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## **FEBRUARY 2017**

**FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> - 10:30 am.**

**RAOUL WALLENBERG AND HOW HE  
 HELPED MY HUNGARIAN FAMILY**  
**Sari Kelen**

Born in 1912, Raoul Wallenberg was a Swedish humanitarian who rescued as many as 100 000 Jews in Hungary during World War 2. Only in the last ten years, did I learn of my Hungarian cousins in Canada who were saved by Wallenberg, and, since then, their daughter has become a new friend for me.

**Service Leader: Peter Abbott**  
**Musician: Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Hospitality: Phil Prince**  
**TBA**

**FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup> - 10:30am.**

**ANGER AND FORGIVENESS,  
STRATEGIES AND SINS**

**Marianne Ackerman**

Montréal writer and editor Marianne Ackerman will present a consideration of the new book *Anger and Forgiveness* by the philosopher Martha Nussbaum. Nussbaum is critical of the idea that nurturing and proclaiming anger can have a restorative effect, can undo whatever damage has been done. Marianne is doing a review of this book, published in 2016 by Oxford University Press, and an essay on her own website, *Rover: Culture and Conversation*, see [www.roverarts.com](http://www.roverarts.com)

**Service Leader: Irene Hausknost**

**Hospitality: Selina Rooker-Sanchez**

**Musician: Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Michael Rooker**

**PASTA LUNCH AND LINE DANCING!!**

Following the service the event will be free for children 5 and under; \$5. children ages 6-12; and \$10 ages 13 and up. Please note that since all the food will be provided, it will **not** be a pot-luck. Come and enjoy our wonderful fund-raiser!

**FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 am.**

**HEAR THE EARTH'S CALL**

**Rev. Carly Gaylor**

The Canadian Unitarian Council's new vision statement, affirmed at the 2016 AGM, is "Our interdependence calls us to love and justice." What does it mean to heed this call? How can we grow into this vision each and every day? Together, we'll explore the implications of our interdependence for us as Unitarian Universalists.

**Service Leader: Paul Sullivan**

**Hospitality:**

**Sheila Laursen**

**Musician: Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Nancy Graham**



**FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> - 10:30 am.**

**CHASING THE WINTER BLUES AWAY**  
**Kerry-Anne Kutz, Rob Lutes**



**Rob Lutes, Karine Deschamps** and **Kerry-Anne Kutz** are all professional musicians who specialize in different musical genres. We all share a passion for music, great lyrics, sharing unforgettable moments with our audiences and fellow musicians on stage, in rehearsal and in the recording studio. There is without a doubt, a very spiritual aspect to our lives in music and we hope to share that with you through readings and music. Members of the congregation will also share their thoughts on the importance of music in their lives.

**Service Leader: Christopher Thomson**  
**Musician: Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Hospitality: Nancy Schmidt**  
**Nancy Graham**



**POTLUCK LUNCHEON** after the service – please bring some yummy food for us all to enjoy together.

**Potluck Crew: Susan Czarnocki, Samatha Lustig, Huntly McNiven and Gary Spiller.**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Did we skip a couple of months? It feels more like the end of March or early April these days! Enjoy it while it lasts... I think Mother Nature still has a few surprises up her sleeves! For many, this time of year can be especially challenging. It is typically cold and blustery, keeping us indoors much of the time, and we can begin to feel isolated. The days are still too short for our liking and the lack of vitamin D, which we get from the sun, can darken our usually cheerful dispositions.

However, the Board is planning some fun activities to lighten the mood. February 12th is our Pasta Luncheon/Line Dancing Extravaganza and fundraiser! With last year's square dancing activity being such a huge success, we decided to try the same formula with a different type of dance. It should be heaps of fun, and a great way to beat those mid winter blues together. Details about the activity are on page 9. However, we encourage everyone to bring a friend or two to join in our fun.

Other activities on the horizon are a special musical service on February 26th, and a service auction set for March 19 during the coffee hour. Stay tuned for more information to follow on these events.

Talking about these events brings me to the topic of stewardship. While the Board is working on developing its strategy for the annual pledge campaign, Christopher, our Treasurer, will begin the dialogue about stewardship and its importance to LUUC. It can be a difficult subject to broach, and I urge everyone to read his article on page 5 and to reflect upon his words for the time being.

Please know that your generosity to date is greatly appreciated.

**- Irene**

“Love consists in this, that two solitudes protect and touch and greet each other.”

**- Rainer Maria Rilke, in Letters to a Young Poet**

## SOME THOUGHTS ON SUSTAINING AND GROWING OUR COMMUNITY

We are now three quarters of our way through the LUUC fiscal year. We have actually spent a bit less money than last year at this point, but we are tracking lower on most of our income sources, compared with last year. So the Board held a special session early in January to examine how we can develop the conversation, within our community, about stewardship, or in other words, the gathering and husbanding of resources to realize our common purposes.

