

# NEWSLETTER

## LEA ROBACK FOUNDATION



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*Lea Roback*

# *A word from the President*

## *Continuity and renewal*

2013 was a very busy year for the Foundation, not unexpected of course, seeing as we were celebrating our twentieth anniversary. 2014 will thus be a year of continuity and renewal.

The twentieth anniversary festivities are now behind us; we are up and running again to ensure that the foundation fully assumes and fulfils its mission. Not that we were neglecting it in the past, but one can't help but acknowledge that the organization of all these special events demanded a lot of time and energy. In a certain sense, we all need to catch our breath.

As we were taking stock of this anniversary year, the Board of Directors reached the conclusion, wisely we believe, to not organize any more large-scale events over the next few years. If and when we organize special fundraising activities, although we do realize that they represent an excellent opportunity to unite our loyal donors in a spirit of reunion and solidarity, the latter will have to be less demanding in terms of organization.

Regardless, it will soon be time to start thinking about special activities to underline the 25th anniversary. Preparations for the latter will be upon us sooner than we think! But until then, there are lots of things to be done.

Our annual fundraising campaign produced very satisfactory results. Our *Partners* and *Major Partners* remain loyal to us, thereby providing the Foundation with credibility and status in various milieus, but also providing us with a stable source of funds. This gets done with great care and patience.

There's also the newsletter that has to be written and published, the Web site and Facebook page to be regularly kept up-to-date, responses that have to be given to requests for information, invitations and all kinds of solicitations.

The Scholarship operation is right around the corner. This year again, it represents an intense period for all the members of the Board of Directors who, each in their own way, generously gets involved and contributes their skills to ensure its success. We hope, this year again, to help several women give shape to their dreams for the future by granting them a scholarship.

To get the job done properly, members of the Board of Directors must participate in a number of work meetings and Board sessions. Some of us likewise attend meetings of the executive committee, which oversees a variety of everyday management tasks.

## *Continuity*

It is worthwhile drawing attention to this element in terms of the loyalty of the many people who have supported the Foundation since its very inception. It is even more apropos when some of them are preparing to pass on the torch, as is the case for Judith Newman, our Treasurer. She will continue to work with us on the Board of Directors, but after all these years of sustained commitment to the cause, she wanted to take a little break to catch her breath.

## *Renewal*

When someone leaves, a replacement therefore becomes necessary. So it is with Frances Ravensbergen who will decidedly come on board with conviction and determination. We know that her commitment is authentic and her contribution will be valuable. We are already thankful that she is on our team.

*« Quand on aime, on a toujours 20 ans! »,* sings Jean-Pierre Ferland (When you love someone, you're always 20 years old). The memory of Lea and the Foundation's mission have awoken and breathed life into the commitment of hundreds of people. If we're able to stay the course and make plans for the future, it's all because of that. We will continue this wonderful journey as long as continuity and renewal allow us to move forward.

# News Flashes

## 2014-2014 Scholarships

A few weeks ago, we received a magnificent testimonial from one of last year's scholarship recipients.

“This scholarship, the Foundation's scholarship, gave me wings and the motivation to continue with my plans.... It encouraged me to keep going.”

It should be recalled that Sophie is involved and active at the Verdun Women's Centre and is pursuing her studies in nursing care.

After 20 years, and over 200 scholarships later, it's worthwhile noting that the Foundation's mission is still achieving results.

And the Foundation is presently in full swing, we are currently receiving applications from young women and younger women who could benefit from financial assistance to continue their education. The deadline for sending applications was April 1st.

## Annual Fundraising Campaign

Our warmest thanks go out to all those people who have sent in their donation to the Foundation during the 2013 annual fundraising campaign.

The Foundation's supporters enabled us to collect some \$9,800.

The Foundation is also able to count upon the substantial support of some 15 *Major Partners* and *Partners* who, throughout the year, renew their partnership or others who join with them. This represents a sum that fluctuates around \$15,000 every year.

These financial contributions will go towards funding scholarships for 2014-2015. These contributions thus help us maintain the number of scholarships awarded every year.

If she were still with us, Lea Roback would be touched to see the growing number of trade unions who are supporting the Foundation.

The majority of our Major Partners and Partners indeed come from the trade union movement.

Thanks to all these demonstrations of solidarity, the Foundation's mission becomes a reality by helping economically disadvantaged women give shape to their plans to continue their education in order to improve their lot and that of their family.

**A big thank you on behalf of all of them.**

## *The Foundation: custodian of Hélène Pedneault's work*

Since Hélène Pedneault's passing, the Foundation, as the latter's legatee, receives royalties arising from the reproduction or sale of her work. We were also hoping to recuperate certain user fees arising from some of them by reaching an agreement with the publisher who owned them. This has now been accomplished.



The Foundation thus has in its possession all the copies of the most recently published books that were not in bookstores. Accordingly, we'll be able to determine a sales price, and sell them without any intermediaries and benefit entirely from the amounts received. In addition, the Foundation will be able to use all of Hélène Pedneault's work as it sees fit, to support activist activities or for future reprints or editions.

*Are you a beneficiary of a Lea Roback Scholarship?  
We would like to publish your story in our newsletter.*

*Please contact us at  
[info@fondationlearoback.org](mailto:info@fondationlearoback.org)*

## *Great Partners of the Foundation:*

The Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ);  
the Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN);  
the Fédération interprofessionnelle de la santé du Québec (FIQ);  
and the Sœurs Saint-Joseph de Saint-Hyacinthe.

## *Partners of the Foundation:*

The Alliance du personnel professionnel et technique de la santé et des services sociaux (APTS);  
the Fédération autonome de l'enseignement (FAE);  
the Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (FTQ);  
the Fédération nationale des enseignants et enseignantes du milieu de l'éducation (FNEEQ);  
the Syndicat des conseillères et conseillers de la CSQ, Fonds de solidarité;  
the Syndicat de l'enseignement du Haut-Richelieu (CSQ);  
the Syndicat de l'enseignement de l'Ouest de Montréal;  
the Syndicat des professionnelles et professionnels de l'éducation (SPPMEM);  
Madame Laura Alper;  
Madame Lucille Panet-Raymond;  
as well as one foundation who wishes to remain anonymous.

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