



January 2026
Newsletter



Happy New Year Everyone! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and welcomed 2026 healthy and happy. Women's Canadian Club London is welcoming 2026 with optimism and anticipation...looking forward to all that 2026 promises to deliver. Our January Event arrives on Thursday January 15th, 2026 ... the third Thursday in January. We have a wonderful keynote speaker this month, Lorraine Jardine, and we know that you will be fascinated and moved by the story she is going to share with us about Hekima Place in Kenya and the very special work she is involved with there. We also have an exciting Youth Speaker this month, Kyla Johnston-Potter, a grade 8 student at Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts. Kyla is a very active and committed young woman, involved in both her school and her community. I know she will impress you! We are excited to share that we have a very special silent auction this month – the TD Executive Suite at the February 13th, 2026 Soo Greyhounds vs. the London Knight's at Canada Life Place - 7 PM ... start the bidding!! I hope you will be able to join us, and I look forward to seeing each one of you there!

Judy Farrell, President WCCL

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Single Event tickets are still available: On [Eventbrite](#) OR at the membership table in the North Foyer for \$30.00

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January 2026 Community Service Initiatives Making a Difference Together!

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."
Anne Frank

Happy New Year to all! We had a very successful donation drive in December for My Sisters' Place. Thank you to all who contributed to our collection. We were able to raise \$2,306.50 in monetary, gift card and bus ticket donations. We donated 165 bus tickets! In addition, we received numerous boxes and bags full of practical donations such as toiletries, cold weather clothing and personal items. Jennifer Martin from My Sisters' Place was overwhelmed with the generosity of Club members.

Submitted by:

**Betty Dietrich,
Chair –
Community Service
Committee**

We also collected \$124.60 of funds and food for The London Food Bank at our December event, bringing our 2025/2026 year to date collection to \$2285.56 in food and funds for the London Food Bank. As of now, we have reached 57% of our \$4000 goal for the full year. With your help we can reach our goal!

During the month of January, we are looking to help you clean out your closets. Items we would be happy to receive from you include:

**On Behalf of the
Community Service
Committee**

- Warm clothing for this cold weather
- Old costume jewellery and craft supplies - we give these to the Micro Enterprise at My Sisters' Place for their work activities
- Reusable grocery bags
- Aluminum pop tabs

We will also collect food and funds for the London Food Bank – some of the most needed non-perishable food items include:

- Canned vegetables and fruit (no sugar added)
- Canned tomatoes (no salt added)
- Canned tuna and salmon
- Peanut butter
- Special diet foods (gluten free, lactose free, etcetera)
- Dried vegetables (lentils, chickpeas, legumes, etcetera)
- Healthy breakfast cereals

As per the Food Bank website: "Best Before (BB) dates are used voluntarily by food manufacturers and are never an indication of product safety. They serve only as a guarantee by the manufacturer on how long the product will maintain its flavour, texture, and general wholesomeness. Handled and stored properly, non-perishable food items will be just as safe to eat well past the BB date as they were when originally produced. For non-perishable foods, the Food Bank can accept "dry goods" that are boxed/bagged up until one year past the BB date and "wet goods" that are canned/jarred/bottled up until two years past the BB date. Unfortunately, the Food Bank is unable to distribute open or partially used goods, home-made goods, or cans that are not labelled.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Community Service initiatives!



LUNCH OPTIONS ON JANUARY 15TH 2026

If you are thinking of enjoying lunch at “The Lamplighter” before our January Speaker Event on Thursday January 15th, 2026, there are once again, two options! Reservations are required! – Sharon Miller

Option 1 –Regency Room Buffet Luncheon 1130 AM – 2 PM

Reservations: Call Shelly’s at 519 691-3402 to make a reservation for the January 15th, Regency Room Buffet.

Payment will be at lunch in the Regency Room. Price: \$20.00 *plus Tax and Gratuity*

NOTE: You need a reservation for the buffet lunch in the Regency Room. You will be seated in the Regency Room.

