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SUMMER B.B.Q.s

Do join us at our summer BBQs. – a chance to see each other during the summer months.

The **first** will be at **Susan's Czarnocki's** home on **Sunday August 11th** at:

30, 52nd Avenue
Lachine, QC H8T 2W9
E-Mail: susan.czarnocki@mcgill.ca 514-773-1117

The **second** will be at **Kerry-Anne's cottage** on **Monday August 19th**, with a rain date alternative of Tuesday August 20th. at:

MacDonald Lake E-Mail: kerryanne.musique@gmail.com

The **third** will be at **Natalie Hainaut's** home on **Saturday August 24th** at:
2130 Thorncliffe
St-Lazare, QC. J7T 2G9
E-mail: nathaliehainaut@hotmail.com 514-433-8577

Please bring something to grill – something else to share – and your own chair .

CALL TO CONFIRM THE TIME AND YOUR ATTENDANCE



LUUCERS BEING LUUCERS

June was a busy month for LUUCers. We had four great services, a picnic in the rain, a w-o-n-d-e-r-f-u-l concert with **Kerry-Anne's** students, Bread and Beyond sandwich-making session, welcomed 4 new members – (and another has signed a membership card), etc. etc. etc. and an AGM. All went well. There were two additional items that the congregation voted upon at the AGM:

1. That we donate \$10,000. towards the upkeep of the Afghan siblings.
2. That we strike a new committee concerning the Responsible Membership Committee. The existing guidelines concerning this very vexing problem were recently found to be woefully inadequate. Both these items passed.



Sara Kreps became a new member on June 16th, on her right is with her partner. On her left are her aunt and uncle who came from Hubbard's, NS. to see her!

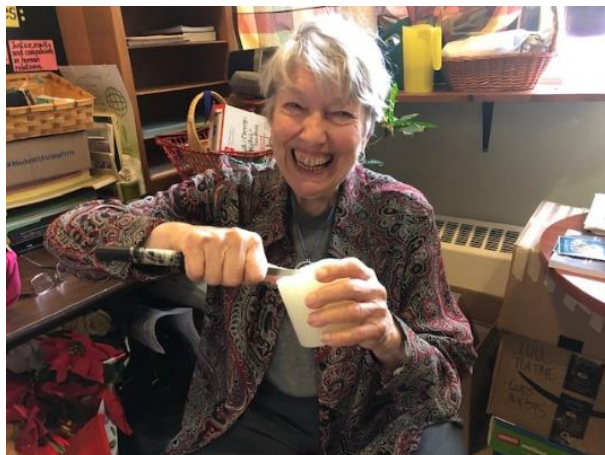
Sara brings many skills to our congregation, including her knowledge of electronics – and we welcome her with open arms.



Love this photo of **Sheila** and **Kerry-Anne**



Elizabeth, Steve and **Toni** enjoy coffee



A smiling **Nancy G.** caught trimming the candles. Nancy frequently takes on these chores that nobody else thinks about.



Gary and Paul, above, together with **Nancy S.** spear-headed our very successful Sunday Service Program this year. This program included the immensely popular Sunday Cafés. Held once a month, we had international musicians perform for us, in an informal setting, with coffee and croissants served during the intermission.

In an effort to reach out to the community, our association with Bread & Beyond was initiated by **Gary**. This too, has proved very successful with children and parents from local schools coming to our church on Sundays to make sandwiches for the homeless.

OUR AMAZING SARI



In March I spotted an ad that Terry Mosher, aka Aislin, had placed in *The Gazette*. He was offering a course for four weeks in May for seniors, for free! He stipulated that we agree to show our artwork at an exhibition at the end of June.

Terry asked that applicants send him a few examples of their work and comments on which other artists you admire. He also asked us to tell him why we wanted to take his course and tell him about our painting experience.

Terry offered to "nudge" us art students to try something new. As I was unused to painting with acrylics, it was a challenge. He introduced us to his wife, Mary Hughson, a professional artist. Over the four weeks of classes, her demonstrations were invaluable to our progress! I feel indebted to her instruction of where to position the child's left hand and where to place the darks and lights in the painting.

