



Happy February and Valentine's Day!

Events

February 10 - Coffee and Breakfast Club - Join us at our favourite venue, Pur and Simple in Masonville at 9:30 am.

February 11 - Book Club will meet at 1:00 pm in a **new venue this month**. Please note the change to the Support Services building on Western Road, Room 4205.

February's book is Half-Blood Blues by Esi Edugyan.

Western Retirees can use their complimentary retiree parking permit for any **Honk Parking space** on campus (as space permits). If you haven't got your parking permit, here is the link: [Parking & Visitor Services](#).

February 18 - Euchre Group will meet at 1:00 pm in a **new venue this month**. Please note the change to the Support Services building on Western Road, Room 4205.

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February 25 – Walking group will meet at 9:00 am at Westmount Mall, 785 Wonderland Road South. Park underground (west end) and leave your coats in your car. Meet on Floor One, at the elevator next to Reptilia...it won't be scary 🐍

Western Retirees Upcoming Events

St. Patrick's Day - Friday, March 13 - Once again this year we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day at the Beer Kitchen located at 100 Kellogg Lane. Join us for an Irish lunch celebration! More details in our March Newsletter. Mark your calendar.

Garden Tour - Western has a fabulous grounds crew who are proud to show off the award-winning grounds, numerous gardens and trees at Western, including the plantings of seedling oak trees from Vimy Ridge a few years ago. This walking tour is being planned for the spring and we hope to incorporate a visit to the Grad Club following the tour/walk.

Research Tours - a series of tours highlighting research at Western is in the planning stages. Research at Western is wide ranging and has direct effects on the quality of our lives. More on these tours later in the Spring.

Campus February Events

For those of you who didn't get a chance to attend the Alumni presentation "Everything You Need to Know about Wills and Estate Planning" by Michael Lamb, the presentation was recorded and is available [here](#).

February 5 - Covering Trump in a remarkable moment of change: the concerns and challenges ahead through a Canadian lens (via Zoom or in person) - Katie Simpson (CBC news) is presenting the Clissold Lecture 2026. Fascinating topic during these times. Registration is [here](#).

February 11 - Are the Olympics Still Relevant? (via Zoom) - Laura Misener, PhD, will examine the evolving relevance of the Olympics and Paralympics in a world grappling with equity,

sustainability, legacy and growing global fragmentation.
Registration is [here](#).

Senior Alumni Lectures - Registration for the next season of these lectures starting February 13 and each Friday for 6 weeks is now open, featuring leading research, stimulating discussion and advances in education. Coffee and tea are included. Cost is \$50 for the season. As a member of Western Retirees, you are welcomed and encouraged to register for this series. Here is the link to the [registration](#).

Faculty of Music Livestream Performances - just a reminder that Music is presenting live and livestream performances throughout the rest of the year. Here is the [link](#) to the concerts.

Member Benefits:

Columbia Employee Store access is available for Western Retirees between February 13 – March 8. Save up to 60% off select styles! Full details, including the letter you are required to show, can be found [here](#).

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

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