The menu will include the following:

- Butternut Squash Soup
- Sensei farms Garden Salad
- Classic Potato, Mediterranean
- Couscous & Roasted Beet
- Salad
- Assorted Sandwiches & Wraps
- Assortment of Dessert Squares
- Coffee & Tea

Option 2 – Shelly’s Tap & Grill – Select from Shelly’s menu

NOTE: You will be seated in Shelly's Restaurant.

Reservations: Call 519 691-3402 to make a reservation & specify that you want to be seated in Shelly’s & order from the menu.

We hope you will enjoy either option for lunch. The two options allow you more flexibility in your choices and quicker service. If you have any questions about the two options, please send them via email to wcclondon.pastpresident@gmail.com

Sharon Miller

WCC London Immediate Past President, Speaker Chair

New Members have a 3rd Option - Lunch at Crabby Joe’s

"In addition to the previous two lunch options:

Option 1) Regency Room Buffet and

Option 2) Shelly's Tap and Grill from the menu,

*Option 3) **New Members** have a 3rd Option to order from the menu at Crabby Joe’s*

– come out with your friends and join other new members at Crabby Joe’s for an

“Order from the Menu” lunch option. Start Time: 11:30 AM

Submitted by:

**Irene Butler,
Chair -**

**Welcome
Committee**

Interested in this 3rd Option? - Please contact Irene Butler, Chair - Welcome Committee at millions94@hotmail.com to be included in the Crabby Joe’s list. Irene will be making a reservation at Crabby Joe’s for those interested in this option – so she needs to hear from you! A Welcome Committee member will join you at Crabby Joe’s.

When you have finished eating lunch ... pop over to the Welcome Table in the North Foyer at the “Lamplighter”. Be sure to pick up a Canada pin, some club information and chat with our committee members. See you on January 15th, 2026!!

Our Speakers on Thursday January 15th, 2026 – 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m

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TICKETS**

Our Keynote Speaker:

“Changing the World, One Girl at a Time” – Hekima Place, Kenya

***Lorraine
Jardine***



Lorraine grew up in Welland, Ontario, and met her husband John, at Western University.

After graduating, they moved to Milwaukee, where Lorraine earned her teaching degree at University of Milwaukee-Wisconsin, and then taught high school English. They also lived in Toledo, Baltimore, and Brantford, before returning to London, where John became City Engineer for London and Lorraine taught in Dorchester and Strathroy. They were a skiing family, so both sons and their wives and grandchildren live in the beautiful state of Colorado.

Just as Lorraine was retiring from teaching and contemplating how she could help with the devastating AIDS crisis in Africa, she read in the London Free Press about Hekima Place, a home for Kenyan girls who were orphaned due to HIV/AIDS. Lorraine volunteered there for a month in 2007 and has been involved ever since. She serves on their Board of Directors and spent 2 weeks at Hekima Place in 2023. Their mission has expanded to provide a loving and supportive home for vulnerable girls who have been abused, abandoned, neglected, or orphaned. Since its founding in 2005, Hekima Place has increased its impact through the addition of a school for not only their girls, but also for children in the surrounding community of Kiserian, near Nairobi.

Lorraine enjoys skiing, kayaking and reading, and is a long-time member of Women's Canadian Club, London, including 10 years as a Board Member.

Craft Sale



African crafts will be for sale before and after the presentation.

Donations and sales may be made
by cash, cheque, e-transfer and credit card.
All proceeds go to Hekima Place, Kenya

January 15th, 2026

1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

&

3:30 to 4:00 p.m.



Youth Focus Speaker:

Kyla Johnston- Potter



Kyla Johnston-Potter is a Grade 8 student at Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts, where she is President of the Student Council and an active member of the Social Justice Club.

She is passionate about helping others and making a difference in her community, and in 2023 founded Project Rainbow an initiative to get more LGBTQIA+ - inclusive books into school libraries.

