

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings!

It is my sincere pleasure and honour as President, to welcome our Federate and individual members to our 2016-2017 year. It is also very exciting to see some new faces among our group and we welcome them all as well. I/we hope that our association will be a long and fulfilling one. I would also at this time like to thank and welcome fellow board members, both new and old, who have so graciously and kindly agreed to serve MCW for another two years, a fine group of professional, bright and dedicated women.

At our first meeting of the year, our guest speaker was Ms. Penny Rankin, who is Co-Chair of the Refugee Support Program at St. Matthias Anglican Church and St. Mark's Anglican Church. Ms. Rankin gave a most revealing and riveting discourse about the status of refugees around the world, as well as her own experience in sponsoring a Syrian couple to Canada. This comes at such a fitting time, especially when we hear what is being said by some of our neighbour's south of the border. And we all know that what happens there does in fact, touch us in some way.

For those of you who missed Ms. Rankin's presentation, you can look forward to a number of other interesting topics that MCW will be presenting in the months to come. Our Vice President of Programs, Mrs. Joan Macklin has done a superb job in arranging for and bringing forward a number of thought-provoking women dealing with diverse, noteworthy and enlightening topics. Great job Joan!

Please don't forget that our next meeting on October 6, will be held in the evening. A light supper will be served from 6 to 7 pm and the actual meeting which will be a workshop will commence at 7 pm. Our guest speaker/facilitator is Ms. Elizabeth Johnson, who is an author and professor, Ms. Johnson will teach us to write about our life in three easy steps. Now, how exciting is that! Elizabeth is also the owner of, Own Your Creativity.

Also a quick reminder about our Woman of the Year, submissions will be accepted up until October 22, 2016. This year's WOTY is one who has made a special contribution towards the prevention of suicide. The award luncheon will take place on Thursday, December 8, 2016, at the Omni Hotel in Montreal. Nomination forms are available online at [www.montrealcouncilwomen.org](http://www.montrealcouncilwomen.org). -Shirley Gyles



**ELIZABETH JOHNSTON**  
Author, Professor, and  
Certified Autobiography  
Coach  
Owner of *Own Your Creativity*

**WORKSHOP: Write about your life in three easy steps**

You will learn to write about your life, understand what a memoir is, the story you need to tell and her special writing system.

Please join us for this very inspiring presentation.  
New members and guests are welcome.

**Thursday, October 6 at 7:00 PM!**

**MCW OCTOBER MEETING****Change of time for this meeting!**

A light supper will be served at 6:00 PM followed by a workshop at 7:00 PM on October 6, 2016. Price: \$10.00 per person, payable at the door. The address is: 2700 Rufus Rockhead, Montreal.

Please advise Shirley Gyles if you plan to attend at: [450-672-7081](tel:450-672-7081) or e- mail: [sagyles@sympatico.ca](mailto:sagyles@sympatico.ca)

## Sorrows, Stories, Statistics & Strategies A Crisis Unfolding

A presentation by Penny Rankin

Almost 200 million people, or one in every 122 humans on this planet, are either refugee, displaced or seeking asylum, among which a great majority are children and women.

These are the kind of overwhelming figures and data that Penny Rankin shared with her audience at the first MCW meeting of the new 2016-2017 season.

In an extremely well-documented and emotional presentation, filled with information and powerful pictures, Penny first drew up a global picture of the refugees' situation around the world.

She then went on to tell the more personal story of Antoune and Nadia which she was a part of, through her church.



Antoune was a pharmacist and Nadia a stay-at-home mum, with a degree in French literature. They lived in Aleppo, Syria. Before the war, Aleppo was a major economic centre in the country. Antoune and Nadia, along with their children, enjoyed a very pleasant life in an agreeable and affluent neighbourhood of this city. Then the war broke out. Antoune and Nadia saw their children leave the city and the country for safer and more welcoming grounds. Two of them moved to France and two other, Fadi and Pierre, to Montreal.

Through her church, Penny grew to know Fadi, at a time when he was becoming increasingly worried about his parents still living in bombed ridden Aleppo, without any access to food, running water or electricity. And as he was becoming desperate to help his parents out of Syria, Fadi was led to seek support from the Anglican Church in Montreal.

