

## STUDY GROUPS

Each member makes a presentation related to the general topic. All Spring Study Groups are 8 weeks; Fee: \$50 each; maximum 16 members. Possible topics for each group are listed on our website: [www.slrlondon.ca](http://www.slrlondon.ca).

### ENCORE

**Tuesday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30**

**April 24 – June 12**

**Moderators: Brenda Jackson, Carl Silke**

This is your opportunity to inform and entertain our group with a topic that you have presented previously. Choose one of your favourites to share with a new and enthusiastic audience.

### LAUGHTER IN THE MEDIA – WHAT TICKLES YOU AND WHY

**Wednesday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30**

**April 25 – June 13**

**Moderators: Jacqui Griffin, Lynn Hamilton**

From the slapstick comedy of Charlie Chaplin to the socially critical humour of M.A.S.H. to the political satire of Saturday Night Live, humour can both delight us and make us uncomfortable. Choose a comedian who exemplifies a kind of humour and tell us about him/her, or choose a style of humour and tell us how it is effective.

### REALLY CURRENT EVENTS

**Thursday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30**

**April 26 – June 14**

**Moderators: Richard Waring, Barbara Decker Pierce**

Start your summer off with this stimulating class. This study group will look at stories that have an immediate time frame -- stories that have made the news within the past week. Each participant in turn brings in three such media stories for the whole group to discuss. No research paper is required. Animated discussion is guaranteed

### CUISINES OF THE WORLD

**Friday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30**

**April 27 – June 15**

**Moderators: John Husband, Diane Price**

This group will discuss different foods from diverse countries -- methods of preparation and typical meals with menus and recipes. Other topics could include the history and/or social history of the country of a particular food or the health benefits of some types of cuisine. No food preparation is expected.

## ACTIVITY GROUPS

All locations at Grosvenor Lodge unless otherwise noted.

### BE A PLAYER with Mary Neill

**Tuesday p.m. 1:30 - 3:30**

**April 17 - June 12 (9 sessions)**

**Fee: \$55; maximum 15 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.

### PICTURE THIS with Jeff Keenor

**Thursday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30**

**April 26 – May 17 (4 sessions)**

**Fee: \$25; Maximum 12 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.

### THE JAZZ SINGER with Jeff Keenor

**Thursday p.m. 1:30 - 3:30**

**April 26 – May 24 (5 sessions)**

**Fee: \$30; Maximum 12 members**

Jazz singers have added varied phrasing and melodic conceptions to instrumentals. Ranging from raspy to smooth, from poetic lyrics to gibberish scatting, jazz vocalists have added another layer of texture and complexity to musical performances. Their lives and music will fascinate lovers of all music genres. Possible artists: Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Nat "King" Cole, Lena Horne, Michael Bubl , Dinah Washington, Diana Krall, Mel Torme.

### LET'S UKE IT UP with No le Hall

**Friday p.m. 1:30 - 3:30**

**April 27 - June 15 (8 sessions)**

**Fee: \$50; Maximum 12 members**

Learn to play the versatile, little four-stringed ukulele. Together we will learn a little strumming, a little finger picking, and even a few cool solos! Absolutely no musical background or ability to read music is required. Bring a ukulele, music stand, and the Hal Leonard Ukulele Method Book 1, Audio Access version. (Purchase at Long and McQuade, \$15.95).

### GARDENING with Pat McCabe

**Tuesday p.m. 1:30 - 3:30 (Location of first session: TBA)**

**May 29 – June 26 (5 sessions)**

**Fee: \$30; Maximum 10 members**

Back by popular demand! We will visit gardening sites, share tips and have some laughs. A few sites have been set up, and we can discuss some additional sites. Perhaps you know of some hidden treasure – maybe even your garden!

# DISCUSSION GROUPS

## THE EFFECTS OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON OUR LIVES with Margaret Cowan

**Tuesday a.m. 9:30 - 11:30**

**April 24 - May 22 (5 sessions)**

**Fee: \$30; Maximum 12 members**

The arrival of social media has changed our world in many ways – for better and for worse. How has it improved our lives? What challenges has it introduced and how are we to respond? Join with others to discuss the impact of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other new media platforms ever-present in our lives today.

## 2018 ONTARIO PROVINCIAL ELECTION with Ray Jones

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

**May 16 - June 13 (5 sessions)**

**Fee: \$30; Maximum 12 members**

In the coming year, Ontario voters will elect a new provincial government. There are many issues facing Ontarians, some popular and unpopular decisions made by the current premier, and new directions to be taken to create a better place for us all to live. Find out about the issues and the candidates. Come and join in the lively discussion.

## SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB with Deborah Roberts

**Wednesday p.m. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

**April 25 - June 13 (8 sessions)**

**Fee: \$50; Maximum 12 members**

Short stories are mostly based on a single theme that revolves around a small cast of characters. They cover every genre possible from classic to horror to fantasy. "The Telltale Heart" by Edgar Allan Poe, "The Bear Came Over the Mountain" by Alice Munro, "A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Join us as we discuss a short story each week.

# SOCIAL EVENTS

Please pay for these separately.

## SPRING LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday, April 19 at 12:00 noon**

**Westhaven Golf and Country Club**

**7083 Egremont Drive (off Fanshawe Park Road West)**

**Cost of Lunch: \$20; AGM only: no charge**

Join us for the 24th AGM at our favourite spring venue for a delicious lunch at the elegant and picturesque Westhaven. The business side of the gathering will include the presentation of reports and a call for nominations for the Board of Directors, followed by some light entertainment from the Gina Barber SLR Singers and Brenda's famous jokes. Lunch begins at noon SHARP. Anyone wishing to attend the AGM only should arrive by 1:30.

