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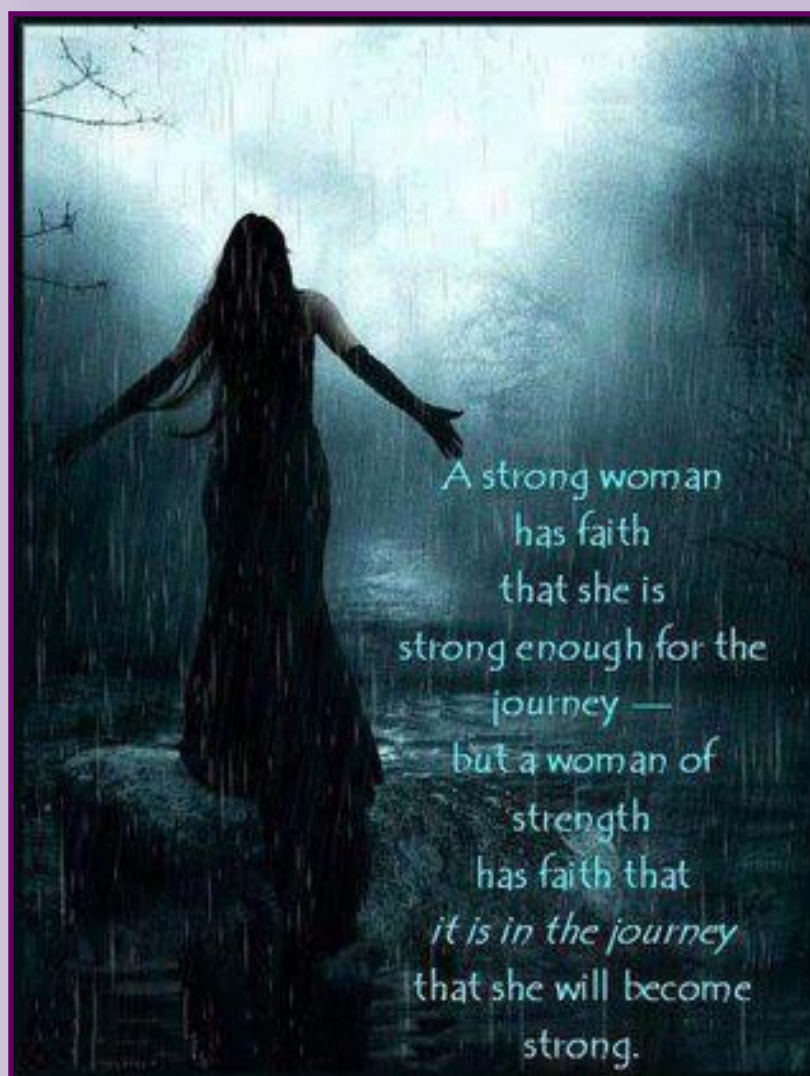
Le Centre communautaire des femmes sud-asiatiques

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Qu'en pensez-vous? What do you think?

- Let us know your thoughts about the bulletin.
- Que pensez-vous de notre journal?
- We encourage you to send in your stories and articles for upcoming newsletters in any language by the 25th of every month to:
- sawccbulletin@gmail.com
- Écrivez - nous à
- sawccbulletin@gmail.com



CENTRE UPDATE



Centre Hours/heure d'ouverture

Monday & Thursday/lundi & jeudi 9am—9pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday/ mardi, mercredi & vendredi— 9am-5pm

From July 4th to September 4th:
Monday to Friday/ lundi à vendredi— 9am-5pm

The Centre is wheelchair accessible
 Le centre est accessible aux fauteuils roulants.

Volunteers — If you are interested in helping out at the Centre, please contact Juvaria (Ext. 104 or juvaria@bellnet.ca) to coordinate a meeting!

South Asian Women's Community Centre

1035, rue Rachel est, 3ième étage, Montréal, QC H2J 2J5



Metro Mont-Royal

Executive Council Meeting: There is no meeting in July, we meet again in August

SAWCC Bulletin -- submission guidelines:

SAWCC members are encouraged to send submissions to the Bulletin, to share items of interest with other members. Send submissions to: sawccbulletin@gmail.com

If using the post send to: SAWCC Bulletin, 1035 Rachel est, Montreal, Quebec, H2J 2J3

Submissions should reach by the 25th of the month.

