

LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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JUNE 2015

**June 7th – 10:30 a.m. WHENCE HAVE WE COME AND WHITHER ARE WE
GOING
Rev. Fred Cappuccino**

Rev. Fred Cappuccino will prophesy what Unitarianism will look like a generation from now – and what Lakeshore's role will be. He will touch on Erich Fromm, Kazantzakis, A. Powell Davies and Sophia Fahs. In twenty years you can tell him if he was right or not.

**Service Leader: Sheila Laursen
Musician: Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Hospitality: Rob Lutes
Monique Reidel**

**June 14th - 10:30 a.m. SIR WILLIAM OSLER - PHYSICIAN, HISTORIAN
AND EDUCATOR: WAS HE ALSO A CLOSET UNITARIAN?
Sari Kelen**

When I first visited the Osler Library as a child, my grandfather, W. W. Francis, was still working there as its first librarian. Hearing stories about Osler, a member of my mother's family, I became a devoted fan.

In Osler's view, there was a need to promote humanistic attitudes at every level of medical life, from the beginning student to the busy practitioner. William Osler, the man who donated to McGill University one of the world's largest collections of medical history books and manuscripts, demonstrated charity in his dealings with fellow physicians, generosity to his students and great compassion towards his patients. He regarded his teaching medical students in the words "as by far the most useful and important work I have been called upon to do". Indeed, perhaps his greatest contribution to medicine was his seeing and talking to patients, starting what we now know as "the bedside manner."

**Service Leader: Irene Hausknost
Musician:**

**Hospitality: Chris Bassett
Margot Barclay**

June 21st - 10:30 a.m.

**JOURNEY TO YOUTHHOOD
LUUC Youth Group**

Join the LUUC Youth Group for our First Annual Youth-Led Service! The Youth will be sharing some of their thoughts on what has brought them to where they are now, what they have learned along the way, and maybe even a bit about where they might go next. Be prepared for a more eclectic and exciting service than usual!

**Service Leader: Casey Stainsby
Musician: Kerry-Anne Kutz**

Greeters: Youth

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I contemplate the coming church year and reflect on the past year – I see so much possibility and promise. It hasn't come without discomfort and even pain - growth of any kind never does. But, despite some initial problems, grow we have – and that was the primary aim when this Board took office last June. We welcomed five new members recently – and have a couple more people 'waiting in the wings'.

We had to hire more teachers - total of three - as on some occasions we had as many as 27 children in the SE – and it is wonderful to see those beautiful healthy children each week when they come up to the front of the church to listen to their story.

We are very pleased with **Vanessa** who teaches our elementary school aged children – and our lovely **Karli** will be going on the payroll now that we have so many little ones in the SE. It's particularly heart-warming to see **Karli** as a teacher- as she has come up through our children's program since she was 4 years old.

As the nominating committee had been unable to fill the position of treasurer, By-law #16 was amended to enable the Board to make their own appointment. We have asked **Rob Lutes** to join the Board and he will work with **Susan Czarnocki**, who has agreed to accept the paid position of secretary/bookkeeper.

Irene Hausknost will be replacing **Margot Barclay** who is retiring - many thanks to Margot for her work in caring for us. Both Irene and Rob bring youth and vitality to our Board and we welcomed them to our old/new joint Board meeting in May.

The following members have one more year to serve on the Board: **Sari Kelen** – who is our artist and chair of the successful and active SAC portfolio; **Peg Wooley**, Board Secretary – who has been the wise one of our team and kept a steady hand on things, and **Catherine Forbes**, Vice President - who has agreed to serve an extra year in that capacity. Catherine is our fun, fun, fun person – dreaming up wonderful larger-than-life extravaganzas, which we have all thoroughly enjoyed.

This Board will forever be grateful to **Susan** who took over the accounts mid-stream when no one else could or would. It was above and beyond Susan – thank you.

It hasn't always been easy to get people to do the coffee and greeting – an essential part of our Sunday mornings. We all appreciate those who took on those chores willingly.

My last big thank you goes to **Kerry-Anne Kutz**– our musical director who, not only plays for us each Sunday, but teaches the Little Maestros as well as conducts our sizeable choir. Recently we heard *Dome Epais* – beautiful soaring voices echoed throughout the church – it was simply wonderful!

