

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS



I particularly like this message because it is so true, ***we do make a difference but we have to decide what kind of difference we want to make.***

This is the reason we are all working together: to help our community, to improve lives, to bring about changes, to make a difference.

So, let's start this year by deciding what kind of difference we want to make.

Be a member detector

New members are the lifeblood of every organization, including ours.



Membership is \$10 and it allows you a special member rate for all our activities, and our newsletter which is full of information on upcoming events, courses, etc. Don't hesitate to tell everyone you know about us.

MWCN Board Elected officers:

President: Pauline Wiedow
 Vice President: Lise Brunette
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Chuck Halliday
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 New member: Marlene Stacey

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Interest groups

Book Club Chair: Gayle Holdaway
 Membership Chair: Gayle Holdaway
 Newsletter editor: Lise Brunette

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Letters to the Editor

Any event, activity, or interesting fact to share?

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MWCN Sponsored Events:

Upcoming events:

Walking Group will be back in the Spring of 2017. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Jan 18: **Registration for the MWCN classes** will be held from 4pm to 6pm at the Nova Career Center.

Jan 21 **Stampinup, Card making and Scrapbooking** from 9:30 to 8:30pm at Walshaven 35 Hector Ormstown. \$30/adult; \$15 16yo & under. Included: lunch & supper, all snacks, tea & coffee, 2 demos gifts. RSVP Pauline Wiedow – 450-617-0513

Jan 25: **Registration for the MWCN classes** will be held from 4pm to 6pm at the Nova Career Center.

Jan 26: **Partnership Meeting:** 6:30 to 8:30pm held at NFSB – 215 McLeod, St. Lawrence room

Jan 30: **French conversation** class begins – see next page for more details

Feb 1 **English conversation** class begins– see next page for more details

Feb 6 First meeting of **Book club group 1**– see next page for more details

Feb 13 First meeting of **Book club group 2**– see next page for more details

Feb 14 **Creative writing course** begins– see next page for more details

Feb 15: **Wellness Center** resumes in partnership with Civitan Club. Special guests invited to the Launch of the new kitchen. Beef bourguignon lunch will be served.



COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS OF CANADA
 all for community.

Welcome to 2017 Canada's Special Year

It's now time to celebrate as Communities across this great land come together to mark our countries 150 anniversary ... 1867-2017.

To help encourage various community and Cultural groups, schools, churches, towns and good people coming together organizes projects to mark Canada's 150.

The Community Foundations of Canada is offering through its partners **support grants to help with the funding of projects:** These grants range in size and are designed to provide funding support to volunteer-based programs.

The application forms have been kept simple. Ranging from Community picnics, Art shows, Plays, Music and special events that mark the 150 and show our cultural and our pride in being Canadian

For the Greater Montreal region the grant request period has now open from January 9th to February 15 see link. <http://communityfoundations.ca/cfc150/apply/>

Upcoming Community Wednesday:

Held from 4 to 7pm. Spaghetti dinner \$2.00

Feb 1: St. John Baptist School

April 5: Sainte-Martine School

May 3: Gérin-Lajoie School



Save the date:

The Montérégie West Community Network is happy to partner with The Community Learning Concept of NFSB who provides the opportunity for us to offer **Life Long Learning Groups for 2017.**

Registration, Wednesday January 18th at Nova Career Center from 4-6pm

- **Computer for beginners:** Know the computer and explore Word and the internet. 6 week class starting on Feb 1 from 6:30 – 8:30pm - Cost \$60.00
- **French Conversation:** 10 week class starting on Jan. 30th from 6:30 to 8:30pm Cost: \$70.00
- **English Conversation:** 10 week class starting on Feb. 1 from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Cost: \$70.00

Courses to be held at Nova Career Centre – 70 Maple Blvd.

- **Creative Writing,** storytelling, life experiences shared, publishing possibilities, getting to know our neighbours (visit to Kahnawake) 10 week class starting on Feb. 14th from 1:30 to 3:30pm. Cost \$60.00
- ***Book Club 1st group** Feb. 6th, 20th and March 13th
2nd group Feb. 13th, 27th and March 20th
Reading 'Little Women' - Cost is \$20 plus the book.
- ***Knitting Group** meets every 3rd Tuesday from 11 – 1, January 17th; February 21st; March 21st; April 18th; and May 16th. All are welcome and it is FREE.

Meeting at St- Willibrord School Community Learning Concept, 300 McLeod Street, Chateauguay

Need more information? Please call Gayle @ 450-699-1078 or Pauline at 450-617-0513

Partners Advertisements:

Looking for a good place to live? Check this place out!

La Maison Fleurie has a vacancy for a non-smoking 70+ senior, interested in living independently on 2nd floor. Lovely room includes room and board, cleaning, laundry and distribution of medication. Want more information? Please call Grace Brasseur at 450) 699-0916



Meet the ladies of the MWCN Book club from fall 2016. Front Row: June, Hazel, Paz (Maria's friend), Joann and Susanna. Back Row: Gayle (Moderator) Val, Nicole and Josie, Maria. Missing and missed was Elaine. We read "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet" by Jamie Ford and not only did we enjoy the book, but also came to learn so much more regarding the internment of Japanese citizens in the U.S.A. and Canada after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The picture was taken on the day the two groups got together to meet, watch documentaries on the subject and discuss their thoughts on the book and research. "Thank you" to Josie and her husband for hosting this great time together and to all the ladies that brought along the goodies for our pot luck lunch. We start our new book "Little Women" in February, if you would like to join this fun group, give me a call at 450-699-1078 Gayle Holdaway or email: gholdaway@hotmail.com

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Upcoming & ongoing events

From Chateauguay and the Valley!!!!!!

- Feb 1: **Habitat for Humanity** meeting – CVCEC Ormstown 6:30 to 8:30pm
- Feb 14: **Soirées Communau-T Haut-Saint-Laurent Community Nights** at École Notre-Dame-De-Rosaire 8 Bridge Street, Ormstown. **Free** Spaghetti supper. Held from 4:30 to 7pm
- Feb 15: **Wellness Center** resumes in partnership with Civitan Club. Special guests invited to the Launch of the new kitchen. Beef bourguignon lunch will be served.
- Feb 28: A **new Knitting Group** is being created and will meet in Kahnawake – more information to follow