



# LRI NEWS

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## Dates to Remember

### OCTOBER

- Wed., Oct. 11, 2:00 - 3:30, Book Club  
Fri., Oct. 13, 7:30 - 5:30, Special Event: Bus Trip to Monticello  
Fri., Oct. 13, 10:00, Coordinating Committee  
Tues., Oct. 17, 11:30, "Ethics" course begins  
Wed., Oct. 18, 2:00, Special Event: Preview of *Rigoletto*  
Fri., Oct. 20, 10:30, Preview of course (see p.2)  
Fri., Oct. 20, Noon, Board of Directors  
Fri., Oct. 20, 8:00 p.m., *Rigoletto* at GMU Center for the Performing Arts  
Thurs., Oct. 26, 2:00 - 3:30, New "Money Matters" discussion group begins  
Fri., Oct. 27, 10:00, New member coffee  
Fri., Oct. 27, 2:00, Special Event: National Gallery Tour

### NOVEMBER

- Fri., Nov. 3, 10:00, Special Event: Alexandria Tour  
Wed., Nov. 8, 2:00 - 3:30, Book Club  
Fri., Nov. 10, 10:00, Coordinating Committee  
Fri., Nov. 10, Noon, First Annual Kathryn Brooks Lecture and Luncheon at Silver Plate Restaurant  
Wed., Nov. 15, 2:00 - 3:30, Special Event: Hubble Telescope  
Fri., Nov. 17, 10:00, Board of Directors  
Mon., Nov. 20, Fall term classes end  
Wed., Nov. 29, 2:00, Special Event: Trip Tales

### DECEMBER

- Fri., Dec. 8, 10:00, Coordinating Committee  
Wed., Dec. 13, 2:00 - 3:30, Book Club  
Fri., Dec. 15, 10:00, Board of Directors  
*Catalogs will be mailed in mid December for the winter term, which begins January 22.*

## From the President

As I made my course selections for the fall term, I became aware of how my interests have subtly shifted over the past three years. While still maintaining a passion in some areas, I have also been exploring new roads and discovering new things. If anyone were to compare my choices today with those of three years ago, they would see decided changes. I'm sure the same is true for many of you, which brings me to the subject of this letter--the enclosed questionnaire.

The membership of LRI has grown and changed over the years, and it is again time to ask you a little about yourselves so that we can continue to meet your expectations. This applies to our current members as well as those new to LRI. Although it would be nice to know what you have done in the past and your interests then and now, our main concern is what you would like in the future.

There is also a very special request. Please look closely at the opportunities to volunteer. LRI is dependent upon you to keep things going. Becoming a volunteer doesn't mean a year-long commitment of devoting your life to LRI. There are a million simple tasks to be done that don't demand a lot of time and effort. Could you paint a table, plant some flowers, set out trays of food, make a few phone calls, stuff envelopes? Would you like to help out in the office? Are you interested in teaching a course, leading a discussion group, developing new courses? What about presenting a Special Event on your hobby?

The opportunities are endless, so please indicate how you'd like to help. I guarantee you'll have a good time!

Laura Cambern  
President

## **LRI in Cyberspace**

In the next few weeks, LRI will have an electronic home in cyberspace. Our course schedules and other information will be posted electronically on LRI's "home page" on the World Wide Web. LRI members, led by Allen Montecino, Jr., will create a basic design, including color graphics, and then construct the electronic text and images on the World Wide Web. The result should be a colorful, informative and interesting new way for LRI to communicate with members and other interested people on the internet. LRI's new electronic home page will reside on a computer on the GMU campus, but our message will be available, literally, around the world.

## **The Program Committee at Work**

While you are just getting started on your fall courses, the members of the Program Committee are planning not only for winter courses but for spring as well. You can help by giving the committee your suggestions for course subjects that would interest you or teachers you think would be willing to present a four- or eight-week course. Give your suggestions to Ray Beery, Chairman of the committee; leave a message for him at the office or send it to him via e-mail (rberry1@gmu.edu). Yes, that's "berry," not "beery," for e-mail.

The Special Events subcommittee is assembling its usual array of interesting activities. How would you like to tell the rest of us about your hobby? Whom do you know who could present a one-time lecture? What local trips would you like to go on with other LRI members? Give your ideas to George Dewire, Chairman of the subcommittee, and he will put his team to work on them.

## **Registration Rules**

Please remember that you cannot take any course unless you have registered for it and received a Confirmation Form admitting you to the course or have received permission from the office after the registration deadline. Some classes still have room; check with the office if you'd like to join any now.

You may not have gotten all of the courses that you originally registered for in September. Some courses were oversubscribed, some had limitations placed on them by the teacher (for example, art

classes and discussion courses). The Program Committee hopes to reschedule some of these popular courses in upcoming terms. If there was a course given in the past that you missed out on and would like to see rescheduled, let Ray Beery know.

## **Preview of a Winter Course**

On October 20 at 10:30, Joanne Johnson will give a preview of a course she will teach during the winter term titled "How English Came to Be Our Language." Mrs. Johnson is a popular teacher of literature courses at LRI and the wife of GMU's President, George Johnson.

