

## STUDY GROUPS

Study Groups are 10 weeks, cost \$65, and are held in the Drake Room with a maximum of 19 members, unless otherwise noted. Each member researches a topic related to the general subject and shares their findings with the class. For additional details and possible topics, please visit [www.slrlondon.ca](http://www.slrlondon.ca).

### LIFE AND TIMES OF THE AUTHORS OF THE CLASSICS OF LITERATURE

**Monday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30**

**January 20 – March 30 (No class Feb 17, Family Day)**

**Moderators: Denise Ritchie and Burton Moon**

The classics of literature are more than a bedtime read. They transport us; they expose universal truths; they endure. What continues to draw you to your favourite? What was life like for the author? What social and economic conditions affect the work? Choose a classic, share your love of it, and explore how the life and times of its author contributed to making your choice a "classic".

### CANADIAN ART AND ARTISTS

**Monday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30**

**January 20 – March 30 (No class Feb 17, Family Day)**

**Moderators: Diana Coates and Pat Gilpin**

A wealth of exciting art styles has originated in Canada. Art reflects the landscape, local culture, or defines a new artistic era. The visual arts include painting, sculpture, and photography. What styles or movements interest you? Which Canadian artist fascinates you? Join us to be inspired by our rich artistic heritage.

### GREAT PLACES OF WORSHIP AROUND THE WORLD

**Tuesday a.m. 9:30 - 11:30**

**January 21 – March 24**

**Moderators: Edwin Kothringer and Doug Leighton**

Great places of worship lie both in the eyes of the worshipper and those of external observers. The Kaaba, Hagia Sophia, Chartres Cathedral, Dome of the Rock, Ise and Atsuta Shinto shrines, the Watermark Community Church in Dallas (mega), Stonehenge, the Mormon Tabernacle and others are well known, but what makes them great? Both architecture and belief systems are expressed in these grand places. Let's discuss.

### THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

**Tuesday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30**

**January 21 – March 24**

**Moderators: Helen Olmstead and Cheryl Stephenson**

The Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded over 130 times to individuals including Lester Pearson and Aung San Suu Kyi, and to groups including Doctors Without Borders and the International Atomic Energy Agency. Who were these Nobel laureates? What did they do to deserve the award? Was there controversy surrounding their choice? Did their work have a lasting impact?

### MONEY!

**Wednesday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30**

**January 22 – March 25**

**Moderators: Peter Andreae, Russ Knight**

Does money make the "world go round," or is it the "root of all evil?" Reflect on how money affects our personal lives through power, greed, generosity, philanthropy. Examine the business end of money: banking, investment, finance, taxes. Study the history of money from barter to bitcoin. Come and throw in your two cents' worth.

### CHALLENGES OF CITY LIVING

**Thursday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30**

**January 23 – March 26**

**Moderators: Gary Shawyer and Susan Booth**

The promise of jobs and prosperity draws people to city living. Over time, urbanization creates large, complex and challenging social environments. Nearly 80% of Canada's current population lives in cities. What are the critical issues facing city dwellers in London, Ontario, or around the world? What will future cities look like, and how will they function? Important questions well worth exploring.

### POTPOURRI

**Thursday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30**

**January 23 – April 2 (No class Feb 13, Founder's Day)**

**Moderators: Brenda Jackson and Roy Hind**

Potpourri is a wide-open field for any topic you want. Challenge the intellect, tickle the funny bone, explore a controversial subject or inform people of an important issue. Maybe you have an insight into something that you always wanted to share. Our audience is ready, attentive and appreciative.

### 1960s TO 2020: WHAT HAPPENED?

**Friday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30**

**January 24 – March 27**

**Moderator: John Husband**

Remember those magical 60s when we all tuned in or dropped out? Remember the thrill of the idealism of youth, the free spirit, the protests, and the civil rights, women's, and hippy movements? How did we change as individuals, and what effect did this incredible decade have on our life today? Pick a cause and show the results it has had on today's world.

### SPAIN & PORTUGAL

**Friday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30**

**January 24 – March 27**

**Moderators: Lisa Darling and Ed Jambor**

Occupying the Iberian Peninsula, Spain and Portugal share a complex history, including influences from Romans, Celts, Arabs, Northern Europe, and the Mediterranean. Both became world powers during the Age of Discovery; however, each has developed a distinct culture. Whether your interest is the varied geography, renowned architecture and artists, festivals, food and wine, or the rich history, let's explore these fascinating countries.

