

Western Retiree Chapter Newsletter



Embrace the Summer Fun with Your Fellow Retirees!

Summer is finally here—the season we've been dreaming of all winter! We hope you're soaking up every sunny moment. Get ready to connect, laugh, and make new memories with familiar faces and new friends at our exciting lineup of summer events.

The July Walk was a walk exploring our beautiful campus on a gorgeous day. Here are our walkers:



Events

Reminder: We encourage everyone to wear your 2025/26 membership name tag you received at every event so we can easily recognize each other.

August 12 – Coffee Club - join us at our special summer location in **Gibbons Park (near the Victoria Street parking lot) at 9:30 am**. Grab your favorite mug, a lawn chair (a couple of picnic tables are available), and come enjoy a relaxed morning catching up with former colleagues.

August 20 - Euchre Club will meet at **1:00 pm** in the main floor meeting room at the Convergence Centre at the Research Park (across from Black Walnut Cafe).

August 27 - Walking Club will meet at **9:30 am** at the usual Springbank Park lot off of Wonderland Road. One hour walk or roughly 5 km on paved walkway along the river.

Sneak Peek: Autumn Adventures!

The fun doesn't stop when summer fades! Mark your calendars for these exciting fall events:

September 11 - Feathers, Focus, and Fantastic Shots! Get ready for an opportunity to learn about birdwatching and photography with a couple of experienced birders. Fellow retirees Tony Hammoud and John Hampson will lead us on a tour of campus to see some of the beautiful birds that make Western their home. Click [HERE](#) for more details and to register.

Oktoberfest - October means Oktoberfest and we will be planning an event for our members. Stay tuned.

October 29 - Tombstone Trot: Where Every Step is Spooktacular! Our monthly walk will be through Woodland Cemetery - please note the change of date to the fifth Wednesday of the month. Details to follow in the next newsletter.

Volunteer Opportunity

Support our Western researchers!

Recruiting Study Participants

Navigating the healthcare system with hearing loss in later life

- **WHO?** Ontario residents diagnosed with hearing loss at the age of 50 years or older.
- **WHAT'S INVOLVED?** Participation in this study will take up to 2.5 hours of your time:
 - Complete a survey describing your personal characteristics and your everyday experiences living with hearing loss
 - Complete an interview discussing your experience navigating the healthcare system with hearing loss and provide your input on alternative healthcare models
- **WHY?** The goal of this project is to understand current pathways to accessing care for hearing loss in later life in Ontario and gather patient perspectives to inform the development of alternative models of care

This study is being conducted at Western University (PI: D. Glista, PhD). For more information please email Jana (Research Student) at jbataine@uwo.ca

To sign up for the study, please contact us using the QR Code or email us: jbataine@uwo.ca



Don't forget -

Did you know you can directly contribute to the incredible work happening at Western? We're exploring ways to assist the campus police with their **'Share the Warmth' program**, supporting Western students in need of winter clothing. As you clean out your closets, **please save any gently used winter clothing!** We'll share more details soon on how you can help 'Share the Warmth' with Western University students.

Member Benefits:

Access to Western Alumni events and programs:

September 7 – Airshow London! Voted the best airshow in North America! Learn more and register [HERE!](#)

Travelling in 2026? Check out the [Discover the World travel destinations](#)

Hope to see you soon at the event(s) of your choice!

WRC Executive:

Debbie Acton (Co-Chair), Donna Chute-Dolan, Carol Down, Najet Hassan, Karen Marshall (Co-Chair), Julie Nichols, Jacquie Rose (Manager, Alumni Partnerships), Mary Stucin, Nancy Wellard

Western Retiree Chapter, Western University

1151 Richmond St., WH 110, London, ON N6A 3K7

E: wrc1@uwo.ca P: 519-661-2111 / 800-258-6896 Ext. 85105

Western Retiree Chapter