

The UK CONNEXION

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Socializing has been proven to be good for Health and Longevity.

Gentlemen, please note!

OUR WINTER VOYAGE CONTINUES...



CHRISTINE AND OUR WONDERFUL BAND OF HOSTS OFFER US 14 EVENTS IN 29 DAYS
And we have two pop-ups: Opera on Thursday , and Indian dinner on Roncesvalles March 16.

GET READY FOR SPRING...

Events director Christine needs your help! She writes...



Good Morning,

A big thank-you from the UKC members for hosting events during the Winter season. We enjoyed many good outings and with the weather co-operating, it added to the enjoyment. If you want to host again during April, May, June, and we hope you will, please let me have your suggested dates and blurbs by Fri Mar 15. Thanks and have a great week!

Christine, Events director

christneukc23@gmail.com or 416-487-9869

RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER

If you'd like to receive a printed copy of the details of our 37 published winter events, click here and subscribe to the UK QUARTERLY

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Since March 2012, we have been providing articles and reviews of UKC events for publication in the now BRITISH CANADIAN MONTHLY on a page with the banner heading UK CONNEXION.

Many new members are joining UKC after reading about our activities.

If you enjoyed an event, we urge you to write a short review and/or take photos at the event.

Please email your review and/or photos to president Vanessa at van.jones@yahoo.ca

PLEASE ENCOURAGE UNATTACHED INTERESTING PEOPLE AND SINGLE FRIENDS TO JOIN UK CONNEXION!

Suggest they call 416-201-0363 to request that a free copy of the UK QUARTERLY be sent to their homes!

CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR CONTACT INFO?

UK CONNEXION MEMBERSHIP is FREE, **BUT** is conditional on our membership records showing your current residence address and phone number. **IMPORTANT:** If your details have changed, please advise membership director John at contact@ukconnexion.net

YOU ARE INVITED

You and your single friends are invited to the UKC events listed below.

The maximum number of attendees is at the discretion of each volunteer host.

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 have any virus symptoms, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.



NEW SINCE 2023



Events marked with this new symbol are wheelchair accessible.

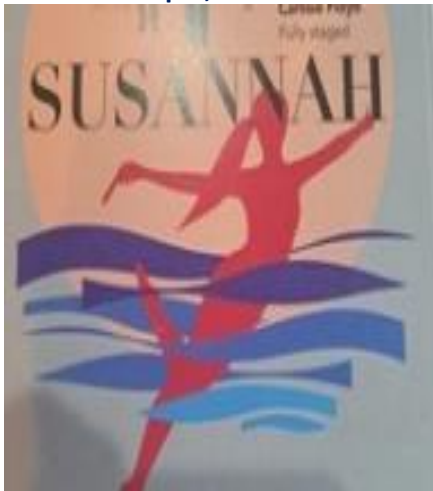
If you will be using a wheelchair at an event, please inform the host on registration.

14 UKC EVENTS IN 29 DAYS

HUGE THANKS GO TO EVENTS DIRECTOR CHRISTINE and hosts below who have done us proud.

A REMINDER: In lieu of an annual membership fee, hosts collect a \$5 levy when you arrive.

Feb 22 Thu 7 pm, OPERA SUSANNAH / DRINKS AT The VICTORIA CAFE AL GREEN THEATRE, 750 Spadina Ave at Bloor.



New Pop-Up

Join Beverly for a night at the opera as Toronto City Opera presents Susannah by American composer Carlisle Floyd at the Al Green Theatre, 750 Spadina Ave. at Bloor St. This masterpiece, rarely performed in Canada, is the second most popular American opera after Porgy and Bess with a gorgeously tuneful score rooted in American folk melodies and hymns.

A small town in rural Tennessee is set ablaze when a beautiful young woman unwittingly sparks the jealousy of her repressive religious community and its fiery preacher. Written during the McCarthy years in the US, its themes of oppression, intolerance, and resistance continue to resonate today. The fully staged production will be sung in English with English supertitles. Watch for Beverly on stage in the chorus.

