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Cultivating creativity

by Louise Chenevert

I arrived at **Marsha Milstock's** unique home on Brock North where her family has lived for the past 30 years. I was greeted at the door by an exuberantly friendly golden retriever named **Caesar**. Marsha welcomed me and we went down to her basement studio. This is bonus space that was created when renovations were done to expand their kitchen.

Marsha's studio is a clean well-organized space where she welcomes small, intimate groups of all ages. Her recent group of adults made mosaics with broken ceramic cups and tiles. She showed me several mirrors, each one uniquely crafted in its own way.

Marsha married young, at 21. She followed her husband, **Myron**, to London, England

where he studied at the London School of Economics. He now works for *S. Cohen*, manufacturer of men's suits. Her eldest son, **Brooks**, now 34, still resides in Montreal and works as a paralegal. Her second son, **Matthew**, is 32 and practises law in New York. Her daughter **Zoe**, the youngest at 22, resides at home and is studying at the John Molson School of Business. She describes all of her children as high achievers yet none have inherited her creative energy. All three of their children enjoyed delivering *The Informer* in their youth.

While at Dawson's New School she was successful in getting a summer job at the Y Country Camp in Huberdeau, Quebec, as head of the camp's Art and Craft program.

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Volunteering in Montreal West

by Maurice Krystal

Some years ago, at a Volunteer Appreciation evening, mayor Rev. **John Simms** announced to the guests that Montreal West had the highest percentage of volunteers in the entire country. Statistics Canada does survey the number of Canadians who volunteer their time, but they do not break down their numbers comparing one community to another. However, after calls and emails to various community organizations in our Town, there does indeed seem to be a high percentage of MoWesters who wish to give back to the community by volunteering. Without volunteers, organizations such as the libraries, newspaper, sports leagues, Scouts, Guides, church organizations and Town committees would not be able to function. And as someone said to me as they gave me the names of more organizations, this article may only be examining the tip of the proverbial iceberg.

When I think of volunteering, I think of the organization that goes into Canada Day activities in our Town. Compared to similar events in neighbouring communities, where the marchers, dancers, musicians and clowns are mostly polished pros, ours, for the most part, are not. But to those of us who line the sidewalks on Westminster, wearing our red and white outfits, or carrying small Canadian flags, we know most of the people parading. We know the people flipping the burgers and dogs, dancing on stage, or painting children's faces. These are our children, our friends and our neighbours. Everything is small, amateurish and homey; almost everything is volunteered. The community participates rather than passively watches

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Formerly yours

Where are they now

Dr. **Gail McVey**, the former coach of the MoWest Aquatic Club, recently was the recipient of the York University *Tentanda Via* award (“This way must be tried”) as a graduate who has demonstrated innovative, unconventional and daring leadership and successes.

Gail is a Doctor of Psychology and Health Systems Research Scientist at the Hospital for Sick Kids and Director of the Ontario Community Outreach Program for Eating Disorders at the University Health Network of Ontario. She lives in Clarkson Village, Ontario with her husband, **Bernie** and daughter, **Anna**.

Former coaches of MWAC occasionally gather in Toronto to reminisce about MoWest. Many of them wish they could duplicate our friendly little town in their present location.

This is a first “Where are they now” and an invitation goes out to those interested to join in and let readers know of the activities of former or present Montreal Westers.



MWOS carollers

On December 14, the *MWOS* carollers managed to raise more than \$900 (on selected streets of Montreal West) for the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation. We thank the residents for their continued and generous support!

Watch for *MWOS* announcements concerning the May production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Gondoliers*, playing at both Victoria Hall (Westmount) and the Greenspon auditorium (Côte Saint-Luc) at mwos.org.

Andrew Caddell was Commissioner of Public Security from 1989-1993. Lived in Montreal West from 1957-1977, 1986 - 1994. Went to MWHs from 1957-1969. He is currently a Senior Foreign Service Officer (diplomat) working in Consular Affairs at Global Affairs Canada.

The Goal

Stories about our national passion

by Andrew Caddell

On the evening of December 10, I was privileged to launch my new book, *The Goal* where it all began: Montreal West. Thanks to the hard work of Library Director **Nora Powell** and her staff, the launch took place at the library. It was well-attended and many old friends from my time on Campbell Avenue and MoWest High came out, as did Councillor **Julie Tasker-Brown**.

For me, it was especially moving to have the event at the library, an institution to which my late parents, “**Pip**” and “**Duckie**” **Caddell**, were so dedicated as volunteers from its founding in the 1970s.

I was especially pleased to see **Dugie Ross** and his sister **Helen Claire Ross**, as the Ross clan figures greatly in the book, as well as **Barbara Malcolmson Baily**, sister of **Dane Baily**, one of the key players in the title story. Then I read a few passages from the stories that refer directly to Montreal West.

The book contains 10 short stories about hockey, including three by *Montreal Gazette* journalist **Dave Stubbs**, as well as an old story my dad used to tell about “The Black Horse” – when he worked as a clerk at Dawes Brewery in the 1930s.

But it was in Montreal West that the book was inspired, and it begins with two yarns that refer back to my childhood. The title story describes my time as a goaltender freezing my feet and losing every game on the outdoor rinks at Hodgson's Field in CRA house league hockey, my determination to learn to skate and shoot to play “out” as a forward – and the vindication my hard work brought. The second, “The Playoff” describes a nail-biting Pee Wee championship game the next year, with two overtimes on melting March ice. There is also a story about former resident, **Danny Gallivan**, called “The Voice.”

The other stories describe my great-aunt's fondness for the late Canadiens' captain **Jean Béliveau** and the time he visited her and she could hardly speak; another about the local outdoor rink in Kamouraska, our country home; and one about the trials of building a backyard rink, which also includes MoWest references.

So far, the book has received very good reviews. The best compliment people have paid me is how they identify with the stories, even if they grew up in Miramichi, Calgary or Toronto. My objective in writing it was that readers would see themselves, their friends and neighbours in these yarns, and in succeeding, it shows Montreal West shares so much with other similar towns across Canada.

The Goal is available at *Bonder Books* on Westminister.

Volunteering in Montreal West

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paid outsiders entertaining us. Maybe, to an outsider, it's a bit hokey but this is the way MoWesters like to do it!

According to Statistics Canada 44% of Canadians have volunteered (people who give their time without monetary compensation) according to the 2013 census. This percent has remained relatively unchanged in the past decade. The highest percentage of volunteerism is in the 15-19 age group at 66%, and participation declines with age, the lowest being 75 and older at 27%.

However, these numbers by themselves are misleading. While older Canadians were less likely to volunteer, they gave the most hours. Those in the 65-74 bracket give the most, 231 hours annually. Those 75 and older, 203, and teens and middle agers, gave about 100 hours.

The main reason given for not volunteering is lack of time, though after 55 years of age the reasons given deal more with health issues and a preference to donate money to a cause. Other reasons included an absence of interest, a lack of awareness, or no one had asked them.

But, even during hard economic times, when money is tight, people still give their time gratis. What do they get in return? Most (93%) say they volunteer to make a contribution to the community. Most I have spoken to say that MoWest has given them so much and now they feel it's their turn. Others say that they want to make use of their experience and skills (77%). Some 60% volunteer because they are personally affected by the cause the organization supports. In declining order, the census showed that people volunteered for a sense of well being, exploring one's strengths, to meet people, because friends volunteer, to support a political, environmental or social causes, because other family members volunteer, to improve job opportunities and to fulfill religious obligations or beliefs.

What ever the reasons there seems that much can be gained from giving of oneself.

The Informer decided to start a new column dedicated to local organizations; it tells you what they do and whether they could make use of your talents. This is an attempt to combat a lack of awareness or the excuse that no one asked!

On page 5, read about where old books get a new life and who dreams of creating a 57-acre heritage park.

If you are part of an organization in our Town that uses volunteers, contact **Maurice Krystal** at mjkrystal@gmail.com.



Horticulturalist, author and media personality, **Julie Boudreau** has shared her expertise with the *Horticultural Society* before: on fragrance in the garden and public and private gardens to visit in Quebec. Her February talk will be on the use of rocks in the garden.

