

Oct 16, 2026

Halloween, a holiday observed annually on October 31 and noted for its pagan origins and its Christian roots as well as its secular traditions. In much of Europe and most of North America, observance of Halloween is today largely nonreligious, Halloween also marks the beginning of All Hallows' Eve (October 31) and is followed by All Hallows' Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2).



Today people of all ages enjoy Halloween activities: dressing up in costumes going door to door trick or treating, carving pumpkins to make Jack-o-lanterns, bobbing for apples, and visiting haunted houses. Many families and communities celebrate with parties, as well as decorating their houses and front yards.

So, here's *Wishing you all a hauntingly good time this Halloween!*

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO ON SLR'S CALENDAR

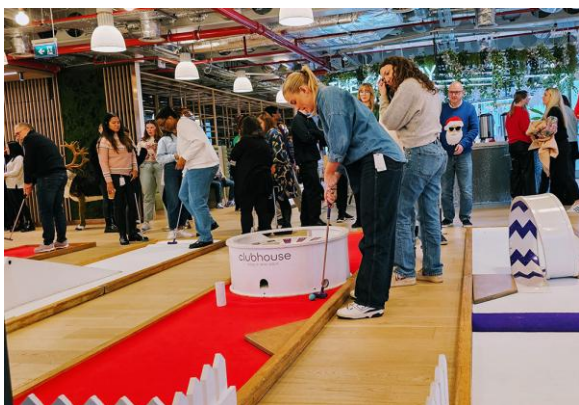


SLR COFFEE CHAT As we begin another session of SLR we are happy to announce that you will again be able to connect with other members of SLR from the comfort of your own home. Pull out your favourite coffee mug or cup and settle into your favourite chair. Join us for an unstructured, but fun chat where 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 rest of October includes: **Saturday Oct 17, 10:00am, Friday Oct 23, 1:30 and Saturday Oct 31, 10:00**



The Discovery Tasting Tour is a welcoming introduction to cider, mead and what goes on at the heart of the cidery at Heeman's. Learn more about the cellar, the craft beverages, and enjoy a thoughtfully educational tasting that tells the story of field to glass. **Wednesday, October 21 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. 20422 Nissouri Road, Thorndale**
Maximum: 25 Cost: \$15



MINI GOLF AT THE FACTORY CLUB

HOUSE Come and join SLR friends for a game of mini golf on a Tuesday morning at the Club House. The Canadian-themed 12-hole course will allow you to putt from Niagara Falls to the Rocky Mountains and back to the CN Tower all within an hour.

You will have the option to recharge with some delicious Fanfare after your game at The Factory Canteen! It's the perfect place to take a break after

your strenuous game. **Tuesday, November 10 10:00 a.m. The Factory, 100 Kellogg Lane Maximum: 25 Cost: \$15**



SLR FESTIVE BANQUET

At the end of the Fall term, SLR members celebrate this annual tradition with great enjoyment and entertainment provided by our own Gina Barber singers and the SLUGS ukulele group. Sticky Pudding will once again provide a delicious seasonal lunch, and a cash bar will be available. **The Royal Canadian Legion in Lambeth** has welcomed us to try this new venue. **Friday, December 11 12 noon Royal Canadian Legion, Lambeth 7097 Kilbourne Road Maximum: 100 Cost: \$45:00.**



SLRs Next Computer Clinic is Friday Nov. 6th at 1 pm to 2 pm in the Dining Room, Grosvenor Lodge.

If you have a challenge with your smart phone, tablet, laptop, or an AI concern, you can bring that digital issue to the clinic and have a keen Western Student volunteer address your specific issue. How wonderful is that!

All you have to do is sign up by sending an email to:

slr.computer.clinic@gmail.com. When you register, please

mention the digital issue that you wish the student to address so that they can be prepared.

If there is more demand than spots, we will strive to schedule more sessions.

Feedback from our first clinic from the current year has been 100% positive. Here are two abridged testimonials:

“I received exceptional help on the subject of QR codes and texting. I can't wait for another session. What a blessing to get help from Western students who grew up with cell phones. “

“A couple of weeks ago my computer was hacked so had to take it to clear the device and reinstall my programs. The new desktop screen looked different and I was not able to access making a Word doc. or a P.P. The student volunteer walked me through the steps and had me practice several times to make sure I could do this independently. I also took notes to remind myself of the steps. I appreciated the opportunity to get this help”

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

Thanks so much to Terry Rushton



INFORMATION FOR SLR MEMBERS

Sorry but I got this after I had published the Oct 1st newsletter. I copied it from The SLR Facebook page that was contributed by Peggy Matser. Congratulations to Susan!



This is exciting...our own Susan Booth, who co-chairs the Marketing and Communications Committee with me, has become a cover girl!

Susan is the subject of the feature article for the Neighbours of Oakridge and Hunt Club magazine. If you are not a subscriber, you can read the article at the link I will paste below. Inherently modest, Susan only agreed to be interviewed if she was allowed to focus on her passion for SLR, where she has been a dedicated volunteer, as course leader, committee chair, and current Board Member, for more years than most of us have been members. Whether you do or don't know Susan, you probably have seen her smiling face at many of our events. Susan is also the person who supervises and co-ordinates the Program Brochures for each semester. She is

invaluable to SLR, and such a great representative of the value of this organization. The article is on pages 8 - 10. You probably will want to read it on a larger screen than your phone, and there are navigational icons that let you move back and forth and enlarge the view- *Peggy Matser*

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Happy Birthday to all our members born in October

Those born under the energy of beauty-loving Libra and intimacy-seeking Scorpio are romantic, relationship-oriented, and natural-born leaders, reflecting the dramatic, emotionally charged, ethereal vibe that this mid-autumn time of year often evokes.

Thank you to all who contribute to our newsletter.

If you wish to post something in the SLR newsletter or if you want to comment, please use my email address margaretcowan44@gmail.com

Stay safe

Margaret

“Aging is an extraordinary process where you become the person you always should have been.” David Bowie

LOOKING AHEAD:

WINTER PROGRAM 2027 -Brochure to be released November 23

WINTER PROGRAM PREVIEW AND Social, Friday, November 27.

Registration follows at 5 p.m