"Keeping your brain stimulated and your spirit young"

# ACTIVITY GROUPS

All locations at Grosvenor Lodge unless otherwise noted.

## **PRESERVING MEMORIES with Alison Greenhill and Susan Pepper**

**Monday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30 (Dining Room)**  
**January 27 – March 2 (5 sessions; no class February 17, Family Day)**  
**Fee: \$30; Maximum: 12 members**

From photos to filigree and fobs, we all have memorabilia and memories of the past. We will examine the importance of these memories and discuss and share ways of preserving both old and new memories. How can we create new memories with our family, friends and grandchildren? Come with your projects and ideas and leave with plans for new activities.

## **BROADWAY MUSICALS with Jeff Keenor and Jane Auger**

**Tuesday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30 (Dining Room)**  
**January 21 – March 10 (8 sessions)**  
**Fee: \$50; Maximum 14 members**

Memorable music, dancing and glamour! The Broadway musical! Pick your favourite musical, share your knowledge of the composer and lyricist, and the story of the musical. Let's hear some of the songs which have thrilled audiences over the years, so that we can reminisce, and learn, together.

## **GO FIGURE: THE FASCINATING WORLD OF NUMBERS with Riko Oka and Richard Waring**

**Tuesday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30 (Dining Room)**  
**March 10 – March 31 (4 sessions)**  
**Fee: \$25; Maximum 14 members**

We live in a world of numbers – from election polls and interest charges to medical success rates – but deciphering their meaning can be confusing. Learning how to interpret everyday numerical information can be practical and enlightening. We will examine the cultural, linguistic, educational, and personal barriers that lead many to avoid mathematics and explore effective ways to build numeracy for everyone.

## **UKE IT UP with Noële Hall**

**Wednesday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30 (Coach House)**  
**January 22 – March 25 (10 sessions)**  
**Fee: \$65; Maximum 12 members**

Learn to play the versatile little four-stringed ukulele. Together, we will learn a little strumming, a little finger picking, and even a few cool solos! Absolutely no musical background or ability to read music is required. Bring a ukulele, music stand, and the Hal Leonard Ukulele Method Book 1, Audio Access version. (Purchase at Long and McQuade, \$15.95).

## **PLAY ON with John Husband**

**Thursday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30 (Dining Room)**  
**January 23 – April 2 (10 sessions; no class February 13, Founders' Day)**  
**Fee: \$65; Maximum 16 members**

It's time to move forward in our evolution of this on-going course. It's time to prepare to take Mary Neill's play *Lasers* to the next level – and to the world. If you have taken either *Be a Player* or *Play On*, then you are eligible to join. We need 16 players to do this wonderful play justice. We need you!

# INTEREST GROUPS

Facilitators will confirm the date of the first meeting unless shown otherwise. Note: some interest groups are off-site.

## **FRIENDS OF THE HYLAND with Mary Evans and Helen Bullas**

**Meets 2nd Sunday of the month from September to June for early matinee at the Hyland Theatre followed by lively discussion at a local restaurant.**  
**Fee: Cost of movie; discussion free for members**

## **COMPUTER CLINIC with Western Students**

**Dates: TBD (watch for update notices)**  
**January – March, twice weekly**  
**Fee: Free with SLR membership; advanced registration required**

Here's a good opportunity to expand your IT skills. Western student volunteers are matched with SLR members to provide one-on-one assistance at Grosvenor Lodge. Bring your laptop, tablet or smart phone and your questions. Weekly registration: [slr.computer.clinic@gmail.com](mailto:slr.computer.clinic@gmail.com)

## **PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB with Jeff Keenor**

**Continued from September 2019**  
**Meets first Tuesday of the month**  
**11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Coach House)**  
**Fee: \$15 for 2019-2020 Year**  
**Open to new members**

Open to anyone with a digital camera, any skill level. Share photographs, tips and techniques, so that all increase their enjoyment of photography.

