

# LRI news

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## CALENDAR

### March

- Thurs., Mar. 17, 10 a.m.  
Board of Directors meeting
- Sun., Mar. 20, 2-4 p.m.  
HOUSEWARMING PARTY at Tallwood
- Mon., Mar. 21  
Spring classes begin
- Mon., Mar. 28, 1-2:30 p.m.  
Special Event: "Russian Literature"

### April

- Thurs., Apr. 7, 1 p.m.  
Special Event: Glen Echo tour
- Fri., Apr. 8, 1 p.m.  
Celebration Series, with Senator Jane Wood and Delegate Jim Scott
- Fri., Apr. 15, 2 p.m.  
Celebration Series, with GMU President Dr. George Johnson
- Thurs., Apr. 21, 10 a.m.  
Board of Directors meeting
- Fri., Apr. 22, 1 p.m.  
Celebration Series, luncheon with Lieutenant Governor Don Beyer

### May

- Tues., May 3, 1:30 p.m.  
Washington Cathedral tour and tea
- Thurs., May 12  
Spring classes end
- Thurs., May 19, 10 a.m.  
Board of Directors meeting
- Fri., May 27, 10 a.m.  
Program Committee meeting

### June

- Fri., June 3  
LRI ANNUAL MEETING

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Now that we have moved to our new home at Tallwood, we can begin to experience the many advantages in having our classes and social functions all in one place. LRI is truly grateful to George Mason University, to its President, Dr. George Johnson, to Stanley Taylor, the Associate Vice-President for Operational Services, and many others who have made it possible for us to use the Tallwood space.

Many LRI members have worked hard getting everything ready for the Housewarming Party on March 20 and for the spring classes, which start the next day. Special thanks go to John Kurelich, who took on the big task of coordinating the repair work and obtaining equipment, with a lot of help from Allen Montecino. Mary Shea, Helene Layman and Frank McMahon put in many hours preparing for the Housewarming Party. Working along with them and the Board of Directors, Carol Ferrara did her usual superb job of making sure everything got accomplished. We couldn't have a better Administrator than Carol.

To mark our move, we are having a special "Celebration Series," with prominent speakers, all addressing the theme: "Virginia Looks Forward." I hope every LRI member will come to these special events, and you are welcome to bring guests. See page 3 for more information and mark your calendar with the dates and times.

Another important date to note: Our annual meeting on Friday, June 3. We'll be voting on members to fill five positions on the Board of Directors, as well as focusing on the future growth of LRI, so I hope all of you will plan to be there.

Lilyan Spero  
President

## LRI's Reorganization Plan

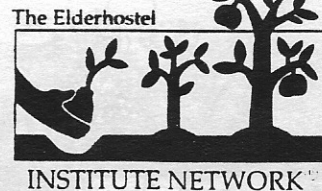
Along with working on LRI's move to its own quarters, the Board of Directors has made some changes in LRI's organization and management designed to consolidate functions and improve efficiency. In the future the Board will focus primarily on long-term planning and policy. Implementation will be the responsibility of four standing committees and an Administrator, with their activities coordinated by a committee consisting of the Vice Chairperson, each standing committee chair and the Administrator. Each LRI management function is assigned to one of the following five operational components:

- Outreach Committee, responsible for recruitment, publicity and community relations.
- Program Committee, responsible for developing courses and special events.
- Finance and Budget Committee, responsible for accounting, financial planning and budget.
- Membership Services Committee, responsible for the care and support of members, social events, class registrations and support, publications, membership information and research.
- Administration, headed by Carol Ferrara as Administrator, responsible for office volunteers, clerical and computer work, supplies and equipment.

In addition, steps are being taken to improve management efficiency, including preparation of a Management Handbook setting forth policies and procedures applicable to all LRI managers. LRI also will make increased use of its computer capability in word processing, desktop publishing, database and accounting, based on recommendations for software program standardization being prepared by an ad hoc committee.