Would it help if each of us thought about the part our LUUC community plays in our lives and what ways does our spending on various items in our own personal budget reflect our priorities and values? Do we think of the benefits that we gain from our donations to LUUC? What else could we purchase that would provide more benefit to us than donating to LUUC? Here our donations are leveraged by joining with those of all the others. They support a great atmosphere for raising kids, beautiful music that nourishes our spirits, messages that speak to life's biggest issues, and a great spirit of community and camaraderie. It's hard to put a price on that.

As I pointed out in January's Newsletter, withdrawing some income from our endowment fund is, and has been for some time, a regular supplement to our resources, and we did so again in December to give us a cushion to see us to the fiscal year end, though probably we won't need to spend all of it. **And the amount of capital in the fund keeps on growing.** This reliance on income from an endowment is far from unusual; I know of one area Unitarian church that gets nearly one-third of its total income from its endowment fund. Did you know that the *Canada Revenue Agency* requires charities to spend an amount on charitable actions, at least, equivalent to 3.5 % of the value of their investments? (This money does not though have to come directly from the investments but can come from other sources of income, such as pledges.) The point of being a charity, like our church, is not to accumulate investments for their own sake, but to do charitable work, to do good in the world for ourselves and for others.

***Christopher Thomson, Treasurer,  
with input from Susan Czarnocki, Secretary***

## S. E. PROGRAM

As we move into the New Year, we begin new directions with our SE program. In December, we said goodbye to Thomas, as he moved to Toronto in early January. We are sad to see him go but excited to welcome four new helpers: Ariel, Bella, Olivia and Talia. As part of a leadership program they will be taking turns each month running lessons with the youngest group.

We will also be beginning a new program with the Wind Chimes. This program will be run around the theme of power, while using the four elements (water, fire, earth, air) to teach the children valuable lessons. To begin we quote the words of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: I am not interested in power for power's sake, but I'm interested in power that is moral, that is right and that is good.

As Unitarians, we believe each individual, as part of our inherent worth and dignity, has power, and there are many kinds of power as well as many ways to express one's power in the world. The important message is that power belongs to everyone, not only adults. We often view the word "power" with a negative connotation, reminding us of the corruption that comes when people pursue power for the sake of power alone. This unit will attempt to teach the youth the positive forms of power; everyone has power and the capacity to choose how and when to use it.

*- Erin Berry*



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## SHARING HOME AND CULTURE

Holly Fleming's "Sharing in Home and Culture" service on January 8 was terrific—to me, it was LUUC at its finest. Holly opens her home to international language students and gets back as much as she gives. Her talk focussed not only on her successes—fostering new friendships, helping people integrate into and enrich Canadian culture, and strengthening our community by giving a warm, safe and positive home to newcomers. She also explained the challenges she faced, and how learning to cope with these challenges has helped her grow as a person. Most importantly for me, she showed how someone with limited resources can make a difference in many people's lives—including the students, Holly's own family and friends, and in the greater world (including LUUC) that is inspired by her success. What a joy to see a person take steps to make her corner of the world a better place. Thank you for inviting such an inspiring speaker.

- **Nancy Schmidt**



**Mary writes...**

I found *Embracing the Dark*, the service on January 22<sup>nd</sup> by **Curtis Murphy** to be fascinating. It reminded me of when I was little, driving to my paternal grandparents' farm in Dunnville, Ontario. There was no Trans-Canada Highway then, and it was a twelve-hour drive from Lachine, where we lived at the time. We left in the afternoon and arrived at night. I thought that my grandparents had magic trees, because they lit up with the headlights at night! I fell asleep in the car, but one time, I woke up just as we got there. When I was twelve and also at the farm, I went out in the winter with my little brother, Paul. I woke him up at night to get dressed and watch an eclipse of the moon.

~ **Mary Hunter**

## **NOTES FROM THE BOARD**

Co-ordinating all LUUC activities and events remains a major preoccupation for the Board, as it should!

The current centre of attention is our Pasta Lunch/Line Dancing Extravaganza to celebrate February's Valentine's Day Romance theme and raise piles of money for the benefit of LUUC. It is scheduled for Sunday, February 12th. There is fuller information on page 9.

The Board recognizes that we have a challenge to keep our Youth Group engaged with LUUC, and also to bring in more young kids to keep up a strong SE programme. Help spread the word about the positive impact of SE on young lives.

Several people have suggested holding a service auction as a positive method to raise money for LUUC. With Rob Lutes' promise to be the auctioneer we decided to make it a GO. It is scheduled for March 19th. We all need to think of a service we could offer and join in the drama – who will win the bidding?!

