

# Spring 2019

# **STUDY GROUPS**

All Study Groups are 8 weeks; Fee: \$50 each; maximum 16 members. Each member makes a presentation related to the general topic. All classes are in the Drake Room. For additional details and possible topics, please visit www.slrlondon.ca.

## **FOLK TRADITIONS**

Monday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30

April 22 – June 17 (no class May 20, Victoria Day) Moderators: Jean Surry, Heather Vedova

Many of us have memories of celebrating folk traditions. These are the common beliefs, practices, customs and other cultural elements that we grew up with and perhaps still celebrate through arts and crafts, songs, music, dance, foods, drama and storytelling. In this study group, we will share folk traditions that we remember, still practice, or would like to explore.

## **CANADIAN COMEDY AND COMEDIANS**

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

**April 23 - June 11** 

**Moderators: Margaret Cowan and Ron Coristine** 

This study group will focus on Canadian humour and comedians. What distinguishes Canadian humour from that of others? Margaret Atwood describes Canadian humour as "the laughter of recognition and identity." It has been said that Canadian comedy in its purest form is crafted primarily for our own enjoyment and makes us feel better about ourselves. Join us in the laughter as we explore our unique comedic perspective and comedians.

## **REALLY CURRENT EVENTS**

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

**April 24 – June 12** 

Moderators: Anne Hutchinson, Roslyn Moorhead

Start your summer off with this stimulating class. This study group looks at stories that have an immediate time frame: stories that have made the news within the past week. Each participant, in turn, brings three media stories for the whole group to discuss. Animated discussion is guaranteed.

### **ENCORE**

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

**April 24 – June 12** 

Moderators: Brenda Jackson, Roy Hind

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.

## **DISCUSSION GROUPS**

# SCAMMING THE UNSUSPECTING with Shari McNeill

Tuesday p.m. 1:30 - 3:30 (Dining Room)

April 23 - May 21 (5 sessions)
Fee: \$30; Maximum 15 members

How do you know when you are being scammed? What should you do when an unknown email or screen appears on your computer? Is there somewhere you can report them? Come, share and discuss the various kinds of scams and what to do about them.

# FINANCIAL PLANNING DURING RETIREMENT with Don Pollock

Tuesday p.m. 1:30 - 3:30 (Drake Room)

April 23 - May 7 (3 sessions)
Fee: \$20; Maximum 16 members

There are many financial planning opportunities and traps during retirement. Over three weeks, we shall explore a

variety of topics such as investing, estate planning, taxes and reverse mortgages. It is never too late to improve your financial position during retirement.

# THE NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB with Barbara Decker Pierce

Friday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30 (Dining Room) April 26 – June 21; 5 sessions (every other week) Fee: \$30; Maximum 9 members

Are you a keen reader? Do you like to discuss the many intriguing and thought-provoking ideas presented in the realm of non-fiction? Then the Non-Fiction Book Club is for you. Before the first session, four titles (reasonably priced paperbacks) will be circulated. The group will discuss one of these books at each meeting, led by two members who have identified interesting questions derived from the text. Where the discussion goes ... anyone's guess.

# **ACTIVITY GROUPS**

## **PICTURE THIS with Jeff Keenor**

Tuesday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30 (Dining Room)

April 23 - May 14 (4 sessions)
Fee: \$25; Maximum 13 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.

# **CONTAINER GARDENS with Karin Foster and Diana Lloyd**

Thursday a.m. 9:30 - 11:30 (Coach House)

April 18 - May 16 (5 sessions)
Fee: \$30; Maximum 15 members

Are you inspired by exploring plant combinations and design? What's not to love about a container overflowing with colour and happiness? Sun or shade, we will discuss the importance of Thrillers, Fillers and Spillers. A stunning container can even include edibles. During the last session we will create real-life examples in the containers located in the gardens at Grosvenor Lodge.

## **CREATIVE WRITING with Deborah Roberts**

Thursday p.m. 1:30 - 3:30 (Drake Room)

April 25 - June 20 (8 sessions; no class May 30, Program

Preview)

Fee: \$50; Maximum 13 members

## All locations at Grosvenor Lodge unless otherwise noted.

Creative writing is a form of artistic expression, drawing on imagination and open-minded thinking - the craft of making things up. Anyone can be a creative writer. In an encouraging and fun environment, we'll engage in varied writing exercises to stretch our mental muscles. From various forms - poetry, short stories, songs, plays, and stream-of-consciousness – we'll construct and share our compositions. Join us for an enjoyable experience.

## **PLAY ON with John Husband**

Thursday p.m. 1:30 - 3:30 (Dining Room)

April 25 - June 20 (8 sessions; no class May 30, Program Preview)

Fee: \$50; Maximum 16 members

A continuation course for those who have previously taken one session of "Be a Player," with an emphasis on character study and performance in rehearsed readings of monologues and one-act plays. "Rehearsed reading" means a prepared presentation without memorization.

