

This Week at LRI

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Events This Week

Special Events

- A Potpourri of Writing by the Poets of Tallwood, Wed., May 19, 2:00-3:30, Tallwood.
- Summer Registration begins, Thurs., May 20, 9:00.
- Spring Term ends, Fri., May 21.

Meetings

- None

Ongoing Activities

- Walking Group, Tues., May 18, 8:15-9:15, Lake Anne Church.
- Fiction Writers' Club, Wed., May 19, 1:30-3:30, Tallwood.
- Bridge Club/Scrabble Club, Wed., May 19, 1:30-3:30, Tallwood.

Future Events

Special Events

- Senior Leisure Fair, Wed., May 26, 11:00-2:00, Reston Community Center, Hunter woods.
- *The Odyssey of Telemaca*, Sat., June 5, 2:00, GMU Center for the Arts.

Meetings

- Investment Forum, Wed., May 26, 10:00, Tallwood.

Ongoing Activities

- Walking Group, Tues., May 25, 8:15-9:15, Lake Anne Church.
- Bridge Club/Scrabble Club, Wed., May 26, 1:30-3:30, Tallwood.
- Philosophy Book Group, Wed., May 26, 2:00-3:30, Reston Regional Library.

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Heartfelt Gratitude

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Bob Bohall, who has served as LRI's president for the past two years. He has worked diligently and tirelessly on many projects that will benefit LRI for years to come. As a direct result of his influence and personal endeavors, we have seen ongoing improvements in our physical plant, closer affiliation with GMU, expanded social activities, revision of publications, continued fiscal strength, association with other LRI's. In addition, every committee has been the recipient of his encouragement and direction. These are but a few of his notable accomplishments. His vision for the future, too, has inspired us all.

During his two-year tenure Bob has met the many challenges of his office with diplomacy, tact, and good humor, always demonstrating "grace under pressure" and inspiring others to follow suit. Many thanks, Bob, for your enduring devotion to LRI!

Source: Kathryn Russell

Thank You

My thank-you to all the LRI membership and staff who have made my term as your president so enjoyable. It has been a pleasure to serve you. Bob Bohall

Future Term Dates

Summer 2004	June 22—July 29
Fall 2004	Sept. 20—Nov. 12
Winter 2005	Jan. 24—Feb. 18
Spring 2005	Mar. 28—May 20

Source: Spring 2004 Catalog

Annual Meeting Raises the Roof

As members arrived for the Annual Meeting on May 7, a group of workers was busily replacing the roof over TA-1, a much-needed task. Rather than have the Meet-the-Candidates session compete with hammers, the meeting was hastily moved to TA-3. A brigade of members helped carry in extra chairs.

President Bob Bohall provided highlights of the LRI Annual Report, speculated on the future and described a thriving organization of 660 members beginning to burst at the seams. Vice President Kathryn Russell, on behalf of the Board, thanked Bob for his two years of leadership as LRI president.

Nominating Committee chair Harold Davey introduced the candidates for the six upcoming Board vacancies. After candidate remarks and other announcements, members enjoyed substantial refreshments organized by Art Cook's Hospitality Committee and numerous volunteers.

Looking Ahead to Summer

Join your LRI friends for a summer session that includes courses, events and trips to enliven your mind and refresh your spirit. A sampling of classes includes The Crusades, Flu Epidemic of 1918, Update on the Virginia Assembly, Jazz Seminar, Geology of Virginia and Maryland, Best Loved Operas, Sampler of French Cheeses, Safer Computing, Alfred Hitchcock and the Movies, World War II: The Pacific Theater, Presidential Campaigns: Past, Present and Future, The Leopard, Extinction Workshop, Working for Social Change, Berlin: Phoenix from the Ashes, Songs and Stories of Presidential Campaigns, and Tips for Better Writing. A variety of trips includes Trip to the Library of Congress and the National Postal Museum, White Water Rafting and Wayside Theater. Several casual lunch get-togethers are also planned. Catalogs will be mailed in mid-May.

Source: Carol Ferrara

Vote by May 19

If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting on May 7, your ballot has been mailed to you. Biographical information about the candidates (Janice Dewire, Eileen Duggan, Tom Hady, Caroline Hartzler, Manny Pablo, Peter Poole, Kathryn Russell and Virlinda Snyder) was mailed to you earlier this spring, and is posted at Tallwood and Reston. You may vote for up to six of the eight candidates and return your ballot by mail or drop it in the ballot box at either Tallwood or Reston. Ballots must be received by Wednesday, May 19.

