Learning in Retirement News

Volume 1, Number 3

George Mason University, 4085 University Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 Sharing Experience

August 1991



Calendar

August.

15 -- Finance Committee 9am in Room 215. Help raise funds.

16 -- Mailing of next LRI/ GMU fall course catalogue.

20 -- Board Meeting 10am, Curriculum Committee 1pm.

28 — Fall Registration — mail.

and in September

.12 -- Teachers' Conference with Curriculum Comm. 10am.

14 -- "Open House" 2 to 4pm. Bring a new member.

23 -- Classes start.

October

1 -- Forum 2pm.

15 -- Forum: Sarah Lawless, Director, Institute of the Arts, GMU, "Arts on GMU Campus".

29 -- Forum: Walter Scheiber, GMU Institute of Public Policy, "Regional issues in the Washington Area".

November

12 -- Forum: Stephen Shaffer, U.S. Information Agency, " Foreign Public Perceptions of the U. S. after the Gulf War".

22 -- Fall classes end.

Keep LRI / GMU on your calendar this fall.

Kathryn Brooks Speaking

LRI is growing faster than I expected. Our success is a source of pleasure and pride. We are adding seve n courses this fall. Your Board and staff spent the summer getting better organized. More and more volunteers are doing the tasks which make LRI work.

We will launch our first fundraiser this fall to help improve the office services and cover development expenses. Tell us your ideas on a goal and how to reach it.

I'll see you at the Open House on Saturday, September 14th. Don't forget to bring a new member.

LRI/GMU Expanded for Fall

Look in your mail box on August 19th for the Fall 1991 Catalogue. The Curriculum Committe has expanded the offerings to twenty-two courses. Many are new; some of the favorites from the spring semester are improved and offered again.

Registration starts August 28th so take your time to arrange for all the courses that you would really like to take this fall. The new catalogue contains everything you need, and you can use it to help a friend become a new member.

New this semester are classes in art gallery touring, World War I history, the "great decisions" in American foreign policy, French and Spanish for home and travel, writing poetry, religions of the world, computer word processing, and a current events weekly discussion group. You can even study tomorrow's news in "American Education Reform" and "Reinventing the USSR."

Members are guaranteed enrollment in at least two classes, and can attend more if space is available. LRI will be able to use Room 302 and a computer room for some classes in addition to Room 215. Registration is first-come first-served.

Thanks to the volunteers of Hospitality and Curriculum Committees for the fine workshop in June; to Henry Shenker for setting up the office computer; and to Ed Swoboda and Aldo Scalzilli for joining the Finance Committee.

And special thanks to the new Teachers.

It Would be Grand if we could report on the group led by Bill Cooley touring the Virginia Center for Innovative Technology near Dulles Airport, but it only happened yesterday after the News went to press.

Coordinators and travellers, do send in your experiences as articles for the newletter and suggestions for other grand touring.

A Teacher You Ought to Know

John Sullivan, who will teach journalism in the fall semester, is a man who can go the distance. He recently received an award in the "Bolder Boulder" Colorado international race for second place in the senior division 10 k race. He is retired from public relations at the Defense Communications Agency.

Trip to National Cathedral

About a dozen members enjoyed the personalized and extended tour of the Washington National Cathedral on July 10.

After explanations of the West Facade they viewed the interior nave and each of the chapels.

The tour group had a sunny lunch together in the Bishop's Garden and called it a fine day in the early afternoon. Thanks to Martha Poling for coordination of the arrangements.

Members Identify Areas of Interest

About a hundred members and guests attended the end-of-semestercelebration and planning workshop in June. The Board and the committees have tried to respond to many of the suggestions made.

The #1 favorite activity was more socializing: parties, brown bag lunches, and block tickets to some events. In response, LRI has changed its daily schedule for the fall semester to provide an hour from 1 to 2 pm each day except Tuesday for b.y.o. lunch in room 215. And we are discussing a joint theater program with a local agency in Falls Church using a bus departing from George Mason High School, convenient to Routes 66 and 7. We hope you went on the three trips this summer. Our art class in the fall will visit eight galleries. As to more courses and forums, see the front page. Keep the suggestions flowing, and we will do our best to act within LRI resources. Remember, it's your Institute!

LRI News Seeks Contributors ______
Share your news and scholarly views.

