

Dear All,

I am pleased to report , UWCM remains very active and continues support education for all as well women in need in our community.

#### Membership

We unfortunately have seen a 14% decrease in membership for 2014. UWCM is down from to 107 to 92 members. Reasons for the decline include :

- Membership fee which is presently \$265. The rental of our coach house contributes to our higher fees. ( the CFUW \$10 increase has not been a factor)
- 4 members have not renewed due to health reasons
- Several members have left because of other commitments or lack of involvement in our club

#### Advocacy.

A group of our members attended the Polytechnique Memorial on Dec 6th, 2013

In support of Liette Michaud's letter to the Quebec Minister, our club also sent a letter to various MNA's denouncing the PQ Charter of Values.

#### Program

This year's Program included seven speakers with emphasis on Women Leaders in their respective field.

The speakers were:

Lilian Colpron, President of Premiere Moison

Bonnie Folkins. Artist and Photographer

Bill Zacharkiw, Wine Expert

Gabrielle Soskin , Founding Director of Prosephone Theatre Production

Catherine Gilbert , Motivational Retirement Speaker

Linda Lieth , Writer and Publisher

Lilian Anna - President of Centraide.

An honorarium was given to each of the speakers favourite charity.

This allowed our club to support organizations such as Sun Youth and Centraide and other local community groups.

#### Interest Groups.

UWCM has 11active interest groups. Our most popular being Wine Tasting and Supper Club. The remaining interests groups are:

Art & Etc.

Chitchat en Français

Carte Blanche

Movie Club

Outdoor Ladies  
Reclaim Your Body  
Scrapbooking  
Stage and Soirée  
Travels with My Aunt

#### Fundraising

The UWCM Foundation divided it's fundraising efforts in two parts. The first was an Annual Giving Campaign which generated \$6370 . The second will be a Quebec Terroir evening to be held May 28th. The foundation will once again support Concordia University students, Dawson college, as well as various women shelters in Montreal.

#### By Laws

UWCM has updated our bylaws to ensure transparency within our club

#### Website

With new technologies such as tablets and iPhones, we felt our website needed to be updated to ensure potential new members had a better visual introduction to our club. Consideration to search engines was also a factor. Plans are underway to set up a Facebook page as well as a google+ page.

#### Visibility

Efforts are underway to increase our visibility in Montreal. We will take part in Centraide's March of 1000 Umbrellas's , on October 2nd, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by  
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