



LRI news

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We're Off to a Great Year!

Now that classes are underway for the Fall 1994 term, it's time to bring everyone up to date on LRI's progress in recent months. We have 73 new members and a total membership of 228 now. Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll find details on numbers, activities, names of the many people who have contributed so much to our organization lately, as well as other information all members and friends of LRI need to know.

Being able to consolidate all our classes at Tallwood on the edge of the GMU campus has made a big difference in our ability to grow and to get to know each other better. With increased office space and a new room set aside for socializing between classes, we are able to serve our members better. And with our new computers, we are even getting more efficient.

All committees are functioning at full steam now, and all of them could use more help. I urge every member to take advantage of the opportunities to get more involved in LRI. All of us are busy people, but I know from my own experience that the time spent on LRI activities is among the most meaningful and enjoyable things we can do. Don't wait to be asked...you know best what you'd like to do, so let the office or the appropriate chairperson know how you want to help. The future of LRI depends on those of us who are willing to take on the various tasks that need doing, whether it's teaching or coordinating a class, helping to plan the next semester, doing office work, interviewing newcomers, working on publicity or publications, or just being available for the myriad tasks that continually crop up.

As the year moves along, I hope you will let me and other members of the Board of Directors know how we can improve LRI. In our first three years it has been suggestions from members that have helped shape where we are today. Let us have your course recommendations, your ideas for social activities, and, yes, your criticisms. Most of all, let us have some of your time and help in making LRI even better.

Laura Cambern, President

Dates to Remember

OCTOBER

- Fri., Oct. 7, 2 p.m.
Special Event: Book Manufacturing
- Wed., Oct. 12, 1:30 p.m.
LRI Book Club
- Fri., Oct. 14, 10 a.m.
Coordination Committee meeting
- Fri., Oct. 14, Noon
Potluck Lunch
- Wed., Oct. 19, 2 p.m.
Special Event: Feeding Wild Birds
- Fri., Oct. 21, 10:30 a.m.
Board of Directors meeting
- Fri., Oct. 28, 1:30 p.m.
Special Event: Kreeger Museum

Note: Classes will be held on
Columbus Day, October 10.

NOVEMBER

- Wed., Nov. 2, 2 p.m.
Special Event: Prepare for La Traviata
- Fri., Nov. 4, 8 p.m.
La Traviata (GMU Performing Arts Center)
- Wed., Nov. 9, 1:30 p.m.
LRI Book Club
- Fri., Nov. 11, 10 a.m.
Welcome Coffee for New Members
- Fri., Nov. 11, 10 a.m.
Coordination Committee meeting
- Fri., Nov. 11,
Fall term ends

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The New Office for Carol

Over the summer LRI acquired additional space, which has now become Carol Ferrara's private office plus an office that doubles as space for the computer workshops and the desk for office volunteers.

Moving the files and other equipment and setting up the new space took strong backs, cheerfulness and time, and we got all three in abundance from George Bain, Carl Bender, Tom Clarke, Tom Hartnett, Karl Ostend, Lilburne Sheats and Rod Zumbro.

Paul Gruendl gets a special thanks for assembling our handsome picnic tables and putting up the bulletin boards and pictures. Ray Beery and Allen Montecino put in many hours getting our new computer up and running. (This Compaq and its printer are in Carol's office and are for use only on LRI business.)

It was a busy summer, and there's no way to thank all the many people who pitched in to get ready for the Open House and the start of Fall classes. Just know that without your help, LRI would not be the thriving organization it is now.

At Last, a Social Room

LRI has long needed a place where members could gather between classes, chat, perhaps eat lunch or have a cup of coffee. Now the former office space has been converted into just that kind of place. Be sure to check the bulletin board there for important information about LRI (and please do not post any other kind of material on the Social Room bulletin board; you can use the one outside the large classroom for non-LRI items).

And now that we do have a Social Room, let's all try very hard not to drift into the new offices for any reason except LRI business. We need to keep the offices quiet and free of traffic so that

important work can get done. If you need to tell Carol something or ask a question that isn't urgent, please leave her a note on the clipboard in the Social Room.

Don't Be a No-Show

The folks who arrange for Special Events often have to make commitments about the number of people who will attend. If you register for any Special Event and then find you can't make it, please let the office know as soon as possible so that someone else can take your place. This is especially important for the various tours offered.

Welcome, Jenny Green

GMU student Jenny Green now works for LRI on a part-time basis, as Carol Ferrara's assistant. She is responsible for various house-keeping duties, such as getting classrooms ready, making coffee, photocopying, filing, etc. We've long needed someone like Jenny and are delighted to have her.

Books and Tapes to Borrow

In the new Social Room you'll find an informal lending library. Members are welcome to borrow books if they add one or more to the bookshelf. The idea is: Bring One, Take One.

Jane Lundy is LRI's new Librarian. She will be cataloging our audio-visual tapes so that they will be available for members to borrow.

LRI on Japanese TV

The Japanese TV network (NHK) came to Tallwood on September 10 to videotape our activities as part of a documentary about older adults. Because our Fall term had

not yet begun, various activities were "staged" with the help of 30 members. Scenes were taped of members arriving by car, relaxing in the Social Room, working in the computer room, and taking a class with Helene Layman on the opera "Carmen." Several members were interviewed.

LRI will get a copy of the edited version of the documentary as well as all the taping that was done at Tallwood, which we can then edit and use for our own purposes.

