

STUDY GROUPS

Study Groups are 8 – 10 weeks, ~2 hours/session. Fees and maximum numbers vary. Classes may be in-person at Grosvenor Lodge in the Drake Room, online via Zoom, or a combination.

In Study Groups, each member researches a topic related to the general subject and shares their findings with the class. Format: 25–30 minute presentations followed by 20-minute discussions.

THE THIRD WORLD: SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA**15 MEMBERS MAXIMUM ONLINE****Monday 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.****January 23 – March 20 (8 sessions; no class February 20, Family Day)****Course Leader: Shari McNeill****Fee: \$55**

There is a steady stream of people from South and Central America who seek to relocate to the United States. What is causing this migration? Which South and Central American countries have growing economies and which are sinking ever lower? Let's tackle this big topic and learn the issues facing these countries and what is holding them back.

Possible Topics: Health, crime, forests and fauna, education, corrupt governments, fair trade, drug cartels, mining, child labour and trafficking, drought and water supply, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Venezuela.

WHO'S FIRST?**15 MEMBERS MAXIMUM IN-PERSON; 4 ONLINE****Monday 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.****January 23 – April 3 (10 sessions; no class on February 20, Family Day)****Course Leader: Burton Moon****Fee: \$65**

In every sphere of human endeavour someone was first, or there is spin about someone being first. Here is an opportunity to explore someone or something that was a first – the who, the why, the where, the how, the what. What was/is the significance of the first? How does the first affect our lives today?

Possible Topics: Google "Lists of Firsts" and you will find lists of firsts in athletics, arts, music, literature, science, engineering, politics, social movements.

DYNAMIC DUOS: MEMORABLE ENTERTAINMENT PARTNERSHIPS**15 MEMBERS MAXIMUM IN-PERSON; 4 ONLINE****Tuesday 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.****January 24 – April 4 (10 sessions ; no class on February 14, Founders' Day Lunch)****Course Leader: Judit Comeau****Fee: \$65**

Two's company, and in popular entertainment that often shines. One partner composes music, the other writes lyrics. One comedian is the straight man, the other delivers the punch line. In bands, one sings, one plays guitar. Balancing two skill sets and egos can produce epic performances, and sometimes messy breakups. Pick one of your favourite duos and tell their story. **Possible Topics:** Wayne & Schuster, Martin & Lewis, Simon & Garfunkel, Abbott & Costello, Lerner & Lowe, Rowan & Martin, Rogers & Hammerstein, Smothers

Brothers, Everly Brothers, Sonny & Cher, Gilbert & Sullivan, Brooks & Dunn.

CANADIAN MOVERS AND SHAKERS OF THE 20TH CENTURY**15 MEMBERS MAXIMUM ONLINE****Wednesday 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.****January 25 – March 15 (8 sessions)****Course Leader: Margaret Cowan****Fee: \$55**

Many astounding contributions by 20th Century Canadians have made our country and the world better, safer, healthier, more fun, more beautiful. Some contributed political strength when needed; some made us laugh/cry through entertainment; some enriched us with their creativity; others saved our lives or eased our burdens through scientific discovery and invention. Let's explore the lives of these "movers and shakers" and their accomplishments.

Possible Topics: David Suzuki, Marc Garneau, Pierre Berton, Marshall McLuhan, Pierre Trudeau, Oscar Peterson, Chief Dan George, E. Pauline Johnson, Gabrielle Roy, Jeanne Sauvé, Frederick Banting, or Google the topic.

QUIRKY MUSEUMS**9 MEMBERS MAXIMUM IN-PERSON****Wednesday 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.****January 25 – February 22 (5 sessions)****Course Leader: Lydia Keras****Fee: \$35**

When you visit a museum, you probably expect to see objects of historical, scientific, artistic or cultural significance, but some focus on the more exotic aspects of the world. No matter how bizarre, offbeat or outrageous the subject may be, there's probably a museum dedicated to it. Let's travel together to see some of the world's weirdest museums, find out what they have on display, and why.