The project has been a great success with over 200 books being donated so far. Last year Kyla created two podcast episodes featuring authors of inclusive books and continues to fundraise to purchase more books each year.

Kyla was featured in the London Free Press and received a Leading Women Leading Girls award from MP Peggy Sattler for her work with Project Rainbow.

She is also a talented performer, especially in musical theatre where she has performed in several musicals with the Original Kids Theatre Company in London. She recently received a Medal for Excellence from Conservatory Canada in Vocal for receiving the highest mark in the province on her exam and participates in the London Kiwanis festival each year.

In her spare time, she plays bass guitar in stage band and is an avid reader.

Also happening at the January 15th, 2026 Speaker Event ...

January's Silent Auction – Generously donated on behalf of the TD Bank Group

January's Very Special Single Item Silent Auction

Includes:

- Friday February 13th
- 14 Tickets
- Premium Seating
- \$150 Food & Beverage credit
- TD Executive Suite pkg. value \$1900



Enjoy a London Knight's game in style!

For the 3rd consecutive year, TD has generously arranged for Women's Canadian Club London to auction off this Executive Suite for an upcoming Knights Game at Canada Life Place.

**Sault Ste. Marie – Soo Greyhounds at London Knights
Canada Life Place**

Friday February 13th, 2026 at 7 PM

Tickets will be sent digitally to the winner

Come prepared to bid for this tremendous opportunity with the intention of inviting 13 friends &/or family members to go with you. Bidding open ONLY during the WCCL Event on January 15th, 2026. Bidding Opens at \$500

Women's Canadian Club London Monthly Door Prize – London Symphonia Tickets

The Women's Canadian Club London's January 2026 door prize will be for a pair of tickets to London Symphonia's "Love and Romance with Denise Pelley"- February 14, 2026 7:30 p.m. at Metropolitan United 468 Wellington Street, right here in London.

Thank you to the London Symphonia for supporting Women's Canadian Club London and providing eight pairs of tickets to London Symphonia concerts across the season for us to share as door prizes with our members and guests.

We hope that our door prize winner at our December Speaker Event, and her guest enjoy Symphonia's concert "Lara St. John: The Ancient Flame" on January 17th, 2026.

Our Sponsors

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Brassroots Quintet and Soloist, Denise Pelley (Photo Credit: Bernarda Norwood)

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WCC London Board of Director Nominations

Volunteers

Please check out our website to contact us and learn more about the opportunities to [Volunteer](#) with Women's Canadian Club London.

YOU are encouraged to become a volunteer on the Women's Canadian Club London Board of Directors or on Non-Board committees.

We welcome Non-Board Volunteers on many of our committees at any time during the year.

These volunteers do not attend Board meetings and will serve a term of one year, which may be renewed annually.

* Non – Board volunteers are welcome on the starred committees.

For further details about committee positions and time commitments please refer to the [Women's Canadian Club London Committee/Officer Descriptions](#) available on our website.

Board of Directors

Nominations are open for the 2026/2027 WCC London Board until May 1st, 2026.

Are you looking for a new opportunity to contribute your skills and experiences to the community?

The Women's Canadian Club London Board wants you!

As a Board member, you will work with people who are talented, dedicated and committed to fulfilling the WCC London's purpose and mission. 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).

You may choose to work on a variety of different committees. If you are interested or have any questions or recommendations... please contact us through the following options:

1. Email Sharon Miller, Volunteer Coordinator @ wcclondon.pastpresident@gmail.com or call Sharon at (519) 870-0544
2. [Contact Form](#) available on our website.
3. Stop by the Community Service table in the Best Western Plus Lamplighter Inn and Conference Centre in the north wing foyer at our events and leave your information with Betty Dietrich, Chair, who will forward the information to Sharon.

Submitted by:

**Volunteer
Coordinator
&
Immediate
Past President –
Sharon Miller**

2025-2026 Memberships

**2025-2026
WCCL
Memberships**

Memberships may be purchased Thursday, January 15th, 2026 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. at the Membership Table in the North Foyer.

