



## Women's Canadian Club London - February 2024 Newsletter (1910 - 2024)



The Women's Canadian Club London Board members send you heartfelt wishes for a healthy and fun February.

We recognize February as Black History month, and several holidays and celebrations, including:

- International Day of Women and Girls in Science, February 11
- Valentine's, February 14
- Family Day, February 19
- Pink Shirt Day (anti-bullying), February 28th
- and this year - Leap Day, February 29th.

### Upcoming:

#### **February 8, Keynote Speakers - Heidi & Julian Bayley**

The Ice Culture Story at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, 300 King Street, London, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

#### **February 8, Youth Speaker: Emma Bishop**

Christine in Phantom of the Opera - Grand Theatre

#### **Silent Auction**

Our next Silent Auction will be held on February 8th from 1:00 to 3:20 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, 300 King Street, London.

## **April 18, Spring Luncheon**

The annual Spring Luncheon event will be held on Thursday, April 18 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, 300 King Street, London.

### **Sponsor Appreciation:**

Women's Canadian Club London extends a sincere thank you to TD Bank Group for their Platinum Sponsorship and to Western University for their Gold Sponsorship.



Recommendations from the membership regarding potential sponsors would be greatly appreciated.

Please communicate any suggestions or recommendations to Vice President Judy Farrell at [wcclnpresident@gmail.com](mailto:wcclnpresident@gmail.com)

### **Memberships and Single Tickets:**

Memberships for \$65 and single tickets for \$25 will be available at the membership tables on the second floor lobby from 1:00 until 1:50 p.m.

You may pay by cash, e-transfer, credit and debit card (cheques will be accepted for full memberships only)

### **February 8, Keynote Speakers: Heidi & Julian Bayley - The Ice Culture Story**

How a Small Ontario Company Became a Recognized Worldwide Powerhouse in the Hospitality Ice Business pre-Covid, every project involved a fascinating story, sometimes amusing, sometimes nerve wracking, but always exciting.

This presentation details the journey and explains the major changes needed to survive profitably in a volatile economy. Ice carving as an art form has been around for hundreds of years, but only in the last 35 years has it become an industry, with technology that rivals that in the aircraft and automobile industries. Ice Culture played a major role in bringing ice carving into the 21st century.

Julian Bayley and his late wife, Ann, defied the odds and in a period of 35 years built Ice Culture into one of the biggest and most recognizable players in the hospitality ice business, worldwide. They were selling ice and ice equipment all over North America and exporting to more than 55 countries around the world. Ice Culture has survived the world recession in 2008, changes in administration and most of all Covid which devastated the hospitality industry.



## Youth Focus Speaker: Emma Bishop

Emma Bishop, a native of Niagara Falls and a Grade 13 Honours student, recently graduated from H.B. Beal Secondary School. Immersed in the world of musical theatre since the age of 7, Emma has showcased her talent in various productions, portraying iconic roles such as Jane Banks in "Mary Poppins," Madame de la Grand Bouche in "Beauty and the Beast," and fulfilling her dream role as Christine Daae in "Phantom of the Opera."

With a deep connection to "Phantom of the Opera" as her dream production, Emma aspires to pursue her passion further by attending Sheridan College's Bachelor of Music Theatre Performance program. She views musical theatre as a transformative and life-changing opportunity, and her ultimate goal is to transition her love for the art form into a successful professional career. Emma is eager to continue enchanting audiences and making a mark in the professional world of musical theatre.



## Livestreaming link:

The livestreaming link for this month's presentations will be emailed to members on February 7th.

## Silent Auction:

February 8, 2024 - 1:00 to 3:20 p.m.

Location: Grand Ballroom, Hilton Hotel

What fun we had last month, having a silent auction! It generated a lot of excitement and we have had a lot of positive feedback, so in February we will host another silent auction.

This time, along with jewelry, puzzles, stained glass, art and other fabulous items, we will have a number of gift certificates, donated by local businesses. These include golf passes, restaurant and theatre coupons. Come prepared to bid and have a great time.

Your money will go to making sure that the Women's Canadian Club can continue to offer you great speakers and continue with its vital community work.

If a non-member, a single ticket for \$25 must be purchased, and this will include the speaker presentations, silent auction and a reception.

Wendy Valhoff

## April 18 2024: Spring Luncheon

We are all looking forward to the annual **Spring Luncheon** event on April 18, at the Hilton Hotel.

