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Gloria's Girls to mark 10th anniversary with gala featuring the Edwards Twins

It has now been 10 years since Gloria Shapiro died from Ovarian Cancer at the age of 49, having bravely battled the disease for seven years. However, she has left quite a legacy in the decade that has passed.

Despite her ill health, Gloria established the Gloria Shapiro Endowment Fund for Ovarian Cancer Research at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal. Her

including Stevie Wonder, Neil Diamond, Billy Joel, Elton John, Rod Stewart, Tom Jones, Engelbert Humperdinck, while Eddie impersonates all the divas including Cher, Bette Midler, Barbra Streisand, Liza Minnelli, Celine Dion and Lady Gaga.

There will also be a live auction consisting of a few "WOW" packages containing many fabulous and valuable items. Valet parking will be provided.

Regional theatregoers are getting a chance to check this out in October in a number of neighbourhoods and towns including Dorval, Wakefield, Saint Lambert, Le Plateau Mont-Royal and Hudson. Kafka's central thesis in his satire on forced assimilation – that other animals have a dignity and a respect for Mother Nature and their own species. Info: www.infinithetre.com. Tickets are still available for the Maison de la Culture du Plateau Mont Royal October 30 and the Hudson Village Theatre on Halloween night.

NURSES CHAPTER:

CHW Montreal's Nurses Council are planning a Health Forum on the topic of Arthritis on Wednesday evening, October 22 at the CSL Aquatic and Community Centre on Parkhaven. The panel of medical professionals will include Rheumatologist Dr. Marie Hudson, nutritionist Audra Libman and physiotherapist Tamara Windholz. For ticket info email alanna@montreal.chw.ca or log on to www.chw.ca/montreal.

MUSICA CAMERATA:

Hailed as Canada's foremost chamber music ensemble, Musica Camerata Montréal will celebrate its 45th anniversary this season, making it one of the best established chamber music ensembles in Canada. Its repertoire includes more than 300 works from the 18th to the 21st centuries. Luis Grinhauz, the first assistant concert master and a musician with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra for nearly 45 years, leads Musica Camerata. This season began on September 13. Next on the agenda will be November 8, March 14 and May 23. You can find all of the necessary information on their comprehensive website at www.cameratamontreal.com. Each of the dinner hour concerts will take place at Chapelle Historique du Bon Pasteur.

HEMOCHROMATOSIS INFO:

The Canadian Hemochromatosis Society will be holding a free information event on Thursday evening, October 9 at the Royal Victoria Hospital S.L. Browne Amphitheater M. 3.01 where current information on the diagnosis, treatment and management, will be presented. This will include information on the new Iron Tracker app. Hereditary Hemochromatosis (HHC) is an iron metabolism disorder that causes the body to absorb two to three times the normal amount of iron and is potentially fatal if undiagnosed and untreated. Hemochromatosis is now considered Canada's most common genetic disease, says event organizer Juliana Pavelka-Johnston.

The Canadian Hemochromatosis Society yearly receives hundreds of requests for information and teaching aids from universities, patients, doctors, libraries and hospitals. Its publications go



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out to doctors and patients as far as Hong Kong, South Africa, Israel and the United Kingdom to aid researchers; and assist families, with respect to screening, tests and where to seek treatment. Tomorrow's event will connect individuals with hemochromatosis and their families to others affected by the disorder in the local community. RSVP to Juliana at montreal@toomuchiron.ca Info: www.toomuchiron.ca

An estimated 125,000 Canadians have two copies of the gene that puts them at risk of iron overload. Over 3.5 million Canadians carry one gene (they are called "carriers"). This number is significant because when two carriers have children, the offspring are at risk of having both genes, and thus at risk for iron overload. It is extremely prevalent in people of northern European (e.g. French, German, Scandinavian) and Celtic (e.g. Irish, British, Scottish) descent, but others can also be affected. Left untreated, the excess iron builds up in vital organs, tissues and joints, where it can cause a number of debilitating and potentially fatal complications and diseases.

PETER YARROW EVENT

The Jewish General Hospital's Cancer Prevention Centre, in association with Hope & Cope, will be hosting An Evening of Song and Conversation with Peter Yarrow, of Peter, Paul, and Mary fame, on Saturday, October 18, (7:30 p.m.) at the Oscar Peterson Hall (7141 Sherbrooke St. West). Yarrow's classic songs such as If I Had a Hammer, Blowin' in the Wind, Light One Candle and Puff, the Magic Dragon resonate with hope, making him the perfect choice to headline this benefit concert. A committed activist, Yarrow has supported diverse causes such as peace, the environment, gender equality, homelessness, hospice care and education.

