

# This Week at IRI

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September 29, 2003

## Events This Week

### Special Events

- Waterford Homes Tour and Crafts Exhibit, Friday, October 3, 9:00-5:00. Bus leaves promptly at 9:00 from Fair Oaks Mall, Parking Lot #8 near Holiday Inn.

### Meetings

- Bridge Club, Wednesday, October 1, 1:30 Tallwood.
- Special Events Committee, Wednesday, October 1, Tallwood.

### Ongoing Activities

- History Club, Wednesday, October 1, 1:30-3:00, Tallwood.
- Fiction Writers Club, Wednesday, October 1, 1:30-3:00, Tallwood.
- Walking Group, Tuesday, September 30, 8:15-9:15, Lake Anne Church.

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## Events Next Week

### Special Events

- Fitness for Active Seniors, Wednesday, October 8, 2:00-3:30, Tallwood.
- Trip Tales: Crisfield, Maryland, and Galveston Island, Friday, October 10, 2:00-3:30, Tallwood.
- Let's Do Lunch, Wednesday, October 8, 1:30-3:00, Brion's Grille, Fairfax. (See Catalog for details).

### Meetings

- None

### Ongoing Activities

- Book Club at Tallwood, Wednesday, October 8, 1:30-3:00, Tallwood.
- Bridge Club, Wednesday, October 8, 1:30-3:00, Tallwood.
- Walking Group, Monday, October 6, 8:30-9:15, Tallwood.

## ATTENTION ALL CLOSET HAMS!!

George Mason University will sponsor a special class for LRI members and friends: "Acting Techniques for Readers Theater." This will be an interactive class covering techniques for acting in Readers Theater productions, including basic acting exercises, ensemble work, physical and vocal character development, and tips on cold reading. No memorization required! The class will be taught by Mary Lechter, who is a member of the acting faculty at George Mason University.

The class will be held on four consecutive Tuesdays: October 28, November 4, 11, and 18, at the Center for the Arts Theater Space, 2:00-4:00. Cost: \$60/student, payable to A Class Act/AFYP. Please mail your check along with your name, street address, phone number, and e-mail address to George Mason University, Theater of the First Amendment, Mail Stop 3E6, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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## Light Touch

*A guy calls the hospital.*

*He says, "You gotta send help! My wife's going into labor!"*

*The nurse says, "Calm down. Is this her first child?"*

*He says, "No! This is her husband!"*

## Fall and the Reawakening

The Landscape Team, part of the Facilities Committee, gives special thanks to Jennifer Mahoney's son Bryan for all his work in maintaining our landscaping and to member LaVonne Kern for planting and weeding the beautiful flower garden in front of TA-1 over the summer.

Autumn heralds the reawakening of landscaping plans and projects as we work toward further beautifying our campus. The Team's mission is to plan, plant, and maintain a campus that is aesthetically pleasant. High on our priority for the remainder of the year is to improve the pathways connecting our various buildings and parking lots. This fall we will be replacing dead shrubs, fertilizing, redefining the bed areas with the walks and the driveways, and relocating several shrubs. If you wish to join our team, leave your name and phone number in the Tallwood office addressed to Ray Solomon, or e-mail Gordon Canyock at [gordon9120@cox.net](mailto:gordon9120@cox.net)

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## Mentoring for New LRI Members

As of September 17, LRI has registered 78 new members! To assist in orienting our new members into LRI activities, the Membership Committee is offering to identify a mentor/partner for each new member who wishes to have someone to partner with during their first year. The mentor will serve as a resource person and encourage the new member's participation in LRI courses, special events and ongoing activities.

This is a voluntary program. New members who wish to have a mentor are requested to sign up in the LRI Office or e-mail either Susanne Zumbro at

[szumbro@rocketmail.com](mailto:szumbro@rocketmail.com)

or Mary Underwood at

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by October 10. Those responding will be contacted by October 24 with a proposed mentor.

## History Club Meeting

Be sure to mark your calendars for the first History Club meeting of the 2003-04 year. On Wednesday, October 1, 1:30 at Tallwood, the Club takes up the topic "Andrew and Rachel Jackson and the Petticoat War," with Michael Styles moderating the presentation and discussion. Even historian Michael may be hard pressed to keep the details straight of this early 19th century White House and Cabinet sex scandal.

So you won't miss news of History Club meetings, send a message to [mhstyles@att.net](mailto:mhstyles@att.net) or phone 703-250-9604 to have your e-mail address added to the LRI History Club Newsletter's subscription list. Or keep an eye out for a hard copy at Tallwood.

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## Light Touch

*CARE TO GUESS? -- Mahatma Ghandi walked barefoot everywhere, to the point that his feet became quite thick and hard. He also was quite a spiritual person. Even when he was not on a hunger strike, he did not eat much and became thin and frail. Furthermore, due to his diet, he wound up with very bad breath. Therefore: he came to be known as a (wait for it ...): "Super calloused fragile mystic plagued with halitosis."*

*In Taiwan, the translation of the Pepsi slogan "Come alive with the Pepsi Generation" came out as "Pepsi will bring your ancestors back from the dead."*

*Ford had a similar problem in Brazil when the Pinto flopped. The company found out that Pinto was Brazilian slang for "tiny male genitals". Ford pried all the nameplates off the cars and substituted Corcel, which means "horse".*

*In Italy, a campaign for Schweppes Tonic Water translated the name into Schweppes Toilet Water.*