

MONTREAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN – LE CONSEIL DES FEMMES DE MONTRÉAL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow MCW Members:

Another month has passed as we quickly move into the Christmas season and as usual, our monthly meeting was successful, interesting and informative. Guest speaker Notary, Nadia Di Riggi gave us a synopsis of her work and the different services that are provided by a notary. She also made us aware of the advantages to having a Will and how to work with a Power of Attorney. Attendees appreciated her discourse as it cleared up some of their misconceptions concerning those topics they had and also gave them direction on how to proceed with their own personal situations.

Ottawa, October 27, 2016. In a second phase of ongoing efforts "to make the Senate more modern and independent and ensure that its members have the depth of knowledge and experience to best serve Canadians," (*Read more women which more realistically represents the Canadian landscape*) Prime Minister Justin Trudeau appointed nine new independent Senators including five women. They are the first senators to be chosen under an arm's-length process that saw more than 2,700 people apply to fill the 21 vacancies in the 105-seat upper house. They are Art Historian **Patricia Bovey**, from Winnipeg Manitoba, who is the former director of the Winnipeg Art Gallery and a former member of the Board of Trustees of the National Gallery of Canada and the board of the Canada Council for the Arts; Lawyer and human rights activist, **Marilou McPhedran**, who is the co-leader of the Ad Hoc Committee of Canadian Women on the Constitution, a grassroots movement in the early 1980s that successfully campaigned for stronger equality rights provisions in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

From New Brunswick, women's issues expert **Nancy Hartling** founder of the non-profit Support to Single Parents Inc. and founder of St. James Court Inc. an affordable housing complex for single parents; **Wanda Thomas Bernard**, from Nova Scotia, a social worker and educator who is the first African-Canadian to hold tenure-track position at Dalhousie University; she is also a founding member of the Association of Black Social Workers: and current chair of the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women. The fifth woman to be named is conservationist **Diane Griffin**, from Prince Edward Island, a former provincial deputy minister of environmental resources and recipient of the Governor General's Conservation award. Diane is currently a councillor on Stratford, P.E.I., and town council.

These five women join **Frances Lankin**, a former Ontario cabinet minister in the NDP government of Bob Rae, Lankin was a member of the Security Intelligence Review Committee, the oversight body for the country's security agencies; **Ratna Omidvar**, born in India and who is currently the founding executive director of a think tank at Ryerson University's school of management that focuses on diversity, migration and inclusion is also the chair of Lifeline Syria, which has been helping to co-ordinate refugee sponsorship efforts in the Greater Toronto Area; **Raymonde Gagné** a long-time educator was President of Université Saint-Boniface from 2003-2014, where she oversaw its change in status from college to university;

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Chantal Petitclerc is an athlete from Quebec who won gold medals in the Paralympics and the Commonwealth Games, as well in the 800-metre event at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Petitclerc was appointed as Chef de Mission for the Canadian team at the Rio Paralympic Games this September. These four women along with three men were appointed in March and were the first set of appointees in three years and the result of the new selection process established by Trudeau's Liberals.

The Prime Minister also recommended **Kim Pate**, Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies (CAEFS) and a part-time professor in the Common Law Section, who has worked on behalf of women in prison since 1992, providing support for their reintegration into society as part of her work at CAEFS; **Gwen Boniface** who was the first woman to hold the post of Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner in Orillia, Ontario; and **Lucie Moncion**, who is president and CEO of a network of credit unions that serve Ontario francophone communities. They were all appointed to the Senate named by Prime Minister Trudeau on **October 31, 2016**.

Recommended by the PM on **November 2, 2016** the following four women also join the growing list of women Senators: **Renée Dupuis, C.M.** a lawyer and writer, specializing in the fields of administrative law, human rights, and Indigenous law (individuals and communities). She has been a legal advisor and consultant for First Nations and their regional and national organizations in negotiating tripartite comprehensive claims and in constitutional negotiations; **Marie-Françoise Mégie** originally from Haiti spent 35 years as a family physician and nearly 30 years as a university professor. She rose through the ranks of the medical profession and university teaching, becoming a clinical associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the Université de Montréal; **Raymonde Saint-Germain** has had a distinguished career with the Government of Quebec and as a senior public servant, she has served as the Assistant Deputy Minister of International Relations, Deputy Minister of Government Services, Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, and Éditrice officielle du Québec and **Rosa Galvez, Ph.D.**, originally from Peru, has spent more than 32 years in Canada and has become a leading expert in the field of environmental pollution and pollution control.