As I worked on my piece at home, I made changes to the lighting on the child's face, figured out how to paint balls of sand and paint the stripes on the child's sleeves and shorts. I worked very hard on the colours of the shaded sand.

I sent a photo of my work to my family, including my cousins in Hungary.

My cousin, Andras, wrote: "I thought that Andris might have been on your mind". I told him he certainly was! Andris is his grandson, a child who loves to work with sand. His parents, Tamas and Rita, lived in the States for seven years, and I got to know them well. Their children, Kata and Andris, were born in Connecticut and Boston, and I became their honorary grandmother!

In 2015 when I joined Tamas, Rita and the children in Puerto Rico, we arrived around midnight. Andris was very fussy because of tiredness and being in a strange hotel room. Right away Tamas and Rita scooped up the children and their sand toys, quickly made our way to the beach, and sat Andris and Kata down in the sand. Out came the shovels and pails, and all was right with the world!

What a great idea this was! Perhaps we were on the beach for forty minutes. Andris wasn't two yet, and the next morning the first thing in Andris's mind, of course was *sand!*

The Vernissage at the Cummings Centre was successful – and one of my cousins in Montreal was able to be present – then I had to leave a bit early to attend the AGM at LUUC.

~ Sari

...AND THERE'S MORE!



...of the **Amazing Sari!** She is honorary grandmother to another child – **Nabil** – pictured on the left. Over the years, Sari has taught him how to ski, helped him with his English and French lessons - and attended his end of school sports days. On the last day of his school this year – he went on a field trip to Ile Perrot, which included a canoe ride. Well – Nabil fell into the water – lost his glasses – and they sank to the bottom of the lake – disaster!

Not to be discouraged – the next day, Sari put on her bathing suit, drove out to Ile Perrot, jumped into the lake and dove down into the murky water. On her second dive, she retrieved the glasses - much to the delight of Nabil and his mother, Patience. Wonder woman Sari! Can you believe it????? Nabil and Patience were screaming with wonder – neither dared go into the water themselves. Unfortunately, no photo exists of this courageous deed, but Patience declared that Allah would reward Sari for reclaiming the expensive spectacles. I think **Sari** should be awarded a Medal of Merit a la LUUC! ~ **ed**

OUR AMAZING MILDA



We have wonderful news from **Milda Graham**, who is an LUUC Board member and a student at McGill. Milda has won a McGill Keenan scholarship and she will spend August at Leipzig University in Germany (photo below) studying Sanskrit, the language of yogic texts.

“I will be doing an intensive summer language immersion at the Spracheninstitut with Professor Das for those with a background in translation method. I hope to meet others with an interest in South Asian studies,” says Milda. “I’m very excited,” she adds. I believe another Medal of Merit is warranted for our talented Milda. ~ **ed**

Congratulations Milda, what an achievement - we all send you our very best wishes.



MONTREAL'S CHILD HAVEN FUNDRAISER FOR 2024

Please mark Saturday October 19 at 2 p.m. on your calendars right away.

That will be when the Unitarian Church of Montreal will host our Montreal Child Haven International fundraiser.

It will feature a lovely Afternoon Tea, Silent Auction and Bazaar.

We are grateful for UCM's help to raise funds for the wonderful work done by Child Haven in India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Tibet.

For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Sheila Laursen (514-697-4195 email: sheila.laursen@bell.net)

FROM GABOR

Gabor sent this interesting example that shows the down-to-earth personality of Jean Chretien. He said things that were academically non-sensical, but everyone knew what he meant .<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/115652-i-don-t-know-a-proof-is-a-proof-what-kind#:~:text=%E2%80%9CI%20don%27t%20know.%20A%20proof%20is%20a%20proof.,proof%2C%20it%27s%20because%20it%27s%20proven.%E2%80%9D%20%E2%80%95%20Jean%20Chr%C3%A9tien>



SOMETHING SPECIAL



Fred & Bonnie Visit LUUC: It was such a delightful surprise to see **Rev. Fred and Bonnie Cappuccino** sitting at the back of our sanctuary on Sunday June 23rd! They looked wonderful - with Bonnie in her brilliant sari and Fred quite dapper in a summer suit. They enjoyed the picnic luncheon (indoors with the rain outside....) and the many activities happening at the same time. We had adults and kids playing ping pong, people eating and conversing with others, and a dedicated group of children, youth and parents busily preparing sandwiches for Bread & Beyond.