Our Treasurer, **Christopher Thomson**, is writing several special monthly columns about LUUC's financial outlook, and about building a strong culture of stewardship in our congregation. In this report, I will simply note that for the month of December our income exceeded our expenses, and in general 2016-2017 expenses are tracking closely to those for 2015-2016.

**- Susan Czarnocki**  
**Board Secretary**

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## AGAIN THIS YEAR, THE FEBRUARY PASTA AND DANCING FUND-RAISER

Last year, the LUUC community had a wonderful time one mid-winter Sunday when, after the service, we organized a pasta lunch followed by square-dancing. So this year on February 12th, following a service featuring Montréal writer Marianne Ackerman speaking about 'Anger and Forgiveness, Strategies and Sins,' we invite all our community to join in a pasta lunch to be followed by line-dancing!

Please NOTE this is NOT a potluck meal; so please do not bring food, not even a sinful dessert. Cost per person: children 5 and under free; 6 to 12 years old \$ 5; 13 years old and older \$ 10. Come one and all (even if you don't make it to the service, we'll let you in).  
- **Christopher Thomson**

## THIS AND THAT

Did you notice all those pink 'cat-ear' hats that the women were wearing on their march in Washington recently? Our **Nancy Schmidt** knitted several of them – and packed them off to the Carolinas for some of the women to wear. - **ed**

It was encouraging that it wasn't too cold of a day to go to church this morning – January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Everybody was in fine form and the potluck luncheon was delicious!  
- **Mary Hunter**

The **Knitting Group** met for breakfast in January and, on hearing from a Board member who was present, that the Board was looking for ways to increase LUUCs revenues, came up with several suggestions which they thought might help alleviate this problem somewhat. Subsequently, these suggestions were relayed to some Board members who felt that they already had enough ideas - and likened the Knitting Group to Dickens' Madame Defarge in A Tale of Two Cities!! The Knitting Group roared with laughter at this comparison and decided to stick to their knitting from now on!  
- **The Knitters!**



**Happy Birthday to Erin Berry** – whose big day is on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Erin is a product of our children's school – and we are so happy she is now S.E. co-ordinator.

It's **Michael Rooker's** birthday on February 19<sup>th</sup> - Michael is a new member, and was bold enough to give us a service last December. Happy Birthday Michael!

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### **FEBRUARY FUN IN STE. ANNE'S**

**FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>: 9:00am – NOON** – Introduction to Ice Fishing – discover the joy of ice fishing under the guidance of an ice-fishing fanatic. All equipment provided – plus hot chocolate. Dress appropriately.

**NOON – 4:00pm** – Morgan Arboretum – have fun dog sledding, create an ice sculpture, enjoy a hike on one of the many trails.

**FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> – 1pm – 4:00pm** – Fetes des Neiges at Parc Aumais – Enjoy skating, inflatable rides, free hot chocolate, taffy on snow, arts and crafts in the chalet. Info at **514-457-1605** or [loisirs@sadb.qc.ca](mailto:loisirs@sadb.qc.ca) - ed



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## RACE

A couple of LUUCers, **Sheila Laursen, Peg Wooley** and I - went to see the film "Race" at the Union Church in Ste. Anne's. It was about African-American athlete Jesse Owens and the four fabulous gold medals he won at the Berlin Olympics in 1936. The Games were supposed to showcase Hitler's Germany and his superior Aryan race. Herr Hitler was not pleased with Jesse Owens' success and refused to shake his hand. Racism was not only rampant in Germany at the time, but also in the States. The White House never did congratulate Owens on his wins, and at a reception held in his honour in an upscale American hotel, Owens was forced to enter by the back doorway! Back room deals and scandals were prevalent and - of particular interest to me - some original footage of Leni Riefenstahl's acclaimed film of the Games was featured - which is a story in itself. We certainly recommend this film.

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## FEBRUARY FILMS AT THE POINTE CLAIRE LIBRARY

February 14<sup>th</sup> - **Sully** - based on the true story of Captain Sulenberger, played by Tim Hanks, who landed his debilitated plane on the frozen Hudson River - saving all 155 of his passengers. (This is a winner - **ed**)

February 28<sup>th</sup> - **Hell or High Water** - two brothers decide to rob different branches of a bank in Texas, which is threatening to foreclose on the family home.

Both films start at 1:30pm. at the library. This is a free service.

