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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

See summer catalog for locations and other information.

JULY

Wed., July 2, 12:00, Bridge Club
Wed., July 2, 1:30, Special Events Committee
Wed., July 9, 1:30, Book Club
Wed., July 9, 12:00, Bridge Club
Wed., July 16, 12:00, Bridge Club
Fri., July 18, 10:00, Board of Directors
Sat., July 19, Bus trip to Wayside Theater
Wed., July 23, 12:00, Bridge Club
Wed., July 23, 2:00, Philosophy Book Group *
Sat., July 24, Bus trip to Mosby sites
Fri., July 25, 10:00, Classic Fiction Book Club *
Wed., July 30, 12:00, Bridge Club
Wed., July 30, Bus trip to Corcoran
Thurs., July 31, Summer term ends

Reminder: "Let's Do Lunch" dates are Tuesdays at noon during July. Call the office if you want to add your name to the reservation list.

AUGUST

Wed., Aug. 13, 10:00, Bridge Club
Wed., Aug. 13, 10:00, Investment Forum
Thurs., Aug. 14, 10:00, History/International Resource Group
Thurs., Aug. 14, FALL CATALOG MAILED
Fri., Aug. 15, 10:00, Board of Directors
Mon., Aug. 18, 10:00, Science/Tech Resource Group
Tue., Aug. 19, 10:00, Economics/Finance Resource Group
Wed., Aug. 20, 10:00, Bridge Club
Wed., Aug. 20, 10:00, Investment Forum
Wed., Aug. 20, 10:00 Philosophy/Ethics/Religion Resource Group
Wed., Aug. 20, 1:00, Art/Music/Drama Resource Group
Thurs., Aug. 21, REGISTRATION FOR FALL BEGINS
Thurs., Aug. 21, 10:00, Literature, Languages Resource Group
Fri., Aug. 22, 10:00, Classic Fiction Book Club *
Fri., Aug. 27, 10:00, Bridge Club
Fri., Aug. 27, 10:00, Investment Forum

* These groups meet at Reston Regional Library.

NOTE: The office will be closed July 3 and 4 and from August 4 through 8.

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From the President

History seems to be on the mind of your President. I just had the pleasure of traveling to Chesterfield County, VA, with LRI Board member Janice Dewire to visit with a steering committee about developing a new lifelong learning institute in the Richmond area. We discussed programs and courses, special events, social activities, committees, resources and other factors that go into making successful organizations. Our LRI was just starting the same process 13 years ago.

Our history is our strength. We are now enjoying the summer term in which we welcome and make friends with new members (the red dots), and exchange ideas for improving LRI and making suggestions to LRI Board representatives (the green tags), who are always glad to listen to ideas.

Yet history changes a bit. The summer term is later and longer this year, and classes meet only three days per week. We are having more social events: the idea of a lunching-out opportunity each week is great. And after the summer term, there will be only a few short weeks until the start of the fall term. Let us know how you like these innovations. In the future, they may become the standard and history will be changed.

My other sense of history concerns the enthusiasm and energy of LRI volunteers. This never seems to waver, and it makes our organization run smoothly and effectively. We all benefit from members who do a great job with little or no fanfare. Who calmly takes on the task of completely washing and cleaning every board and eraser in our classrooms twice a year? Thank you Layne McRae for making life easier for LRI's instructors.

I also feel a touch of history when I see Marjorie White, who will be living in North Carolina by the time you read this. Marjorie has been the editor of our newsletter since its beginning. She edited and produced the LRI catalogs for ten years and was the founder of the LRI History Club. She also served as a director and officer and was on several committees. A friend to all, she recruited your president, for which I thank her. We appreciate her contribution to our history.

In the coming year the LRI Board of Directors will need and will be asking for your help. We will do our best to build on the legacy of the past and will try to serve you well and make it another great year in LRI's history. And of course we will make a few small changes to keep the historians on their toes.

