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Newsletter*

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB LONDON

In this month's Newsletter, we look back at the 2025-2026 season of Women's Canadian Club London. A year in review through photos and narrative summaries. We will also take a look ahead to next season's events.

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Women's Canadian Club London

A Year in Review 2025 – 2026

Thank you for another great year!

Another year in and another year of great keynote speakers reflecting on our past, enlightening us about our present and forecasting for us about our future. We also met seven awesome youth speakers, four impressive emerging youth leaders and one amazing young pianist ... all reminding us that we have so many young people to be proud of right in our own communities. We even took a look back at some of our past youth speakers to catch up on what they have been doing since we first met them and where they are today.

We enjoyed an amazing artisan show and sale (Art in the Atrium) reminding us that we have so much talent - artisans, right here in our community. Then there were the silent auctions throughout the season filled with wonderful opportunities for additional gatherings with friends - perhaps meeting over food and wine, taking in a musical presentation, a round of golf or perhaps a relaxing day with a friend at the spa.

We honoured our long-term members and our past presidents and enjoyed several tasty lunches at our new venue, **Best Western Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre**. We also enjoyed a few welcome lunches for new members and last but not least, our Spring Luncheon to close a wonderful season of events in 2025-2026.

Here are a few memories from our 2025-2026 Events



S. Miller, Speaker Chair; Prof. Michael Dove, Keynote Speaker; Glenda Cumming, Windermere on the Mount – Annual Sponsor Representative; J. Farrell, President; Evan James, Youth Speaker; C. Cave, Youth Focus Committee member; B. Dmitrienko, Chair – Youth Focus Committee.
September 18, 2025



Youth Focus speakers Karim, Yusef, Ali and Omar Moustapha of Color Me Ink Ltd. with Youth Focus member Cathy Leeming and Chair, Barb Dmitrienko, as well Derek Satnik, our Keynote Speaker on November 13th, 2025.



Dr. Michael Borrie, Keynote Speaker, Speaker Committee member Jean Parish, President Judy Farrell, Vice-President Barb Dmitrienko and Leslie Rand (Alzheimer's SW Partners) on February 12, 2026



April 9, 2026 Spring Luncheon Head Table – Mayor Josh Morgan, Keynote Speaker Kelly Drennan, Speaker Chair and Past President Sharon Miller, Vice- President Barb Dmitrienko and President Judy Farrell

Celebrating WCCL Youth Focus Program – 2000 to 2025 25th Anniversary Celebration

**Emerging Leaders –
10 Years**

**Youth Speakers – 25
Years**

We celebrated 25 years of our Youth Focus Program, its founder – Cathy Cave and Lorraine Jardine, the Chair of the Youth Focus Committee at the time the Emerging Leaders Awards were introduced in 2015. We celebrated these significant initiatives and relived the pride we held for the youth that had been recognized and celebrated from our communities over the past 25 years. We also added a series of articles to our monthly newsletters “Then and Now” that took us back to several of our amazing Youth Focus Speakers over the 25 years of the program and updated us as to what they have been doing since we first met them and what they are doing today. The Youth Focus program and its initiatives have become an integral part of the history as well as the future of Women’s Canadian Club London within our community.

Congratulations!

Celebrating 10 yrs. of Emerging Leader Awards



Cathy Cave, Youth Focus Program Founder in 2000, Barb Dmitrienko, Current Chair Youth Focus Program, Lorraine Jardine, Chair Youth Focus Program in 2015 when Emerging Leader Awards were introduced.



Eleanor Leatham with our Collage of Emerging Leader Award Recipients 2015 to 2025



2025 Emerging Leader Award Recipients Miraya Agrawal, Catholic Central S.S., Fatema Barkoumi, Westminster S.S., and Anushka Bist, Oakridge S.S., with Lorraine Jardine, Chair of Youth Focus in 2015 when the Emerging Leader Awards were first introduced.



