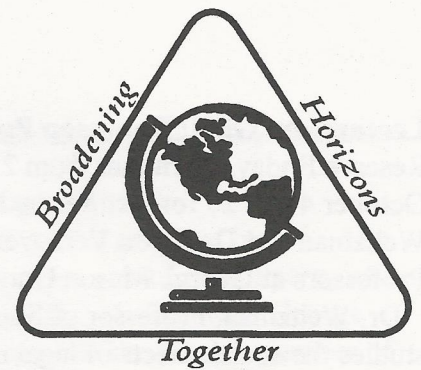


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DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

Fri., July 5, 10:00, Program Committee
Wed., July 10, 11:00, Book Club
Fri., July 12, 10:00, Coordination Committee
Fri., July 19, 10:00, Board of Directors

AUGUST

Fri., Aug. 2, 10:00, Program Committee
Fri., Aug. 9, 10:00, Coordination Committee
Wed., Aug. 14, 11:00, Book Club
Fri., Aug. 16, 10:00, Board of Directors
Fri., Aug. 23, Fall catalogs mailed

SEPTEMBER

Fri., Sept. 6, 10:30-12, OPEN HOUSE
Fri., Sept. 6, 12:30, Program Committee
Mon., Sept. 9, REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Wed., Sept. 11, 1:00, Book Club
Fri., Sept. 13, 10:00, Coordination Committee
Fri., Sept. 20, 9:30-3:30, Board of Directors
Tues., Sept. 24, FALL CLASSES BEGIN

The LRI office will be closed in July and until August 5. Messages left on the answering machine will be monitored regularly during this period.

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From Our President

The annual meeting in May was a great success. Appreciation awards went to Laura Cambern and Michael Styles for their two years of service as President and Vice President. Laura presented special appreciation awards to Shirley Fox and Henry Shenker, whose terms on the Board of Directors were ending. Laura, Michael and Allen Montecino were re-elected, and Ray Beery, John Frank, Helen Lapitsky and Marjorie White were also elected. Agnes Kelly won the drawing for a \$50 gift certificate at Crown Books. Congratulations all around.

At the first meeting of the new Board, I was elected President, John Frank Vice President, Flora Hedblom Treasurer and Murray Minster Secretary. The Board will be discussing long-range plans for 1996-97. LRI members may attend any of our meetings, which are on the third Friday each month starting at 10:00 a.m.

We are expanding in a big way. Our new modular classroom finally made it down the driveway and around the corner and sits wonderfully in the yard. It will hold more than 50 people and be fully furnished in time for September classes. LRI is leasing the building now and will own it in three years. We owe our thanks to Allen Montecino and his Space Committee for all the logistics of acquiring and installing the classroom. George Mason University is doing the wiring and, hopefully, the driveway expansion, so we are grateful to it as well. I think coffee still comes from the Social Room...tough luck. Four new ceiling fans have been installed in TA-1, which should help a lot.

The fall curriculum is going to be terrific, and we will start with an open house coffee on Friday, September 6, from 10:30-12:00. Be there and bring a friend. Have a great summer and come back refreshed. I know I'm going to. Colorado here I come...oh yes.

Janice Dewire
President

Lectures by GMU Robinson Professors

Reserve Friday afternoons from 2 to 3:30 on October 4 and 25 for lectures by Dr. Lenore Weitzman and Dr. Egon Verheyen, both Robinson Professors at George Mason University.

Dr. Weitzman, Professor of Sociology and Law, studies the social effects of legal rules. Her award-winning book, *The Divorce Revolution* (1985), led to changes in no-fault divorce laws in several states. She is currently engaged in research on Holocaust survivors. She has taught at Stanford, University of California and Harvard, where she received the Phi Beta Kappa Distinguished Teaching Award. She will speak on "Gender Equality in the Law: Recent Developments."

Professor Verheyen is a Professor of Humanities focusing on European and American architecture and art and has written widely on German, Italian and American art and architecture. He has taught in the United States since 1966 at six universities. His topic on October 25 will be "Jefferson as Tourist in Europe."