Submissions may be original work or reprints (with permission) and can include --

art, reports, photos, information, opinion pieces, short fiction, poetry, announcements, recipes, etc.

Publication criteria are guided by SAWCC's commitment to not negatively discriminate on the basis of physical and mental ability, religion, colour, nationality, age, sexual orientation and identity, caste, and class. Publication is further guided by the feminist ethos of sisterhood, and principles of intersectionality*, equality, equity, and transparency. As well, material that may compromise confidentiality of individuals without their consent will not be published.

SAWCC reserves the right to select, reject or edit submissions. When authorship identified, items reflect the views of the authors.

*Intersectionality -- the interconnected nature of social categorizations such as race, class, and gender as they apply to a given individual or group, that create overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage.

Annual General Meeting Highlights: June 18, 2017

- ◆ Presentation from South Asian Youth
- ◆ Presentation from the center on the activities and achievements of the year
- ◆ Presentation of the annual and financial reports, nomination of the auditor and discussion on present and future issues
- ◆ Networking and lunch



SAWCC's Picnic

SAWCC's Picnic at Yamaska Beach on the 22th of July 2017

Yamaska Beach 1780 boulevard David-Bouchard, Roxton Pond, QC J0E 1Z0- Phone number: 450-776- 7182

514-528-8812/104- Last day for payment = 7th July,2017

Bus arrival at Metro Namur at 8.45 am bus leaves at 9:00

Bus arrival at Metro Parc Ex at 8.15 am, bus leaves at 8:30

Cost for adult: \$ 20

Cost for child (14 years and under): \$15

Bus seats will be for 1 Adult and 1 child only. 3 small children can sit together on one seat. Babies (under 2 years) who cannot sit, cannot come in the bus. **No child can sit on a lap.**

List of things that you might need for the picnic

- * Your lunch and 1-2 snacks (enough for you and your family)
- * Water bottles & drinks
- * Napkins & tissues
- * Disposable cutlery, plates & cups
- * Tea in a flask if you crave tea.
- * Plastic bags for carrying and garbage disposal.
- * A bed sheet or blanket for sitting down
- * A change of clothing for kids
- * Swimming costumes and slippers for the beach for kids
- * Towels
- * Thin jackets for evening
- * Sun screen & bug spray as mosquito repellent.
- * Sun hats
- * Wet wipes and hand sanitizer
- * Medication (including Tylenols, band aids, Polysporin, sanitary napkins)
- * Loose change for renting boats, ice cream etc
- * Camera

In order that we all have maximum fun with least discomfort we all are responsible to:

- * Wait for SAWCC team to assign you your seat in the bus. Make sure to make a line, every time we are getting off and on the bus. Be patient for your turn.
- * Give priority to those who can not walk well or are elderly (let them sit at the front of the bus)
- * Be responsible for your kids at all time, making sure that they do not meet accidents or are lost.
- * Learn about the amenities in the park (bathroom, shops etc) and go in groups.
- * Collect and throw your own garbage.
- * Remember our meeting point and be there at the time given when it is time to go.
- * Participate in games and activities arranged by the SAWCC team.

NOTE: If children feel car sickness please give them gravol/ bring bags to stay prepared for cases of vomiting etc.

La FFQ dénonce les propos du Premier ministre !

<http://www.ffq.qc.ca/2017/06/la-ffq-denonce-les-propos-du-premier-ministre/>

Communiqué de presse

Montréal, le lundi 26 juin 2017 – La Fédération des Femmes du Québec (FFQ) est outrée et profondément peinée par les propos que Premier ministre Philippe Couillard a tenus le 22 juin dernier : « L'islam ne peut être dissocié des gestes commis en son nom », et en anglais « You can't disconnect terrorism from Islam ». Un tel amalgame est honteux! Est-il vraiment nécessaire de rappeler que tous les terroristes ne sont pas musulmans et que la vaste majorité des musulmans ne sont pas terroristes?

Dans le climat actuel de la montée du racisme ici et dans de nombreux autres pays, des propos islamophobes, alimentés par un certain populisme, acquièrent une certaine « légitimité ». Aussi, les paroles du premier ministre, prononcées dans ce contexte social, sont particulièrement pernicieuses. Il ne s'agit pas d'une simple question de rectitude politique. Pour certaines personnes, c'est une question de dignité et de sécurité, et même de vie ou de mort.



