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A LITTLE BIT OF CANADIAN HISTORY

The **1st Canadian Parliament** was summoned in **November 1867**, following the election of the members of the House of Commons in the 1867 federal election. It lasted until dissolution in 1872, prior to the 1872 election (four years and 252 days). It met in five different sessions from 1867 to 1872, and was prorogued between the sessions.

The House of Commons was controlled by a majority coalition between the Conservative Party and the Liberal-Conservative Party under Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald and the 1st Canadian Ministry. The Official Opposition was the Liberal Party, but there was not yet a Leader of the Official Opposition during the 1st Parliament.

James Cockburn, M.P., was the Speaker of the House of Commons for the term of the Parliament. Senator Joseph-Édouard Cauchon was the Speaker of the Senate for the term of the Parliament.

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO ON SLR'S CALENDAR



SLR COFFEE CHAT Connect with other members of SLR from the comfort of your own home. 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 November includes Friday, Nov 6, 1;30pm, Saturday, Nov 14, 10:00 am, Friday, Nov 20, 1:30pm and Saturday, Nov 28, 10:00 am.**

Virtual coffee chats offer a convenient and accessible way to connect with peers regardless of location. . They allow for spontaneous interactions and foster a collaborative culture. These chats are particularly beneficial as they help build connections that improve group dynamics.



WINTER PROGRAM 2027 **- Brochure to be released Monday, November 23**

WINTER PROGRAM PREVIEW AND SOCIAL, Friday, November 27, **1:30 - 3:00 at Siloam United Church.** ***Registration follows at 5 p.m.***
Note: In cooperation with Siloam, we are asking everyone to consider bringing canned and packaged goods for the Food Bank. This is a great chance to join with Siloam in this endeavor. A shopping cart will be placed at the entrance where you will be able to deposit your donations. Thank you for considering contribution to the London Foodbank.



THERE ARE STILL TICKETS AVAILABLE
$45.00

SLR FESTIVE BANQUET 2026
Friday, December 11, 12 noon Royal Canadian Legion, Lambeth 7097 Kilbourne Road.
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 featuring Chicken Provencal, and a cash bar will be available.

The Royal Canadian Legion in Lambeth has welcomed us to try this new venue. Ample parking is available and the building is accessible.

Please indicate any special dietary requirements in the comment box when registering, OR send an email to: slrlonsocial@gmail.com. Deadline for registration is December 3, 2026 - NO exceptions.

To register use the link below.

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE









INFORMATION FOR SLR MEMBERS



Cribbage Anyone? Are you a passionate fan of this great game? The Green Curriculum Committee is eager to recruit 2 people to teach Cribbage in the upcoming Spring Term. If you are interested in sharing your love of Cribbage with fellow SLR members please let me know at helenolmstead@rogers.com



COULD A PERSONAL VOICE AMPLIFIER BE A POSSIBLE SOLUTION?

It has come to my attention that some of our members have a challenge speaking loud enough to be heard in the Drake Room because they have a soft voice.

This is not a replacement for Study Group presenters who choose to use the microphone at the lectern. As long as the Bose Speakers are turned on and set on the Auxiliary setting, the presenter's voice is projected audibly and clearly. My experience is that audio system is working perfectly. This exploration is for the discussion period that follows a presentation. The Drake Room is a big room and there are those of us with soft voices and not simply able to 'speak up' and be heard by the other members of the group without straining.

Personal Voice Amplifiers are readily available. I purchased one through Amazon.ca for 60 dollars. It works perfectly in the Drake Room. Amazon.ca has them listed in a price range of 30 to 200 dollars. The more money spent, the better the quality of the speaker and the strength with which it can project sound. (Many of the more expensive are used in outdoor venues.)

Keeping these devices in the Drake Room for occasional use could present various logistical challenges, it would be best that should you have a soft voice that you have your own device. If you would like to test one out, I can arrange for you to use the one I purchased. Simply contact me through my email – burtonmoon2@gmail.com. and we

can arrange for you to give it a test and experience whether such a device is useful or not for you. *Burton Moon*

MINI GOLF AT THE FACTORY CLUB HOUSE

Recently 14 SLR members made their way to The Club House and played a 12-hole themed mini-golf course featuring the CN Tower and Niagara Falls. Many stayed afterwards for lunch and some great conversation.







Michelle Moore

From Betty Pearson
I belong to SLR and am also a patient participant in a Canada-wide study on kidney care. The team is looking to recruit participants for the study. The participation is not onerous and is done online. If interested, see below.
Thanks very much,





Happy Birthday to all our members born in November

People born in November fall under two zodiac signs — Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) and Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) — and are often described as passionate, determined, loyal, and mysterious, with unique symbols like topaz and the chrysanthemum

Check out this interview with our long-time member **Biserka Mrzljak**. You can read the article in full at this link. Congratulations, cover girl*!* *Peggy Matser*



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Champions of Compassion: Extraordinary Lives
Science, Science, Science
True Canadian Heroism
Undercover Reads: Spies, Thrillers and Espionage
The Course of Irish History



DISCUSSION GROUPS:
Positive Vibes: Hope in the Headlines
Ted Talks on Humanity
Consider the Cookbook

The Debaters
AI: Friend or Foe?
Non-Fiction Book Club
Aging Successfully
Today's Media Challenges
Homelessness in London
Hot Topics in the News



ACTIVITY GROUPS:
Making Study Group Presentations with AI Tools
Art with Pencils
Curtain Calls and Conversations
Learn to play Euchre



INTEREST GROUPS:
Photography Club
Living Mindfully (FULL)
Friends of the Hyland (FULL)
Gina Barber SLR Singers
The SLUGS Ukulele Group
Computer Clinic with Western Students



SOCIAL EVENTS
Winter Program Preview and Social Gathering
Festive Banquet
Founders' Day Lunch
Games Night
Annual General Meeting and Luncheon
London Symphonia Senior Rehearsal Visit
Whistling Botanical Gardens Tour
Huron Country Playhouse

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*