After a long and arduous journey from Aleppo, and through Lebanon, Antoune and Nadia finally made their way to Montreal. On June 2, 2016, they were reunited with their family and with grandchildren they had never seen!



This story has a happy ending but how many of them end up differently. So many lives are still at risk. How many refugees are endangering their lives every day, walking miles in the desert, crossing the seas on small boats with hundreds of people like them in the hope of safer shores?

Penny ended her presentation with a very moving poem written by Warsan Shire, a Somali poet, writer and educator who now lives in London, UK.

The poem is entitled *HOME* and here is the first verse:

*no one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a  
shark  
you only run for the border  
when you see the whole city running as well*

*your neighbors running faster than you  
breath bloody in their throats  
the boy you went to school with  
who kissed you dizzy behind the old tin factory  
is holding a gun bigger than his body  
you only leave home  
when home won't let you stay.*

For more information on the topic or if you would like to help, please contact Penny Rankin at:  
[penelope.m.rankin@gmail.com](mailto:penelope.m.rankin@gmail.com).

Isabelle Godefroy

## MCW 2016-2017 Program

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Title of Speech</u>
*October 6	Elizabeth Johnston Creative Coach	Workshop: "Write about Your Life in Three Easy Steps"
November 3	Nadia De Riggi Notary	TBA
December 8	Woman of the Year Omni Hotel	Suicide Prevention
February 2	Maria di Tomasso Psychiatrist – Douglas Mental Health University Institute	Women's Mental Health across the Life Cycle
March 2	Anne Lagacé Dowson Journalist	"Why I Ran and is There a Difference Between Male and Female Candidates"
*April 6	DVD	"Quilt of Belonging" This monumental artwork, Canada's most comprehensive textile art project, is the work of volunteers from Victoria to Newfoundland to the Arctic Circle.
May 17	Annual General Meeting	Silent Auction

\*These two events will be held in the evening.  
N.B. Speakers are subject to change.

<http://montrealcouncilwomen.org/program.html>

## 2016 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

The 2016 Woman of the Year is a woman who has made a special contribution towards the prevention of suicide.

The yearly award luncheon will take place on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the OMNI Hotel in Montreal.

**Deadline for submissions: October 22, 2016**

Nomination forms are available online at [www.montrealcouncilwomen.org](http://www.montrealcouncilwomen.org) or by

e-mail at [isa.godefroy@gmail.com](mailto:isa.godefroy@gmail.com) or 514-649-2648.

## Education

As Montrealers, we can be proud of one of our city's latest initiatives which will benefit our children.

In June 2016, Ville de Montreal adopted its first "POLICY on CHILDREN". This approach will put all children from newborns to age 17 at the very heart of Montreal's priorities.

Beginning in the fall of 2016, the vision is to raise our community's consciousness to the fact that "our children are our city's future. We want them to grow, develop and reach their full potential".

To consult the policy: [ville.montreal.qc.ca/enfants](http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/enfants)

Another exciting event which will take place in our city this fall is the Inauguration of the Michal and Renata Hornstein Pavilion for Peace. The opening is scheduled for members from November 12 to the 16<sup>th</sup> and then will open for the general public.

Here again, the focus of this new and exciting project will be on education.

As members of the MCW, we have much to look forward to and be involved with as our city is moving toward the celebration of its 375<sup>th</sup> year.

*Vivianne Silver*

## The McGill Women's Alumnae Association

### **Meet and Greet with a Cup of Tea**

**Saturday, October 29, 2016**

**10:30 AM - 12 PM**

**Royal Victoria College,  
3425 University Street**

Come celebrate the sisterhood of RVC with a convivial tea service, delicious sweets, door prizes, a tour and much more of our former home away from home.

