

STUDY GROUPS

All Study Groups are 10 weeks; Fee: \$65 each. Max: 19 members each. For additional details, please visit www.slrlondon.ca.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Monday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30

Sept 19 – Nov 28 (no class Oct 10 Thanksgiving)

Moderators: Patricia Robinson, Teresa Stoye

From drums to piccolos to spoons, mankind has found ways to make music on an endless variety of instruments. Over centuries they have developed into the grand piano, the Stradivarius violin or the electric guitar. Everyone has favourites – perhaps it is the pan flute or the organ. Share the history and the sounds of your favourite musical instrument.

THE MIDDLE EAST – CROSSROADS OF THE WORLD

Monday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30

Sept 19 – Nov 28 (no class Oct 10 Thanksgiving)

Moderators: Doug Bell, Esther Andrews

With 17 countries, 400 million people and 5,000 years of history, the Middle East is the cradle of Western civilization. Once ruled by Greece, Rome, Persia, the Ottomans and Arabs, it was the centre of learning in mathematics, medicine, architecture and astrology. It has great ancient cities and breathtaking geography and is home to three major religions. Let's visit the Middle East and discuss its past, present and future.

CANADA'S PARKS AND WATERWAYS

Tuesday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30

Sept 20 – Nov 22

Moderators: Helen Olmstead, Carole Tedball

National and Provincial parks, rivers, lakes and canals - we have some of the most spectacular in the world! They are part of our history and vital for future generations. They are home to waterfalls, glaciers, hoodoos, hiking trails and wildlife. Share the history and significance of a Canadian park or waterway.

IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR COLONIES

Tuesday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30

Sept 20 – Nov 22

Moderators: Karen Thyret, Sheila Lancaster

Strong European nations claimed colonies, seizing and controlling land belonging to the indigenous people living there. For example, the colonies of England formed an Empire that circled the globe, remnants of which still exist today. Who was colonized and for what reason? How did it impact both groups and what are the ramifications today?

WHAT'S NEW IN MEDICINE?

Wednesday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30

Sept 21 – Nov 23

Moderators: Sally Stewart, George Cranton

Discover exciting innovations in medicine in the areas of diagnosis, medication, surgery, cancer treatment, rehabilitation and communication. Explore issues surrounding birth and end-of-life care. What models are being developed for patient care in hospital, in the community and abroad? Is the newest way always the best? Let us know what intrigues you and concerns you.

CURRENT EVENTS

Wednesday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30

Sept 21 – Nov 30 (no class Nov 23, Winter Program Preview)

Moderators: Terry McSpadden, Edna Blomqvist

This is a flexible program to discuss newsworthy topics. If you are interested, we are interested. Presentations can be drawn from any source covering the current political or social scene, even historical events with relevance to today's world. Issues may be local, national, or international. Controversial topics are most welcome since they generate discussion. If it is in the news, we want your views.

IT'S A MAD AD WORLD!

Thursday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30

Sept 22 – Dec 8 [no classes Oct 27 (GL Fundraiser) or Dec 1 (Festive Lunch)]

Moderators: Don Efron, Richard Waring

For more than a millennium, messages by special interest groups, businesses or individuals have persuaded people to purchase a product, support an opinion or ideology, or to take action. From advertising found on papyrus to email spam, marketing has exerted a profound effect on culture and our aspirations. Let's discuss past and present methods, goals, scope and ethics of the "art of persuasion."

POTPOURRI

Thursday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30

Sept 22 – Dec 8 [no classes Oct 27 (GL Fundraiser) or Dec 1 (Festive Lunch)]

Moderators: Brenda Jackson, Roy Hind

The field is wide open for any topic you think will challenge the intellect, tickle the funny bone, provoke controversy, stimulate discussion or just keep us informed. Do you have some insight that you have always wanted to share with others? Here you have an attentive and appreciative audience.

CARTOONS AND CARTOONISTS

Friday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30

Sept 23 – Dec 2 (no class Oct 28, GL Fundraiser)

Moderators: Carl Silke, Ann Walker

A cartoon is a form of illustrated visual art and, like a picture, is worth a thousand words. Since the Middle Ages, cartoons depicted satire, caricature, humour, political comment and storytelling. They have evolved from single illustrations to strips, graphic novels and animated movies and television. Share the stories of famous, historic or contemporary cartoons and the artists who created them.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

Friday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30

Sept 23 – Dec 2 (no class Oct 28, GL Fundraiser)

Moderators: Cathy Cameron, Lynn Young

This is an opportunity to invite one of your favourite personalities - historical, theatrical, political, musical, etc. - to dine with you. Maybe Henry VIII, Mae West, Sir John A. or St. Paul will accept your invitation. Here is your chance to sit down with them and delve into their personalities, lives and times. What music would you play and what would you serve for dinner?

