

LRI news

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CALENDAR

August

- Tues., Aug.11, 10:00, Board meeting
Tues., Aug.11, 1:30, Curriculum Com-
mittee meeting
Tues., Aug.18, 10:00, Board meeting with
consultant
Tues., Aug.25, 10:00, Membership Com-
mittee meeting
Mon., Aug.30, Membership fees due for
those who joined in Fall 1991

September

- Tues., Sept.8, Fall class assignments
made
Mon., Sept.14, 10:00, Teacher Orienta-
tion, Rm. 306, Fairfax City Hall,
10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax
Tues., Sept.15, 10:00, Board meeting
Tues., Sept.15, 1:30, Curriculum Com-
mittee meeting
Fri., Sept.18, 2-4 p.m., Open House,
Rm. 305, Fairfax City Hall,
10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax
Mon., Sept.21, Fall classes begin
Tues., Sept.29, 1:30, Membership Com-
mittee meeting

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I hope you enjoyed the variety of activities offered by LRI this summer and have reserved the eight weeks beginning September 21 to participate in the fall semester. The Curriculum Committee has scheduled new course topics and presenters as well as continuing popular courses and teachers.

As I've gotten to know many of you better, the variety of your backgrounds and experiences revealed is truly impressive and represents potential resources to be tapped by LRI. We would like to schedule open Forums or lunches with distinguished speakers this fall and would welcome suggestions from each of you of persons with whom you have worked or studied or know who you think would be willing to make a presentation or lead a course. For example, one of our members worked with a leading geneticist at NIH whom she is willing to contact. Put your suggestions in the blue box on the desk at LRI or call the office.

And don't forget to urge your friends to join. We will send them literature and invite them to our fall Open House on September 18 if you give Carol Ferrara their names. I look forward to seeing you and your guests then as we celebrate the beginning of the fall term.

In order to encourage potential members to "try it, you'll like it," the Board has decided to introduce six-month memberships for \$125. The annual dues will remain at \$200. We will evaluate this dues structure after one year to determine the effect on membership development.

Look for your Fall 1992 Catalog in the mail soon and sign up early for the courses and special events you want to attend.

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OUR PUBLISHED POETS

Two members of Evelyn Wade's "Poetry Writing Workshop" will have poems published this fall. Three poems by Barbara Achilles and one by Dorothy Millner will appear in Volume VI of The Poet's Domain, published by Road Publisher, Fairfax Station, Va. The publication features writers of the Virginia, Maryland and D.C. area.

LRI TOURS GOVERNMENT CENTER

On May 29 LRI members and friends enjoyed a post-semester party at the new Fairfax Government Center. Guides at the Center showed off the building's many features, including the state-of-the-art exercise room, the large cafeteria (open to the public), and even the mechanical equipment in the penthouse.

Prior to the tours, LRI President Shirley Fox traced the Institute's progress over the last year and a half and gave special thanks to the many fine teachers whose combination of expertise and spirited classroom style provided a lively academic atmosphere for our members.

Audrey Markham, Curriculum Committee Chairperson, whetted appetites with a sneak preview of classes and special events planned for this fall.

The guest speaker was Dr. Lloyd DeBoer, Distinguished Professor in the George Mason School of Business Administration, who told about the community outreach that GMU provides in promoting and supporting business growth in Northern Virginia.

Edna Derrick and her Hospitality Committee had delicious snacks on hand for this windup to the spring semester.

EATING ETHNICALLY...

After the close of the spring term, several class groups had dinner parties with a foreign flavor. Helene Layman hosted a party for Garrett Ruhl's "Post-Soviet Nationalism" class, complete with kebabs and other food from a new Russian restaurant and plenty of vodka, wine and music that made for a lively evening. Helene also invited the "Music Appreciation" class of Sam di Bonaventura to her home for a dinner with an Italian theme; 28 LRI members dined on Helene's lasagna and other treats.

Charles Cremeans met his "India" class at a local Indian restaurant, and afterward everyone went to his house to see some excellent slides from his trips to that part of the world.

You missed a real treat on July 9 if you weren't among the 30 LRI members and friends who heard Alixa Naff talk about the customs and food of Lebanon. The group then went together to the Lebanese Taverna in Arlington, where she had arranged for an outstanding lunch of various specialties of the region.

...AND OTHER LRI SUMMER "EXTRAS"

A busload of LRI members and guests enjoyed a trip to the beautiful Blandy Experimental Farm, a University of Virginia field station that serves researchers from a broad array of disciplines. The group did a walking tour and heard a stimulating lecture by Dr. Edward Connor, Director of Environmental Studies of U.Va.

