



# LRI NEWS

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## Dates to Remember

### APRIL

- Wed., Apr. 3. 2:00. Special Event: Megan Beyer  
Fri., Apr. 5. 10:30 Program Committee  
Wed., Apr. 10. 1:30 - 2:30. Book Club  
Wed., Apr. 10. 2:00. Special Event: Quilts  
Fri., Apr. 12. 10:00. Coordination Committee  
Fri., Apr. 12. 8:30-5:00. Special Event: Mature  
Driver Course  
**Sat. Apr. 13, 2-4 p.m., Fifth Birthday Party**  
Wed., Apr. 17. 1:30. Special Event: Cathedral  
Tour  
Fri., Apr. 19. 10:00. Board of Directors  
Fri., Apr. 19. 2:00. Special Event: Money and  
Legitimacy  
Fri., Apr. 26. 11:00. Special Event: American  
Furniture

### MAY

- May 3. 10:30. Program Committee  
Fri., May 3. 7:15-6:30. Special Event:  
Winterthur Bus Tour  
Wed., May 8. 1:30. Book Club  
Fri., May 10. 10:00. Coordination Committee  
Fri., May 17. 10:00. Board of Directors  
Fri., May 17. 10:00 Fairfax City Tour  
Fri., May 17. Spring term ends  
**Mon. May 20, 10:00, Annual Meeting**

*The program for the summer term  
will be mailed early in May.*

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## From Our President

I'd like to draw your attention to two upcoming events that are described in this issue of *LRI News*: our fifth birthday party on April 13 and the annual meeting on May 20.

The birthday party speaks for itself. It is to be a real celebration with good food and live entertainment. Our often demonstrated enjoyment of each other's company should make this a fun occasion for one and all.

Although we at LRI enjoy a good time, we are also good citizens. We have taken seriously our responsibility for seeing that LRI operates well. The annual meeting is the all-important occasion when we elect six people to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors. It is the responsibility of the Board to set the course for LRI, oversee the management of the Institute and deal with a variety of issues that inevitably arise. We have a wealth of talent in LRI, and I know the slate of candidates will be an outstanding one, so be sure to come and vote. It is, after all, your LRI.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two outstanding members who will be retiring from the Board-- Shirley Fox and Henry Shenker. Shirley served as our President in 1992-93, developed the Management Handbook, which is our "bible," and has just written a history of LRI, to mention just a few of her contributions. Henry for many years singlehandedly processed the class registrations--a daunting task but one that is at the heart of our operation. They will be missed on the Board of Directors, and we want them to know how much we appreciate their dedication and hard work.

This is my last letter to you as President. It has been a truly rewarding two years, and I have but one wish for my successor--that he or she enjoy the same level of cooperation and friendship that has been extended to me. I thank you all.

Laura Cambern,  
President



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**The Play's the Thing**

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The group will meet every second Sunday at Tallwood, from 2 to 4:30. The first two meetings are March 31 and April 14. Register by calling the office (503-3384) or Barry Watson (759-2394).

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS**

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Michael Clifford  
Kwang M. Fairkim  
Murray S. Flander  
Susan R. Hord  
Anne Keightly  
Roman Lotsberg  
Andree M. Mirza

Francis Mirza  
William Parrish  
Martha Seymour  
Sue Swift  
Patricia J. Tildes  
Pat Trott-Skarlatos  
Richard Worch  
Victor Zions

**WE'RE HAVING A PARTY!!**

**Come help celebrate LRI's 5th birthday**

**Saturday, April 13, 1996**

**from 2 - 4 p.m.**

**at the Virginian Retirement Community  
9229 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, Va.**



### **We Keep Growing**

The current spring term finds LRI with more members than ever before, 297 to be exact, with 262 registered for classes. Only 11 members chose not to renew their memberships.

Seven classes were oversubscribed, and for the first time a few people did not get their first choices. That means it is important that you let the office know if you will not be attending a class for which you have been registered, so your spot can be taken by someone else. Either call the office or fill out a "Change of Schedule Request" form, available in both classrooms and the social room.

A special committee is working on adding classroom space and expects to have it ready by the fall term, which will ease the scheduling problems.

### **Look Around, See What's New**

Both classrooms have been outfitted with new whiteboards, the better to help us all see what gets written on them. (Never, on pain of unspecified dire consequences, write on these boards with any but the proper markers provided.)

The large classroom also has a new pull-down screen for viewing slides and other materials. Coming soon are new window shades to darken that room when slides and videos are shown.

A landscape committee, headed by Tom Hartnett, is making plans to beautify our surroundings with flowering plants and other shrubs, with some things already in place. Want to help on this project? Get in touch with Tom.

### **LRI's Poets in Print**

The members of Ellen Anderson's Poetry Workshop have produced a volume of their poems. The 40-page booklet has 42 poems written by 14 poets, dating back to the first Workshop in Spring 1991. A copy is available for perusing in the social room.

### **Picnicking on Paul's Benches**

Now that good weather makes eating lunch outdoors enjoyable, newer members of LRI might like to know that the sturdy benches and tables on the patio were put together by Paul Gruendl, a

talented and well-liked member who passed away in 1994. To honor Paul's contributions to LRI, a plaque is being installed on one of his benches this spring.

### **Nominations Are in Order**

At the annual meeting on May 20, members will vote on a slate of candidates to fill six slots on the 18-member Board of Directors. A Nominating Committee, chaired by Audrey Mowson, is now talking with prospective candidates. If you would like to be nominated or to suggest someone you think would be an active and committed Board member, call Audrey or anyone on her committee:

Audrey Mowson 560-5434

Shirley Hyland 938-7218

Kent Long 941-0988

Nancy Palmer 978-2951

Mary Shea 255-6271

Joan Tullington 323-8652

### **Our Corner in Cyberspace**

LRI's new home page on the World Wide Web has improved services for members. The page has the Spring course offerings and a listing of special events for this semester. Uncertain about how to dress for class in this changeable season? Check the home page, which has links to current and forecasted weather for this area, updated every 15 minutes. There's also a section for links to members' home pages, with interesting ones created by Gerhard Voekler and Rod Zumbro currently. Remember, our home page address is:

<http://web.gmu.edu/departments/lri>

Your friends may be telling you they found LRI's home page using one of the WWW search engines, such as InfoSeek. We are now posted with that and other major web search engines, cross-indexed under terms such as "Learning in Retirement Institute," "L.R.I.," "ILR" and "Elderhostel."

If you don't know how to use WWW search engines to find information you want on the web, consider signing up for the "Introduction to the World Wide Web" course, which LRI will offer this summer.



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Monday, May 20, 10 a.m.  
at Tallwood

- \* Election of six members to Board of Directors
  - \* Report on the past year and a look ahead
  - \* Drawing for a \$50 gift certificate at Crown Books
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