Please bring your completed [membership registration form](#).

Submitted by:

**Eleanor
Leatham,
Chair
Membership
Committee**

Annual memberships are \$100 and can be paid by cash, cheque, e-transfer, credit, or debit.

- Your membership includes access to all remaining Speaker Events between September & April. *Please Note: access to Spring Luncheon in April 2026 requires the additional purchase of luncheon ticket.*
- Access to all remaining Silent Auctions during the 2025 – 2026 WCCL Season.
- Opportunities to network with other members.
- FREE parking, and a subscription to our monthly Email Newsletter.

Questions? Please contact wcclnmembership@gmail.com

**Come and join us at Best Western Plus Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre
591 Wellington Rd. S. London on Thursday January 15th, 2026**

What's Coming Up on February 15th, 2026 ...

[BUY ADDITIONAL
TICKETS](#)

Keynote Speaker: *Dr. Michael Borrie*



Join Dr. Michael Borrie in person on February 15th, 2026 to explore the latest research-based information on Alzheimer's biomarkers and treatments!

Don't miss Dr. Michael Borrie as he dives into the world of Alzheimer Disease Biomarkers and unveils the latest on New Disease Modifying Treatments. This is an in-person event packed with insights and groundbreaking information!

Come curious, leave inspired. Perfect for anyone interested in the future of Alzheimer research and treatment.

Michael Borrie, MB ChB, FRCPC is a Geriatrician and Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Geriatric Medicine, The University of Western Ontario.

Youth Focus Speaker: *Daniel Thiessen*



Daniel Thiessen is just twelve years old but already has many accomplishments to his name and talents. Daniel began studying piano at the age of five. Over the past four years he has earned multiple top placements at the Kiwanis Music Festival in London and has been awarded the 2025 Women's Canadian Club London Kathryn Sells Memorial Award.

Another Single Item Silent Auction: *February 15, 2026*

During our February Event we will have a fabulous single item silent auction. **Vineland Estates Winery** has generously donated a **Gift Certificate worth \$362.00 for a five course Chef's Creative Dinner for two, complete with wines expertly paired to each course.** This is a great opportunity to dine at a restaurant rated as one of Canada's Best.

The History of Vineland Estates Winery: Nestled on the slope of the Niagara Escarpment, the winery and signature restaurant are one of the most memorable stops on the wine route. Besides the store and tasting bar that reside within a circa 1877 "wooden cathedral" log barn, you can also visit the acclaimed "Top Twenty Winery Restaurant in the World" for true local cuisine. Chef George and his passionate team present all that is fine, local and fresh. The winemaker Brian celebrates near 30 years of devotion to the 180 acre parcel with world renowned Cabernet Franc, expressive Riesling, rare Pinot Meunier and memorable Chardonnay (Source: Business website)

The Restaurant: As one of Niagara's first winery restaurants and a forerunner of Niagara's flourishing wine and culinary scene, cuisine is offered featuring ingredients from local purveyors prepared by an internationally trained team of chefs.

Guests dine indoors in the renovated 1845 farmhouse or outdoors on the deck. Wherever you are seated, you will take in the views of rolling vineyards, the forests of the Niagara Escarpment and Lake Ontario and Toronto in the distance.

This is an amazing opportunity to enjoy a masterful culinary & gastronomic experience in a breathtaking setting.

A Look Back on the Dicken's Buffet and Art in the Atrium – November 2025

Nancy Hawkins, Chair – Social Committee reflects back on our November Special Events

Dickens Buffet

Perhaps have we started a new tradition for WCCL?

This year on November 25, 2025 the DoubleTree by Hilton invited WCCL members to attend their Dickens Buffet lunch. 74 WCCL members attended the elaborate and delicious holiday banquet. The salad bar had a great array and variety to start off your dining experience. The Soups were delicious too. Turkey ... many attendees mentioned it was the best they have ever had, especially at a buffet ... beef, potatoes and a variety of veggies, gravy, buns and condiments to enhance the meal were all available.

