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encountering the challenges of retirement

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WELCOME

As we prepare to begin a new session at ENCORE, some of you must wonder how successful (or not) our first experiment with hybrid classes was.

Well, after speaking to a few of our teachers, the comments were quite positive. On the whole, once the equipment had been set up, the sessions ran quite smoothly. They were quite pleased to see people in the classrooms again. There's something to be said about human and physical interaction – as we have all learned over the last couple of years. Our mental and physical health depends on it.

Of course, there were a few glitches that interrupted some of our classes. For the most part, these were due to internet connection outages which are out of our control and which will continue to occur from time to time. The staff at the Foundation of Catholic Community Services, in particular Dany O'Shea has been an incredible support to ENCORE in this endeavour and we wish to thank them and give them all the credit due.

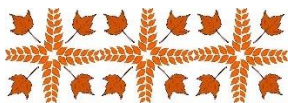
From the members' perspective, the reaction was mixed. There were some heart-warming notes attached to the registration forms people sent by mail. They were delighted to be returning to in-person classes. Their excitement and enthusiasm made the effort so worthwhile.

On the other hand, many others have become used to the comfort and convenience of on-line learning so continue to choose that option. We hope that as time goes by, more and more of you will return to the classroom. COVID is here to stay but it doesn't mean that we have to stop living – it means we have to learn to live with it.

WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

We welcome members to our Fall #1 Session 2022. Our present conflict is deciding how are we able to fill our time while maintaining social distancing and to avoid the forever reaching for the television remote control. Our classes by zoom or in-person will allow our newfound alone time to be productive as we focus on our creativity. I hope that you find our options interesting and encourage your friends to join us in expanding their learning in art, world issues, music, and exercises all within a safe environment. Please enjoy this session and as time passes, we will once again encounter each other in-person. Have a great fall.

Gwen Goring (President). Fall 2022



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)** of ENCORE will take place on **Thursday, September 8th, 2022 at 1:00 pm by ZOOM.**

All members are encouraged to attend as we will discuss the status of ENCORE and its future, its financial statements will be reviewed, board members must be confirmed and new board members can join. Please indicate your interest in any of the positions listed below. We need your involvement and input. Please contact infoencore9@gmail.com or telephone (514) 543-0629 and leave a message if you would consider joining ENCORE's Board. We would love to hear from you.

Positions on the **BOARD of DIRECTORS**: The current nominees are listed:

- President: Gwen Goring
- Vice President: Ron Leduc
- Secretary: Jane Archer
- Treasurer: Marie-Claire Zirpdji
- Registrar: Marie-Claire Zirpdji
- Programme: Pat Kirk
- Communications: Marilyn Csik
- Mailing: Joy Jude
- Hospitality: Suzanne Lafleur
- Member-at-large: Carole Bayard

Positions requiring nominees:

- Out of Town Day Trips Organizer (two trips per year)
- Newsletter Editor
- Publicity Manager
- Montreal Tours Organizer
- Course Instructors Recruiter
- Walking Group Organizer

OFFICE HOURS



Our office in Room 305 is reopening!

Currently, for the registration period, the hours are as follows:

- Monday, August 29th, from 1:30-3:30 - Marilyn Csik
- Tuesday, August 30th, from 1:30-3:30 - Marie-Claire Zirpdji
- Wednesday, August 31st, from 1:30-3:30 – Pat Kirk
- Tuesday, September 6th, from 1:30-3:30 - Marie-Claire Zirpdji
- Wednesday, September 7th, from 1:30-3:30 – Pat Kirk

For members who have no emails, you can pick up a program and register at the office.

For other members who are in the vicinity, come say 'Hello'.

We would love to see you all again! N.B. Future hours will be posted on the door.

Access to ENCORE at 1857 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W. by the front door can be difficult to manage for some people. We could arrange that you enter by the garage so please let us know when you register for classes if you require another access to the building.

UPCOMING EVENTS



<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Annual General Meeting (AGM)	September 8 th at 1:00 pm	See section above
Fall Session I, 2022	Week of September 12 th , 2022	Classes begin
Fall Session II, 2022	October 20 th – November 4 th (approximate dates)	Registration Period
Fall Session II, 2022	Week of November 7 th , 2022	Classes begin

FALL SESSION I, 2022 - PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Genealogy is featuring the War Brides who came to Canada after WWII. You will simply LOVE them.
- Elvis will be shaking up the classroom and the airwaves too and you know how much he was loved.
- Classical Music will be helping us to hear and love the elegant music through the ages.
- And finally, we are introducing an afternoon of free Board Games so come join in the fun!!