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## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO EVERYONE



Let me not to the marriage of true mind  
 Admit impediment. Love is not love  
 Which it alters when it alteration finds,  
 Or bends with the remover to remove:  
     O no; it is an ever fixed mark  
 That looks on tempests, and is never shaken;  
     It is the star to every wandering bark,  
 Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.  
 Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks  
     Within his bending sickle's compass come;  
 Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,  
     But bears it out even to the edge of doom.  
     If this be error and upon me proved,  
     I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

- *Sonnet 116* – *William Shakespeare*

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### **SUPPORTING OUR SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY**

Our co-sponsor, Salman, gave us some sad news recently about one of Bilal's children (the Syrian family we are sponsoring to come to Canada). The family has been in Saudi Arabia on Visitor visas since fleeing the war in Syria over a year ago. Abdulla, 10 years old, had gone out for a walk on December 13 with his 78 year old grandfather (Salman & Bilal's father and mother had gone to Mecca to see Bilal and family in Dammam, Saudi Arabia). While they were walking, a reckless driver hit them with his car. Both Abdulla and his grandfather were thrown quite a distance, and each suffered from a broken leg with open wounds. They had surgery in the hospital in Dammam. The grandfather now has a metal rod in his leg, and Abdulla had the first of two rods inserted surgically. Their leg bones were not just broken, but smashed. Both subsequently had infections in the open wounds, and are on antibiotics, which seem to be working. The insurance company for the driver who caused the accident has paid for the operations for both, but will not cover follow up care: medications, physiotherapy, etc.

So our Summerlea Refugee Support Coalition will now focus on organizing fundraising activities to help cover their living expenses, visa renewals and now medical care while they are still in Saudi Arabia. We hope you will help. If interested, please contact:

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**Susan Czarnocki** (514 773-1117, [susan.czarnocki@mcgill.ca](mailto:susan.czarnocki@mcgill.ca)) or  
**Sari Kelen** (450 458-6644, [sari.kelen@gmail.com](mailto:sari.kelen@gmail.com)).

- *Sheila Laursen*

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**MEET BONNIE FOLKINS – A TRUE ADVENTURER!**  
**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, AT 7:30pm AT LUUC**

Bonnie Folkins, an award-winning photographer, artist, and adventurer will be presenting her travels with the Golden Eagle hunters, documenting their centuries-old tradition of hunting with Golden Eagles. She has made several trips to western Mongolia, travelling on horseback in a harsh environment with the Kazakh nomadic people.

Bonnie Folkins made a trip to Mongolia in 2007, which she described as a life-changing experience. Since 2009, she has made three 1,100 mile horse treks across Mongolia and Kazakhstan for the purpose of photographing the nomadic people there. Having completed her first Long Ride, she was accepted as a member of the prestigious Long Riders Guild, the world's first international association of equestrian explorers. It represents men and women of all nations who have ridden more than 1000 miles or 1600 km on a single equestrian journey.

This special event will take place at LUUC with the cooperation of Cameron Gray of the Geography Club of Montreal. Free will offering with the refreshments. For more information, please contact: **Sheila Laursen** 514-697-4195.

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**SUPPORT MORRIE PORTNOFF – OUR PRINTER**

For many years our newsletters have been printed for us by Morrie Portnoff, owner of Nunavik Graphics at 93 Donegani in Pointe Claire. And not just newsletters: directories, flyers, posters - always done with care and efficiency.

Supporting him as he participates in the bike ride to support cancer research is a small way we can show gratitude for his skilful and friendly service over many years. Morrie says, "Please support my bicycle ride for the Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer benefiting the Segal Cancer Centre at the Jewish General Hospital."

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- **Susan Czarnocki**

### **175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**Wednesday February 15, 2017 - Noon Midday Meal at the Unitarian Church of Montreal, 5035 de Maisonneuve ouest, Montreal, H4A 1Y5**

The **Unitarian Church of Montreal** is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year, and is inviting us to join in their year-long anniversary celebrations. Here is one that hopefully many of us can celebrate with them.

- · Celebrate our Midday meal with “blasts from the past”
- · Enjoy organ music in the Sanctuary, 11:00 am
- · Admire books authored by our community
- · Enjoy a special meal by master chef Leslie Kaneb Tabah
- · Listen to musical delights after lunch, arranged by Sandra Hunt

It will be a wonderful and joyful event, and a delicious meal - and all that for only \$5 per person! Contact me if you would like to attend and would need a lift from the West Island to get there.

**Sheila Laursen** 514 697-4195 ([sheila.laursen@bell.net](mailto:sheila.laursen@bell.net))



### **RUDDIGORE BY THE LAKESHORE LIGHT OPERA**

At Lakeside Academy theatre – opposite LUUC - the Lakeshore Light Opera are presenting two matinees, on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>, both at 2 pm. – and four evening shows, on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> - all at 8 pm.

Tickets available now at (514-804-4900) and leave a message or at our website ([www.llo.org](http://www.llo.org)) and be connected to Brown Paper Tickets.

**- David Johansen, Lakeshore Light Opera**

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