

**May 2022**

The month of May, according to the Gregorian calendar, is named after *Maia*—the goddess of springtime and growth. Historically, the gentle warmth of the month caused flowers to blossom, crops to sprout, and people to dance. Children made garlands from greenery and participated in joyful celebrations on the first day of May. The spirit of May-time merriment remains to this day.

May 1 has been a historically significant day in Canada, particularly in the realm of labor movements and political developments. From the Winnipeg General Strike of 1919 to the passage of the Canadian Citizenship Act in 1947, this date has seen major milestones in the country's history. While May Day is not an official holiday in Canada, its influence remains strong among labor unions and activists. The events of May 1 remind Canadians of the struggles and achievements of workers, the importance of political independence, and the role of social movements in shaping the nation's progress. Understanding the history of May 1 helps Canadians appreciate the efforts that have contributed to a fairer and more equitable society.

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



**COFFEE CHAT** Connect with other members of SLR from the comfort of your own home. Although our format is unstructured, there is an assigned host who helps keep things moving. Each week you will receive an email with a link to Zoom to connect online. The schedule for the month of **May** includes Saturday, May 2 10 am, Friday, May 8 1:30 pm, Saturday, May 16 10 am, Friday, May 22 1:30pm, Saturday, May 30 10 am.



Discover **Riva Italian Restaurant** at 191 Carlow Rd. in beautiful Port Stanley, Ontario. Indulge in authentic Italian cuisine with stunning lake views.

When: Thursday, June 18, 2026, Time: Noon

Members will be responsible for the cost of their meals. 30 seats available. Register using the following link:

<https://slrlondon.com/product-category/social-events>

## MAY CELEBRATIONS



**Mother's Day**, On the second Sunday of May, we honor those women who are our mothers. Whether we shower her with gifts, take her to a fancy dinner or make her a homemade card, what moms want most is to be surrounded by the love of their family."



"**Cinco de Mayo (May 5th)** . . . is a time of song, dance, partying, and in general a time to be proud to be of Hispanic descent."



**May 18 is Victoria Day** in Canada. This holiday celebrates the birthday of Queen Victoria, who was born on May 24, 1819. The holiday is observed on the penultimate Monday in May.

## LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE



My wife asked me what I was going to do today.  
I told her, "Nothing".



She said, "You did that yesterday"  
I said, "I wasn't finished".



## INFORMATION FOR SLR MEMBERS

**Remember** to check out our SLR Facebook pages. SLR London – Canada is our public page: <https://www.facebook.com/SLR-London-Canada-406005102938429>. You are also invited to join our SLR London Members Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/480744068747546> and clicking on the **join** icon.

## PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH

### Questions? Ideas? Feedback?

Email us at SLR using one of the addresses below- we will respond as soon as possible

**For general inquiries:** [slrlondonontario@gmail.com](mailto:slrlondonontario@gmail.com)

**For registration or course inquiries:** [slrregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:slrregistrar@gmail.com)

Of course you can always call the SLR office number **519-438-3525** (also on the website).

## SLR CLINICS ARE IN JEOPARDY

Those who have enjoyed the help given by the Western Students will be concerned that the Computer Clinics may become a thing of the past after ten years. The UWO Student Council are concerned about the viability of the "Seniors in IT" club, and, in the near future, are holding a hearing to decide on its future.

Jean Surry and Burton Moon will be joining the executive of Seniors in IT at the hearing in the next two weeks.

We are looking for two things from you:

1. Short descriptions of your positive experience with the students; and
2. Ideas for improvement of the Clinics.

If you can, please respond ASAP! [SLR.Computer.Clinic@gmail.com](mailto:SLR.Computer.Clinic@gmail.com)

*Jean Surry*



*Happy Birthday to all our members born in May.*

Babies born in May are under the astrological signs Taurus (May 1-20) and Gemini (May 21-31). Those born under Taurus are often described as smart, ambitious, and trustworthy. Gemini babies are known for being passionate, dynamic, and good conversationalists. May babies are also believed to be naturally optimistic, creative, and may have a strong sense of healing.

If you wish to post something in the SLR newsletter or if you want to comment, please use my email address

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Stay safe

*Margaret*