Rocks in the ground used to be the bane of a gardener's existence. Currently, the use of natural stone, done effectively, is considered an attractive addition. Rocks can transform an ordinary yard into a beautiful and relaxing oasis. Julie will demonstrate how to use natural stone, large or small, to give your city garden an edge.

Julie will be at the February 15 meeting of the *Horticultural Society*, held at the Town Hall at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served - please bring a mug for tea or coffee. Admission to the meeting is \$5 or \$20 for a 2016 membership.

ART etc.

Artisan Sale November 2016 Call for artisans

Artisans who would like to participate in *ART etc.* 2016 are invited to send expressions of interest including photographs of their work or web links to artetcmontrealwest@gmail.com by **February 13**.

For more information check out *ART etc.* Montreal West on Facebook. A limited number of new artisans will be selected.

Rotary Club



Sponsoring Syrian refugees

In December we had Father **Mike Leclerc** as our guest speaker talking to us about the Syrian refugee crisis and what he and his parish are doing to help. Father Mike grew up in Montreal West, but went to a French elementary school in NDG. The funny thing was that there was more English and Vietnamese spoken at recess than French. This was 40 years ago when there were many Vietnamese refugees. This helped show Father Mike the benefits of helping people in crisis. Father Mike wanted to do something to help the Syrians that are being displaced in their country. His parish decided to sponsor a family. The sponsored family was scheduled to arrive around Christmas. Father Mike said that hospitality is a big part of their culture and he will try and make them as hospitable as possible. Many parishioners have taken up the cause and have helped out in many ways.

The family

The family had to flee for their safety and the refugee screening process is probably more severe than the screening for getting a visa. The refugees have direction and a purpose. The family is from Aleppo, Syria and are Christians. The father is an accountant and the mother a dentist. They will not be able to practise in Canada without getting proper certification and that will mean going back to school. They have two children aged 12 and 14. The refugees lives have already changed forever and we have to be hos-

pitable towards them. Father Mike encouraged us to sponsor refugees through charitable or church organizations. It was mentioned that our government has to speed up the process and the rules are different for each province. Father Mike urged everyone to get involved in some way and said we can do more than just pledge money.

Paul Harris Fellowship

We are looking to the community for candidates for a Paul Harris Fellowship. A person that would qualify for consideration would be someone that volunteers their efforts to help make our Town and community better. Please submit your candidates along with a brief description of what and how they have made our community better. We will be presenting these awards later this spring. Please send your nomination along with a brief letter explaining why they deserve it to: doug@westendpiano.com.

Come, join us for lunch

The *Montreal Westward Rotary Club* meets Thursdays at the Town Hall. Luncheon buffet is served at 12:30 pm with speaker at around 1 pm. Cost for a guest is \$20. Your attendance gives you good speakers and good fellowship. If you know a local business person, please ask him or her to be a speaker and to attend a meeting.

For information please contact Doug Yeats at doug@westendpiano.com.

from Doug Yeats



Once again, for the 15th year, young and young-at-heart hockey players descended on our venerable Legion Rink for the *Steve and Rob Michelin Memorial Hockey Tournament*. The 2015 version of the tournament was smaller than previous years with four teams competing for the coveted championship. But as is the case every year, the games were fast-paced, the competition intense but friendly and everyone, players and fans alike, had a great time.

The Devils beat the Sharks in the opening game by a score of 4 to 2 powered by goals from the dynamic brother combination, **Alex** and **Graham Cunningham**. In the second game, the Bruins jumped out to a 5 to 0 lead and held on for the 5 to 2 lead. It was the young guns that made the difference as **Mike Ballard Jr.** scored a hat trick while **Jack Milroy** potted a pair of goals.

The Bruins kept things going in their next game beating the Sharks 5 to 3 spoiling a 2-goal performance by tournament or-



Back row (from left to right): Andy Michelin, Gerry McDonagh, Kurt Johnson, David Butts, Damon Cooney, Warren Cooney, Mike Ballard Jr., Nick Brenie, Michael Ballard Sr., Jack Milroy. Front Row: Jesse Johnson, Casey McGuire, André Lavoie, Darren McGuire, Vincent Vanasse, Chris Kearney

15th Annual Tournament

ganizer, **Chris Kearney**. In game 4, the Lightning caught fire and rolled to a 6 to 4 victory over the Devils. The Lightning then tied the Sharks 5-all to earn their way into the championship game. In the final round robin game, the Bruins snuck by the Devils by a score of 3 to 2, going undefeated and setting up a rematch with the Lightning.

The championship game was an exciting, see-saw affair. The Bruins scored early only to see the Lightning come back to take a 2 to 1 lead. The Bruins tied it at 2 only to have the Lightning

take the lead on a **Matthew Michelin** power play goal early in the second half. But the Bruins were unstoppable. **Mike Ballard Jr.** scored to tie the game at 3 and then picked an assist on the game winning goal scored by **Jack Milroy**. The Bruins had too much firepower for the Lightning and a late goal sealed the deal making the final score 5 to 3.

Once again, the *Steve and Rob Michelin Memorial Hockey Tournament* was a tremendous success – great hockey, great sportsmanship and great fun.

This year we raised more than \$10,000 pushing our 15-year total to approximately \$430,000.

Thanks to all who helped make such a great event: **Mike Barrett** and **Rob MacMullin** who kept the ice pristine and the beer on ice; our referees **Patrick Samborsky**, **Noah Levine** and **Juliana Keebler-Johnson**, **Randi Weitzner** for all the great pictures and of course **Chris Kearney** for pulling everything together. Without Chris, there would be no tournament.



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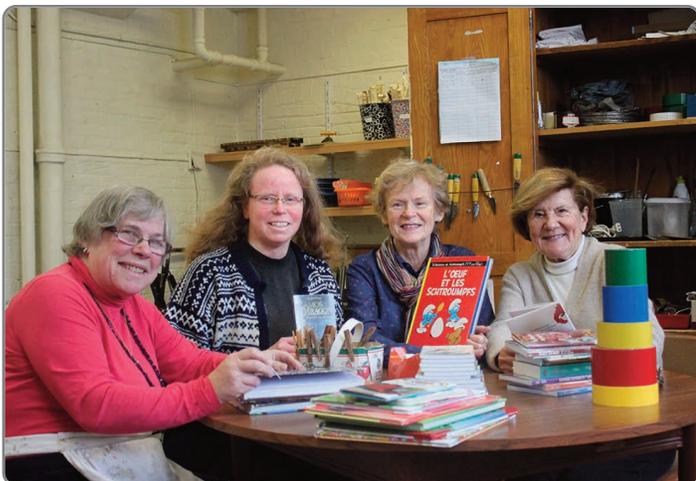
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We volunteer



Book repair group (left to right): Janet King, Christine Downey, Véronique Belzil-Boucher and Lise McVey

The Elizabeth Ballantyne Children's Library Book repair group

The aim is to gather books which are in need of repair or improvement from the shelves of the EB Children's Library and to return them looking as good as new. At the moment, there are four volunteers who assume these duties. They are **Janet King, Christine Downey, Veronique Belzil-Boucher** and **Lise McVey**.

Throughout many decades, present and former citizens have assumed these duties. Years ago, **Rolph Dohler** built the presses, frames and all the equipment still used in the repairing of the books.

The volunteers gather at the music room of the school from 9 am to noon every Monday morning throughout the school year. Between September 2014 and December 2015, 77 books were totally revamped, 103 books were upgraded and 307 were covered, including those newly acquired by the Children's Library

The tasks start with analyzing the condition of each book. As an example: a book's front and back covers can be totally removed from the spine, each section sewn using a special frame, and the book reconstructed with special tape and glue, then placed in a press for the glue to dry. The corners and spine are then covered with colourful tape and there it is, fresh and ready for someone to enjoy once more. There are also the exceptions where a great deal of imagination and skill is required e.g. books which include pop-ups. Each member of the present team seems to have assumed her own specialty.

And, what do they think?

The leader of the team is Janet King who has 29 years of experience. "My skills at recruiting members to the team are very apparent and appreciated."

Christine Downey: "A lovely way to spend a Monday morning makes me feel productive."

Véronique Belzil-Boucher: "It is fun to join the group and to banter and exchange ideas while being useful."

Lise McVey: "We are a solid compatible team."