2025 Emerging Leader Award Recipients Anushka Bist, Oakridge S.S., Miraya Agrawal, Catholic Central S.S., and Lucas Broadfoot, Banting H.S. with Barb Dmitrienko, Chair – Youth Focus Committee.

Our New Venue

Best Western Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre

This year, we were welcomed into a new venue! Directors and volunteers needed to become familiar with the physical venue as well as the team of individuals that organize, manage and support events at the *BW Plus Lamplighter Inn and Conference Centre* in order to work together to provide the best experience possible, welcoming our members, guests and speakers to Women's Canadian Club London Speaker Events, not to mention all the extras throughout the year.

I think everyone enjoyed the Crystal Ballroom, the Regency Room for luncheon buffets and the Atrium for our artisan show and sale, the plentiful and free parking on site and the lovely facilities in general.



Volunteers Welcoming Members
Louise Dix and Bonne Brandies at the doors to the Crystal Ballroom.



The Crystal Ballroom was a wonderful location to meet and we managed to fill the room 6 out of 8 months, and with snow storms occurring twice, we were still in awe that so many members came out and over half of the room was filled for those two snowy days.



Foyer outside the Crystal Ballroom Pre-Event



Members Filled the Room



Enjoying the Luncheon Buffet in the Regency Room.

Women's Canadian Club London wishes to thank the Management and Staff at Best Western Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre for your support and assistance during our first year hosting our Speaker Events at your venue.

Quality Speakers Make Publicity Easy

Speakers!

Our committees and the directors & volunteers that makeup our teams have done a truly remarkable job this year. Starting with the Speaker Committee and Chair-Sharon Miller leading this team and achieving an amazing lineup of speakers that make promotional efforts a lot easier and our speaker events very popular. Anyone who believes in “word of mouth” as one of the most successful ways to promote an organization such as ours, truly appreciates having a great speaker lineup for our members to “go on about” with all those friends, family and strangers not yet friends. What a wonderful opportunity to gather with others, celebrate our youth, support one’s community and learn more about our past, present and future in London and Canada.

We are “London Proud” and “Canada Proud”, and it shows!

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS & MUSICAL PERFORMERS 2025-2026



Michael Dove
“Packaging Fun: London’s O-
Pee-Chee Company”
September 18, 2025



Jill Wilcox
“Gathering Around Jill’s Table: A
Journey Through Food”
October 16, 2025



Derek Satnik
“Top Trends in Housing: EVE Park
London”
November 13, 2025



Brassroots Quintet + Denise Pelley
December 11, 2025



Lorraine Jardine
Hekima Place, Kenya
“Changing the World, One Girl
at a Time”
January 15, 2026



Dr. Michael Borrie “Alzheimer
Disease Biomarkers and New
Disease Modifying Treatments”
February 12, 2026



Mark Daley
“Eight Billion Geniuses”
March 12, 2026



Kelly Drennan
“How Fashion Impacts People and
the Planet”
April 9, 2026

2025-2026 Youth Focus Speakers and Emerging Leaders

Youth Focus!

Barb Dmitrienko, Chair of the Youth Focus Committee and Committee Members introduced us to seven new Youth Speakers over the season; four new Emerging Leader Award Recipients and one amazing young pianist and Recipient of the Kathryn Sells Memorial Award.

Congratulations to all!



Evan James
Pitch, Hit & Run – September 18, 2025



Karim, Yusef, Ali and Omar Mustapha –
Color Me Ink Ltd., Entrepreneurs
November 13, 2025



Kyla Johnston Potter
Project Rainbow – January 15, 2026



Daniel Thiessen
Kiwanis Festival Piano Winner
Kathryn Sells Memorial Award Recipient –
February 12, 2026



Cathy Cave, Founder of WCCL's Youth Focus Program invited Danish Mahmood (2018 Youth Speaker) to update us at our February 12, 2026 Event. Cathy and Danish appear here with Danish's mother.