When You Register for the Fall Term

We will have a record number of courses to choose from this fall, so it is more important than ever that you put your choices in order of your preference. Every effort is made to give members their first choice, and usually their second choice. For especially popular courses, your chances improve the sooner you send in your Registration Form.

A Special Thanks to Ray Beery

A lot of members do a lot of things to make our LRI a success, but in the last couple of years few have given as much time and energy as Ray Beery. Ray has served as Chairman of the Program Committee, the group that is at the heart of what LRI offers all of us. He and the members of his committee have done an outstanding job of developing more and better courses. In addition to that major responsibility, Ray has taught computer courses and developed and expanded the computer lab at LRI. This has proven to be one of our most popular offerings as more and more members get interested in the world of computers.

Ray has resigned as Chairman of the Program Committee and will be asking other computer-

literate members to take over helping in the computer lab. He will continue to make valuable contributions to LRI as a newly elected member of the Board of Directors.

All of us owe Ray a big "Thank You."

New Co-Chairs for Program Committee

Janet Meisenhelder and Helen Lapitsky have agreed to serve as co-chairs of the Program Committee.

The committee is in the process of reorganizing for the coming year. If you are interested in helping shape LRI's future academic programs, call Janet (866-3638) or Helen (941-4566). They are especially looking for members with an interest in economics, languages, philosophy and religion. All LRI members should be on the lookout for course subjects and teachers and get the information to the Program Committee chairpersons.

Needed: Gardeners and Plant Donations

George Mason University, our landlord, owns, manages and maintains our building and grounds. This spring work was done on the front entry drainage problem and the shifting rear portico wall. Now LRI needs to do some supplemental landscaping. Tom Hartnett is looking for members who would like to help with ideas, designs, plants and perhaps a bit of planting. He has had soil tests made and identified some areas in most need of beautifying, including around our new classroom building. If you can help with this project, please call Tom (437-7108) as soon as possible.

Book Club Carries On in the Summer

The Book Club will be discussing *Snow Falling on Cedars*, by David Guterson at its July 10 meeting and *Independence Day*, by Richard Ford at the August 14 meeting. Note that the starting time is 11:00 a.m. for July and August. For information on the Book Club, call Page Styles, 250-9604.

Poetry Books Available

Copies of the poetry book produced by the members of Ellen Anderson's Poetry Workshop are still available. The 40-page book has 42 poems written by 14 poets, dating back to the first Workshop in 1991. The books are available in the LRI office for a donation.

LRI Members on TV

Recently, a panel discussion on Channel 10 on the use of home computers featured two LRI members, Allen Montecino representing LRI, and Richard Goodwin representing the Coalition for Engineering and Science Awareness. As a result of this program, Allen was asked to moderate an ongoing series of programs called "A Capital Conversation." Helen Ackerman, GMU Vice President for Community Relations, and LRI members Ray Beery and Marion Burgett will appear on the first two programs, talking about "Education in Retirement." These programs will air September 2 and 9.

In June Ellen Gale was on a Braddock District Town Meeting panel on Channel 16. The subject was "Services for Seniors in Fairfax County," and Ellen was able to do some nice publicity for LRI. Helen Lapitsky also attended the town meeting and says that the catalogs she and Ellen provided were snapped up quickly by those in the studio audience.

Want to Car Pool to LRI?

Members wanting to form car pools to attend classes and special events can use a form posted in the Social Room. Also on that bulletin board is a list of members sorted by zip code, so you can check for members who live near you.

Helene Layman Presents Award

In April LRI member Helene Layman presented one of the awards given by the GMU Language Department to outstanding scholars. The award Helene presented was in the classics field, and in the future this award will be known as the Donald L. Layman award, in honor of her husband, who started the classics department at GMU.

Play Reading Group

Want information about the play reading group? Call Barry Watson (759-2394).

ABE SPERO

A good friend of LRI passed away on June 6. Abe Spero, husband of past president Lilyan Spero, was always a key person in our relations with George Mason University, where he served as a member of the Board of Visitors and as Vice Rector since 1994. Abe was the first chairman of the first Human Rights Commission for Fairfax County and active in many other civic concerns. He served as Counsel to LRI and was one of LRI's biggest boosters. During the spring 1996 term he moderated a course on current events. We will miss his support and his work for our organization, and we extend our very deepest sympathy to Lilyan.

