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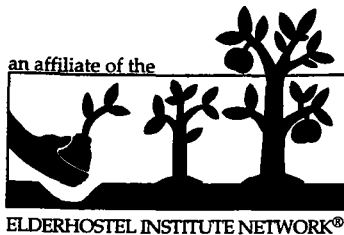
## SUMMER 1997

### PROGRAM

**LEARNING IN RETIREMENT INSTITUTE**  
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## Summer 1997 Program June 2 - 27

The summer program consists of seven courses and eight special events. Please fill out the attached Membership and Registration Application and return it to the office by May 19 (do not fax it). Call the office if you have questions about membership or the summer program. Do not park in the swimming pool lot after 12:00 during June, July and August.

### COURSES

#### Introduction to the World Wide Web

1. Tuesdays, June 3 and 10, 10:00 - 11:30
2. Tuesdays, June 17 and 24, 10:00 - 11:30

If you have a computer and modem and are beginning to dabble on the Web, this course is for you. The first session of each two-week section will be a lecture at Tallwood, and the second session will meet the following week for two hours in the GMU computer lab in Robinson Hall, Room A109. You will get an overview of the GMU MasonLink computer information system, using the Netscape graphical web browser. The Netscape software will be available, free of charge, for installing on your own computer at home. Class size is limited to 20, the number of terminals available in the GMU computer lab. This course is for LRI members who already have a GMU computer account. If you don't have one, see Carol Ferrara about the procedures. Sign up for either section 1 or section 2. Please include your e-mail address on the Registration Form.

Instructors: **Allen Montecino** led the effort to obtain GMU support for LRI's computer accounts, taught LRI's first electronic mail course, and is the pagemaster for our home page on the Internet. A retired military officer, he has a master's degree in American history, a subject he teaches at LRI.

**Ray Beery** has an M.B.A. in computer applications and logs many hours on the PC in his home office. He works with GMU's University Computing and Information Service, teaching office automation to faculty and staff. He is twice retired, from the Air Force and from Computer Sciences Corp.

#### 3. Surfing the Web

**Tuesdays or Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:30**

Two four-week courses in LRI's computer lab will provide one-on-one instruction for entering the Internet and the Web and getting the most out of using all the functions of Netscape's and Microsoft's browsers. To provide personal help, each four-week session is limited to four people, who must know the basics of word processing and use of a modem, and have a computer/modem at home (preferably using Windows 95) and an active account with GMU. Please indicate your preference for Tuesday or Thursday sessions on your Registration Form. Your confirmation letter will show which day you have been assigned.

Instructor: **Gerhard (Gary) Voekler** spent over 25 years with the output of computers while employed in various executive positions and on boards of directors. He has an advanced business degree from Humboldt University in Berlin. While working for the central bank, he taught money and credit at a finance college in Berlin.

#### **4. Song and Substance: Lyrics From 1920 to 1990**

**Mondays, 10:00 - 11:30**

Song lyrics acquired sophistication in the Broadway shows of the 1920s and 1930s and became an art form at the hands of such practitioners as Cole Porter, Lorenz Hart, Ira Gershwin, Oscar Hammerstein, E.Y. Harburg and Stephen Sondheim. While acknowledging the fundamental importance of the music, this course will focus on the words, analyzing significant (and often unfamiliar) works of the lyricists, with the aim of illustrating the wit, wisdom and literary qualities inherent in them.

**Instructor:** **Paula Schwartz** writes and lectures on various aspects of literature and drama. She has taught at New York University, Dunbarton College in Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia Community College. She has had 32 historical novels published and several plays and musicals produced at regional theaters. Her passion is writing lyrics. She says she tries to emulate Sondheim but the results are more Hammerstein.

#### **5. Poetry Workshop**

**Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:30**

Poetry lovers who want to create their own poems find support and guidance here, whether they are beginners or have written for several years. Students may submit new poems each week for class critiques. Class limit: 12

**Instructor:** **Ellen Anderson** is a published poet who has taught at Northern Virginia Community College and the Arlington County Adult Education Program and has been a speaker at writers' workshops. She is listed in *Writers in Virginia* and is a member of the Poetry Society of America.

#### **6. Investment Forum**

**Wednesdays, 10:00 - 11:30**

This forum is a continuation of an on-going investment discussion group. Its program consists of presentations by members on such topics as investment techniques, individual stocks, bonds, mutual funds, types of portfolios, options, industry analyses, and the impact of political and economic events on investments. The forum has a clublike atmosphere, and its success depends on strong member participation. Opinions expressed will be those of the members and do not represent the opinions of LRI. Members should consult their personal investment sources before making investments.

**Moderator:** **Henry Shenker** is a physicist with a long personal experience in investments, supplemented with courses in economics and finance.

#### **7. The Future of Weather Forecasting**

**Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:30**

Learn more about the history of weather forecasting, how it is done currently and what technological advances are expected to provide experts with ever more precise tools for providing accurate forecasts.

**Instructor:** **Charles Bristor** has an M.Sc. in meteorology from MIT and is currently a Certified Consulting Meteorologist. He has had extensive federal service in weather satellites and in numerical weather prediction.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **A. Red Hot and Blue: A Salute to American Musicals**

**Friday, June 6, 11:00 - 3:00**

Join LRI members for a bus trip to the National Portrait Gallery to view an exhibit on the history of Broadway and Hollywood musicals. We'll view fascinating audiovisuals and see such memorabilia as Judy Garland's red slippers. After the tour the bus will take the group to Union Station, where various lunch choices are available. The tour cost of \$7.25 is for the bus fare and driver gratuity and is payable with your Registration Form.