- *Heather*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.

This important meeting gives all our members and friends an opportunity to receive information about LUUC's accomplishments during this past year, as well as hear about the challenges we face in the coming year. Your questions and comments are always welcome.

The meeting is being held on a week night – so a lengthy meeting is not planned and we will be as brief as possible. It is important for people to attend as this helps us to form a connection with each other and promotes a sense of belonging to the Congregation.

Strawberries and cream will be served after the meetingHope to see you there!

- **Peg Wooley,**
LUUC Board Secretary

LIBRARIAN

Last month I advertised for a librarian – and two LUUCers immediately volunteered to take over this task. Thank you so much to **Margot Barclay** and **Sheila Laursen**. They have already started on reorganizing, revitalizing and refreshing the books and send you the following message:

Spend some summer time relaxing and reading. Have you checked our LUUC Book Lending Stall? You pass it as you come into (or out of) the sanctuary. And it has many books and periodicals that you may find interesting to read. Have a look! Take home a book! Your summer will be all the more enjoyable....

Thanks

- **Sheila Laursen**

FROCK-AROUND-THE-CLOCK

Try this one on for size ladies: I'm trying to decide whether this is an article on fashion, de-consumerism, fiscal responsibility or just plain common sense.

There is an enterprising woman in Alberta, who is fed up with spending her time at the mall looking for clothes – and then trying to figure out what to wear to work all the time. She hated this obsessing with clothes every day. She decided to save time, save money, save closet space and save agro, by wearing just one frock all year.

She purchased a locally-designed, ethically-made, easily washable black jersey dress from a local retailer for approximately \$75. She takes the dress off when she exercises and when she sleeps at night, and she allows herself to accessorize the dress with items she already owns.

She has called her dress, and now her constant companion, *Laverne* and so far – after four months – they are getting along just fine.

- **ed**

Thomas Jefferson said - it is through our actions that we define ourselves.

TO ALL THE LADIES

Dear Ladies,

Thank you for being part of the Men's Brigade Mother's Day Luncheon and for all the very kind words, emails and Meetup posts. I know I speak for the entire Men's Brigade when I say we are thrilled that you enjoyed it so much. That made it worth all the effort.

But, I also want to tell you about a realization I had at the end of the day, which in my eyes further added to the success of the event:

After the fun part of lunch and entertainment was over and we men were cleaning up (well, truth be told, it was the other guys cleaning up, while I mostly basked), I walked into the kitchen and saw all the tired and sweating guys rushing around washing dishes, wiping the table-tops and emptying the garbage, among other not-so-fun tasks. Yet, despite their clear exhaustion, they were all in great spirits and the bad jokes flew fast and furious. I smiled at what I was witnessing and realized that a real bonding experience had just taken place that day. Our motley crew of men and boys, including some of whom didn't know many others, were given a nearly impossible task (and I'm not suggesting that keeping 45 women and girls satisfied for 1 1/2 hours is an impossible task but, you know...) -- yet volunteered their time enthusiastically and didn't stop until the job was done. Amazing!

While I'm sure there was also a sense of individual accomplishment, more importantly there was a great feeling of camaraderie and 'doing it for the team'. I then realized how important it is for all of us to feel that type of intense goal-oriented community-building activity. And, as Rob Lutes wrote to me later, it is especially meaningful when it is a multi-generational celebration like Mother's Day was.

That made me consider that in our fragmented society, there are almost no opportunities for this type of bonding -- perhaps especially for men, who are usually harder to herd than cats.

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Although the days when an entire community would come together for a barn raising are long gone, I think we had a mini "barn raising" for the men on Mother's Day. So, in addition to all the things you ladies do for us every Sunday (and more!) for which we men are so grateful, I also want to thank you for being the inspiration that brought us men together at our best.

Ogden

(on behalf of the entire LUUC Men's Brigade!)

PS: when I wrote to Ogden thanking him for the wonderful fun-filled luncheon, he replied ... *Thank you so much for your kind words. I'm very happy that you enjoyed it. I'll let you know that ideas are flowing fast and furious about the next one but I'm sworn to secrecy.*

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED!