At the moment there is no need for any further volunteers. However, anyone is welcome to visit on any Monday morning to find out what the group is all about.

We would appreciate having a list of back up people.



Les Amis du Parc Meadowbrook

The mandate of *Les Amis du Parc Meadowbrook* is to protect the Meadowbrook golf course from development and transform it into Meadowbrook Park, a new 57-hectare urban nature heritage park, open and accessible to all, and connected through a greenway to a network of parks, including the falaise Saint-Jacques.

The group has an active informal steering committee of about 20 people and several hundred supporters. Volunteers participate in municipal consultations on urban planning and environmental issues, participate in community events such as the St. Patrick's Day parade and the MW Canada Day parade, and maintain the website (lesamisdemeadowbrook.org) and *Les Amis du Parc Meadowbrook* Facebook and Twitter pages. Other activities include fundraising and networking with other environmental organizations. Many of the group's supporters live in MoWest, NDG and other nearby neighbourhoods.

Volunteers have the satisfaction of having achieved the first step of the mandate – protecting Meadowbrook from development, but much work remains to be done before the property can become a public park. "I feel very good about our efforts," says steering committee member **Janice Hamilton**. "Keeping this area a green space will benefit the physical and mental health of all residents of the Island of Montreal today and for generations to come. In addition, the area is a bird migration area and home to foxes and other wildlife."

Anyone interested in learning more or participating in regular meetings should look at the website and contact us at lesamisdemeadowbrook@gmail.com.

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À la manière de Vigneault

*« Mon pays ce n'est pas un pays, c'est l'hiver...
Ma maison c'est votre maison...
C'est pour toi que je veux posséder mes hivers. »*

Gilles Vigneault, par son poème « Mon pays » nous a visités à l'école Elizabeth Ballantyne. Invitation, inspiration, à la manière de Vigneault, des élèves du cycle III ont décrit le pays de leur rêve.

Mon pays ce n'est pas un pays c'est l'océan

*Mon jardin ce n'est pas un jardin c'est une piscine
Mon chemin ce n'est pas un chemin c'est le bleu
Mon pays ce n'est pas un pays c'est l'océan.
Dans le bleu on voit des poissons
Des plantes vertes
Des personnes qui nagent
Mon pays ce n'est pas un pays c'est l'océan
Mon jardin ce n'est pas un jardin c'est une piscine
Mon chemin ce n'est pas un chemin c'est le bleu
Mon pays ce n'est pas un pays c'est l'océan*

Johanna

Mon pays

*Je n'ai pas un pays j'ai l'hiver
Je n'ai pas un jardin j'ai la plaine
Je n'ai pas un chemin j'ai la neige
Je n'ai pas un pays j'ai l'hiver*

Jason

Mon pays c'est un vrai, vrai pays

*C'est l'été
Mon pays ce n'est pas la guerre
C'est la paix
Dans le soleil
Les personnes ne font rien de mauvais*

Noah

Mon pays ce n'est pas un pays c'est le chaud

*Mon chemin ce n'est pas un chemin
C'est les voitures
Ma plage ce n'est pas la plage c'est l'océan*

Ethan

Mon pays c'est chaud

*Mon pays c'est le soleil
Mon pays c'est les animaux
Mon pays c'est le soleil
Mon pays c'est ma maison, c'est la chaleur*

Sany

Mon pays ce n'est pas un pays

*C'est l'histoire
C'est un beau pays je crois
La température est très sèche
Bien sûr c'est la Grèce*

Tom

Italie

*Mon pays que j'aime est toujours chaud
Mon pays que j'aime a le soleil brillant
Mon pays que j'aime a des océans bleus
Mon pays que j'aime c'est pour tout le monde
Mon pays que j'aime c'est ma vie*

Lucca

Mon pays ce n'est pas un pays c'est mon rêve

*Mon jardin ce n'est pas un jardin c'est les fleurs
Ma nourriture ce n'est pas la nourriture c'est le chocolat
Les humains ne sont pas les humains c'est mes amis*

Dalia

Mon pays ce n'est pas un pays c'est ma ville

*Mon jardin ce n'est pas un jardin
C'est le vert
Mon chemin ce n'est pas un chemin
C'est la couleur
Mon pays ce n'est pas un pays c'est ma ville*

Aswinii

Ma vie ce n'est pas une vie c'est mes rêves

*Canada n'est pas seulement mon pays
C'est aussi pour vous
Ma vie ce n'est pas une vie c'est mes rêves
Tout le monde aime le Canada
Ma vie ce n'est pas une vie c'est mes rêves*

Véronique

La Finlande n'est pas le froid

*C'est la neige
Le vent n'est pas fort
Il pousse les flocons
Un pays n'est pas une lande
C'est l'origine*

Lucas

Mes rêves sont tous dans la Russie

*Je veux aller dans le vent et dans la neige
Je veux boire du thé
Manger de la confiture et du chocolat
J'adore parler de la Russie
Un jour je vais aller en Russie
Pas juste dans mes rêves*

Francesca

Mon pays ce n'est pas un pays

*C'est l'été
Mon pays est petit,
La population est grande
Mon pays ce n'est pas un pays
C'est la guerre*

Guy



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Elizabeth Ballantyne School

Meeting a Holocaust survivor

Cycle three students at Elizabeth Ballantyne School have been reading novels about children's experiences during the Second World War. This includes the novel *Hana's Suitcase* by **Karen Levine**.

Miss **Julia Stark**, school librarian/MW Children's Library Head Librarian, made arrangements with the *Montreal Holocaust Museum* to have a speaker come to the library and speak with the children.

Mme Georgette spoke about her personal experience of being a small Jewish child of Polish origin living in France during "the war years." She talked about being separated from her parents, not knowing what happened to them, and later the search to find the answers. She also discussed what it was like to live hiding who she was.

Mme Georgette also talked about what it was like to reconnect with the people who helped keep her safe those many years ago. After many had died, she had decided it was time to look into her past. She brought in pictures of the town where she had lived both before and after the war, also some pictures that were very recent.

Everyone was quite captivated. Questions were asked with respect and compassion, answered with much detail and simplicity. It was a very enriching experience.



One of the students, **Qasim Mughal**, has shared his thoughts on the experience: "When I heard that a Holocaust survivor was coming to meet us, I was immediately thunderstruck. I could not believe that someone had fought through all the troubles they faced. I was very eager to meet her and when I heard her story my life changed."

from Stephanie Beaumier

Edinburgh School



You know you are an Edinburgh school parent when you:

- Now, pronounce the city of Edinburgh with a hard "g."
- Always call the gym teacher "Jim, the gym teacher".
- Have lined up longer to see a school music concert than a rock concert.
- Always run out of cheques in the month of September.
- Can recognize **Natasha's** voice on the phone without call display.
- Can locate the school by car or by foot, but have no idea what the address is.
- No longer think of reflection as a time for pleasant contemplation and musings.
- Sat in your child's desk during a parent teacher meeting and surreptitiously cleaned it up.
- Sheepishly returned overdue library books to the school monitor rather than the librarian.
- Consider 7:30 am sleeping in

Mostly you know you are a part of the Edinburgh community because your child:

- Owns more dark blue pants than his dad.
- Expresses great pride in being part of the school.
- Likes going to school!

from Julia Moroney

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Royal West

26th annual Science Fair

Ever wonder how many species of bacteria can be found in your home? Or how music affects your mood? Maybe you've heard that chewing gum can increase your concentration levels... but is it true? Royal West Academy students will answer these and many other interesting questions at the 26th annual Science Fair, happening on February 11.

In the morning, almost 400 students from Grades 8-11 will present their projects to judges from both the academic and professional worlds. And in the afternoon, the RWA Science Fair will be open to the public from 1 to 2:30 pm when visitors can vote for

their favorite project – The People's Choice Award. Other special awards will be chosen at this time as well. The public is once again invited to attend in the evening from 6:30 to 8 pm. Students look forward to presenting their projects during this time as the pressure of official judging will be over.

The day ends with the awards ceremony. Science Fair participants, family, friends and judges are all welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

For more information, please contact **Jennifer Pevec** at rwasciencefaircoordinator@gmail.com.

