

September 20th - 10:30 a.m.

**CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
Clifford Lincoln**

Clifford Lincoln says “Yes”, that each one of us can change his or her world at least a little, and together we can change it much more. I will give a few examples of individuals whose lot in life was far more challenging than the norm, yet managed to inspire and have an impact on the world around them.

**Service Leader: Gabor Matyas
Musician: Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Hospitality: Peg Wooley
Heather Falconer**

September 27th 10:30 a.m.

**AN ALPHABET OF SPIRITUAL LITERACY
Rev. Carole Martignacco**

From Awe to Zeal there are numerous words transcending dogma or creed that describe essential qualities of the human spirit with the power to unite us across religious difference. We will explore a sample of ‘spiritual but not religious’ words in a truly universal lexicon.

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POTLUCK LUNCHEON: This is our first Potluck Luncheon of the season – **bring some food – share some - and eat some.** **Sheila Laursen** and her team of **Susan Czarnocki, Kathy and Gabor Matyas** and James **Sisley** will be hosting.

R I P Cecil

Stay safe Sudan – don’t let those poachers get you!
Sudan is the last male Northern White Rhinoceros and is under 24 hour protection by the Kenyan military

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back – I hope you enjoyed restful, sun-filled days lollygagging around with nothing to do but sip your favourite liquid and relax.

When we return in the Fall, the Federal Elections will be in full swing and as Unitarians, we automatically want to right perceived wrongs – it's in our DNA – and this inevitably leads us to think about a political solution. We petition the government to change its mind by writing letters, attending rallies, singing songs in ridiculous outfits, anything to attract the attention of politicians and get our points across, in the hope that they will change their legislative minds. Unfortunately, the Government does not always see things our way.

This is not an excuse for us to denigrate politicians with unfair and untrue statements. Because we do not agree with someone's policies or opinions does not mean that they should be compared to odious historical figures or that their private family lives should be maligned. That is not fair – and it offends our own tenets and beliefs. What we say amongst ourselves is our business – but what we say publicly should be of concern to all of us.

As a long-time LUUCer, I would like to return to the times when we held our forums. Then we had all the local political hopefuls come to our church and discuss their viewpoints. As time went on this forum of ours became so popular, we out-grew the church hall and had to rent the auditorium at Fairview – We filled it – standing room only! The first forum that I attended was when another Trudeau livened up Canadian politics. He was older, less good-looking, and shorter than the current one, but he was loaded with charisma - yes, indeed that was a long time ago.

I don't think we can stage such an event at the moment – but I live in hopes that one day we will be strong enough - membership-wise – to attempt another forum. Instead, may I put forward one of **Sheila's** suggestions, that it is time to bring back our **Discussion Group**. We held these for years. We met once a month on a week night – sometimes we had a speaker – our dialogue was often very lively – and we were able to “get off our chest” whatever it was we were passionate about.

- Heather

THE GIRLS GO TO UNICAMP

This summer we had the chance to visit Unicamp in Ontario for Jouth week. It was definitely a life changing and eye-opening experience for both of us. We had the chance to meet Unitarian Youth from all around Canada and the U.S. and we loved being able to hang out and talk with kids we wouldn't have had the chance to meet, were it not for Unicamp. No matter what people's differences were, we were all able to share a space together and we formed a very strong community during the week we were together. One of our favourite parts of Unicamp was the discussion that happened every morning. There was a different topic everyday and we had the opportunity to hear different points of view and discuss our opinions on whatever the topic was. Some of the topics that we enjoyed discussing were: Feminism, and body-image. It was very interesting and sometimes eye-opening what different people had to say. We played a lot of games, went to a dance, had fun swimming in the small lake and ate wonderful healthy meals every day. Overall, it was an amazing experience and we would love to have the opportunity to experience it again. Thank you to **Line Merrette** for making it happen and possible for us to go!