**Fédération des femmes
du Québec**

Égalité pour toutes, égalité entre toutes

Rappelons que le climat d'islamophobie qui prévaut a de graves effets sur les musulmans qui vivent au Québec, sans égard à leurs origines. Les femmes musulmanes subissent quotidiennement du mépris (se font cracher dessus) et des gestes agressifs (se font bousculer ou pousser violemment), au point où elles se tiennent loin des rails de métro. Les mères craignent pour la sécurité de leurs enfants.

Après le massacre de Québécois de confession musulmane à la mosquée de Québec, il y a eu un grand élan de solidarité, notamment de la part des élu-e-s. Toutefois, après les propos de M Couillard le 22 juin, les paroles prononcées en janvier sonnent creux. Le Parti Libéral est-il en train de se joindre à la vague populiste à des fins électoralistes? Nous demandons au Premier Ministre Couillard de corriger ses propos rapidement pour ne pas alimenter le courant ambiant de racisme et d'islamophobie.

Le FFQ est solidaire des luttes pour une société pluriel et inclusive où toutes et tous pourront vivre dans la dignité.

Sources :

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Dolores Chew : Co-responsable du Comité féminisme, intersectionnalité et solidarité

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Ban the Bomb

On Saturday June 17, 2017, a demonstration led by Women of Diverse Origins took to the street of Montreal to coincide with demonstrations in front of the UN in New York, as part of a global initiative to “Ban the Bomb”. The call-out contextualized the very dangerous times we live in with heightened militarized escalations, including nuclear weapons --



Trump fanning the flames by suggesting Japan and South Korea should have nuclear weapons to counter N. Korea. There are many flash points between the U.S. and Russia: Syria, Ukraine, and cyber-space.

Meanwhile, a precedent-setting UN-based draft treaty was negotiated in February/March 2017. A majority of 132 countries accepted the draft Nuclear Weapons Ban. It would legally

prohibit the use, possession, development, testing, deployment and transfer of nuclear weapons under international law. But none of the nine nuclear weapons states came to that March meeting. Their non-attendance at the continuing treaty discussions - now to go on in June/July 2017- and their failure to comply with the obligation to eliminate their nuclear bombs threatens the whole world. Nuclear bombs continue to be a strong currency of patriarchal power on the international stage.

Against this background, women-led peace initiatives continue to be in the forefront of the international nuclear ban movement, and Women of Diverse Origins joined women in the US and around the world to demonstrate Ban the Bomb, in response to the call by the Women's International League for Peace Freedom (WILPF) one of the first, active since 1945. Following in the footsteps of WILPF and others, WDO/FDO has a profound ongoing commitment to peace with justice, and fervently opposes imperialism, colonialism and militarism in all its forms.

As the Women's March to Ban the Bomb Call to Action states: “We stand on the shoulders of those who have come before us. We walk alongside our Indigenous sisters and their peoples who have been fighting, for generations, against the effects of nuclear testing and uranium mining. We stand with the Hibakusha, atomic bomb survivors who continue to suffer from the bombings of Japan in 1945, and those subjected to nuclear testing around the world since then. We invoke the spirit of Native communities, the Hibakusha, and the millions who have protested, lobbied, petitioned, and given their lives to ban the bomb.”

Women of Diverse Origin's postcard campaign asks Prime Minister Trudeau to stop Canadian complicity in wars of aggression and the sale of weapons and to be a peace advocate. These postcards will be distributed at the June 17 event in Montreal.



WDO is a member of the newly-created Rassemblement Québécois pour la Paix/Quebec Movement for Peace. WDO is also a member of the International Women's Alliance, and is co-organizing a conference in Toronto August 5-7, 2017 called Solidarity and Fightback: Building Resistance to US-led War, Militarism and Neofascism. For more information on that conference, see: <https://internationalwomensalliance.wordpress.com>

Canadian peace activists such as the women and allies of WDO have a special reason to support the Ban the Bomb marchers. Canada did not sign the 2014 Humanitarian Pledge seeking an end to nuclear weapons, unlike 127 other countries. Canada voted against the Oct.