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École des Amis-du-Monde

Un merveilleux hiver

C'est un autre bel hiver à notre magnifique école. Les enfants s'amuse dans notre immense cour recouverte d'un beau tapis blanc. Les élèves aiment glisser, construire des forts et des bonshommes de neige ou simplement s'étendre dans la neige fraîche pour dessiner de beaux anges en agitant les bras et les pieds. Dans plusieurs classes, on a souligné le début de l'hiver en renseignant les enfants sur certaines coutumes qui sont célébrées à cette époque de l'année. Voici deux reportages de nos journalistes sur ce sujet.

Noël

À Noël, les gens prennent leur sapin un mois d'avance ou juste avant Noël. Un sapin peut être artificiel ou naturel. On peut le décorer avec des guirlandes de lumières, une étoile, des boules de Noël, des petits anges, des couronnes, des cannes de Noël et des boucles de papillons. La veille de Noël, on prépare des biscuits et du lait pour le père Noël. Aussi, le 6 décembre, Saint-Nicolas vient nous donner du chocolat, des livres, du parfum, etc. Vous devez mettre vos bottes en face de l'entrée et les cadeaux de Saint-Nicolas se retrouvent dans les bottes. Le 25 décembre on trouve, sous le sapin, les cadeaux apportés par le père Noël. Le Nouvel An se fête entre le 31 décembre et le 1^{er} janvier. À minuit, il y a des feux d'artifice pour fêter le Nouvel An. Bonne année 2016 à tous!

Par Adrian, Eric Zhou, Alexia et Christina

Hanoukka

À Hanoukka, on utilise un chandelier à huit branches et on allume une chandelle par jour. Les 7 premiers jours représentent la veille Hanoukka. Le 8^e jour, on allume la dernière chandelle. Cette chandelle représente Hanoukka, qui est une fête pour les Juifs. En 2015, on l'a célébré du 7 au 14 décembre. Aussi, à Hanoukka, les Juifs mangent des mets spéciaux, par exemple, des *latkas* et le *souvganiot*.

Par Laura K.

Les coups de cœur des Amis-du-Monde

Dans ces dernières semaines, nous avons mené auprès des élèves de l'école des Amis-du-Monde un sondage pour découvrir les livres les plus aimés par chaque niveau. Pour les maternelles, ce sont « Les Monsieur Madame ». Pour les élèves de 1^{re} année, c'est « Booh! » de **Robert Munsch**. En 2^e année, ce sont encore « Les Monsieur Madame » qu'ils aiment lire et en 3^e année, leur favori est « Game Over ». Les plus grands préfèrent « Garfield », et « Lou » en 5^e et 6^e année. Je vous recommande de les lire. Bonne lecture!

Katyuska Diaz Salazar et Soo Min Choi

Les journalistes sont supervisés par madame **Nathalie** (maman de **Saydie**, 5^e année), madame **Sophie** et madame **Lory**. Passez un très bel hiver!



Cultivating creativity

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The necessity to have material to keep 700 children active inspired her to design a Crafts & Games curriculum program with age appropriate goals. She received credit for this work towards her Fine Arts diploma. One of the projects she was inspired to do was to give campers a ball of yarn and send them into the woods to weave. The unique results were kept up for the remainder of the camp season. She prefers to work with 9-year-old girls, as they are very motivated and creative. She found 13- to 14-year-old boys the most challenging. However, one project which succeeded in bringing out male personalities was the making of face-masks with surgical plaster tape. She returned and ran the program again when her children attended the camp.

A friend of hers was running Camp Tamarack in Detroit, Michigan and invited her to create an idea to celebrate a special anniversary. She accepted the challenge and asked each cabin group what the camp meant to them. She then assisted each camper to create one image that was sewn into a large commemorative tapestry.

To keep her creative fires stoked, she pursues a variety of interests as I discovered when I inquired about a pair of tap dancing shoes hanging on the wall. This form of dance was one she loved as a child but her parents could not afford the school fees. So, now as an adult, she attends classes at the nearby church. The tour of her home revealed that she also paints in watercolors. She is slowly exploring this medium with a friendly group in nearby Côte Saint-Luc. As well there are several unique ceramic pieces on display. A woven chair in the hallway gives away her whimsical nature.

Her exuberance betrays her age of 60. I met her on the eve of this milestone birthday.

"To be creative is to be happy, and to have purpose, and that makes our days all that more unique." This mantra will get her over the grief process of the recent passing of her father.

Marsha is presently planning an after school group for youngsters and perhaps one on Saturday where the focus will be to learn to work cooperatively on a collective project. The creative exploration may include making paper, ceramics, weaving with fabric, games, magic tricks, cooking, scavenger hunts and perhaps gardening in the spring.

Any parent wishing to enrol his child should call Marsha at 487-7118 or email her at marshamilstock@yahoo.ca. She would like to interview the children to get a sense of their self-motivation.

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Vive l'hiver à la bibliothèque des jeunes!

Toute l'équipe de la bibliothèque vous souhaite une très heureuse année 2016 !

Modifications à la tarification

Depuis le début de janvier, notre frais d'adhésion annuel est passé de 10\$ à 20\$ par famille pour les résidents et de 25\$ à 40\$ pour les non-résidents. Le frais d'adhésion aux Amis de la bibliothèque, qui permet de louer des vidéos et de participer aux programmes, demeure à 25\$ par an. Nous tenons à vous spécifier que les coûts de fonctionnement de notre bibliothèque ne sont pas entièrement financés par la Ville de Montréal-Ouest et que la contribution financière accrue de nos membres nous permettra de mieux vous servir. Nous vous remercions à l'avance de votre collaboration.

Participez à nos programmes!

Vos enfants aiment bien fréquenter la bibliothèque pour y choisir leurs livres, mais ils voudraient aussi y passer un peu de temps pour s'amuser, découvrir et créer en bonne compagnie ? Nos activités leur plairont assurément ! En fin d'après-midi, nous offrons les ateliers suivants : Makerspace (lundi), Story Sparklers (mercredi),

Lego Club (jeudi), le club de lecture intergénérationnel (un vendredi par mois, en anglais). Pour les tout-petits, les programmes Mother Goose et Tales for tots sont également de retour. La programmation d'hiver a débuté depuis peu, mais il pourrait être possible de se joindre à certains groupes. De plus, une session de printemps débutera dans quelques semaines. Pour de plus amples informations sur la programmation et sur les dates d'inscription, écrivez-nous à mwcl@videotron.ca, visitez notre site sur mwcl.ca ou consultez notre page Facebook.

Aidez les jeunes patineurs à recueillir des fonds pour nous!

Après vos sorties hivernales à la patinoire et au parc Strathearn, entrez vous réchauffer à la bibliothèque et venez feuilleter les nouveaux livres ! D'ailleurs, en ce mois de février, nous vous rappelons que les élèves de l'école Elizabeth Ballantyne se préparent pour le Skate-A-Thon. Cette merveilleuse activité de patinage organisée pour le plaisir des élèves permet de ramasser des fonds afin de financer l'achat de plus de 200 nouveaux livres. Cette collecte de fonds originale et ludique qui fait la promotion de saines habitudes de vie en encourageant l'activité physique et la lecture auprès des jeunes mérite votre appui! Nous vous invitons donc à donner généreusement aux enfants de votre entourage qui vous demanderont de les commanditer pour cette activité.

Nous avons très hâte de vous revoir à la bibliothèque. Passez nous voir souvent !

Enjoy winter at the Children's Library

The library team wishes you a wonderful 2016!

Changes to membership fees

Starting January 1, our annual membership fees have increased to \$20 (up from

\$10) per family for MW residents and to \$40 (up from \$25) per family for non-residents. The Friends of the Library fee, which allows members to borrow DVDs and participate in programs, remains at \$25 per family per year. This fee increase will allow us to offer more to our membership, as our costs are not entirely covered by the town of Montreal West. We thank you for your continued support.

Join in our programs!

If your children enjoy visiting the library to borrow books, but also would like to spend some time playing, discovering and creating in good company, they will love our activities! We offer the following afternoon workshops: Makerspace (Monday), Story Sparklers (Wednesday), Lego Club (Thursday), Intergenerational Book Club (one Friday per month, in English). Mother Goose and Tales for Tots are back for the little ones. The winter programs have begun, but there may be spots left. There is also a spring session starting in a few weeks! For more complete information about programs and registration dates, contact us at mwcl@videotron.ca or consult our website, mwcl.ca or our Facebook page.