Lamees Abdulla and Barb Dmitrienko, Chair
Youth Focus – March 12, 2026



Miraya Agrawal
Catholic Central H.S.



Anushka Bist
Oakridge S. S.



Fatema Barkoumi
Westminster S. S.



Lucas Broadfoot
Banting H. S.

2025 EMERGING LEADER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Community Service – Making a Difference Together

Community Service Committee

What a great year for Women's Canadian Club London and its support of Community Service and supporting the needs of our community. Betty Dietrich, Chair of our Community Service Committee and her committee members made a few changes to highlight the needs of our community and enlist member's assistance in supporting those needs. Members responded in a wonderful way and WCCL managed to give outstanding support to the London Food Bank, My Sisters' Place and the Byron-Springbank Legion as well as supporting the aluminum tab collection for clients of TVCC with their mobility needs. We contributed to the support needed by the 64th recipient to be assisted by the aluminum tab collection and ended the year supporting the identified needs of the 65th recipient.

*Thank you, Community Service Committee
and
Members of Women's Canadian Club!*

Some Highlights of the 2025-2026 Year Supporting our Community



Jane Roy, Co-Director London Food Bank & Judy Farrell, President – WCCL
October 16, 2025



Betty Dietrich & Helena Steinmetz collecting donations from members for the Community in November 2025



Women's Canadian Club London's Wreath in Remembrance London's Cenotaph
November 11, 2025



Vehicle loaded to deliver collection to My Sisters' Place in December 2025



Nancy Hawkins and Betty Dietrich at the Community Service Table
December 11, 2025



Tracy and Elenor Leatham with a load of aluminum tabs – Thank you to everyone who donated aluminum tabs!



Bus Tickets are very welcome donations to My Sisters' Place.



Betty Dietrich, Chair – Community Services Committee and Helena Steinmetz, Community Service Committee member delivering donations to My Sisters' Place in the midst of a very snowy day!!



Back inside at the WCCL February Speaker Event, Collecting Donations Helena Steinmetz, member and Betty Dietrich, Chair – Community Service Committee

Membership (a.k.a. Registration) Table

is always busy, selling annual memberships and single event tickets

Membership Committee

Membership has been a key focus for us over the last few years and this past year was no different. We made additional efforts in our new venue to increase our community's awareness of Women's Canadian Club London and our speaker events; youth focus recognitions and community service support. We acknowledge and thank Eleanor Leatham and her membership team for all their efforts and attention to detail, processing the registrations of new members as well as our returning members. In addition to the success achieved through traditional forms of "word of mouth", we were very happy to welcome back many of our previous members who had left when we went downtown London for our events. Our move to the Lamplighter venue at the south end of the city with plenty of free parking, resulted in many past members returning. Women's Canadian Club London ended the 2025-2026 season with 437 members, a membership to be proud of!



Eleanor Leatham, Chair Membership Committee at the Membership Table with Committee members and volunteers.



Pat Skelton, Member – Membership Committee and Eleanor Leatham, Chair of WCCL Membership Committee at the Membership Table in September 2025.



Andréa Paturel, Member and Eleanor Leatham, Chair of the WCCL Membership Committee at the membership table before our March 12th, 2026, Speaker Event.

Publicity Committee – Getting the Word Out

Publicity Committee

Speaking of promoting our organization and increasing membership, our Publicity Committee, led by Pat Hammerton, knocked it out of the park this year as well. With the help of her team, the Publicity Committee had Speaker Series Flyers up all over the city, throughout neighbourhoods and in surrounding communities as well. New Publicity Cards were created and quickly became favourite handouts at information sessions, other community events and literally, anywhere directors, volunteers and members were in touch with friends or strangers - soon to become friends. Community Event Boards and Social Media sites, both actual and virtual continued to grow in number thanks to Pat Hammerton, Chair and Sharon Miller, Publicity Committee member, promoting Women's Canadian Club London's upcoming events. In-person information events across the community also became familiar venues for WCCL to introduce itself to more people, letting them know about who we are and what our mission is.



