

This Week at LRI

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Events This Week

Special Events

- Maestro William Hudson, Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, Wed., Apr. 7, 2:00-3:30, Tallwood.

Meetings

- Special Events Committee, Wed., Apr. 7, 2:00, Tallwood.

Ongoing Activities

- Walking Group, Tues., Apr. 6, 8:15-9:15, Lake Anne Church.
- Bridge Club/Scrabble Club, Wed., Apr. 7, 1:30-3:30, Tallwood.
- Fiction Writers' Club, Wed., Apr. 7, 1:30-3:00, Tallwood.
- History Club, Wed., Apr. 7, 1:30-3:00, Tallwood.

Events Next Week

Special Events

- Flutopia, Wed., Apr. 14, 2:00-3:30, Tallwood.
- National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, Fri., Apr. 16, 9:00-4:00, Bus trip (see catalog for details).
- *Love's Labor's Lost* by William Shakespeare, Sat., Apr. 17, 2:00, GMU TheaterSpace.

Meetings

- LRI Board, Fri., Apr. 16, 10:00, Tallwood.
- Publications Committee, Fri., Apr. 16, 1:00, Tallwood.

Ongoing Activities

- Walking Group, Tues., Apr. 13, 8:15-9:15, Lake Anne Church.
 - Bridge Club/Scrabble Club, Wed., Apr. 14, 1:30-3:30, Tallwood.
 - Book Club at Tallwood, Wed., Apr. 14, 1:30-3:00, Tallwood.
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LRI Wants to Hear From You

Please notice the SUGGESTION BOX that is hanging on the wall in the coffee room at Tallwood. To make sure we are doing our best to meet the needs of our members, we invite you to submit comments, suggestions, ideas, complaints, criticism, and praise. Fill out a form, or just write down your comments and place them in the box. If you would like a personal response, please include your name. If you would like to remain anonymous, that's fine too.

Comments may be anonymous, but if you would like a personal response include your name. If you cannot get to Tallwood but have something to say, visit our Website at

www.gmu.edu/departments/lri,

and click on the suggestion box to enter comments. Again you will have the option of remaining anonymous, if you so desire. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

Questionnaire

Be on the lookout for a questionnaire from the Membership Committee. We would like to know a little more about you so that we can tailor LRI to your needs and interests. Questionnaires will be in the classrooms in the second half of the spring term.

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Publications Committee For All Members

The LRI Publications Committee spends a great deal of time overseeing the publication of regularly issued LRI materials and maintains the LRI Website. The committee recently put together on paper a set of procedural guidance for publications plus a statement of purpose for the publications themselves. Everything must be thoroughly proofread, and a meeting on proofreading was held on March 26 to make sure that all volunteers involved in this effort know how to proofread and how to be consistent. Some of the committee's experienced proofreaders led this workshop.

In addition the group felt that some of the material on our Website is somewhat out of date and they will look at the pages to determine what needs to be updated, devise a way to keep current and take some of the load off our Webmaster.

As an example of committee work, the copy for *This Week at LRI* is e-mailed ten days ahead of publication to committee member Rick Rifkin who puts the articles together and formats the text. Content may come from committee chairs, board officers or other members who have been assigned to write an article. The text is proofread and adjustments are made if necessary; it then goes to staff who may add content, update information and check for errors. The text is then taken to the GMU printshop that prints our publications at cost. Staff pick up the weekly material and distribute it for pickup by members at Monday class sessions.

Our thanks go to all the members of this committee: Carol Henderson — chair, Jan Bohall, Gordon Canyock, Pat Cosslett, Michael Coyne, Elizabeth Crawford, Deborah Halverson, Karen Hamilton, Jean Leshko, Lois Lipson, Norma Reck, Rick Rifkin, Joanne Shenk, Anne Sprague, Audrey Thompson, Josie Tucker, Mary Underwood, Betty Yearly, Bob Bohall — an Ex Officio member, and the LRI staff.

Free Volunteer Stickers

Have you noticed the gold "LRI Volunteer" stickers on many name tags? Each of those members is a proud LRI volunteer who helps in the office, serves on the board or a committee, teaches a class, writes, edits or proofreads, does gardening or performs other important work. You, too, can have one of those classy stickers for your name tag. Just become a volunteer and you instantly qualify for a sticker. To read about LRI volunteer opportunities, pick up a Member & Volunteer Handbook or visit the LRI Website at www.lri.gmu.edu and click on the "Volunteer at LRI" link. Volunteering is central to our continued existence. We need you. Please help.

At GMU

The GMU Dance Company presents their *2004 Gala Concert* on Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10, at 8:00 in the Concert Hall. Guest choreographers Mark Morris and Doug Varone will be featured. Admission is \$12. Tickets may be purchased at the Concert Hall Box Office (Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 to 6:00 or the evening of the performance), or by credit card at Tickets.com (703-218-6500, or online at www.tickets.com).

History Club Speaker

At the April 7 meeting of the History Club Bill Deery will talk about the Ivy League origins of American football.

LRI Member Directory

An LRI member directory will be published in the next few weeks. If there are any changes/corrections/deletions to your member information, please notify the LRI office as soon as possible. The directory will contain member data obtained from information listed on the registration form. Thank you.