Help kids skate to raise money for the library!

After a visit at Strathearn Park or a skate at the rink, come warm up in the library and browse the new books. And speaking of new books, this February, the students of Elizabeth Ballantyne School are getting ready for the Skate-a-Thon. This fun activity will raise funds to buy over 200 new books while encouraging a life-long love of both reading and physical activity. Please support the children who are taking part of it by giving them pledges for the Skate-a-thon.

We would love to see you at the library. Please visit us often this winter!





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Budget 2016

Budget Commentary

On December 21, Town Council adopted its operating budget for 2016. Our objectives for the budget included keeping the tax increase for the average-valued home to less than the rate of inflation for Montreal (forecast at 1.5%) while maintaining the level of service and continuing the renewal of our infrastructure.

Operating expenses related to salary and outside services increased due to contractual obligations. However, with careful review of expenses and the decision to do more work in house at a lower cost, we were able to meet our objectives, and balance our budget with **only a 1.24% increase** in the tax bill of the average-valued home (\$614,000) in Montreal West. With increases of 1.53% in 2015 and 0.2% in 2014, the average annual increase for the past three years remains less than 1% per year.

At its December meeting, Council also adopted a three-year capital expenditure program which includes anticipated spending of approximately \$1.2 million in 2016. Plans include sewer and road-work renewal on Strathearn, the continuation of the upgrade to Davies Park, as well as an energy audit of and repairs to Town buildings. Some of this will be accomplished with the assistance of government grants or the use of our accumulated surplus. Capital programs for future years are wish lists at this point and will be reviewed and reconsidered next year in light of government grants and available funds. The full presentation of the 2016 budget is available on the Montreal West website at montreal-west.ca.

*Colleen Feeney
Councillor for Finance,
Administration
and Human Resources*

Revenues / Revenus

	2016 \$	2015 \$	% total
Taxes			
Résidentiel / Residential	11,421,408	11,285,825	76.31
Lots vacants / Vacant lots	31,401	36,371	0.21
Non résidentiel / Non-residential	1,271,031	1,222,012	8.49
Taxe d'eau / Water tax	442,000	442,000	2.95
CMM / MMC	105,100	98,931	0.70
Droits de mutation / Duties on transfer	370,000	350,000	2.47
Reçus au lieu de taxes / Payment in lieu of taxes	<u>212,829</u>	<u>213,093</u>	<u>1.42</u>
	13,853,769	13,648,232	92.57
Autres / Other			
Loisirs et culture / Recreation and culture	584,200	587,000	3.90
Contravention / Tickets	120,000	110,000	0.80
Stationnement et permis / Parking and permits	79,250	73,000	0.53
Intérêts / Interest	105,000	104,000	0.70
Intérêts à recevoir sur subventions			
Interest receivable on grants	178,585	169,181	1.19
Autres / Other	<u>45,545</u>	<u>45,745</u>	<u>0.30</u>
	1,112,580	1,088,926	7.43
REVENUS TOTAUX / TOTAL REVENUES	14,966,349	14,737,158	100

Comparaison du compte de taxe / Taxation comparison

Résidentiel / Residential

Résidence valeur moyenne / Average value residence
Rôle 2014 - 2016 Roll : 613 991\$

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Valeur imposable / Taxable value	613,991.00	613,883.00
Taxes locales + Agglo / Local taxes + Agglo	7,647.26	7,556.29
CMM / MMC	<u>67.54</u>	<u>63.84</u>
	<u>7,714.80</u>	<u>7,620.13</u>

Augmentation relative à 2015 / Increase over 2015:

% Augmentation / % Increase:

\$94.67

1.24%

Taux de taxes / 100\$ d'évaluation Tax Rates / \$100 valuation

	2016		2015	
	Local	Agglo	Local	Agglo
Taxe foncière générale / General property tax	0.7477	0.4978	0.7322	0.4987
Immeuble 6 logement + / 6 Units or more	0.7477	0.4978	0.7322	0.4987
Immeubles non résidentiels / Non-residential buildings	2.1303	1.4977	2.0852	1.4987
Lots vacants / Vacant lots	1.4953	0.9956	1.4645	0.9973
CMM / MMC	0.011		0.0104	

Budget 2016

Dépenses / Expenses

Par service / By department	2016 \$	2015 \$	% total
Conseil / Council	154,065	146,242	1.03
Administration	1,399,532	1,378,293	9.35
Sécurité publique Public security	411,033	390,204	2.75
Travaux publics Public works	2,724,792	2,702,377	18.21
Hygiène du milieu Environmental health	838,570	751,185	5.60
Inspection et permis Building inspection	123,732	119,376	0.83
Récréation, culture et parcs Recreation, culture and parks	2,313,574	2,236,628	15.46
Dépenses en capital à même les revenus Capital expenditures out of revenues	27,600	20,000	0.18
Service de la dette Debt charges	<u>1,789,841</u>	<u>1,812,315</u>	<u>11.96</u>
	9,782,740	9,556,620	65.36
Quote part Agglomération Agglomeration remittance	<u>5,183,609</u>	<u>5,180,538</u>	<u>34.64</u>
DÉPENSES TOTALES TOTAL EXPENSES	14,966,349	14,737,158	100

Programme triennal d'immobilisations Three-year Capital Program

Catégorie / Category	2016 \$	2017 \$	2018 \$
Infrastructures Infrastructure	1,100,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Bâtiments Buildings	65,000	50,000	50,000
Véhicules Vehicles	27,600	0	0
Équipements Equipment	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
	1,207,600	1,065,000	1,065,000

Tax installments / Versements de taxes

Due dates
First installment: **February 18**
Second installment: **May 12**
Échéance
Premier versement: **18 février**
Deuxième versement: **12 mai**

Commentaire sur le budget

Le 21 décembre dernier, le Conseil adoptait son budget de fonctionnement pour 2016. Nos objectifs incluaient une augmentation de taxes pour la maison de valeur moyenne moindre que le taux d'inflation pour Montréal (prévu à 1,5 %) tout en maintenant le niveau de services et poursuivant le renouvellement de nos infrastructures.

Les dépenses de fonctionnement liées aux salaires et aux services externes ont augmenté en raison d'obligations contractuelles. Cependant, avec un examen attentif des dépenses et la décision de faire plus de travaux à l'interne à moindre coût, nous avons réussi à atteindre nos objectifs et équilibrer notre budget avec **une hausse de 1,24% seulement** sur la facture de taxes de la résidence moyenne (614 000 \$) à Montréal-Ouest. Combinée aux augmentations de 1,53 % en 2015 et de 0,2 % en

2014, la majoration moyenne des trois dernières années demeure à moins que 1 % par année.

À sa réunion de décembre, le Conseil a aussi adopté un programme triennal de dépenses en immobilisations qui inclut des prévisions de dépenses d'environ 1,2 million \$ en 2016. On y retrouve la rénovation des égouts et de la rue sur Strathearn, d'autres améliorations au parc Davies, une vérification du rendement énergétique et des réparations aux édifices municipaux. Une partie des travaux sera réalisée à l'aide de subventions gouvernementales ou l'utilisation de notre surplus accumulé. La présentation complète du budget 2016 est disponible sur le site Web de Montréal-Ouest au montreal-ouest.ca.

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Rovers going to Nepal: Sabrina, Amber, Erin, Alex, Arnould



We are quite excited this year as this is the first time that we have had a Rover Crew (18- to 26-years-old) and they are planning a wonderful expedition this spring to Nepal – Community Service on a grand scale!

We have seven of our members keen on participating and we would love to support them as much as possible. The following report was written by **Erin McRae**.

The April 2015 Nepal earthquake killed over 9,000 people and injured more than 23,000. Buildings were destroyed and hospitals are still in desperate need of repair.

As a means of assistance, Scouts Canada is sending 30 young adults, ages 18 to 26, plus four advisors to Nepal at the end of May. Seven of these young people belong to the MoWest Rover Crew. The group will be helping to reconstruct a hospital and offering their labour to rehabilitate a tree plantation over a period of five weeks.

raisers, one of which will be a **Spaghetti Dinner** held **Friday, February 21** at the Town Hall from 5 until 7 pm. Please come with your families; enjoy a dinner prepared for you and support the local Rovers in reaching their goals.

