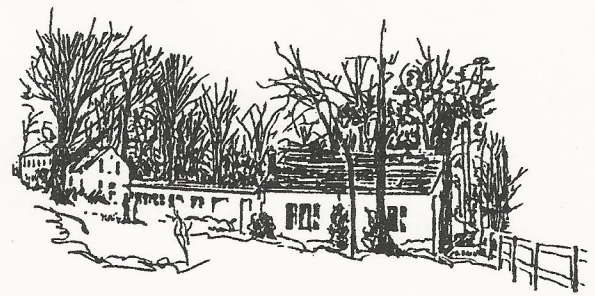


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DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

Wed., Oct. 4, 1:30, History Club
Wed., Oct. 4, 2:00, Special Events Committee
Fri., Oct. 6, 10:00, Program Committee
Fri., Oct. 6, noon, GMU Reception
Fri., Oct. 6, 2:00, Special Event *
Wed., Oct. 11, 1:30, Book Club
Wed., Oct. 18, 2:00, Special Event *
Fri., Oct. 20, 10:00, Board Meeting
Fri., Oct. 20, 2:00, Special Event *
Wed., Oct. 25, 2:00, Special Event *
Wed., Oct. 25, 2:00, Special Event *
Fri., Oct. 27, 9:00, Bus trip to Baltimore *

NOVEMBER

Wed., Nov. 1, 1:30, History Club
Wed., Nov. 1, 2:00, Special Events Committee
Fri., Nov. 3, 10:00, Program Committee
Fri., Nov. 3, 2:00, Special Event *
Sat., Nov. 4, 9:00, Special Event *
Wed., Nov. 8, 1:30, Book Club
Fri., Nov. 10, 9:00, Bus trip to Richmond *
Fri., Nov. 10, Fall term ends
Fri., Nov. 17, 10:00, Board Meeting

* See Fall catalog for information on Special Events.
Investment Club meets Wednesdays at 10:00 between semesters. Bridge Club meets Wednesdays, 1:30 – 3:30, except Nov. 22, Dec. 20 and 27.

DECEMBER

Wed., Dec. 6, 1:30, History Club
Wed., Dec. 6, 2:00, Special Events Committee
Thurs., Dec. 7, Tentative date for Holiday Lunch
Fri., Dec. 8, 10:00, Program Committee
Fri., Dec. 8, WINTER CATALOGS MAILED
Wed., Dec. 13, WINTER REGISTRATION BEGINS
Mon., Jan 8, WINTER REGISTRATION ENDS

Winter term: Jan. 22 – Feb. 16

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President's Letter

Dear Fellow LRI Members:

I don't know about you, but I'm awfully glad there is an LRI in my life. LRI makes it possible for us to attend classes because we want to and love learning, without taking tests and writing essays. We can participate in special events and get together at social functions. We can meet with old friends and make new ones. Yes, LRI is my type of organization!

Many of you have been generous in your support of LRI, both in terms of volunteering and in financial contributions. Recently, you were sent a brochure suggesting ways you can become a "Friend of LRI" by contributing over and above the annual membership fee.

Even if you have already made a contribution this year, I hope you will think about the various methods of giving mentioned in that brochure and consider making an additional donation this year. The reason for this special appeal is that LRI will have a deficit in 2000 of about \$15,000.

Why the deficit? First, we have not been actively recruiting new members this year, and the number of members is under what had been budgeted. The second reason has to do with the expenses of getting the new modular unit up and running. Some of them were expected and budgeted for, such as chairs and equipment, but others came out of the blue. We have money in our reserve fund to cover these costs, but we need to replenish that fund for the future.

My goal is to take care of our financial needs without having to raise membership dues. With the continued generosity of our current members and with more members joining this organization we value so much, I believe we can meet that goal. I ask for your help.

Ed Mentz

P.S. If you need another copy of the card that was sent with the brochure, just ask the office.