## SPRING NATURE HIKE

**Tuesday, May 15 10:00 – 12:00 (Rain date: Tuesday May 22)**

**Dorchester Millpond**

**Cost: No charge. Max. 15 people**

Explore the historic Millpond on a 3.5 km trail that is a natural setting for white oak, white pine, black cherry and maple. The century-old pond provides a setting for quiet enjoyment. Raspberry bushes and dogwood support various mammals such as cottontails, raccoons and white tailed deer. The pond is inhabited by waterfowl, turtles and beavers, and boasts beautiful yellow lilies.

## BUS TRIP TO ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

**Tuesday, May 29**

**9:30 a.m. Depart London on Badder Bus to Burlington**

**5:00 – 5:30 p.m. E.T.A. back to London**

**Cost: \$40**

The RBG is the largest botanical garden in Canada, a National Historic Site with a mandate to bring together people, plants and nature. Do not miss this opportunity to enjoy a guided tour with the chance to see clematis, peonies and irises as they burst into their spring glory. The Annex Café will cater a delicious afternoon lunch with open face sandwiches, scones and a fruit platter.

## STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

**Monday, June 11**

**12:00 noon at Grosvenor Lodge**

**Cost: \$15**

When June arrives at Grosvenor Lodge we look forward to our annual Strawberry Social, a much anticipated event in our line-up of social activities. Enjoy a finger-food lunch topped off with a delicious strawberry dessert while you have the opportunity to chat and mingle with SLR friends. This is a great way to celebrate the end of the spring term.

## SUMMER THEATRE ADVENTURE CANADA 151 – BETTER LATE THAN SORRY

**Thursday, July 12**

**Huron Country Playhouse**

**12:00 noon Optional lunch at Schoolhouse Restaurant**

**2:00 p.m. Matinee performance at the theatre**

**Cost: \$20 for lunch at the Schoolhouse Restaurant**

**\$40 for performance**

Following Canada's sesquicentennial, our love for the true north strong and free is on full display in 2018 with a brand new show that celebrates what it means to be quintessentially Canadian. After reaching his 70th birthday, RCMP Constable Archibald F. Inkster and his horse are put out to pasture. He throws himself into a retirement hoedown complete with music, dancing and biting satirical humour.

# Spring 2018

Got Questions?  
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## INTEREST GROUPS

Registration in Interest Groups normally takes place in the Fall term. Should you wish to join a group in April, please contact the facilitator. Note: many interest groups are off-site.

### PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB with Jeff Keenor

**Meets 1st Thursday a.m. of each month 11:45 - 1:00**  
**Fee: \$15 for 2017-2018 year; 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 for 2017-2018 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.

### THE GINA BARBER SLR SINGERS with Susan Jones and Mike Zadorsky

**Meets Fridays, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Fee: \$15 for 2017-2018 year**

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 the Seriously Little Rehearsed singers, the singing group that loves to laugh and sing. Sometimes we perform for our members. That's fun, too.

### FRIENDS OF THE HYLAND with Mary Evans and Helen Bullas

**September 2017 – June 2018**  
**Fee: Free with SLR membership**

Meets 2nd Sunday of the month for early matinee at the Hyland Theatre followed by lively discussion at a local restaurant.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### SPRING OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

**Wednesday, April 11, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Grosvenor Lodge**

This is your chance to register for the Study, Activity, Discussion and Interest 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. As usual, refreshments are free. Everyone is welcome. Don't hesitate to bring your friends.

### SPRING LUNCHEON AND 24th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (See Social Events)

**Thursday, April 19, 12:00 noon sharp**  
**For AGM only: Arrive by 1:30**

### SPRING TERM BEGINS

**Week of April 23rd**

### FALL PROGRAM BROCHURE

Our brochure with the Fall 2018 selections will be available mid-May. The Fall term begins the week of September 17th.

### SPRING NATURE HIKE (see Social Events)

**Tuesday, May 15, 10:00 a.m.**

### VICTORIA DAY (no classes)

**Monday, May 21**

### BUS TRIP TO ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS (see Social Events)

**Tuesday, May 29**

### FALL PROGRAM PREVIEW AND REGISTRATION

**Thursday, May 31, 1:30 – 3:30 (doors open 1:00; 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. Bring your friends!

### STRAWBERRY SOCIAL (see Social Events)

**Monday, June 11, 12:00 noon**

### SUMMER THEATRE ADVENTURE (see Social Events)

**Thursday, July 12, Lunch 12:00 noon; Theatre 2:00 p.m.**

Note: For additional details on all our groups, please visit our website at [www.slrlondon.ca](http://www.slrlondon.ca).

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Registration opens upon distribution of the brochure. All registrations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is complete only when full payment (membership and program fees) has been received by SLR. See brochure for maximum group sizes.

The Registration Form with payment can be handed in at the Open House, Program Preview, at any time by mail, or dropped off in the SLR locked mailbox located in the 1st floor foyer of Grosvenor Lodge. (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](http://www.slrlondon.ca).)

Credit Card, cheque or cash payments are all acceptable at Program Previews and Open Houses. Cheques are acceptable at all times and are made payable to [SLR London](#).

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

## MAILING ADDRESS

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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 at no charge by going to the Co-Registration table to submit your request. You may also make your application by mail, email or telephone at any time following the Open House. Interest groups are excluded from co-registration.

Applications for co-registration 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 first week of classes.

Exceptions will be considered for medical or compassionate reasons.

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