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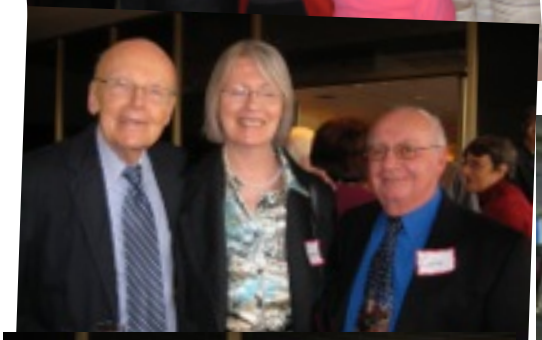
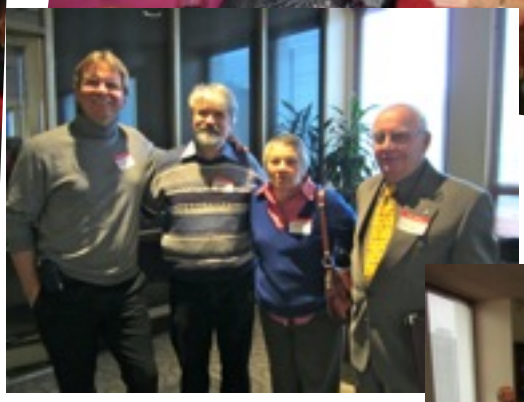
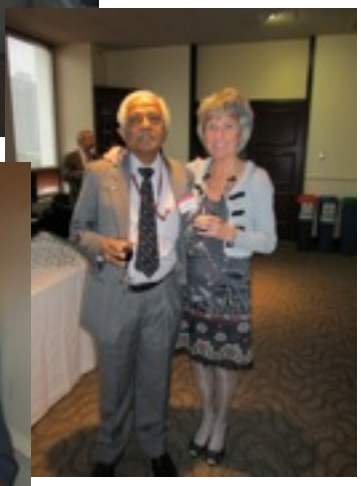
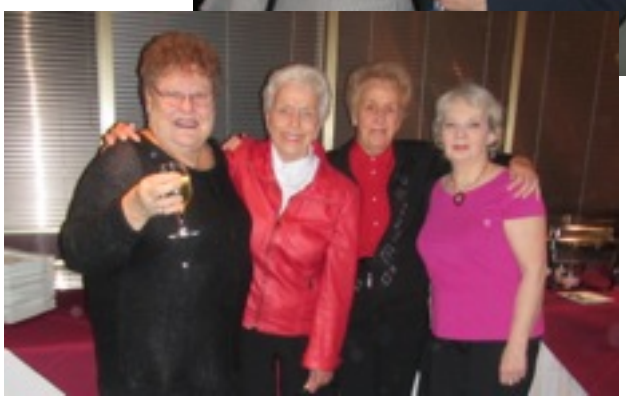
SEE YOU ON DECEMBER 12, 11AM AT THE LOYOLA JESUIT HALL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH !!

Photos from previous Christmas gatherings…..









CUPARUC SOCIAL EVENTS

Wendy Hedrich

The CUPARUC social events schedule for the upcoming fall and winter sessions will be announced in the upcoming weeks. We are currently checking into various exhibitions and play offerings, etc. as well as a couple of walking tours that were mentioned last year.

Some possible outings:

Pointe-a-Callière Museum:

The Beatles in Montréal (until March 30, 2014)

Lives and Times of the Plateau (starting October 23, 2013)

Stewart Museum:

History and Memory

20,000 Leagues Over Land and Sea (until April 13, 2014)

Montreal Museum of Fine Arts:

Splendore a Venezia – Art and music from the Renaissance to the Baroque in the Serenissima (from October 12, 2013 to January 19, 2014)

Peter Doig – No Foreign Lands (from January 25 – June 8, 2014)

Fabergé – Jeweller to the Czars (Summer 2014)

Museum Tour

Choral Celebration at St. Mark's – Venice and Music (Directed by Christopher Jackson) - December 14, 15, 2013

Christmas Trees Exhibit

Centaur Theatre:

The Book of Bob (February 1 – March 2, 2014)

Motherhouse by David Fennario (February 25 – March 23, 2014)

4,000 miles (March 25 – April 20, 2014)

Segal Centre:

Glengarry Glen Ross (March 16 – March 30, 2014)

If you are interested in any of these outings, or have suggestions for other outings, please contact Wendy Hedrich at (whedrich@bell.net) or by phone at (514) 695-3626.

