

2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MAUT RETIREE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

In April 2019, James Coulton was elected Chair of MAUT's Retiree Affairs Committee (RAC). He committed to **Initiatives, Activities, and Opportunities** on behalf our 160 members.

The RAC is a Standing Committee of MAUT, not a Section of MAUT. We welcome all professors and librarians who are retired from academic positions at McGill. Our **Mission** is to represent the interests of retirees to the University through MAUT; to create opportunities for retirees to engage in enjoyable educational/academic and social activities; and to foster a sense of community among those who spent all or part of their academic careers at McGill. We also encourage retirees to continue their association with McGill, and to demonstrate to the University that retired faculty members represent an important pool of talent that can continue to serve in various ways.

The RAC's **Initiatives** in 2019-2020 included regular monthly meetings (7 to date) at the Faculty Club for our six members, held immediately before meetings of MAUT Council. Detailed Minutes of meetings are written, ensuring continuity for planning of events, and are deposited to the MAUT's Shared Drive. At the recommendation of MAUT's Vice-President Finance and with unequivocal endorsement by the now-retired Administrative Officer, a Scotiabank account was established to ensure fiduciary responsibility of the RAC's accounts. A revised Retiree Membership Dues form was created, providing 5-year membership of \$25, payable by cheque or preferably by e-transfer. The RAC appreciates endorsement of these initiatives by our members.

Activities that were planned and executed by the RAC centered around monthly luncheons at the Faculty Club's Billiard Room, featuring an illustrated academic presentation by a McGill professor. The Autumn 2019 series (4 sessions) highlighted *Global Health*. The Winter 2020 series scheduled 4 concerts / luncheons as a *Music* theme; because of the COVID-9 pandemic, only one concert was delivered. The RAC participated (October 2019) in Projection Week, a Montreal-wide initiative, by hosting an *End of Life Care Planning* workshop at the Faculty Club. Two bulletins (attached) provide details of the above events.

Social activities featured a BBQ dinner (August 2019) at the Beaconsfield Yacht Club with which the Faculty Club has reciprocal privileges. Three activity groups that were founded by MAUT retirees and continue to be coordinated by our members include the biweekly Bridge group that meets at the Faculty Club; the Cycle group that organizes excursions in the Montreal area and beyond, spring, summer, and autumn; and the Dining group that convenes once a month (September to February 2020) by selecting small restaurants with different cuisine at various locations in the city.

What **Opportunities** are forecast for 2020-2021? The RAC places highest priority on events that bring members together, especially the luncheon series. For autumn 2020, *Climate change* is the selected topic; four dates at monthly intervals are reserved at the Faculty Club. The RAC invested 6-month's effort to create a Proposal to the MAUT Executive and Council, a document that justifies revision of funding from MAUT, thereby ensuring a continuation of renaissance for RAC's mission. We anticipate their endorsement. Renewal of committee membership will ensure the injection of new ideas from newly recruited retirees. **Project Connect** will have a conversation with every retired member by telephone in the coming months. We also need to ensure that we connect with academic staff (professors and librarians), full members of MAUT who retire from McGill, encouraging their participation in MAUT's RAC.

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FALL 2019 PROGRAM

MAUT RETIREE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Welcome to the beginning of a new academic year. As James Coulton begins his term as the Chair of the RAC, we are pleased to announce some new initiatives for the fall semester. The occasional lunch and lecture meetings for members have been revamped.

We are introducing a series of monthly **Luncheons and Lectures** that follow a theme. Each semester will focus on a different theme. These events **will be held at noon in the Ballroom of the McGill Faculty Club** and will be open to all MAUT members, not just to retirees. This gives retirees the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues from their former departments and to meet active members of the academic community. It also builds support for retirees among members who are still pre retirement.