Desserts were plentiful and of a great variety! All were delicious.

Nancy Hawkins and Jayne Hysen, the "SOPHISTICATED LADIES", entertained with the perfect combination of Seasonal music to add to the festive mood.

A GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL.
Hmmm... to be continued in 2026?



Art in the Atrium

What an excellent venue for an Artisans Market ... in the Atrium at the Lamplighter.

We had 26 of the most talented Makers set up at 29 tables for viewing and selling their wares. Once again there was an exceptional variety. We had knitting and sewing and wooden objects. There was stained glass and scads of beautiful jewellery to choose from. If you wanted a delightful little gnome for your home, they were there too. Aprons, scarves and wreaths...oh my!

The Atrium space gave us lots of room to spread out. The vendors were most happy with the setup. Many stated that they were delighted with the buying enthusiasm of the WCCL! They will be back next year.

Perhaps we can squeeze a few more artisans into the space in 2026? We shall see. I already have 5 more inquiries about a booth!

Thanks to Cathy Leeming and Helena Steinmetz for their assistance helping the vendors find their place and collecting the donations for our Silent Auction.

Our Third Annual Artisans Market was a HUGE success!

Thank YOU everyone that made it the success it was!

Reflections on Our December 11th, 2025 Event

***Silent
Auction***

***December
2025***

Congratulations Women's Canadian Club London ... Wendy Valhoff and Marie Peden and the Silent Auction Committee and All WCCL members!! December's silent auction was a huge success and succeeded in adding \$1,550 to the WCCL's revenues that will help to cover off some of the cost of our speaker events. The most popular auction item was the piece of art donated by My Sisters' Place! Also very popular were Unger's Market and the London Knights tickets, Drayton Entertainment, stained glass, the poinsettia, the colouring pages, the gold and silver necklace and the mittens that all had stiff competition in bidding happening.

Thank you to all the donors and to the Board members who reached out and encouraged donations. Thank you to Nancy Hawkins, Coordinator of the November Art in the Atrium, who invited each of the vendors to donate an item to the December Silent Auction and to Cathy Cave for her very successful role in recruiting donations.



Welcome to the December 2025 Silent Auction



Gnomes & Sleeper



Color Me Ink Ltd. Colouring Pages



Wendy Valhoff, Chair Silent Auction Committee



WCCL Members line up at the Silent Auction Table



Christmas Poinsettia & Bidding Sheets

Photo Credit: Bernarda Norwood

WCCL December Event, Holiday Buffet, Brassroots Quintet with Denise Pelley and Member Reception



Lamplighter's Holiday Buffet



Holiday Buffet – BW Plus Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre



Nancy Hawkins & Betty Dietrich at Community Service Table



Community Service Table Donation Collection



Andrea Paturel, Eleanor Leatham & Vivien Stanfield



Louise Dix & Bonne Brandies – Welcome Committee



Brassroots Quintet and Denise Pelley
Photo Credit: Bernarda Norwood



Denise Pelley



Members Reception

Who doesn't love a Scratch and Win!!

Nancy Hawkins, our creative Social Committee Chair and Art in the Atrium Convenor and Ballroom decorator extraordinaire ... thought it would be fun to have a special little extra event at the December event ... so, Nancy made it happen! Every attendee got a scratch and win ticket ... there were 490 scratch and win tickets and 60 winners! Board members donated prizes for the winners ... nothing too extravagant ... serviettes or a candle, maybe some shortbread cookies, perhaps a special tree ornament. Everyone loves to WIN! Nancy hopes everyone enjoyed the event and the lucky winners were happy with their surPRIZE! 🎁

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Youth Focus Then and Now

Let's Take a Look Back at a couple of the Wonderful Youth Focus Speakers we have had at our Speaker Events over the past 25 years and read on to see what they have been doing and where they are today.