As more young people join us on Sunday mornings, more help is needed in the Religious Exploration Programs we offer. **Vanessa Soldano** and **Karli Warren** will be working with us again this coming September, but Casey Stainsby has completed her studies at Concordia and will be returning to Western Canada. We are now looking for a warm, caring person who has a rapport with children and likes being part of a team. If anyone knows of a CEGEP or University student, or young person in your community who might be interested, please have them e-mail Peg at **wooley@videotron.ca**. This is a paid position, which consists of two hours on Sunday mornings and preparation time.

- Peg

BITS FROM THE BOARD

The Board met twice during the Month of May – the first meeting dealing with the day-to-day business such as finding volunteers to look after church library (thank you to Margot Barclay and Sheila Laursen who both offered to do this), funding delegates and others attending the Canadian Counsel's Annual General Meeting and Conference in Ottawa - **Susan Czarnocki** attended as our official delegate, while **Catherine Forbes** offered her services as Youth Advisor – and we had three youth attending – **Ariel, Bella and Karli!**

It was noted that we welcomed five people new members in May: a warm welcome to **Dan Amstutz, Christopher Thomson, Gary Spiller** and Youth Members **Ariel Amstutz** and **Bella Gavanski** .

Sari Kelen was appointed to the Responsible Membership Committee for the next three years, where she will work with **James Sisley** and **Paul Sullivan**.

As it has proven difficult to get volunteers to fill both the positions of Treasurer and Church Secretary the decision was made to hire **Susan Czarnocki** for both positions for the 2015/16 church year. The other person difficult to replace is Casey Stainsby who has been our SE Animator for the past four years. We are actively seeking someone and will continue to do so throughout the summer.

Irene Hausknost and **Rob Lutes** were welcomed to the second meeting as they will be members of the Board in the coming year. This meeting dealt mainly with preparing the proposed budget for the year 2015/16 which will be presented for acceptance by the congregation at this year's Annual General Meeting to be held on June 17, 2015.

CONCERT

Kerry-Anne Kutz is holding an end-of-year Broadway concert featuring her students - to be held at L'Entrepot, Lachine on Tuesday, June 9th. The congregation is invited to this free concert. Contact Kerry-Anne for more details: 514-624-2307.

LUUC'S FINANCIAL WORLD

Just a reminder that our bills have to be paid twelve months of the year - whether we are meeting or not. Can you please send **Susan Czarnocki** your **post-dated pledge cheques** - if you haven't already done so. This helps us identify how much we have to work with during the summer and plan our preparations for the 2015/16 church year. - ed

O CANADA

With Canada Day just around the corner – **Nancy Graham** wanted us to know the lovely words of the 2nd verse of our National Anthem – thank you Nancy.

**O Canada, where pines and maples grow
Great prairies spread and lordly rivers flow.
How dear to us thy broad domain
From sea to shining sea
Thou land of hope for all who toil
Thou true north strong and free!
O Canada, glorious and free
We stand on guard,
We stand on guard for thee.
O Canada we stand on guard for thee!**

It is wonderful to feel the grandness of Canada in the raw, not because she is Canada but because she's something sublime that you were born into, some great rugged power that you are part of. - **Emily Carr**

SUMMER BBQs

We will continue our tradition of BBQs throughout the summer:

Saturday July 5th - North Hatley – see notice below.

Saturday July 11th – Rob and Monique – 48 Broadview, Pointe Claire.
514-515-4195

Saturday July 18th – Nathalie Hainaut: 2130 Thorncliffe, St. Lazare.
450-218-1881

Saturday August 8th - Susan Czarnocki: 30 – 52nd Avenue, Lachine.
514-639-5464

Saturday August 22nd – Sari Kelen: 347 Woodcroft Avenue, Hudson.
450-458-6644

We meet at 5:00pm – bring food to eat and food to share and a garden chair. Let the hostess know that you plan to attend. She will provide the coffee, plates, cutlery etc.

NORTH HATLEYS ANNUAL PICNIC

North Hatley's Annual Picnic has been scheduled for July 5th this year. Coffee is served in the church from 9:30am; Worship in the church at 10:30am; followed by picnic and games and swimming in the pool at the home of Joey Marosi, on the other side of the lake from the church. Keith Baxter of North Hatley says, "It's fun when some of you Montrealers take the trouble to come out to the country and join us for 1 day a year."
- **Keith Baxter**

SUSAN'S LUCK

At the recent **Men's Brigade** luncheon for the Ladies, we had a draw for the colourful, beautifully packaged raffle prizes. Impossible to believe – but **Susan's** ticket numbers were picked 3 times out of five!

