

This Week at LRI

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Events This Week

Special Events

- The Hidden Truth: A National Icon Revealed, Wed., Apr. 21, 2:00-3:30, Tallwood.

Meetings

- None

Ongoing Activities

- Walking Group, Tues., Apr. 20, 8:15-9:15, Lake Anne Church.
- Bridge Club/Scrabble Club, Wed., Apr. 21, 1:30-3:30, Tallwood.
- Fiction Writers' Club, Wed., Apr. 21, 1:30-3:30, Tallwood.
- Philosophy Book Group, Wed., Apr. 21, 2:00-3:30, Reston Regional Library.
- Classic Fiction Book Club, Fri., Apr. 23, 10:00-11:30, Reston Regional Library.

Events Next Week

Special Events

- The Battle of Gettysburg, Wed., Apr. 28, 2:00-3:30, Reston Community Center.
- Paula Schwartz Memorial Service, Sun., May 2, 2:00-5:00 (see page 2).

Meetings

- Membership Committee, Fri., Apr. 30, 10:00, Tallwood.

Ongoing Activities

- Walking Group, Tues., Apr. 27, 8:15-9:15, Lake Anne Church.
- Bridge Club/Scrabble Club, Wed., Apr. 28, 1:30-3:30, Tallwood.

Pot Luck

As announced last week, you are invited to show off your culinary expertise by putting your favorite "finger food" on the refreshment table at the Annual Meeting on May 7. That is less than 3 weeks away—so start your planning and shopping soon. As requested, your goodies should be available by 9:30 on meeting day, ready to serve.

LRI Lunch Bunch

The LRI Lunch Bunch will meet at Jasmine at Lake Anne on Apr. 22 at 1:00. Contact Ken Ruttenberg at Kennruth@erols.com or (703)709-5822 if you have any questions.

Annex Art Exhibit

Be on the lookout for new needlework art in Joyce DeVoll's exhibit in the Social Room Annex. Joyce plans to substitute pieces at the mid-point of her exhibit, which showcases the range of creativity and skill possible in this art form.

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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Hospitality Committee Provides a Welcoming Atmosphere

Our LRI Hospitality Committee wants all members to feel at home while attending classes, clubs or special events. Committee members are now in the process of calling all new participants from our spring course registration and extending a personal welcome.

With the annual meeting coming up on May 7, all attendees will once again have the opportunity to taste that good food for which the committee is known. Sandy Drieslein is making arrangements for this and will purchase some of the food but most will be made by committee members demonstrating their culinary skills. Last September's Open House refreshments were all tasty goodies made by this same committee.

Thanks for all of their good works go to: Art Cook — Committee Chair, Bunny Abel, Jean Burdett, Deanna deMember, John DeVoll, Janice Dewire, Maggie Duncan, Sandra Drieslein, Eileen Duggan, Beverly George, Nancy Jarvis, Barbara Lynch, Manuel Pablo, Rosemary Reardon, Janet Robaczynski, Joan Salemi, Ann Shell, Marlene Skinner, Verlinda Snyder and Anne Sprague.

Memorial Service

A Memorial Service has been planned for the late Paula Schwartz on Sunday, May 2, from 2:00 to 5:00. The service will be held at the Northern Virginia Jewish Community Center, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Paula died on December 21, 2003.

Friends of Paula are welcome to attend, and those who wish to do so are encouraged to say a brief piece concerning their relationship with Paula. The service is being coordinated by Lyda Rochmis, who may be contacted for additional information at (703)435-3841.

Summer Luncheon

The Marco Polo Restaurant in Vienna, Virginia, has been selected for the first of LRI's planned summer luncheons. June 8th is the date but reservations must be in by May 28. The Catalog will have all the details, and future issues of *This Week at LRI* will keep you posted.

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 is fine too.

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 are looking forward to hearing from you.

Library at Tallwood

As you stop by the Social Room, notice the bookshelves in the corner. The books are there for you to browse, to borrow, or to take home. If you decide to keep a few, bring a few back—we would like to keep the books circulating. No signing out necessary. You will also find some reference items and Elderhostel materials in this area.

LRI Annual Meeting—Meet-the-Candidates

The LRI Annual Meeting and Meet-the-Candidates event is at 10:00, Friday, May 7. LRI President Bob Bohall will provide an update on the status of LRI and questions are welcome. You will then have the opportunity to hear from the candidates for six vacancies on the LRI Board of Directors and to ask questions. The Hospitality Committee is planning light snacks.

New Election Procedure for Board of Directors

Starting in 2004, new voting procedures will be used. The 2003 experience pointed out that changes were needed in the handling of ballots; specifically the signatures of many members on ballot envelopes were illegible and some members objected to any association/identification of names with ballots. Accordingly, the LRI Board of Directors approved amendments in the nominating procedures last fall.

In 2004, the ballots will be enclosed in envelopes addressed to each member, marked "LRI Ballot". The names of the eight candidates selected by the Nominating Committee for the six upcoming vacancies will be on the ballot. Enclosed also is an inner envelope addressed to LRI.

Voting begins at the Annual Meeting, May 7, 2004, and continues until May 19. At the Annual Meeting, the nominees will be introduced to the membership and asked to say a few words about their qualifications. This will be followed by a Meet-the-Candidates period. Members attending the meeting will then pick up their ballot letters. The voters mark their ballots for up to six names, fold the ballots into the return envelopes, seal them, and insert them into the ballot box.

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, the LRI office mails the ballot letters of those members who did not attend the meeting. Locked ballot boxes at both sites, Tallwood and Lake Anne, will be available throughout the voting period for those members who received mailed ballots but do not wish to return them by mail.

Your name is associated with your ballot only at the beginning of this process in order to identify you as an LRI member eligible to vote. Once you discard the outer envelope, mark your ballot, and seal it in the inner envelope, you are ensured of confidentiality because your ballot is anonymous. If you mail your ballot or return it in person to Tallwood or Reston, do not put your name or address on the official return envelope.

Members having lost or misplaced their ballots shall not receive second ballots.

Anyone wishing more detailed information can find it in the current LRI Bylaws and in the "Procedures and Guidelines for the Nominating Committee" dated December 12, 2003, a copy of which is in the LRI office.

Posters with bios and photos of the eight candidates have been placed at Tallwood and Lake Anne. Bios were included with the notices of the Annual Meeting which were mailed to all LRI members. Candidates have been given ribbons to wear with their name tags while at LRI.