Bob Bohall



The New Board of Directors

Re-elected to the Board in May were Florence Adler, Ceda McGrew and Allen Montecino. Three new members were elected: Gordon Canyock, Art Hill and Don Igo. At the first Board meeting after the election Bob Bohall was re-elected as President, Kathryn Russell was re-elected as Vice President, Eileen Duggan was elected as Secretary, and Don Yesukaitis was re-elected as Treasurer.

Seated at the table in the picture above are Eileen Duggan, Bob Bohall, Don Yesukaitis and Ray Solomon. Standing behind them are Arthur Hill, Susanne Zumbro, Gordon Canyock, Florence Adler, Carol Henderson, Art Cook, Carlyn Elder, Allen Montecino, Michael Coyne and Don Igo. The four Board members not in the picture are Janice Dewire, Kathryn Russell, and Ceda and Palmer McGrew.

Be a Mason Mentor

A number of LRI members volunteer to interact with and help George Mason students in various ways. We have previously left it up to members to respond directly to GMU requests for assistance. As part of our effort to consolidate and improve LRI's affiliated status with GMU, the University Liaison Committee is working with GMU to formalize and expand volunteer efforts under the umbrella "Be a Mason Mentor." The first step will be a special event on Wednesday, September 24, at which those responsible for several volunteer programs at GMU will brief LRI members on the programs and how they can participate. Full details will be in the fall catalog. The new or revitalized programs are:

- **University Writing Center**, where students whose writing skills need improvement can be tutored by LRI members.
- **English Conversation**, with LRI members helping groups of ESL students improve their language skills.

LRI members have been active in this program for five years.

- **UNIV Courses** designed to help sophomores, juniors and seniors make the transition from college to the world of work. LRI members would participate in the courses as guest speakers and/or meet with students on a one-on-one basis.

- **Dream Catchers**. An initiative of the Provost's Office, the program is a partnership between GMU and Fairfax County Public Schools designed to facilitate the transition from high school to college for students who would normally lack access to higher education. LRI members serve as mentors and role models to students accepted in the program.

The programs do not require any special skills—just a willingness to devote a limited amount of time and effort to share our lifelong and workplace experiences and knowledge with young people searching for help and advice.

Contributors to Friends of LRI

Many members and others have contributed to Friends of LRI during the first six months of 2003. Their names are shown below, unless they requested anonymity. Their generosity and support enable LRI to finance capital equipment acquisitions, fund scholarships and expand services to the membership. Those who have given \$250 or more this year are shown as Patrons, those who have given \$100 to \$249 are shown as Supporters. A complete listing of all who contribute during 2003 will be published in the January 2004 *LRI Times*.

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Book Clubs

- The LRI Book Club will meet on July 9 discuss *Atonement*, by Ian McEwan. The club will not meet in August.
- The Classic Fiction Book Club, which meets at the Reston Regional

Library, has the following books scheduled for discussion:

- July 25, *Nostramo*, by Joseph Conrad
- August 22, *Death in Venice*, by Thomas Mann.
- September 26, *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, by Muriel Spark

October 24, *The Assistant*, by Bernard Malamud

November 28, *The Moviegoer*, by Walker Percy

Contact coordinator Sigrid Blalock (703-467-3047) for more information.

**Welcome,
New Members**

Marlene Cahill
Louise Donargo
Chuck Heberle
Alice Holtz
Paul Holtz
Ollie Parrott
Arthur Thue
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Vinnie Zagurski

Preview of Fall Special Events

The Special Events Committee under Florence Adler has been busy lining up interesting lectures and bus trips for the fall term. Here's a preview of what you'll find in the fall catalog, which will be mailed August 14.

- How to Be a Mason Mentor*
- A bus trip to the Waterford Homes & Crafts Fair*
- Fitness for Active Seniors*
- Trip Tales*
- Dim sum lunch in Reston*
- Tour of buildings built during the Depression years*
- How to Use Your Voice & Speech Successfully*
- A bus trip to Richmond*
- A performance by LRI's Readers' Theater*

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