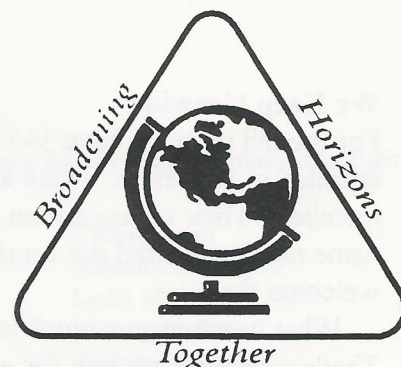


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DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

- Fri., Oct. 4, 10:00, Program Committee
- Fri., Oct. 4, 2:00, Distinguished Lecture Series
- Wed., Oct. 9, 1:30, Book Club
- Fri., Oct. 11, 10:00, Coordination Committee
- Fri., Oct. 11, 10:30, Special Event: Leesburg
- Fri., Oct. 18, 9:30-3:00, Board of Directors
- Fri., Oct. 25, 9:00-5:00, Special Event: Annapolis
- Fri., Oct. 25, 2:00, Distinguished Lecture Series

NOVEMBER

- Fri., Nov. 1, 9:30, Special Event: Bird Slides
- Fri., Nov. 1, 10:00, Program Committee
- Wed., Nov. 6, 2:00, Special Event: Poets Read
- Fri., Nov. 8, 10:00, Coordination Committee
- Wed., Nov. 13, 1:30, Book Club
- Wed., Nov. 13, 2:00, Special Event: Mediation
- Fri., Nov. 15, 10:00, Board of Directors
- Fri., Nov. 15, Noon, Kathryn Brooks Luncheon
- Mon., Nov. 18, Fall classes end
- Wed., Nov. 20, 2:00, Special Event: Trip Tales

DECEMBER

- Fri., Dec. 6, 10:00, Program Committee
- Wed., Dec. 11, 1:30, Book Club
- Fri., Dec. 13, 10:00, Coordination Committee
- Fri., Dec. 13, Winter catalog mailed
- Fri., Dec. 20, 10:00, Board of Directors
- White House Tour: Date to be announced

Note: Catalogs for the Winter term will be in the mail in mid-December. Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 8.

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From Our President

The September 6th Open House at LRI was a great success in the most awful weather imaginable. Congratulations to all of the people who attended and my great understanding to everyone who chose not to venture out. The electricity went on and off, but thanks to Audrey Mowson and her committee the refreshments were a welcome treat after the effort to get through the streets. We were delighted that 11 people interested in joining made it to our coffee. Welcome to you and to all our other new members. At present our enrollment stands at 345, but that number may change upward.

Our courses are very interesting and seem to be filling up. Remember, if you were not able to get your choice and want to substitute another one, ask the office what is still open. We all really have at least ten choices we would love to sign up for, but we have to limit our choices in the name of sweet reason and time constraints. Remember this information for winter and spring sessions of '97.

We are so pleased that we have such an excellent program due to the hard-working Program Committee headed by Janet Meisenhelder and Helen Lapitsky. This committee goes all year round. Join us in the many wonderful Special Events that are offered. Special Events are an easy way to get to know other members. I know some are closed, but they can be repeated at a later time if your interest is high. Judith Lieberman, Special Events coordinator, wants to hear all your suggestions. Audrey Mowson heads the Membership Services Committee and is interested in any idea you have for social get togethers.

Wear your tags and I will say hello to as many people as I can. Happy landings for the fall term, and I will be talking with you.

Janice Dewire
President

We Keep Growing

For the fall term we have 345 members, with 330 enrolled in 30 classes. There are over 70 new members. Their names are on the last page, and their name tags have a red dot on them to help all of us welcome them.

What hasn't grown much is the available parking. That's why it's important for everyone to park more carefully, especially in the swimming pool lot. You may also park on Forest Avenue and walk the short distance on the path to the swimming pool lot and then over to the LRI buildings.

The major way you can ease the parking congestion is to car pool with other members taking classes at the same time. Class liaisons have a list of addresses by zip codes to help you link up, or you can check the zip codes in the Directory to find people living in your area.

The parking in the back of the building is reserved for instructors and office volunteers and staff.

The parking in the front is for handicapped and overflow from the swimming pool lot.

The Board of Directors is working on solutions to the parking problem. For this term, it will take a lot of cooperation and coordination on the part of all members.

We Look Better!

Thanks to Ruth Shields for planting flowers during the summer and to Helene Layman for arranging for the attractive bed of mums in the front of the building. These spots of color brighten our lives. If you have extra perennial plants that you would like to donate to LRI, please call Helene Layman.

LRI Publicity

If you come across news items mentioning our LRI, please clip and put them in Beverly George's file in the office. As the Outreach chairperson, she wants to keep track of the publicity that LRI gets.

Lilyan Spero Honored

On September 9, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors presented Lilyan Spero with a plaque honoring her for eight years of service on the Human Services Council. Congratulations, Lilyan.

Check Your Directory

The LRI Directory keeps expanding. In the newest version, you'll find the usual alphabetical listing of all members and their addresses. Members with e-mail addresses are also listed separately. Be sure to look at the listing in the front for names of current Board members and committee chairpersons. Note especially that Janet Meisenhelder and Helen Lapitsky are co-chairs of the Program Committee, which develops all our courses, and Judith Lieberman is head of the Special Events subcommittee. All three of these hard-working volunteers are eager to get your suggestions for courses and special events.

Want to Travel?

Plans are underway to start an LRI travel club for members who are interested in traveling with other members and sharing travel experiences. Adele O'Connell is helping get the club organized, so let her know about your interest (830-2850).