- Bella and Olivia Gavanski

CHAPLAINS

The chaplains had a small up-tick in wedding ceremonies this summer – with some already booked for next year. You don't hear from the three of us very often in our capacity as your chaplains, but please know that we quietly beaver away on your behalf. As usual, we travelled to various venues scattered all over the place: by the lake, yacht clubs, public parks, in people's homes, on golf courses or in grand hotels. The outdoor ceremonies I did this year were very picturesque – but under a blazing hot sun – and I just melted. Some weddings were large and extravagant and others very simple and elegant – but always special and always different. I get such a huge feeling of satisfaction, pleasure and gratification when the service is over, all has gone well, and the happy couple waltz off down the aisle to start their new lives together.

- Heather

HYMNALS

We have purchased several more hymn books over the summer as we are in the happy position of having extra people sitting in our pews. A big thank-you to **Susan Czarnocki** and **Sheila Laursen** who have been most kind, using their US connections to help reduce the 30% premium on the US dollar as well as the heavy price of import taxes and cartage costs.

12 -Singing the Living tradition: 30\$ Can. each
10 -Singing the Journey: 20\$ Can. each
Shipping and taxes extra.

Fortunately for us, five LUUCers have generously offered to purchase some of these hymnals - and we are hoping that other people will be willing to purchase the remaining books. Please contact me (514-630-4206) should you wish to donate a hymnal. Many thanks.

- Heather

CARING AND OUR BIRTHDAYS

There were many birthdays in **August** – and so happy belated birthdays to you all: **Maud Bonnier, John Foulds, Susan Czarnocki, Allan Strong, Gabor Matyas, Margot Barclay, Susan Hawker et moi.**

In **September**: Happy birthday to **Bella Gavanski** on the 3rd, **Brianna Amstutz** on the 7th and **Cormac Lutes** on the 28th - I hope you all enjoy a very special day. **ALSO** - Special greetings to **Lois Read** on September 27th - Lois is one of our original members – Happy Birthday Lois!

It is with sadness that we heard of **Tom Bird's** death. Tom was a long time member of LUUC and we missed him and his wife Pat when they moved to their country home near North Hatley over 25 years ago. Please contact me if you wish to see his full obituary.

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WHO DOES WHAT AT LAKESHORE

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| Music Director: – Kerry-Anne Kutz | |

As a Board we have agreed to

- Try to answer all your questions/queries promptly.**
- Listen to all your suggestions – and act on them where possible.**
- Increase our coffers by fun-fundraising projects.**
- Try to involve everyone one way or another.**
- Guard our nest egg judiciously.**
- Try to slay the deficit.**
- Increase our membership.**
- And at the same time, enjoy ourselves!**

Should you have any ideas you wish to share that you think will work well at LUUC, please contact a Board member and/or consider being on a committee.

Our **July Board Meeting** was relatively brief – after spending time distributing and discussing the portfolios, we spoke of purchasing new hymnals – (see page 5); buying a new coffee pot; a report on the Long Range Planning Committee's efforts to find a property further west, which so far have been unsuccessful; the need for a new senior teacher; the possibility of Rob producing monthly *Coffee Houses* at the church and the need to get a better quote on our insurance.

- Heather

OUR CHARITIES

I want to review our charities again this year, so we all know what and whom we are supporting:

Child Haven International: We help support the care of approximately 1,000 children in India, Bangladesh and Tibet housed in nine separate Homes, by holding an annual dinner – this year on Friday September 25th - **LUUC's major endeavour.** (See page 14.)

Fair Trade Coffee: We enjoy this coffee every Sunday after the service - purchased at Dix Mille Villages. As the coffee is more expensive than most - (remember - you get what you pay for) - your donations in the little 'silver coffee box' help to fund this effort. **Sheila Laursen's** suggestion.

Fonds de depannage – now known as - West Island Assistant Fund: On a weekly basis, those who wish bring non-perishable food items to the church. These items are collected and delivered by **Nancy Graham.** (See page 11)

Suitcases for Africa: We guarantee the education of two children, (sometimes a 3rd child) up to high school level - at a cost of approximately \$500 per year. **Sheila's** suggestion. We fund this from proceeds from empty cans and bottles by donations in the 'suitcases box', and from Kerry-Anne's student concerts.

