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*Socializing has been proven to be good for Health and Longevity.
Gentlemen, please note!*



TWO POP-UPS FOR YOU TO ENJOY – OPERA AND A HOT-HOUSE LUNCH

See June 4 and 6 below

CHRISTINE, OUR HARD-WORKING EVENTS DIRECTOR **SEEKS YOUR HELP! SHE WRITES ...**

Thank-you to our wonderful members who have hosted events over the past season: Ann, Rosemary, Ada, Maria, Marilyn, Ritu, Tony, Maureen D., Ed., John, Jo-ann, Mary, and to our pop-up hosts: Beverly, Elaine, and Susan who did a pop-up in Mar.

The long-range weather forecast indicates plenty of sunshine which means we'll all be wanting to be attending or hosting UKC events!

*Our summer newsletter **deadline is Wed Jun 15** so now is the time to get your hosting skills honed and arrange an event in July, August or September. So much to do in this city and a lot of it is free or at least not too expensive: the AGO offers an annual \$35 "no frills" membership; \$8 to enter the Bata Shoe Museum (for those who missed the April event), free entry to the Toronto Archives which is currently exhibiting the TTC 100th Anniversary, as well as lots of other amenities throughout the city to enjoy. All such outings followed by a good supper, pleasant company and fair weather sound quite the ticket.*

Please let me have your date(s) sooner rather than later as we may get quite busy this season!

Best,

Christine christineukc23@gmail.com or 416-487-9869.

EVENT REVIEWS AND PHOTOS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

to publish in the BRITISH CANADIAN MONTHLY and on our website:

<https://www.ukconnexion.net/eventReviews.html>

If you are enjoying a UKC event, please take photos and offer to write a review, thanks!

Please send reviews and photos to President Vanessa at van.jones@yahoo.ca

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

So far, some 90 members and friends have donated to help us weather the COVID-19 storm – several of them several times! Donors are our saviours.

To donate, please contact our treasurer Ron at rkoehli@bell.net

Donors' names are listed on page 14 of the Spring UK QUARTERLY

THE SUMMER UK QUARTERLY will be published in the last week of June

To subscribe to UKQ, click here: www.ukconnexion.net/documents/SnailMailAppForm.pdf

CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR CONTACT INFO?

Please advise membership director John at contact@ukconnexion.net

Thank you!

ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

Finding it hard to pedal your bike? No problem, try this!

<https://ukconnexion.net/Video/ElectricBike.mp4>

Many thanks to all of you who send me these videos, and Bruce for converting them to links.

FROZEN BRITISH PENSIONERS NEWS

For latest news from CNADIAN ALLIANCE OF BRITISH PENSIONERS, click here:

<https://britishpensions.com>

Ex-pat Brits can now vote in the UK elections.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/votes-for-life-for-british-citizens-living-abroad>

YOU ARE INVITED TO 10 COVID-COMPLIANT UKC EVENTS THROUGH JUNE 12

THANKS TO EVENTS DIRECTOR CHRISTINE, and hosts:

Jo-ann, Marilyn, Ritu (2), Rosemary, Christine, Maureen, Mary B, Beverly, Elaine, Christine, Ada

***Fully vaccinated you and single friends, WHEREVER BORN,
are invited to the events below.***

***Unless mandated by government, the maximum number of people
(indoor/outdoor) is at the discretion of the hosts.***

When reserving for these events, please give your first & last names plus home phone number.
Your home phone number is important - even if you reserve by email.
The host may need to call you about a last-minute change.

There is a \$5 levy per person per event to be paid on arrival.

YOUR GUESTS and FIRST TIMERS INCLUDED.

If you do not believe in the necessity of the vaccination, masking, sanitization, and social distancing requirements, or have any virus symptoms, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.