Two travel opportunities may become available next year through the GMU International Exchange and Study Abroad Programs. In the planning stage is a two-week trip to Prague and Budapest early in June. Dr. Jack Censer, one of the teachers in LRI's "Revolution" course this term, is considering leading a tour that would focus on Paris during the Revolution. LRI members will receive more information on these trips as the details become available.

The Elderhostel Institute Network, parent group of the other retirement institutes like ours around the country, has three International Study Programs scheduled for 1997, to Bermuda, Spain and Ireland. You can get more information from Carol Ferrara.

Open House, Rain or Shine

Despite the rain that Hurricane Fran dumped on Northern Virginia on September 6, nearly 100 LRI members and friends came to the Open House. Ready with coffee and goodies were Audrey Mowson, Chairperson of Membership Services, and her committee: Ann Shell, Dorothy Stellmach, Barbara Perkins, Terri Eldridge and Doris Angeline. And once again, Frank McMahon created beautiful flower arrangements.

Be a Poet!

To stimulate interest in the Poetry Reading Special Event on November 6 at 2 p.m., the Poetry Workshop provides the following do-it-yourself poem. Just choose one word from each underlined group to create your own poem:

Choices

As the struggle, search, journey ends,
deep in that part of the mind, self, soul
that heals, conceals, reveals, denies,
I, you will accept, forgive, blame, abandon
you, me, fate, the electorate
knowing the answer is a
question, mystery, mistake, yearning
forever, for now.

Come to our poets' reading. Hear some of the poems that caused their neighboring class to complain about all that laughter. You may bring guests to this Special Event.

Submitted by Marvina Munch

Recent Board Actions

The Board of Directors approved a refund of money to participants in the Baltimore Harbor cruise, which had been cancelled. The Board also decided that future LRI trips will be cancelled only in cases where the tour or bus company involved is responsible for cancelling the event; refunds will be made to participants for such events.

The Board established a new Facilities Committee and appointed Allen Montecino as Chairman.

Barry Watson

Just before the fall term began, Barry Watson passed away. Barry was an enthusiastic participant in the Book Club and enjoyed the Reader's Theater group so much that he had agreed to lead it this term. We appreciate all he did for LRI and will miss him as a friend and colleague.

Donations to LRI

The following people have recently made donations to LRI.

Bunny Abel	Charles Lord
Barbara Achilles	Roman Lotsberg
Kitty Arone	Lydia McDonald
Vince Boylan	Murray Minster
Laura Cambren	Audrey Mowson
Jacqueline Clark	Al Nesuda
William Cooley	Virginia Pernice
Mary Cox	Providence Democrats
Janice Dewire	Mary Rita Rochford
Harriet Epstein	Airi Roulette
Kwang M. Fairkim	Elaine Schwartz
Carol Ferrara	Ann Shell
Larry Fox	Donald Simpson
Ellen Gale	Anne Spero
Albert Giles	Lilyan Spero
Tom Hartnett	Edmond Sullivan
John Heffernan	Flory Tamanini
Phyllis Held	Gerhard Voekler
Robert Hunter	N. Wade
Agnes Kelly	Barry Watson
Mary Johnston	Rebecca Woods
Mary Lou Lacey	

Some donations were in memory of Kathryn Brooks, who more than anyone else was responsible for getting our LRI started.

Some donations were in memory of Abe Spero, who was an enthusiastic supporter of LRI and served as its Counsel. Donations in his memory were included in a \$3,000 grant that LRI has made to the George Mason Foundation for a scholarship fund. The foundation will select an undergraduate student with a financial need and a good academic record.

Among recent tributes to Abe was a letter to LRI from Delegate Jim Scott and his wife, Nancy, enclosing a contribution and saying, "We feel it most appropriate that contributions in Abe's memory be directed to you since Abe devoted much of his energy to education in our community. He believed in the enabling power of education, and he worked to help provide quality and continuing education to persons of all ages, races and religions. Abe's community service provided an example for us all."

If (or When?) It Snows...

Remember that LRI does not have classes when Fairfax public schools are closed because of snow. If the schools are opening late, LRI classes will be held at the regularly scheduled times. Note also that we will have classes on Columbus Day and Martin Luther King Day.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Doris Forker
Dorothy Davies
Jean Halliburton
James T. McMahon
Daniel J. Horowitz
Katrina B. Howsley
Mary Lou Lacy
Norman J. Beckett
James Dougherty
Mary Kay Montgomery
Craig Zane
Thomas Crooker
Ruth Johnson
Jack Young
Sheila Hickman
Margot von Forell
Muriel Bristol
Carol Chernock
Barbara Jones

Skee Carmack
Donell Newsom
Edward F. Conway
Marie Conway
Grace Yamazaki
Lilda Lando
Robert Benneche
Maria Ingham
Anne Minor
Anne Kelly
Velma Berkey
John Ludden
Katherine Nicolai
Ann Miller
Velda Gladkowski
Allen Clarke
Elizabeth Osborn
Dulany deButts
Harriet deButts

June Morse
Helen Podell
Robert Podell
Ruth Stewart
Margaret LaClare
Ginger Robertson
Judith Marion
Barbara Leahy
Rosemary Reardon
Norma Wade
Carol Maresca
Frank Maresca
George Colter
Madelene Colter
Jean Rice
Virginia Vardy
Marjorie Larson
Jefferson Bates
Julia McNamara

Richard Ashwick
Margaret Mejid
Richard Musselman
Dorothy Daniels
Hugh O'Conner
Marietta Bernot
Denis O'Sullivan
Bette Jensen
Lenore Jaccarino
Richard Deringer
Jo An Lemmon
Virilinda Snyder
Melva Stewart
Martha Perez
Eileen Atkinson

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