



Summer 2024

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB LONDON CANADA - NEWSLETTER

Note from history:

The idea was formulated for the first Canadian Club when a young Charles McCullough met with friends for a walk on Hamilton Mountain and discussed the need to encourage awareness and national pride within Canadians. The place was Hamilton, Ontario and it was 1892!

Greetings

Judy Farrell, President
2024

Hello everyone. I hope your summer has begun on a positive note and that you are enjoying this seasonal weather. We have just come to the end of what proved to be an exceptional year for the Women's Canadian Club London. It was a very busy time during which we held eight very successful speaker events, our second annual Artisan Market, four Silent Auctions and our Spring Luncheon. Youth speakers were amazing and throughout it all, we once again pulled together to support several community initiatives.

At the end of June, we held our 2024 Annual General Meeting and the first Board Meeting of our 2024-2025 season. During the AGM, we honoured and thanked our outgoing President, Sharon Miller, for her leadership and diligence that kept our club active and moving forward between 2021-2024. Sharon was presented with a lead crystal candy dish with the inscription "Sharon Miller President Women's Canadian Club London 2021-2024" as a small token of our appreciation and as a remembrance of this time and experience.



Sharon Miller, President 2021-2024 (R) accepting the Board's gift and thank you from Judy Farrell, President 2024-2025 (L). Photo taken by C. Cave June 24, 2024

¹ Merifield, Robert R. Speaking of Canada: The Centennial History of The Canadian Clubs. 1993

Note from History:

The Women's Canadian Club London was formed when Mrs. Fanny Edwards invited a group of friends to tea, leading to a public meeting and a unanimous vote to form the local Women's Canadian Club. The date was April 11, 1910. The place was London.

2023-2024 Women's Canadian Club Sponsors

Sponsorship

This past year was the first year that Women's Canadian Club London sought Sponsorship from local Businesses and Corporations to support the ongoing work of the Club. We wish to acknowledge and thank our official 2023-2024 Sponsors.



Platinum Sponsor



Gold Sponsor



Silver Sponsor

We also wish to thank other individuals and businesses who have supported us during the past year, including:

- DoubleTree by Hilton
- London Symphonia
- Donors of our Silent Auction items
- Jack Witmer, Pianist
- Vivien Stanfield, Photographer
- Red Hott Entertainment

Event Sponsorship

NEW for 2024-2025 Women's Canadian Club London will be seeking sponsors to support single speaker events. We will continue to engage businesses and corporations in annual sponsorship but we look forward to also working with sponsors of single events. If you know a business or a person with a keen interest in one of our speakers or speaker event topics, who would like to learn more about our Event Sponsorship opportunities, please refer them to us at wcldnpresident@gmail.com.

Membership News

Memberships and Single Tickets

Memberships for the 2024-2025 Speaker Program are available for purchase.

The cost is **\$100** for our full season of speakers and can be paid by cash, cheque, e-transfer, credit, or debit card. The membership form can be found on the membership page of our website: www.womenscanadianclublondon.com/membership. For any questions regarding registration, please contact wcldnpresident@gmail.com

Single Tickets: **\$30** for each individual event. If you purchase a single ticket and decide to become a member, the \$30 will be applied to your membership fee.

We have an exciting line up of speakers in our upcoming season and we look forward to seeing you all in the Fall. Take another look at the Speaker Series Flyer included in the mailing of your Summer Newsletter. A copy of the membership form is also included for convenience.

Win a Free Guest Pass and Bring a Friend along to the September Event.

Anyone purchasing a new WCCL membership or renewing their current membership before end of day Friday August 30th 2024, will have their name entered into a draw to receive a free guest pass to the September 12th WCCL Speaker Event. There will be two draws, so two WCCL members will win one single event guest pass each, allowing them to bring a friend along to the September Event for free. What a great gift idea and a great way to introduce a friend to WCCL!

