

LRI news

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CALENDAR

August

Tues., Aug. 24, 10 a.m.
Publicity Committee meeting

Tues., Aug. 31, 10 a.m.
Membership Committee meeting

September

Thurs., Sept. 2, Registration Forms
due for Fall term

Thurs., Sept. 2, 10 a.m.
Curriculum Committee meeting

Thurs., Sept. 9, 11 a.m.
Board of Directors meeting

Thurs., Sept. 9, 2-4 p.m.
OPEN HOUSE at The Virginian,
9229 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, Va.

Mon., Sept. 20, Fall classes begin

Fri., Sept. 24, 10 a.m.
Membership Committee meeting

Tues., Sept. 28
Tour of Phillips Collection

October

Fri., Oct. 1, 10 a.m.
Curriculum Committee meeting

Check your Fall catalog for
Special Events during October.

Board of Directors

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

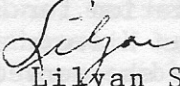
For President Clinton it's Jobs, Jobs, Jobs; for Realtors it's Location, Location, Location; for LRI it's Members, Members, Members!

With this issue of the newsletter we are launching a campaign for new members: Each One Recruit One. If every member recruits at least one new member, our organization can grow into an even more vital asset in all our lives. We'll be able to offer more courses, more activities, and better classroom and office space.

Tell your friends, neighbors and relatives about LRI, and show them the lineup in the Fall 1993 catalog. If you want LRI to send a catalog to someone, call the office and leave the name and address. Note also that we are opening all Special Events to guests of members this semester.

The curriculum is the lifeblood of our organization, but you the membership are the lifeline. We depend on you for ideas and suggestions, and we need your help. In order to keep LRI alive and well, we must recruit new members.

Remember: Each One Recruit One.


Lilyan Spero

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Why does LRI charge \$200 for an annual membership? How is the money used?

The answers to those important questions start with the fact that LRI is a nonprofit voluntary membership organization that finances all of its activities from membership fees and gifts. LRI receives no funds from any element of government.

To run the organization, funds are needed to pay for the services of our part-time coordinator, for printing of catalogs and newsletters and other materials, for postage and telephone services, and for office supplies. We print and mail hundreds of catalogs at least four times a year, a newsletter six times a year, and a membership roster two times a year.

LRI could not afford all of its activities without the generous contribution of goods and services that are obtained free. George Mason University provides printing and other services at reduced rates. Both Fairfax City and Fairfax County provide free classroom space. Local

newspapers give us free publicity. LRI occasionally receives important gifts, such as the computer and printer recently donated by IBM.

The heart of the LRI program is the lineup of outstanding courses and teachers. All teachers give their time completely without charge.

Supporting all of LRI's activities are the volunteers who contribute many hours to such vital work as curriculum development, membership drives, publicity and administrative support for the day-to-day operations of the LRI office.

Ed Swoboda, Treasurer, says that the \$200 annual membership fee is about equal to each member's share of things for which LRI must pay. The fee is a bargain; if LRI were to pay for all the donated goods and services it receives, the membership fee would have to be much higher.

If you have any questions about LRI's finances, Ed would be happy to talk with you. His number is 273-1350.

A LOOK AT THE 21st CENTURY

WITH LRI'S "DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES"

Two speakers in LRI's Distinguished Lecture Series are scheduled for October. The first, on October 7 at 3 p.m., will be Dr. Robert Hazen, GMU Robinson Professor of Earth Sciences, who will speak on "Materials for Tomorrow," the things being developed in scientific laboratories. In addition to teaching at GMU, Dr. Hazen is a staff scientist at the Geophysical Laboratory in Washington, specializing in crystallography.

Dr. Hazen, who holds degrees from MIT and Harvard, has published extensively in scientific journals and is the author of The Breakthrough: The Race for the Superconductor (1988) and co-author (with James Trefil, also a GMU Robinson Professor) of Science Matters: Achieving Scientific Literacy (1991). His non-scientific interests include being a professional symphonic trumpeter, and he wrote The Music Man: An Illustrated History of Brass Bands (1987).

Our second Distinguished Lecture Series speaker is Dr. Clara Lovett, who will join us at a luncheon on Friday, October 22, at 1 p.m., in the Student Union II building. Her topic will be "Higher Education--America's Comparative Edge in the 21st Century."