## **LET'S DO LUNCH with Ann Vandenbosch, Biserka Mrzljak, Marilyn Papple and Linda Munn**

**Continued from September 2019 (FULL)**  
**Tuesday, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.**  
**January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7 (4 lunches remaining)**

## **LUNCH BUNCH GROUP with Terry McSpadden**

**Continued from September 2019**  
**Tuesday, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.**  
**January 7, February 4, March 3 and April 7, 2020 (4 lunches remaining)**  
**Fee: None; pay for own lunch**  
**Maximum 8 men (members)**

## **RECORDER ENSEMBLE with John Morgan**

**Continued from September 2019**  
**Meets Thursdays 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

## **GINA BARBER SLR SINGERS with Susan Jones and Mike Zadorsky**

**Continued from September 2019**  
**Meets Fridays 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m (Drake Room)**  
**A small number of spaces currently available.**

## **SLUGS UKULELE GROUP with Noële Hall**

**Continued from September 2019**  
**Meets Friday p.m. 1:30 – 3:30 (Coach House)**

# Winter 2020

Got Questions?

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## DISCUSSION GROUPS

### LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL POLITICS with George Cherian and Richard Waring

**Monday 9:30 – 11:30 (Dining Room)**  
**January 20 – February 24 (5 sessions; No class February 17, Family Day)**  
**Fee: \$30; Maximum 14 members**

In 2018, Ontario voters elected new city councils and a new provincial government, ushering in a period of significant change. Let's talk about how these changes, from environmental regulations to transportation, are affecting us. Which new issues are emerging as most significant for London and Ontario? Which are positive developments, and which are going astray? What lies ahead for our region?

### TED TALKS ON SCIENCE with Bob Aggerholm and George Cranton

**Wednesday a.m. 9:30 – 11:30 (Drake Room)**  
**March 4 – March 25; 4 sessions**  
**Fee: \$25; Maximum 19 members**

The TED Talk organization provides internet access to short presentations on hundreds of interesting and timely topics. This discussion group will meet weekly to screen and discuss from 2 to 3 TED talks addressing aspects of science and science-related issues. Learn something new or challenge your old thinking. Something for everyone.

### POLITICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE with Margaret Cowan and Ron Coristine

**Thursday a.m. 9:30 - 11:30 (Dining Room)**  
**January 23 – February 20 (5 sessions)**  
**Fee: \$35; Maximum 14 members**

Climate change is the most persistent political issue we face as a society. Many individuals have made meaningful choices to try to help. Some corporations have adopted green strategies. But the lack of government action is a huge barrier to effective intervention. Share with us what you believe are major impediments to political action and how we can make a difference.

### LET'S TALK ABOUT DEATH AND DYING with Susan Booth and Phyllis Brady

**Friday a.m. 9:30-11:30 (Dining Room)**  
**January 24 - March 27 (10 sessions)**  
**Fee: \$65; Maximum 14 members**

Death is the one great certainty in life and a personal journey each of us approaches in our own way. Let's consider our own unique path with death, dying and grieving by exploring this important though uncomfortable topic. Together, we will pose vitally important questions, share experiences, and offer thoughtful observations that can profoundly change the way we live and die.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Please pay for these separately.

### FESTIVE BANQUET

**Thursday December 5, 12:00 noon**  
**Highland Golf and Country Club**  
**1922 Highland Heights (west of Ridout Street on Commissioners)**  
**Cost: \$25**

This annual SLR tradition closes out the Fall term as we wine and dine in style in this idyllic setting. Entertainment will be provided by the SLUGS ukulele group, the SLR Gina Barber Singers and by Brenda's famous jokes. There is the option of participating in the gift exchange at the end of the event.

### FOUNDERS' DAY LUNCH

**Thursday, February 13, 12:00 noon**  
**Highland Golf and Country Club**  
**1922 Highland Heights (west of Ridout on Commissioners Road)**  
**Cost: \$25**

Join us in celebrating SLR's 26th anniversary, a significant event in our history. Enjoy a three-course lunch in the dining room with beautiful views of the often snow-covered golf course. Our guest speaker this year will be Dr. Glen Belfry from the School of Kinesiology at Western University. His topic will be "Selected Research on Exercise, Health and Aging."

