

This Week at LRI

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Events This Week

Special Events

- Life Safety Issues, Wed., Jan. 28, 2:00-3:30, Tallwood.
- New Member Coffee, Fri., Jan. 30, 10:30, Tallwood.

Meetings

- None

Ongoing Activities

- Walking Group, Tues., Jan. 27, 8:15-9:15, Lake Anne Plaza.
- Bridge Club, Wed., Jan. 28, 1:30-3:30, Tallwood.
- Philosophy Book Group, Wed., Jan. 28, 2:00-3:30, Reston Regional Library.

Events Next Week

Special Events

- Moon Over Buffalo, Sun., Feb. 1, 2:30, Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods.
- The Library of Congress & National Postal Museum, Fri., Feb. 6, 8:30-4:00, Bus Trip.

Meetings

- Special Events Committee, Wed., Feb. 4, 1:30, Tallwood.
- Program Committee, Fri., Feb. 6, 10:00, Tallwood.

Ongoing Activities

- Bridge Club, Wed., Feb. 4, 1:30-3:30, Tallwood.
- Fiction Writers' Cycle, Wed., Feb. 4, 1:30, Tallwood.
- History Club, Wed., Feb. 4, 1:30, Tallwood.

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Winter Welcome

Shake off those doldrums and plunge into great LRI courses, events, and activities. Welcome back for most and a special hello and glad to meet you for new members. Congratulations to Jennifer Maloney on her promotion and appointment as LRI Administrator and to Harold Davey on appointment as chair of the LRI Nominating Committee.

Thank You and Concerns

A special thank you to Joanne Lingerfelt for her outstanding service to LRI the past five years. Joanne's husband, Mike, is facing difficult medical problems. Joanne resigned as LRI Administrator December 31 to be able to help her family. Our thoughts and concerns are with the Lingerfelts.

LRI Office Changes

The LRI Board of Directors and the Administration Committee are pleased to announce that the position of LRI Administrator has been filled by Jennifer Maloney, LRI's former registrar. Jennifer brings a thorough working knowledge of the duties of the LRI office to her new job. Congratulations to Jennifer!

The Administration Committee, chaired by Janice Dewire, has begun the search for an Administrative Assistant at Tallwood to fill the job vacated by Jennifer. LRI is currently accepting resumes for the position by fax or e-mail. (Staff vacancies at LRI cannot be filled by members or members' families.)

Volunteers Needed

Additional member volunteers are needed to assist in the Tallwood office. Low pay (none) but lots of satisfaction and a chance to be more involved with the workings of LRI are the job perks. For more information stop in at the office or call Jan Bohall.

GMU President to address LRI

Dr. Alan Merten will discuss "What's going on at George Mason, Future Plans and Prospects" on Wednesday, February 4, at 2:00 p.m. in TA-1. Dr. Merten has been a long-time supporter of LRI. Learn about his vision for the university and the role that LRI might play in it. All members are invited to attend.

Legislative Hearing

Eileen Duggan and Gordon Canyock put on their speakers' hats in support of GMU and higher education funding at a budget hearing before a group of Virginia lawmakers at the NVCC Woodbridge campus on January 6. GMU had requested LRI's participation along with that of GMU students, faculty, and staff. Eileen and Gordon told members of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees about LRI and about its reliance on GMU for space, faculty speakers, and university resources. GMU is facing a budget shortfall over the next few years and without the \$8.5 million dollars in the governor's proposed budget, GMU faces tuition increases and a cutback in staff and services.

Art in Classrooms

The Facilities Committee invites members to loan for display in Tallwood's classrooms their collected or original artwork. The work, such as prints, paintings, posters, or photographs, should be framed and will be displayed for several months. If the work is original, it should not have been exhibited previously at Tallwood. Signs with the work will identify the owner and provide a

description of the work's history or significance.

This is a new opportunity for members to share with others their collections from travels, employment, or hobbies. Those interested are asked to call Marvina Munch or to drop a note in the Facilities Committee's folder in the Social Room.

Thanks to Class Liaisons

Class Liaisons are LRI members who keep things running smoothly in our sessions. Volunteers monitor one or more classes. Using the biographical information from the catalog and any additional material provided by the speaker, the liaison introduces the instructor at the beginning of a new class. Liaisons receive a list of class members ahead of time and keep track of attendance and assist the instructor if needed. Liaisons are assigned to classes they will be taking and training is provided ahead of time.

Thanks to all those members who served as liaisons for last fall's term. They are: **Jan Bohall, Linda Fisch, Ann Goerold, Stanley Newman, Sigrid Blalock, Beverly George, Jan Dewire, Doris Weisman, Audrey Van Vliet, Tami Reitan, Ed Mentz, June Foss, Carlyn Elder, Lillian Justice, Lisa Astudillo, Sandra Driesslein, Gordon Canyock, Suzanne Zumbro, John DeVoll, Carol Towse, Martha Ford, Shirley Smith, Chester Myslicki, Art Cook, Van Vanderwal, Joe Stone, Dick Bulova, Dagmar Lending, Audrey Moore, Ray Solomon, Kathryn Russell, Rosemary Reardon, Richard Lanterman, Lilyan Spero, Ceda McGrew, Eileen Duggan, Murray Minster, Joan Tullington, Florence Adler and Julie McNamara.**

Welcome to Winter Term

Welcome to 644 continuing and new members. A special hello to 24 new members, those with red dots on their name tags. Join all of us in getting acquainted, meeting great people and making new friends.

Members of LRI's Board of Directors wear green tags. They have a special interest in helping new members with any problems and getting their suggestions about LRI.

New Member Coffee

All new members are cordially invited for coffee and conversation at 10:30, Friday, January 30, at Tallwood. This is an opportunity for new members to meet some of our instructors, staff, board, and committee chairs, to get answers to questions and to tell us about themselves and their interests. Please join us!

LRI Closing Policy

LRI will not hold classes or events (and the Tallwood office will be closed) when Fairfax County Schools are closed because of inclement weather or area-wide emergencies. LRI remains open when schools open late. Tune in to your TV or radio for closing announcements when the weather is bad or emergencies exist, or check the Tallwood answering machine (703-503-3384). Note: Fairfax County Public Schools are closed for non-weather reasons on January 26, 27 and February 16, but LRI will be in session.

LRI Office Hours

LRI office hours at Tallwood while classes are in session are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and Fridays 9 a.m. to noon. There is a locked drop box outside the office door that is checked every morning.

Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates

The LRI Nominating Committee, chaired by Harold Davey, is seeking candidates for members of the LRI Board of Directors. Each year six new members are elected by the membership to fill vacancies created by those retiring from the 18-person board. Anyone interested in becoming a candidate for a position on the board, or who can recommend someone who might be interested, should contact one of the following members of the committee, either by phone or by e-mail. For information on qualification criteria, contact any member of the committee

Harold Davey, chair
Art Cook,
Michael Coyne
George Heatley
Carol Towse
Jack Underhill

Mission to Moscow

Jack Underhill's photographs, Mission to Moscow, are the winter session's exhibit in the Social Room Annex. His photographs document the repair and painting of an orphanage at Ivanova carried out by an inter-church mission. The exhibit includes Jack's comments on the photos. Jack is an accomplished photographer who has had a number of local one-man photo shows, including one at the Annandale Library.

Free Band Concert

The United States Marine Band will hold a free concert at GMU, at 2:00 on Sunday, February 1, in the Concert Hall, Center for the Arts. Tickets are required. For information call 202-433-5809.