May 22 Sun 6 pm, DINNER - LUCY ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT, Coxwell & Danforth



Join Ritu for a typical Ethiopian dinner at this small, cozy, friendly and atmospheric restaurant and bar, situated at 1690 Danforth Avenue, East York. They serve typical Ethiopian food and at guests' request they do a traditional coffee ceremony in case we want to have Ethiopian coffee after or with the dinner. They usually play Ethiopian music and we are allowed to dance to the music if we wish! (It's not necessary to know the correct steps.) The event is limited to 12

guests plus the host. The \$5 levy will apply. Please have a \$5 note ready or a cheque payable to UK Connexion. Guests need to be fully vaccinated, adhere to social distancing and wear a mask as required. By TTC: take the bus or subway to Coxwell station and then walk E. for about 5 minutes. The restaurant is on the N. side of Danforth. Please contact Ritu at ritubhama@hotmail.com by Thu prior to register for this unique event.

May 25 Wed 6:30 pm, DINNER - BUDAPEST RESTAURANT, 2183 Danforth Ave



A traditional Hungarian restaurant serving stews, cabbage rolls, schnitzel, dumplings, and more. Take subway to Woodbine Station then, on south side of Danforth walk east 2 ½ blocks to restaurant. Pay parking is available on Danforth or public pay parking off of Amroth Ave (behind Value Village, 1 block east of Woodbine) for \$3 after 6 pm. This event is limited to 12 socially distanced, fully vaccinated, masked members. Please have a \$5 bill or pre-written cheque made payable to

UK Connexion. Contact Rosemary at rosemary2k14@gmail.com or 416-423-1753.

May 26 Thu 6:30 pm, DINNER AT THE PHEASANT & FIRKIN, Avenue & Wilson



Join Christine to enjoy a get together at this Brit-style pub that has the Union Jack sign over the front door, located at 1999 Avenue Rd, North York, ON M5M 4A5, at the N/E corner of Avenue and Haddington. They have a wide variety of pub fare, ales/beers and wine and all at reasonable prices, and Thursday evenings are said to be "" Or a bus from York Mills station, alighting at Wilson and walking south 7 minutes to

Haddington. www.firkinpubs.com/thepheasantandfirkin/. Lots of paid and street parking in the area. The event is open to 14

members who are fully vaccinated, masked and adhere to social distancing. The \$5 levy will apply with a banknote or cheque made out to UKC. Contact Christine by Tue noon prior at the latest: christineukc23@gmail.com or 416-487-9869.

May 29 Sun 6 pm, DINNER/MINGLING AT THE GRANITE BREWERY, Mt. Pleasant & Eglinton E.



Come and join Maureen at The Granite Brewery, on Mt. Pleasant Road, for mingling, drinks and dinner. Good selection of craft beers and pub type food in this long-established neighbourhood restaurant, situated in mid-town Toronto. There is free underground parking at The Granite, with a token from the server (see video). From Eglinton subway station take the 56 bus or any bus going east and get off at Rawlinson and walk west one block to Mt. Pleasant, then south on Mt. Pleasant. Alternatively, take the 74 bus from St. Clair subway station and get off at Soudan Avenue and then walk less than a block north. The event is open to 15 members who are fully vaccinated, masked, and adhere to social-distancing. Please have your \$5

levy ready or a cheque payable to UK Connexion. To reserve, please contact Maureen at mstuchbury@gmail.com or 416-486-6088 by Fri May 27.

Jun 4 Sat 11 am, HIKE IN PALGRAVE FOREST AND WILDLIFE AREA



Enjoy a leisurely Spring hike in Palgrave Forest and Wildlife area for approximately 2 hours. We will meet in downtown Bolton at the Tim Horton's car park at 11am - please note there are more than one Tim's in Bolton - this one is on the west side of Hwy 50 just north of King St. Dress for the weather plus hiking boots - bring water and a snack. After meeting at Tim's we will drive for about 20 minutes north on Hwy 50 through Palgrave and the entrance to Palgrave Forest is on the west side. We will take a break about half-way through our hike. The trail is fairly flat with some elevations.

Following the hike, we will head back to Palgrave to enjoy a late lunch at the Toby Jug Pub (directions will be given). Please contact Mary Bhutta at 416-652-1028 no later than Fri prior.