~ **Sheila**

PAUL'S PLANTERS GET AROUND



Sheila says, "I bought this planter, but quickly realized it was too big for my back deck (I already had a smaller one that **Paul** had made...) so I gave it to my daughter *Kristina* last week and she has already given it a good new home in Carthage NY!

Here is what Kristina wrote:

"Thank you for the planter. I stained it to match my posts out front and shutters. Bought a clematis to bring some flowers to that side of the garage. Love you!"

YOGA IN THE PARK



Yoga with **Usha** at 4 p.m. on Saturdays from June 8th to July 13th at Pine Beach Park in Dorval, weather permitting. Cost is \$50 for 6 lessons or pay as you go. Any questions? Contact Milda at sanskritsoccermom@gmail.com

Please be reminded you may go at your own pace and/or accommodate physical limitations.

~ **Milda**

MORE NEWS ABOUT THE AFGHAN SIBLINGS!

We are hoping to be informed soon by Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) of the arrival date for Laila, Enjila and Dawood Sekandari, the three Afghan siblings who are currently in unsafe refuge in Pakistan.

Several members of our congregation, and other generous West Islanders have contributed financially to their safety and basic needs every month since January 2021, and that has kept them safe and well.

We will now become key supporters to the Unitarian Church of Montreal in helping them for the first year following their arrival in Montreal.

Needed are gifts of household goods and financial donations (the latter will be eligible for charitable tax receipts at year end). Wendy Buchanan (514-993-5500 or email: rbuchanan@videotron.ca) has offered to keep the Needs List updated when we receive offers so if you have furniture or basic household items you could donate, please contact Wendy.

Sheila, Paul and Christopher are on the Joint Refugee Sponsorship Committee with seven members of the Unitarian Church of Montreal. We will be happy to respond to any questions you may have about this refugee settlement process. **~Sheila**

A BICYCLE MADE FOR FOUR IN HOLLAND



Our cities do not need driverless cars.
They desperately need more car-less drivers.

CARING



Dori and Peter Abbott were happy to announce the arrival of their 9th great-grandchild – SOPHIE. It's remarkable to have 9 great grandchildren – but Sophie is remarkable, because she is a girl! As Peter has often remarked - "We specialize in boys". The Abbott family have kept our Lay-Chaplain **Paul Sullivan** fully occupied with weddings and naming ceremonies. ~ ed

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED AT NOVA



The NOVA Book store in Ste. Anne de Bellevue urgently needs volunteers for a 3-hour shift – morning or afternoons. It's a fun job, interesting clients to chat up and loads of wonderful books to peruse. The Thrift Shop for NOVA volunteers, under the guidance of Liz Parker, have moved mountains in the last 25 years, raising in excess of **\$10 million** to help fund NOVA West Island healthcare services to serve the most vulnerable members of the West Island community.

The Book Shop is in danger of closing some days if more people do not volunteer their time. Try it – you'll like it! Call Nada at nadaraouda@gmail.com for more information.

Suggested by **Susan Cz.**

'Our ignorance is not so vast as our reluctance to use what we know...' 🙄anon



Anemone

WHAT TO DO ON THE WEST ISLAND OVER THE SUMMER?

Sheila has kindly collected all the activities to be held in Pointe Claire over the summer months. The other municipalities also have programs, Ste. Anne's has river cruises and the farmers' market as well as weekly music on the board walk. A trip out to the Macdonell House near Pointe Fortune is always a pleasant afternoon on a weekend, or the theatre and shops out in Hudson. There are lots of fun things to do.

In Pointe Claire:

Wed July 3, 7:30 p.m. WORLD MUSIC with La Léa - Derivas - at Stewart Hall Park - flamenco, jazz, bossa nova and Catalan rumba, **Léa Touzé Latorre**, vocals, lyrics; **Marie-Andrée Cloutier**, electric bass, dance; **Stéphanie Gagnon**, guitar; **Éric Breton**, percussion; **Hichem Khalfa**, trumpet

Wed. July 10, 7:30 p.m. VAGUE DE CIRQUE – ÉPHÉMÈRE - at Stewart Hall Park Six reckless acrobats take advantage of the summer twilight by offering themselves a moment of pure laughter. Nature is their playground. Defying the laws of gravity, they help each other explore an infinite number of possibilities. Their joie de vivre is contagious, their sensitivity charming, and their acrobatics more unusual than ever.