Erin McRae
Montreal West Rover

In memoriam

Nicole Garand (Raksha)

December 20, 1949-2015

The members of the MoWest Scout Group were saddened to learn that Raksha passed away on her birthday, just before Christmas, after a long illness.

Nickie Garand became a Scouter when her son, **Jean-François Daoust**, was a Cub and she remained active as a Cub leader for 20

years (long after J-F was no longer involved).

She loved being with the youth and sharing the fun they were having. No matter the activity, she joined in enthusiastically and encouraged all the Cubs to do the same.

Raksha's favourite Cubbing activity was going to camp, especially for a week in summer at the old Camp Jackson Dodds on Lac Cloutier. She loved boating, especially being rowed with a couple of Cubs or paddled with another leader. The weekly talent show was also special and she spent hours helping the girls practise a dance to perform. But the best part of camp was the campfire – she helped the Cubs prepare a whacky skit, maybe with costumes or props she had brought (and occasionally was involved herself) and sang the songs heartily. It was normal for her to go home from camp with a hoarse voice.



At our regular meetings, her specialty was crafts and she especially enjoyed having the Cubs make a collage with pictures she had cut from magazines.

Nickie loved a parade, and was there every year for the Scouts' participation in the Canada Day Parade and the Remembrance Day ceremony. For several years she also was the driving force behind the MW Scout Group's taking part in the St. Patrick's Parade. She proudly marched down St. Catherine Street.

However, most of all, Raksha was there for the youth. She has touched many lives in many ways. Whether it was putting a Werther's candy on a pillow at camp, going out of her way to find out if a child who had not shown up at an activity as expected was all right, comforting a homesick camper or just smiling with her warm, engaging smile, she always went that extra little bit. She was a "Mom" to hundreds of Cubs over the years, and she was a good friend to her fellow Scouters.

At the Scout banquet in spring 2014, Raksha was excited to receive her 20-year pin and the Medal of Merit or especially good service to Scouting.

Now Raksha has "gone home". She will be sorely missed. Rest in peace, Raksha.

from Bob King

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Guiding



The MoWest Girl Guides were busy young ladies leading up to the holidays. The Guides, Brownies and Sparks all participated in service projects for the *NDG Food Depot* and our local *Meals-on-Wheels*. The Guides made placemats to enhance the Christmas meals for the *Meals-on-Wheels* recipients. The girls made dozens of cards to help spread the joy of the holidays to those in our community who are more isolated. With the small change the Sparks and Brownies collected and counted turkeys were purchased and donated to the *NDG Food Depot*. The girls also made "melted snowmen" and Christmas mice crafts to be given to *Meals-on-Wheels* and the *NDG Food Depot*. All of their efforts were gratefully received and enjoyed by the recipients.

With 2016 well under way, the girls have been participating in new activities.



Sparks

The Sparks have been learning about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. They have learned of the importance of bones, heart and exercise. The girls are all smiles as they participate in the active games.

Brownies

The Brownies are starting to learn about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). They will be using the computer and internet to talk about internet safety and the pros and cons of technology. A fun activity they will be doing is to compare methods of sending messages via mail, email and text. They will also use the

computer to test their research skills to find specific Canadian scientists.

Guides

The Guides were lucky to have a parent volunteer teach them how to crochet. Some of the girls have taken off with their new skill, and are making blankets. (I see a service project in the future!) The girls are also learning about some of the other 146 countries where Guiding is offered and global food distribution. Their Ranger unit helper created a great card game to help the girls better understand that food is not freely available in all countries, like it is for most of us in Canada.



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News from the Pews

Redeemed Christian Church of God

The Redeemed Christian Church of God (Maranatha Chapel) at 6 Ronald Drive invites you to our Breakfast Fellowship (tagged Family Forum) where we do Church differently the second Sunday of every month. We break bread and have a wonderful breakfast, sharing and pondering on the word of God and we discuss baffling questions at this meeting.

The next Breakfast Fellowship is Sunday, February 14 at 9:30 am.

MW United

...the brick one

Looking back...

If you volunteered to bake, cook a turkey, carve, peel potatoes, pack up goodies, serve up dinner plates or deliver meals to those who stay indoors in our neighbourhood... you may already know 262 Christmas dinners were provided with much good will on December 25! A new record. Thank you all.

Moving forward

Talks have begun between our church and the community to respond to the Syrian refugee crisis. As you read this, more information will be available, so stay tuned as this has the potential to gain momentum.

Forecasting a change

The trouble with having a youthful appearance is that no one is prepared for your retirement. However that is what is happen-

ing with Rev. **Janet Bisset** who will retire at the end of June. A hard working, compassionate and conscientious person, she has earned this, no question about that. For her and husband **Peter**, we are pleased. For us it is a different story; however, stay tuned for celebratory happenings.

Discussion group

Have you ever wanted a chance to talk or listen to people discussing spiritual ideas with no strings attached? Once a month such an open conversation takes place after church in Ross Hall. No one takes attendance or minutes so feel free to drop by and ponder.

Lent and Labyrinths

For those who take note of such things, Lent begins early this year, with Communion being offered on Valentine's Day. In fact it was on Ash Wednesday 15 years ago that we held our first ever Labyrinth Walk! Our February walk this year will be Tuesday the 23rd between 7 and 9. Keeping the ancient tradition alive.

Join us any Sunday at 10 am, call us at **482-3210** or visit mwuc.org. All are welcome. NB: No Sunday school or nursery on February 28 due to school break.

from Susan Upham

St. Philip's

Thank you to all who joined us for our Advent and Christmas services, and to all who helped with the decorations and music. It was nice to have so many visitors and to catch up with old friends, and everything came together wonderfully.

Sunday school is back after the holiday break. **Diana Karbonowska** has stepped up into the role of lead teacher and will be with the class every week, together with another teacher from our rotation. New children are always welcome, and, because we know families have busy schedules, we use a curriculum that does not assume each child is present every week.

Our winter community lunch will be on Sunday, February 7 at 11:30 am (following the 10 am Eucharist). Bring a dish to share if you are able, but it's not required, as we always have plenty of food.

Easter comes early this year. Ash Wednesday is February 10, and our Ash Wednesday service is at 7:30 pm. The mid-Lent pancake brunch, served by the Men's Fellowship, will be Sunday, March 6 at 11:30 am. Tickets can be reserved by calling the church office at **481-4871**.

Refugee sponsorship

Our refugee sponsorship, working with Trinity Memorial and St Thomas, has been dubbed "Tri-Parish + Friends for Refugees". We have raised more than half of the \$35,000 required, and our application has been submitted. Because one of Trinity's members has a friend working in a refugee camp in Malawi, we have applied to sponsor a refugee from that camp. The family, with three small children, fled civil war and ethnic violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo and has been in the camp for almost five years. If all goes well (and we are dealing with bureaucracy, so that is a very big "if"), they could arrive in Montreal by fall. As the date of their arrival draws near, we will be looking for furniture and household goods for them, but unfortunately do not have space to take donations of furniture right now.

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News from the Pews

St. Ignatius

St. Ignatius is pleased welcomed Fr. **Jessie Dimafilis**. He will be with us for six months while Fr. **Mike** is away on assignment in Halifax. Fr. Jessie is not new to St. Ignatius, we had the opportunity 10 years ago to be served by him. He looks forward to re-acquainting himself with parishioners and meeting others for the first time.

Our youth coordinator **Stephen Corsi** is very excited about the winter programs. Lifeline, grades 5-8, meet every second Tuesday 7-9 pm; the next meeting will be February 9. Almighty's, grades 9-CEGEP, meet every Thursday 7-9 pm. The next meeting will be February 4 with a retreat on February 19-21.

Preparations are well under way for our Syrian refugee family. We hope to welcome them to Montreal early this spring. Please refer to the yellow insert in this issue of *The Informer* for further information.

St. Michael's Choir School

St. Ignatius, along with other parishes, is honoured to be hosting Toronto's St. Michael's Choir School at Loyola High School, the first week of April. This will be a benefit concert for the Syrian Refugee Sponsorship Program. Details to follow in the next *Informer*.