2016 UN resolution to set up the ban treaty. Canada also boycotted the March 2017 treaty meetings, as did the U.S. The U.S. had pressured Canada and other NATO allies into not attending. We need to put pressure on Mr. Trudeau. We know movement towards a safer, more just world is possible. Activists have forced the international community to ban chemical weapons, biological weapons, land mines, and cluster munitions. Laws of war have been created. Humanitarian principles also apply to the ban on nuclear weapons.

The treaty will enter into effect once formalised after 40 countries sign it. Help make the world more secure, just, and peaceful. Show your solidarity, attend the June 17th rally !

Le Festival des solidarités 2017 : VIVRE ENSEMBLE !

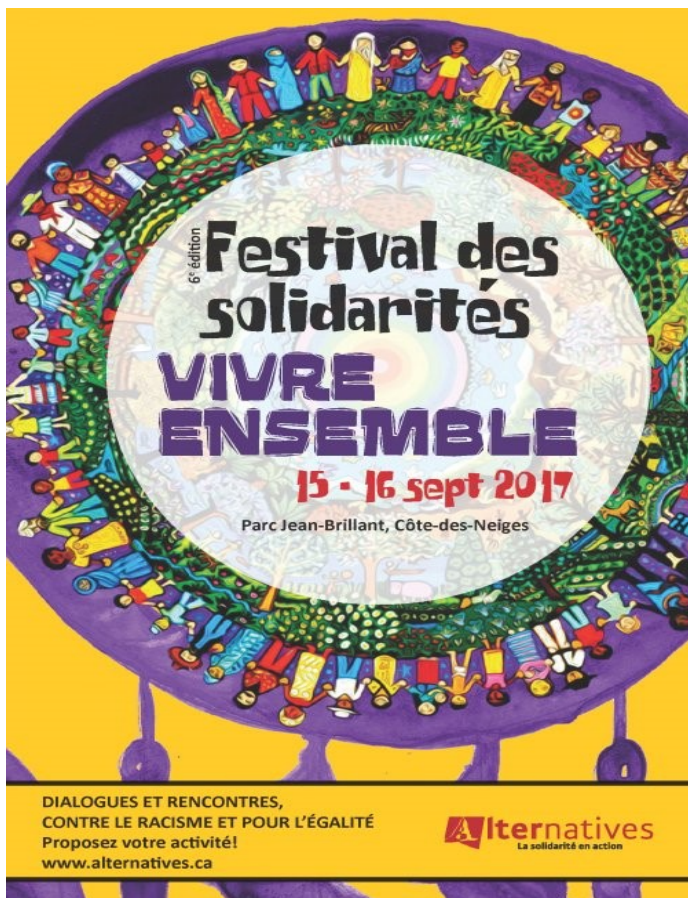
<http://journal.alternatives.ca/spip.php?article8341&archives=2017-09>

Le Journal des Alternatives

Festival des solidarités : VIVRE ENSEMBLE Le 15 et 16 septembre 2017 dans Côte-des-Neiges

Vendredi, Septembre 15, 2017 - 19:00 - Samedi, Septembre 16, 2017 - 17:30

DIALOGUES ET RENCONTRES, CONTRE LE RACISME ET POUR L'ÉGALITÉ



Partout en occident, on assiste à la montée d'une inquiétante vague de repli qui stigmatise tout particulièrement les communautés immigrantes, autochtones ou racisées. L'élection de Donald Trump aux États Unis, la montée de l'extrême droite dans plusieurs pays d'Europe, témoignent de la montée de cette intolérance. Le Canada, le Québec et la ville de Montréal n'échappent pas à ces phénomènes qui aggravent les formes de racisme structurel préexistant. Il importe dans ce contexte de combattre toutes les manifestations de racisme ou de xénophobie et de mettre de l'avant les valeurs de justice, d'équité et de fraternité qui sont à la base de la société que nous souhaitons construire.

C'est dans ce contexte qu'Alternatives, vous invite les 15 et 16 septembre, dans le quartier Côte-des-Neiges, à un festival mettant de l'avant les communautés immigrantes, autochtones et racisées ainsi que le combat contre toute les formes d'intolérance. Le Festival des solidarités : Vivre ensemble combinera un aspect foire avec des conférences et des ateliers sur l'action sociale et communautaire.