Jun 4 Sat 3:30 pm, OPERA BY THE LAKE! CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA, Fleck Dance Theatre, Harbourfront Centre



Cavalleria Rusticana at Fleck Dance Theatre, Harbourfront Centre, Terminal Building, 207 Queens Quay followed by dinner/drinks at The Goodman Pub and Kitchen. Host Beverly, who sings in the Toronto City Opera chorus, has reserved for 10 UKC members to enjoy dinner/drinks after the opera at 5:15pm at The Goodman Pub and Kitchen at the waterfront level of 207 Queens Quay. Pietro Mascagni's opera at 3:30 pm promises great pathos and dramatic tension and an achingly beautiful score in this quintessential verismo opera about the fateful events that take place on an Easter Sunday under the Sicilian sun. It is sung in the original Italian with English supertitles. The running time is approximately 1hr 20min with no intermission.

Fleck Dance Theatre is on the 3rd floor of Harbourfront Centre, Terminal Building. Tickets are \$52-\$62 and are now on sale at www.torontocityopera.com. There is a 10% discount promo code provided. Use TCOchorus. Please buy your ticket soon and let Beverly know that you'll be joining her: bev.gibson@hotmail.com or 416-465-2613.

NOTE: As of May 2, Harbourfront events no longer require restrictions for COVID but you are strongly encouraged to choose to wear a mask for the safety of everyone. Please note it is UK Connexion policy that all members be fully vaccinated. Please have a \$5.00 bill (UKC levy) ready or a cheque payable to UK Connexion.

June 5 Sun 6 pm, DINNER - LUCY ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT, Coxwell & Danforth



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Jun 6 Mon 1 pm, PATIO LUNCH HOT HOUSE CAFÉ, Corner of Church and Front



Join Elaine for a patio lunch at this ever-popular café located at 35 Church Street, on the corner of Church & Front; the nearest subway station is King. It's "Mussels Monday" but there's lots more to choose from, including delicious soups, sandwiches, burgers, fish, pasta and international dishes. There's something for everyone. Reservation is limited to 12 fully-vaccinated participants. The \$5 UKC levy will apply – a \$5 note, please. Please call Elaine at 647-323-2713 to reserve in advance. On arrival, ask for the UKConnexion table on the patio where you will be seated.



Jun 10 Fri 6 pm, SUPPER AT ST. JAMES GATE, 5140 Dundas St. W. Etobicoke

Join Maria at this Irish style pub with live music which has a great pub-grub menu! The event is limited to 15 members who are fully vaccinated, masked and keep their social distance. Please have a \$5 bill ready for your levy, or a cheque payable to the UK Connexion. Please contact Maria by the Tue prior at amaria254@gmail.com.

Jun 12 Sun 6:30 pm, DINNER at the SQUIRE PUB/RESTAURANT, Bloor/Islington



Join Ada for dinner at the Squire, 3335 Bloor St W, just 2 short blocks east of Islington subway station on the south side. Street parking available, as well as free street parking one block south on Lothian Ave, the street beside the pub. Reserve with Ada by Thu prior at granshawada@gmail.com or 416-358-9514. Maximum 15 people.

Jun 15 Wed 0:00 pm, Newsletter Deadline



If you are not yet on the mailing list for the UK Quarterly, please send your cheque for the \$20 subscription for four issues (Summer 2022 – Spring 2023) plus the current one. Please download a form from www.ukconnexion.net. This is also the last day to let our Events Director know what events you would like to organize in July, August, and September. Please contact Christine Quinn at 416-487-9869

or christineukc23@gmail.com.

**ENJOY, STAY SAFE, HEALTHY, POSITIVE,
AND CONTACT EVENTS DIRECTOR CHRISTINE RE SUMMER HOSTING! (See her appeal above.)**

John Pettitt, UKC Membership/Editor, contact@ukconnexion.net

To view recent high jinks at the UKC, click here: <https://www.ukconnexion.net/eventReviews.html>