

This Week at LRI

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Events This Week

Special Events

- Trip Tale-The Lost Continent: Australia, Wednesday, October 22, 2:00-3:30, Tallwood.
- The Heiress, Saturday, October 25, 2:00, GMU Harris Theatre.

Meetings

- Membership Committee, Friday, October 24, 10:00, Tallwood.

Ongoing Activities

- Walking Group, Tuesday, October 21, 8:15-9:15, Lake Anne Church.
- Bridge Club, Wednesday, October 22, 1:30-3:30, Tallwood.
- Philosophy Book Group, Wednesday, October 22, 2:00, Reston Regional Library.
- Classic Fiction Book Club, Friday, October 24, 10:00, Reston Regional Library.

Events Next Week

Special Events

- How to Use Your Voice and Speech Successfully, Wednesday, October 29, 2:00-3:30, Tallwood.

Meetings

- Finance Committee, Friday, October 31, 10:00, Tallwood.

Ongoing Activities

- Walking Group, Tuesday, October 28, 8:15-9:15, Lake Anne Church.
- Fiction Writers Club, Wednesday, October 29, 1:30-3:00, Tallwood.
- Bridge Club, Wednesday, October 29, 1:30-3:30, Tallwood.

Changes in Key LRI Posts

Several changes have occurred on the LRI Board of Directors and in committee assignments in recent weeks. **Arthur Hill**, a new Board member and new chair of the Reston Support Committee, has resigned from both posts for medical reasons. He continues to moderate All the News That's Fit to Print, a popular LRI discussion course at Reston.

Carlyn Elder, with a heavy personal teaching and organizational work load, has resigned from the Board and as acting chair of the Administration Committee. She held the LRI Secretary post in 2001-2002. This term she is teaching the LRI course on The Great Depression.

Allen Montecino, Board member and Administration Committee chair, has taken a leave of absence from his board and committee responsibilities for medical reasons. He continues to teach his popular LRI course on the history of his home state, Louisiana.

LRI President **Bob Bohall** says he is pleased to announce that Board member **Janice Dewire** has agreed to serve as acting chair of the Administration Committee. Also, **Abbie Edwards** has agreed to become chair of the Reston Support Committee. Abbie is known to many in LRI for her courses on photography, particularly on how to "go digital."

Many thanks to Art, Carlyn and Allen for their good and various service to LRI as Board members, officers, and committee chairs. A hearty welcome to the new committee chairs.

LRI Lunch Bunch

The LRI Lunch Bunch will meet at Jasmine at Lake Anne on Thursday, October 23 at 1:00. If you have any questions contact Ken Ruttenburg at Kennruth@erols.com or 703-709-5822.

Coming Community Event

The GMU Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Anthony Maiello, will give a concert on Monday evening, October 20, at 8:00 in the Concert Hall, Center for the Arts, on the GMU Fairfax campus. Tickets are \$5 for seniors. Paid parking is available in the visitor parking deck adjacent to the Center. Free parking is available in nearby Lot K.

Parking

The parking situation at Tallwood is a little tight, particularly in the morning. You may want to come to class a little early to find a place. If both lots are full, parking is available across Roberts Road on Still Meadows Road or on Forest Avenue, the first street beyond the pool.

A traffic blind spot exists at the bottom of the hill on Roberts Road just beyond Tallwood. Please use caution when exiting either parking lot, particularly when turning left, and when crossing the street. One member, who considers herself fairly spry, was caught standing on the center line between streams of traffic recently.

LRI Directory Available

The LRI Membership Directory, Fall 2003 edition, is now available. You can pick one up at Tallwood or Reston. This is an invaluable resource for getting in touch with anybody and everybody at LRI—the staff, board members, a fellow committee member, or that interesting person you met at last week's class. You'll find members listed both alphabetically and by zip code. Note the

statement in the Directory that it is for use solely within LRI by members and staff, and not for use outside LRI. One Directory per member please.

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 unfolds in New Hampshire. You may register with the office by phone, 703-503-3384, or in person.

New Bus Pickup Location

The pickup and drop-off location for LRI bus trips has changed. Starting this term, the new location will be a parking area at Fair Oaks Shopping Center. This location is easy to get to—after you have gone there once. The parking lot is not near the shopping mall itself. It is located outside the circumferential road—Service Road—in the area between the two entrances to the Center from Route 50. Members approaching from the west should use one of these entrances. Cars coming from the east should take the fly-over off the left side of Route 50. A Holiday Inn can be seen some 900 feet to the east of the bus pickup lot, but the lot is not part of the hotel grounds. The LRI office has maps showing the pickup location. If you are a John Heffernan-type member, simply set your GPS destination to 38.86461°N 077.35658°W.