

Hi Brenda: For our Adult Learning contribution, we'd like to tell you about a speaker we had in November 2013 at a General Meeting. Rona Graham was born and spent her early years in the Townships. One of our members taught her when she was in her teens. She has recently returned to the area as a University of Sherbrooke professor and researcher, setting up her own lab. She is a Canada Research Chair in Neurogenerative Diseases. She spoke to us about the life of a woman in science and research as well as about the content of her specialty. The human brain is endlessly fascinating and new knowledge is coming out about such diseases as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and stroke. We attracted numerous students from the area and also general members of the community. Dr. Graham used great presentation media and spoke at a level for all to comprehend a very complex topic. Below is a link to her U of Sherbrooke profile. This is all we will contribute for this year. We don't have any special events planned for Adult Learning Week.

<http://www.usherbrooke.ca/medecine/recherche/profils-de-chercheurs/graham-rona/version-anglaise/#c79079>

**Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club
Educational Activities
September 2013 – May 2014**

During the 2013-14 year, the Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club undertook a number of educational activities. Foremost were our monthly meetings in which invited speakers presented us with information on: organ donation (October), Person-Centered Care for Alzheimer Patients (November), Restitution of Art Stolen during WWII (February), and an Update on the Status of Feminism in Canada (March).

In addition to these, we also held seminars on: the Importance of a Notarized Will (November) and Simple Tools for a Happier Life (March).

In conjunction with the Pointe-Claire Public Library, we held screenings of various National Film Board films followed by moderator-led discussions. These screenings were open to the general public as well.

Many of our interest groups also held educational-type activities: guided visits of museum exhibitions (the Venetian and Peter Doig exhibits at the Montreal Museum of Art as well as the Centre d'histoire de Montreal, the Museum of Costume and Textile of Quebec); presentations and discussions on various composers and attendance at related concerts at the Maison symphonique de Montreal, Bougie Hall and other venues; as well as discussions held by our book clubs on readings that covered the Russian takeover of Eastern Europe, twentieth century Chinese history; and what the future world would be like under Chinese leadership. Two of our groups are involved with the learning and practice of French and German.

Respectfully submitted,

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