"It is always better to prevent rather than cure," explains Dr. Michael Pollak, Director of the Cancer Prevention Centre. "Our multidisciplinary program includes



Gloria Shapiro (left) and Maxine in this 2001 photo.

objective was to raise money to fund research and to heighten awareness about the subtle signs and symptoms of this silent killer, often referred to as the "disease that whispers." She planted the seed, and since her passing, her friends have been working passionately to pursue her goal. They are known as "Gloria's Girls" and to date have raised \$1.1 million.

"My dear late sister embarked upon a new uncharted journey once she got sick, which included directing her energy towards helping others," says Maxine Shapiro Rosenblatt. "Gloria's passion and determination to help others lives on through Gloria's Girls, a group of women committed to carrying out her mission. I do not believe she imagined we would raise \$1.1 million. It is extraordinary. I think maybe deep down she did believe this would be an ongoing venture. When she undertook a project/assignment she was very passionate and committed. Gloria's Girls seem to be made from the same cloth. This is my sister's legacy."

On October 19 (6 p.m.) at the Rialto Theatre (5723 Avenue du Parc) Gloria's Girls will be hosting a "Night at the Theatre," presenting Celebrities on Stage starring Anthony and Eddie Edwards, twin celebrity impersonators

The event will begin with cocktails and small plates offered by five of Montreal's finest chefs followed by a dessert bar. As far as the Edwards twins go, Anthony handles all the male impersonators

"Gloria is still very much part of my life on account of the work I am doing," says her sister. "Gloria's Girls and I carry on the mission that she set out for herself. I promised her I would continue to fight the battle she lost. We can be credited for many accomplishments, but our work is still not done."

Gloria, who never married, was a successful women's wear buyer for major retail stores. "Once she was diagnosed, she never returned to women's wear," says Maxine. "She took on a new role promoting Ovarian Cancer Awareness. She did not want other women to suffer as she had. She became a spokes lady, advocating how early detection was critical for a positive outcome/prognosis. She reached out to the media."

Tickets are available through the Jewish General Hospital Foundation Office, 514-340-8222 extension 3986 or via www.jghfoundation.org/event/GGT2014/tickets.html. General admission is \$136.00 with a partial tax receipt. Proceeds from this event will go towards supporting the gynecologic oncology unit of the Jewish General Hospital and the work of Dr. Walter Gotlieb, Director of Gynecologic Oncology.

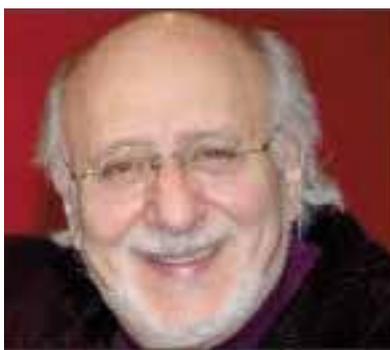
KAFKA'S APE:

NDG's Howard Rosenstein is attracting rave reviews as keynote speaker and prime in Montreal Infinithéâtre's Kafka's Ape

clinical and research activities as well as special services to people at high risk of cancer. Through research, our goal is to discover ways for everyone to reduce their cancer risk and to share this information with the public."

Proceeds of this benefit concert will enable the Centre to increase its clinical services and offer more free public lectures on topics related to cancer prevention. The opening act will be the EMSB Chorale youth choir. Now in its 35th season, the choir has performed at international choir festivals and last April, was invited to sing in Bach's St. Matthew's Passion with the Orchestre Métropolitain under the direction of Yannick Nézet-Séguin.

Regular tickets and VIP tickets for a pre-concert cocktail with Peter Yarrow are available online at www.peteryarrow-cancerprevention.com. For more information about the Cancer Prevention Centre, please visit <http://jgh.ca/cpc>. To learn more about Hope & Cope, visit www.hopeandcope.ca



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THE VIC'S GOT TALENT:

Fred "Tex" Dawson, the Pointe Claire architect who gained notice in the 1980s as an illustrator for Edgar Collard's weekly column "All Our Yesterdays" in The Montreal Gazette, is part of a program called The Vic's Got Talent! This is an art exhibit and silent auction taking place at the Royal Victoria Hospital throughout the day wherein over 30 patients, staff, physicians, and anyone with a tie to the hospital, submitted a two-dimensional piece of artwork depicting the heritage of the Vic.