Dr. Lovett, who was GMU Provost from 1988-93, is currently on leave from George Mason to serve as Director of a Forum on Faculty Roles and Rewards for the American Association for Higher Education in Washington. She has been a Professor of European History at GMU, coming to our campus from George Washington University, where she served as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. A native of Trieste, Italy, where she received her Bachelor's Degree, she has an M.A. and Ph.D. in History from the University of Texas at Austin.

Be sure to mark your Registration Form

for both of these opportunities to peer into the future.

***** GET READY FOR A GREAT FALL ! *****

The Fall 1993 catalogs are in the mail. You may have already received yours and decided which courses you plan to take and which Special Events you want to attend.

The Curriculum Committee worked hard over several months assembling the course topics, instructors, moderators and Special Events coordinators, and then tackled the daunting job of scheduling everything. Meanwhile, Board members and others scrambled to find additional classroom spaces. With a lot of team effort, it has all come together.

Ellis Woody, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee, reports that the goal of his group was to arrange for courses and events that would capture the attention and interest of the maximum number of LRI members. The results of the survey made at the last annual meeting were given special weight.

Classroom locations, all in convenient places, will appear on the notice you will receive confirming your course registrations. You will also receive a map showing locations of the sites to be used this semester. The majority of classes will be at a new location, known as the ASAP Building (Alcohol Safety Action Project). It is on Democracy Lane, just off University Drive about five blocks from the LRI office. There is plenty of parking space, and the CUE bus serves the area.

Remember to get your Registration Form in by Thursday, September 2...and look forward to a stimulating, worthwhile semester at LRI.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

THANKS IBM! THANKS KEN OATES!

Dorothy and Cy Mills have moved to the Colonnades in Charlottesville and want to say hello to all their friends at LRI, especially those in the Poetry Workshop.

Carol Ferrara says her daughter is getting along nicely following her operation, and she thanks everyone who expressed their good wishes.

Audrey Markham is serving as LRI's liaison to the various retirement communities in our area. She is also President of the Widowed Persons Service of Northern Virginia, which now has an office at The Jefferson, Marriott's retirement community in Arlington.

Dorothy Stark is recuperating following surgery for a broken hip.

Through its Fund for Community Service, IBM has just awarded LRI a Personal System, PS 2 computer, and a dot matrix printer. We have Kenneth Oates to thank for helping to make this gift possible. Mr. Oates, who taught LRI's first computer course in 1991, retired from IBM after 32 years as an advisory engineer and scientist involved in the design and development of computers and processors. IBM provides grants to non-profit organizations in which retired employees are involved, and Mr. Oates generously cooperated in LRI's application for the grant.

The new equipment will greatly expedite the administrative, publicity and programmatic tasks of the Institute. Much of the work that has been done in members' homes can now be done in-house, including the development and production of newsletters and catalogs, membership lists, course registrations, and mailing labels. The Institute purchased a laser printer this year, making it possible to produce better final products.

Members with computer literacy or a willingness to learn are urged to volunteer to help our Coordinator, Carol Ferrara, make the best use of our new computer equipment.

DO YOU HAVE ANY DESK-TOP PUBLISHING EXPERIENCE? IF SO, PLEASE CALL MARJORIE WHITE, 534-2435.

THE OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP

LRI is in need of volunteer office staffers. Responsibilities include answering the phone, photocopying and clerical duties, all important to this member-run organization. Training and ongoing support are provided. The next training session is Thursday, August 26, at 10 a.m. Light refreshments will be served (and reports are that everyone has a good time getting to know each other at these sessions). Call Barbara Lynch (451-0202) or the office (385-1593) to register.

WHO'S DOING WHAT NOW?

Much of the LRI program is handled by various committees, which report to the Board of Directors. Here are the current chairpersons:

Curriculum: Ellis Woody
Membership: Betty Carlson and
Betty MacKenzie
Publicity: Judith Lieberman
Finance: Ed Swoboda
Social Events: Mary Shea
Volunteers: Barbara Lynch

A PARKING REMINDER

The parking area behind Commerce Building, 4085 University Drive, where the LRI office is located, is the property of the University and subject to the regulations that apply to the parking lots on the main campus. Any car without a current GMU parking sticker is subject to a fine of \$60.

When attending committee meetings or volunteering at the office, LRI members should park on Ratcliffe Street, which is one block from the building off University Drive toward the main campus.

Is it time for you to renew your membership in LRI?

Check the expiration date on your label below. Your renewal check can be sent along with your Registration Form for Fall classes.

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