

May 16, 2024



“Nature does not hurry but everything gets accomplished”
Now that the days are longer and the warmer weather is bringing relief from the cold days of winter, many of us are beginning to think about getting out into the garden. Our days become filled with a frantic rush to get everything done so we can sit back and watch the glorious blossoms appear. In the rush don't forget to relax and enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds us.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS For details check our website at www.slrlondon.com



SLR Coffee Socials continue on Fridays at 1:30 pm one week and Saturdays at 10:00 am the next week. The topics are open and easy, with no research or preparation. We chat about anything and everything. Don't miss out on this great experience with your peers. Below are the days and times for the remainder of this term:

Saturday May 18
Saturday June 8

Friday May 24
Saturday June 15

Saturday June 1
Saturday June 22



PORT STANLEY THEATRE – “THE BEAVER CLUB”

Thursday May 23, 2:00 p.m. Cost: \$48

You still have time to sign up for this hilarious adventure. A disparate group of four unbelievable women embark on a riotous cross-country road trip taking them from Toronto to Newfoundland. The members of the Beaver Club band

together to find strength in numbers as they tackle the country and find a happy ending in Dildo, Newfoundland! **Sign up by clicking on the link below.**

<https://slrlondon.com/product/port-stanley-theatre-the-beaver-club>



SLR Fall COURSE LEADERS MEETING AND WORKSHOP

Thursday May 30 1:00 to 3:00 pm

The Drake room at Grosvenor Lodge

All SLR Leaders are encouraged to attend this interactive, empowering workshop. It is our hope that experienced leaders will

share their experiences and ideas with our new leaders.



SLR FALL PROGRAM PREVIEW AND REGISTRATION

(ONLINE), Friday, June 7, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Registration opens at 3 p.m. following the Preview



SLR'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Do you have Friday, June 14th, from 1 to 4, marked on your calendar? That is when SLR will be celebrating our 30th anniversary at Grosvenor Lodge. While the party is primarily for members, if you would like to bring a guest, we ask that you register them, along with yourself, through our website. The event is free to members, but we will welcome donations for any non-members who come with you, either by cash or by Interact. There will be food (including cake) beverages, and musical entertainment from Jim Chapman, who many may know. There will be sing-along opportunities, you can be sure. It will be a chance to enjoy the grounds of Grosvenor Lodge in all their summer beauty.



Craft Brewery Tour July 9th

Sorry but all spots are full

CELEBRATING OUR SLR VOLUNTEERS

Biserka Mrzljak



I have been a member of SLR since Jan. 2008 when I enrolled into my first course, Wonders of the World. Ever since I enrolled, I have continuously taken one to three courses each term – at least one study group and one discussion group. Besides taking courses, in the past I moderated a study group on Balkan with a long-standing SLR member, Herman Sahrman.

Since my enrollment I have always found satisfaction in volunteering in some capacity, either in some committee, organizing Juliet's lunches, guiding prospective members at the open houses, moderating Zoom Coffee Socials, or preparing coffee at the Grosvenor Lodge.

My biggest passion is talking to friends and acquaintances outside of SLR about my involvement with it where, besides taking courses, I've met many like-minded people - more than I have met in my whole life. I am glad to admit that by "spreading the virus of joining SLR" I have "infected" more than a dozen people who have joined SLR

through the years. Of course, my job is not finished as I continue spreading my passion. Thanks to SLR I continue to foster my SLR friendships outside “the organization”.

Many of you even learned how to pronounce my name – thankfully I didn’t change it when I immigrated to Canada some 50+ years ago.

30TH ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION FOR CHARITY REMINDER

There are many people in London who are in need. As part of SLR's 30th Anniversary Celebration, we have created an opportunity for SLR Members to help others. We invite you to bring personal items to Grosvenor Lodge so that we can share with the clients of My Sisters Place, the Men's Mission and Ark Aid.