## **YES UKE CAN with Noele Hall**

Friday p.m. 1:30 - 3:30 (Coach House) April 26 - June 14 (8 sessions)

Fee: \$20; Maximum 20 members

Join this fun and relaxed group where beginners, along with more advanced players, are welcome to jam together. A short chord refresher will begin each class, but the emphasis will be on playing. (To participate in the group, you should be comfortable playing basic chords – C, F, G, G7, Am, D.)

# **INTEREST GROUPS**

With the exception of Friends of the Hyland, all other Interest Groups begin in the Fall Term and continue until June 2019. These groups are currently full, but if interested, please check with the SLR office to see whether there have been any withdrawals.

# FRIENDS OF THE HYLAND with Mary Evans and Helen Bullas

Continued from Fall Term to June 2019 Meets 2nd Sunday of the month for early matinee at Hyland Theatre, followed by lively discussion at a local restaurant.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB with Jeff Keenor**

Continued from Fall Term to June 2019 (FULL) 1st Thursday of month, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## **RECORDER ENSEMBLE with John Morgan**

Continued from Fall Term to June 2019 (FULL) Meets every other Thursday p.m. 2:00 – 3:30

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

Continued from Fall Term to June 2019 (FULL) Fridays 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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# **SOCIAL EVENTS**

# SPRING LUNCHEON AND 25TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 11 at 12:00 noon (Sharp!)
West Haven Golf and Country Club
7083 Egremont Drive (off Fanshawe Park Road West on north side)

Cost: \$25; AGM only: no charge

The elegant and picturesque West Haven golf club is always a favourite venue for this annual Spring occasion. Join us for our 25th AGM for a delicious three-course lunch followed by the business side of the event. Reports will be presented and a call for nominations for the Board of Directors, followed by Brenda regaling us with her famous jokes for 2019. Anyone wishing to attend the AGM only should arrive by 1:30.

## STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Tuesday, June 18 12:00 noon at Grosvenor Lodge Cost: \$15

## Please pay for these separately.

June is the start of the strawberry season in Ontario and we celebrate this delightful time of the year with our Strawberry Social. Enjoy a delicious finger food lunch at the Lodge catered by Steel Grill, topped off with a strawberry dessert. This is an opportunity to chat with SLR friends and to share highlights of courses you have enjoyed through the year.

# SUMMER THEATRE ADVENTURE: DISNEY'S NEWSIES

Wednesday, July 10 Huron Country Playhouse, Grand Bend 12:00 noon Optional lunch at School House restaurant 2:00 p.m. Matinee performance at the theatre Cost: \$45 for the show

\$20 for optional lunch

This is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, the charismatic leader of a band of teenage newsboys in New York City at the turn of the century. It is a Broadway musical packed with spectacular dancing and a sensational score with a timeless message that inspires everyone to fight for what is right and to seize the day.

# **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

#### **SPRING OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION**

Wednesday, April 3, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Grosvenor Lodge, 1017 Western Road

This is your last chance to register for the Study, Activity or Discussion Group of your choice and talk with a moderator or facilitator about the offerings. It's also a time when current members can co-register (see policy under Registration Information). Short information sessions will be presented at 10:15 and 11:30 for prospective and current members who would like an overview of SLR and discover all we have to offer. As usual, refreshments are free. Everyone is welcome and don't hesitate to bring your friends.

# MODERATORS AND FACILITATORS WORKSHOP

Monday, June 3, 10:00 - 12:00 noon

## **FALL 2019 PROGRAM BROCHURE**

Our brochure for the Fall 2019 selections will be available one week before the Program Preview (see following).

# FALL PROGRAM PREVIEW AND REGISTRATION

Thursday, May 30, 1:30 – 3:30 (Doors open 1:00; Presentations begin 1:30 sharp) Siloam United Church, 1240 Fanshawe Park Road East

Listen to the moderators and facilitators describe their study courses and workshops, and then be among the first to sign up. Our Program Previews are lively and fun, with each moderator or facilitator trying to convince you that his/her course is the right one for you. A chance to socialize and enjoy free coffee and cookies.

# **SOCIAL EVENTS (See Social Events for details)**

- SPRING LUNCHEON AND 25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, April 11.
- STRAWBERRY SOCIAL, June 18.
- SUMMER THEATRE ADVENTURE, Wednesday, July 10.

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

# **REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND POLICIES**

In the spirit of fairness for both current and new members and also to reduce the workload on our volunteer registration staff, our current registration procedure is as follows:

- Registration opens upon distribution of the brochure.
   Registration forms with payment can be sent either by mail or dropped off in the SLR locked mailbox located in the 1st floor foyer of Grosvenor Lodge at any time prior to class start.
- All registrations received in the office prior to the Open House will be placed in the order received, but will not be processed until after the Open House.
- Registration forms received at the Open House will be numbered in the order the form and payment is received by the Treasurer.
- After the Open House, the office will interleave those received at the Open House with those received prior, thus assuring a level playing field for both current and new members and keeping volunteer work to a minimum.
- You will be notified by email of the status of your application after the Open House.

Credit and debit cards, cheque or cash payments are all acceptable at the Open House. 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.

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

## 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 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 first week of classes.

Exceptions will be considered for medical or compassionate reasons.