Her expertise carries across many environmental problems affecting human health including water pollution, waste and residues, contaminated lands, and the impact of economic activities such as mining or petroleum transport. As an expert she has offered opinions to international government bodies such as the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (supporting the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation), and Canada-US and Quebec-Vermont agreements for protecting the Great Lakes, and the St-Lawrence River. She holds a PhD in Environmental Engineering from McGill University. She has been a professor at Laval University since 1994 in the Civil and Water Engineering Department and has been head of this department since 2010.

This is truly, truly an amazing list of remarkable and very talented women and MCW celebrates and applauds their extraordinary outstanding contributions to Canadian society.

Closer to home, the MCW Woman of the Year luncheon will be held on December 8th at the Omni Hotel. Our nominee this year is for Prof. Monique Seguin from the McGill Group of Suicide Studies. Monique is also a Professor. at the University of Quebec in Outaouais, and has been involved in suicide prevention research for over thirty years.

Also this month the International Council of Women Conference will be held in Taipei and National Council President, Karen Dempsey will attend and will act as a facilitator, along with Sylvia Ordonez of the Centre for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics, for Workshop 2: Promoting Gender Equality in the Community.

Finally, I would be remiss not to mention the US elections that seemed to have left most of us, in fact the world, in a state of surprise and disbelief. Apparently the Canadian Immigration website went down and stayed down for a number of hours due to the swarm of requests being made from residents in the United States seeking information regarding immigration to Canada.

As this will be our last newsletter for the year, I take this opportunity to wish each and every one a safe and happy holiday season. - *Shirley Gyles, President*

**The Montreal Council of Women invites you to its annual
Woman of the Year Luncheon**

Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 12 noon

At the Hotel Omni Mont-Royal
1050 Sherbrooke Street West

The Woman of the Year Award will be presented to:
Monique Séguin, Ph.D.
for her outstanding work in **Suicide Prevention.**



Monique Séguin, Ph.D. is a professor in the department of psychology and psycho-education at *Université du Québec en Outaouais*. She is a researcher at the McGill Group for Suicide Studies and researcher at the Quebec Network on Suicide, Mood Disorder and Related Disorders. She has worked and written extensively on the topic of suicide prevention and the risk factors associated with suicidal behaviour.

Everyone is welcome to attend and we hope that all of you will join us in celebrating and honouring the accomplishments of an exceptional honouree.

Tickets are **\$ 60.00** and are available by contacting Isabelle Godefroy, Chair of the Woman of the Year Committee, by email at isa.godefroy@gmail.com or by phone at: 514-649-2648.

You can also send a cheque made out to the Montreal Council of Women (MCW) and mail to: Montreal Council of Women, Attn: Isabelle Godefroy, P.O. Box 72117, 151 Atwater Avenue, Montreal, QC, H3J Z26.

Please indicate clearly your name and address that tickets should be mailed to.

You will be served a delicious three-course meal. Please indicate your meal preference: chicken, salmon or vegetarian.

Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you there!

A MEET AND GREET TO REMEMBER
October 18, 2016

The Women's Art Society of Montreal (WASM) annual Meet and Greet, this year held at the Unitarian Church on de Maisonneuve St. was a smashing success and a well attended affair.

Catered by Bonnie Hill and others helping the event was also a mini-show case for some MCW's and other artists' works, such as small paintings, greeting message cards and our own Mrs. Jane Wigglesworth's paintings. Mrs. Shirley Cohen displayed a lovely assortment of hand-knit baby and infant clothing in lovely colours and various styles, with gift wrap always available for purchase for that unique and distinct for new born to toddler.

Shirley, a past recipient of the Woman of the Year Award, also kindly spoke at the microphone in an impromptu manner and regaled the audience with anecdotes of the past and present at WASM. Other members also offered insights of a personal nature. It was all very informative and a nice way to break the ice between new and older members and invited guests.

The absolute sprinkle on top of the icing, on top of the cake was the appearance of the 2008 Woman of the Year Cheryl Braganza, in her wheel-chair, cozily all bundled up, and so sweetly and gently seen to by her attending caregiver. We gave her a standing ovation just for appearing and we did see many tears of joy and relief as she smiled so sweetly at one and all personally.

