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So far, the news in January has people glued to TV and other media. Tens of millions across the U.S. Midwest and parts of Atlantic Canada faced brutal winter storms and multiple wildfires are raging out of control in California.

Justin Trudeau our prime Minister resigned as the leader of the Liberal party and Donald trump is rattling

his sabre with his treats of tariffs and a threat to use 'economic force' to make Canada part of the U.S.

There has been an alarming rise in children's vision problems. The number of children with myopia is on the rise. Mourners bid farewell to former US president Jimmy Carter at age 100 as wars continue to rage around the world.

I'm sure many people find it difficult to watch the news and many of us find it hard not to. The constant flow of news can be overwhelming so maybe its time to take a break. Limit your exposure to news media and live more mindfully.

## EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO ON SLR'S CALENDAR



Please join us and connect with other members of SLR. There is no set topic just sharing of ideas, events and experiences  
The next coffee chats of 2025 will be Sat Jan 18, and Fri Jan 24

Winter 2025 courses will be held in-person, and online using Zoom video conferencing software, or a hybrid of both in-person and online participants together. Courses start the week of January 20th. There are still spaces available in some courses so Don't miss out. Check out, our website and choose one or more of the amazing courses offered this winter. (FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY (No Classes) Monday, February 17 )

Many of our classes are full but some still have room for one or more members. All courses will be running. We are now opening up the co-registration opportunity (SLR's version of BOGO - buy one, get one free).

Co-registration allows you to take another course at NO COST - BUT you must already be registered for a course of similar or higher value. And your membership must be current. For more information, check out our website: <https://srlondon.com/>

To co-register, email [slrregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:slrregistrar@gmail.com) and put Co-Register in the subject line. (You cannot co-register using the website as you will be automatically charged the full fee.). We look forward to learning with you, Susan



FOUNDERS' DAY LUNCHEON Friday, February 14, 12:00 Noon. Cost \$35.00. Lasagna, salads and desserts. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be available. Come join us at Siloam United Church, 1240

Fanshawe Park Road East, ample parking. \*\*A follow-up email will be sent once registration is open.

## COMPUTER CLINICS WITH WESTERN STUDENTS

Dates TBD: Weekly in February and March (dates will be announced by email and SLR Facebook) Fee: Free with SLR membership

Here's a great opportunity to expand your IT skills. Western student volunteers are matched with SLR members to provide one-on-one assistance with your laptop, tablet or smartphone and answer your techie questions. For more information, please contact [slr.computer.clinic@gmail.com](mailto:slr.computer.clinic@gmail.com). Below are some comments from SLR Members who have attended the Computer Clinics:

Cecile: When I arrived early that morning, six students from Computer Sciences were seated at the SLR dining room table, waiting to help whoever walked in. I hoped that one of them would help me solve a problem with my iPad—a very frustrating problem! I sat next to one of the student-instructors, took out my iPad, and began to explain what was wrong with the device. She listened, asked a few questions, patiently explained how she was going to try to fix the problem, clicked some buttons I had'nt noticed existed on the iPad, and, voilà: problem solved! Then she told me how I got in that predicament in the first place. This, in less than half an hour! Like some co-members of SLR, I am of the generation that knows little about electronics, the sort of person who often depends on grandchildren to help with electronic devices! I am embarrassed to know so little; so that might be the reason I took longer than necessary to take advantage of SLR's Computer Clinic. I feel grateful for this free service, for the opportunity not only to have something electronic fixed, but also to have problems explained to me. Kudos to these students! And Bravo, SLR

Inge: I have often participated in Computer Clinics. The students are so nice, and they certainly are patient. I have trouble with technology, and I usually have a weird issue with my computer, and they are really resourceful because I am running windows 10 cloned to look like windows 7. They always give me the time to absorb what they are teaching me and help me to make clear notes that I can follow when I get home and must do whatever they taught me on my own. I am just grateful that they are willing to do this for us, and I can't believe that there isn't a huge waiting list to get into the Clinics.

Trudy: I had a very positive experience with the SLR computer workshop. The Western student, assigned to me, was most helpful in showing me how to adjust my photos taken on a cruise in May and June. I had a large number of pictures, and my grandson had an equally large number, and they needed to be co-ordinated by date. The student was quite skillful in showing how to bring them together.

Twyla: I was almost out of storage on my computer, with a major culprit being my 9K plus photos! I had acquired a few storage devices to help solve the problem, but it was not going well, and I did not want to pay for Cloud storage. I packed up computer and storage devices and took them to the computer clinic. A very nice young man suggested Google Photos - easy to use and free! It can't accommodate all my photos, but at least a good chunk of them. Thank you, computer clinic students. You should go!

Thank you, Twyla, Trudy, Inge and Cecile, for your encouraging words about the Computer Clinic. We look forward to receiving requests from SLR Members after the 2025 Computer Clinic dates are shared. Jean, Burton and Phyllis.



## LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

Meanwhile work continues on the fence at the Canadian border.



Sometimes you have to do it yourself if you want it done



## ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS RIDDLES

A wealthy family lived in a big circular house. They had a maid, a butler, and a gardener. The parents were going to a party, so they tucked the younger kids into bed and kissed them goodnight and said goodbye, and kissed the older kids goodnight. When the parents came home, all the kids were gone—they had been kidnapped. The authorities ask the butler, maid, and gardener what they were doing at the time of the kidnapping. The butler says he was organizing the library, the maid says she was dusting the corners, and the gardener says he was watering the plants. Who's lying and actually kidnapped the kids? **The maid—she said she was dusting the corners, but the family lives in a circular house, so there are no corners.**

A father told his three sons he would die soon and he needed to decide which one of them to give his property to. He said, "Go to the market and buy something that is large

enough to fill my bedroom, but small enough to fit in your pocket. From this, I will decide which of you is the wisest and worthy enough to inherit my land.” They all went to the market, and each came back with a different item. The father told his sons to come into his bedroom one at a time and try to fill up his bedroom with their item. The first son came in and put some pieces of cloth he bought and laid them across the room, but it barely covered the floor. The second son came in and laid some hay on the floor, but there was only enough to cover half the floor. The third son came in and showed his father what he bought. He wound up getting the property. What did the third son show his father? **The son had showed his father a match. Whenever he lit the match, it filled the entire room with light, yet it was still small enough to fit into his pocket.**

## NEW RIDDLES

I am a protector. I sit on a bridge. One person can see right through me, while others wonder what I hide. What am I?

Always old, sometimes new. Never sad, sometimes blue. Never empty, sometimes full. Never pushing, always pulling. What am I?

I am where the sky is orange; I am where the grass is red;  
I am the land of violet bananas and the home to blue oranges.  
What am I?

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OUR SLR MEMBERS BORN IN JANUARY!***



It is believed that those born in January have leadership qualities and a charming personality. These people usually have multiple skills and are able to make friends because of their sense of humour. These qualities among others make January borns stand out.

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