All LRI members are receiving a brief questionnaire and are urged to return it as soon as possible. The questionnaire will help LRI ascertain members' talents and preferences so that we can continue to keep costs down by relying on volunteers to manage the organization and to contribute in leading class sessions and in other activities.

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## Conference in Baltimore, March 28-30

The Elderhostel Institute Network is sponsoring the first Mid-Atlantic Conference of Institutes for Learning in Retirement on March 28-30 in Baltimore. The host is the Renaissance Institute at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. The conference theme is "The Spirit of Inquiry: A Joy for the Active Mind."


As a member institute of the Network, the Learning in Retirement Institute at George Mason University is providing panelists for two sessions. Audrey Markham and Janice Dewire are on the panel on Membership Promotion Through Special Events; Lilyan Spero and Ed Swoboda are on the one on Finances: Who Controls What?

Most LRI members have received a brochure from the Network detailing the subjects of the 18 panels. If you want information about costs, etc., call Audrey Markham (620-4516). You can also check with the LRI office, which may be able to help arrange car-pooling. Several members are hoping to attend, including Mary Collinson, who is pleased that her alma mater is hosting this conference.

## Catalog Changes & Updates

- The Poetry Workshop will meet on Tuesdays at 9:30, not Monday afternoons as shown in the Spring catalog.
- George Bein's talk during the Winter term was so well received that he has agreed to return on Wednesday, April 13, from 11:30 to 1, to talk about his views of life under communism, good and bad, and how he managed to get out of the Gulag. This event will be held at the ASAP building, rooms A4 and 5.

LRI's new phone number:

 (703) 503-3384

C E L E B R A T I O N   S E R I E S

"VIRGINIA LOOKS FORWARD"

To celebrate its move to its new home at Tallwood, the Learning in Retirement Institute at George Mason University is presenting three special sessions on Friday afternoons in April.

Friday, April 8, 1:00 p.m.

"Update on Virginia," with Republican Senator Jane Wood and Democratic Delegate Jim Scott, who will talk about what the current legislature is doing on a variety of issues important to all Virginians. There will be time for questions, followed by refreshments.

Friday, April 15, 2:00 p.m.

"The State of Higher Education in Virginia" will be the topic of George Mason University President George Johnson. This is our opportunity to thank Dr. Johnson for his support and encouragement of LRI and his help in providing the space at Tallwood. Refreshments afterward.

Friday, April 22, 12:30 p.m.

"The Economic Future of Virginia" is the topic that Lieutenant Governor Don Beyer will address. This event will take place at the Silver Plate restaurant, 9910 Main St., Fairfax. The cost for the luncheon is \$13. Use the coupon below to make your reservation by Monday, April 18.

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Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places  
at \$13 each for the April 22 luncheon at the Silver Plate.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (zip)

Mail to: Learning in Retirement Institute  
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Parking at Tallwood

- For the Housewarming Party on March 20, you can park in the swimming pool lot to the right of Tallwood if our lot is full.
- You are urged to use extra caution as you exit the Tallwood parking lot because of the obstructed view on the right. The Board of Directors is attempting to find a solution to the problem.

New Snow Policy

Let's hope you don't need this information until next winter, but in case we get a late snow, the new LRI policy is to close only when Fairfax County schools are closed but to open on time when Fairfax County schools are opening late. For special events involving travel, call the LRI office for recorded information on cancellations.

Thank You, Mildred Bain

The pen and ink sketch of LRI's new home at Tallwood is the work of local artist Mildred Bain. Mildred is primarily a watercolorist and has exhibited widely in Northern Virginia, and her works hang in many countries. Her drawing of Tallwood lends itself well to multiple uses, so you will be seeing it more and more on LRI material.

The April issue of Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine has an item on the book that Mildred and George Bain wrote and published for their grandchildren. George gave a talk at LRI during the Winter term on their experiences in producing this book.

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*   LRI Annual Meeting         *
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