Possible Topics: The Toilet Museum (India), the Museum of Bad Art (US), the Potato Museum (Canada), The Dog Collar Museum (UK), The Bread Museum (Germany), The Kunstkamera (Russia), The Mountain Museum (Italy).

UNESCO HERITAGE SITES**9 MEMBERS MAXIMUM IN-PERSON****Wednesday 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.****March 8 – April 5 (5 sessions)****Course Leader: Lynn Hamilton****Fee: \$35**

A World Heritage Site is a landmark or area with legal protection by an international convention administered by UNESCO for having cultural, historical, scientific, or other forms of significance and considered to be of outstanding value to humanity. Choose one or more of the 1154 World Heritage Sites and tell us about its location, history, beauty, and value.

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UNESCO HERITAGE SITES continued..

Possible Topics: Google “UNESCO World Heritage Sites” to find a list.

MEETING WEATHER’S CHALLENGES: TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS

11 MEMBERS MAXIMUM IN-PERSON; 4 ONLINE

Thursday 9:30 – 11:20 a.m.

January 26 – March 16 (8 sessions)

Course Leaders: Herman Sahrman, Asok Sengupta

Fee: \$55

In recent years, weather conditions seem increasingly unpredictable, and the effects – from droughts to flooding – appear more extreme. In response, new technologies are emerging, and innovators are looking for creative ways to mitigate the effects of bad weather. From agriculture to zero emissions, how are innovators, business, government, and industry responding to challenging weather?

Possible Topics: *Changing agricultural/forestry techniques; use of wave power; reduce/capture carbon emissions; new communication & forecast systems; new products from emissions; climate-resistant infrastructure.*

LITERARY GREATS: THEIR LIVES AND TIMES

15 MEMBERS MAXIMUM IN-PERSON

Thursday 11:30 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

January 26 – March 16 (8 sessions)

Course Leader: Janet Williams

Fee: \$55

We are all influenced by the world around us and have unique individual experiences. Authors are similarly influenced, not only by their past, but also by their

location. The more you know about an author, the better you can understand the message central to their work. Pick a literary giant and tell how their life and the times they lived in affect their work.

Possible Topics: *John Steinbeck, Rudyard Kipling, Louise Penny, Bronte Sisters, Donna Leon, Robertson Davies, Margaret Laurence, Alice Munro, Margaret Atwood, Tomson Highway, Leonard Cohen, Voltaire, Rousseau, Isabel Allende, Tolstoy, Shakespeare, Dickens, Moliere.*

CONSPIRACY THEORIES: WHY ARE THEY SO POWERFUL AND PREVALENT?

11 MEMBERS MAXIMUM IN-PERSON; 4 ONLINE

Thursday 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

January 26 – March 16 (8 sessions)

Course Leaders: Paul Webb & Grant Miles

Fee: \$55

Conspiracy theories have become increasingly commonplace in mass media, emerging as a cultural phenomenon and exerting a growing impact on political and social interactions. Belief in these theories has become a topic of interest for sociologists, psychologists, political scientists, and experts in folklore. We will explore how such conspiracies get started, who creates them and why, who adopts them, their impacts, and responses to misinformation.

Possible Topics: *Moon landing, COVID-19, UFOs and extraterrestrials, 9/11, celebrity deaths (e.g., JFK, Princess Diana, Paul McCartney, Elvis), espionage, the Vatican, QAnon, climate change, New World Order, Illuminati, the “stolen” 2020 U.S. election, subliminal advertising, chemtrails, the role of the internet and social media.*

DISCUSSION & ACTIVITY GROUPS (In-Person & Online)

Number of sessions, maximum numbers and fees vary, as well as whether online or in-person. In-person classes are held at Grosvenor Lodge; online classes on Zoom.

