

MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN – LE CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTRÉAL

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President's Message

The end of summer is fast approaching and it is time for another year of interesting speakers, stimulating activities and renewing friendships. I hope that you have enjoyed the flowers, taken a holiday or just plain relaxed.

MCW members who participated in the NCWC AGM found it to be an inspiring and truly enjoyable experience. A big thank you goes out to all our members and federates who worked so hard to make this AGM such a success. Our guests from across the country had nothing but praise for all the events: the wonderful reception at City Hall overlooking the port in Old Montreal and hosted by Executive Councillor Manon Gauthier; a delicious and relaxing dinner at the home of Ginger Petty; and a banquet at the Hilton overlooking downtown Montreal.

And now we look forward to another great year in the life of MCW. Our theme for the year is "Violence against Women" which is encompassed within the NCWC triennium theme of "Safety and Security of Persons", along with security of food and housing, bullying, issues faced by aboriginal women.

For our WOTY award luncheon, we look forward to honouring a woman, who has made a difference in the fight to improve the lives of women by prevention of violence against women. The Federation des Femmes du Québec also launched its 4th International World March of Women on March 8, 2015 and it all culminates on October 17. The march "is a global social movement that aims to eliminate the causes of poverty and violence against women."

We invite each and every one of you to participate in making this another successful year for MCW by joining in activities, offering suggestions, and working together with inspiring women.

I welcome a new Board with new and old members working together in joint sorority and solidarity, and I thank the members of last year's Board for their contributions, advice and efforts for the betterment of MCW and its actions.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, September 10 at our first meeting of the year. – Dr. Chitra Chopra

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

MCW MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

The MCW will be welcoming Hannah Taylor as their first guest speaker for the year 2015-2016.

Hannah is a 19-year old McGill student hailing from Winnipeg, Manitoba. At the age of 8 she created the Ladybug Foundation, a registered charitable foundation that raises funds and awareness for people who are homeless and hungry. <http://www.ladybugfoundation.ca/>

She will be sharing her experience with us as well as talking about the issue of homelessness and the challenges that homeless people face. Her talk is entitled, "Helping the Homeless: Lessons Learned."

Do join us for this very inspiring presentation on September 10th at Les Jardins du Canal



Hannah Taylor

MCW SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

The luncheon for the September 10th meeting will be served at 12 noon at the cost of \$10:00 per person, payable at the door. Please advise Frances Gregory (514) 935-1674 or e-mail:

frances.gregory@videotron.ca if you plan to attend.

Address: 2700 Rufus Rockhead Montreal (off the Atwater Market)

Women and Literacy

September 8th 2015 is International Literacy Day. Proclaimed by UNESCO in 1965, it was first celebrated in 1966, its aim to highlight the importance of [literacy](#) to individuals, communities and societies.

According to UNESCO statistics, some 775 million adults lack minimum literacy skills; one in five adults is still not literate and two-thirds of them are women.

Literacy is a fundamental right for women. Obviously, educational opportunities depend on it but its scope goes well beyond education alone: it is a tool for personal empowerment and a means for social and human development. In 2010, Irina Bokova, Director-General of the UNESCO, [said that](#), "newly literate women have a positive ripple effect on all development indicators."

A literate woman is more likely to be able to manage her income and expenditure, and the children of a literate mother are more likely to complete their education. Literate women are also more able to mitigate some of the root causes of maternal and child morbidity and mortality. A woman's ability is also increasingly dependent on the written word in a technology driven world where smart phones are ubiquitous, and illiteracy limits her [to only basic levels of engagement](#).

Even if many countries have increased their access to education and accelerated their educational programming to meet the [millennium development goals](#) over the past 15 years, getting access to formal education is still a great challenge for many young women. Domestic responsibilities, new roles as wives and mothers, coupled with increasing economic productivity, makes 'time poverty' an even greater challenge to their learning options. Traditional views on women's education along with issues of distance and security in reaching adult learning centres underpin the challenges.

One way forward might be to adopt an integrated approach to literacy learning, embedded in other learning. Such approaches might produce stronger outcomes in both literacy and vocational education and training. Indeed, women who want to be successful traders, efficient farmers, contribute to school governance and raise healthy children must be equipped with the necessary associated literacy skills.

