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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Best wishes for health and happiness in 2022 from all of us at MCLL! We thought you'd like this photo showing how generously our members responded to a request for warm winter clothing for unhoused indigenous people in our city. Spearheaded by **Dr. Derek Tannis** of the School of Continuing Studies, the clothing drive was a great way to spread holiday joy. Seen here before the new lockdown are **Astri Thorvik** and program administrator **Ana Milic**, two of the many elves who donated, picked up and sorted the mounds of donations into bags marked sweaters, coats, scarves and hats, socks, boots and beyond, for delivery early in the new year.

MCLL is in serious need of volunteers. Did you know that volunteers do all our moderating and lecturing, run our committees and council, and staff the office five days a week? We have only one full-time and one part-time employee. To continue as a viable organization, we need YOU to step up and pitch in! For more detail, contact volunteer coordinator Susan Biggs at susanbiggs66@gmail.com, and we'll find the right place for you. We currently need a chair for our Planning Committee, which reviews and evaluates the activities, organization and financing of MCLL. We are looking for a person with experience running meetings and making sure that the committee's decisions are carried out. The committee meets monthly, and the chair reports to council monthly. For further information, please contact Leslie Paris (parisleslie@hotmail.com) or Claire Booth (clairebooth2016@gmail.com).

The Omicron variant has forced a return to exclusively Zoom study groups for winter, but we will implement hybrid learning as soon as the public health situation allows. Office volunteers have done a great job quickly contacting everyone who registered for in-person study groups, to find out if they wanted to join in by Zoom. We're ready to launch now: See you online starting **January 10!**

News, opinions and views on any MCLL-related topic are most welcome. Just contact Susan Purcell, the eBulletin editor, at suepurcell@videotron.ca, or call her at (514) 488-3503.

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