### TRIVIA GAMES NIGHT

**Thursday, March 12, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Highland Golf and Country Club**  
**1922 Highland Golf and Country Club (west of Ridout on Commissioners Road)**  
**Cost: \$20**

Are you a trivia junkie? Do you thrive on fun and interesting facts? Are you competitive and a team player? Then a Trivia Games Night is for you. Fill your stomachs with delicious hors d'oeuvres and your brains with random facts as you participate in our second annual games night. Laugh, learn, and maybe even win a trivial prize as we end the winter term.

**Note: For additional details on all our groups, please visit our website at [www.slrlondon.ca](http://www.slrlondon.ca)**

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## WINTER PROGRAM PREVIEW AND REGISTRATION

**Wednesday, November 27, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. (Doors open 1:00; Presentations begin 1:30 sharp)**

**Siloam United Church, 1240 Fanshawe Park Road East**

Listen to the moderators and facilitators describe their courses and activity groups, and be among the first to sign up. Our Program Previews are lively and fun, with each moderator or facilitator trying to convince you that his/her course is the right one for you. A chance to socialize and enjoy free coffee and cookies.

## MODERATOR/FACILITATOR TRAINING

**Wednesday, December 4, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

## WINTER OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

**Tuesday, January 7, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Grosvenor Lodge**

This is your last chance to register for the Study, Discussion, Activity and/or Interest Group(s) of your choice and talk with representatives about program content, possible topics, etc. Short information sessions will be presented at 10:15 and 11:30 for prospective and current members who would like an overview of SLR to discover all we have to offer. As usual, refreshments are free. Everyone is welcome - and don't hesitate to bring your friends.

## PRESENTATION WORKSHOP

**Thursday, January 16, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

This workshop is designed to take all the worry out of making a presentation. All are welcome – newcomers and current members – who want to improve their presentation skills, including PowerPoint. You will receive advice on researching, preparing and presenting your topic. All this at no cost!

## FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY (No Classes)

**Monday, February 17**

## SPRING 2020 PROGRAM BROCHURE

Our brochure with the Spring 2020 selections will be available the week of March 23. The Spring term begins the last week of April.

## SPRING 2020 OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

**Wednesday, April 1, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Grosvenor Lodge**

## SOCIAL EVENTS (See Social Events for details)

- **FESTIVE BANQUET**, Thursday December 5, 12:00 noon
- **FOUNDERS' DAY LUNCH**, Thursday, February 13, 12:00 noon
- **TRIVIA GAMES NIGHT**, Thursday, March 12, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND POLICIES

In the spirit of fairness for both current and new members and also to reduce the workload of our volunteer registration staff, our current registration procedure is as follows:

- Registration opens upon distribution of the brochure. Registration forms with payment can be sent either by mail or dropped off in the SLR locked mailbox located on the 1st floor foyer of Grosvenor Lodge at any time prior to class start.
- All registrations received in the office prior to the Program Preview will be placed in the order received, but will not be processed until after the Program Preview.
- Registration forms received at the Program Preview will be numbered in the order the form and payment is received by the Treasurer.
- **After the Program Preview, the office will interleave those received at the Open House with those received prior, thus assuring a level playing field for both current and new members and keeping volunteer work to a minimum.**
- You will be notified by email of the status of your application after the Program Preview.

Credit and debit cards, cheque or cash payments are all acceptable at the Program Preview. Cheques are acceptable at all times and are made payable to **SLR London**.

Note: We are unable to process post-dated cheques. Please do not send cash through the mail.

Registration is complete only when full payment has been received by SLR.

## MAILING ADDRESS

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## CO-REGISTRATION POLICY

To guarantee a place in a course, payment is required at time of registration. If, however, there is space available in another course you would like to take, AND you have already registered and paid for at least one course of equal or higher value, you may apply for the additional course AT OR AFTER the Open House at no charge by going to the Co-Registration table to submit your request. You may also make your application by email or telephone at any time following the Open House.

Applications will be processed the week prior to term commencement and all applicants will be contacted as to the status of their applications.

## REFUND POLICY

No refunds are issued for Annual Membership Fees.

If SLR cancels a program, a full refund is issued.

A full refund of fees, less a nominal administration fee, will be issued up to the second session of a course. Members who withdraw after the second week of term normally will not receive a refund.

Exceptions will be considered for medical or compassionate reasons.

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