Corporate Membership

NEW for 2024-2025 we are offering Corporate Memberships for \$425, to Businesses or Professionals who would like to have an individual membership for the corporate representative (a \$100 value) as well as receiving 26 Single Event Guest Passes (a \$780 value when purchased individually) to share with employees, clients or associates as they wish. Guest Passes may be used at any one of the WCCL Speaker Series Events during the 2024-2025 season. If you know someone who would like to learn more about Corporate Memberships, please refer them to us at wcldnpresident@gmail.com. *Each Guest Pass admits one person to a 2024-2025 Speaker Event. (April Luncheon also requires a separate lunch ticket purchase). Guest Passes will expire on April 30th 2025. Passes have no redemptive cash value.*

Thank You to our Volunteers

*Volunteers ... the life
blood of Women's
Canadian Club London*

Women's Canadian Club London would not exist without our volunteers. Volunteers are the life blood of our organization. From the organization and planning of each of our Speaker Events including finding and recruiting the excellent line up of event speakers and youth speakers each month, to the friendly faces in the lobby and at the doors that greet you as you arrive at each event and provide directions or answer your questions – Volunteers! The folks that greet you at the Membership/Ticket Sales table or the Community Support table, the organization and delivery of receptions held each year, and even the organization and management of our Silent Auctions, the Artisan Market each December and the Spring Luncheon in April ... These initiatives are all accomplished by our Volunteers! ... and that doesn't even touch on some of the behind the scenes tasks that must be accomplished to keep us operating.

We have an amazing group of dedicated enthusiastic individuals that give freely of their time and energy to keep us going ... *Thank You !*

I want to highlight one group of Volunteers ... a small group of members with an illustrious job title of "Volunteers" that come out to greet our members and single event ticket holders each month at the door to our event venue. These folks check that you have your membership card, guest pass or single event ticket. They are very adept at keeping everyone organized and in place for the start of each meeting. Before guests arrive, some of this group are busy setting up our table arrangements and receptions. This is the group that also provides us with a "red-capped" emergency resource during our meetings ... just in case anyone needs help in a hurry.

In June we said adieu to volunteers that are leaving our Volunteer Group, including Dianne Heatherington, and Darlene Parent. Thank you for your support over the last several years. We wish you well and hope to see you out to our monthly Speaker Events.

We also want to say Welcome and Welcome Back to our group of Volunteers for 2024-2025. Some are coming back while others are new to this group. Welcome to all of you ... Caroline Baker, Phyllis Brady, Bonne Brandies, Louise Dix, Leslie Smith and Vivien Stanfield as well as your lead, Volunteer – Irene Butler. We look forward to working with you all this year.

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time,
they just have the heart"*

Elizabeth Andrew

Introducing Your 2024-2025 Board of Directors

Our 2024-2025 Board of Directors



Back Row L to R: Barb Dmitrienko, Pat Hammerton, Cathy Cave, Mary Randall, Renny Thomson, Shannon Wood, Irene Butler, Jean Parish, Marie Peden, Nancy Hawkins.
 Front Row L to R: Cathy Leeming, Sharon Miller (immediate Past President), Judy Farrell (President), Pat Skelton, Eleanor Leatham. Absent: Betty Dietrich, Wendy Valhoff, Andrea Paturel.

Here are your new Board of Directors and Committee Chairs for 2024-2025:

Officers

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President	Judy Farrell	wcclnpresident@gmail.com
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Past President	Sharon Miller	grandmasharon.sm@gmail.com
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Secretary	Cathy Leeming	cathyleeming@live.com
Speaker's Chair	Sharon Miller	grandmasharon.sm@gmail.com
Membership	Eleanor Leatham	eleanorleatham@gmail.com

Directors

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Barbara Dmitrienko	Andrea Paturel
Betty Dietrich	Shannon Wood
Nancy Hawkins	Cathy Cave
Renny Thomson	Marie Peden
Wendy Valhoff	Irene Butler
Mary Randall	Jean Parish
Pat Hammerton	
Committee Chairs	

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Archives	Barbara Dmitrienko
Artisans Holiday Market	Nancy Hawkins
Finance	Pat Skelton
Membership	Eleanor Leatham
Community Service	Betty Dietrich
Constitution/ONCA	Judy Farrell
Goodwill	Jean Parish
Internal Audit	Eleanor Leatham
Nominations	Sharon Miller
Technology/Online Media	Pat Skelton
Publicity	Pat Hammerton
Silent Auction	Wendy Valhoff
Social	Nancy Hawkins
Speakers	Sharon Miller
Spring Luncheon	Sharon Miller
Sponsorship	Judy Farrell
Volunteer	Sharon Miller
Welcome	Irene Butler
Youth Focus	Barbara Dmitrienko

Welcome to New Board of Directors Members

At our June 24th 2024, Board Meeting, we welcomed Mary Randall and Shannon Wood as new Directors on our Board. Mary and Shannon each bring knowledge, experience and enthusiasm with them that will add to the strength of our already strong Board this year.

