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END OF AN ERA- LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Last year the Centre retired its Annual Raffle after 20 years. It was a hard decision but we decided that a fresh approach was needed. For a number of years now the MAPC has been discussing the possibility of partnering with RECAA (Respecting Elders, Communities Against Abuse) to organise a benefit concert for the two groups as a fund raiser and way to raise awareness of abuse directed against society's most vulnerable people. We have met together several times and already have a confirmation from several musicians of their willingness to perform in a benefit concert. The end of March is a likely date for the event and we will keep you informed when we have more detailed information.

A final thanks to the many individuals, businesses and companies that have donated their products and services over the 20 years of the Raffle. Some in fact participated the very first year and continued until the end. We have appreciated your loyalty and generosity.

The Centre was pleased to work with three students completing their translation practicum at McGill University's School of Continuing Studies. Thank-you : Jessica Vingerhoeds-Carbino, Alan Roche and Berdj Garabedian for your excellent translation into English of an important document on our website *Preventing Child Abuse: A Guide for Parents*.



Marché des Possibles Action in the Park

MARCHÉ DES POSSIBLES

In June the MAPC and RECAA were invited to give a presentation of their workshops to the general public and set up an information table at the *Marché des Possibles*, a public open-air festival featuring free, diversified socio-cultural programming. It was a very hot day but we still managed to give a part of the Action course to a group of interested women. We also enjoyed being part of RECAA's workshop on elder abuse and having the chance to get to know some of their members better. Thanks to the people at Pop Montreal for organising this wonderful community event and for their active presence that day in making us feel welcome.

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The MAPC will be holding its AGM on the **16th of November from 6:30pm-8:00pm** at our office, located at **4617 Saint-Denis Street**. Members are required to have paid their fees by the 2nd of November to be eligible to vote at the AGM.

ACTION

The ACTION team started the year 2016-2017 with great enthusiasm, as a training of three new instructors will continue our objective of making verbal and physical self-defense tools available to anyone interested who identifies themselves as a woman. Also, we are very happy to have reconnected with old partners and to have established new relations with community centres and groups who have organized ACTION workshops. ACTION urges you to promote our workshop among your friends and acquaintances and to share with us any idea you may have for fundraising since lack of funding is still a worrying issue. Remember that feminist self-defense is a space for sharing, where participants can become aware of their strengths and have the opportunity to share their experiences with other women.



CAP IN THE NEW YEAR

There will be a CAP training this year beginning in September. The Centre has accepted an intern, Nadège Desmarais Beaupré from the University of Quebec at Montreal. She will be joined by Marika Tjebbes and Maria-Sol Terraza who began the training last year but had to leave to have a baby. The trainees will have the chance to hone their newly learned skills starting in October at St-Noel-Chabanel School. We will also be continuing our work with people with an intellectual disability at Rêvanous, Joseph Charbonneau School and the Montreal Association for the Intellectually Handicapped. Good luck to the trainees and I hope they enjoy working as much with children as we do.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Members of the MAPC participated in a day of activities organised by RECAA (Respecting Elders Communities Against Abuse) and hosted at the Union United Church to celebrate World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Several groups who work with elders gathered at the Lionel-Groulx Metro where information was handed out to commuters. We then carried our placards out into the street and walked to a small park nearby where the Raging Grannies and Les Memès déchainées entertained us with their special brand of satirical music. From there we walked to the Union United Church where more events took place and a delicious meal was served to all the participants. Thanks to RECAA for once again organising this special day. We are happy to be collaborating on other projects with RECCA and will keep you informed in the future of any new developments.



Rita Roy a member of RECAA and Ana Camacho with banner at World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

La Rentrée communautaire CDC Action solidarité Grand Plateau of which we are a member planned a “back to work” event outside of the Mont-Royal metro. Several community groups set up tables and handed out information on their activities to people entering and leaving the station.

Condolences

The MAPC would like to honour the memory of Diana Yaros, a true crusader for the rights of women, who died in September. Our condolences to her family and in particular to Louise Houle, her partner in life and a former employee of the MAPC.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Copies of the book “**Women Tell Their Stories, Self-Defense in Action**”, authored in 2013 by Leona Heilig, with the help of Status of Women Canada, are still **available for free**.

Do not hesitate to contact the MAPC by phone or email to make your order!