Native Women's Shelter: This is a new charity for us started last season. For one whole month in the early spring, we filled boxes of necessities i.e. bed linen, clothes, toiletries and non-perishable food etc. and delivered them. As they were very well received, we will do this again. Suggested by **Sari Kelen** of the **Social Action Committee/SAC.**

Christmas Basket: This is one our oldest traditions – by collecting money around Christmas time, we put together a very substantial 'basket' – make that several boxes - of groceries, toys and household items for a local family.

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Bags of School Supplies: In the 'fall, we sew sturdy cloth bags and fill them with school supplies – (See below). **Sheila's** suggestion.

Soup Kitchen: We did fill a basket of groceries for the Lachine Soup kitchen when the two wonderful ladies who organize it came to talk to us. This was a one-off however, as it may clash with **Nancy's West Island Assistant Fund**.

At the first meeting of the new Board we agreed that, apart from the above, the proceeds from all other fundraising efforts will go directly into LUUC's coffers.

- **Heather**

HELP EQUIP A CHILD FOR SCHOOL

Notebooks and pencils become treasures to families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. School kits are also given to refugee and displaced children, helping students and teachers add some normalcy to disrupted lives. They are frequently requested after disasters. Dix Mille Villages collects these supplies for the Mennonite Central Committee, which sends school kits overseas to places including Afghanistan, Jordan and Kenya.

Contents – new items only

4 spiral or perforated notebooks (about 21.5cm x 27cm / 8.5in. x 10.5 in and 140 pages; or 4 notebooks = 560 pages.)

8 unsharpened pencils

1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in.)

12 coloured pencils (in packaging)

1 large pencil eraser

Please bring these items to the Lakeshore UU Congregation during our September and October Sunday services. **Sheila Laursen** will collect them and deliver them to Dix Mille Villages at the end of October for them to begin their voyage to school children overseas. Many thanks!

- **Sheila Laursen**

ROLAND BLENNERHASSET

Those who remember **Roland Blennerhassett** – will be sad to know that he died during the summer. There was a touching obituary in the Gazette – he was in his 90s.

From the day he came to us, he established himself as an interesting “character,” with his shock of yellow/white hair and his cowboy boots. Years previously, he had started a recycling business - (almost before North Americans had heard of the word *recycling*) - and had a warehouse full of hub-caps. Most of us took advantage of his unique service and bought at least one, if not all four of our hub-caps from him. Going to his warehouse was an adventure in itself. There were chrome discs piled here and chrome discs piled there – all the way up the walls to the ceiling. It didn't matter what type of hub-cap you needed – he had it – and he knew exactly where to find it in his huge and confusing collection. He had his own system of identification – and only he was privy to it.

Roland had a connection to the bark *Jeanie Johnston* that sailed from Blennerville, County Kerry, Ireland, carrying immigrants to North America in the mid-1800s at the time of the great famine. Not one life was lost aboard the *Jeanie Johnston* during her 14 crossings throughout these terrible times and Roland's great uncle Dr. Richard Blennerhassett was credited with this amazing achievement. A duplicate ship was built and when she sailed into Montreal harbour in 2003 - I took my grandchildren down to the quay to tour her.

Because of Roland's interest in the *Jeanie Johnston*, I invited him and a crew-member to my house for lunch. We enjoyed a very nautical meal (sea food of course), with many laughs. Roland had a great time and afterwards, he and the crew left together to continue their acquaintanceship.

- **Heather**

PS: There is a photo of **Roland** in my book, *Marching to the Beat of a Different Drummer* – where he appears to be busily sewing some treasure for the Christmas Bazaar.....I told you he was an interesting character! – **H.**

OUR NEW S.E. DIRECTOR

A very big welcome to **Ivy O'Reilly** our new S.E. Director. **Ivy** will be teaching our youth, while **Vanessa** will continue with the young school age children and **Karli** will take care of the wee ones.

Ivy O'Reilly says that she is honored to join our team after more than ten years at the downtown Montreal Unitarian congregation and thrilled to have the opportunity to be a part of such a strong and flourishing Spiritual Exploration Program. She is looking forward to challenging and inspiring all of us!