Thank you to Retiring Members of Board of Directors

Leaving the Board of Directors this year are Karen Erskine (Publicity Chair), Terry McGrath (Social Chair), Joan Kenney (Welcome Chair), and Sharon Lowery (Membership Chair). Each of these now past Board members have made significant contributions to Women's Canadian Club London. Many have also served as committee members on Board Committees. We hope they will all continue as members of the Women's Canadian Club London. We are very thankful for their leadership, guidance and expertise.

WCCL appears at Volunteer Fair



Volunteer Fair

On Saturday July 13th, 2024, Women's Canadian Club London joined other organizations in London at the London Public Library, Central Branch in Downtown London to hold a Volunteer Fair. This gave us an opportunity to let some people know who the Women's Canadian Club London is and possibly recruit members and volunteers. We held a Free Draw for one person to win two Guest Passes to hear Josh Morgan at our September 12th 2024, Speaker Event. Thank you to our Volunteers who made this possible – Irene Butler, Jean Parish, Eleanor Leatham, Pat Skelton and Sharon Miller. Well Done!

WCCL Constitution and Bylaws

Women's Canadian Club London - Constitution and Bylaws

The Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporation Act (2010) ONCA came into force in October 2021. Not-for-Profit Corporations in Ontario were granted a transition period of three years to update their Constitution and Bylaws in compliance with the legislation. Women's Canadian Club London, which is a Not-for-Profit Corporation had until this coming October (2024) to update our Constitution and Bylaws. A small group of Directors and Officers from our Board of Directors worked on this review earlier this spring and the new Constitution and Bylaws were approved at the Board Meeting on June 24th, 2024. (Link to ONCA: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/10n15L>)

The revisions to our previous Constitution include:

- terminology changes consistent with the current legislation,
- a list of definitions (Article 1 Definitions)
- a few new Articles now required under ONCA, including
 - Article II Section 2.02. (new) Disciplinary Action or Termination for Cause
 - Article IV Section 4.01 (new) Conflict of Interest
 - Article V Section 5.07 (new) recognizing that meetings called and attended via telephonic or electronic means are equivalent to meetings held in person
 - Article VIII Section 8.05 ... approving Silent Auction being added as a Standing Committee
 - Article IX ... revised qualifications for Officers of the Board
 - Article XII (new) Dissolution
 - Article XIII (new) Indemnities to Directors and Officers
 - Article XIV (new) Protection of Directors and Officers

If you would like to have access to a copy of our new Constitution and Bylaws, please let me know and I will ensure that a copy is made available to you. Just email me at wcclnpresident@gmail.com

Responsibilities Document

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The same group of Directors also worked on the Responsibilities Document that contains an outline of the responsibilities of each Officer and Committee Chair. This revised material was also presented and approved at the Board Meeting on June 24th, 2024.

Similar to the Constitution and Bylaws Document, should you ever wish to review our current Responsibilities Document, just email me and I will ensure that you have access to a copy of this document (wcclnpresident@gmail.com).

Our Speaker Series

September 12, 2024

Josh Morgan – Mayor of the City of London



Our 2024-2025 Speaker Series will begin on September 12th, 2024 with a full line up of exciting speakers. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month (November and February will be the 1st Thursday) from September through March at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel (300 King St, London ON) on the 2nd Floor, Ballroom. In April, we hold a Spring Luncheon.

We will be welcoming MAYOR JOSH MORGAN, of London Ontario as our first speaker on Thursday September 12, 2024, from 2pm to 3pm. Mayor Morgan will speak on *“Addressing Homelessness and Affordable Housing.”* A reception will follow the meeting.

Josh Morgan was elected as London’s 65th Mayor on October 24th, 2022. Prior to that, he had served two terms as the City Councillor for Ward 7 being elected in 2014 and again in 2018 with support from 75% of voters.

Mayor Morgan was the first in his family to attend University after moving to London in 1998 to study at Western. During his time there, Morgan completed undergraduate degrees in Economics & Political Science, as well as an MA in Political Science.