HISTORIC AND PRESENT-DAY HOMELESSNESS

12 MEMBERS MAXIMUM IN-PERSON

Monday 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

January 23 – February 27 (5 sessions; no class

February 20, Family Day)

Course Leader: Phyllis Brady

Fee: \$35

The UN Declaration of Human Rights states that everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of themselves/their family . . . and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, and other circumstances beyond their control. Join us to discuss the causes, effects, management, and solutions. How can this growing cultural/economic situation be reversed?

CHALLENGES FACING THE U.S.

12 MEMBERS MAXIMUM IN-PERSON

Monday 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

January 23 – March 20 (8 sessions; no class February 20, Family Day)

Course Leader: Jeff Keenor

Fee \$55

The last decade has seen many changes in the United States politically and culturally. Some believe the country is on the brink of collapse; others feel it is heading toward fascism; and still others feel all is well. Nevertheless, it is clear the U.S. faces an increasing number of domestic and international challenges. What are these challenges and what might they bring to America?

DRAWING WITH PENCILS

10 MEMBERS MAXIMUM ONLINE

Monday 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

January 23 – March 6 (6 sessions; no class February 20, Family Day)

Course Leader: Janet Johnson

Fee: \$40 (plus materials)

Winter is a good time to learn a new creative skill. Using colour pencils is inexpensive, portable, and uncomplicated. This medium is used in serious artwork, such as botanical illustration, as well as in fine art. You will learn basic mark making, choosing your subject and colour blending, as well as transferring your image to paper. A list of inexpensive materials (paper and pencils) will be sent.

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DISCUSSION & ACTIVITY GROUPS (In-Person & Online)

YOU AND THE ONTARIO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

12 MEMBERS MAXIMUM ONLINE

Tuesday 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

January 24 – February 28 (6 sessions)

Course Leaders: Don Efron and Randa Moir

Fee: \$40

It's increasingly difficult for Ontarians to get the health care they need. Is our health care system broken? What still works and what are possible remedies? Should we consider expanding roles of allied health professionals, expedited training of foreign health professionals, increased home-based services or forms of privatization? Lots of questions and issues. Join us as we explore the good and bad of our health care system.

THE NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB

12 MEMBERS MAXIMUM ONLINE

Tuesday 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

January 31, February 7, 21, March 7, 21 (5 sessions)

Course Leader: Helen Olmstead

Fee: \$35

Are you a keen reader? Do you like to discuss thought-provoking ideas presented in non-fiction? Then the Non-Fiction Book Club is for you. Before the first session, four titles (reasonably priced paperbacks) will be chosen. The group will discuss one of these books each meeting, led by two members who have interesting questions derived from the text. Where the discussion goes ... anyone's guess. Note: 4 titles will be chosen by the group from 10 options.

HOT TOPICS IN THE NEWS

12 MEMBERS MAXIMUM IN-PERSON

Wednesday 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

January 25 – March 1 (6 sessions)

Course Leader: Ed Jambor

Fee: \$40

A weekly sampling of what's happening in our city, province, country, and the rest of the world. Topics can range from politics, racial issues, health care, education, history, arts and entertainment, ethics, good deeds - what is of interest to you, is of interest to us. Each participant, in turn, will bring in three items for the whole group to discuss.

TED TALKS ON CUTTING EDGE SCIENCE

12 MEMBERS MAXIMUM ONLINE

Wednesday 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

January 25 – March 15 (8 sessions)

Course Leader: Muriel Andreae

Fee: \$55

TED Talks provide internet access to short presentations on hundreds of interesting and timely topics. Our group will meet weekly to screen and discuss 2-3 TED Talks focusing on what is new and exciting in the science world. Join us for interesting exchanges of ideas on the value of these new discoveries and how they might affect our lives now and in the future.

LET'S UKE IT UP, PART 2 with Noële Hall

10 MEMBERS MAXIMUM IN-PERSON

Wednesdays, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

January 25 – March 29 (10 sessions)

Fee: \$65

This course is intended as an extension of Let's Uke It Up and for those with very basic knowledge of chords and strum patterns. We will work on more advanced chord forms and finger-picking styles while gaining a greater knowledge of the ukulele. We will continue to work from handouts and Hal Leonard Ukulele Method Bk.1 Audio Access Included.