Before the show gather at 5 pm at the Victory Pub at 440 Bloor St W for drinks/food and conversation and greet Beverly who will collect the levy. At 6:30 pm, we will proceed to the Al Green Theatre a short walk away to enjoy the opera. Reservations will be listed under: UK Connexion. Discount tickets are available to UKC members at the code: TCOfamily at \$30, \$40 and \$50. Tickets are available at the website: www.torontocityopera.com. The event is open to 9 members. Contact Beverly by Tues prior at bev.gibson@hotmail.com or 416-465-2613.

Feb 23 Fri 6:30 pm, DRINKS/CONVERSATION/DINNER AT THE BULL & FIRKIN, 1835 Yonge St.



Join Christine for Friday night out at The Bull & Firkin which is located just across the road from Davisville subway and two short blocks south on Yonge on the east side (just before Merton St.) Great pub grub and a good choice of beer and wine with specials on both food and drink each day. Prices are reasonable. Christine is limiting the event to 9 members. Please

contact by Wed prior at christineukc23@gmail.com or 416-487-9869.



Feb 24 Sat 3:30pm, DIXIELAND JAZZ AT THE LEGENDARY GROSSMAN'S TAVERN, 377 Spadina Ave.

Join Peter for an afternoon of Dixieland Jazz, 3:30 to 7 pm, by the Happy Pals along with beer or wine refreshments and a chance to get up and dance along to the music if you wish. UKC limit of 10 people. Coming early is advised as it gets pretty busy once the music starts. Our group will probably leave around 6:30 to go to the Red Room restaurant, across the road at 444 Spadina, for an inexpensive Chinese dinner (optional). Accessible from the TTC Spadina Streetcar, Nassau St. stop. Contact Peter Warth by the Fri prior at pwarth.es@gmail.com or 416-787-0645.



Feb 25 Sun 6 pm, MINGLING/DINNER SQUIRE PUB/RESTAURANT, Bloor/Islington

Join John for mingling with free snacks followed by dinner at the Squire, 3335 Bloor St W, just two 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. The event is open to 18 members. Reserve with John by day before at jpett@bell.net (preferred) or 416-259-1541.

Mar 3 Sun 3-6 pm, DANNY MARKS SMOKESHOW BBQ & BREW, Mt. Pleasant & Eglinton



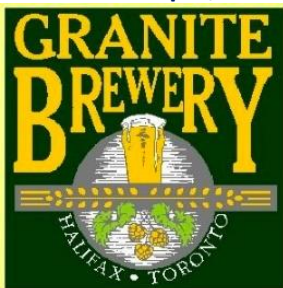
Join Marilyn at Smokeshow BBQ and Brew, 744 Mt. Pleasant Rd., in the first block south of Eglinton on the west side. Street parking is available. Come and listen, sing along and/or dance to Danny Marks, singer and musician (founding member of the group Edward Bear). Smokeshow has a varied menu with interesting new specials. Plus, there is lots of room to dance. **There is a \$15 cover charge plus the levy. Please reserve no later than Fri am prior.**

Contact marilyn.goodman45@yahoo.com (preferred) or 647-210-5110.

Mar 3 Sun 6 pm, DINNER/MINGLING GRANITE BREWERY, Mt. Pleasant & Eglinton



(not parking garage)



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 any bus going east and get off at Mt. Pleasant, then cross the road. The Granite is on the east side of 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 12 members. To reserve, please contact Maureen at mstuchbury@gmail.com or 416-932-5536 by the Fri prior.



Mar 9 Sat 6 pm, DINNER AT GATHERINGS RESTOBAR, 49 St. Clair W.

Join Chris at this lovely new bar/pub just minutes away from the St. Clair (and Yonge) station. They have a large selection beer, wine, cocktails and specialty coffees. It is a large bar/pub with a large menu to suit. To reserve please contact Chris at 647-205-1936 by the day before.