Board Actions

The Board of Directors has established a new standing committee to advise the President on matters affecting the paid staff, such as salaries and job evaluations. Sue Swift was appointed Chair of this Administration Committee.

The Board decided to participate in a Reciprocity Program under which members of other institutes can attend classes at LRI when they are visiting in the area, on a space-available basis and with established guidelines. You will hear more about this in the future, in case you want to visit another institute in your travels.

Bob Bohall was nominated to represent our LRI at meetings of the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Jan Dewire is in charge of plans for LRI's tenth anniversary celebrations in 2001.

Plans were made to invite GMU officials to a reception on October 6 to deed the modular buildings to the university.

(Remember that minutes of Board meetings are posted in the social room at Tallwood and available at Lake Anne.)

LRI Bridge Club

The Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:30 at Tallwood. We use the format known as "Chicago" bridge (partnerships change after four hands are played). All bridge-playing LRI members are welcome.

Free Higher Education for Seniors

LRI member Bill Wohlfeld is Senior Correspondent for the *Observer* newspapers. In an article in July he wrote about the opportunities seniors have to attend classes tuition-free at any publicly funded college or university in Virginia.

The Senior Citizens Higher Education Act of 1974, as amended, applies to Virginia residents over 60. Those whose income does not exceed \$10,000 can enroll full-time or part-time for academic credit. All seniors can enroll for non-credit courses or audit courses, up to three per term on a space-available basis. Tuition-paying students are accommodated first, but exceptions may be made if the senior has completed 75% of degree requirements.

The schools are supposed to display information about the availability of these benefits for seniors prominently in their catalogs, but Bill found that many don't and others give erroneous or incomplete information. He also discovered that schools interpret the law's requirements differently, sometimes imposing additional rules of their own. One school limits its continuing education classes to two or three seniors per class and completely excludes tuition-free seniors from some classes.

In his article, Bill urges his readers to contact their elected state representatives to ask them to take action to have all state-supported colleges and universities review their procedures.

If you are interested in taking classes at GMU or other state-supported schools, read Bill's article, posted in the LRI social room and available at the Lake Anne site, to learn more about your rights. As Bill says, "These benefits are for you. You've earned them. And that's the law."

Invite Your Friends to Join

One of the best ways LRI has to spread the word about our program is for members to tell their friends about it. Some special events are open to guests, and that's a good way to introduce your friends to other members. You can also ask the office to send a catalog to anyone who is interested in learning more about LRI. The office also has brochures available that you may want to place at other organizations and clubs to which you belong.

Taping Courses

One of these days you may find a video camera working in one of your classes. LRI member Dick Goodwin is looking into the feasibility of creating a library of videos taped during class sessions. These could be borrowed by members and perhaps lent to other LRIs. Dick is a trained member of Channel 10, as are several other LRI members. If this project interests you, use the sign-up sheet in the social room and at Lake Anne. Dick will set up a meet-

CONTRIBUTORS TO "FRIENDS OF LRI"

The lists below show those who contributed during the current reporting period, May 31 through September 18, 2000. Those whose contributions for the period totaled or exceeded \$100 are shown as Supporters. There were four anonymous contributors. Names of all who contributed during the year 2000 will appear in the January *Tallwood Times* unless they asked not to have their names listed.

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ing to explain the training and opportunities for participating in the taping.

Volga River Cruise

Lifetime Learning Institute at NOVA has invited LRI members to join a trip being organized for a 21-day cruise next September, covering Moscow-

Volgograd-Moscow. The price is \$2,898, which includes air fare from Dulles to Moscow, all meals, sightseeing in various cities, lectures, etc. There's a discount offered on bookings that are made by December 1. For more details or to receive a brochure, call 703-273-2547.

E-Mail Is Big at LRI

Of LRI's 637 members, 439 are now using e-mail! The office has a master list that makes it easy to send a message to all 439 with one click.

Note: The LRI office will be closed on November 23 and 24 and on December 24 and 25.

Welcome, New Members

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Jim Arnold
Doris Avery
Stan Bennett
Ina Berkey
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