Results: Sadeqa Siddiqui Essay Writing Competition

Our first essay writing competition concluded on April 30, 2017 and the results were announced on June 18, 2017, at the conclusion of SAWCC's Annual General Meeting.

The three awardees are:

1. Reclaiming Feminism by Olivia Mappin-Kasirer
2. Why I am Feminist by Charlotte Huebner
3. What is a Feminist by Arleigh Turner

Warmest congratulations!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our judges, Nilambri Ghai and Shabana Siddiqui, who so willingly agreed to take on this responsibility. Also, Ghazala deserves a vote of thanks for agreeing to receive the essays from the contestants. Harleen worked diligently to advertise the competition within the schools in which she works. Diane, Dolores and Sarwat advertised the competition at the CEGEPs at which they teach.

Two years ago, I had sat with Maya and Adithi to discuss the mechanics of holding such a competition. We came up with guidelines which helped us greatly.

We look forward to the next competition in the spring of 2018.

Jennifer Chew

Sadeqa Siddiqui Essay Writing: Reclaiming Feminism by Olivia Mappin-Kasirer

Why has "feminism" become a dirty word? It does a disservice to those who fought so hard for women's rights and defined feminism as a social good when someone says that she is not a feminist because the word bears a negative connotation. I worry that women of the future will be deprived of a useful way to describe the struggle for equality. It is time to reclaim the word feminism for women and for all those who care about women.

To me, feminism extends to all acts taken to promote equality between the sexes in our patriarchal society. I see gender equality as a realistic goal for the future as opposed to an unattainable ideal.

The cause of women's rights is too important to be defeated by a problem of vocabulary. Like any system of ideas, feminism has its challenges, including uncertainty with religious traditions where men and women are differentiated. Feminism is not a single-minded ideology. It is best to recognize that there are several ways of being a feminist. There is room for debate, difference of views and of experiences. Yet the movement is predicated on the shared value of dignity for women. Feminism is "not a position, but a vocation" rooted in a commitment to social justice. Once one decides that he, she or ze is a feminist, a person's mission becomes a wider call to social justice.

The struggle for equal rights has opened women's eyes to the vast phenomenon of injustice in many of its forms. Some of the most important social activists in history started as feminists. For example, Sarah and Angelina Grimké, anti-slavery actors in the abolitionist movement saw the connection between civil rights for blacks and for women. Women have been on the forefront of peoples' revolutions striving for the common good, for instance in both the Bolshevik and French revolutions. Feminism has enhanced my own ability to empathize with others and has encouraged me to join the fight for social justice in different settings. It has opened my eyes to other forms of injustice. For example, I stood in solidarity of the native women of Val d'Or who were raped by policemen and I volunteer with an

organization opposing discrimination towards those who suffer from mental illness. Feminists who fought for social justice include one of my heroes from Quebec history, the celebrated union organizer Lea Roback.

As a first-generation Jewish immigrant to Canada who embodied feminist ideals, Lea Roback fought for working women in the 1930s and 1940s, based on her commitments to human dignity, equality and the common good. She was not shy to take public action to help others, which was unusual for women at the time, especially one from a minority community. All forms of injustice prompted her to side with oppressed people. She took up causes including anti-Semitism, the poor, racial intolerance, pacifism, the environment and, of course, feminism. She never shied away from debate and refused to be intimidated. Her greatest success came from organizing over five hundred garment workers on a massive strike against exploitative factory owners in 1937. Her strong views on social justice were out of step with the mainstream, but, by dint of hard work, she often won out. Her community activism influenced Quebec society on many levels. For example, human dignity is now the basis of workers' rights and women are increasingly treated equally in factories and offices. Roback was progressive in a society that was not--Quebec being the last province in Canada to extend the vote to women. Lea said that "Canada is a big country, there is room for newcomers. Women should come and teach us about their past and we can face the patriarchal world together, stronger." Her beliefs are still germane today.

A "Lea Roback" in 2017 would likely be an immigrant from South East Asia, India, or Pakistan rather than Eastern Europe. At her April speech in the House of Commons, Malala Yousafzai celebrated the potential of young Canadians to lead the world on issues of women's rights and social justice. The Grimke sisters, the women who led the Bolshevik and the French Revolutions, Roback and Yousafzai have been highly inspirational to me, and have helped me shape my thinking, direct my actions and define who I want to be as a feminist. I believe that the term feminism will one day be understood as the force behind the making of an equal society thanks to the Lea Robacks of the future.

