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CALENDAR

MAY

Mon., May 4, "Life of a Playwright,"
11:30 a.m., Fairfax City Hall, Rm. 306

Mon., May 11, "History of Hawaii,"
11:30 a.m., Fairfax City Hall, Rm. 306

Tues., May 12, 1:30 p.m. Curriculum
Committee meeting

Mon., May 18, "Impact of World War II,"
11:30 a.m., Fairfax City Hall, Rm. 306

Tues., May 19, 1:30 p.m. Board meeting

Fri., May 22, Spring classes end

Fri., May 29, 2-4 p.m., End-of-term party,
New Government Center, Rm. 226 A&B,
1200 Govt.Ctr.Parkway (map enclosed).
Tour of new facility included.

JUNE

June 1 - 5, LRI closed

Tues., June 2, Summer activities begin
(see enclosed Summer Catalog)

Tues., June 9, 10 a.m. Curriculum
Committee meeting (note change from 1:30)

Tues., June 16, 10 a.m., Board meeting
(note change from 1:30)

SEPT.

Mon., Sept. 21, Fall classes begin

President	Shirley Fox
Vice President	Audrey Markham
Treasurer	Don Simpson
Secretary	Martha Poling

Board of Directors

Vincent Boylan	Martha Ford	Aldo Scalzilli
Kathryn Brooks	Frank McMahon	Henry Shenker
William Cooley	Dorothy Milner	Lilyan Spero
Edna Derrick	Alix Naff	Ed Swoboda
George Felton	Garrett Ruhl	Ellis Woody

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Kathryn Brooks, who did such a fine job in launching LRI, has passed the baton to me, thanks to your vote at our first annual meeting in March. In this our second year, I look forward to a growing, dynamic LRI that reflects its members' interests.

The new Board and various committees have already planned activities for the summer and are working on the fall schedule. Let us know what you would like to have offered. There is a suggestion box on the desk in the hall.

I want to express my appreciation for all the help members have given through volunteering your time and expertise to carry out the many tasks required to make LRI such a success during our first year. Using volunteers effectively is a skill we are developing, so don't be discouraged if you have not been asked to do as much as you are willing to do. Remind us of when you are available and what you want to do; we will call on you.

I hope you will each reach out to friends to acquaint them with the Institute. Invite them to sit in on one class with you, if there is room and the teacher is willing, and at the special events held at the Fairfax City Hall or John Wood Center, where there is always space. We need to attract more dynamic persons like yourselves to help LRI continue to provide stimulating classes and the chance for all of us to enlarge our circle of friends.

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CONGRATULATIONS KATHRYN!

Kathryn Brooks, LRI's founder and first President, was honored April 2, along with ten other finalists, by J.C.Penney with its prestigious Golden Rule Award. She was chosen from over 150 volunteers nominated from the Northern Virginia area for her work in initiating the Learning in Retirement Institute at George Mason University.

Kathryn proudly accepted a plaque and a check for \$250 on behalf of LRI from Darrell Green, Chairman of the Awards Panel, and Frank Ott, J.C.Penney District Manager of the Baltimore/Washington, D.C., area. Although the award has been issued in other parts of the country for ten years, this is the first time it has been given in this area.

The ceremony at the new Ritz Carlton Hotel in Pentagon City was also attended by **Shirley Fox**, LRI President, **Martha Poling**, Secretary, and **Carol Ferrara**, Coordinator.

A POETRY WINNER

Barbara H. Achilles, a student in Evelyn Wade's "Poetry Writing Workshop," received two awards in the annual competition of the Poetry Society of Virginia, which concluded on March 14, 1992. Barbara received third place in the Alice Sherry Memorial Prize category for light verse and an Honorable Mention in the Carleton Drewry Memorial Award category for poems on the subject of mountains. She also recently had a poem accepted for publication in the "Pepper and Salt..." column of the Wall Street Journal:

Deja View

Phil and Oprah,
Geraldo and Sally:
You really must give us
An accurate tally.

How many times
Have you replayed these themes
Of sex, lust and incest
And nefarious schemes?

Do you intend to keep going
Until it derives
That you've questioned all ninnies
Who've screwed up their lives?

—Barbara H. Achilles

LRI TEACHER ON TV

Garrett Ruhl, who is teaching a course on "Post Soviet Nationalism" this semester, was on cable Channel 10 three times in the week of March 2 on the series "Windows on Moscow," produced for the Network of Women in Slavic Studies by Josephine Hess, a technology expert at the Library of Congress. The half-hour programs covered the causes of the collapse of communism in the former U.S.S.R. and prospects for the future. Garrett mentioned LRI several times during the broadcasts.

