond. The following is a snippet of the questions and some of the comments that were made.

(1) Women's Economic Equality and Security

1A: How will you and your party ensure that there will be income equality, including pay equity and equal employment opportunities for women?

AM Conservatives too liberal- negated by their pay equity.

ALD By electing more women. (*She commended MCW for hosting this particular meeting.*) NDP must show that they have reached out to women. Harper government does not want minority to speak.

1B: How will you and your party ensure that older women have access to adequate pensions and retirement security?

ALD NDP announced they would return pension age to 65. Income splitting
Increase public pension. Need overall plan because of an aging community,

AM Liberal Government wants to raise income supplement by 10%. Close to 900 thousand single senior women. Need better home care and more autonomy. Need to take aging community seriously.

1C: What would you do to acknowledge the economic contribution to Canada's GDP of stay-at-home parents and volunteers?

AM Volunteer hours have not been addressed. (No platform announcement) Liberal party will look at stay-at-home parents and stop sending cheques to families earning \$200,000 plus and give more to the needy.

ALD Need national child care. Poor day care pushes competent women back to staying at home.
Reduction of funding to community organizations.

AM Important for all parties to work together. Ignored by the Conservatives.
Seniors are alone because children have left the province. Need more economic advantages so people will stay. Liberals to invest greatly in economy.

ALD There are many temporary jobs and no insurance. We need to stop raiding Federal Insurance. Program is failing. Medicare and UIC need to be put back to normalcy.

AM Tax credit for volunteerism not possible if there is no income.

(2.) Women's Health

2A. How will you and your party ensure that all Canadians have access to quality, accessible, affordable elder care? And support for caregivers?

ALD Principle put forward by NDP. Adequate funding for health care – especially for seniors. Caregivers also need to be taken care of.

AM Addressed by Mr. Trudeau. Need to sit down with Provincial Premiers.

2B. Do you or your party support a national Pharmacare system? If so, how will your party, once elected, provide the necessary resources to support a National Pharmacare system?

AM Absolute support started by Paul Martin

ALD Quebec has programs here that all provinces could emulate. Clear proposal on generic drugs.

(3) Gender Equality

3A: What steps will you and your party take to address the UN's Sustainable Goal #5 "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls?"

ALD Women are very important. NDP will fund property. NDP has also called attention to missing Indigenous women also addressing violence against women.

ALD Yes to affirmative action

AM

3B: Do you agree that there should be parity on federal corporate Boards and at the Cabinet table? If you agree, how will your party once elected to govern achieve this national goal?

AM Justin Trudeau to have cabinet parity. Must start young to teach young people.

Status of Women Canada

How will your party once elected ensure increased financial support for Status of Women Canada to provide funding that will cover frontline service provision, research and advocacy?

DID YOU KNOW?

Carrie M Derick (1862-1941) is a past President of MCW. One reader of her bio (*available on the Web*) has described her as an irresistible force. She is the first woman at McGill and in Canada to achieve full professorship; and at the University of Bonn, in 1901, Carrie completed the research required for a Ph.D. but was not awarded an official doctorate since the university, at that time, did not give women Ph.D. degrees.

Carrie Derick was a suffragette, social reformer and founder of McGill's Genetics Department. She was a lifelong member of the National Council of Women. And, next time you are driving south on the AutoRoute Bonaventure, look out for Carrie Derick Street on your right, a short distance before the Victoria Bridge overpass.

It's interesting what poking about on the web brings up –

My Montreal Stories by Dorothy Nixon May 2015 is not always flattering towards our Carrie M Derick. Dixon says Derick was a proponent of birth control, but as a means to stop the feeble minded and inferior races from procreating and that Derick's view of eugenics was similarly slanted. I'd need to be time warped back 100 years ago to fully understand and argue the situation. Not on my today's TO DO list!

And I cannot find any reference as to when or why the street was named after her. –M arjorie. Windeler

James Wood, "Hope in the Battle for Global Literacy: Whose Version of the Future Will Win"

I attended the McGill Beatty Memorial Lecture, held on Thursday, September 24, 2015, where the featured speaker was Mr. John Wood. The title of his address was "**Hope in the Battle for Global Literacy: Whose Version of the Future Will Win**". Wood is founder of the global literacy non-profit **Room to Read**. A former Microsoft executive, his focus now is on social entrepreneurship in literacy and gender equality in education. In an interview with the **McGill Reporter**, Wood commented on the challenges faced, now that **Room to Read** has reached a major milestone of providing educational resources to 10 million children in developing countries.

