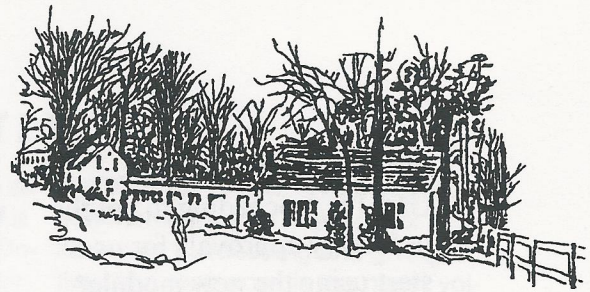


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DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

Mon., Jan. 10, Winter registration ends
Wed., Jan. 12, 10:30, Book Club
Fri., Jan. 21, 10:00, Board of Directors
Mon. Jan. 24, WINTER TERM BEGINS
Wed., Jan. 26, 2:00, Special Event *
Fri., Jan. 28, 10:00, Reston Committee
Fri., Jan. 28, 2:00, Special Event *

FEBRUARY

Wed., Feb. 2, 1:30, History Club
Wed., Feb. 2, 2:00, Special Events Committee
Fri., Feb. 4, 10:00, Program Committee
Fri., Feb. 4, 10:00, Development Committee
Fri., Feb. 4, 2:00, Special Event *
Wed., Feb. 9, 1:30, Book Club
Wed., Feb. 9, 2:00, Special Event *
Fri., Feb. 11, 10:00, Program Committee
Wed., Feb. 16, 2:00, Special Event*
Fri., Feb. 18, 10:00, Board of Directors
Fri., Feb. 18, 2:00, Special Event *
Fri., Feb. 18, WINTER TERM ENDS
Fri., Feb. 25, 10:00, Reston Committee
Fri., Feb. 25, Spring catalog mailed

* See catalog for details about Special Events.

MARCH

Wed., 1, 1:30, History Club
Wed., Mar. 1, 2:00, Special Events Committee
Fri., Mar. 3, 10:00, Program Committee
Fri., Mar. 3, 10:00, Development Committee
Wed., Mar. 8, 10:30, Book Club
Fri., Mar. 10, 10:00, Program Committee
Fri., Mar. 17, 10:00, Board of Directors
Mon., Mar. 20, Spring registration deadline
Fr., Mar. 24, 10:00, Reston Committee
Thurs., Mar. 30, LRI at GMU Citizenship 2000

**Office hours: 9 to 3:30 during the term, 9 to 12
between terms. Phone calls are monitored daily.**

Looking ahead: Spring term April 3 – May 26

President's Comments

As we open the LRI doors for the new term, the first in our tenth year, we can celebrate together a very thriving, satisfying academy of learning. What is the secret of our success? No secret, really, just the fruit of hard work stemming from our most important group, the Program Committee.

More than 20 veteran LRIers are committed to spending "Fridays with Carol," the first Friday of each month, that is, with our Program Coordinator, Carol Ferrara. She is ably guiding the time-tested discipline that it takes to put together what we see in the course catalog.

What is the road map to a slate of courses? It starts with the goal of providing offerings across eight subject areas. Take another look at the Winter 2000 Catalog and you'll see how they track. For Art, Music and Drama, one of the 13 courses is "Art and Architecture of Spain." Under Economics and Finance, there are four courses, including "Financial Strategies for Our Stage of Life." History and International Studies showcases eight courses; note Glenn Markus's "Origins of the Alphabet."

Languages is represented by "Intermediate Italian." Literature has a rich menu of six courses, including "The Short Story." Subject area Philosophy, Ethics and Religion has "Existentialism" for us. Social Studies presents "How Congress and the Federal Government Really Work."

There are five courses in Science, Health and Technology; notice "What We All Ought To Know About Nuclear Technology." Finally, under Other, four offerings lead off with "GMU: How Much Do You Know About It?"

You have made your selections from the catalog, got most of what you asked for, and we're all, once again, Learning in Retirement! See you in the classroom.

Ray Beery

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Our new modular unit

GMU is proceeding to get the necessary approvals for us to start using the new modular building. On December 10, the Art and Architecture Board in Richmond gave a two-year okay. A fire marshal survey has been done. As soon as building and occupancy permits are issued, we should be able to move in.

Reston Support Committee

The Board of Directors has appointed Ed Mentz as Chairman of a new committee to support the Lake Anne site. The committee will look into ways to make more efficient use of the available classroom space, attract more instructors who want to teach there, enhance special events originating at the Lake Anne site and spread the word about LRI among seniors in the area. Other members of the committee are Bruce Boston, Mary Kornreich, Lydia MacDonald, Gail Ryan, Elaine

When LRI Is Closed
LRI is closed whenever Fairfax County Schools are closed because of weather conditions. If the schools are opening late, LRI opens on time.

Schwartz, Mary Kornreich, Barbara Willson and Bill Wohlfeld.