Pat Skelton – Member Publicity Committee at “Senior Expo”

CHERRYHILL VILLAGE MALL
OCTOBER 2, 2025



Pat Hammerton – Chair Publicity Committee, Cathy Cave & Irene Butler, Members Publicity Committee at “Join the Club”

LONDON PUBLIC LIBRARY MAY 23, 2026



Pat Skelton, Member, Publicity Committee, Pat Hammerton, Chair, & Betty Dietrich – Member Publicity Committee

CHERRYHILL VILLAGE MALL JUNE 18 2026

Welcome Committee

Great Things Happen when there is Collaboration!

In a collaboration between Welcome Committee and the Publicity Committee - and several others who jumped in to help, we purchased a WCCL Table Cover that we have been using at community events and information sessions (see above) to ensure that we stand out and catch the attention of people passing by. We have also used it in the Foyer at each of our events over the past year – at a “Welcome” table suggested by Irene Butler, Chair Welcome Committee, to welcome people, especially new members, to Women's Canadian Club London – hopefully, developing a feeling of belonging within a small community group. Irene also introduced group lunches this past year so that new members had a place to meet and get to know others at our events.

Working Together and Sharing Resources



Thank you Welcome and Publicity Committees!!

Social Committee

Nancy Hawkins, Chair Social Committee and Members

A huge thank you to Nancy Hawkins and her Social Committee for decorating the ballroom each month with centrepieces on the tables and attractive displays on the stage ... and a few fun extras like the “Guess the Number of Candies in the Jar” and the “Easter Basket” – fun challenges to engage members and guests and help make everyone feel a part of the event.

Nancy has also been the convenor, coordinator and everything else, over the past few years to bring local artisans together in one location for a show and sale ... this past year, it was Art in the Atrium, held in November that impressed everyone present at the Lamplighter that day.

Thank you!



Easter Basket



October Event



How Many Candies are in the Jar?



Art in the Atrium – November 2025



March 2026



Head Table Centrepiece at April Event

Technology

Technology: Audio & Video Resources

Another very significant key function in bringing well-coordinated and smooth operating events to our members and guests each month is our technology support. A huge thank you to Pat Skelton for ensuring that we achieved those goals over the past year. Thank you for all your knowledge, skill, and technological expertise used in pulling together and presenting the audio and video portions of our events. Your commitment and perseverance are most definitely appreciated. Wow! We are so pleased that you ... and your now developing, if still small team of people ... have been so successful over the past year and that you have extended your commitment into the upcoming season and its eight events. We cannot complete our thanks to Pat Skelton without acknowledging that your small but mighty team have supported and

maintained our website this past year and of course, there is that other minor responsibility that is critical to our organization and that you manage single handedly, being the Treasurer for WCCL. *Thank you!*



Pat Skelton is our WCCL Treasurer, Media Technology Chair and our Website Manager

Spring Luncheon and April Speaker Event

Thank you!

We ended the season on a high note with the Spring Luncheon and April Speaker Event. TD's exclusive sponsorship of this event was and is very much appreciated ... including the enhancement to our Q & A session at the end of Kelly Drennan's presentation – a presentation style that we hope to carry into the future with us.



Mayor Josh Morgan, Sharon Miller-Past President, Speaker Chair & Spring Luncheon Registrar, Judy Farrell-President, Kelly Drennan – Keynote Speaker, Barb Dmitrienko-Vice-President; Marie Peden – Speaker Committee Assistant-Chair



Marie Peden, Q & A Moderator and Kelly Drennan, Keynote Speaker

Women's Canadian Club London wishes to thank London Symphonia for your support and collaboration again in 2025 – 2026.

Sponsors

We had a wonderful line up of speakers this past season and as mentioned, that does a lot to attract new and returning members. The lineup of speakers can also attract sponsors. We want to be that organization that attracts community business leaders and corporations to notice our initiatives and decide to support us to continue our efforts to fulfill our mission.