We aim to impact 15 million children by 2020. To achieve this goal, we are deepening and broadening our impact and will work with organizations and government ministries to build their capacity to better deliver programs like ours. We plan to scale our programs to more quickly address the global need for our work.

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One of the biggest challenges we have faced was making a case for education in low-income communities. The data, however, speaks for itself. Over 200 million kids in the developing world don't go to school and 1 out of every 7 people in the world are illiterate, 2/3 of those being girls and young women. We know that many problems in the world can be solved through one tool—education. When communities are educated per capita income rises, risk of conflict decreases and child mortality rates drop. Without education, the poor will always remain poor and it takes a nominal investment to change that. Through Room to Read, for \$50 you can help a child learn to read for a year and for \$300 you can change a girl's life forever by supporting her to complete secondary school for a year. Forget about war and military spending – educate the children, and the future is forever changed.

"I recommend future social entrepreneurs gain experience in the for-profit sector before they become full-time agents of change in the non-profit world. The corporate world teaches valuable skills that are equally as valuable to a non-profit organization: sales, marketing, finance, accounting, leadership, and how to build and run high-performance Teams.

However, one doesn't necessarily have to choose corporate life over effecting social change. Today, many businesses are run by executives that encourage employees, leading by example, to be more socially responsible through innovative business models. While everyone does not need to follow my path sequentially to be successful, I will say that my career at Room to Read has been greatly enhanced and informed by the 12 years I spent in the corporate sector."

"Make social entrepreneurship part of the core curriculum for university students, and make sure every level of university leadership (up to the very top) embraces it. If students see their university's leadership taking social entrepreneurship seriously enough to get personally involved, this behaviour sends a strong signal to students that they should personally involve themselves, too.

Second, don't apologize for fund-raising, or sweep it under the rug. Without fund-raising, nothing happens in the social sector. No money = no mission.

Finally, connect to alumni, since they have more expendable income to give than current students. I admit, development offices might be scared of this idea since they often want alumni to donate directly to the university. However, I believe engaging alumni this way will connect them to their alma mater more strongly than before. Room to Read has tested this theory while working with students at Miami University of Ohio. We launched a campaign where

students pitched alumni for their support to help fund and build a Room to Read school in Nepal. Through collective efforts, \$35,000 was raised in a week and now the school has been built. While we didn't survey the alumni who donated, I would bet that they have an increased sense of pride for their alma mater and will continue to support university initiatives in the future."

Marilyn Berger

1. McGill Reporter. Thursday October 1, 2015. Newsfeed

UNION UNITED CHURCH

"There is a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place"

The official reopening of the Union United Church located at 3007 Delisle Street took place on June 14th, 2015. This historic landmark building, an architectural delight, was packed to the rafters, the stairways and the sidewalk on a bright sunny day, with many invited guests, past and present members and interested visitors.

The celebratory Thanksgiving Worship service was a welcome home service with attendees from the United States and former members from the suburbs of Montreal with all generations represented from a new born baby to the 100 plus. A delicious buffet was enjoyed by all.

The Ministry of Music was enhanced by the presence of **Dr. Oliver Jones**, who not only played a piano selection but kindly donated his Grand Piano to the church. This gift was movingly dedicated and received with heartfelt gratitude by the Board and Ministers present and will be a lasting tool in the choral worship of the youth, men's and Gospel choirs on Service Days and all community events in the area.

The Union United congregation and The **Coloured Women's Club** of Montreal are long time federate members of the Montreal Council of Women and have a tradition of raising funds for youth scholarships in the community. Our own Shirley Gyles, Gloria Simmons, Emily Robertson and the undersigned were present for this service.

The archives of Montreal and the media are full of amazing stories of the origins and founding of the original building, the reasons for its location near to the railroad workers and their families in the past; the inspiring visitors who have graced its doors such as **Nelson Mandela**, musical **genius Oscar Peterson**, and the tradition continues now with **Daisy Sweeney** and **Kim Sherwood** for music and Kaye Francis McKenzie doing community outreach and many others.