A Big Open House

By great good luck, September 9 was a beautiful day. If it hadn't been, the Open House would have seemed even more crowded than it did. Far more people came than had been anticipated, and nearly 30 signed up as new members that afternoon. Many members got their first look at the new office space, computer lab and Social Room. Because the large classroom was jammed, the program was kept short, with President Laura Cambern talking about the organization and Janice Dewire outlining the Fall course offerings.

The Word Is Getting Out

One reason behind the big turnout for the Open House is the great publicity our LRI is getting. Judith Lieberman, Publicity Chairperson, arranged for notices in the *Golden Gazette*, the *Washington Post*, the *DACOR Bulletin* and *Centre View*. She sent 60 letters to publications and radio and TV stations. The *Fairfax Journal* did a nice writeup on our Fall classes. Judith along with Marion Burgett and Beverly George promoted LRI at the Wellness Fair at Westminster at Lake Ridge. Barbara Lynch visited an enthusiastic crowd at the Jewish Community Center. All of these efforts are paying off in increased membership and interest in LRI.

Help Wanted

Below are some of the openings for specific volunteer jobs with LRI. Please call the office or the person listed for more information.

Mail Preparer LRI catalogs, newsletters and other mailings have to be prepared for bulk handling by the post office. Call Vince Boylan, 241-0706.

Graphic Artists Several design projects await members who can create display boards, develop logos, make signs, etc.

Gardeners Have a green thumb? Help with choosing and perhaps planting shrubs and plants to beautify our grounds at Tallwood.

Play Reading Leader Have you ever been in a play reading group? Could you help LRI start one? Call Janice Dewire, 532-8312.

Researcher LRI needs someone to analyze data gathered from member surveys, course enrollments, mailings, etc. The information will help the Board make policy decisions.

Bridge Coordinator Eda Harris is looking for someone to honcho a new bridge group. Her number is 237-3806.

Word Processors Those with some computer experience can help prepare publications and other material LRI issues. Also, the office needs someone familiar with Quicken.

Interviewers Would you like to chat with newcomers to help them learn more about LRI? Call Martha Poling, 356-0963.

And, of course, we always need more help on the phones during office hours. Call Barbara Lynch, 451-0202.

Success Brings Problems

Course enrollments for the Fall term total 217; 73 of them are new members. Those numbers are all-time highs for our LRI, as is the number of renewing members. This is very rewarding for all the people who have worked hard for LRI during its first three years. The down side is that some members were not able to get into the courses they wanted for the Fall term. Successful retirement institutes at other universities have run into this situation and have developed various policies for dealing with it. Our Board of Directors is currently considering several possibilities, striving to come up with a system that is fair to the greatest number. The Winter term catalog will include any changes in place by then.

The Fall Directory

Mailed along with this newsletter is the Fall 1994 Directory of members. In the back you will find a list of officers, Board of Directors, committee chairpersons and committee members.

Remember that the Directory is for use by members only and only for LRI business. The Directory should not be used for any commercial purpose.

Wish List

Anyone with an unneeded refrigerator in good condition will find a happy home for it at LRI. Also needed are three wall clocks, a few card tables, and an electric or electronic typewriter. Call the office.

WW II: Where Were You?

LRI is planning a course for the Winter term on World War II, using some materials from the Department of Defense. Vince Boylan, who will be moderator for the course, wants to include personal experiences of LRI members. If you would like to join in sharing your memories, whether in the military or or as a civilian, please give Vince a call at 241-0706.

OCTOBER POTLUCK LUNCH

Friday, Oct. 14, noon

We'll eat outside if the weather permits.

A - G Bring an appetizer or salad

H - P Bring a main dish

Q - Z Bring a dessert

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Nicolette Atwood
Joanne Becker
Helen Beery
Lois Blackwell
George Blackwell
Barbara Blundell
Barbara Brown
Marjorie Butts
Edith Buzzell
Helen Cefaratti
Juliet Cafferata
Sylvia Castelnova
Beverly Chapell
Charlotte Chapman
Joan Clark
John Clark
Carl Clement
Dorothy Cole
Patricia Collins

Bob Criddle
Mary Davis
John Davis
Mary Ann Deary
Ann Dejoy
Shirley Del Vitto
Charlotte Dettor
Jess Downie
Terri Eldridge
Ellwood Erickson
Richard Finney
Dorothea Fischback
Yetta Forman
Joan Frates
Barbara Gallagher
Jeanne Goldfarb
Harriet Grever
Lucy Hagan
Bernice Hanson

Judith Hanson
Elfie Hauspt
George Heatley
Irving Levitas
Henry Morris
Agnes Kelly
Ann Kirkpatrick
Frances Lanier
Jeanette Marr
James Mattson
Diane McCullough
Florence McMahon
Layne McRae
Helen Miller
Audrey Mowson
Phyllis Nagler
Al Nesuda
Marie Pagan
Elizabeth Palmer

Prescott Palmer
Alice Pennington
Virginia Peters
Carmela Reeves
Maurice Rifkin
Helen Ryan
Knox Singleton
Suzanne Smith
Jean Steinfeldt
Sue Taylor
Charles Watson
Arly Weider
Janet Westcott
Martha Westenhaver
Donald Wright
Elizabeth Worch

All new members are invited to a Welcoming Coffee Friday, November 11 at 10 a.m.

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