**Cost: \$18.00**

**RSVP/ Pre-register:** September 6 to October 20

**Contact:** Event registrar at **514-398-8288** or [homecoming@mcgill.ca](mailto:homecoming@mcgill.ca)

## St. George's Anglican Church

1101 Stanley Street

Facing Windsor Station

## **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TURKEY DINNER & SALE**

**Saturday, November 19, 2016**

Baking Table, Craft Table and Treasures and authentic Christmas Puddings

Sale opens at 11 AM. Lunch is served from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

**Cost: \$15.00**

**Contact:** Sylvia White **613-677-6305** or call the church **514-866-7113**

## 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 haven't 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  
Federate Member (1 - 99 Members) - \$40  
Federate Member (100 Members and over) -\$50.

The renewal form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

MCW Membership - [mcwmembers@gmail.com](mailto:mcwmembers@gmail.com)



University Women's Club of Montreal Inc.  
Club des Femmes Universitaires de Montréal Inc

### UWCM Dinner Meeting

Dr. Jonathan L. Meakins - a retired McGill professor, a former chair of McGill's Department of Surgery, and a former surgeon-in-chief from the MUCH - will address the principles surrounding the creation of healing environments, with a focus on the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Newcomers are welcome.

**Wednesday, October 19, 2016**

Cocktails: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

**Atwater Club, 3505 Atwater Avenue,  
Montreal, H3H 1YZ**

**Tickets:** \$31.04 Members - \$50.00 Non-members  
**Contact by October 13:** 514-935-2431 or 514-934-1362 or e-mail: [uwcm@uwcm.com](mailto:uwcm@uwcm.com).

## WOMEN'S ART SOCIETY OF MONTREAL



### October 11, 2016

The Women's Art Society of Montreal presents Co-Founder and Artistic Director of Talisman Theatre, **LYNE PAQUETTE** - *Engineer Builds Intercultural Bridges*, from 1:30 to 2:30 PM at the McCord Museum, 690 Sherbrooke West. Non-members: \$ 10.00.

### October 25, 2016

The Women's Art Society of Montreal presents Paper Sculptor **IVAN MARKOVIC** - *Speaking of His Life & Work*, from 1:30 to 2:30 PM at the McCord Museum, 690 Sherbrooke West. Non-members: \$ 10.00.  
Newcomers are welcome!

For more information, please consult the society's website: [www.womensartsociety.com](http://www.womensartsociety.com) or call 514-495-3701.

**The Coloured Women's Club**  
Founded 1902 - Member of the Montreal Council of Women  
is proud to host

DINNER GALA - TRIBUTE  
IN HONOUR OF  
**Mr. Otis Grant**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016  
COCKTAILS AT 6:00 PM  
DINNER AT 7:00 PM

OMNI HOTEL  
1050 Sherbrooke St. W. Montreal, QC

Come and celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of WBO Middleweight Boxing World Champion, Educator, Role Model and Community Worker.

Entertainment provided by Montreal's own soul singer Mr. Skipper Down

Mr. Skipper Down    World Champion Boxer    Community Worker    Role Model    Educator

Tickets: \$150.00 - Information: Salon Rayshell:  
514.481.2635 - 450.672.7081 - 514.488.3284 - 514.696.7944  
Email: [sagyles@sympatico.ca](mailto:sagyles@sympatico.ca)  
All proceeds will go to the Coloured Women's Club Scholarship Fund.





## **SELF-ESTEEM & AGING**

**Free Live Video Conference  
Provided in English**

**Presenter:**

**Norma Gilbert**, Social Worker and  
Program Coordinator at CSSS Cavendish

**Healthy snack will be provided**

**COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT (CHEP)**



### **Do we become invisible as we age?**

What contributes to our lack of self-esteem as we get older?

**Join us, at CCS,** with your questions about this important topic as we explore self-esteem and aging.

**Tuesday, September 28, 2016  
9:00 am - 12:30 pm**

**LOCATION: CCS OFFICE  
451, RUE DE L'ÉGLISE, 2ND FLOOR**

**Verdun, H4G 2M6**

**Limited spaces available  
Registration is required**

**Contact information:**

**ruthpelletier613@gmail.com  
1 450 455 5982**



### ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCH

**Saturday, November 12, 2016**  
**11:30 AM cash bar, 12 noon Lunch**  
**Bistro Méditerranéen TABLE 09**  
**9, Place Frontenac, Pointe-Claire**  
**Free Parking, Bus 200 or 202**

**Cost: \$60.00 incl. a glass of wine**

Awards will be presented to the winners of our scholarships and bursaries who will share their projects and plans with us. We will also recognize a women's shelter in our community.