What Do Other LRIs Do?

We now have a way to learn more about LRIs around the country. The Elderhostel Institute Network has set up an e-mail system called EIN.Forum so that members of organizations like ours can share information.

If you are using e-mail, you can get on the Forum by sending a message to Judy Muller, using her e-mail address:

jemuller@christa.unh.edu

Tell her you would like to be added to the distribution list for the EIN.Forum

Thank You Time

The following people have made cash contributions to LRI in 1996: Barbara Achilles, Ruth Allen, Betty Arone, Kathryn Brooks, Marilyn Calves, Laura Cambern, Mary Cox, Jean Darby, Kwang Fairkim, Yetta Forman, Shirley and Larry Fox, Ellen Gale, Al Giles, Helene Layman, Charles Lord, Lydia MacDonald, Marvina Munch, Chester Myslicki, Virginia Pernice, Elaine Schwartz, Ann Shell,

OPEN HOUSE

**Kick off the Fall Term with coffee and conversation
and see our new classroom building.**

Bring friends you'd like to introduce to LRI.

Friday, Sept. 6, 10:30 to 12:00

Edmund Sullivan, Charles Watson, Ellen Wigren and one anonymous donor.

...and More Thanks

John Frank applied a sealer to our outdoor benches and tables.

Marion Burgett wants to thank all members who participated in the "50 Years Ago: Remembering the Post-War Decade" program in June.

Bunny Abel says we all need a good laugh and she thanks everyone who shared in the "Jest for Fun" session she moderated in June.

Joan Tullington thanks Jeal Gild and all the class liaisons she recruited for the spring term; these folks are important in keeping LRI classes operating smoothly.

Barbara Perkins, Joan Pollaci, Polly Van Sleet, Marjorie Butts and Agnes Kelly provided the refreshments at the Annual Meeting. Helene Layman

arranged with The Virginian for the food at the 5th Anniversary Party.

For the successful automation of LRI's financial records, thanks go to Sue Smith, Josephine Hersch and Allen Montecino. For preparing the tax forms, thanks go to Martha Ford, Marion Burgett and Flora Hedblom.

And then we all need to thank those faithful office volunteers who are of such enormous help in the administrative tasks.

It's easy to see why volunteers are essential to LRI.

And How Are YOU Helping LRI?

Remember, LRI is a volunteer-run organization, and now that membership has passed the 300 mark, we need more volunteers. So say "yes" when asked, but don't wait to be asked. Right now, Carol needs help in setting up audio/visual equipment in classrooms, and someone is needed to work on the photo album.

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A Preview of LRI Fall Classes

Below are some of the more than 30 courses planned for the fall term, which begins September 24. Catalogs will be mailed during the last week of August. Registration deadline is September 9. Come to the Open House on September 6 from 10:30 to 12:00 to meet teachers and see our new classroom building.

Art, Drama and Music

Russian History Through a Visit to The Hermitage...5 Great Masterpieces of Painting...The Feel of Clay...Musical Nationalism II...Master Choreographers of the 20th Century...Watercolor...Minoan, Mycenaean and Greek Art...Sketching

Economics and Finance

Personal Finance Workshop...Investing for Beginners...Analysis Techniques for Investors...The Economic Challenge of the Pacific Rim

History and International Studies

American Revolution Through British Eyes...Frontier Cities...History and Culture of China...Intelligence and Espionage: Hidden Elements of History...French, Chinese and Mexican Revolutions...The New Dominion: Virginia in the 20th Century

Languages and Communication

French Over Lunch...Intermediate Spanish...Conflict Resolution...Recreational Writing...Windows and the Internet for Beginners...Computer Lab

Literature

Poetry of the Old Testament...Poetry Workshop...American Literature

Social Studies

Genealogy...Life's Final Choices...Women's Studies...Understanding Race...Election Year Political Issues

Science and Technology

Space Age Materials...Aging and Adaptation