- Mary Lennon - Arts & Heritage. Convener

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MCW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please note that membership renewal was due in May and we thank you if you have already completed and submitted your renewal information. If you have not yet renewed, please send completed form and check to:

Montreal Council of Women
P.O. Box 72117
151 Atwater Ave.
Montreal, QC H3J 2Z6

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Individual Member - \$35.00
Federate Member -
1 - 99 Members \$40.00
Federate Member -
Over 100 Members \$50.00
Patron Member - \$60.00

Marilyn Berger
Membership Chair
Montreal Council of Women
mcwmembers@gmail.com

MCW Article and Announcement Submissions

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

Please note our new bulletin email address.

WOMEN'S ART SOCIETY

Tuesday, October 27, 2015. The Women's Art Society presents Art Historian, **Dr. Mary Hunter**, "Toulouse Lautrec's Brothel Images - under the covers".

McCord Museum, 690 Sherbrooke West

1:30 - 2:30 pm. Guests: Free

www.womensartsociety.com

Tuesday, November 10, 2015. The Women's Art Society of Montreal presents artist **JABER LUTFI**, "Within Chaos" at the McCord Museum, 690 Sherbrooke West from 1:30 to 2:30pm. Non-members \$10.

www.womensartsociety.com

Tuesday, November 24, 2015. The Women's Art Society of Montreal presents musician, artist, **ALLYNA HARRIS**, "Art, Sound & Nature" at the McCord Museum, 690 Sherbrooke West from 1:30 to 2:30pm. Non-members \$10. www.womensartsociety.com

UWCM DINNER MEETING

Three young filmmakers will discuss the process of capturing the final months of the career of internationally renowned and beloved local conductor Ivan Edwards. Maestro Edwards will be on hand to offer his thoughts on being the subject of a documentary film.

Newcomers are welcome. Join this fall, pay the total fee of \$265 to become a new member, and do not pay again until January 2017. This is a one-time offer. New Student Membership is \$50.

Date: Wednesday November 18th 2015, (Reserve by November 12th)

Place: Atwater Club, 3505 Atwater Avenue Montreal

Speakers: **Amena Ahmad, Araya Everett, Dylan Sheper** and **Maestro Edwards**.

Tickets: \$31.04 Members

\$50 non-members (glass of wine included)

Contact: Atwater Club reception or UWCM 514 934 1362,

Email: uwcm@uwcm.com, Telephone: 514 935 2431



SENIORS ACTION QUEBEC

Conference on Arthritis

Saturday, November 14th, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Cote Saint Luc Aquatic community Centre
5794 Parkhaven, Cote St. Luc, QC H4W 0A4

Expert Presentation of the following:

Types, Signs and Symptoms of Arthritis:

-Rheumatologist, Dr. Daniel Lajeunesse

Diagnoses and Depression: Psychologist,

- Dr. Christopher James McKinnon

Pain Management: The importance of controlling your pain so it doesn't control you! - Dr. Deborah Radcliffe-Branch, McGill's "My Tool Box"

The Benefits of Nutrition and Exercise:

-Kim Arrey & Julia McNally

Orthopedic Surgery: New Developments and the Importance of Rehabilitation

Everyone must register so we can manage your meal preference and ensure adequate seating.

To obtain your form(s) to register of if you have any questions; please email: ruthpelletier613@gmail.com or lyna.boushel@gmail.com

You may purchase your ticket with PayPal by visiting our website at www.seniorsactionquebec.ca

Cost: \$20.00 each, includes lunch

Deadline to register is November 6th,

SHEILD OF ATHENA FAMILY SERVICES

The Shield of Athena Family Services will hold its 21st Annual Art Auction on Sunday November 08, 2015 at La Maison Ogilvy, 1307 Sainte Catherine Street West. Spokesperson for the event is Chris Nilan, former NHL player and present day sports show host on TSN 690.