Larissa Vingilis-Jaremko

Then ... January 10th, 2002 – Larissa Vingilis-Jaremko, WCCL Youth Speaker

This is what was noted in the Women's Canadian Club London, General Meeting Notes for Thursday January 10, 2002.

"Now attending University of Toronto. Larissa is the founder of the Canadian Association for Girls in Science – CAGIS . Her interest in science originated in her home from her parents' backgrounds. Her mother was a scientist, and her father was an engineer. She started a science club in Grade Four because of her boredom with the science curriculum. She wanted to show other girls that science could be interesting and fun. With help from her mother, she created an application form for girls who were interested in forming a Science Club. She organized interesting "hands-on" activities and information sharing on topics such as microbiology. To date, 3000 girls have been reached, and Larissa hopes to eventually reach girls across Canada in hope of breaking the stereotype of girls in science". (Source: Women's Canadian Club London Archives).

What has Larissa Vingilis-Jaremko been doing over the past 23 years?

Larissa received TD's Community Leadership scholarship in 2001. She has pursued academic studies and has received a variety of honours since her presentation at Women's Canadian Club London, including Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women, Toronto Young Woman of Distinction (2006), London Young Woman of Excellence, Youth in Motion Top 20 Under 20, Chatelaine's 80 Amazing Canadian Women to Watch and more. In addition to her work with CAGIS, Larissa served as chair of the board of directors of the Canadian Coalition of Women in Engineering, Science, Trades, and Technology (CCWESTT) from May 2020 until March 2024. Larissa received her bachelor's degree in psychology at U of T. She is trained as a vision scientist and received her PhD in Psychology, Neuroscience and Behaviour from McMaster University in 2013.

Today – Dr. Larissa Vingilis-Jaremko

Today, 34 years after founding the Canadian Association for Girls in Science (CAGIS), a not-for-profit and, as of last year, a charitable Canadian organization that supports interest in science, technology, trades, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) among girls and gender-diverse youth, Dr. Vingilis-Jaremko remains President of CAGIS. Dr. Vingilis-Jaremko still relays that as a child, she noticed that girls in her class had negative, stereotyped images of STEM professionals, stereotypes Larissa knew weren't true because her parents, a scientist and engineer, didn't fit the mould. She wanted to expose girls to diverse role models, exploration, and hands-on activities to break stereotypes and share the excitement of STEM. What started as a small, local group of 20 girls in London Ontario to motivate girls aged seven to 16, expanded to a national organization with chapters across Canada. Larissa remains President of CAGIS and has become a strong voice and recognized expert internationally. She is often consulted by various levels of government, speaks to the media regularly on issues relating to gender equity in STEM, and serves as an adviser and consultant on numerous selection and review committees. (Source: various online websites, particularly the CAGIS website).

Larissa has created awareness of the barriers that still exist, and through her efforts has become renowned for her work.

Last year (May 28, 2025) when TD was marking 30 years of TD Scholarships for Community Leadership, they published this article highlighting Dr. Larissa Vingilis-Jaremko. Take a look and learn more about this remarkable woman and her accomplishments.

Jack Trott-McDermott

Then ... March 9th, 2023 – Jack Trott-McDermott, WCCL Youth Speaker

Jack Trott-McDermott was a 15-year-old student at Central Secondary School, here in London Ontario, who had entered CBC's "First Page Challenge in 2022". Each year, CBC Books asks students from across Canada to "give us a glimpse of the great Canadian novel of the future" for the CBC First Page writing challenge. Students are challenged to write the first page of a book set 150 years in the future, with the protagonist facing an issue that's trending now and set the scene for how it's all playing out in a century and a half. More than 1,800 students from across Canada submitted their stories that year.

Jack's submission, titled "**Red-Brick**" was one of eleven stories shortlisted as a finalist for the First Page student writing competition in the Grade 10 to 12 category for 2022. CBC reported that Trott-McDermott, 15, a student from Central Secondary School in London, Ontario, wrote about housing and technology.