We had some very successful social activities last year, including a couple of plays at the Segal Centre, a play at the Centaur Theatre, a visit to Pointe-a-Calliere Museum and a guided tour of the Quebec and Canadian art exhibits at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

As we send out most notices by email, please ensure that we have your current email address (send to Roger Kenner at roger@rogerkenner.ca). Keep checking the website for announcements of activities.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

CHRISTMAS QUOTES….

I have endeavoured in this Ghostly little book, to raise the Ghost of an Idea, which shall not put my readers out of humour with themselves, with each other, with the season, or with me. May it haunt their houses pleasantly, and no one wish to lay it.
Their faithful Friend and Servant,
C. D.
December, 1843.

I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying, toys not included.
Bernard Manning

What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day.
Phyllis Diller

"One can never have enough socks," said Dumbledore. "Another Christmas has come and gone and I didn't get a single pair. People will insist on giving me books."
J.K. Rowling, ***Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone***

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."
Hamilton Wright Mabie

"My parents always said that knowledge was the best gift they could give me, probably because they were too cheap to buy me Christmas or Birthday presents."
Jarod Kintz, ***There are Two Typos of People in This World: Those Who Can Edit and Those Who Can't***

GUEST SPEAKER - WARREN ALLMAND

Warren Allmand is a former MP for NDG and cabinet minister in Pierre Trudeau's cabinet; former President of the International Center for Human Rights; City Councillor for NDG; former President of the Thomas More Institute.; Presently with the International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group; the Kairos Indigenous Rights Commission; President of the World Federalist Movement Canada; and Lecturer in International Human Rights at McGill University.

He spoke on the Charter of Quebec Values vs. Human Right's Standards.

Mr. Allmand pointed out that many of the articles of the proposed Charter are essentially unnecessary, since they are already enshrined in other agreements as well the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights which was drafted in 1948. He pointed out that Quebec has previously created it's own charter of rights, the 'Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms' which incorporates most of the statements of equality in the proposed bill. The Quebec Human Rights Commission itself does not support the proposed new bill - 'Commission chairman Jacques Fremont says the plan is cause for concern and is a clear break with the text of the charter of rights, which was adopted in 1975.'

Warren Allmand felt that Canada would be in a contradictory position if the new proposed bill became law, in that we have previously signed other statements condemning restriction of religious expression.

It would be more than fair to say that Warren Allmand is an expert in this field, and he clearly does not agree with the passing of this proposed legislation.

There was considerable interest in his presentation. It turns out that Mr. Allmand is an avid hockey fan, so as a token of our appreciation, Garry Milton presented him with a Concordia Stinger hockey jacket, which Mr. Allamnd said he would wear to his next lecture at McGill University. We wish him the best of luck…..

A BELATED ACKNOWLEDGMENT

RE: "A Jewel …" in the previous issue:

"This is an (unattributed) direct quote from The Mother Tongue by Bill Bryson. As taught in undergraduate and graduate classes on writing and technical writing at Concordia, it should be properly cited. We have enough trouble getting our students to properly cite material in their theses and written work; let's not give them poor examples.
An editorial acknowledgement of the origin of this quote should be given in the next issue."

Bill Atwood

The Editor indeed apologizes for not properly citing Bill Bryson, and thanks Dr. Bill Atwood for bringing Mr. Bryson's works to his attention. Some Christmas reading is in order.

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