Mayor Morgan is an active member of the London community serving in leadership positions on multiple boards and organizations. He has previously served as the City of London Budget Chair for both the 2016-2019 and 2020-2023 multi-year budgets. He stepped down from that role when he was appointed Deputy Mayor in December 2020, a position he occupied until he was elected Mayor in 2022.

He is a current member of the London Police Services Board, Western University Board of Governors, as well as boards for London Economic Development Corporation, RBC Place, and Tourism London.

Most importantly, Josh is a proud father of four children.

We look forward to seeing you at this important Speaker Event in September!

Coming in October ...

***WCCL Speaker Event
October 10, 2024***

On October 10, 2024, the Women’s Canadian Club of London is pleased to welcome DR. SCOTT GOOD, the second speaker of the 2024-2025 Speaker Series. Dr. Good will speak on *“His Story as Composer, Conductor for London Symphonia.”*

Be sure to watch for the next Women’s Canadian Club London Newsletter, available during the last week of August, for more information about our October Event or check our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064395143766> anytime.

Youth Speakers

Our September 12th, 2024 Youth Speakers sound like an amazing group of students. We look forward to welcoming them as our September 12th Youth Speakers.

Youth Speakers



Ilona Netishenska, Kinza Hanook, Hannah Sanchez Tostado and Luis Garcia are all members of John Paul II Catholic Secondary School's "Art from the Heart" team. Together, along with over 80 JP II art students they created 10 beautiful murals that helped to transform the Paediatric Inpatient Unit at Children's Hospital.

Community Service

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate action of its' members" (Coretta Scott King)

Did you know that WCCL's goals for community service include:

- Building relationships with other community organizations,
- Providing assistance to those in need regardless of age, health, disability or financial hardship,
- Raising the visibility of the Women's Canadian Club London within the London/Middlesex community, and
- Increasing our members' awareness about our community needs.

Community Agencies Receiving Support This Year:

London Food Bank

Our members are encouraged to make a donation of cash or gift cards to the London Food Bank at each monthly speaker event. October is usually the month we highlight this community need and community agency, but members are encouraged to donate every month. We are proud to support the London Food Bank again this year.

London Food Bank

Collection of Aluminum Beverage Tabs

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Since 2005 Women's Canadian Club has saved aluminum beverage tabs to support children and youth attain the mobility equipment needed to enhance their mobility and hence, the quality of their lives. Working with TVCC (previously known as Thames Valley Children's Centre), we are provided with the name along with a few details about the child or youth that could benefit from our support. At this time, we are collecting aluminum beverage tabs to assist Mohamad Eibo. Mohamad is the 61st child/youth to be assisted with a new mobility device.

DON'T FORGET. Keep collecting your aluminum beverage tabs over the summer and bring them to the Community Table in the lobby at our September 12th event ... or October 10th event ... in fact, every event between September and March during the 2024-2025 season. Rarely, is it so easy to help our youth live a better life and succeed.

My Sisters' Place

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December is the month every year that we prioritize our request to our members for donations of cash and gift cards for My Sisters' Place, a program of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Middlesex. My Sisters' Place provides residential and outreach services for women and their children living with the consequences of domestic abuse. My Sisters' Place mission is to provide a safe environment for women and their dependents while empowering women to live free from violence and oppression. Women's Canadian Club London is proud to support this community agency again this coming year.

Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund

Poppy Fund

As in previous years, Women's Canadian Club London will place a wreath at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day and donate a cash donation to the Poppy Fund.

Save Your Pop Tabs



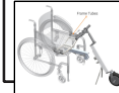
Mohamad Eibo is a 15 year old boy, who attends Westminster Secondary School in London. He is one of six children, having three older siblings, a twin sister, Nour and one 10 year old younger sister!

Mohammad is a pleasant, shy boy, who loves to smile. He also loves to play games, with his friends, on his i-pad and phone.

Because of knee issues, he needs a new **Silver Companion**, which will save his arms and motorize his wheelchair, to enable him to navigate the long corridors at school.

Mohammad will be our 61st recipient!
So, please save your aluminum pop tabs to help us reach this goal.

Please contact Eleanor Leatham at eleanorleatham@gmail.com for delivery and pickup of pop tabs over the summer months.



***We thank you, our members, for your continued support and donations for these community agencies.
Together we can make a difference.***

Have a great and safe summer everyone and we will see you in September.