ACTIVITY GROUPS

All locations at Grosvenor Lodge unless otherwise noted.

PICTURE THIS with Jeff Keenor

Tuesday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30

Sept 20 - Oct 11 (4 sessions)

Fee: \$25.00; Maximum 16 members

Are you disappointed with the photographs that you take? Do you only shoot on Auto? Wonder what those funny icons on the camera mean? In four sessions you will improve your understanding of the controls on your digital camera, develop composition skills, and learn basic image editing on your computer. You will need a digital camera, computer access and email (for editing and sharing images).

LEARN TO PLAY THE ALTO RECORDER, PART 1 with John Morgan

Tuesday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30

Sept 20 – Nov 22 (10 Sessions)

Fee: \$65; Maximum 10 members

Location: Church of St. Jude, Fanshawe and Adelaide

A course for beginners or members wanting to learn the alto (F) recorder. Participants bring their own alto recorder and music stand. (Yamaha alto recorder, Long & McQuade, \$24). We use the Basic Recorder Technique, Vol. 1 (Alto) by Hugh Orr, \$13. The SLR Recorder Ensemble is an available progression for the alto players after completing the set of three introductory courses.

PLAY ON with Mary Neill

Tuesday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30

Sept 20 - Nov 22 (10 sessions)

Fee: \$65.00; Maximum 16 members

A continuation course for those who have been in two sessions of 'Be A Player,' with an emphasis on character study and performance in rehearsed readings of monologues, scenes and one-act plays. 'Rehearsed reading' means a prepared presentation without memorization being required.

BE A PLAYER with Mary Neill

Wednesday p.m. 1:00 – 3:00

Sept 21 – Nov 30 (no class Nov 23)

Fee: \$65; Maximum 16 members

This is a 'learn by doing' improv acting class. Skills developed in the workshop will be applied in rehearsed readings of duologues or short plays to be presented in the last two classes. The classes help develop confidence and presentation skills and are great fun

THE DEBATERS with Lynn Hamilton

Thursday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30

Sept 22 - Nov 17 (8 sessions, no class Oct 27)

Fee: \$50.00; Maximum 14 members

Have you heard the Debaters on CBC Radio? This term, we'll have our own informative and fun version at SLR. Teams will pick a topic ranging from serious to light-hearted, present their case, face a rebuttal by the other team, and try to convince their peers. An animated, thought-provoking and fun experience is guaranteed.

USING SLIDESHOWS TO BOOST YOUR PRESENTATION with Peggy Matser

Thursday, 1:00 – 3:00

Sept 22 (1 session)

Fee: \$5.00 non-refundable; Maximum 12 members

In this workshop we will discuss how to use Microsoft PowerPoint or the free Open Office Impress software to add impact to your SLR presentations through colour, animations, music, photos and videos, clip art and more. This is not a hands-on workshop, so you do not need to bring a portable device with you, but you may if you so choose.

PINTEREST WORKSHOP with Shari McNeill and Marlis Timbeck

Thursday, 11:45 – 1:15

Sept 29 (1 session)

Fee: \$5.00 non-refundable; Maximum 12 members

Have an interest in Pinterest? Do you use the Internet for research, to find new recipes and decorating ideas, plan a vacation, learn a new skill or follow a hobby? Do you ever wish you had an easy way to keep track of it all without having to print it? Then Pinterest is for you! Bring your laptop/tablet and join us for the how-to-Pinterest workshop

FACEBOOK NOVICE WORKSHOP with Peggy Matser

Friday, 9:30 – 11:30

Oct 14 (1 session)

Fee: \$5.00 non-refundable; Maximum 12 members

Come to this workshop to find answers to your questions about posting videos, photos and updates; confidentiality issues; joining groups; private messaging, and more. This is not a hands-on workshop, so you do not need to bring a portable device with you, but you may if you so choose.

MY MUSIC PLAYLIST with Jeff Keenor and Gail Morrow

Thursday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30

Oct 20 – Nov 24 (5 sessions; no class Oct 27, GL

Fundraiser)

Fee: \$30.00; Maximum 16 members

What music do you love and play over and over again – your music playlist. Bring that music and share it with the rest of the group. No presentation; simply lie back and enjoy the music.

Facilitators will confirm the date of the first meeting unless shown otherwise. Note: Many interest groups are off-site.

INTEREST GROUPS

COMPUTER CLINIC with Western Students

Wednesday and Thursday p.m. 3:00 – 3:50

Start date: TBA (check SLR Website calendar for dates)

Fee: Free to SLR members; advance sign-up required

Western student volunteers come to Grosvenor Lodge to provide one-on-one assistance to members with computer-related questions. Bring your laptop, tablet, smart phone or digital camera.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB with Jeff Keenor

Meets 1st Thursday of each month 11:45 – 1:00

Fee: \$15.00 (for 2016-2017); Maximum 14 members

Open to anyone with a digital camera, any skill level. Share photographs, tips and techniques, so that all increase their enjoyment of photography.