**All proceeds will go to the Zonta Club of Montreal's scholarship and bursary fund.**

**Guest speaker: Wanda Bedard - Education for girls in the developing girl - bridging the divide.**

Wanda Bedard established **60 million girls**, a public foundation, in 2006. The organisation is completely volunteer-run and invests in education projects for girls in the developing world.

Wanda Bedard is the recipient of several international awards for humanitarian work, including the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee medal in February 2012.

Reservations are a must by **Wednesday, November 9**  
**RSVP by email** at [zcmcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:zcmcommunications@gmail.com) or  
 by **online registration**.

**Info:** Yvonne Quintyn 514-683-4213 or Mickey Wernecke 514-630-0138



Presents



**Sheryl Smith Gilman**

### **Constructing Living Bridges: A Pedagogy of Listening for Today's Classrooms**

*(Dr. Gilman's research focuses on early childhood pedagogy coupled with concentrations in children's development of cultural identity and meaning making through arts-based approaches.)*

This presentation will tell the story of the development of my three-year research project, in partnership with a First Nations community that illuminated different ways of thinking about culture and learning in early childhood education. The inquiry has shed light on components that might support a paradigm shift toward "listening" in order to promote quality early education, specifically within a culturally relevant context. This changing paradigm reveals a variety of pathways that might help to honor young children's identity and yield passageways amongst people, theory, practice and pedagogy.

**Date:** **October 20, 2016**

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

**Time:** **5:30 – 6:30 light supper:**

**McVicar Dining Room 4<sup>th</sup> floor**

**COST: for members: 15.00\$**

**: for non-members: 20.00\$**

**: students: 10.00\$**

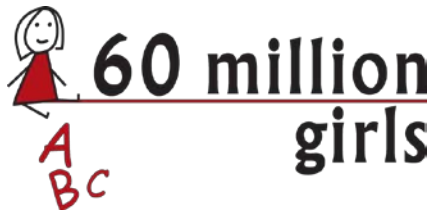
**SPEAKER: 7:00 p.m. - in the Lawrence Patterson Room**

**R.S.V.P:** Erika Sebaldt - [erika.sebaldt@bell.net](mailto:erika.sebaldt@bell.net) or  
 514-489-2760 or [renaentus@bell.net](mailto:renaentus@bell.net)

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**DKG EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS**

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**facebook: [dkg gamma province quebec](https://www.facebook.com/dkggammaquebec)**



## Annual Fundraising Conference

**Celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with us!**

On **Monday, November 7**, help **60 million girls** celebrate its many accomplishments over the past 10 years:  
20 projects in 14 countries,  
reaching over 20,000 children.

Cocktails and canapés will be served.

Tickets can be purchased for \$100 at  
[www.60milliongirls.org](http://www.60milliongirls.org)  
or by calling 514-234-1174.

*60 million girls* is a public foundation that supports education for girls in order to create a more just and balanced world. Its objective is to fund projects focused on providing quality education to girls in developing countries, thus supplying the essential tools to help them transform their lives and those of their children and their communities.



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**VERONICA MAE JOHNSON**  
Citizenship Judge

O Canada Reflections on Citizenship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016

**Time:** 5:30 – 6: 30 **light supper:** Cafeteria (main floor)  
**7:00 p.m. Speaker:** Lawrence Patterson Room

**COST:** - for DKG members: 15.00\$  
for non-members: 20.00\$  
Students:10:00\$

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

**R.S.V.P:** Members RSVP to your Chapter Presidents by phone or e--mail.  
Non-members - RSVP to Erika Sebaldt **514-489-2760** or email [erika.sebaldt@bell.net](mailto:erika.sebaldt@bell.net)

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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.)



**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

P.O. Box 72117, 151 Atwater Ave.

Montréal, QC H3J 2Z6

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