

This Week at LRI

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Events This Week

Special Events

- Overview of Urban Wildlife, Wed., Feb. 11, 2:00-3:30, Tallwood.
- Ice Cream Social, Fri., Feb. 13, 1:00-3:00, Tallwood.

Meetings

- Nominating Committee, Wed., Feb. 11, 2:00, Tallwood.
- Program and Special Events Committee, Fri., Feb. 13, 10:00, Tallwood.

Ongoing Activities

- Walking Group, Tues., Feb. 10, 8:15-9:15, Lake Anne Plaza parking lot.
- Bridge Club/Scrabble Club, Wed., Feb. 11, 1:30-3:30, Tallwood.
- Book Club at Tallwood, Wed., Feb. 11, 1:30-3:00.
- History Club, Wed., Feb. 11, 1:30, Tallwood.

Events Next Week

Special Events

- Trip Tale-Scotland, Wed., Feb. 18, 2:00-3:30, Reston Community Center at Lake Anne.

Meetings

- Board Meeting, Fri., Feb. 20, 10:00, Tallwood.

Ongoing Activities

- Bridge Club/Scrabble Club, Wed., Feb. 18, 1:30-3:30, Tallwood.
- Fiction Writers' Club, Wed., Feb. 18, Tallwood.
- Walking Group, Tues., Feb. 17, 8:15-9:15, Lake Anne Plaza parking lot.

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LRI Board Meeting

The last meeting of the LRI Board was held on January 16.

Harold Davey was approved as chair of the Nominating Committee. The committee will be seeking suggestions from the membership for possible candidates.

Jennifer Maloney has accepted the position of administrator for LRI. Steve Barolotto has been contracted to work as an interim part-time bookkeeper. The Administration Committee has posted ads for an office assistant in area newspapers.

The Treasurer's Report indicated a cash position of \$34,600 as of December 31, in addition to \$90,000 in a Vanguard account of which \$50,000 is our "RainyDay" fund.

The Board approved the request of the University Liaison Committee for allocation of the \$6,000 scholarship funds for GMU Foundation.

The Facilities Committee reported that an additional emergency door has been installed in TA-1 and that the roof on TA-1 will be replaced by GMU. The Board approved a landscaping plan in an amount not to exceed \$1,500 for improvement to the LRI/Tallwood campus.

Regret: We are saddened to learn that LRI member Paul Johnson died December 19, at age 80. Paul was a member of LRI the past two years, and his wife Ruth was a member for several years. Our thoughts and concerns are with Ruth and the family.

Play-Reading Festival at GMU

Kevin Murray, Managing Director of the Theater of the First Amendment at the GMU Center for the Arts, invites GMU members to attend these special events.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with three new and exciting works-in-progress, complete with reception intermissions and an opportunity for audience feedback with the playwrights. The daytime schedule will allow our audience members to participate in the entire day and still be out in time for those romantic Valentine dinners. This year we are presenting the readings in the Harris Theater for the first time. Here is the schedule for the 4th Annual First Light Festival at TFA:

Saturday, February 14, in the Harris Theater. Admission is \$10 for the entire day or any part thereof, available at Tickets.com, at 703-218-6500, or at the Center for the Arts box office on the GMU Fairfax campus. Best bet is to buy tickets the day of show at the Harris Theater box office to avoid service charges.

11:00 "The Treehouse" by Gwydion Suilebhan. The story of four men in their 30's whose watered-down religious traditions leave them lost and confused when they're faced with the death of the one man who could have provided the guidance they desperately need, but he didn't.

2:00 "Open the Door, Virginia!" by Dianne McIntyre and Olu Dara. A glimpse of the newest dance/theater musical from the creators of TFA's "Blues Rooms" and "I Could Stop on a Dime...". This investigation and celebration of Brown vs. the Board of Education, which began 50 years ago in Prince Edward County, VA, is based on interviews with actual people who brought the case that led to the desegregation of America's schools.

3:30 "The World of Others" by Catherine Trieschmann. A dark, mysterious look at isolation and the tragic consequences that befall those who allow intrusion from the outside world after too long a time.

Neither the "Treehouse" nor "World of Others" is suitable for children. Please help spread the word about this event.

Help!

GMU has asked the help of those members who live in the following Virginia House of Delegate districts: Leesburg (#33), Prince William (#51), Prince William-Manassas (#50), Fairfax & Loudoun (#67), Herndon & Loudoun (#86), and Vienna & Fairfax (#35). The votes of representatives from these districts are crucial to passage of a higher education funding bill which is now under consideration by the House of Delegates

LRI members residing in these districts are asked to draft a letter to their representative in support of higher education funding. The names and addresses of the representatives and talking points that can be used in your letter can be found in the Social Room. Timing is crucial as the various House committees are scheduled to complete their considerations of the various bills and amendments before them no later than February 17. Please support GMU in its efforts. Remember, what is good for GMU is also good for LRI.

Let's Make Music Together

For those who enjoyed the Music Sampler class last fall, and appreciated the invitation by Prof. Judith Lapple to form a group of woodwind players (recorder, flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, and perhaps the saxophone or trumpet), a spring semester class is in place. Others who were not in the class and have played or play any of the above mentioned instruments are invited to join this group. Dust off those instruments and join in this wonderful opportunity to make music with a former student of the renowned James Galway. Those interested should contact Margaret Andino at (703)978-1704, or margaretandino49@msn.com.

Membership Committee Works for You

The LRI Membership Committee members participate in a variety of activities to recruit and retain members, publicize LRI, and represent LRI at various events in the area.

Last September members staffed a booth at Springfield Mall's Senior Fair and the annual Fall for Fairfax in October. Talking with prospective members and providing information about LRI at events such as these provide good publicity and help us gain new members. The committee also stocks handout areas at public libraries and community centers with LRI brochures to further advance LRI's visibility in Fairfax County.

Other tasks the committee performs are helping set up the class liaison schedule at the beginning of each term and scheduling volunteers for the Tallwood office.

On Friday, February 13, the committee is sponsoring the Ice Cream Social described below.

Committee members are: Suzanne Zumbro, Chair, Kathryn Russell, Gail Ryan, Cloe Ingram, Jan Bohall, Doris Weisman, Pat Cosslett, Kathleen Meyer, Sandra Driesslein, Gail Osberg, Ceda McGrew, and Mary Underwood.

Future Dates of LRI Terms

Spring 2004, March 29-May 21.

Summer 2004, June 22-July 29

Fall 2004, September 20-November 12

Art in the 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.

Those interested are asked to call Marvina Munch at (703)356-7989 or to drop a note in the Facilities Committee's folder in the Social Room.

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.

Ice Cream Social

Friday, February, 13, will be your lucky day if you attend the Ice Cream Social from 1:00 to 3:00 in TA-1. The Membership Committee is sponsoring the event to honor volunteers and to give all members an opportunity to socialize, eat ice cream, and discover how each one of us can facilitate the workings of LRI by volunteering. Attend and enjoy.