RECORDER ENSEMBLE with John Morgan

Meets every other Thursday p.m. 2:00 – 3:30

Location: Church of St. Jude, Fanshawe and Adelaide

Fee \$50.00 for 2016-2017 year

This is a continuing group – new members welcome. It is expected that all members will play a C or F instrument and be in the process of learning the second instrument.

FRIENDS OF THE HYLAND with Mary Evans and Helen Bullas Meets 2nd Sunday of the month for early matinee at the Hyland Theatre followed by a trip to a local restaurant for lively discussion of the film.

Fee: Free with SLR membership

SERIOUSLY LITTLE REHEARSED SINGERS with Gina Barber

Meets Fridays, 11:45 – 1:15

Fee: \$15.00 (for 2016-2017)

Does singing make you happy? Can you carry a tune? If you can say yes to one of these, you are eligible to become a member of Seriously Little Rehearsed, the singing group that loves to laugh and sing. Sometimes we perform for our members. That's fun, too.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

MULTICULTURAL LONDON with Diana Lloyd and Shari McNeill

Monday a.m. 9:30 - 11:30

Sept 19 – Oct 24 (5 sessions; no class Oct 10, Thanksgiving)

Fee: \$30; Maximum 16 members

Canada was the first country in the world to adopt multiculturalism as an official policy. It is fundamental to our belief that all citizens are equal. Multiculturalism has led to higher rates of naturalization than ever before and our diversity is a national asset. Join us as we explore Canada's immigration history and how it has shaped the London community.

TALKING GLOBAL ISSUES with Terry McSpadden

Section 1

Monday p.m. 1:15 - 3:15

Sept 19 – Oct 24 (5 sessions; no class Oct 10, Thanksgiving)

Fee: \$30; Maximum 16 members

Section 2

Monday p.m. 1:15 - 3:15

Nov 7 – Dec 5 (5 sessions)

Fee: \$30; Maximum 16 members

There are many issues of concern in the world today that cross national boundaries and affect the global community. Examples include foreign aid, international trade policy, refugees, terrorism, pandemics, environmental damage, and the trafficking of humans, drugs and weapons. Each week we will discuss a topic chosen by the group.

FEDERAL ELECTION ONE YEAR LATER with Rod Whitwham

Wednesday a.m. 9:30 - 11:00

Sept 21 – Oct 19 (5 sessions)

Fee: \$30; Maximum 16 members

Last November, Canadians ousted Harper and his Conservatives and elected a Liberal government led by Justin Trudeau. They are energetic and enthusiastic and have made many promises, but will they be able to keep them? Expectations are high. Are they measuring up? Let's see what they've done so far.

ESTATE PLANNING with Don Pollock

Friday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30

Sept 23 – Oct 7 (3 sessions)

Fee: \$20.00; Maximum 16 members

Benjamin Franklin stated that nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes. Join us for a discussion on current topics in estate planning. Advantages and disadvantages of various estate planning strategies will be discussed with a focus on avoiding costly mistakes that have impacted many families.

U.S. ELECTION with Susan Booth and Don Efron

Section 1

Wednesday 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Oct 12 - Nov 9 (5 sessions)

Fee: \$30; Maximum 16 members

Section 2

Monday 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Oct 17 – Nov 14 (5 sessions)

Fee: \$30; Maximum 16 members

On November 8th, Americans elect their 45th President, 34 Senators and all 435 members of the House. It will be intensely interesting, not only to the US, but to Canada and the world. We will discuss key issues facing the US, the nominees and their platforms, the partisanship divide, the primary campaigns, debates and election results. What might be done; what might be undone?

SOCIAL EVENTS

Please pay for these separately.

MEET AND GREET LUNCHEON

Tuesday, Sept 13, 12:00 noon

Grosvenor Lodge

Cost: \$15

This annual Fall event is an opportunity to meet friends and newcomers to SLR at the beginning of another stimulating year. Enjoy a light finger-food lunch, catered by Youth Opportunities Unlimited, in the elegant reception rooms at the lodge. Dining alfresco on the verandahs will be an option, weather permitting, where the gardens can be enjoyed in their late summer glory.

FALL NATURE WALK

Tuesday, Sept 27, 10:00 – 12:00 noon

Komoka Provincial Park

Cost: No charge

This urban park is located on the western boundary of London. Take a walk through a variety of habitats, including deciduous forests, swamps, floodplains and meadowlands. There are excellent views of the Thames River from various vantage points on the well-marked trails. Helen Olmstead, a member of the Thames Valley Trail Association and SLR, will be our guide.

