

This Week at LRI

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Events This Week

Special Events

- Best of Readers' Theater, Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2:00-3:30, Tallwood.

Meetings

- Facilities Committee, Friday, Nov. 14, 10:00, Tallwood.
- Program Committee, Friday, Nov. 14, 10:00, Tallwood.

Ongoing Activities

- Walking Group, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 8:15-9:15, Lake Anne Church.
- Book Club at Tallwood, Wednesday, Nov. 12, 10:00-11:30.
- Fiction Writers Club, Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1:30-3:00, Tallwood.
- Bridge Club, Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1:30-3:30, Tallwood.

Events Next Week

Special Events

- None

Meetings

- Publications Committee, Monday, Nov. 17, 10:00, Tallwood.
- Membership Committee, Thursday, Nov. 20, 10:00, Tallwood.
- Board Meeting, Friday, Nov. 21, 10:00, Tallwood.

Ongoing Activities

- Bridge Club, Wednesday, Nov. 19, 10:00-12:00, Tallwood.
- Investment Forum, Wednesday, Nov. 19, 10:00, Tallwood.

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LRI Board News

The LRI Board met on Friday, Oct. 17. LRI currently has two Board vacancies. A motion was made to confirm the President's recommendation of Rose Mary Gustin and Abbie Edwards to fill these vacancies. This motion will be voted on at the November Board meeting. Also in November the proposed 2004 budget will be presented to the Board for its approval.

The next Board meeting will be held on Friday, Nov. 21, at 10:00, at Tallwood. Board meetings are open to all LRI members, who are encouraged to attend and express their views.

After approval by the Board, the minutes are posted at Tallwood and Reston.

LRI Holiday Luncheon Dec. 5

LRI's Annual Holiday Luncheon will be held at noon on Friday, Dec. 5, at Pender United Methodist Church in Fairfax. The menu includes appetizers, chicken supreme, potatoes, carrots, salad, rolls, desert and beverages. The LRI Chorus will provide entertainment. Pick up a flyer with a map and registration form at Tallwood or Reston. Return the bottom of the form and a check for \$15 to the Tallwood office in person or by mail by Nov. 25.

Bring canned goods or staples for the church to distribute to those in need. This event, coordinated by the LRI Hospitality Committee, is always fun and a good opportunity to see your LRI friends after the fall term ends.

Spotlight on our LRI Office Volunteers

There are always many more tasks in our office than can be done by our paid staff, so members who assist with these perform a valuable service for all of us at LRI. Registration time keeps them particularly busy, taking and logging registrations, working on class confirmation letters and making phone calls. Volunteers also personally contact members who do not have e-mail, help with mailings, sometimes make building repairs and have become adept at crisis management. If you have some free time and would like to help in the office, please contact Joanne Lingerfelt or Jennifer Maloney.

Borders Senior Special

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 11, 12 and 13, all Borders bookstores will have senior citizen appreciation days. On those days seniors will receive 20 percent discounts on their purchases.

GMU Activities

The **GMU Symphonic Chorus** will combine with the Northern Virginia Community College Singers in a concert at Schlesinger Hall at NOVA Alexandria, on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 8:00. Admission for seniors is \$5.

The **GMU Jazz Ensemble** will perform in a concert Jazz for Justice on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 8:00, in the Concert Hall, Center for the Performing Arts. Admission for seniors is \$5.

The **GMU Dance Company** presents its Fall Concert on Thursday, Nov. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 15, at 8:00, in the Harris Theatre. There is a 2:00 matinee on Friday. Admission is \$7 for seniors.

For future events, go to www.gmu.edu and click on Friends and Community, then Center for the Arts, then Calendar.

Origin of the Word *Caucus*

The first *caucus* was probably held before this land of ours was discovered—certainly before it was colonized. The word comes from an Algonquin Indian word *cau-cau-a-su*, meaning “advisor.” John Smith, in 1624, reported that the word was used in connection with powwows of Indian tribal leaders.

In the early 1700s, a back-stage political action group was organized in Boston and known as the Boston Caucus-club. By the time of the Revolution, the idea of political factions meeting in caucus to decide on candidates and campaign issues was well established, and *caucusing* remains a favorite political device to this day.