Ivy comes to us with a multitude of Unitarian training and experience that she hopes to use to build meaningful programs and activities that will foster the continued growth and encourage true connectedness among our children, youth and adults.

With a Bachelors of Education from McGill University she is a qualified educator and has been teaching both traditional and spiritual education since 2004. She has completed the YA (Youth Advisor) Training Program in Ohio, served as a YPC (Youth Programs Co-ordinator) and Advisor, completed and facilitated the K-6 OWL (Our Whole Lives) Sexuality Education Program, attended the LREDA (Liberal Religious Educators Association) conference, worked as a DRE (Director of Religious Education) Assistant, and as if that weren't enough, she co-led this past Summer Services at the UCM (Unitarian Church of Montreal). Whew!

Ivy is a high-energy, ambitious, and passionate person whose true inspiration comes from teaching and sharing with others. She believes in a world where people truly appreciate one another and that doesn't happen unless we share authentically and work at understanding. *WARNING * She boldly goes where no-one has gone before, so when this happens, please stay calm and carry-on!

- WOW!

Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand.
(Chinese Proverb)

WEST ISLAND ASSISTANT FUND - WIAF

In spite of vandalism, the *West Island Assistance Fund* carries on! They helped send 20 children to camp in July and to a church camp in August.

But **FOOD** is their main community support. So we will keep on collecting in 2015-2016. Please bring cans and toiletries, practical things, as suggested here.

Green and wax beans, mushrooms, beets, corn, cranberries

Salmon, corned beef, condiments, ravioli, meatballs.

Canned pineapple, oranges, applesauce, peaches, pears, fruit salad.

The cold weather is coming. Please ensure that our less fortunate neighbours have enough to eat at least. Many thanks.

- Nancy Graham

LUUC'S LENDING LIBRARY - THE LLL

Did you read a great book this summer? One that you hope others will read too? Please consider adding it to our LUUC Lending Library. If you bring a book, be sure to write down the title and your name in our book record notebook so it can be returned to you whenever you wish.

And while you are at the book display, see if there isn't something there that you would like to read. We have a wide variety of fiction, books on theology, biographies, autobiographies and some suitable for children.....just enter your name, the date and the title of the book you have borrowed in the book record notebook - and Happy Reading!

- Sheila Laursen

OUR INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

I am pleased to report that as of August 11th we had \$284,000 worth of assets in our investment portfolio. We are in the process of transferring this portfolio from the Bank of Montreal to Lester Asset Management (LAM).

LAM is a Montreal-based portfolio management firm founded in 1986. It is owned and managed by three “seasoned industry veterans”: Ken Lester who is the chief executive officer, Stephen Takacsy who is the chief investment officer, and Peter Dlouhy who is the chief compliance officer. I met Stephen Takacsy at several investment conferences, I was very impressed with him, and I recommended his firm to Heather Falconer and Susan Czarnocky. Later on Heather, Susan and I met with the other executives at the offices of LAM. Our Board subsequently approved the transfer of the portfolio.

LAM has \$275 million of assets under management (AUM) and they charge an annual management fee of 1.5% of AUM. Their Canadian Equity Composite Fund had a compound annual return, net of fees, of 11.1% since 2006, outperforming their benchmark market index by a significant margin.

I am confident that LAM will continue to perform well over the long term and exercise sound stewardship of our funds.

Respectfully yours,
Gabor Matyas

POT LUCK LUNCH TEAM FOR OCTOBER

Dori Abbott's team of **Peter Abbott, Dan Amstutz, Margot Barclay, Sari Kelen and Philip Prince** will be hosts for the October 25th Pot Luck Lunch, when the Rev. Frances Deverell will be speaking to us.

If for some reason you cannot make that date – kindly inform **Dori** – **and find your own replacement.**

MUSIC FOR EVERYONE!!

I am so excited to begin our **Little Maestros** group and our **Lakeshore Community Choir** rehearsals once again. We have decided to hold the Little Maestros group every Sunday this year and are looking forward to singing with our WONDERFUL young families beginning at our very first service on September 13th at 9:30 a.m.

