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DATES TO REMEMBER

Walking Group meets from 8:15 to 9:15 on Tuesdays at Lake Anne Church.

See spring catalog for location and other information on Special Events and Clubs.

April

Wed., Apr. 2, 1:30, Bridge Club, Fiction Writers' Club
History Club, Special Events Committee

Fri., Apr. 4, 10:00, Program Committee

Fri., Apr. 4, 10:30, New Members Coffee

Wed., Apr. 9, 1:30, Bridge Club, Notice of
Annual Meeting mailed

Wed., Apr. 16, 1:30, Book Club, Bridge Club, Fiction
Writers' Club

Fri., Apr. 18, Office closed

Wed., Apr. 23, 1:30, Bridge Club

Wed., Apr. 23, 2:00, Philosophy Book Group *

Fri., Apr. 25, 10:00, Board of Directors, Classic Fiction
Book Club *

Wed., Apr. 30, 1:30, Bridge Club, Fiction Writers' Club

May

Fri., May 2, 10:00, Program Committee

Fri., May 2, 1:30, Reston Support Committee

Wed., May 7, 1:30, Bridge Club, Fiction Writers' Club,
History Club, Special Events Committee

Fri., May 9, 10:00, ANNUAL MEETING AT TALLWOOD
VOTING BEGINS

Wed., May 14, 1:30, Bridge Club, Fiction
Writers' Club

Fri., May 16, Summer catalog mailed

Wed., May 21, 1:30, Book Club, Bridge Club

Thurs., May 22, VOTING ENDS

Thurs., May 22, SUMMER REGISTRATION BEGINS

Fri., May 23, 10:00, Classic Fiction Book Club *

Fri., May 23, SPRING TERM ENDS

Mon., May 26, Office closed

Wed., May 28, 10:00, Bridge Club, Investment Forum

Wed., May 28, 1:30, Fiction Writers' Club

Wed., May 28, 2:00, Philosophy Book Group *

Fri., May 30, 10:00, Board meeting to elect officers

* These groups meet at Reston Regional Library.

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From the President

All I can say is, I am ready for spring. Spring means 50 great LRI courses, 9 interesting special events and 9 ongoing activities and clubs to choose from. We are delighted to welcome 24 new members and look forward to getting to know one another. Another wonderful job of planning was completed by Carol Ferrara and the Program Committee, Florence Adler and the Special Events Committee, and we know that plenty of work and research is done by our dedicated teachers and visiting lecturers.

You may see some interesting nametags around LRI. **Red dots** mean new members; everyone is happy to help you settle in and get acquainted. A **green tag** indicates a member of the Board of Directors. They are more than willing to help, want to hear from you, learn what you like and get your ideas and suggestions for ways to improve our program. Nominees for the Board of Directors wear nametags with **red and blue lettering**. They will be looking for your input and will be presenting their ideas at the LRI Annual Meeting on May 9 at Tallwood (see the item on the next page for more information on the voting procedures this year).

LRI benefits from being part of a larger community of retirement organizations and is a member of EIN (Elderhostel Institute Network), comprised of over 200 member organizations nationally. EIN, through e-mail messages and information exchanges, provides contacts and ideas for developing programs. Our LRI has long been a good neighbor to the Lifetime Learning Institute at NOVA, and we have recently provided ideas for folks who are starting an Arlington LRI affiliated with George Mason University. We have also helped the ILR at American University with its registration procedures by providing software that we developed. In appreciation, the AU ILR donated \$600 to Friends of LRI. Interaction with these other institutions helps strengthen our own LRI.

LRI also benefits from unsung heroes. No matter what I do, I will miss recognizing a lot of super folks that help make things work at Tallwood and Lake Anne. My thanks to Jennifer Maloney and her family for shoveling a path into Tallwood the week of February 17 so the staff could keep working on your behalf and to Joanne Lingerfelt for working on Saturday, March 8, so the family of Shirley Fox could have a memorial service at Tallwood. Thank you to the office volunteers, to those who get the mailings ready, to Ray Solomon and the landscapers whose spring work is about to begin. My thanks to John DeVoll and the members of the Nominating Committee for doing a great job; to all of our committee members; to Don Yesukaitis for his work on our new safety and health protocols; to the LRI Board members who will be winding up their term in late spring; and to Allen Montecino for originating the LRI web site and maintaining it for the past ten years. I wish everyone an enjoyable spring term.

Bob Bohall

New Election Procedures

We have new time frames and procedures this year for the election of new members to the Board of Directors. Voting begins by secret ballot at the Annual Meeting on May 9 at Tallwood and continues at Tallwood and Lake Anne during office hours until 11:30 a.m. on May 22, two days before the close of the spring term.

Mark your ballot with up to six names, fold it into an envelope and seal the envelope, writing your name and the date across the seal. Or you may mail your ballot to LRI, 4201 Roberts Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032-1028. Mailed ballots must be marked "Ballot" on the front of the envelope and must be received on or before the closing date and time of the voting period. A ballot received after the voting period or not enclosed in a sealed envelope marked with the voter's name and date is invalid. Also, more than one ballot from a member or more than one ballot in a sealed envelope will not be counted.

At the Annual Meeting the nominees will be introduced and asked to say a few words. Posters with their pictures and bios will be available at Tallwood and Lake Anne.

The nominees are:

Florence Adler
Gordon Canyock
RoseMary Gustin
Arthur Hill
Donald Igo
Ceda McGrew
Allen Montecino
Joan Salemi
Carr Whitener

Contest for Fiction Writers

The LRI Fiction Writers' Club invites all LRI members to take part in a Short Story Contest. The

New Members Coffee 10:30, Friday, April 4 Tallwood

Everyone is invited to meet our new members and help them learn more about LRI.

deadline for entries is April 15, 2003. The winner will receive a prize of \$50 and publication in *Fairfax Ink*.

