

## REPORT to the Quebec Provincial Council of University Women's Clubs

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Since our last meeting in the Spring, I took advantage of the good weather and attended 3 Annual General Meetings and a wonderful summer kick-off cocktail!

I truly enjoy these events because it affords me the opportunity to meet ordinary club members and to delve into what they are interested in! Obviously, I have my fingers on the pulse of the MLUWC because I belong to several interest groups and I am on the Executive. The AGM Dinner was held at the Beaconsfield Golf Club. Afra Jalabi was the invited speaker on the topic "The Challenges Faced by Women in the Middle East"

It was a real treat to once again attend the South Shore Club's AGM and Dinner at the St Lambert Curling Club. They are a dynamic group of women with big hearts who are truly making a difference in their community. The Annual Book Sale in August is entrenched in the St Lambert community calendar and is a wonderful way to

At the end of May, I had the opportunity to attend the CFUW Sherbrooke and District AGM and Scholarship Dinner. Our VP Debra was also in attendance. I was able to meet many club members. For those of us living in urban areas, it is hard to imagine having to commute 50-75km to attend club events – especially in the winter - but I met many women who do so regularly. It is a strong indication of their commitment! The Mishoui dinner was amazing but seeing first-hand the vibrant young people receiving the thousands of dollars in scholarships was truly inspiring!

The RD's have met twice since the last Provincial Council. I was able to attend the August conference call, but unable to attend the meeting last week. I am of the impression that most RD's across Canada are retired, but the current timing of the teleconferences (4-6pm Eastern time) means that it is difficult for those who work to be in attendance. Seeing as both Québec RD's are still in the workforce, it also means that unfortunately a whole region is not represented. I believe that this should be looked at for the future.

2019 will be an exciting year with the CFUW 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the AGM in Winnipeg. Many activities and ideas have been put forward that will hopefully raise our profile both locally and nationally.

I have been asked to mention that there will be another face-to-face meeting in 2020 after which time we will have electronic AGM's in alternate years. The CFUW are looking for a Club or group of Clubs to host the 2020 AGM. If your Club is so inspired, don't hesitate to let me know!