Our choir will be quite busy this Fall because we are planning to sing at the Child Haven dinner. I am also hoping the choir will be able to sing at the **Commemoration of the Battle of Britain** ceremony, a beautiful event held at the Dorval cenotaph at Pine Beach on Sunday, September 13th at 2:00 p.m. The congregation is welcome to attend this very moving ceremony.

This year I am also going to initiate a children's choir that will be an extension of the Little Maestros group. We will sing every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:15. Please tell all the young families you know about our wonderful musical activities for their children and for Mom and Dad too!

- Kerry-Anne

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The Storm is Passing Over

Have courage, my soul,
and let us journey on.

Though the night is dark,
And I am far from home.
Thanks be to God,
the morning light appears.
The storm is passing over.

“What day is it?” asked Pooh

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“It’s today”, squeaked Piglet

“My favourite day”, said Pooh.

CHILD HAVEN

Child Haven International, run by Rev. Fred and Bonnie Cappuccino, consists of a series of homes for needy children in India, Nepal, Tibet and Bangladesh. There are nine homes in all housing over 1,000 children, as well as workshops to teach tailoring and other marketable skills to destitute women.

This is the **20th year** that LUUC has organized a fund raising dinner for Child Haven, complete with delicious Indian food and a colourful Indian Bazaar. Be sure to join us this year!

Friday, September 25th, 2015 beginning at 6 p.m.

Karnak Shriners Hall

3350 boul. des Sources,
Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Qc, H9B 1Z9

**Indian Cuisine by Sahib
Cash Bar**

Silent auction and Eastern Bazaar treasures
from India, Nepal, Tibet and Bangladesh

Music and images of Child Haven's Homes and Children

Tickets: \$40.00 if purchased in advance - or \$45 at the door
Children 8 years and under free, 9-17 years \$20.00

Call : Conny Bélanger 514 542-3381 for information. You can make your reservation and pay online via the website www.childhaven.ca

And if you would like to help with organizing, setting up, clean up, etc. please contact Sheila Laursen 514 697-4195 or sheila.laursen@bell.net
Your help would be most welcome!

AROUND TOWN

Our Summer B.B.Qs: Our four summer BBQs were very successful this year – many thanks to **Rob** and **Monique**, **Susan**, **Nathalie** and **Terry** and **Sari** and **Phil** for hosting. Each one was different – we had flitting fireflies at **Susan's**, a campfire and harmonizing sing-song at **Sari** and **Phil's**, extra canine guests livened the party at **Nathalie's** and lots of fun at **Rob** and **Monique's**.

There is still time to see the **Rodin** exhibition currently on at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts on Sherbrooke Street. It finishes in October and is half price on Wednesday evenings. I found it most fascinating – and was particularly impressed with the room for blind people, where copies of Rodin's famous works, i.e. **The Kiss** and **The Thinker**, can be touched rather than seen.

Also at the Museum – Did you know it is 200 years since the Battle of Waterloo and the defeat of Napoleon (1815)? There is a wonderful exhibition of all things Napoleon in the permanent collection at the museum.

Did you know that **21 swings** have been installed close to a bus stop located at the Place-des-Arts metro on President-Kennedy in between Jeanne-Mance and St. Urbain. You can sit and gently swing while waiting for your bus to come along. All who have tried it are enchanted with the whole concept. But it's better than that – because each swing activates a different instrument – as you swing, music is heard – and if all twenty-one swing in unison, then the sound of glorious music fills the air. How innovative is that?

The Market in Ste. Anne de Bellevue will continue to operate until late October – and after that it goes indoors to the basement of St. George's Anglican Church. The Market is a very lively place – and apart from selling the freshest of vegetables – there's African arty jewellery, special soaps, wine, Indian food, breads and baking, freshly laid eggs, speciality/exotic meats, cheese etc. and on top of that, there's always a singing duo to liven everything up. If you tarry for a while, sit down and to partake of a cup of T.W.I.G.S. coffee – you are bound to meet one or more of your LUUC friends. **- ed**

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