Annual and Event Sponsors

This past year, thanks to work completed by the Sponsorship Committee and others, we have appreciated the support of each of our **Annual Sponsors: TD, Western, VENVI – Windermere on the Mount and Royalcliffe Retirement Residences, Levante – Horizon Place and Grand Wood Park Retirement Residences, and NEUPHYSIO.** We hope that as many of these sponsors as possible return for our upcoming season. Western and VENVI – Windermere on the Mount and Royalcliffe Retirement Residences have already indicated they would like to continue working with us. Discussions continue with our remaining Annual Sponsors. We are also very happy to welcome a new sponsor for the upcoming season – **Chartwell**, owner of five retirement residences in and near London ON will become a Platinum Sponsor for the 2026-2027 season and we look forward to working with them.

We are also thankful for the support provided by **Lawson Research Institute and the Cognitive Clinical Research Group** as Exclusive Event Sponsor of our February Event, and **TD Bank Group** for their Exclusive Event Sponsorship of our Spring Luncheon and April Speaker Event.

Thank you for your support!

Thank you to our 2025-2026 Annual Sponsors



2025-2026 Event Sponsors



Women's Canadian Club London
Wishes to Thank

Cognitive Clinical Research Group
and
Lawson Research Institute



Event Sponsor
for
Today's Speaker Event – February 12th, 2026



Women's Canadian Club London
Wishes to Thank



Today's Exclusive Event Sponsor

for
Kelly Drennan
"How Fashion Impacts People and the Planet"
April 9th, 2026

Honouring Women's Canadian Club London's Past Presidents

It is always an honour to recognize and celebrate Women's Canadian Club London's history and the leaders that have led us through creating our history and to where we are today. On November 13th, 2025, and April 9th, 2026, we had the pleasure of inviting past presidents to gather prior to our Events.

Thank you for the part you have played in our History.

- 1989 - 1991 Claire Fidler
- 1997 – 1999 Sandra Pearson
- 2001 - 2003 Marilyn Hill
- 2007 - 2009 Eleanor Leatham
- 2013 – 2015 Dale McEwen
- 2017 – 2018 Elaine Cougler
- 2020 – 2024 Sharon Miller

- 1993 - 1995 Audrey Weld
- 1999 – 2001 Cathy Cave
- 2003-2005 Debbie Schram
- 2009 – 2011 Vicki Holmes
- 2015 – 2017 Michelle Barnes - Colpitts
- 2018 – 2020 Karen Lowry



Honouring WCCL Past Presidents in November 2025



Honouring WCCL Past Presidents in April 2026

Great work everyone!

Fundraising Initiatives have paid off

***Wendy Valhoff,
Chair and Members
of the
Silent Auction
Committee***

Thank you!

We continue to work toward improving our financial position and we have achieved some headway over the past few years. The initiatives that began during Sharon Miller's final year as President have continued to pay off and improve our year-end financial position. Lotteries, sponsorships, the artisan's market and silent auctions have each contributed additional revenues to our budget. The fight is not over yet however, and we must continue to work with our current sponsors as well as attract new sponsors to help us in achieving our mission and goals. We must also continue our other fundraising initiatives while managing our expenses carefully. Initiatives such as our Silent Auctions raise necessary revenues and continue to improve each year. Wendy Valhoff and her silent auction committee members have done a fantastic job and just keep getting better. We must continue our efforts to return Women's Canadian Club London to a healthy financial position.

So, as we go forward toward our 2026-2027 season of Women's Canadian Club London, I personally want to thank each one of our Board and Non-Board volunteers for all of their support and commitment over the past two years. A special shout out to Bernarda Norwood, our volunteer photographer!! Wow Bernarda ... my newsletters would have been boring without your wonderful photos to document our events and relate our history to future generations of Women's Canadian Club London members.