LET'S TALK ABOUT DEATH AND DYING

10 MEMBERS MAXIMUM ONLINE

Friday 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

January 27 – March 31 (10 sessions)

Course Leader: Susan Booth

Fee: \$65

Death is the one great certainty in life and a personal journey each of us approaches in our own way. Let's consider our own unique path with death, dying and grieving by exploring this important, though uncomfortable, topic. Together, we will be posing vitally important questions, sharing experiences, and offering thoughtful observations that may profoundly change the way we live and die.

"keeping your brain stimulated and your spirit young"

INTEREST GROUPS

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB with Jeff Keenor

20 MEMBERS MAXIMUM ONLINE

**Meets first Tuesday of each month, September to June
11:30 – 1:30 p.m.**

Fee: \$15 for 2022 – 2023 year

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

COMPUTER CLINIC with Western Students (ONLINE)

Coordinators: Jean Surry, Brian Henderson, and Phyllis Brady

Dates: TBA

Fee: Free with SLR membership

Here's a great opportunity to expand your IT skills. Western student volunteers are matched with SLR members online to provide one-on-one assistance with your laptop, tablet or smart phone and your techie questions. For more information, please contact slr.computer.clinic@gmail.com.

THE SLUGS (Ukulele Group) with Jacqui Griffin

20 MEMBERS MAXIMUM IN-PERSON - FULL

**Meets Fridays, 1:15 – 3:15 p.m.
September to June**

Fee: \$15 for 2022 – 2023 year

The SLUGS will meet on Fridays inside or outside the Coach House. Our focus is to have fun practicing our skills and polishing up the songs we have learned. New songs will be introduced and Noële will help develop our musical and performing skills when she is available. Graduates of previous ukulele courses are invited to join the group.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Please pay for these separately.

WINTER PROGRAM PREVIEW (ONLINE)

Friday, November 25, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. (Registration Opens at 3 p.m. following Preview)

Join us for a spirited and fun peek preview of our Fall offerings. Each of our course leaders is given just 1-1/2 minutes to convince you to sign up for their class – not an easy task! There are also opportunities to socialize prior to and to ask questions at the end of the program.

Note: Zoom opens at 1:00 for check-in and socializing; Program begins 1:30 sharp. Please check in no later than 1:25.

FESTIVE BANQUET

**Wednesday, December 7, 12:00 noon
Highland Golf and Country Club 1922 Highland Heights (West of Ridout Street on Commissioners)
Cost: \$32**

This annual SLR tradition closes out the Fall term as we wine and dine in style in this idyllic setting. The chef at the club never fails to serve a delicious three-course meal to welcome in the festive season. Share stories with friends about courses you have attended over the past few months and chat about upcoming SLR learning opportunities and events for the 2023 Winter term. The SLUGS ukulele group will be there to entertain us and keep us jolly.

FOUNDERS' DAY LUNCH

**Tuesday, February 14, 12:00 noon
Highland Golf and Country Club, 1922 Highland Heights (West of Ridout Street on Commissioners)
Cost: \$28**

Jean Hewitt will be our guest speaker and a buffet lunch will be served. Details to follow.

RACEWAY AT THE WESTERN FAIR

**Tuesday, March 28, 5:30 p.m.
900 King Street**

Cost: TBA

We will be enjoying a dinner at the Top of the Fair Restaurant and receiving a short explanation as to how best to place bets, etc. by a raceway staff member. It will be another fun event with a chance to bring home a bundle! For more information: <http://topofthefair.com/>. Details to follow.