...BUT THEN LADY LUCK IS SOO FICKLE!

The next time we saw Susan, a road rage maniac had dented her car and a huge truck backed into her – knocking her down! The good news is that she is definitely shaken – perhaps even stirred - but certainly not out!

HYMNALS

As **Paul Sullivan** remarked in his recent service, we are short of Hymn Books. Is that a good thing or a bad thing? Well – not so good because it means we have to buy more – but *VERY GOOD* because we have more posteriors sitting in our pews. Can you help us? We are hoping to find 10 people or more, willing to buy a hymnal each and donate it to LUUC. Please phone **Heather** for more information 514-630-4206.
- **ed**

CARING NEWS AND BIRTHDAYS

Margot Barclay reports that at the present date – everyone in the congregation is healthy! Well done – the best report we can have. **Birthday greetings to Peg Wooley**, June 1st, **Richard Vincent**, June 9th, **Gabriel Shaar**, June 11th, **Monica Warren**, June 18th and **Mary Rowan** June 24th. Enjoy your special day everyone – and have fun!

"If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done!"

THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER

Great excitement at the **Ecomuseum** as a baby Caribou was born there earlier this month. It's always worth a once-a-year trip to see what's new at this unique wildlife museum. 21125 Ste. Marie Road, Ste. Anne de Bellevue. Open from 9:00am – 5:00 pm every day.

The RCMP Musical Ride will highlight St. Lazare's *Au Galop* equestrian festival from Friday August 7th – Sunday August 9th when the RCMP will perform their cavalry drills to music.

The Canadian Aviation Heritage Centre is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. It's located at 21111 Lakeshore Road, Ste. Anne de Bellevue. 514-626-6921. (McGill Campus)

Hudson Theatre – Plays throughout the summer - hvtbox@videotron.ca. Box Office: 450 458 5361.

The **Country Home Tour of Hudson** is a well-established annual event. This year it is on June 4th from 10:00am – 4:00pm – the \$30.00 tickets are available at several West Island stores. For more info: HUDSONCOUNTRYHOMETOUR@GAIL.COM

OR...you can always take a trip out to beautiful **Ste. Anne de Bellevue**, visit the NOVA shops; the unique and historic D A'oust's (115 years old); explore the boardwalk; sit and watch the boats while having a glass of wine; have lunch at T.W.I.G.S., Herbs or the Simon Fraser House (among many); take a picnic and sit by the Locks; visit the outdoor market on Saturday mornings – fresh vegetables, cheese, honey, candles, soap, delicious bread, baking and conversation, all to live music. It's a party every week! See you there.

Visit the **Nichoir** in Hudson – a bird sanctuary at 637 Main Street, Hudson – where sick and injured birds are cared for and released again into the wild. Call 450-458-2809 for times when the sanctuary is open to the public.

Don't forget **Finnegan's** for a Saturday adventure – it's also in Hudson – a fabulous flea market and much much more.

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ORDINATION AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTREAL **MAY 14, 2015**

An occasion of great joy was celebrated at the Unitarian Church of Montreal on May 14th, 2015, the ordination of Nicoline Guerrier to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry. The sanctuary was filled with her family, friends, and colleagues. There were twenty ministers present from all over Canada, and two from the United States. We filed into the sanctuary in a double line. Representatives from The Canadian Unitarian Council, the U.U.A.'s Religious Professionals of Colour Committee, the Neighbourhood Congregation's Internship Committee, and Nicoline's Montreal Praxis Committee, were also present. Louise Halperin, the pianist, and the group, "The Greater Goods," performed marvellously!

Voices were lifted for the processional hymn, "Wake Now My Senses," and later for "Spirit of Life," in English and French. Towards the end of the celebration, we sang "Lean On Me," and the recessional song was "Turn the World Around."

There were lovely readings and prayers, as well as two moving homilies, the first by The Reverend Diane Rollert, and the second by The Reverend Peter Boullata. It was noted that Nicoline is the first to be ordained into U.U. ministry at UCM. All of MCM's previous ministers, and their present minister, were ordained elsewhere.