Coordinator: **Joanne Becker**

### **B. "Marie Antoinette"**

**Thursday, June 12, 1:00 p.m. at the Johnson Center Cinema**

LRI has arranged to use the GMU cinema facilities for this showing of the 1938 epic film starring Norma Shearer as the beautiful Austrian Archduchess who foresaw a wondrous future for herself as Queen of France. The cast includes Tyrone Power as her reputed lover, Axel Fersen; John Barrymore as Louis XV; and Robert Morley as Louis XVI. Also in this star-studded cast are Anita Louise, Gladys George and Joseph Schildkraut. The film was produced by Irving Thalberg as a vehicle for his wife, Norma Shearer.

Park on the upper level of the visitor parking deck (located on Mason Drive just past the Concert Hall) and walk diagonally across to the Johnson Center. Do not park in a reserved slot.

Coordinator: **Murray Minster**

### **C. Francis Gary Powers, Jr., Talks About His Father**

**Friday, June 13, 10:00 - 11:30**

When Gary Powers was shot down over the Soviet Union in 1960, his son was quite young. To learn more about his father, Gary Powers, Jr., began collecting memorabilia, which is now a collection about to be exhibited at CIA headquarters. He will talk about his fascinating search to know his father.

Coordinator: **Judith Lieberman**

### **D. The Tropical Rain Forest**

**Monday, June 16, 10:00 - 11:30**

Take a walk through the tropical rain forest with Dr. Michael Emsley, GMU Professor of Biology, who will lecture and show slides on the remarkable plants and animals to be found there and the expectations for their survival in the next century.

Coordinator: **Janet Meisenhelder**

### **E. Experiments in World Governance: Is the UN the Last Word?**

**Wednesday, June 18, 10:00 - 11:30**

Just as the nation-states in which we live came into existence to meet a perceived need for a more orderly and just society, so the United Nations was created after World War II to meet a deeply felt desire for world-wide peace, stability, and economic and social development. It has some notable achievements to its credit, but in the post cold war world, its weaknesses have become glaringly apparent. Can the United Nations--and the United States--make the adjustments needed to permit further progress? This lecture will be given by Ambassador David H. Popper, who had a distinguished career in the U.S. Foreign Service prior to his retirement. He has been an Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and has taught at the Institute for Learning in Retirement of the American University.

Coordinator: **Helen Lapitsky**

#### **F. Tour African and American Indian Art**

**Friday, June 20, 9:30 - 3:30**

We will visit the National Museum of African Art, an architecturally stunning building with outstanding exhibits celebrating the rich visual traditions and diverse cultures of Africa. We will also see the display of American Indian Art in the Smithsonian's Arts and Industries Building, the first exhibition on the Mall of artifacts illustrating the last 150 years of native peoples' ways and ideas. After the tour the bus will take the group to Union Station, where various lunch choices are available. The tour cost of \$8.20 is for the bus fare and driver gratuity and is payable with your Registration Form.

Coordinator: **Joanne Becker**

#### **G. Lewis and Clark Find Their Way Across America**

**Monday, June 23, 10:00 - 11:30**

No towns, no roads, no signs, no maps. How did they know where they were? LRI member John Heffernan will lead a discussion of the principles of celestial navigation as used by these explorers.

#### **H. Tour Gunston Hall**

**Friday, June 27, 10:00**

Visit the historic 18th-century Colonial home of George Mason, author of America's first Bill of Rights. One of the most important of the founding fathers, George Mason influenced Thomas Jefferson and many of his colleagues with his ideals and ideas. His home on the Potomac River in the Mason Neck area is beautifully decorated. The gardens are extensive, and there are picnic areas and a nature trail to Gunston Cove. An orientation film will be shown to the LRI group in the visitors' center. Admission is \$4 at the entrance. We will car pool, meeting in the LRI parking lot at 9:00.

Coordinator: **Deanne Horte**

## **CLUBS**

You do not have to register for these clubs. They are primarily discussion groups that any LRI member is welcome to join. Call the coordinator if you have questions.

#### **History Club**

**Wednesday, June 4, 10:30**

The topic this month is Thomas Jefferson. Michael Styles will report on three recently published books on Mr. Jefferson.

Coordinator: **Marjorie White**

#### **Book Club**

**Wednesday, June 11, 10:30**

The book for June is *Deep End of the Ocean*, by Jacquelyn Mitchard.

Coordinator: **Sue Swift**

## MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(STREET)

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

(CITY)

(STATE)

(ZIP)

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**The membership fee is \$200 for a full year.**

**Check applicable boxes:**

- My membership is current through summer term (address label dated 9/1/97 or later).
- Enclosed is my \$200 renewal fee (address label dated 6/1/97) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Enclosed is my \$200 new-member fee ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Enclosed are fees for the following Special Events:
  - A (Musicals) = \$7.25**    **F (Native Art) = \$8.20** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Enclosed is a voluntary contribution ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Contributions are tax-deductible to extent allowed by law)
- Total amount of check enclosed (payable to LRI) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to volunteer. Please have someone call me.

**List your selections in order of preference in case some are oversubscribed:**

			Letter	Special Event Titles
	<b>No.</b>	<b>Course Titles</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	
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