Congratulations to Cathy Keays and the Women's Art Society of Montreal for this event and thank you to Ms. Cheryl Braganza for sharing hope.

Mary Lennon, Arts and Heritage

**WOMEN'S ART SOCIETY
 OF MONTREAL**



The Women's Art Society of Montreal invites you to become a member of our group, where you can connect with like-minded people who enjoy the arts. We gather bimonthly on Tuesdays at the McCord Museum from 1:30 to 2:30 PM to listen to great talks. Please look at our website for info: www.womensartsociety.com or call 514-495-3701.

December 13, 2016

The Women's Art Society of Montreal presents visual Artist, **MICHEL BEAUCAGE** - *Art: A perpetual Journey*, from 1:30 to 2:30 PM at the McCord Museum, 690 Sherbrooke West. Non-members: \$ 10.00. www.womensartsociety.com or call 514-495-3701.

Newcomers are welcome!

**The Auxiliary of the Montreal General
 Hospital has a new Website!**

www.mghauxiliary.ca

Volunteers are always welcome.

[514-934-1934 ext. 43009](tel:514-934-1934)
mgh.auxiliary@muhc.mcgill.ca

GINGER PETTY HITS ANOTHER HIGH NOTE AT ST. MICHAEL'S MISSION

On Thursday, October 27, 2016, our own Ginger Petty brought well known vocalist Barbara Lewis to the Red Roof/Le Toit Rouge at 137 President Kennedy Avenue. Many MCW members will be familiar with the lovely Ms. Lewis as she entertains at many functions and Luncheons.

She regaled the clients, staff volunteers and also a visiting group of young school children from ALLION School and their attendants and teachers with an eclectic assortment of songs for everyone's taste. She began with Leonard Cohen's *Alexandra Leaving*, and *Highway of Heroes*, a true patriot love song referring to the valiant few. St. Michael's visiting Veterans' counselor, Mr. Rolland, was deeply touched, as were we all.

She followed with Joanie Mitchell's *Both Sides New* and offered praise for such song writing ability to Joanie at age 19! Ms. Lewis also gave a sweet verbal thank you to the Montreal saxophonist Jennifer Bell who provided the musical accompaniment. Barbara's rendition of Cohen's *Hallelujah* completely hushed the room; and a tune about soldiers sang in French as well as a Mexican love song performed in Spanish completed the program.

She kindly offered Anne Murray's *Peaceful Easy Feeling* as an encore and finished by sharing greetings with the clients of the Mission, Mr. George Greene, Executive Director of the Mission, and Board Member Mr. James Sinclair.

Thank you again to Ginger Petty, Barbara Lewis and Mr. Clahane, and the Youth group from Allion School for volunteering and bringing music, joy and some super soup too!

Mary Lennon, Arts and Heritage



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UWCM Dinner Meeting

'Sex, Drugs and Foul Language: Writing for Young Adults'

Young Adult (YA) literature is booming. YA author Monique Polak will discuss the YA world: What distingues YA from literature for adults? Why are more and more adult readers drawn to YA? Monique will also share tips on how to hook YA readers.

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Cocktails: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

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

Speaker: Monique Polak, the author of 19 novels for young adults as well as one non-fiction book of family history, is a two-time winner of the Quebec Writers' Federation (QWF) Prize for Children's and Young Adult Literature. She was also the 2016 CBC Montreal-QWF inaugural writer in-residence. Monique has been teaching English at Marianopolis for 32 years and is a frequent contributor to the *Montreal Gazette*.

Newcomers are welcome.

Tickets: \$31.04 Members - \$50.00 Non-members
Contact by December 1: 514-935-2431 or 514-934-1362 or e-mail: uwcm@uwcm.com.

Recognizing Elspeth Angus' link with the War Flowers exhibition

The MCW will be giving a donation to the War Flowers exhibition in honor of Elspeth Angus, a long-standing member of Council and an Honorary Councillor.

To recap the story told in the September Bulletin, the creative conduit behind the exhibition was Elspeth's collection of hundreds of dispatches from her grandfather, Lt. Col. George Stephen Cantlie of the Black Watch (RHR) of Canada during the First World War.