Nicoline made her pledge to serve the U.U. Ministry with honour, and to follow the ethical requirements of such a ministry. Then members of the congregation ordained her into ministry. This was followed by the pledging of support by family, friends, and colleagues. And then a most special moment, when The Reverend Charles Eddis, performed the offering of "The Right Hand of Fellowship" to Nicoline.

The Rev. Wayne Walder, of Neighbourhood Congregation, Toronto, beautifully led the ritual of the "Laying on of Hands." After his carefully chosen, and extremely moving opening words, he called upon Nicoline's family to stand around her and to touch her.

U.U. ministers were then called up to join with the family, and were invited to take someone's hand or to touch someone close by. The wider congregation were invited to do the same until we were all connected through touch and blessing to the one being ordained, Nicoline Guerrier. It was a magic moment, in a most special occasion. I was thrilled for Nicoline, and honoured to be there.

- **Rev. Heather**

UNITARIAN PASSAGE TO INDIA – THE REV. STAN SEARS – Part 2A

As promised in the May newsletter, I am discussing perhaps the greatest writer in Indian literature, Rabindranath Tagore. I am always excited when I can see how someone from a very different background can be an epitome of Unitarianism.

At the turn of the 20th century, Tagore of the Brahmo Samaj, wrote prolifically: poems, essays on philosophy and theology, musicals, hymns and essays on social justice(!) Some of Tagore's transcendent poems are printed in our Hymns of the Spirit.

At this time, India was seeking independence. Tagore and Ghandi knew each other and worked together, and Tagore won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913, the first non-European to win. Internationally renowned, he gave lectures on a tour of American Unitarian churches. He spoke of Hinduism and read from his writings and poetry. Rev. Sears likes to think that Unitarianism was transformed by its encounter with Hinduism. Eloquent and tender, Tagore's poetry transcends Hinduism and Unitarianism. Rev. Sears feels that his poetry is an "unmediated vision of the divine", the original experience of awe that gave birth to all religions.

Some of Tagore's fans were Einstein, Yeats, T.S. Eliot and even Mussolini, until Tagore denounced his regime as fascist. The Nazis then called Tagore a Jew, and said his real name was Rabbi Nathan!

In 1915 the British knighted him, but Tagore returned his medal and renounced his knighthood when in 1919 the British massacred 300 Indians and wounded 1200 at Amritsar.

For Rev. Sears, the reason for exploring the relationship between people as diverse as William Roberts, Rammohun Roy and Rabindranath Tagore is what they have to teach us about bringing diverse groups of people together. While they came to our faith in different ways, they shared common factors: the impetus to question religion; the oneness of God and the desire to eradicate class and gender distinctions.

Rev. Sears closed his sermon with a quote from Tagore's book, *The Religion of Man*: "It is significant that all great religions have their historic origin in persons who represented their life a truth which was not cosmic and unmoral, but human and good."

- Sari Kelen

Beloved LUUC Community,

Here we are, at the edge of one beautiful phase of our journey together, on the precipice of another. This will be my last month as a Spiritual Exploration Animator here at Lakeshore, as I have completed my degree at Concordia and will be heading back to be with my family in Vancouver for the summer and really can't tell you where life will take me next (so don't ask!). These four years with you have been a wonderful time of inspiration and growth, and I can't thank you enough for the confidence, support and friendship you have shown me. As you continue to share, celebrate, struggle, build and grow together as a community, here are some of my wishes for you:

Maintain your multi-generationalism - The ease with which members of all ages exist and interact with each other here has always impressed me. This is a beautiful and rare thing in our society, so continue to value it highly, especially as your programs grow.

It takes a community - The natural extension of embracing all things multi-generational is for people of all ages and relationships to get involved in kids' and youth programming! Parents parent full time already, so let's step up and share the role when we have a chance.

Stay connected to UUs elsewhere - It helps to remember that we are a part of something much bigger than ourselves. I have a feeling the youth will be leading you in this area now that they have the con bug!

Stay open to being changed - For what is a religious community for if not to continually transform us into better versions of ourselves?

I'll come visit whenever I'm in town!
In love and faith,
Casey

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