Here is a copy of Jack's First Page student writing competition submission ... why not take a moment to read it ...

Red Brick by Jack Trott-McDermott...

The house was in good shape. Maybe a little rickety, but it didn't show its age too badly. An old red-brick building, with a small afterthought of a garage stuck on the side (unnecessary seeing as the parking on the road was excellent), it would have been the height of fashion a meagre few hundred years earlier.

It was at the garage that Marks was currently working, carefully laying the last charges that would blow the whole thing to smithereens. In a few moments his work was done and he stood, frowning at the heat of the day. He reached up and used the back of his hand to wipe the sweat from his brow and then walked back to the road.

A mechanical plunger attached to spidery black wires lay on the pavement, and he walked over to it, bending over and placing his hands on the rubber grips. He tensed to depress the plunger, and then paused, straightening up with a sigh. He had spent a week working on this job, and he thought it deserved one last look.

The old house stuck out like a sore thumb between two newer builds, all flashy plastic compounds and tinted windows, and he knew it was silly, he thought it looked awfully lonely on the new block on which it now found itself.

If only homes could talk! Marks thought it would have quite a story, to watch the world growing up around you, and to be unable to join it.

Marks wasn't a sentimentalist, and he had no great affinity for the old world. His own home was a new build, from 2168. It could recognize his voice, clean itself, and cook him dinner. Hell, it could cut its own lawn when he pushed a button. Nevertheless, he couldn't help feeling a pang of sadness to watch the last brick building in San Francisco leave the world. It felt like he was bidding farewell to an old man, who knew more about the world than he ever would.

Progress is progress, he supposed, bending to the detonator once more.

What has Jack Trott-McDermott been doing since March 2023?

(excerpt from a note written by Jack's mother to C. Cave just a few days ago)

Jack is now in his second year at Western and is enrolled in an Honours Specialization in English Literature, though he is considering doing a double major with Classics. He had a great start and won the Bentley Scholarship in English for receiving the highest overall average in his introductory English class first year. He's playing intramural soccer and is now an executive at the Western Trivia Club (*he will be competing at a U of T tournament at the end of the month*). Jack is going to travel to Japan for a few weeks at the beginning of the summer, as well, and then spend the rest of it studying to write the LSAT in August.

I hope you have enjoyed reading through Women's Canadian Club London's January 2026 Newsletter

*Hopefully, we have been able to highlight what you need to know for our upcoming event on
Thursday January 15, 2026, 2 – 3:30 p.m.*

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Shared some of the things that are New or Coming Soon

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Shared a bit of "Then and Now" from our 25 year history of Youth Focus

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My Sisters' Place, London Food Bank and Aluminum Tabs for Mobility Devices
Check out p. 2 for details*

Keynote: Lorraine Jardine

"Changing the World, One Girl at a Time" - Hekima Place, Kenya

Youth Focus Speaker: Kyla Johnston-Potter

Grade 8 student at Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts

Why not come early for lunch at one of the three options available detailed on p. 2 of this newsletter.

1. Buffet in the Regency Room 2. Shelly's Tap & Grill

Reservations Required

or

3. New Members and Friends are getting together again at Crabby Joe's next door.

Be sure to contact Irene if you want to join this group

Silent Auction

*Did you see the **TD Executive Suite at Canada Life Place, Knights Game** up for auction this month?*

Why not go back to p.5 and check out this really great opportunity and plan to BID!

Why not consider joining us as a Board Director or as a Non-Board Volunteer?

Nominations are Open now until May 1st 2026.

Learn more about these opportunities – check out p. 7 in this newsletter.

Know someone still thinking about becoming a member of Women's Canadian Club London?

Memberships are still available – visit the Membership Table in the North Foyer on the 15th.

Check out p. 7 in this newsletter for the details.

Thank you to our Wonderful Sponsors

Thank You! ... hope to see you at our next event! ... Judy