We are collecting toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, hand/bath soap, body wash, shampoo of any size, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, hand cream, lip balm, disposable razors, etc. - for the folks in need. Also needed are new underwear. The Charity Collection Box is in the SLR Library. Alison Greenhill, Phyllis Brady and Richard Waring are sorting and delivering the items to the charities. Thank you for your assistance during 2024.

MEMORIES OF SLR MEMBERS

As part of our 30th Anniversary Celebrations this year, we have been looking back at the history of SLR London and marveling at how we got to where we are now. Some of these memories are being shared with you on Facebook and through our Newsletter. We would be interested in hearing from you, our 300+ current members, about how and when you found your way to SLR, and why.

If you would like to share your thoughts and memories, please send an **email to us at our new marketing and communications email address:**

slrmarkcom@gmail.com

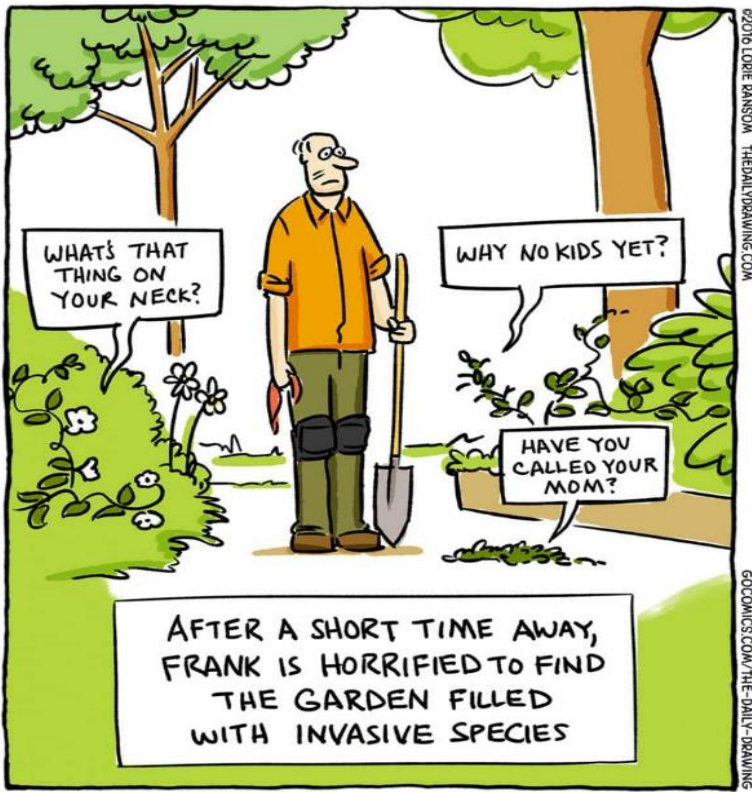
I’ve included a few visual memories of what we’ve been up to over the years



Summer Garden Party 2015 Nature Walk 2016

SLR Play Time Group 2017

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE



I'm going to do some gardening today... I have decided to plant myself on the couch!



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PREVIOUS RIDDLES

- When I'm metal or wood, I help you get home. When I'm flesh and I'm blood, In the darkness I roam. **A bat**
- A box without hinges, lock or key, yet golden treasure lies within. Who am I? **An egg**
- What has two spines and a lot of ribs, and carries much but never moves? **Train Tracks**

NEW RIDDLES

1. I have three feet but can't walk; I tell you things but can't talk; Sometimes I bend but I'm mostly straight. I'm like a scale but can't tell your weight. What am I?
2. What is always running but never gets tired?
3. I can be long and can be short, I can be black, white, brown or purple. You can find me the world over and I am often the main event. What am I?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS BORN IN MAY.



Why are people born in May so lucky?

It's fitting, because that flower is also known as the May lily. The bloom symbolizes a host of good traits, including humility, chastity, sweetness, purity and luck in love. The hawthorn tree is also associated with May birthdays; it represents love and protection.

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