Garrett asks that anyone noting a media presentation or public event in our area on the Commonwealth of Independent States leave a note in his folder at the LRI office so it can be shared with others.

IN THE SWIM

Come Memorial Day weekend, a couple of LRI members will be competing in the National Masters Championship swimming competition at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. **Tillie Huber** and **Bert Kassell** are on the D.C. Masters team. Tillie has held the half-mile championship in the Senior Olympics for several years. Bert's relay team has a good chance of breaking the world record this year.

SPECIAL THANKS

LRI continues to benefit from the generosity of its members. Thanks to **Audrey Markham** for the clock in the classroom, to **Lilburne Sheats** for the much-needed record player for use in the music appreciation classes, to **Bobbi Rapp** for the coffee maker and the pencil sharpener, and to **Garrett Ruhl** for making the name tags for members.

YOU CAN HELP LRI RECRUIT

We have obtained a mailing list from Elderhostel with names of people in our area. They are good candidates for membership in LRI, so we need 10 volunteers to split up the list and mail out information material and then follow up with a personal call. The envelopes are already printed. Can you help? Please let Carol Ferrara know as soon as possible (385-1593).

JOIN A COMMITTEE

LRI is truly a membership-run organization. With the exception of Carol Ferrara, LRI's part-time paid coordinator, the Institute runs completely on the talent, time and energy donated by members. If you have come to class without managing to find a niche for your volunteer skills, there are still plenty of opportunities available. Look over the list of committees below and get involved in ones that interest you. Call the chairperson or the office for more detailed information.

Program Committee

Chairperson: **Audrey Markham**

Plans the curriculum for each semester, recruits teachers, and plans special events, trips and forums. Needs volunteer teachers, suggestions for one-time events and trips, and assistance in writing and editing course descriptions for the catalog.

Social Events Committee

Chairperson: **Edna Derrick**

Plans functions for the entire membership of LRI. Can always use the talents of those who can cook, decorate, plan social events or move furniture. Also needs help in finding facilities for social functions.

Membership Committee

Chairperson: **Frank McMahon**

Recruits new members and keeps membership records. Contacts people who have expressed interest in knowing more about LRI (phoning may be done from home).

Publications Committee

Chairperson: **Marjorie White**

Produces LRI News five or six times a year. Needs writers and members to report on interesting activities of LRI members.

Publicity Committee

Chairperson: **Ed Swoboda**

Creates and disseminates information about LRI to the media. Needs writers and others to contact the media, newsletters of other organizations, and the George Mason University community.

Finance Committee

Chairperson: **Don Simpson**

Keeps the books, plans the budget and raises funds. Needs people with accounting or bookkeeping background and those interested in fund-raising or with connections to sources of funding in the private sector.

Speakers Bureau

Chairperson: **Garrett Ruhl**

Sends representatives to organizations to give LRI more name recognition and to recruit members. Has materials and an outline of a short talk for use in giving a talk at your church or to other organizations.

Space Management Committee

Chairperson: **Bill Cooley**

Seeks out facilities suitable for special events or classes away from our site on University Drive.

Volunteers Committee

Chairperson: **Dagmar Lending**

Recruits and trains class liaisons who disseminate information on upcoming events to the membership and assist the teachers in administrative tasks.

By-laws Committee

Chairperson: **Ellis Woody**

Evaluates the by-laws in light of current needs and recommends changes to the Board of Directors. Seeks input from any member with suggestions on how the structure of LRI might be changed to serve its members better.

And remember, the office is always in need of people to answer phones, prepare mailings, wrangle with the copy machine, file, cut, staple, fold, and maybe even mutilate. Let Carol Ferrara know what hours you can help.

The office will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon during June, July and August. You can leave a message on the telephone answering machine anytime (385-1593).

CHECK THE BOOKSHELVES

LRI has the beginning of a lending library on the bookshelves in the lower-level classroom. It's a place for books and other material related to courses or of special interest to LRI members. You may borrow anything you find there. So far, we're keeping it informal, but eventually we may want to have a sign-out system.

WISH LIST

LRI is in need of --

- ...an overhead projector,
- ...a portable sound system,
- ...a large-capacity coffee maker.

If you have one of these you could donate or lend, let Carol know.

WANTED: NAMES & IDEAS

If you have friends who might be prospective members or if you know of organizations that might want to learn more about LRI or media outlets that focus on seniors, please provide names on this or a similar form and leave it at the office marked for Frank McMahon. Add any ideas you have for spreading the word about LRI.

Prospective new members

NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE NUMBER:

NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE NUMBER:

Group that might want an LRI speaker

NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE NUMBER:
CONTACT NAME:

Media outlet

NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE NUMBER:
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