"Trapped" Wins Prize

Winifred Scheffler is the winner of the Spring Short Story Contest for her submission, "Trapped." She wins \$50 and publication of her story in the next issue of LRI's literary magazine, *Fairfax Ink*. Peter Poole announced the winner at the LRI Annual Meeting on May 7. He said all 16 stories submitted were of very high quality. The judge for the contest was Professor William Miller, director of the creative writing program at GMU.

Last Chance to Pick Up...

The LRI Annual Report, issued at the Annual Meeting on May 7, is available at Tallwood and Reston. If you haven't yet picked up your copy, this final week of class is your last chance this term. Other useful publications available at both locations include the April issue of the *LRI Times*, the new *Member & Volunteer Handbook*, and the Spring 2004 LRI Membership Directory. Note that the Membership Directory is intended for use solely within LRI by its members and staff. It should not be reproduced, in form or content, for use outside LRI unless authorized by the president. Also available in the LRI office is the Winter 2004 issue of *Fairfax Ink* for a suggested contribution of \$2 and the 2003 edition of *The Poets of Tallwood* for a \$5 contribution. Source: Carol Henderson

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Not all by itself, that's for sure! For the past few weeks our intrepid landscapers have been tilling, digging, transplanting older shrubs and planting new ones along the front of TA-1. Our thanks to our Great Gardeners Valerie Braybrooke and Ray Solomon for their yeoman work in both planning the new garden and for all the hard labor they've been putting into making LRI look great this Spring. Thanks also to their work crew: Jack Underhill, John DeVoll, Beverly George, Sylvia Myers, LaVonne Kern, and a special thanks to Bob Bohall for the loan of his pickup and for taking care of one of those infamous "some assembly required" set of instructions. More help is needed, so if you can spare some time and have the energy, please call Valerie or Ray.
Source: Gordon Canyock

Art in the Classrooms

The Facilities Committee thanks Barbara Achilles and Mike McNamara for contributing to its effort to improve the appearance of our classrooms. Barbara has loaned several of her original paintings for display through the Summer Session and Mike has donated a framed poster from a museum. If you are interested in loaning original art or donating posters from museums or galleries call Jack Underhill or Marvina Munch.

Source: Marvina Munch

Reminder

Items for the first issue of *This Week at LRI* for the next term are due in by Friday June 11.

Thanks Liaisons

Among the many people who have made our Spring Term successful are our more than thirty class liaisons who are on hand each week to make announcements, take attendance, assist the instructors and see that our classes go smoothly. Thanks to each of you who volunteered or said "yes" when called. If you would like to volunteer to be a class liaison please check the box on the class registration form when you register for classes.

Source: Ceda McGrew

Ballot Mix-Up

As most of you have noted, return address labels of LRI members were inadvertently placed on the upper left hand corner of the ballot envelope. We tried to obliterate these addresses on the envelopes that we mailed, but in some cases it might be possible to decipher the underlying name. In any event, I wish to assure all LRI members that, when we tally the votes, the envelopes will be separated from the ballots and discarded before anyone unfolds the ballot. Anyone who is still concerned about ensuring secrecy of their ballot may take their ballot out of the inner envelope and place it in the ballot box without any envelope. Under the circumstances, the original instructions that the ballot should be placed in the inner envelope will not be applicable.

Those wishing to mail their ballot should place it in a different envelope and mail it to LRI. In the latter case, you may wish to write "LRI Ballot" in the lower left hand corner. Further, if you mail your ballot, do not place your own return address on the envelope containing the ballot, rather you may wish to put the LRI return address on the ballot envelope. We apologize for the mix-up.

Source: Harold Davey, LRI NC Chair

Teacher Appreciation

With all of the thank-yous noted in this issue, please remember to take a few minutes and show your appreciation for our spring instructors. A few words after class or a personal note is all it takes to let our instructors know that they are appreciated, and that without them, there would not be an LRI. They are truly the backbone of our program, and especially so for the donation of their time and talent. You'll find addresses for instructors who are also LRI members in the spring membership directory. Please ask the office staff for contact information for instructors who are not LRI members.

Summer Reading, Anyone?

Help! Our book shelves in the Tallwood social room are overflowing! Please help yourself to a book or two to enjoy over the summer. All books have been donated and are yours for the borrowing! Please, no more donations until further notice. Thank you!
