

# This Week at LRI

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## Events This Week

- **Special Event E, *Giving New Life to a 90-Year-Old Institution (Life After Lorton)***, historian and editor Irma Clifton, Friday, February 14, 2:00-3:30, Tallwood.

## Ongoing Activities This Week

- Book Club at Tallwood, *Bel Canto* by Anne Pachett, Wednesday, February 12, 1:30, Tallwood.
- Bridge Club, Wednesday, February 12, 1:30, Tallwood.

## Committee Meetings This Week

- Planning Committee, Monday, February 10, 2:00, Tallwood.
- Reston Support Committee, Friday, February 14, 10:00, Gail Ryan's home, 11430 Waterview Cluster.

**Lunchtime Conversations** will continue this week with the return of Dr. Aqiq Khan, MD. Dr. Khan is returning to LRI for two sessions on exercise and health. His first session will be at Tallwood this Thursday, February 13, from 1:00 to 2:00. Next week, Thursday, February 20, at the same time, Dr. Khan will repeat his informal lunch time session.

Dr. Khan, himself a retiree who skis and plays tennis, will discuss starting an exercise program and the benefits of physical activity. The format will be similar to his talks last October: he will give a short presentation and then take questions for the rest of the hour.

## Parking at Pars

Mary Coyne, liaison for the Persian lunch Special Event, advises those who are going to Pars Restaurant next week to consider car-pooling. The luncheon is heavily subscribed and the Pars parking lot is small. However, parking is available on a side street, Oak Street, a shopping center across U.S. 50, and at the Nova Blue company parking lot behind Pars.

## Events Next Week

- **Special Event F, *A Persian Lunch***, Wednesday, February 19, 2:00-3:30, Pars Restaurant, 10801 Lee Highway, Fairfax, Virginia.
- **Special Event G, *Mideast Conflict—An Israeli Perspective***, foreign policy analyst Mara Karlin, Friday, February 21, 2:00-3:00, Tallwood.

## Ongoing Activities Next Week

- Reston Lunch Bunch, Tuesday, February 18, 1:00, Café Montmartre, Lake Anne.
- Bridge Club, Wednesday, February 19, 1:30, Tallwood.
- Fiction Writing Group, Wednesday, February 19, 1:30, Tallwood.

## Other Meetings Next Week

- LRI Board Meeting, Friday, February 21, 10:00, Tallwood.

## Parking at Tallwood

This session has produced crowded parking for a few Tallwood classes, particularly for persons arriving for 11:30 classes when 9:30 members have not yet departed. De-icing residue has obscured lane markers making it difficult to park snugly with neighboring vehicles. Joanne Lingerfelt wants members to know that when the pool is not being used, all pool handicap-parking spots are available for regular parking.

LRI pays \$10,000 a year to use the pool lot, which has some 75 spaces. There are another 20 regular and four handicap spaces in the GMU parking lot in front of Tallwood, and six spaces in the back reserved for instructors and overflow handicap parking. You can also park on some nearby streets: Forest is the closest, on the far side of the pool lot. Still Meadow Rd. or Farm House La. are in the

community across Roberts Road. Those streets are not restricted to residents—so far.

Some LRI members car-pool, which saves a few spots. However, some two-member families bring two cars to the parking lot because of their schedules. There are no plans for additional parking for the Tallwood campus. The only solution is to park carefully and be considerate of your fellow LRI members.

### **Nominating Committee Request**

Member Carol Henderson explains the Committee's urgency:

Last year LRI amended the by laws to move the Annual Meeting to two weeks before the close of the spring term and to make the Annual Meeting the beginning of a two-week voting period. This change moves the entire election process forward. That's why you've been getting reminders in newsletters and from class liaisons from the Nominating Committee asking for suggestions for good candidates for the six upcoming board vacancies.

Now the Nominating Committee urges you to contact chair John DeVoll or any member by Feb. 14, if you want to run or if you want the committee to consider other members. To convey suggestions or for information or qualification criteria, contact John DeVoll (chair), 323-6573; Art Cook, 764-2993; Carol Henderson, 318-4892; Elizabeth Osborn, 978-6936; Virilinda Snyder, 339-5748; Carol Towse, 273-2076. All area codes are 703.

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John's group will be expected to come up with nominees after the end of the current session. The candidates will make the traditional "meet the candidate" speech at the Annual Meeting on May 9. Voting will start at the Annual Meeting and continue until 11:30 a.m. on May 22. The next day the winners will be announced, and they will take their places at a Board of Directors meeting on May 30.

### **New Laptop Computers**

LRI has purchased two new Toshiba laptop computers for use in TA-2 and TA-3. Staffer Jennifer Maloney says the new computers will bring to those classrooms the capability to show Power Point displays, which an increasing number of lecturers are using for presentations. Jennifer points out that the projection systems themselves are Toshiba, so there should be no incompatibility with the new computers. They are highly portable laptops, however, so they will be locked up when not in use.

The computers also bring something else new to LRI. Their DVD players will show digitally clear video data. DVD is the preferred display medium of those who record their vacation trips with camcorders. At least one LRI member is already gearing up for presentations using the new capability. Are you ready for *Son of African Safari*?

### **Summer Session Planning**

Summer is far away, but those who are already making vacation plans might be interested now in some exciting plans Carol Ferrara is working out for the summer LRI session. Changes are being made to make the session easier to attend in a busy time, and also to strengthen the group feeling that some members have said is missing in the summer.

Attendance has been a problem for summer sessions. Sign-in sheets show that summer attendance is the lowest of all semesters. Only half of those signing up for class actually show up. This year the summer session will run six weeks, from June 23 through August 1. Class times will still be 10:00 to 11:30, with Tallwood classes meeting on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and most Lake Anne classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Some classes will meet only one time, others up to six times.

Starting the summer session later has moved it farther away from the end of the spring semester; running it for six weeks will shorten the long nothing-going-on period between the end of the summer session and the start of the fall session. Carol has also talked about having some LRI-wide activity each week—a lunch, possibly a picnic—to keep the spirit alive.