Board of Directors 2025-2026



Women's Canadian Club London 2025-2026 Board of Directors

W. Valhoff, M. Randall, P. Hammerton - Secretary, B. Dmitrienko - Vice-President, V. Stanfield, E. Leatham, B. Dietrich, C. Leeming, J. Farrell - President, H. Steinmetz, S. Miller, - Past President, A. Paturel, I. Butler, N. Hawkins, M. Peden, P. Skelton - Treasurer (Absent: C. Cave, R. Thomson, J. Parish)

Barb Dmitrienko President 2026-2027

As my term as President, Women's Canadian Club London comes to an end, and I transition to the Past President position, I leave you in the competent hands of Barb Dmitrienko who is well known to each one of you and to the organization. Barb has been a strong supporting Director on the Board for several years, most recently as Vice-President and Chair of the Youth Focus Committee. I wish you all the best Barb.

“You've Got This, Barb!” ... All the Best

Thank you to our Members – You have been wonderful !!



April 9, 2026



February 12, 2026



March 12, 2026



*Sandra Lang, Janice Chisholm,
Kathryn Patton &
Janice Thielenhaus*



*Maureen Tipping, Bernarda Norwood
& Elfriede Munroe
Bernarda is our Volunteer
Photographer.
Thank You Bernarda!!*



*Dianne Weitz, Mary Ellen McDermott,
Maureen Spencer Golovchenko & Frances
Theilade*

2026-2027 Memberships Available

Don't Miss Out on Early Bird Pricing

Renew Your 2026-2027 Membership Now!!

**2026-2027
Women's Canadian
Club London**

**Early Bird Fees ...
until June 30th,
2026, are \$115 and
can be paid by
cheque or e-transfer.**

**After June 30th,
membership fees
increase to \$125.**

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed your WCCL membership registration; we look forward to seeing you again in September!

For those of you who haven't yet renewed, there is still time to take advantage of *Early Bird Pricing, but just until June 30th ... After June 30th fees increase.*

For questions regarding registration, please contact wccldnmembership@gmail.com

Your 2026/2027 membership includes:

- Access to seven (7) Speaker Events between September 2026 and April 2027 as well as the December musical event. *Please Note: Access to Spring Luncheon in April 2027 requires the additional purchase of luncheon ticket,*
- Opportunities to network with other members,
- Free Parking,
- Subscription to our monthly emailed Newsletter, and
- Opportunity to Support Community Agencies.

Please Note: you can immediately link with the resources referred to above by simply clicking on the underlined phrases.

NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM

Eleanor Leatham, Chair and the Membership Committee have introduced a new online registration form over the past month that adds to the options that new and returning members have available to use when registering for membership. **CHECK IT OUT!**

You now have more choice available to register for your Women's Canadian Club London membership: You may use a printed form or you may use the new online form to provide your registration information.

Both membership registration forms are available on our website simply by clicking on this link: www.womenscanadianclublondon.com/membership/... and scrolling down to "How Can I Register for Membership".

To Use the Printed Registration Form

If you prefer to print and use the printed registration form that you are familiar with:

1. Select Mail-in or In-Person Registration Form option.
2. Print and fill out the form.
3. **Mail it to us along with your cheque (or pay with e-transfer).**
4. To pay by cheque, please make your cheque out to **Women's Canadian Club London** and mail both your completed registration form and your cheque to:
Membership Chair P.O. Box 24025 London, ON N6H 5C4
5. You may add a Stamped, Self-addressed Envelope – if you wish to receive our membership card mailed back to you over the summer. Otherwise, your membership card will be available for you to pick up at the registration desk on September 10, 2026.

New this year, is an online registration form:

Over the past year, we have received several requests to have an online registration form available for those members who prefer to submit their information online without having to print or mail anything in. Our Membership Committee has responded and now has an online version of the Registration Form available for you to use should you choose to do so.