BUS TRIP TO THE AGO

Thursday, Oct 27

8:30 a.m. depart London on Badder Bus to Toronto

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. E.T.A. back to London

Cost: T.B.A.

The Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO), partnering with the Musee d'Orsay in Paris, is bringing an exhibition of paintings from some of the greatest 19th and 20th century masters, such as Gauguin, Van Gogh and Monet, to Toronto. The "Mystical Landscapes" exhibit promises to be a memorable experience that will take visitors on a journey through Europe, Scandinavia and North America.

FESTIVE BANQUET

Thursday, Dec 1, 12:00 noon

Highland Golf and Country Club

1922 Highland Heights (just west of Ridout on Commissioners Road)

Cost: \$25

Celebrate the festive season in style as we close off the Fall term. Share stories and camaraderie with fellow SLR members as we enjoy a three-course lunch in these elegant surroundings. Pay for tickets through the locked mail dropbox in the rear foyer at Grosvenor Lodge by November 25.

Note: For additional details on all our groups, please visit our website at www.slrlondon.ca

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FALL PROGRAM PREVIEW AND REGISTRATION

Thursday, May 19, 1:30 – 3:30 (presentations start at 1:30 sharp)

Siloam United Church, 1240 Fanshawe Park Road East

Listen to the moderators and facilitators describe their courses and activity groups, and be among the first to sign up. Our program previews are lively and fun, with each moderator or facilitator trying to convince you that their course is the right one for you. Another chance to socialize and enjoy free refreshments.

MODERATORS' WORKSHOP

Wednesday, Sept 7, 10:00 – 12:00 noon

FALL OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

**Thursday, Sept 8, 10:00 – 12:00 noon and 1:00 – 3:00
Grosvenor Lodge**

This is another chance to register for the Study and Activity Groups of your choice and talk with the moderators and facilitators. Short information sessions will be presented for prospective and current members who would like to get an overview of SLR and discover all we have to offer. It's an opportune time to reconnect after the summer holiday. As usual, refreshments are free. Everyone is welcome, and don't hesitate to bring your friends.

MEET AND GREET LUNCH (see Social Events)

Tuesday, Sept 13, 12:00 noon

PRESENTATION WORKSHOP

**Thursday, Sept 15
10:00 – 12:00 noon**

This workshop is designed to take all the worry out of making a presentation. All are welcome – newcomers and

current members – who want to improve their presentation skills, including PowerPoint. You will receive advice on researching, preparing and presenting your topic. As well, you will be treated to a presentation by one of our members. All this at no cost!

FALL NATURE WALK (see Social Events)

Tuesday, Sept 27, 10:00 – 12:00 noon

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (No Classes)

Monday, October 10

BUS TRIP TO THE AGO (see Social Events)

Thursday, Oct 27, 8:30 a.m.

WINTER 2017 PROGRAM BROCHURE

Our brochure with the Winter 2017 selections will be available mid-November. The Winter term begins late January.

WINTER 2017 PROGRAM PREVIEW AND REGISTRATION

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FESTIVE BANQUET (see Social Events)

Thursday, Dec 1, 12:00 noon

REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Registration opens upon distribution of the brochure.

All registrations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. See brochure for maximum group sizes.

The Registration Form with payment can be handed in at the Open Houses, the Program Previews or at any time by mail or drop off in the SLR locked mailbox located in the 1st floor foyer. (For the date, time and location of the Open House and Program Preview, see the [Mark Your Calendars](#) section in the brochure and/or visit www.slrlondon.ca.)

Cheque or cash payments only. Cheques are payable to **SLR London**.

Note: We are unable to process post-dated cheques. Please do not send cash through the mail.

Registration is complete only when full payment has been received by SLR.

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CO-REGISTRATION POLICY

To guarantee a place in a Study, Activity or Discussion Group, payment is required for each course at time of registration. If, however, there is space available in another course you would like to take AND you have already registered and paid for at least one course of equal or higher value, you may apply for the additional course AT OR AFTER the Open House or Program Preview at no charge by going to the Co-Registration table to submit your request. You may also make your application by email or telephone at any time following the Open House or Program Preview.

Applications will be processed the week prior to term commencement and all applicants will be contacted as to the status of their applications.

REFUND POLICY

No refunds are issued for Annual Membership Fees.

If SLR cancels a program, a full refund is issued.

Refunds will be issued if a withdrawal occurs prior to the commencement of the program. Refunds are subject to a \$5.00 administration fee.

No refunds will be issued after the commencement of classes.

Exceptions will be considered for medical or compassionate reasons.

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