Mar 10 Sun 6 pm, MINGLING/DINNER BIER MARKET, 58 The Esplanade



Join Ron and enjoy a fabulous meal from the menu: chicken or pork, fish 'n' chips, salmon, beef. Prices begin at \$18. Also available - a selection of beers (and wines). Meet at 6 pm for meet and greet and supper at 7 pm. Closest subway King & Yonge or Union Station. Contact Ron by Thu prior at rkoehli@bell.net or 289-981-3184.

Mar 12 Tue 6 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. Event is open to 12 members. Contact Rosemary at rosemary2k14@gmail.com or 416-423-1753.



Mar 14 Thu 1 pm, STROLL THROUGH ALLAN GARDENS, 160 Gerrard Street E.

Join Elaine and enjoy a display of spring and Easter flowers in this botanical garden. Meet Elaine inside the front doors of College Park at Yonge and College at 1:00 p.m. for the short walk (or 2-stop streetcar ride) east to the Gardens. Call by the day before, 647-323-2713.



Mar 15 Fri, 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 (Spring 2024 to Winter 2025). Use the yellow application form or download a form from www.ukconnexion.net. This is also the last day to let the Events Director know what events you would like to organize in Apr, May, Jun. Christine Quinn christineukc23@gmail.com.

Mar 16 Sat 6:30pm, DINNER at DIL SE INDIAN RESTAURANT AND BAR, 335 Roncesvalles Ave, New Pop-Up



Spring is almost knocking on the door. Let's go out to enjoy Indian food with host Ritu In this chilly weather, host Ritu is inviting you to enjoy the warmth of a get-together and tasty Indian food. Check the menu at: dilse.ca. Halal and vegan options available too. Limited to 10 people including the host. Contact her at ritubhama@hotmail.com or at 437-669-0354 by one day prior to the event.

Mar 17 Sun 6 pm, DINNER AT LES 3 BRASSEURS, 275 Yonge Street, New Pop-Up



Chris invites you go join him at this French pub. They make their own beer and if you tell them what you like, they will suggest one. They also have a selection of wines. They have pub food, but with a French twist. This is a large establishment with some three floors. To reserve please contact Chris by the day before at 647-205-1936.



Mar 19 Tue 7 pm, SHER-E-PUNJAB INDIAN RESTAURANT, 351 Danforth Ave. near Chester Station

Tony invites you to enjoy an excellent Indian dinner at a reasonable cost at the Sher-E-Punjab. This spotless restaurant features a wide variety of Indian dishes at reasonable prices. Please register by 5 pm the day of the event. Contact Tony at tonyasrilen@yahoo.com or 416-693-8639.

Mar 21 Thu 1 pm, RID YOURSELF OF THE WINTER BLAHS WITH LUNCH AT THE ROSE & CROWN, Yonge/Eglinton



Mary invites you to join her, along with other pleasant company, to enjoy a leisurely lunch and a drink. The Rose and Crown at 2335 Yonge St., a short block and a half north of Eglinton station. It is a British/Irish family-owned pub. The event is limited to 12 members, so do book early! They serve regular pub food which is reasonably priced, along with a wide variety of beers and wines. Please contact Mary at mvigrow@rogers.com or 416-485-4853.

AND THERE ARE MORE WINTER EVENTS TO COME

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ENJOY, STAY SAFE, HEALTHY, and POSITIVE

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

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

CANADIAN ALLIANCE OF BRITISH PENSIONERS UPDATE



There is a wealth of new information on the fight for pension equality on the CABP website
<https://britishpensions.com/>

It is a very interesting read - especially if you believe in justice.

Are you a British pensioner but not yet a CABP member?

If so, please click link above and support the resolute CABP officers by joining.

They are fighting for justice for YOU.

Membership costs less than 50 cents/week!

JUSTICE magazine, recently published, is a most interesting and informative read.

JUSTICE is sent to members three times a year.

When ready to join CABP, click here: [Member Details - Canadian Alliance of British Pensioners \(britishpensions.com\)](#)

To vote in the upcoming U.K. election, click here: <https://britishpensions.com/>