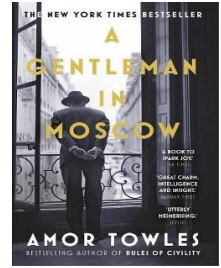
There is a lot on offer, so please read your program and register right away.

BOOK CORNER

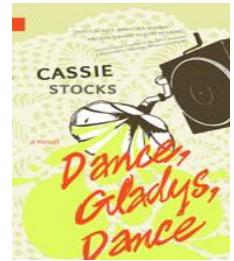


Recommended by Jane Archer

A Gentleman in Moscow is one of my all-time favourite novels. Many of you may already know this lovely novel by Amor Towles. It tells the story of an aristocratic gentleman in 1922 who ran afoul of the Bolsheviks. He has been sentenced to house arrest in a grand hotel in Moscow. It's beautifully written, mixing the history of the time, with life in a hotel all sprinkled with humour and intrigue. Even worth a second read.



Dance Gladys Dance is Cassie Stocks first novel which won her the Steven Leacock Award in 2013. It's a fun read which follows the main character Frieda Zweig through her bumpy, sometimes funny, sometimes sad journey as she tries to find her place in life. It may not be everyone's cup of tea but I really enjoyed it and hope you do too!



AT THE MOVIES



Have you been back to the movies yet? Well, if you hadn't heard, for those who live in the area, Cavendish Mall has reopened its doors and apparently, the seats are reclining chairs. And they are featuring 'ELVIS' among other films. So here's a preview.

Elvis is a beautifully made film by Baz Luhrmann who is not known for visual restraint. It tells the story of Presley from the perspective of the singer's crooked manager, Colonel Tom Parker, narrated and played by an unrecognizable Tom Hanks, who once again proves he can adapt to any role. Some criticize his over-the-top caricatural acting but I personally found it added a fun dimension to an over-hatched biography.

Austin Butler is amazing in the role of Elvis. He really nails the style, attitude, voice and body language of the "King".

Nevertheless, the narrative seemed to become more disjointed as the movie progressed, but perhaps I was just getting exhausted of all the glitz after over 2 hours.



Carole Bayard





I have just finished watching the six seasons of Downton Abbey. Oh, what a treat that was!

For a history buff, this was very entertaining in its depiction of high society and how their way of life slowly and inevitably was forced to disappear. Following the 1st World War, the beginning of the 1st unions, the move from rural life to urban communities, the shift from service jobs to factories, the early feminists were all influences that led to the downfall of an era and the birth of the middle class.

It was interesting to note that rich or poor, it was the younger generation that welcomed change while the older one fought tooth and nail to preserve their way of life.

This is the story of an affluent family's day to day life contrasted with the dependence of their servants for their mundane lowly existence

I was so taken with the fashion of the day and how it changed as the years went by; the dresses, the hats, the shoes; the men's attire – their hunting clothes – how they all had to change for dinner. It was quite a big part of their lives – especially the women of course.

The home had a spectacular staircase and the most elaborate textured wallpaper. The furniture and decor were absolutely stunning. The series also showcased the first cars that they drove.

The servants are very much a part of the story; their living quarters are a stark contrast to the rooms they clean every day.

The characters are so well developed and the acting is extraordinary. Maggie Smith is at her best in the role of Dowager Countess of Grantham – the matriarch of the family.

I shall say no more and hope you have the opportunity to watch this series if that's 'your cup of tea'!

Marie-Claire Zirpdji



RIDDLES, GAMES & PUZZLES



Submitted by Pat Kirk and Carole Bayard

Sudoku puzzle. Good luck! Easy one!

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Sudoku puzzle 2. Good luck! Medium.

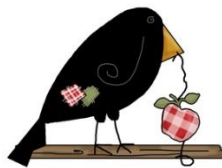
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RIDDLES (answers below)

1. What did one math book say to the other math book?
2. How do you make the number 7 even without addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division?
3. My life can be measured in hours, I serve by being devoured. Thin, I am quick. Fat, I am slow. Wind is my foe. What am I?
4. Why was the broom late?

JOKE

Jimmy Stewart was telling a joke about a man being asked by his wife, "John, if I were to die would you remarry?" John said, "Oh what an awful thing to be talking about". Then, she asked a day or so later, "Really, John, would you marry again?" Finally, exasperated, John said, "Well yes, I guess I would." She then asked, "Would you sell the house?" John said "No, I wouldn't. Why would I do that?" She said, "Would you sell our bed?" Oh come on, John said, "No. I wouldn't." Then she said, "You certainly wouldn't let her touch my golf clubs, would you?" John said, "No, of course not, she's left-handed!



Answers to the riddles

1. Do you want to hear my problems?
2. Drop the "S"
3. I am a candle
4. It overswept