Peace Now and Forever Campaign between Pakistan and India

Simultaneous Launches on 1st July 2017 in Many Cities and Towns of Pakistan and India- Interesting Programs Planned till 15th August 2017

The Peace Now Campaign between Pakistan and India is being launched on 1st July 2017 from 3 pm India Time and 2.30 pm Pakistan Time. Partners in other countries will also launch the Campaign to coincide with this common time. The Peace Now & Forever Campaign will be from 1st July to 15th August 2017 and will be organized in Pakistan, India and at least 10 other countries where Indians and Pakistanis live.

The Peace Now & Forever Campaign is conceived with the objective of addressing the deteriorating relations between Pakistan and India by the day. Common people and even Civil Society seems to be getting increasingly scared to take a stand and soon no space may be left to talk of peace and questioning war hysteria could be branded downright antinational and blasphemy.

In such a situation it becomes an urgent requirement to provide platforms to enable common people and civil society to demand peace and condemn attempts at war mongering without feeling apologetic or guilty about their stand.

Hence this Peace Now & Forever Campaign- between Pakistan and India!

In 2008 also, after the terrorist attack on Mumbai when the relations were at a nadir between India and Pakistan,

civil society organizations in Pakistan and India had initiated a Joint Signature Campaign in both countries in collaboration with a large number of organizations and over 100,000 signatures (including that of Mr. I.K. Gujaral, the former Prime Minister of India) were collected and the Campaign had some success for creating space for peace in both countries.

We are happy to share that Networks and Organizations in 22 of the 29 States of India and the four Provinces of Pakistan are coming forward to Partner with the Peace Now Campaign and we are receiving good response from other countries also. We expect the Peace Now Campaign to be undertaken in around 200 cities, towns and villages in Pakistan, India and other countries.

Apart from a Joint Signature Campaign, many other simultaneous programs in different cities and towns are being planned during the Campaign period and especially on seven weekends that will be available during the course of the Campaign like Lectures on Peace including need for cordial Pakistan- India Relations in Schools, colleges and universities, Young Art for Future of Humanity: through Platform for Children and Youth - Film and Documentary Festivals, Culture Camps, Interfaith Prayer Meets, Peace Caravans, Rallies and Marathons, Outreach to Political Parties and Elected Representatives etc.

We urge you to Partner with the Peace Now Campaign by organising programs in your cities and towns or by participating in the programs being organised by others. Please fill the online forms given below to register as Networks, Organizations or Individuals.

Partner Enlistment Form- For Networks

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckoGTb1IC-MNEIOHEqV5HPSeBi3rdW6Breqy3l4pkMbS4NSw/viewform>

Partner Enlistment Form- For Organisations

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBwnB_W82RBoM-IeunI4h0w2LMIQ0NbZhCRGt-JKZPuolS5Q/viewform

Partner Enlistment Form- For Individuals

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdv1VfXIM_jNYHHRDJvNOL5WC9Q8iHS89abs11V3TNp83GRyw/viewform



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July 4 at 10:30 am- Session to be determined

July 11 at 10:30 am- Service Canada

July 18 at 10:30 am- Arts & craft

July 22- Picnic at Yamaska Beach

July 25 at 10:30 am- Healthy habits of food and Nutrition

4 juillet à 10:30 am- Session sera déterminée



11 juillet à 10:30 am- Service Canada

18 juillet à 10:30 am- Artisanat

22 juillet- Pique-nique à plage Yamaska

25 juillet à 10:30 am - Saines habitudes alimentaires et nutrition

July 2017

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Membership Renewal

Please renew your SAWCC membership to ensure you get all the mailings and can participate fully in the organization.

Changes to your information (address, phone number, etc. email, etc.)? Download the membership form from our website, insert the correct information and send it along with your membership dues.

<http://www.sawcc-ccfsa.ca/EN/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Membership-form.pdf>

Please mail cheque to: SAWCC, 1035 Rachel est, Montréal, Qc., H2J 2J5.

Make cheque payable to: "South Asian Women's Community Centre".

Indicate in the note section: "membership".

Making a donation to SAWCC at the same time? Donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax-deductible receipt. If including a donation indicate as well the amount towards "donation".

Membership dues:

\$1-15.00