Our Luncheon keynote speaker will be **Jennifer Botterill** - 3 time Hockey Olympic Champion, NHL analyst on CBC and Sportsnet, CEO of two companies.

The Spring Luncheon registration form, menu and cost for members and guests are included in the President's newsletter which will be emailed to you next week.

There will be a limited number of seats for **members** who wish to attend the speaker presentation only.

You may purchase your spring luncheon tickets **on February 8th and March 14th** at the membership

table, second floor lobby of the Hilton Hotel from 1:00 until 1:50 p.m. Please bring your completed registration form, a self-addressed, stamped envelope. You may pay by cash, cheque, e-transfer, credit card or debit card.

Guests must purchase a lunch ticket. A limited number of **single tickets** will be available for the speaker.

## **Community Service Report:**

At our January meeting we collected \$130 in cash and cheques for the Food Bank and several bags of food. This was delivered to the Food Bank on the day after our meeting. They continue to be extremely grateful for the support from our Club.

In addition, we collected numerous bags of pop tabs.

At our February meeting we will once again collect funds and food for the Food Bank. As well, we will continue to accept your pop tabs.

Happy Valentine's Day everyone and thank you so much for your continued support of our Community Service initiatives.

Betty Dietrich

## **Save Your Pop Tabs:**

We were also grateful to receive your pop tabs as we are now collecting for a new wheelchair recipient.

Mohammad Albakour is a sixteen year old, good natured boy with Cerebral Palsy. He lives in London where he attends the Robarts School for the Deaf. He has three siblings, an older sister who is seventeen and two younger brothers, ages fifteen and five.

Mohammad likes to swim and is also very much into his computer and cell phone, where he interacts and plays games with his friends. He requires a new, larger wheelchair.

Mohammad will be our 59th recipient!

So, please save your pop tabs to help us reach this goal.

\*Please email Eleanor at [eleanorleatham@gmail.com](mailto:eleanorleatham@gmail.com) if you have a large amount of tabs. She will be happy to collect them from you, or you can arrange for delivery to her place.\*



## **London Symphonia Draw:**

Congratulations to Marie Peden on winning the draw for two tickets to the London Symphonia concert "Freedom: The Spirit and Legacy of Black Music" on February 24 2024.

## **2024 - 2025 Membership:**

The price of membership includes the opportunity to listen to informative and entertaining guest speakers, including the Spring Luncheon speaker, youth speakers and our December musical program. You may

listen to each of the speakers, musical presentation, in person and virtually. Receptions are being reviewed due to the cost and the need for **additional** Board members to work on the Social committee.

The membership fee will be published in the March newsletter.

Memberships will be available at the Spring Luncheon on April 18.

## **Nominations:**

Nominations are open for 2024/2025 Board members. Looking for a new opportunity? Why not join the Women's Canadian Club London Board?

As a councillor, you will meet amazing men and women, and make new friends. You just need to attend 3 Board meetings during the year and give one hour of your time before each of our monthly meetings (September to April) as well as serve on committees of your choice. These include: Online Media, Membership, Social, Publicity, Youth Focus, Sponsorship, Welcome and other fundraising committees.

If you are interested or have any questions or recommendations... please email [eleanorleatham@gmail.com](mailto:eleanorleatham@gmail.com)

Eleanor Leatham

## **January 11 2024 Speakers:**

Thank you to Sue Van Duynhoven and Tanner Zelenko for your positive, interesting speeches at our opening event in 2024!

Sue Van Duynhoven's presentation on her volunteer work at the Children's Hospital at our January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was very moving and inspiring. Through her superb work with puppets, she encourages children at the Children's Hospital to express themselves and have fun. Her lifelong passion to bring light into darkness for others who are suffering, especially children, was clearly felt by a full room of WCC London members and guests.

We appreciate that members of Kids on the Block who have worked with Sue, attended the performance.

Tanner Zelenko, our Youth Focus speaker, demonstrated his determination to achieve his life game plan from the young age of 16. His Frozen Cow ice cream company has expanded to two locations, Dorchester and Thamesford with 20 employees.

Tanner showed the importance of setting goals, working hard to achieve them and making positive connections throughout life. Tanner greatly appreciates the support and encouragement by his mother and grandmother that his business would be successful and we were happy they were able to attend his presentation.

## Photo Memories of Our January Event:







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