



**Opportunity:**

Western Retirees Chapter (WRC) is looking for a WRC member to join our Executive Committee. If you are interested in contributing ideas, participating in group events and providing input into the future of the group, we want you! The workload is approximately 2 hours per month. Our Committee is a committed group of volunteers interested in providing opportunities for Western Retirees (includes former staff and faculty from all employee groups) and the future of our organization. We hope you will consider putting your name forward.

If you have any questions about this opportunity or would like to volunteer for this role, please feel free to contact one of the Co-Chairs - Karen Marshall at [karen.marshall@uwo.ca](mailto:karen.marshall@uwo.ca), or Debbie Acton at [dacton2@uwo.ca](mailto:dacton2@uwo.ca) or reach out to one of our other Executive members (listed at the end of this newsletter).

**August Review:**

A small group of members met for lunch at the Grad Club on August 18. The Grad Club was very busy and it was nice to see all of the activity on campus. Suggestions for future lunch venues are welcome, please let us know!

The August walk at Springbank Park was a hot one!  
Thank you to all who came out.

## **September WRC Events**

**September 4** - 1:00 pm - **Book Club** - will meet in our regular room at the Covergence Centre in the Research Park (across from the Black Walnut Cafe). September's book selection is *A Town Called Solace* by Mary Lawson. Regular Book Club meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm running from September through June.

**September 10** - 9:30 am - **Coffee Club** - will meet at Gibbons Park, weather permitting for the last time. Beginning in October, we will be returning to Pur & Simple at Masonville. Come out and see some of your retired colleagues and enjoy meeting new ones! Regular coffee gatherings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

**September 12** - 1:30 - 3:00 pm - **Jumping into Fall Bird Watching!** Presented by Paul Nicholson, local birder, Western alumni and former staff member. This talk will take place in the Don Wright Faculty of Music Building, Room 114. Following the presentation, we will take a short walk up the hill to the Grad Club for some social time. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. For those interested in birds and nature, plan to attend this fascinating talk!

You must register in advance [HERE](#).

**September 18 – 1:00 pm – Euchre Group** - meets at the Convergence Centre at the Western Research Park (main floor meeting room, across from the Black Walnut Cafe). Free parking is available. Newcomers are welcome.

**September 25 - 8:30 am - Walk** – the walk this month is at the Elsie Perrin Williams estate near Western. Newcomers are welcome. After the walk we will recover at the Black Walnut Cafe! Full details attached.

### **Upcoming WRC Events**

**December 3 - Hold the date** for our Annual Holiday Lunch. More details and registration will follow in the next few newsletters!

This month we are also including events that are occurring at Western but are not WRC events. We hope that you find them to be of interest.

### **Upcoming Western and Community Events**

**Friday, September 27 - 10:00 – 11:30 am - Building Opening and Tour** - The grand opening and tour of the [Ronald D. Schmeichel Building for Entrepreneurship and Innovation](#). If you are interested in attending, please see full details and register [HERE](#).

**Friday, September 27- Lovely fall bus trip to the McMichael Gallery** – full details attached.

**Senior Alumni Lectures** - once again WRC Members are invited to attend the Senior Alumni Lectures at Althouse College. This is an award-winning program supporting life-long learning with weekly lectures on Friday mornings starting on October 18 and running for six weeks. The cost for this six-week session is \$50 which includes coffee and tea refreshments. The list of topics and how to register is available [HERE](#).

**October 1- 3 - Joanne Goodman Lectures.** This year the lectures are spread over three days on the topic: Canada in the Age of Rum presented by Dr. Allan Greer from McGill. This promises to be a series of interesting talks. Registration is required by clicking [HERE](#):

**October 29 - 11:30am - 1:00pm - Western's United Way Campaign Lunch** - Retiree Co-Chairs of Western's United Way Campaign (Carol Beynon and Brenda Davis) would like to invite all Western retirees to attend a lunch at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, to learn about Western's engagement in the local community through the United Way. Details will be forthcoming.

**Grand Theatre Tea Talks** - As a result of our relationship with the Grand, they are offering WRC subsidized tickets for a Wednesday matinee performance at 1:00 pm which includes a pre-show talk and light refreshments. Tickets to our members are \$29.95 for each show. Here is the list of Tea Talk shows and dates:

- [As You Like It](#): Wednesday, October 30
- [The Sound of Music](#): Wednesday, December 4
- [Heist](#): Wednesday, January 29, 2025

- [The Secret to Good Tea](#): Wednesday, March 5, 2025
- [Waitress](#): Wednesday, April 9, 2025
- [Pride and Prejudice](#): Wednesday, May 14, 2025

See the [Grand Theatre](#) webpage for information on the performances. <https://www.grandtheatre.com/202425-season>

## Western News

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### **REMINDER:**

Please renew your membership! As you can see, WRC provides social events, unique opportunities and discounts. Our membership remains at \$25 which helps to offset some of our costs. Now is the time to easily renew or sign up - just click [HERE](#). Please feel free to share the membership information with any other retiree who you think would be interested.

**Member Benefit:** [Manulife Travel Insurance](#) – make sure you're protected when you travel.

See you soon!

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