## **It's Thank You Time**

So many LRI members have been doing so many different tasks that we have a long list this month:

- o Carl Opstad and Bill Hoffman have taken over responsibility for our bulk mailings of catalogs and this newsletter, relieving Vince Boylan of a task he has carried for several years. Thanks to all three for their help on this vital project.
- o Henry Shenker and John Frank spent untold hours getting everyone registered for the new term, converting our previous computer system to a brand-new one.
- o Rod Zumbro took on the task of installing Winsock and Netscape on our lab computers. You'll be hearing more about this later on.
- o Our Open House on September 8 was hot, crowded and wonderful. The wonderful part was largely due to a team led by Helene Layman. Included were Hannelore Smallfield, Dorothy Stellmach, Audrey Mowson, Dolores Ecklund, Mary Shea and Carol Speckart.

Ruth Shields and Shirley Hyland welcomed newcomers and steered them in the right direction.

Jane Meiner, Beverly George and Joan Tullington were busy registering new members for courses.

Manning the parking lot were Bill Cooley, Kent Long, Lilburne Sheats and Murray Minster.

The beautiful flower arrangements were once again supplied by Frank McMahan, as are the arrangements on permanent display in the large classroom and the Social Room.

Thanks to all of these people and to all the others who participated in making the Open House a big success again this year.

### **More Volunteers Needed**

As the President's letter on the first page and the enclosed questionnaire indicate, we are always in need of more people to help out. If you haven't yet done anything to keep LRI functioning, now's a good time to think about what you can contribute. In every *LRI News* you'll find one or more specific opportunities listed. This month:

**Historian** Before LRI gets much older, we need to establish a written record of the organization's history, highlighting the progress we're making in numbers and activities. This could take the form of a brief narrative of each year, together with a file of catalogs, newsletters and other mailings. Once someone sets up a format covering the first four years, it shouldn't take much time to keep it up.

**Photo album keeper** We've accumulated some dandy pictures of various events and now need someone to organize and caption them in albums.

Talk to Carol Ferrara if you'd like to be involved in either of these projects.

### **Kathryn Brooks Luncheon/Lecture**

You can still make a reservation for the first annual Kathryn Brooks lecture and luncheon at the Silver Plate restaurant on Friday, November 10, at 12 noon. The speaker is Judge Rosemarie Annunziata of the Virginia Appellate Court. You may bring guests to this event; the all-inclusive cost is \$13 each. Make your reservation with Carol Ferrara.

### **GMU ID Cards**

LRI members are entitled to a George Mason University ID Card, which allows you to check out books at Fenwick Library, purchase items at the Computer and Book stores, and enjoy other campus privileges (but not free parking). To obtain your card, pick up a Photo Identification Card form and a Validation Sticker form at the LRI office, fill in the sections that are applicable to you, have Carol

Ferrara sign the authorizations, and take the two forms to the Photo Identification Office in Student Union I, Room 355. If you already have an ID card (current ones expired August 31, 1995), you can obtain a new expiration sticker (valid through August 31, 1996) to attach to your card by using the Validation Sticker form only.

**Reminder:** Wear your name tag to class, so we can get to know each other better. Need a new name tag? Let the office know.

### **New Money Course**

For four weeks starting October 26, a Money Matters Group will meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3:30. Enrollment is limited to 20 LRI members so that all may participate fully in the workshop discussions. Subjects will include individual companies, mutual funds, municipal bonds, Treasury securities or whatever in the world of personal finance interests the group. No specific investment recommendations will be made.

The sessions will be moderated by Nancy Bernhard and Glen Hillock. Both have been interested in personal finance subjects and vouch for the benefits they have received from participating in a similar group at LRI during the summer. To enroll in this discussion group, contact the LRI office.

### **LRI's Snow Policy**

When Fairfax County public schools are closed because of snow, LRI is also closed, but when the schools are opening late, LRI's normal schedule is followed.

### **Easing the Traffic in the Office**

Before and after classes, the traffic jams in the office often rival those on the road. We can all help by leaving messages for Carol Ferrara on the clip board in the Social Room.



*Broadening Horizons Together*

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Forty-seven new people joined the Learning in Retirement Institute at George Mason University this fall. A special coffee will be held from 10 to 11:30 on Friday, October 27, at Tallwood, for these new members so they can get to know each other, meet the members of the Board of Directors and committee chairpersons, and learn more about LRI.

Legene Anderson  
Shirley Blanchard  
Mary H. Brown  
Marilyn Calves  
Bob Capozzi  
Mary Cocker  
Mary Combs  
Mary Cox  
Jean Darby  
Hope Davies  
Kathi Devane  
Betty Dewitt  
Edna Dougherty  
Barbara Evans  
Mary Ellen Feeney  
Ann Gettman

Ann Goerold  
Richard Goodwin  
Margaret Hazlett  
Deanne Horte  
Richard Holmes  
Bob Hunter  
Wylma James  
Petranella Jansen  
Phyllis Jean  
Norma Jeanne  
Stewart MacDonald  
Bernard Manning  
Judith Pierce  
Franklyn Regan  
Arthur Reynolds  
Doris Reynolds

David Richardson  
Cecile Ruben  
Maurice Ruben  
Gail Ryan  
Frank Richardson  
Selma Rotelli  
Rita Shaefer  
Willis Shaefer  
James Shulman  
Patricia Twilde  
Pauline Van Sleet  
Muriel Walters  
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