Wed. July 17, 7:30 p.m. RACHEL THERRIEN – LATIN JAZZ PROJECT - at Stewart Hall Park From salsa to danzón and rumba to chachacha, Rachel and her band of virtuosos invite you to groove to the lively rhythms of Cuba, Mexico, Colombia, and Haiti, among others. Don't miss this sizzling, hip-swinging show! **Rachel Therrien**, trumpet; **Alex Bellegarde**, double bass; **Michel Medrano**, drums; **Willy Rodriguez**, piano; **Lazaro Martinez**, timbales; **Diomer Gonzales**, congas

Thursday July 18, 7:30 p.m. - Banista: Ravaudage - at Alexandre-Bourgeau Park. Banista has a repertoire of original music juxtaposing melodic and rhythmic characteristics from the Balkans, folk melodies from Quebec as well as jazz and classical influences. **Étienne Deschênes-Gagnon**, accordion; **Cédric Thuya Boivin**, banjo; **Émilou Johnson**, double bass; **Dominique Poirier**, guitar; **Jonathan Millette**, violin

Wed. July 24, 7:30 p.m. LE R.C. JAZZ SEXTET - at Stewart Hall Park The R.C. Jazz Ensemble presents the rereading of a pivotal period in the history of Jazz: The hard bop. Hard bop is characterized by a more dynamic jazz resulting from the fusion of bop, gospel and blues, which makes "groovy" music that has nothing "hard" contrary to what its name suggests. **Raoul Cyr**, trumpet, trombone; **Alain Boyer**, drums; **Michel Dubeau**, tenor and baritone saxophone; **Richard Leduc**, alto and tenor saxophone; **Daniel Loyer**, piano; **Sylvain Bolduc**, bass.

Thursday July 25, 7:30 p.m. STEEL RAIL - at Valois Park A fresh acoustic sound, striking three-part harmonies and strong original material have made Montreal trio Steel Rail a fan and critical favourite. **Tod Gorr**, vocals; **Ellen Shizgal**, bass, vocals; **Dave Clarke**, guitar

Tues. July 30, 7:00 p.m. REPERCUSSION THEATRE PRESENTS SHAKESPEARE-IN-THE-PARK – INFINITE VARIETY- at Valois Park A delightful evening of sonnets, songs, scenes and soliloquies by (or inspired by) Shakespeare. Including music, merriment, audience interaction, special guests, and an infinite variety of ways to connect with the park, with each other, and with the poetry of Shakespeare.

Wed. July 31, 7:30 p.m. - YOEL DIAZ MUNDO JAZZ QUARTET - at Stewart Hall Park Musical project based on Spanish, Cuban, Latin and jazz influences in certain pieces from the vast repertoire of pianist, author, composer, and arranger Yoel Diaz Avila. **Olivier Salazar**, vibraphone; **Mathieu Gaulin**, alto-soprano saxophone; **Hanser Santos**, cajon; **Yoel Diaz**, piano

Wed. August 7, 7:30 p.m. GOTTA LAGO: SOWETO – MARRAKECH ROAD BOOKS at Stewart Hall Park A musical journey from Nelson Mandela's homeland in South Africa to the shores of Morocco. Winner of the 2016 Prix de la Diversité Culturelle, Gotta Lago, an artist originally from the Ivory Coast, embodies all the richness, beauty, and warmth of Africa, in its traditions and cultural diversity. **Gotta Lago**, guitar, vocals, percussion; **Mobio David**, keyboards, vocals; **Sylvain Plante**, drums, vocals; **Carlo Birri**, bass, vocals

Wed. August 14, 7:30 p.m. GUY BÉLANGER: VOYAGES & OTHER STORIES- at Stewart Hall Park Guy Bélanger is back with a new album and tour that showcase the full breadth of his talent. His show, *Voyages et autres histoires*, takes us on a stroll along the many paths of blues and folk, and also draws on funk and rock rhythms. **Guy Bélanger**, harmonica, vocals; **Rob MacDonald**, guitar; **Alec McElcheran**, bass

