

**Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club  
President's Report  
2013-2014**

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.

Executive meetings were held monthly beginning in August and will continue until May 2014. During these meetings, we discussed items of interest or concern to the MLUWC, such as a members-only webpage, the Charter of Values, fundraising possibilities.

By the end of this year, eight general meetings will have been held, including the Convivium in September and the AGM on May 12, 2014. Speakers who covered various subjects: organ donation, person-centered care for Alzheimer patients, restituting war-stolen art, and the current status of feminism in Canada. Our speaker for the AGM will be award-winning author Alix Ohlin.

In addition to these general meetings, we had a comedy night starring Bowser and Blue and \$6000 was raised for the Scholarship Fund. Other initiatives by the Fundraising Committee (such as book sales) raised over \$1000 and the Games Day on May 2 is expected to bring in about \$1000 to \$1500. \$9000 was given out in scholarships to women students residing in the West Island.

As part of our Club's participation in the CFUW's initiative regarding Violence Against Women, we donated \$1600 to the West Island Women's Shelter. Club members also donated toiletries at monthly meetings for the Shelter.

This is the second year of our networking group. Several meetings were held at which and approximately 12-14 women attend these networking meetings. The group meets every two months and different presentations are given. As a result of these networking activities, we were able to recruit a number of new members.

Our membership currently stands at 216 members. We lost a number of members due to various reasons, but 33 new members did join our Club.

Respectfully submitted

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