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CALENDAR

March

- Tues., Mar. 2, 1:30 p.m. Finance Committee meeting
- Tues., Mar. 9, Registration deadline for spring semester
- Fri., Mar. 12, 10 a.m., Training session for new staff assistants
- Tues., Mar. 16, 10 a.m., Board meeting
- Tues., Mar. 16, 1 p.m., Publicity Committee meeting
- Wed., Mar. 17, 10 a.m., Curriculum Committee meeting
- Fri., Mar. 19, 2 p.m., OPEN HOUSE, Fairfax City Hall, Third Floor
- Mon., Mar. 29, spring semester begins

April

- Tues., Apr. 6, 1:30 p.m., Finance Committee meeting
- Fri., Apr. 9, 10 a.m., Curriculum Committee meeting
- Tues., Apr. 13, 1 p.m., Publicity Committee meeting
- Fri., Apr. 16, 10 a.m., Training session for new staff assistants
- Fri., Apr. 23, 10 a.m., Board meeting

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

No, we don't think you are in your second childhood, but the Institute seems to be growing like Topsy. Most of the classes in the winter term were held in a former elementary school, now a day-care center, because of the unexpectedly large number of members wanting to take courses. The room originally reserved in the old Court House, as reported in the last LRI News, did not have enough capacity. Our first winter term in '92 had an enrollment of 70 persons. This year we had 110! Our total membership keeps growing and is now over 170.

The space committee is working hard to be sure we have comfortable classrooms. Thanks to Lilyan Spero, Don Simpson and Audrey Markham.

Many of you members have skills that the Institute needs. Betty Denton has volunteered to be our recording secretary, and John Manion is our new auditor. We still need help with bookkeeping and someone with graphic arts talents. We are also looking for more people with contacts in the area who will serve on the Curriculum Committee. We are very appreciative of the members who are helping at the desk in Commerce Building and performing other administrative tasks. More help is needed in that area as well. Please volunteer and don't wait to be asked; we don't know many of you well enough yet to ask you.

The success of the Institute depends on more than your officers and Board members, so let us hear from you.

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CHANGES IN COMMITTEES

Edna Derrick and Frank McMahon, both of whom have done so much to help get our LRI launched, have asked to be relieved of their responsibilities as committee chairpersons.

We are all much indebted to Edna for chairing the Hospitality Committee. The parties she organized at the beginning and end of semesters have provided delicious refreshments and a congenial atmosphere that enabled members to meet each other and make new friends. We wish her much enjoyment in the home she is building in the Shenandoah Mountains and welcome her continuing participation in LRI activities. Eda Harris will take over as chairperson of the Hospitality Committee in early April.

Frank McMahan has worked hard as chairman of the Membership Committee, organizing records, contacting prospective members, surveying why some members have not renewed and how new members learned about LRI. Frank will continue to serve on the Board of Directors and on various committees. Betty MacKenzie and Betty Carlson have agreed to take over as co-chairpersons of the Membership Committee.

LRI TALKS TO FAIRFAX KIWANIS

On January 12 Garrett Ruhl and Judith Lieberman presented LRI's 1993 program to a dinner meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Fairfax at the Silver Plate restaurant. The 42 club members showed interest in our expanding education for seniors as an aspect of community development. Garrett emphasized the possibilities for more and varied programs as LRI gains more volunteers and more contributions from local supporters.

GMU ROBINSON SCHOLARS TO SPEAK TO LRI

Since 1984 a large bequest from the late Clarence J. Robinson has allowed George Mason University to appoint to the faculty distinguished professors in the liberal arts and sciences. As part of our continuing "Distinguished Speakers" series, Roger Wilkins, Robinson Professor of History and American Culture, will speak on April 26 at 3:45 at City Hall. Professor Wilkins served as Assistant Attorney General during the Johnson administration and was on the editorial staffs of the New York Times and the Washington Post, where he shared a Pulitzer Prize in 1972 for Watergate coverage. His topic will be "Race in America."

Hugh Hecló, Robinson Professor of Public Affairs, will speak at 2 p.m. on May 7 on "The Social Question: What Have We Learned in the Last 100 Years?" Professor Hecló chaired a Ford Foundation committee that published in 1989 The Common Good: Social Welfare and the American Future. He came to George Mason University from a professorship at Harvard.

LUNCHEON AND LECTURE ON CAMPUS

Something new was added to LRI's roster of activities on January 22. A luncheon and lecture in Student Union Building II brought out a large group of members to hear Dr. Dennis Sandole, Associate Professor of Conflict Resolution and International Relations, discuss ethnic conflicts around the world, with particular attention to the situation in Croatia, Bosnia and Serbia. He pointed out the possibility of the conflict in the former Yugoslavia spreading to Turkey and Greece, both NATO members. He outlined the reasons why ethnic conflicts are so difficult to resolve, especially the "multiplier effect" that occurs as more people use violence to solve problems. He said he believes the United States should do something and he called for a "citizens diplomacy," noting that well-informed retirees are a good resource as peace makers.