Included were pressed flowers plucked from the gardens, fields and hedges of war-torn France: poppies from Flanders, daisies from the Somme. Some of the letters contained two words, some two lines, so Elspeth told me. She had read them all before leaving the collection in the care of Bruce Bolton, Executive Director of the Macdonald Stewart Foundation Museum. He in turn contacted curator and documentary film maker, Viveka Melki who believes the exhibition 'pushes innovation' and highlights the contributions that Canadians made during war time as well as the unique contribution of Montreal families.

Melki was inspired by what each flower represented in the Victorian era – elements like solitude, love, kindness, representing a human characteristic - and used these meanings to assemble a 'memory station' for 17 memorable Canadians among whom are Elsie Reford, (Forget-me-not: Memory), Georges Vanier (Stitchwort: Healing), John Macrae (Poppy: Eternal sleep) and A Y Jackson (Heather: Solitude).

The exhibition draws on excerpts from the letters and at each of the ten stations, marked by an optical crystal sculpture, a flower is featured and illuminated, images and artifacts of WWI are presented. X-rayed flowers are pasted on the floor. The visitor comes across them underfoot. Sounds and sight and fragrance and changing light frame a passageway.

The exhibition will open at Les Jardins de Metis/Reford Gardens June 2017 and is scheduled to travel to Ottawa, Toronto, and the Canadian Vimy Memorial site in France before opening at the Chateau Ramezay Historic Museum in Montreal in July 2018.

We, lucky Montrealers, will not have to travel far to experience this exhibition which Melki says is about telling a story and not letting it die.

This touring multi-media exhibition is funded by a Canadian Heritage grant and donations. All donors, but not the amounts, will be recognized in the support documents.

Marjorie Windeler

St. George's Anglican Church

1101 Stanley Street
Facing Windsor Station

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Friday, December 9, 2016
5:30 PM

What a fabulous way to end your Friday.....stop in and hear our wonderful choir as they kick off the Christmas Season with a magnificent selection of Christmas music and carols.

St. George's is known for starting off the Christmas Season. This will also be the last service that our Organist, Dr. Eric Reinart will be with us as he and his family will be relocating to Edmonton before Christmas. We have been so blessed to have Eric with us and we wish them well as they begin life in another part of our Great Country.

Refreshments follow this service in our hall...come and fellowship

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**Anglican Church Women
of the
Diocese of Montreal
Commemorate**

**The National Day of Remembrance
& Action on
Violence Against Women**

on

Tuesday, December 6th, 2016

Holy Eucharist at 12:00 noon
Christ Church Cathedral
635 St. Catherine Ouest

Celebrant: The Revd Shirley Smith

Homilist: The Revd Amy Hamilton

Mark your calendars

Light refreshments following the service in
the Cathedral's Baptistery

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

We look forward to seeing you.



Presents

"A Holiday Celebration"



Date: THURSDAY DECEMBER 15, 2016

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

**Time: 5:30 – 6:30 light supper: 4th floor,
William Dawson Room
7:00 p.m. Musical Program in Lawrence
Patterson Room**

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

Students: 10.00\$

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

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***** 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.)



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UWCM Dinner Meeting

Maestro Iwan Edwards, renowned and beloved Welsh-born Montreal conductor and music educator, will discuss how music, the written word and fertile imaginations can generate energy, capture emotion, create confidence, and widen horizons.

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Cocktails: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

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

Speaker: Among the distinguished choirs that Maestro Edwards has founded and conducted are the Saint Lawrence Choir, the F.A.C.E. Treble Choir, and the Concerto Della Donna. He also conducted the Montreal Symphony Orchestra Chorus for many years, and twice conducted the National Youth Choir of Canada. He has conducted around the world, winning many awards for his performances and recordings. Maestro Edwards is a member of the Order of Canada and a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.

Newcomers are welcome.

Tickets: \$31.04 Members - \$50.00 Non-members
 (glass of wine included)

Contact by January 12, 2017: Atwater Club
 reception: 514-935-2431 or UWCM: 514-934-1362
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Place: E.M.S.B
 6000 Fielding Avenue
 Montreal, H3X 1T4

Time: 5:30 – 6: 30 p.m.

light supper: Check with security for Room

7:00 p.m. **Speaker**

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 - Students:10:00\$ ****

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