Send in your copy or suggestions for features. Copy preferred on 8 x 11 inch white paper, unruled, generous margins top, bottom, and both sides, always double-spaced, typed or printed clearly, listing your name and phone number, page numbers.

Send your copy to the LRI coordinator at least ten days before the deadline announced in the prior News.

Next LRI News copy deadline -- Sept 20

If you are interested in learning or working on computer desktop publishing or graphic arts for the Institute, speak up.

Kathryn Brooks , President Shirley Fox, Vice Pres.

Garrett Ruhl, Editor for Learning in Retirement Institute

News Call 385–1593 anytime.

LRI Membership Has Benefits.

Both teachers and students want to be together.

We don't repeat courses, only good teachers.

Our students have done much of what others teach.

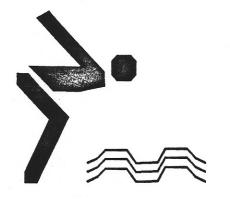
This is an inexpensive way to take college-level courses.

Our "other campus" is three blocks away with arts, music, and a fine library.

These are our common ideals:

- university-level course work.
- ___ membership under by-laws.
- ___ member decision-making and involvement.
- ___ participation without regard to prior educational level.
- hospitality through social events and field trips.

Dive in!



About this Newsletter

Following the LRI ideals, your newsletter is written and produced by members as a contribution of their services and as an educational activity. It is laid out in columns and boxes about two months ahead to allocate space for articles and features. The next copy deadline is September 20.

LRI / GMU News is prepared on an IBM-type personal computer using "Publish It!" software for easier repositioning of articles during editing. We make several coordination drafts. The final master copy is prepared on a 300 dots-per-inch laser printer, and copies are duplicated at the GMU Fenwick Library print shop.

We exchange newsletters with other LRIs and the national Elderhostel Institute. The News prints in "Times" font and large type for easier reading.

What to look forward to in winter / spring:

committee workshops on goals and tasks, a short course on income tax preparation, discussion groups on the '92 elections, LRI elections and annual meeting in April, trip to GMU main campus, picnic at River Bend, luncheon guest speakers, fun(d) raising, Reston to Vienna trail walk, group visits to senior centers, a planning workshop with ILR American University, a trip to Elderhostel Institute conference.

What can you do?

Join, contribute services, teach or assist, recruit, publicize, help in the community, share your experiences, keep on learning. If you can work three hours in the LRI office, please call Carol Ferrara to schedule a time. We have a job for every skill and need lots of help in August.

Years ago life was simpler.

Since you graduated, even the subjects changed. Come on back and join an institute that grows as you do.

Learning in Retirement Institute at George Mason University. Room 215.

Learning in Retirement Institute George Mason University 4085 University Drive, Room 215, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-4444

Look closely at the courses for the fall semester of 1991.



Arts	101	Art Gallery Touring	Mildred Bain, F 9:30
History	301	Women in 20th Century	Kathryn Brooks, M 9:30
	302	European Miracle	George Bain, Th 2:30
	303	History of World War I	Matthew Gallagher, Th 11:30
International	401	Middle East, Society & Culture	Charles Cremeans, W 9:30
Relations	402	Reinventing the USSR	Garrett Ruhl, W 11:30
	403	Change in Superpowers in Far East	Bernard Kassell, Th 2:00
	404	Great Decisions	Mary Jenkins, W 2:00
Language	501	Listening with 3rd Ear	Ellis Woody, Th 9:30
	502	French	Catherine Deverall, Th 11:30
	503	Spanish	Marta Ferreira, M 2:00
Literature	601	19th Century American Literature	Dorothy Millner, W 11:30
	602	Journalism & Public Relations	John Sullivan, M 11:30
	603	Writing and Publishing Poetry	Evelyn Wade, M 11:30
Philosophy	701	Religions of Man	Jane Wilhelm, M 2:00
	801	U.S. Legislative Process	W. Hogan & Ed Swoboda, Tu 9:30
	802	American Educational Reform	William Cooley, Th 9:30
Technology	901	Word Perfect Processing	Kenneth Oates, Tu 9:30
& Science	902	Physics: What is Light?	Wilfred Palmer, F 9:30
	1001	Current Events	Leo Resnick & others, W 2:00
	1002	Creative Living in Retirement	Howard Binkley & others, W 9:30
4	Sc	hedule of classes is on page 12 opposite	the registration form.