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10 am - noon
2 pm - 4 pm
7 pm - 9 pm

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New books

Fiction

Alexis, Andre	<i>Fifteen Dogs</i>
Binchy, Maeve	<i>A Few of the Girls</i>
Grisham, John	<i>Rogue Lawyer</i>
King, Stephen	<i>The Bazaar of Bad Dreams</i>
Palka, Kurt	<i>The Piano Maker</i>

Mysteries

Black, Benjamin	<i>Even the Dead</i>
Crais, Robert	<i>The Promise</i>
Fossom, Karin	<i>The Drowning Boy</i>
Nesbo, Jo	<i>Midnight Sun</i>
Rankin, Ian	<i>Even Dogs in the Wild</i>

Non-fiction

Bernanke, Ben	<i>The Courage to Act</i>
Ferguson, Will	<i>Road Trip Rwanda</i>
Hughes, Clara	<i>Open Heart, Open Mind</i>
MacGregor, Roy	<i>Canoe Country</i>
MacLean, Ron	<i>Hockey Towns</i>
Smith, Patti	<i>M Train</i>

DVDs

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- 9 Diners' Club: *Chò*
- 12 Valentine's tea
- 16 Planetarium *Rio Tinto Alcan: Dark Universe and Aurorae*
- 18 Soups' on:
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- 22 Movie matinée:
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Santa's breakfast 2015!

What a success! Thank you to everyone who helped support the CRA by attending this event. Close to 350 people passed through the doors of the Town Hall December 13 to join in the holiday celebrations. The CRA would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to our INCREDIBLY dedicated volunteers who worked so hard in the kitchen, clearing tables, washing, cooking, setting up, cleaning up and of course who could forget Santa himself. Your commitment to our community was key to making this event so successful. Thank you to **Paula Cordeau** and her team at the **Community Centre** and the **Town of Montreal West** for their support in helping us plan and set up this event.

Thank you to our sponsors for your generous contributions! **IGA Lipari**, **McDonalds**, **Pharmaprix** (**Melissa Lena Ross**), **Pâtisserie de la Gare**, **Boulangerie Snowdon**, **Bol de Fruit de Qualité**, **Nibbles** and **Marché de Fleurs Westminister**.

A year in review

2015 was a great year for the *Civic Recreation Association*. Each season brought a new set of sports and activities in which our children could participate. Many of these programs require volunteer coaches, assistant coaches, team managers and parents who dedicated their time and resources. To these volunteers we would like to say thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our community and its children.

In the spring, we hosted a fundraiser, "Dinner at the Hall." This event was hugely successful due to the generosity of **Fred Morin** from *Joe Beef*, his wife **Allison**



Cunningham and the support we received from our community. With the funds raised from this event and Santa's Breakfast we purchased new equipment, uniforms and offered new programming.

Some of the new programs we started were Little Strikers soccer for 4-year-olds and T-ball for our mini-Mudhens. Our regular programs such as the intercommunity baseball league, the Mudhens, had six teams playing in four age categories, doubled from the 2014 season. **Ian Malcolm** was honoured at our post-season party for his 10+ years volunteering coaching and for keeping baseball alive in MoWest.

The rugby program under the direction of head coach **Susy Binstock** entered teams from U6 to U12 in jamborees for the first time. With a group of dedicated rugby vo-

lunteers, our little ruggers played every Sunday against other teams from all over Montreal and had an amazing season.

Our outdoor soccer program had 27 teams ranging from U8 to U15. **Greg Macgregor** and **Alison Piela** had our teams playing twice a week doing drills and playing some incredible games. The season ended in the fall with a weekend of playoffs and finals. **Heather Gray** and **Carol Fiedler** were awarded the *Norman Rae Volunteer Coach award* for 2015 and **Tristan MacKenzie** was named the soccer referee of the year.

The figure skating program had their annual skating show in March to a standing room only crowd. Our little ones from the learn to skate classes performed two numbers that were show stoppers! We honoured **Anne Smith** for over 40 years of dedication to the figure skating program at the annual volunteer night hosted by the Town.

Judo completed its first year and volunteer sensei **Steve Morissette** has created an incredibly successful program that has benefited all the participants. We look forward to seeing the participants at this year's end of year demonstration in June.

The ever popular indoor soccer program under the direction of **Greg Macgregor** and **Alison Piela** has been teaching the kids new techniques, skills and playing fast moving scrimmages at the Royal West gym.

Women's indoor soccer coached by Greg Macgregor is another new program that has been extremely popular, so much so we have added an outdoor spring session.

The Gym-tastic program welcomed **Dede Yim** from Wingym Gymnastics Club as our program coordinator. The groups are learning new moves, going through equipment circuits and making new friends.



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- Intercommunity baseball
- Gym-tastic
- Little Strikers soccer
- Micro soccer
- Outdoor soccer
- Women's outdoor soccer
- Rugby

Important date

Soccer evaluations for outdoor soccer will be April 16 and 17 at the Catalogna Soccer complex. Evaluations are required for children born from 2004 to 2009.

Hockey

The future stars program has our mini-Knights working hard learning hockey skills and improving their skating skills under the direction of our hockey director **Eric Rayment**.

The single letter 2014-2015 season saw 14 teams from Novice to Midget. Congratulations to our Bantam A team who won the regional championships! We also hosted our first ever Novice jamboree where our youngest players had played exhibition games against various teams from other cities. The 2014 Winter Classic was held in December and hosted over 20 teams from the Lac Saint Louis region. **Ronny Steinberg** was awarded the *Sam Ducharme Volunteer Hockey Coach of the Year award*. The 2015-2016 season is well under way and there are 14 teams this year with 75% of them looking like they may go to the regionals. Go Knights, Go! Hockey Holiday Day was held early December 2015 and hosted 24 teams with music, food and gifts for all the players. Thank you to everyone who came out to support this hockey fundraiser. The *MWH Sam Ducharme award* for volunteer/ coach of the year was awarded to **Pierre Shousha**.

To wrap things up, 2015 was a busy year for sports in MoWest and we are looking forward to another great year, Go Mudhens! Go Knights! Go! Go! Go!

Save the date

The CRA annual ice show is March 22, 2:30-4 pm. Come on out to the Legion Rink to see our figure skaters perform their numbers choreographed by our very own **Heather Smith** and the participants from our skating classes as they perform numbers choreographed by **Mackenzie Bullet**.

Community Centre

March Break Madness

(5 to 12 year olds)
February 29 - March 4

Early bird prices until February 5:

Full week: \$190 resident / \$200 non-resident
Daily fee: \$50 resident / \$60 non-resident

Starting February 6:

Full week: \$215 resident / \$225 non-resident
Daily fee: \$55 resident / \$65 non-resident

Monday:

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Tuesday:

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Wednesday:

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Thursday:

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- animation by a dynamic animator including all materials for 1¼ hours (approx.)
- face painting
- choice of theme: super hero, fairy party, *Minions*, dinosaurs, just to name a few
- free parking available

The cost is \$210 for a party of 10 children. For larger parties, extra fees will apply. For more information, please contact the John A. Simms Community Centre, **484-6186**.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

FEBRUARY 12, 4:30 PM

- Lifeguards
- Wading Pool Attendants

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

MARCH 18, 4:30 PM

- Day Camp Counsellors
- Community Centre Counsellors (full and part time)
- Pool Gate Attendants

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Town Council Meeting: November



by Carol Foster

An explanation of the anticipated changes to traffic due to the Turcot Yard project was the first item in the Mayor's report. He added that an information session regarding these changes would be held on December 3. Another information session in December has been scheduled to review the professional report on the state of the arena.

With a new five-year contract signed, garbage pick-up will continue on Fridays because Friday pick-up is substantially more economical than any other day. Organic waste will continue to be picked up on Tuesdays.

The *CP Holiday Train* event was a huge success and the Mayor offered thanks to all who helped organize it. But not all the news concerning the *CPR* was so positive. The Town has been billed for 55% of the cost of reconstruction of their tracks, which subsequently required improvements to the Westminster crossing surface. This came as an unforeseen expense as the Town is never notified when or how much it will be expected to pay for work resulting from *CPR*'s railroad maintenance.

