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Dates to Remember

APRIL

- Wed., Apr. 12, 1:30, Book Club
- Fri., Apr. 14, 10:00, Coordinating Committee
- Wed., Apr. 19, 2:00, Bailiwick Inn Tea and Tour *
- Fri., Apr. 21, 10:30, Board of Directors
- Wed., Apr. 26, 2:00, A Pacific Saga *
- Fri., Apr. 28, 2:15 at site, Tour of State Department Diplomatic Rooms *

MAY

- Wed., May 3, 2:00, Lecture at Tallwood on U.S. Capitol *
- Fri., May 5, noon at site, Tour of Hillwood Museum & Gardens *
- Wed., May 10, (time to be announced on May 3), Tour of U.S. Capitol *
- Wed., May 10, 1:30, Book Club
- Thurs., May 11, Spring classes end
- Fri., May 12, 2:00, ANNUAL MEETING
- Wed., May 17, noon, Luncheon for office volunteers
- Fri., May 19, 10:30, Board of Directors
- Mon., May 22, Registration deadline for Summer classes

JUNE

- Mon., June 5, Summer classes begin
- Wed., June 14, 1:30, Book Club
- Fri., June 9, 10:00, Coordinating Committee
- Fri., June 16, 10:30, Board of Directors
- Fri., June 30, Summer classes end

* **Special Event. (If you want to attend but did not register, call the office to see whether space is still available.)**

From the President

The arrival of spring seems to fill us all with renewed energy and enthusiasm. It is a time to take stock of where we are and where we want to go. LRI has come a long way since the first classes in the Commerce II building. Through the hard work of many people, we have grown in both numbers and in the variety of courses and activities that we offer. At the same time we have managed to maintain a relaxed, friendly atmosphere in which we can cultivate friendships both old and new.

Growth inevitably means change. At our Annual Meeting on May 12, we will be electing six members to the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee will present an outstanding list of candidates, any of whom would be a valuable addition to the Board. They will bring a fresh outlook that, combined with the experience of the present Board members, promises an ever-changing and exciting future.

We will also be saying thank you to the five Board members whose terms are ending and who did not choose to run again.

Bill Cooley has been active in just about every facet of LRI, whether it's improving the parking lot, installing clocks or serving on the Program Committee.

Beverly George filled the gap when Kathryn Brooks resigned and has served with imagination and zeal as Chairperson of the Outreach Committee.

Frank McMahon is probably best known for his magnificent flower arrangements, but Frank also devotes many hours to organizing and analyzing membership information.

Garrett Ruhl has been a major contributor to the development and teaching of courses. He has been the Board's visionary, helping us keep our eyes on the future.

Ed Swoboda has served us well as Treasurer by maintaining a sane, sensible approach to the management of our funds. Ed has also often been the one to raise difficult but necessary questions.

To each of them we extend our thanks and appreciation for all that they have done.

Laura Cambern
President

*Broadening Horizons
Together*

Think Ahead to Fall

Flowers are barely in bloom, but the Program Committee is already thinking about the courses to be offered in the fall term. Would you like to teach, moderate a panel or recommend a course or a teacher? Remember, LRI is a membership organization, and members' contributions to our program are what continue to make us successful. Some special needs for the fall term include a native Spanish-speaking teacher, an additional course in history, and coverage of foreign policy or American government. Call the office anytime with your ideas; the recorder will take your voice mail after hours.

A Change in Membership Fees

At its March 17 meeting the Board of Directors decided that half-year memberships would no longer be available beginning with the fall term. Though it was recognized that the half-year arrangement suited the travel arrangements and other scheduling of some members, statistics showed that few members chose the lower rate, and the lower fee added to the bookkeeping tasks. Another factor was the limited space available for classes, which may necessitate placing a ceiling on the total number of members that the Institute can accommodate. It was also noted that providing a full summer schedule is hampered by the unavailability of sufficient parking when the swimming pool lot is being used. The half-year memberships at \$125 will therefore not be available after June 30, 1995.

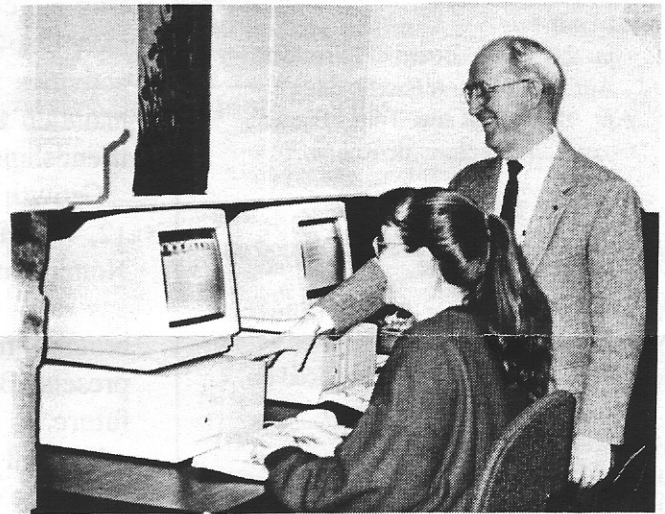
News From the Network

The Elderhostel Institute Network sponsors conferences and workshops that provide a way for its member organizations to exchange ideas of concern to all LRIs. One coming up on May 7 - 9 in Charleston, S.C., will offer seminars on developing curriculum, increasing membership, finding teachers and other areas of interest to all of us. For information on costs, lodging, etc., get a brochure from our office or call Audrey Markham, our liaison to the Network, at 620-4516.