Whatever the solution, it is undeniable that greater investment in women's adult and youth literacy is urgently needed. That, today, 493 million of women across the globe still can't read is unacceptable. Giving them a chance at literacy will increase their power and give their children a brighter future. Strong women, strong world.

For more information on International Literacy Day, go to: <http://www.unesco.org/new/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-days/literacy-day/>
-Isabelle Godfroy

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMAN OF CANADA

(NCWC) AGM - Montreal May 21-24, 2015.

The Montreal Council of Women was pleased and honoured to have hosted the National Council of Women of Canada's Annual General Meeting.

Celebrations started off with a bang on Thursday evening May 21, 2015 with a Cocktail Reception which was held at Montreal's City Hall and hosted by city Executive Councillor, Mme Manon Gauthier.

Meetings and seminars were held on Friday morning and afternoon and the actual AGM was held on Saturday morning. Friday evening's dinner was held at the home of Board member Mrs. Ginger Petty, who graciously received members and out of town guests into her home, on Redpath Street in Montreal. A warm and inviting evening was enjoyed by all with laughter and singing as Mrs. Rosemary Mallory played on the piano old favourites, including some dating back from World War II.

The Saturday evening banquet was another success as close to sixty guests enjoyed the Jazz entertainment of Mr. Bryan Highbloom and a sumptuous meal at the Hilton Garden Inn on Sherbrooke Street in Montreal. Some brave souls even took to the dance floor. A good time was had by all.

MCW looks forward to the time that it will be their turn to host again. – S. Gyles

2015 - WOMAN OF THE YEAR

The 2015 Woman of the Years is a woman who has made an outstanding contribution towards the Prevention of violence against women.

The yearly award luncheon honouring the Woman of the Year will take place on Friday, December 4, 2015, at noon at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Montreal.

Deadline for submissions: October 30, 2015

Look for details: the Criteria and the nomination form will be sent out in the next few days.

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

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

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on September 10, 2015.

MCW Membership
Montreal Council of Women
mcwmembers@gmail.com

MCW Article and Announcement Submissions

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

Please note our new bulletin email address.



SENIORS ACTION QUEBEC

Seniors Action Quebec, a non-profit organization working on behalf of English-speaking seniors in Quebec, will be holding its first Fund Raising Concert in honour of National Seniors Day!

Location: Oscar Peterson Concert Hall
7141 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal

Date: Sunday, September 27, 2015

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Main Attraction: Montreal Jazz Musician: Oliver Jones

Other supporting entertainers:

- Greg Halpin: Singer/ Musician
- Bernadette Short Irish Dancers: the youngest & teenagers
- Carol McCormick: Singer
- Christine Singer/Musician
- Skipper Dean: Singer

Joey Elias - Comedian and of CJAD Radio fame will be Emcee

General admission tickets are \$50.00 each and PayPal will be set up on our website shortly:

www.seniorsactionquebec.ca Plus you can follow us on [Facebook](#)

Sugar Sammy has also donated two (2) tickets for his November 27th show and we will be raffling them off. The raffle tickets will be \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00

Contact: Ruth Pelletier, President
Seniors Action Quebec
(450) 218-3227
ruthpelletier613@gmail.com

Email Ruth and she will inform you where you can pick up your tickets.

781, boul. Décarie, Suite #204, Saint-Laurent (Québec)
H4L 3L3 • Tél. : 438-386-1944

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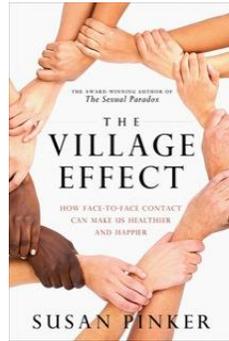


Photos courtesy: Pietro Micheletti



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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Presents

“A Panel Discussion”

Featuring Principals Discussing the issue of

“**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\$**
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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: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

City: _____ Telephone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNCIL (FEDERATE):

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

City: _____ Telephone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNCIL (FEDERATE):

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

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ANNUAL FEES

INDIVIDUAL Member \$35.00 Patron Member \$60.00

FEDERATE 1- 99 Members \$40.00 100 + over Members \$50.00

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