Chester Myslicki, who has audited GMU courses in conflict resolution, introduced Dr. Sandole. Susan Klein of the university's Office of Adult Learning and Professional Development made the arrangements for the luncheon.

THE OFFICE NEEDS YOU!

If you attend a training workshop, you will feel comfortable answering the phone, explaining LRI and doing administrative tasks that free Carol Ferrara for other responsibilities. Getting involved as an Administrative Aide puts you where the action is. Call Carol (385-1593) or Martha Poling (356-0963) to volunteer and register for a workshop on Friday, March 12, at 10 a.m. Light refreshments.

ELDERHOSTEL INSTITUTE CONFERENCE IN MAY

The Auburn University Academy for Lifelong Learners will host a regional conference for learning in retirement institutes May 2-4 in Auburn, Ala. Sponsored by the Elderhostel Institute Network, the conference will emphasize ways member institutes can learn from each other. Attendees will enjoy samples of original and popular course offerings, and discussion groups will focus on leadership and management issues as well as broader topics in lifelong learning. The program is designed for both members and administrators, both staff and volunteers, according to Network director Jim Verschueren. Several of our LRI members are planning to go. If you are interested in going, talk to Dorothy Payne, 860-2733.

THANK YOU, LIAISONS

Dagmar Lending, who is responsible for providing class liaisons, reports that the following people served during the fall and/or winter sessions, doing a fine job of keeping everyone informed on class and LRI activities: Elizabeth De Arment, Joan Tullington, Jane Lundy, Ralph Lending, Ruth Shields, Helene Layman, Betty Denton, Mathilde Huber, Dorothy Payne, Beatrice Hale, Barbara Achilles, Marjorie White, Mary Shea, Ida Mello, Judith Lieberman, Adele O'Connell, Walter Helbig, Gerhard Voekler, Betty Carlson, Barbara Lynch and Bea Hale.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD

The Nominating Committee is considering names for membership on the LRI Board of Directors and would like suggestions from you. Please make sure the persons you want to nominate are willing to serve. Give the names to the Chairperson of the Committee, Martha Poling (356-0963).

ENDOWMENT FUND ESTABLISHED

The LRI Board of Directors has established an Endowment Fund to receive tax-deductible contributions from members, friends and organizations that want to help the institute grow. The fund will be used for "off budget" expenses, such as equipment and scholarships. If you would like to make a contribution in memory of someone or to mark an anniversary or some other special event in your life, please make your check payable to "LRI Endowment Fund."

PANELS AND STUDY GROUPS

Are there subjects you would enjoy knowing other people's views on? A number of LRI members have expressed a wish for more study groups and panel discussions, so the Curriculum Committee, chaired by Audrey Markham, is looking for members willing to lead these sessions. You don't have to be an expert on a subject; all it takes is a willingness to lead a discussion or join other participants in a panel format. Please let Audrey know if you can be a group leader or a panelist.

LRI HAS LOST A FRIEND, JOE SWIRE

Friends and fellow class members of Joe Swire were saddened to learn of his death in late December. Joe was one of LRI's first members, and those who took classes with him knew him to be a well-informed and articulate person who could present other viewpoints in a cheerful and helpful way. We will miss his companionship and contribution to the LRI concept.

LRI ON CHANNEL 25

LRI was featured on a Channel 25 program on February 25. The program, "55, 66, 77 and Still Learning," presented a panel of LRI members, including Dr. Cy and Dorothy Mill, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary; Edna Derrick, who has been our Hospitality Chairperson; and students Ruth Shields and Gerhard Voekler. They talked about why they are participating in LRI and what the program has done for them. They also told about the courses to be offered in the spring session, which starts March 29. LRI has a video tape of the program.

SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE WITH GMU STUDENTS

The Provost's office of GMU wants to know about any LRI members who would like to share their professional or academic expertise with GMU students. If you are interested, send Shirley Fox a one-page curriculum vitae, together with an indication of the topic(s) you could address and whether you would prefer to give one or more lectures or organize a panel to make a presentation. The information will be sent to the Provost's office for referral to the appropriate department. Please do not send the information directly.

Members are also asked to contribute their knowledge of the workplace in the Career Placement Office of the University. Let Carol Ferrara know if you want your name submitted and what your field of expertise is.

Catalog correction: The talk by Janet Solinger, former director of the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program, which was originally scheduled for April 16, has been postponed until Friday, May 21, at 2 p.m. in City Hall.

A NEW KIND OF LRI THANK YOU

Larry Fox has made a contribution to LRI in the form of specially printed certificates of appreciation to recognize quality teaching and lectures. The certificates will be presented at membership meetings and at the conclusion of special lectures.

ANY EXTRAS AT YOUR HOUSE?

The LRI office needs an electric typewriter in good condition and with an eraser button. There is also a need for a portable VCR for use in classrooms. Remember that all contributions to LRI are tax-deductible.

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The spring semester begins March 29.

Be sure to send in your

Registration Form by March 9.

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