A one-day conference nearer home will take place at William and Mary College on May 25. It will include a tour of the campus. You can also get information on this conference from Audrey.

Computers at Other LRIs

You may have seen the spring issue of *Network News*, the newsletter published by the Elderhostel Institute Network. A copy is on the bulletin board in the Social Room. It features an article about ways various LRIs are using computers and has a picture of Marjorie White and Ray Beery in our computer lab corner. Word has come from the Network headquarters in New Hampshire that it is looking into ways to set up a computer "home page" that would enable institutes to exchange ideas and information using e-mail. One idea being explored is creating a database of institute curriculum offerings nationwide. Ray says using cyberspace holds much promise for our LRI.



Ray Beery gives some tips to staff assistant Jenny Green.

Look at the Numbers

A record 220 members registered for courses in the spring term. Several courses and special events were oversubscribed, but everyone got their first choices. If you want to join a course in mid-stream, check with the office because some openings may have developed.

Secretary of Defense Commends LRI Program

The winter semester program that Vince Boylan put together featuring 14 of our members as panelists was recognized by the Secretary of Defense as contributing to the nation-wide commemoration of World War II. LRI received a certificate designating our organization as a "Commemorative Community." The Department of Defense also provided

several training-aid posters and a flag bearing the commemorative eagle and the words "A Grateful Nation Remembers."

Each of the panelists shared her or his experiences during the war, and the variety provided a fascinating cross-section of war-time adventures. The U.S. Navy was represented by Shirley Hyland, Scott Palmer, Ellis Woody, Virginia Peters, Bill Cooley and Dick Finney. Army veterans participating were Elizabeth De Arment, Murray Minster, Vince Boylan and John Sullivan. Helen Lapitsky was a defense plant worker, and Marion Burgett was a USO volunteer. Marion Glazier served in the South Pacific with the American Red Cross, and Helene Layman had a civilian assignment in Military Intelligence.

Where Did the Old Computers Go?

Now that we have our new computers, we no longer needed the older ones that had been donated in LRI's early days. They were still usable, though, so the Board of Directors decided to give them to the Northern Virginia Family Services organization.

Thanks to Our Important Volunteers

What keeps LRI going is the willingness of many of its members to take on the many tasks that have to be handled. If you're a new member or just haven't gotten around to volunteering previously, keep in mind that we always need office volunteers. You could spend one morning a month or one morning a week or whatever schedule you'd like. In return, you'll learn more about how LRI works and know

that you are an important part of it. Call Barbara Lynch (451-0202) and discuss the possibilities.

One of these days you may get a call from Joan Tullington asking you to serve as class liaison for a course you are taking. She is now responsible for providing people to serve as class liaisons for every course. These are the folks who make announcements, welcome newcomers and try to make sure everyone signs the class roll each time. If you haven't yet volunteered for anything at LRI, this is another good way to do your part.

And now that warm weather is returning, LRI is looking for gardeners. Yes, we need people interested in designing, planting and tending flowers and shrubs in our "yard." If this is more your bent than office work or class liaisoning, call Carol Ferrara at the office (503-3384).

LRI needs every member's participation in some phase of the organization's activities.

Who Has the Scrapbook?

A scrapbook with pictures and other materials pertaining to the first three years of LRI is nowhere to be found. If anyone borrowed it or has seen it recently, please let Carol Ferrara know.

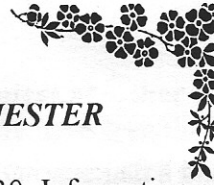
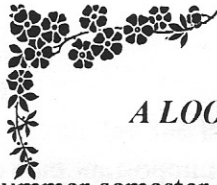
LRI Goes to the Fair

"Coming Back Can Move You Forward" was the theme of an adult education fair at the Patriot Center on April 6. LRI members John and Madeline Ryan and Bunny and Jerry Abel volunteered to be there to give out LRI materials and talk to prospective members, and Audrey Markham represented the Elderhostel Institute Network.

ANNUAL MEETING

May 12, 1995
2:00 p.m. at Tallwood

- *Election of new members to the Board of Directors*
 - *Presentation of recommended changes to the bylaws*
 - *Drawing for a \$50 certificate at Crown Books*
 - *Refreshments*
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A LOOK AT THE SUMMER SEMESTER

The summer semester will run from June 5 to June 30. Information on the courses and special events will be mailed during the second week in May, but here's a sneak preview.

John Heffernan will repeat his fascinating course on the windy world of sailing, which will end with a trip to his boat moored at the Calvert Marina at Solomon's Island.

Adele O'Connell is lending LRI her video tapes of the Legacy Series, produced by Maryland Public Television and Central Independent Television of the United Kingdom. This excellent series explores the influence of ancient cultures on our lives today.

Allen Montecino will take a beginner's class down the information superhighway, explaining the ins and outs of e-mail and the Internet.

Maryrose Patrone will lead a class on "Positive Communication." This will be a participatory course, with a minimum of lecture involved.

John Heatley is planning a course on the nomad civilization, looking at the geographic, cultural, social and historic factors in the development and decline of the nomadic way of life over the last 3,000 years.

The Special Events committee is going to focus on Virginia's tourism, wine making, battlefields and perhaps a river cruise.

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