Please continue reading below to learn more about our New Online Registration Form.

New Online Registration Form

The Membership Committee of the Women's Canadian Club London has created a new online form. It contains the same information as the printed form, but it allows you to submit your registration quickly and easily online – no printing required. The form takes a few minutes to complete, and we receive it quickly and accurately. Just click on the following link: www.womenscanadianclublondon.com/membership/... and scroll down to "How Can I Register for Membership".

To Use the New Online Form

Step 1: Registration

If you would like to use the new online form, simply:

1. Select the "Online Form" option
2. Complete the requested information fields

3. Click **Submit**

At this point, you have completed **Step 1** of your renewal or registration.

Step 2: Payment

You can then move on to **Step 2 — Payment of Membership Fees.**

Payment options remain the same as before – payment options have not changed. Membership fees for the 2026–2027 season may still be paid by:

- E-transfer
- Cheque (mail)
- Cash (in person)
- Credit or debit card (in person)

Our next Speaker Event is not until September 10, 2026. Therefore, the most convenient payment methods currently, are:

1) **E-transfer:** wcc treasurer10@gmail.com or 2) **Cheque:** Women's Canadian Club London

To pay by cheque, please mail your cheque made out to Women's Canadian Club London, to:

Membership Chair P.O. Box 24025 London, ON N6H 5C4

You may add a Stamped, Self-addressed Envelope – if you wish to receive your membership card mailed back to you over the summer. Otherwise, your membership card will be available for you to pick up at the registration desk on September 10, 2026.

REMINDER

To qualify for the Early Bird Rate of \$115, both Step 1 (Registration) and Step 2 (Payment) must be sent on or before midnight June 30, 2026.

Annual membership fees will be \$125 beginning July 1, 2026.

Whichever method you choose to renew your registration and make payment of your renewal fees, we encourage you to register early and take advantage of the **Early Bird Pricing!**

Thank you, and we look forward to another wonderful season together.

Judy Farrell, President Women's Canadian Club London &

Eleanor Leatham, Membership Committee Chair



The 2026-2027 Speaker Series Flyer



Women's Canadian Club London

Since 1910

2026 - 2027 Speaker Series Calendar of Events

Join us at 2:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month (first Thursday in January), September to April, to experience a variety of topics presented by entertaining and dynamic speakers. Our program provides an excellent forum which will expand your awareness of local and international subjects.

Members pay an annual fee of \$115.00 (\$125.00 after June 30, 2026) to hear seven speakers plus a musical program in December. A Spring Luncheon is held in April for an additional fee. Non-members are invited to **hear any single speaker for \$30.00**. We welcome everyone.

Email questions to wccldnpresident@gmail.com

<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px;">SEPTEMBER 2026</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday September 10, 2026</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EMMA DONOGHUE Novelist, Screenwriter, Playwright</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Shaping Stories for Stage, Page and Screen"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">• plus a Youth Speaker</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Live at the Best Western Plus Lamplighter Inn</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px;">OCTOBER 2026</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday October 8, 2026</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEPUTY CHIEF MacSWEEN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Grit and Grace: Respectful Disruption and the Path to Authentic Leadership"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">• plus 8 Emerging Leader Awards </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Live at the Best Western Plus Lamplighter Inn</p>
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- + Youth Speaker
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- + Emerging Leader Presentations / Awards



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- + Artists' Market in the Atrium



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London Chorus Sweet Adelines

"Jingle and Mingle"

- + Silent Auction
- + Community Service Collection for My Sisters' Place



****1st Thursday January 7, 2027**

Adam Shoalts

"Wilderness Adventures With Adam Shoalts"

- + Youth Speaker
- + Aluminum Pop Tab Collection for TVCC



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Pam Tobin

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Thursday April 15, 2027

Spring Luncheon (extra cost for lunch)

Roma Roth

"From Small Town Stories to International Hit Series: Storytelling that Resonates with a Global Audience"

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