Councillor Tasker-Brown had good news. She reported *Hydro-Québec* has agreed to temporarily cease its new tree-cutting policy and to set up a working committee to examine the process. In addition she indicated the grand opening of the new dog park would take place on December 5.

Robust attendance was experienced at a number of events, including birthday parties at the Town Hall, the vaccine clinic, the pumpkin parade, Remembrance Day ceremonies and more than 2,000 attendees at the *Holiday Train* festivities, according to **Councillor Ulin**.

Councillor Feeney communicated the budget for 2016 is being prepared and will be presented to the public on December 21, followed by the regular Council meeting. A small surplus is projected for the 2015 budget. The expenditures for the past month included the *CPR*'s invoice for \$90,000, which had to be paid out of the surplus, as it had not been budgeted. These unexpected invoices from *CPR* have averaged approximately \$40,000 a year. In addition, the cost of the new garbage and compost pick-up contract will increase significantly.

Councillor Torres asked for both understanding and collaboration from residents concerning the trees in the Town. She explained that trees are taken very seriously by the Public Works Department and are only cut down when they are at the end of their life cycle. She added a plea to residents to co-operate with the Town's policy of planting trees in front of their property.

Question period

The larger than usual attendance at this Council meeting was quickly explained during question period. And, once again, it was dog owners who dominated the proceedings. Although one resident thanked Council for the new dog park, more than a dozen others expressed their unhappiness with it. Complaints included: it was not big enough for large dogs, it was too far to walk to, there were traffic concerns involving train tracks and school children to contend with, there was no place to park should an owner wish to drive, no dog treats were allowed in the park and the hummock in the middle of the park prohibits an adequate site line for keeping track of one's dog.

The Mayor responded that a huge amount of time, money, effort and compromises went into the decision to make this dog park available and, although adjustments can be made, it must first be given a year's trial in order for a proper assessment to be made. Councillor Tasker-Brown added that continuing communication between the Town and the dog owners will be essential for the park's success.

But these remarks did not alleviate the complaints. Very strong, and at times emotional, pleas were made to allow dogs to continue to run off-leash in Hodgson Field during the winter months when there are no recreational activities in progress in that space. Some felt it was unreasonable to be asked to wait an entire year for an assessment and others wondered why there couldn't be multiple dog parks.

Another issue that prompted increased attendance at the meeting was the negotiation taking place around the bylaws governing the subdivision and sale of some of the property owned by St. Philip's church. A spokesperson for the church stated there was already a prospective buyer for the rectory and although it is a very complicated process, the Mayor assured her the details are being looked into and "we will get this done."

Several queries were made about the future of the arena and the Mayor encouraged the questioners to attend the already-scheduled information meeting in December concerning the state of the arena.

The long, and at times contentious, meeting was finally adjourned.

Apologies

My apologies for the lack of a report for the December Council meeting that I was unable to attend.

The Town's budget for 2016 is currently available on the web and the official minutes of this meeting will become available when they are published by the Town Clerk's Office.

Carol Foster

Réunion du Conseil : novembre



par Carol Foster
traduction par René Boucher

Une explication des modifications prévues de la circulation en raison de projet Turcot constituait le premier point du rapport du maire. Il ajouta qu'une séance d'information sur ces changements serait tenue le 3 décembre. Une autre séance d'information était prévue en décembre pour examiner le rapport professionnel sur l'état de l'aréna.

Un nouveau contrat de cinq ans perpétuera la collecte des ordures les vendredis, le ramassage étant substantiellement plus économique ce jour-là que tout autre. Les matières organiques continueront à être enlevées les mardis.

Le *Train des Fêtes du CP* a connu un immense succès et le maire a remercié tous ceux qui ont aidé à l'organisation de l'événement. Mais toutes les nouvelles du *CP* n'étaient pas aussi positives. La Ville a reçu une facture pour 55 % des coûts de reconstruction des voies, ce qui a ensuite nécessité des améliorations au passage à niveau Westminster. Cette dépense était imprévue puisque la Ville n'est jamais informée ni du moment ni du montant qu'elle devra assumer pour des travaux résultant de l'entretien des voies du *CP*.

La **conseillère Tasker-Brown** avait de bonnes nouvelles. Elle a rapporté qu'*Hydro-Québec* consentait à suspendre temporairement sa politique d'abattage d'arbres et à mettre sur pied un comité pour étudier la procédure. De plus, elle a indiqué que l'ouverture officielle du nouveau parc canin aurait lieu le 5 décembre.

Bon nombre d'événements ont attiré des assistances nombreuses, dont des fêtes d'anniversaire à l'hôtel de ville, la séance de vaccination, le défilé des citrouilles, les cérémonies du jour du Souvenir, et plus de 2000 personnes pour le *Train des Fêtes* selon la **conseillère Ulin**.

La **conseillère Feeney** a indiqué que le budget 2016 était en préparation et serait présenté le 21 décembre, avant la réunion ordinaire du Conseil. On anticipait un léger surplus pour le budget 2015. Les dépenses du mois précédent incluaient la facture de 90000

\$ du *CP*, laquelle a dû être réglée à même le surplus puisque le budget ne la prévoyait pas. Ces factures imprévues du *CP* s'établissent en moyenne à environ 40 000 \$ annuellement. Finalement, le coût du nouveau contrat de collecte des ordures et des matières organiques augmentera sensiblement.

La **conseillère Torres** a demandé la compréhension et la collaboration des résidents concernant les arbres dans la ville. Elle a expliqué que les Travaux publics attachent une grande importance aux arbres, ne les abattant que lorsqu'ils arrivent en fin de leur cycle de vie. Elle a aussi plaidé pour la coopération des résidents quant à la politique de la Ville pour la plantation d'arbres à l'avant des propriétés.

Période de questions

L'assistance plus nombreuse que d'habitude à cette réunion du Conseil a rapidement trouvé explication et encore une fois, ce sont des propriétaires de chiens qui ont dominé la période de questions. Un résident a remercié le Conseil pour le nouveau parc à chiens; par ailleurs, plus d'une douzaine d'autres ont exprimé leur insatisfaction. Parmi les plaintes : pas assez de place pour les grands chiens, trop loin pour y marcher, difficultés de circulation avec le passage à niveau et les élèves, pas de stationnement si l'on s'y rend en voiture, gâteries pour toutou interdites, le monticule au milieu du parc bloque la vue et empêche de garder son chien à vue.

Le maire a répondu que de grandes quantités de temps, d'argent, d'efforts et de compromis avaient été investies dans la décision de rendre le parc canin disponible et que même s'il y avait possibilité d'adaptation, un essai d'un an devra précéder une évaluation valable. La conseillère Tasker-Brown ajouta que des communications continues entre la Ville et les propriétaires de chiens seront essentielles à la réussite du parc.

Ces remarques n'ont pas réussi à apaiser les critiques. Des plaidoyers énergiques, parfois émotifs, ont été présentés pour permettre aux chiens de courir en liberté au terrain Hodgson pendant l'hiver, alors qu'il ne s'y déroule pas d'activités récréatives. Certains croyaient qu'il était déraisonnable d'attendre une année entière avant l'évalu-

ation et d'autres se demandaient pourquoi il ne pouvait y avoir plus d'un parc à chiens.

Un autre point qui a contribué à l'assistance accrue à la réunion était les négociations concernant la réglementation gouvernant la subdivision et la vente d'une partie de la propriété de l'église St Phillip's. Une porte-parole de l'église a révélé qu'il y avait un acheteur potentiel pour le presbytère. Bien que ce soit un processus très complexe, le maire l'a assurée qu'on examinait les détails et que « nous en viendrons à bout ».

Plusieurs questions concernaient l'avenir de l'aréna et la maire a incité les intervenants à assister à la réunion d'information sur l'état de l'installation déjà prévue en décembre.

La longue réunion, controversée par moments, s'est finalement terminée.

Toutes mes excuses

Il n'y aura pas de rapport de la réunion du Conseil en décembre, puisque j'ai été dans l'impossibilité d'y assister.

Le budget de la Ville pour 2016 est actuellement disponible sur le Web et le procès-verbal officiel de cette réunion sera disponible dès que publié par le bureau du greffier.

Carol Foster

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