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Recent Board Actions

1. Eileen Duggan was appointed Chair of the Development Committee, replacing Bob Bohall, who had chaired this committee for three years. Audrey Thompson and Susanne Zumbro have joined the committee.
2. Eileen was also designated as our representative at GMU's capital campaign committee meetings.
3. The Video Production Committee was made part of the Program Committee, instead of being a standing committee.

Financial Review

For several months LRI member Don Yesukaitis has been conducting a review of LRI's finances, something every well-run organization needs to do periodically. The review will help in the future with the financial

management of LRI. Don has spent many volunteer hours on this important project, ably assisted by our Administrator, Joanne Lingerfelt. They expect to present a report to the Board at its April meeting.

How Big Are We Now?

As of March 24, LRI has 668 members. Be sure to welcome the 26 new members whose names are on the back page.

New Art Exhibit

The social room annex gallery is showing "Images From My Travels," watercolor and pastel paintings by LRI member Shirley Blanchard. Shirley teaches watercolor painting in the Arlington County Adult Education Program. She is a member of the Art League at the Torpedo Factory, the Fairfax Art

League and the Vienna Arts Society. Shirley accepts commissions for portraits.

Possible LRI in Arlington

Several LRI members attended a meeting at the GMU campus in Arlington in February with some community leaders interested in having an LRI at that location. At this time it is not known what form such an organization might take, but those attending expressed willingness to assist in the planning stage.

Bus Trip to Hillwood

You may still be able to go on the May 10 trip to the Hillwood Museum even if you are not taking the Tolstoy course in the spring term. For information about the tour, see course 401 in the spring catalog. Call the office to reserve a place.

CONTRIBUTORS TO "FRIENDS OF LRI"

The lists below show those who contributed between January 2 and March 24, 2002, except for nine who asked that their names not be listed. Those whose contributions totaled or exceeded \$100 are shown as Supporters.

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Annual Membership Meeting

Friday, May 24, 10:00
Pender United Methodist Church
12401 Alder Woods Dr., Fairfax, VA

Look for the Stars!

Those members you see in class wearing name tags with stars are the nominees for the six open positions on the Board of Directors. Get to know them so you will be ready to vote either by absentee ballot beginning April 22 or at the annual meeting on May 24. Pictures and biographies are on display in the social room at Tallwood and at Lake Anne. Voting information will be mailed to all members in April. Be sure to come to the

Meet the Nominees reception on Friday, May 10, at 10:30 at Tallwood. The nominees are:

Bob Bohall
Frances Bouley
Bill Cicolo
Tony Drago
Abbie Edwards
Carlyn Elder

Carol Henderson
Palmer McGrew
Don Yesukaitis
Paul Young
Susanne Zumbro

Looking Toward Summer

Our Program Committee and Special Events Committee never rest. Already they have lined up interesting classes and trips for the four-week June term. Some highlights include "The First 50 Years of U.S. Foreign Relations," a talk on LaGuardia (presented by someone who knew him), the EU and NATO, updates on Afghanistan, Canada and Turkey, plus a couple of art history topics. A birding class is scheduled, as well as a gardening class.

Among the trips planned are a tour of Reston by its founder Bob Simon, a trip to a planetarium, a visit to the Folger museum, a day of river rafting at Harper's Ferry, a bus trip to the National Gallery of Art and one to a D.C. United home soccer game.

The summer session begins on June 3 and runs through June 28.

LRI and GMU Conclude Affiliation Agreement

Since its inception 11 years ago, LRI has been "affiliated" with George Mason University, but except for an agreement under which GMU allows LRI to use Tallwood Annex rent-free, there has been no overall agreement defining our relationship.

An Affiliation Agreement has been negotiated and will be signed by GMU President Alan Merten and LRI President Ed Mentz at a ceremony on April 23. The agreement confirms a number of benefits that LRI and its members receive from GMU (such as ID cards and Intranet accounts). The agreement also addresses three important space issues.

- LRI will retain its existing facilities at Tallwood Annex on a rent-free basis as long as they are adequate to accommodate LRI's growing membership. This includes cost-free retention of the two bathrooms in Tallwood House, which is scheduled to be removed.
- GMU will "use its best efforts" to include in its building expansion plans rent-free space for LRI on its Fairfax campus once Tallwood is no longer adequate for its needs.
- GMU will provide rent-free facilities at its Arlington and other campuses, with the form of such facilities (either additional LRI site, local citizens establish separate site, or a combination of these forms) left to consultation among GMU, LRI and local supporters.

Other features of the agreement include:

- Support of one another's goals and plans before governmental, corporate and private bodies.
- Support of one another's fund-raising activities.
- A designated GMU representative may attend open LRI Annual Membership and Board meetings on a non-voting basis.

Submitted by Michael Styles

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