This semester's Luncheon and Lecture theme will be **McGill's work in Global Health** on these dates:

Thursday September 19, 2019

Marcel Behr, Faculty of Medicine, McGill Interdisciplinary Initiative in Infection and Immunity

(<https://www.mcgill.ca/tb/investigators/marcel-behr>):

“Reflections on Global Health Research”

Tuesday October 15, 2019

Momar Ndao, Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, Centre for Host-Parasite Interactions. (<https://rimuhc.ca/-/momar-ndao-dvm-msc-phd>)

“Tracking Invisible Killers: Are Humans Really the Dominant Species on Earth?”

Thursday November 7, 2019

Christopher Barrington-Leigh, McGill Institute for Health and Social Policy, McGill School of Environment (<https://www.mcgill.ca/ihsp/people-0/faculty#barringtonleigh>):

“What Will World Happiness Look Like in 2050?”

Wednesday December 4, 2019

Joyce Pickering, Executive Associate Physician-in-Chief, MUHC and the Vice Chair, Education, Department of Medicine and Centre for Tropical Diseases

(<https://www.mcgill.ca/internalmed/dr-joyce-pickering>)

Cost for each Luncheon and Lecture: \$15 cash payable at the event

RSVP: membership.maut@mcgill.ca | 514 398-5484



Workshop for MAUT Members

Advanced Care Planning for the End of Life

Thursday October 17, 2019

In conjunction with the *McGill Council on Palliative Care: "Projection Montreal - A Week of Dialogue"* October 14th -20th (<https://projectionweek.ca/en>) , MAUT-RAC is sponsoring a small workshop open to all MAUT members.

Based on the national "Speak-Up" program (<https://www.advancedcareplanning.ca>), our workshop, led by an experienced facilitator, will provide an opportunity to think about and discuss end of life issues. The objective is to have each participant leave the workshop with a personalized plan of action in terms of deciding on and ensuring that final wishes are on record with family and friends.

Facilitator: **Marie-France Privyk** (infos@ceremonieslaicka.com)

Time: **9.30-Noon**

Location: **McGill Faculty Club Gold Room**

Cost: **\$20 cash** payable at the event

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Space is limited

MAUT-RAC

Concert-Lecture Series 2020, February – May
(v. 3 2020-01-30) v. 4 (2020-02-10)

Organizer: Ante L. Padjen, ante.padjen@mcgill.ca, Tel 3603

Noon lunch followed by a talk about the music and the music performance. Approximately 30 - 40 min of music, the rest - lecture. All participants are on the staff or associated with SSoM. The dates of events are confirmed with the performers.

RVC West Lounge was reserved with Brian Desousa (at \$275, apparently discounted from \$375). Piano tuning has been confirmed with Chris Smyth (SSoM). Catered food: expecting information about recommended catering services (Julien Leblanc?)

- 1) Friday, February 21, 2020; 12:00 – 13:30, RVC Lounge (booked)
Kyoko Hashimoto, piano: Claude Debussy, Preludes Book 1
Topic: Debussy and piano
Catered lunch (Julien Leblanc?)
Piano tuning (\$130) (confirmed and arranged)

- 2) Thursday, March 19, 2020; 12:00 – 13:30h, Pollack Hall. *Intermezzo* Series (free entrance)
Martin Karlicek, piano: Smetana, Kabalevsky,
Topic: Slavic music for piano. MK will talk at the concert as well, and will meet with attendees for lunch and discussion after the concert.
Catered lunch (Julien Leblanc). Replacement for Wirth 832 (already rented).

- 3) Thursday, April 16, 2020; 12:00 – 13:30h, RVC Lounge (booked).
Ilya Poletayev, piano
Topics: Improvisation on a silent movie projection
Requires projection setup, available in RVC
Catered lunch to be arranged (Julien Leblanc?)
Piano tuning (\$130) (confirmed and arranged)

- 4) Wednesday, May 13, 2020; 12:00 – 13:30, Faculty Club (Billiard Room, to be booked)
Emmanuel Vukovich, violin (solo), Chaconne from Bach to Bartok
Recipient of the First Schulich Golden Violin, etc; Research at CRMMT
Topic: EV will talk about timbre in relations to harmony in Bach and Bartok solo violin works.
(Date is flexible)