Dawson submitted a painting of the most architectural elements associated with the hospital, the towers and turrets depicted on a sunny winter day. "I did the painting last February," he told me. "It is always easier to do this in the winter because you do not have trees obscuring the building."

After serving in WWII, Dawson graduated from McGill University with a Bachelors of Architecture. He married his high school sweet heart, Jean, who graduated in 1947 from the Royal Victoria Hospital School of Nursing and went on to become the head nurse in the maternity ward. Tex was always sketching as a child and would draw cartoons during the war. The Dawsons only moved to Pointe Claire last November, after 57 years in Rosemere.

The MUHC is at a new milestone as it prepares for the move of three hospital sites to the Glen Yards in NDG. Although change and progress are inevitable, officials are ensuring that the memory of the



Tex Dawson

MUHC's founding hospitals live on. There are several events taking place throughout the year to commemorate the MUHC hospitals' legacy in what we call the Legacy Year.

AMCAL GOLF:

Pointe Claire based AMCAL's 13th Family Matters Golf Tournament took place recently, raising \$23,500 that will go directly towards programs and services for families in crisis. In front of the crowd of golfers and supporters, one of AMCAL's Residential Program graduates, spoke about the struggles and triumphs she experienced this past year. At the age of 15, together with her father and mother, a young girl came to AMCAL desperately searching for help and a solution. A great student in school with supportive parents, she seemed to be like a typical teen on the outside. But life happened and she began questioning her identity, if and where she belonged and it led to some serious struggles, depression, and suicidal thoughts. After spending the summer at AMCAL, family counseling and more, this family saw the light at the end of the tunnel.

Today, she continues to come to AMCAL for mentoring sessions but she has successfully overcome some of the difficulties she faced and is now working on a plan for her future.

"AMCAL is so proud of her achievements and the amazing young woman she is becoming,"

says ACAL executive director Sophie Dalbec. "We hope that sharing this story will touch you and others in similar situations and provide them with hope," Ms. Dalbec commented with great appreciation.

Over the past year, over 3,500 people and families have come through AMCAL's doors looking for a way to get back on track with their families. Not every story is simple, perfect or the same but AMCAL strives to offer families programs and services - the tools that will help them get back on track.

MONTREAL MUSEUMS:

The Montreal Police Association Museum, the Bank of Montreal Museum, the Printing Museum of Quebec, Just for Laughs Museum. Never heard of them? Neither have most Montrealers or visitors to Montreal. The city has dozens of "little" museums-undiscovered gems to discover. Montreal's Other Museums, written by

the ever so charismatic Rachel Alkallay, had its official launch last Sunday at Bibliophile in Snowdon. The pocket sized guide is an illustrated user-friendly publication to an intriguing group of institutions specializing in textiles, medicine, humour, religion, the military, rare books, banking, ecology, recording and broadcasting, local history, printing, and other diverse subjects. Boutiques and the availability of food, is also indicated. It includes listings by subject and neighbourhood. Check out

<http://www.vehiculepress.com/q.php?EAN=9781550653540> for more information.

RICH LENKOV AND THE BEARS:

Chomedey native Rich Lenkov, a successful lawyer in Chicago, is one of the producers of a much anticipated documentary now being filmed in the Windy City.

It is called '85: The Untold Story Of The Greatest Team In Pro Football History. The team in question is the 1985 Chicago Bears, three decades later being guided by former Alouettes coach Marc Trestman.

The film is slated for release in the summer of 2015, the 30th anniversary of the Bears' last NFL Super Bowl championship. Lenkov, who is partnering with Tom Pellegrini and Scott Prestin, has previously been involved with on-stage productions like Rock of Ages and The Rascals: Once Upon a Dream. He and his colleagues recruited legendary 1985 Bears linebacker Otis Wilson to co-produce the film and signed native Chicagoan Jim Belushi as the narrator.

"'85' will celebrate the untold story of this team of unique characters though the voices of the players, coaches, superfans, prominent Chicagoans and members of the press," according to a press release. "This will be the first in-depth telling of all that happened on and off the field during the championship season."

"The team, including Mike Ditka and William "The Refrigerator" Perry, continue to be legends in Chicago and around the world, even 30 years later," Lenkov says. "We are discussing distribution through a variety of sources, including Netflix and HBO. Current Bears management is excited about the project and supporting us."

Lenkov, a passionate sports fan, also does a show called Legal Faceoff on WGN Radio. During a recent episode he and another lawyer discussed the situation in the NFL surrounding spousal and child abuse scandals involving players Ray Rice and Adrian Peterson respectively.

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Rich Lenkov on the air.