

This Week at LRI

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Events This 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.
- Walking Group, Tuesday, October 7, 8:15-9:15 Lake Anne church.

Events Next Week

Special Events

- Dim Sum Luncheon, Wednesday, October 15, 2:00-3:30, Fortune of Reston Restaurant, 1428 North Point Village Center.

Meetings

- Board Meeting, Friday, October 17, 10:00, Tallwood.

Ongoing Activities

- Fiction Writers Club, Wednesday, October 15, 1:30-3:00, Tallwood.
- Walking Group, Monday, October 13, 8:30-9:15, Tallwood.
- Walking Group, Tuesday, October 14, 8:15-9:15, Lake Anne church.
- Bridge Club, Wednesday, October 15, 1:30-3:30, Tallwood.

WE WANT YOU!

Join us in planning the special events for LRI. We need your ideas and suggestions for one-time sessions and trips. The Special Events committee meets at Tallwood on the first Wednesday of every month at 1:30. The next two meetings will be held on November 5 and December 3. If you cannot attend our meetings, but would like to share your ideas with us, please leave these suggestions in my folder (Florence Adler) in the Social Room or contact me at (703) 455-6658 or e-mail me at floadier@att.net. We are currently planning the activities for the spring 2004 semester and would welcome your input and assistance.

A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF POLITICS

Have you ever wondered what actually goes on in New Hampshire to kick off the Presidential primary season? This January you can join the Dean of New Century College, Janette Muir, and Research and Instructional Services Librarian Jim Young on a trip to New Hampshire to meet and hear Presidential candidates. A discussion session will be held at Tallwood on Thursday, October 23 from 2:00-3:30 to explore the possibility of LRI members traveling with these professors and Mason students. An overview of the College Convention they will be attending, as well as some discussion about a similar trip they took in 2000, will frame the session. Come for an interesting look at the inside of the presidential campaign as it begins to unfold in New Hampshire. You may register with the office by phone, (703) 503-3384, or in person by Oct. 16.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Bob Rosenblatt, our instructor for *WINSTON CHURCHILL: A STUDY IN LEADERSHIP (Course 301)*, has advised that he has a conflict and will be unavailable on Monday, October 20 as originally scheduled. However, he WILL conduct that session on the following Monday, October 27.

As originally scheduled, there will be no class on October 6, we will meet on October 13, no class on October 20, and our last meeting on October 27.

SOCIAL ROOM ANNEX EXHIBIT

Nelson Montague's multi-media art is exhibited during the first half of the fall session. Nelson studied art in the 1950's and resumed his art education at LRI after retirement. His work includes representational and abstract pieces and a recent exploration of collage, which is represented in this exhibit by a college version of his life history.

SOME CLASSES STILL OPEN

See the lists of open classes posted at both Tallwood and Reston. To add or drop a class or special event, fill out a Change of Schedule Request form available at both locations and leave it in the office at Tallwood or with Richard Speier at Reston.

EDITOR or PROOFREADER?

YOUR SKILLS NEEDED

Did your pre-retirement life involve writing, editing, proofreading, or Web site development? If so, your skills would be very helpful to LRI. LRI's communications vehicles -- its catalog, newsletters, Web site, and occasional publications, are all put together with the help of member volunteers.

Contact Publications Committee chair Carol Henderson at ericcarol@earthlink.net or leave a note with your name and phone number at Tallwood or Reston addressed to her attention.

REMINDER

**LRI IS OPEN MONDAY,
OCTOBER 13, COLUMBUS DAY**

LIGHT TOUCH

While sports fishing off the Florida coast, a tourist capsized his boat. He could swim, but his fear of alligators kept him clinging to the overturned craft. Spotting an old beachcomber standing on the shore, the tourist shouted, "Are there any gators around here?!"

"Naw," the man hollered back, "they ain't been around for years!"

Feeling safe, the tourist started swimming leisurely toward the shore.

About halfway there he asked the guy, "How'd you get rid of the gators?"

"We didn't do nothin'," the beachcomber said.

"The sharks got 'em."

The name Coca-Cola in China was first rendered as Ke-kou-ke-la. Unfortunately, the Coke company did not discover until after thousands of signs had been printed that the phrase means "bite the wax tadpole" or "female horse stuffed with wax" depending on the dialect. Coke then researched 40,000 Chinese characters and found a close phonetic equivalent, "ko-kou-ko-le," which can be loosely translated as "happiness in the mouth."