Proceeds will benefit our network of services and our new Second Step Resource for women and children victims of family violence. Exhibit and silent auction from 3-4:30 p.m., live auction 5 p.m. Admission of \$75 includes: the exhibit & silent auction, the live auction, eligibility for **a fabulous door prize and a lovely cocktail. For more information please call Polly at 514-274-8117 or visit us at www.shieldofathena.com.**

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1101 Stanley Street
Montreal.....facing Windsor Station and by Bell Centre
Phone: [514-866-7113](tel:514-866-7113)

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE & LUNCHEON

Saturday, November 21st
(Same day as Santa Parade)

Sale is open from 11h00 – 15h00... full lunch is served from 11h30 – 14h30 \$12.00 per person

Come and visit our Home Baking table, stocked with wonderful items... our Christmas pudding table has authentic puddings....see what we have on the Christmas Craft tableand more.

For your further browsing and shopping pleasure, you will find our Boutique open with lots of quality items to be found.

Come and welcome Santa then drop in to shop and enjoy a full turkey lunch...

Revenue from this event goes to charities and missions in the Montreal area...please come and help us so that we might help others.

Sylvia White, Guild President

Christmas Artisan Sale and Bazaar

Thursday, November 5, 2015
10:30 am to 3:30 pm

Contactivity Centre
4965 de Maisonneuve West (corner Lansdowne)
Westmount

Type of Items for sale:

Fine hand knit items for children and adults, handcrafted gift items and cards hand painted wooden frames and Christmas ornaments, woven scarves, preserves, baked goods, 2nd hand: books, jewelry, and clothes.

Proceeds to: Contactivity Centre's activities and services for seniors

Admission charge: None

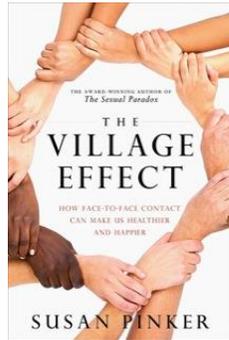
Meals: Light lunch, drinks and desserts \$

Telephone #: [514-932-2326](tel:514-932-2326)



Presents

“Susan Pinker”



Developmental Psychologist and Author
of “The Village Effect”

(Hear straight from the author how “face to face”
contact leads to a happier life.)

Date: **October 20, 2015**

Place: **E.M.S.B**
6000 Fielding Avenue
Montreal H3X 1T4

Time: **5:30 – 6: 30 light supper**

McVicar Dining Room 4th floor

COST: **Members: 15.00\$**

Non-members: 20.00\$

Author: **7:00 p.m. - Lawrence Patterson Room**
(No food nor drink permitted.)

R.S.V.P: Erika Sebaldt:

erika.sebaldt@bell.net or **514-489-2760**

or Rena Entus: **renaentus@bell.net**

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“SUPPORTING **EARLY CAREER TEACHERS**”



- what are **the issues**?
- why some **don't remain** in the classroom?
- what will **keep them** in the classroom?
- what will make them **feel supported**?
- what can we do?**

Date: **November 23, 2015**

Place: **E.M.S.B**
6000 Fielding Avenue
Montreal H3X 1T4

Time: **5:30 – 6: 30 light supper**

MacVicar Dining Room 4th floor

7:00 p.m. Speaker

COST: **DKG members: 15.00\$**
Non-members: 20.00\$

R.S.V.P: Erika Sebaldt –

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Members & Guests

*** Don't forget to bring your items for the **Ditty Bags*****
(We provide a women's shelter with toiletries and small
unused appropriate items at this time every year. If you
travel and collect shampoos, rinses etc.)



Presents

“A Holiday Celebration”

Shara Rosen
Senior Consultant at StratCom



Shara Rosen will be speaking about the work and projects in **Senegal** that her foundation supports.

Date: THURSDAY DECEMBER 10, 2014

Place: E.M.S.B
6000 Fielding Avenue
H3X 1T4

Time: 5:30 – 6: 30 light supper:
McVicar Dining Room 4th floor
7:00 p.m. **Speaker**

COST: - for DKG members: 15.00\$
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Anglican Church Women of the Diocese of Montreal

Service of Remembrance
on
**Anniversary of the
Tragedy at the
École Polytechnique**

**Sunday, December 6th, 2015
3.00 pm**

St James the Apostle Church
1439 Ste-Catherine ouest, corner of
Bishop

**Celebrant:
The Revd Shirley Smith**

**Mark your calendars / Details to
follow**

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TOUS !
EVERYONE WELCOME !
We look forward to
seeing you.**



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