Art lovers were very appreciative when Mildred Bain invited them to view her lovely watercolors and her home studio, where she gave a brief demonstration of her painting techniques.

Two different groups of LRI members toured the GMU library and learned how to use its extensive facilities, which are open to all Virginia residents.

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WATCH FOR YOUR FALL 1992 CATALOG!!!

The Learning in Retirement Institute at George Mason University has an exciting roster of 20 courses and instructors lined up for the fall term, which begins September 21. Whether your interests are art or economics, Shakespeare or China, foreign languages or World War I, music or the Middle East, you are sure to find several courses you will want to take.

The Fall 1992 Catalog will be in the mail the first week in August. Registration begins August 12 and is on a first-come, first-served basis, so mail in your Registration Form early. Class assignments will be made beginning September 8. You will be notified of your class enrollments the following week.

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The Volunteer Corner

(Members of LRI are involved as volunteers in many worthwhile activities that others would like to know about. Leave a note about your volunteer work with Carol Ferrara at the office and someone from LRI News will contact you.)

Frank McMahon

Since January, Frank McMahon has been spending four hours on Mondays and Fridays with an 89-year-old man so that his primary care-giver can have some time for other things. Frank is part of the RESPITE Care Program at St. Mark's Catholic Church. The program, started over a year ago, trains individuals to assist those who care for the sick and disabled. The Visiting Nurse Association provides instruction to the volunteers on such things as turning patients in bed, feeding and changing clothing.

Frank says the gentleman he visits is in good shape physically but has trouble remembering. Even so, they manage to talk about old times while they rake leaves or walk the dog.

Anyone interested in this program can call Barbara Vogel (281-5428) for more information.

WANTED: YOUR IDEAS

The Curriculum Committee is already lining up courses for a four-week winter term. They would like to have suggestions from all LRI members about what course subject areas would be of interest. You can use the form below to recommend courses and/or instructors. Mail it to the office or drop it in the suggestion box.

A FAIR WAY TO SPREAD THE WORD

LRI shared a booth with the Area Agency on Aging at the Fairfax County Fair in June. If you were among the hundreds who came to the fair, you may have seen LRI volunteers Martha Poling, Jim O'Keefe, Barbara Lynch, George Bain, Kathryn Brooks and Garrett Ruhl giving out information and recruiting new members for LRI. Thanks to each of them for their missionary work that weekend.

NETWORK NEWS

LRI plans to offer two courses in the spring semester in connection with trips to Costa Rica and Rome that the Elderhostel Institute Network will sponsor next summer.

The Costa Rican embassy is inviting those interested in the spring course to the embassy in December for a lecture on the country's ecology.

Glenn Markus, who will be the instructor for a course on art and archeology of ancient Greece this fall, will also be the instructor for the spring course on Rome.

For more information on these study/travel programs, call Dorothy Payne (860-2733).

PUBLICITY NEEDS PEOPLE

The Publicity Committee, chaired by Judith Lieberman, has been hard at work bringing information about LRI to the community. Helping out are Charlotte Boyce, Mary Shea, Lilburne Sheats and Ed Swoboda. Among the accomplishments so far are a news article in the CenterView, an appearance on Channel 10 of Ellis Woody's "Communication" class, and an agreement from a savings bank to give LRI brochures to its senior citizen customers. There also was an article about LRI in the Mason Gazette, which goes to GMU faculty and staff.

This committee needs more volunteers. If you are interested, call Judith Lieberman in the evenings at 830-7954.

COURSE SUBJECTS THAT WOULD INTEREST ME: _____

POSSIBLE INSTRUCTORS: Name _____ Phone No. _____

My name (optional): _____

TICKETS TO "CARMEN"

Bill Cooley arranged to get 40 tickets for LRI to the Virginia Opera Company's production of "Carmen" on Friday, November 6. The tickets cost \$28 each. There may be a few tickets left, so call the office if you are interested.

Watch for the announcement in your Fall Catalog about the one-session study course that Helene Layman will give on "Carmen" on Monday, October 26, at 11:30.

AND WHO ARE YOU?

So that members can get to know each other, please remember to wear your name tag to LRI classes and functions. If you need a name tag, let the office know.

GETTING TO LRI

Anyone having trouble getting to LRI classes or special events should let Carol Ferrara know so she can try to arrange a ride with another member.

LRI OPEN HOUSE ON FRIDAY, SEPT. 18, FROM 2 TO 4 P.M.

Room 305, Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong Street

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