Stories should be typed double-spaced and no more than 5,000 words in length. There are no restrictions regarding style or subject matter, and LRI members may submit as many stories as they wish. Each story should be accompanied by a \$5 reading fee (which will pay for the prize and a small honorarium to the judge).

The contest will be judged blind, so the title of the story should appear on each page of the manuscript, but the author's name should not appear on the manuscript. The author's name, story title and word count should appear on a detachable cover sheet.

Checks should be made payable to LRI and mailed with manuscripts to Learning in Retirement Institute, 4210 Roberts Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032-1028.

The contest will be judged by Wendy Kaufman, who teaches writing at Johns Hopkins SAIS. She has published short stories in many magazines, including the *New Yorker*. The winner of the contest will be announced at the LRI Annual Meeting on May 9.

Have questions? Call Peter Poole (703-281-0530) or e-mail him at petpoole@msn.com.

LLI Mid-Atlantic Conference

Ed Mentz is our contact person for the Mid-Atlantic Conference of retirement institutes to be held

at the Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center October 19 - 21. Ed says it will be a great opportunity to learn more about other institutes and make new friends from other institutes.

Among topics to be addressed: *Finding and keeping leaders*, *Recruiting and marketing*, *Relationships with sponsors*, *Providing a stimulating program*, *Finances and funding*, *Long-range planning*, *Publications*

Musicians & Wannabes

Eric Henderson wants to know whether there is interest among the LRI population for a group "to try to get back our lips and our ears and make some music together." If you've ever played an instrument, no matter how long ago, or you would like to learn to play and are willing to try, contact Eric (703-318-4892 or ericcarol@earthlink.net). He will arrange an informal meeting of those who express interest.

Discount Tickets

LRI members can get a 15% discount on tickets purchased at the GMU Center for the Arts box office for *Perseus Bayou*, playing April 24 to 26. An LRI Special Event group is going to the 2:00 p.m. show on April 26, but you can get the discount for other performances, too.

Book Club at Tallwood

The selection for April 16 is *The Great Gatsby*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald (postponed from December). On May 21 the book will be *The Hours*, by Michael Cunningham. (**Note:** In April and May the dates are the third Wednesday, not the second.) The book for June 11 is *The Patron Saint of Liars*, by Ann Patchett.

ANNUAL LRI MEETING

May 9, 10:00 at Tallwood

Meet the nominees for the Board of Directors

Voting begins

Learn about current and future plans for LRI

Entertainment and social time

History Club

On April 2 Bob Webb will talk about ghost towns west of the Mississippi, in particular those in the mountain areas.

Philosophy Book Group

The April 23 discussion will be on Malcolm Gladwell's *The Tipping Point*. At the May meeting the group will discuss William James' *The Varieties of Religious Experience*. This group meets at the Reston Regional Library.

Summer at LRI

Changes are afoot for LRI's summer session! Classes will run for six weeks, from the end of June until the end of July. This spreads out the semester, leaving more time between the spring and summer sessions and extending the session later into the summer. Classes will meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30.

There is a lot to look forward to this June and July. Many old

favorites will be back. Investors can ride out the ups and downs of the market in Investment Forum, poets will craft verse in Poetry Workshop, Italian linguists can practice their language skills, artists can connect with the muse in collage and painting classes. The ever-popular Trip Tales will return with stories of visits to exotic places.

New offerings include classes on Bioterrorism, Anthropology, Video Editing, the Silk Road and Gardening, plus sessions on Mexico, U.S. Threat Reduction, and Cultures of the Far East. Some trips are also in the works.

As an experiment, the Reston Community Center will share their space with us. Three of our classes will meet there and join students from Reston for classes on Opera, Thomas Jefferson and Enjoying Wine.

And we'll go out for lunch together each week at a variety of ethnic and other restaurants.

In Memorium

Shirley Fox, who died on February 23 after a brief illness, was one of the small group who got LRI started. She served as its first vice president under the founder, Kathryn Brooks, and was largely responsible for putting together the courses in those first years and finding classroom space around the area. Over the years she made many contributions to LRI in various capacities, including writing a history of LRI, and she was passionate about its future. Her children held a memorial service for her at LRI on March 8. You can learn more about this remarkable woman at a web site created by one of her sons (www.cyberscribes.com/Shirley). A Shirley Robock Fox scholarship has been established by LRI at the new College of Visual and Performing Arts at GMU. Donations in her memory may be made to the Friends of LRI.

Welcome, New Members

Sue Beardmore	Jan MacDonald
Virginia Birchett	Pat Masri
Debra Boast	Carol Mattock
George Brown	Barry McNair
Joan Brown	Martin Paliokas
Kathy Eckels	Bill Perlman
Polly Egbers	Marianne Putney
Greg Gregory	Joe Schiesl
Sharon Hendrickson	Edward Schlegel
Marion Horn	Midge Weyers
Jean Leshko	Ruth Wilkinson
Philip Levin	Doreen Williams

Safety at LRI

- All LRI staff members are now trained in CPR.
- Initiatives for the spring semester:
First-aid kits will be available at Tallwood and Lake Anne.
Safety and Emergency Instructions will be posted in all classrooms.
- Do your part: Take responsibility for your own health and safety by carrying in your wallet pertinent information about your allergies and medicines, your doctors' names and phone numbers, and names of those who should be notified in an emergency.

Volunteers Needed in the Office. You can help LRI by volunteering to work in the office a few hours each month. The staff will appreciate everything you do, and you will get to know more people and learn more about LRI.

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