



University Women's Club of Montreal Inc.

Club des Femmes Universitaires de Montréal Inc.

## *Report to CFUW-Quebec Council, April 27<sup>th</sup> 2019*

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### *MEMBERSHIP*

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1. 70 paid members as of April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019. We are expecting about 10 more membership cheques
2. There was one member eligible for the SAGE award. She will be honoured at our AGM in May 2019. We have introduced an «honorary membership award» in May 2018 and have honored one member who have since passed away.
3. Recruitment remains a challenge. Our strategies continue to be: (i) word of mouth (ii) Club promotion through social and community activities and through collaboration.

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### *ADVOCACY*

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#### **Olympes de la parole competition**

- Two schools have dropped and 2 remained with a total of 11 participants divided in 4 competing teams from Villa Sainte Marcelline and Collège International Marie de France
- Mentorship done by Anne Marie Trahan and Stella Musica
- Primary evaluation completed by a panel of 7 members.
- Final evaluation scheduled for Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> in presence of some members of the panel
- Awards ceremony scheduled for May 10 at 7 pm
- Two scholarships are secured from community partners and we have inaugurated the Anne Marie Trahan scholarship to be awarded to the First Prize winners.
- We have a list of 85 confirmed guests including schools' principals, teachers, parents, participants and potential participants for next year.
- <https://uwcm.com/2019-olympes-de-la-parole-competition-winners/>

#### **International Women Day celebration**

- We organized a conference lunch. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Denyse Baillargeon, awards winning author and historian presented: To be Equals in our own country: Women and the Vote in Quebec.

## Others

- Designation of Miss E. Monk as a Historic Personage under the Cultural Heritage Act by Ms. Nathalie Roy, Ministre de la Culture et des Communications du Québec and Ministre responsable de la Langue française.
- <https://www.facebook.com/1476953572557462/photos/a.1853610508225098/2253581704894641/?type=3&theater>
- One of our members was appointed by the Montreal Archdiocese to audit sexual abuse claims in the Church over a span of 7 decades
- <https://www.facebook.com/1476953572557462/photos/a.1853610508225098/2247487562170722/?type=3&theater>

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## *COMMUNICATION*

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- We communicate through our monthly newsletter, through our Website and Facebook platform. Since December, we have uploaded over 16 new documents in the website, posted over 24 posts that generated 137 likes and 32 shares
- Les Olympes de la Parole school competition has been nominated for one of the prestigious World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes 2019 in the category Action Line C10 and is among only 2 Canadian projects listed in this category. The WSIS Forum is a global United Nations multi-stakeholder's platform facilitating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This platform is co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNDP and UNCTAD, in collaboration with several UN organizations such as: UNDESA, FAO, UNEP, WHO, UN Women, WIPO, WFP, ILO, WMO, ITC, UPU, UNODC, UNITAR, UNICEF and UN Regional Commissions. WSIS has established 11 categories of Action lines that strengthen the impact of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) for sustainable development. Category Action Line C10 addresses the Ethical dimensions of the Information Society.
- We were asked permission to use UWCM literacy database to train financial professionals and we were invited to participate in delivering the training sessions. Two of our members who have co-authored this financial literacy project have accepted to co-deliver a session in upcoming June.

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## *COLLABORATION, LINKS WITH OTHER GROUPS AND CFUW*

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- **Collaboration-** with the Centre International d'Information Haitienne, Canadienne et Afro - Caribéenne (CIDIHCA) to organize Black History month and to sponsor one of Les Olympes de la Parole scholarships.

- **Collaboration-** the University of British Columbia Press in the launching of a seven-part series on the Women's Suffrage and the Struggle for Democracy in Canada. Ms. Baillargeon's book *To Be Equals in Our Own Country: Women and the Vote in Quebec*, is one of this seven-part series.
- **Collaboration** - with the Kahnawake Education Centre in Les Olympes de la Parole evaluation process and awards Ceremony.
- **Collaboration-** with Stella Musica- Presentation of Les Olympes de la Parole during the Round table and Publicity corner about UWCM on the Festival Program.
- **Collaboration with Rue des Femmes** – (1) Speaker at the last council meeting (2) research platform for Les Olympes de la Parole.
- **Collaboration with Dr. Julien** (Social Pediatrics) – Research coordination with les Olympes de la Parole.
- **Collaboration with CIHR-** In June 2019, I will be presenting results of Les Olympes de la Parole winning projects on Indigenous health at the "Indigenous gender and wellness Idea Fair and Learning Circle". <https://uwcm.com/2018-olympes-de-la-parole-competition-winners/>

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### *SCHOLARSHIP/FELLOWSHIP*

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- UWCM Foundation has been successful in organizing several small and medium scale funds -raising events. They can now accept online donations through our Website <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/37634>

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### *INTEREST GROUPS*

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- Our main interest groups: Ladies who lunch, Outdoor ladies, Stage & Soirée, Travel group, Wine and cheese appreciation, have been well attended and some will continue to function over the summer.
- The two presidents' discussion cocktails were well attended and much appreciated by both new and old members.

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### *SUSTAINABILITY AND GOVERNANCE*

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1. Stable finances.
2. New club location lease signed with the Atwater Library in Westmount.

3. Two venues for dinner options open for vote at the AGM.
4. Board still functioning at 50% capacity. Several former members acting as volunteer to support certain activities.
5. Nomination committee was able to fill much gaps for the new governing board whose co-presidents are here with us today: Mesdames Trineer and Jensen.
6. End of term evaluation survey sent to all members with high level of satisfaction.

Submitted by S. Savary  
UWCM president

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