SPRING LUNCHEON AND 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday, April 13, 12:00 noon
West Haven Golf and Country Club
7083 Egremont Drive (off Fanshawe Park Road West on the north side)**

Cost: \$32 (AGM only: no charge)

The three-course lunch at West Haven is always one to look forward to in this idyllic setting. It's also a chance to discuss your selection of courses you have chosen for the spring term with friends. After the meal, short reports about the operation of SLR will be presented, as well as a call for nominations for the Directors and the election. To close the meeting, we always look forward to Brenda's famous jokes. Anyone planning to attend the AGM only should arrive by 1:30 p.m.

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WINTER PROGRAM PREVIEW (ONLINE)

Friday, November 25, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. (Zoom opens at 1:00; Preview begins 1:30 sharp.)

WINTER REGISTRATION

Opens at 3 p.m. immediately following the Program Preview on November 25th, and continues until courses begin the week of January 23rd. Courses are on a first-come/first-served basis.

WINTER OPEN HOUSE AND IN-PERSON REGISTRATION

Tuesday, January 10, 10:00 – 12:00 noon

This is your last chance to register for a course in person and talk with course leaders. Short information sessions will be presented for prospective and current members who would like an overview of SLR. Bring your friends! Everyone is welcome.

PRESENTATION WORKSHOP with Lydia Keras

Wednesday, January 11, 1:30 – 2:30

This **online** workshop is designed to take all the worry out of making a presentation. All are welcome – newcomers and current members – who want to improve presentation skills, including PowerPoint. You will receive advice on researching, preparing and presenting your topic.

FOUNDERS' DAY LUNCH

Tuesday, February 14, 12:00 noon

FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY (No classes)

Monday, February 20

SPRING 2023 PROGRAM BROCHURE

Released Monday, March 20

RACEWAY AT THE WESTERN FAIR

Tuesday, March 28, 5:30 p.m.

SPRING LUNCHEON AND 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 13, 12:00 noon

REGISTRATION INFORMATION & POLICIES

In-person classes will continue this winter, with some classes online and some a combination of in-person and online.

You can register for courses online by going to www.slrlondon.com or via regular mail. If unsure how to register online, go to the Help/Zoom tab on the website (home page, top right) to get the easy step-by-step instructions. Courses are filled on a first-come/first-served basis.

MEMBERSHIP FEE (FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY; members who paid their membership in the Fall, do NOT pay again)

If you are new to SLR starting in the winter term, please remember to pay your pro-rated membership fee of \$15. Just select the Membership "product" on the website and add it to your cart in addition to your course selection(s) before checking out. If filling out a paper registration, then check the membership fee in the appropriate column and add it to your course fee(s).

Waiting Lists:

If a course you want is **FULL**, you can add your name to a **Waiting List**. Sometimes openings become available prior to or in the first week. To join the waiting list, just click on our email link (under Mailing Address below) to send us a message. Be sure to tell us the **name of the course you want**.

Payment Options:

The website accepts credit cards (Visa and Mastercard) and some (not all) debit cards. As soon as you pay by credit card or debit card you will get an automatic email notification.

You can also pay by cheque. First select your courses, add your Membership Fee and proceed to checkout. After

filling in your information, select the CHEQUE option (found just before the PLACE ORDER tab).

In the case of a cheque payment, you will receive an email confirming your registration and reminding you to send a cheque ASAP, payable to SLR. If the cheque is not received within a reasonable amount of time, SLR reserves the right to cancel your registration. Please mail it to the address below or drop it off in the Grosvenor Lodge Coach House on the days and times specified in a future email. Once we have received your cheque, you will be notified.

- **Note 1:** Registration is complete only when full payment has been received by SLR; cheques must be received before classes begin.
- **Note 2:** We are unable to process post-dated cheques. Please do not send cash through the mail.

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REFUND POLICY

No refunds are issued for Annual Membership Fees. If SLR cancels a program, a full refund is issued.

A full refund of fees, less a nominal \$5 administration fee, will be issued up to the second session of a course. Members who withdraw after the second week of term normally will not receive a refund.

Exceptions will be considered for medical or compassionate reasons.

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