Friday August 16, 7:30 p.m. FANFARE POURPOUR AND THE SCHMUTT SISTERS: UN AIR DE FANFARE, UN PAS DE DEUX - at Edgewater Park A special project that revives the roots of the Pourpou street brass band, while at the same time continuing the music/dance collaboration developed with the Schmutt sisters over the years. A show that captivates with its rich music, the genuine complicity between its artists and the universes they bring to life. **Fanfare Pourpou**: 19 musicians

FILMS AT THE POINTE CLAIRE LIBRARY

Tuesday July 16th at 6:30 pm. One Life – the true story of Sir Nicholas Winton, a young London broker, who along with members of the British Committee for Refugees in Czechoslovakia, rescued 669 children from the Nazis in the months leading up to WW2.

Tuesday July 30th at 1:30 pm. Iron Claw -The true story of the inseparable Von Erich brothers who made history in the immensely competitive world of professional wrestling in the early 1980.



5 – Karli Warren - July

8 – Ofie Spiller

12 - John Schmidt

13 – Huntly McNiven

19 – Monique Riedel

6 - Maud Bonnier – August

8 - Cathie Newey

7 – Alba Santos-Deschamps

11- John Foulds

19 - Susan Czarnocki

21 – Gabor Matyas (August)

23 – Margot Barclay

25 – Heather Falconer

25 – Susan Hawker



Do look at these sugar cookies that my granddaughter Chelsea made and decorated for her sister's birthday – “Champagne bottles” and wine “glasses” filled with bubbly. They looked spectacular and tasted delicious.

Time to celebrate all those birthdays.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR LUUCers

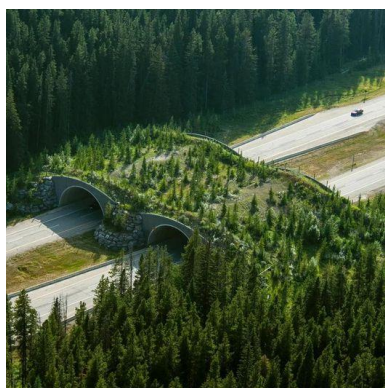
ON THE GO AND NEED TO KNOW



MIAMI, USA - sad - Donald Sutherland, the towering Canadian actor whose acclaimed career spanned more than six decades, has died at the age of 88. From small-town New Brunswick to Hollywood, the award-winning Canadian actor has had a storied career that spanned genres and generations. Sutherland was a versatile actor, able to play many roles, and was almost continually in work. He performed and even lived in other countries, but always remained a Canadian, true to his heart. His second wife was Shirley Douglas, the Canadian activist and veteran actress who was the mother of actor Kiefer Sutherland and the daughter of Canada's Medicare founder, Tommy Douglas. Donald Sutherland was very proud to have a stamp in his image.



SORRENTO, ITALY – nature's beauty – this now abandoned place was, since the 10th century, the site of factories for grinding wheat. The ruined stone buildings which featured stone walls, arched windows and water channels in a cascading layout on steep slopes, are now overgrown with vines, ferns and mosses and serve as an ecological area supporting a variety of plants and animals and contributing to soil stabilization and biodiversity.



CANADA'S WEST – animal crossing - In Banff National Park, the Trans-Canada Highway runs through the Rocky Mountains, making it a vital route for motorists traveling between British Columbia and Alberta. But as traffic volume increased over the years, so did highway-related wildlife mortality. Enter the Banff Wildlife Crossings Project. Combined with fencing to keep the animals off the road, the structures have reduced animal-vehicle collisions in the area by more than 80% (>96% for elk and deer alone). More details/photos: <https://bit.ly/46Xp1Sq>



There are no words -

Speak only if it improves upon the silence – Gandhi

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UNKNOWN SOLDIER'S HOMECOMING

Brought home by a delegation of Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), are the remains of a Newfoundland Soldier who died in France during the First World War and was never identified. People in their thousands, lined the streets of St. John's in remembrance and pride to pay their respects. He was a soldier of the Dominion of Newfoundland (before NFLD joined Canada) when he fell, and his remains will be entombed on July 1st.