Volunteer opportunity

Professor Todd Endo heads a GMU program at the Arlington Mill Community Center that offers over 40 programs and serves over 2,000 people each week. Programs include a morning pre-school, English and citizenship classes, recreational activities for elementary and middle school children, a computer center, a library, and nutrition and crafts programs for children and adults. Participants are mostly immigrants and refugees from many countries.

LRI volunteers can work as little as two hours a week. The center is at 4975 Columbia Pike, about a mile east of Bailey's Crossroads. Anyone inter-

ested in learning more can call Professor Endo or Javier Rivera at 228-7794, or e-mail Professor Endo (tendo@gmu.edu).

A wonderful party

The large crowd at LRI's potluck on December 9 not only had wonderful and abundant food but also heard "Voices of the Millennium," a program of letters and poems read by 15 LRI members. Some of the readings were touching, some were funny. A hearty thanks to Janice Dewire and Lydia MacDonald for orchestrating a great occasion.

LRI teacher chosen

The special January 1, 2000, edition of the *Washington Post* included a short autobiography by Maryrose Patrone, one of LRI's teachers. Her contribution was among the 100 selected for inclusion in a "time capsule" designed to show what people were like at the end of the second millennium.

LRI needs YOUR ideas!

Over the years the best suggestions for courses, special events, social activities and administrative support have come from LRI members. Waiting to receive your ideas are members of the Board of Directors, committee chairpersons and the office staff . . . and that Suggestion Box in the social room at Tallwood. Don't be shy. Speak up or use this form to give your suggestions for making LRI even better in the coming year.

Your name (optional) _____

Your suggestion _____

Thank You to "Friends of LRI"

Contributions to "Friends of LRI" constitute an important component of LRI income. In 1999, voluntary contributions, while normally not designated for specific projects, have certainly helped LRI move forward with confidence in purchasing office equipment at both Tallwood and Lake Anne, in establishing and supporting the new position of Program Coordinator, and in adding an extra modular unit at Tallwood. Some funds were contributed specifically for needs scholarships and are being used accordingly.

The Development Committee, formed in 1998, has tried to raise the awareness level of the impor-

tance of contributions to "Friends of LRI" as an ongoing component of a healthy and viable organization. Donations for 1999 totaled \$16,645, which is a significant increase over previous years. Most contributions were received as part of the registration process each semester. In many cases, donors made several contributions during the year. Members also gave generously during a special fund-raising drive in the spring, and meaningful donations were sent in memory of several members who died during the year.

The Board of Directors and the Development Committee appreciate the extra financial contributions of

the "Friends of LRI." We recognize that members also make major contributions by teaching and giving of time and resources in the many volunteer activities essential to making LRI a success. To all who have contributed during 1999 in whatever capacity, we say "Thank You."

The list below shows the names of donors during the calendar year 1999, except for 31 who preferred to give anonymously. Those who gave \$100 or more are recognized as Supporters.

*Bob Bohall, Chairman
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LRI/GMU Activities

LRI members have been engaged in a variety of activities on the George Mason campus lately.

Professor Molly Davis invited several members to participate in an undergraduate course designed to promote intergenerational dialog and to dispel some of the myths about aging. The class and the LRI students who participated were featured in an article in *Broadside*, the campus newspaper. A copy of the article, which includes a photo of the class and comments about some of the LRI students, is posted in the social room at Tallwood.

LRI President Ray Beery, Allen Montecino and Lilyan Spero participated in a reception honoring John O'Connor, the departing Dean of New Century College. Dean O'Connor thanked LRI for the excellent working relationship and expressed

the hope that the close association between LRI and New Century College would continue.

On December 15, the new Dean of New Century College, Janette Muir, and the new Assistant Dean, Adina Elfant, hosted a luncheon for the students who have been awarded scholarships for 1999-2000 with funds provided by LRI. The students are Jamie Girolamo, Lee Smith and Doris McKee. Representing LRI at the luncheon and presentations were Craig Zane, Allen Montecino and Lilyan Spero.

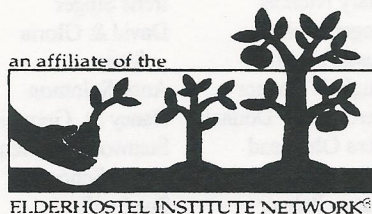
In March, LRI will participate in GMU's "Citizenship 2000" program, with members invited to the many activities in this week-long celebration and exploration of education and citizenship. On March 30, LRI members will form a panel to discuss "Perspectives on Civic Edu-

cation: Views Across Generations and Cultures." Other panels discussing this topic will be formed from business and community leaders, New Century College, and the George Mason student body. Look for more information on the "Citizenship 2000" program soon.

Last year was a busy and productive one for LRI and a year in which our working relationship with the host campus expanded and brought new opportunities. GMU professors made major contributions to the LRI curriculum, and LRI worked hard to be recognized as a good citizen of the University academic community. The year 2000 should be another great year for the LRI/GMU relationship.

*Allen Montecino, Chairman
University Liaison Committee*

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