

This Week at LRI

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Events This Week

Weekly Lunch

- Ned Devine's Irish Pub, Tuesday, July 22, noon, 971 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax.

Ongoing Activities

- Bridge Club, Wednesday, July 23, noon, Tallwood.
- Philosophy Book Club, Wednesday, July 23, 2:00, Reston Regional Library.
- Classic Fiction Book Club, Friday, July 25, 10:00, Reston Regional Library.

Trips

- *Riding with the Grey Ghost* bus trip, Thursday July 24, 09:45, Lake Anne parking lot. Bus departs at 10:00. Instructor: Robert Webb.

Committee Meetings

- Hospitality Committee, Wednesday, July 23, 1:00, Tallwood.
- Reston Support Committee, Friday, July 25, 1:30, Carol Henderson's house, Reston.

Call for the Mailing Team

LRI will be getting the fall catalog ready for mailing on August 14th, and they need three volunteers to help out at Tallwood at 9:30. If you are able to help, please contact Joanne Lingerfelt at 703-503-3384.

September Open House

LRI will be holding an open house on Wednesday, September 3 at Tallwood from 10:30-12:00. We are asking our members to provide us with names of three friends who are potential LRI members, and we will send them an invitation to our open house. If you can't provide three names, one or two will be fine. Alternatively, if you have more than three, that would be terrific! Please call or email their names and addresses to lri@gmu.edu.

Events Next Week

Weekly Lunch

- Matsutake, sushi buffet & hot food bar, Tuesday, July 29, noon, 13049 Worldgate Drive, Herndon.

Ongoing Events

- Bridge Club, Wednesday, July 30, noon, Tallwood.

Trips

- *Corcoran Gallery Tour and Jazz Concert*, Wednesday, July 30. Bus loads at 8:30, departs at 8:45, upper parking level, University Mall.

Selected Meetings Between Terms

- Start of Resource Group meetings, Thursday, August 14-21. See page 2.
- LRI Board of Directors meetings, Fridays, August 15 and September 19, 10:00, Tallwood.
- Fall Term registration begins. Thursday, August 21.
- Open House at Tallwood, Wednesday, September 3, 10:30-12:00. See below.
- Special Events Committee, Wednesday, September 3, 1:30, Tallwood.
- Program Committee, Friday September 5, 10:00, Tallwood.
- Fall Term begins, Monday, September 22.

Committee Changes

The previous two items were sent to *This Week* by Susanne Zumbro, Chair of the Publicity Committee. What does that committee have to do with catalog mailing? The answer is that a number of job changes have taken place in LRI committees lately. When Susanne's committee completed the description of its responsibilities for inclusion in the *Executive Handbook*, it encompassed so many aspects of membership, such as recruitment, retention, participation, and

volunteerism, that the committee wants to change its name to Membership Committee.

With membership duties moved to Susanne's committee, Membership Services Committee decided to change its name to Hospitality Committee. Art Cook, now known as Mr. Hospitality, remains its Chair.

Facilities Committee

During June, after spring classes ended, the Board and chairs of various Committees were working hard to examine the structure and direction of LRI. They were reviewing the work of the committees, selecting replacement chairs where needed, and taking a look at the working of management.

One change that the Executive Committee recommended was the abolishment of the Planning Committee and the establishment of a Facilities Committee. Bob Bohall, LRI President, said that the new arrangement reflects changes in the challenges facing LRI. Guidance for longer-term LRI issues will be provided by a combination of the Executive Committee and the chairs of other LRI committees, Bob said, together with concurrence of the Board of Directors

At its June 20 meeting the Board of Directors formally established the Facilities Committee and approved Gordon Canyock as its Chair. The Committee will work with LRI Administrator Joanne Lingerfelt and focus on plans and guidance regarding short-term issues of landscaping and the LRI physical facilities. A second, longer term purpose of the Facilities Committee is to deal with plans and proposals for Tallwood House and the modular units and to negotiate with owners of other LRI locations such as the church classroom in Reston and the swimming pool parking lot.

George Dewire

One of LRI's long-time members died this month. George Dewire and his wife Jan joined LRI in 1992. "George thoroughly enjoyed his experiences in LRI," Jan told *This Week*. "He thought that his membership in the organization was one of the positive experiences of his retirement."

GMU's Summer Reading Program

GMU's New Century College (NCC) is again holding its summer reading program. As a

way to get incoming first-year students thinking about what it means to attend a university, the school picks a topical book for them to read during the summer and then schedules a daylong seminar-style discussion of the book. This year the book is the *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave: Written by Himself*.

Where LRI is involved is in NCC's hope that a number of faculty and community facilitators will also attend the seminar to create "a warm and intellectually stimulating introduction to NCC." Dr. Janet Muir, Dean of NCC, specifically mentioned Michael Styles, Lilyan Spero, and Bill Ackerman in her invitation to LRI. Anyone else who would like to attend should contact Carol Ferrara at 703 503-7866

More Hibbert Photographs

There are only two more weeks left to see Dick Hibbert's photography exhibit in the Social Room Annex. In this exhibit, Dick displays photographs in black and white.

The last decade of the 20th Century saw a resurgence of interest by art photographers in black and white as they rediscovered its capabilities for displaying form and structure. A number of exhibits were held of the works of earlier photographers such as Cartier-Bresson and Ansel Adams. Dick Hibbert's pictures are also examples of the power of the black and white medium.

Resource Groups

The time is approaching for LRI's yearly Resource Group meetings. This year they will be held from August 14-21. The meetings provide the main opportunity for members to suggest changes or additions to class offerings. Carol Ferrara, who essentially prepares LRI's entire class schedule, said "We always get a lot of good suggestions from the Resource Groups. They are a big help." Dates, times, and moderators for each group will be listed in the Fall Catalog.

Contributors to *This Week at LRI* this term, not otherwise identified in the articles, have included: Susanne Zumbro, Marvinna Munch, Jennifer Maloney, Carol Henderson, Jan Bohall, and Bob Bohall.