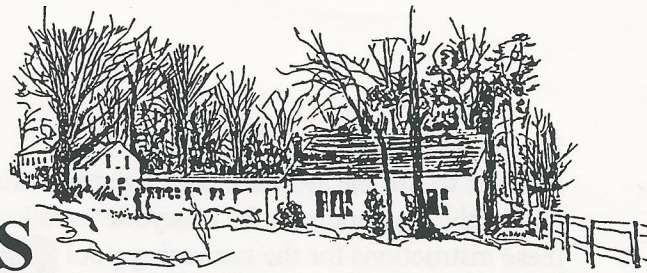


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DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

Fri., Jan. 3, 10:00, Program Committee
Mon., Jan. 6, WINTER REGISTRATION
Wed., Jan. 8, 1:30, Book Club
Fri., Jan. 10, 10:00, Coordination Committee
Fri., Jan. 17, 10:00, Board of Directors
Mon., Jan. 20, WINTER TERM STARTS
Wed., Jan. 22, 1:30, Travel Club
Fri., Jan. 24, 2:00, Special Event: World of
Gilbert & Sullivan
Sat., Jan. 25, 9:00-5:00, Special Event: Tour
to Fine Arts Museum in Richmond
Fri., Jan. 31, 2:00, Special Event: Dr. Alan
Merten, President of GMU

FEBRUARY

Wed., Feb. 5, 1:30, Travel Club
Fri., Feb. 7, 10:00, Program Committee
Fri., Feb. 7, 11:00-5:00, Special Event: Tour
to Phillips & Postal Museums
Wed., Feb. 12, 1:30, Book Club
Wed., Feb. 12, 2:00, Special Event: Tour of
GMU Performing Arts Center
Fri., Feb. 14, 10:00, Coordination Committee
Fri., Feb. 14, WINTER TERM ENDS
Fri., Feb. 21, 10:00, Board of Directors

MARCH

Fri., Mar. 7, 10:00, Program Committee
Mon., Mar. 10, SPRING REGISTRATION
Wed., Mar. 12, 1:30, Book Club
Fri., Mar. 14, 10:00, Coordination Committee
Wed., Mar. 19, 11:00-4:00, Special Event:
Tour to National Gallery of Art
Fri., Mar. 21, 10:00, Board of Directors
Mon., Mar. 24, SPRING TERM BEGINS

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From Our President

Don't worry about any post holiday letdown. LRI's winter term is coming to the rescue, with classes starting January 20. In addition to our outstanding courses, a variety of special events are scheduled, not to mention a continuous supply of cookies and coffee from the LRI cupboard. Look for your registration confirmation letter in the mail around January 10.

Our Holiday Party was a rousing success. The special treat was a performance by the George Mason University Dance Troupe pirouetting and tapping their holiday greetings to the large group that attended. And as always at LRI pot lucks, there was a bounty of delicious food, ranging from familiar holiday favorites to exotic international dishes. It was impossible to sample each one, although the office staff reports that it tried its best. The party was certainly a delightful end to the fall term and a wonderful way to enjoy some time with old and new friends.

LRI is such a nice mix of learning and having fun that it's not always apparent how much goes into keeping the organization not only functioning but improving year by year. The fall term saw the inauguration of our new classroom, completely furnished with audio visual equipment, new tables and chairs, and a large whiteboard. (Did you notice that those chairs have extra padding?)

Extensive landscaping has enhanced the front of our main building, with more planned for later this year. Now resting in the ground are many bulbs that will bring us daffodils and other flowers come spring. The rear parking lot has been expanded to provide space for teachers to have easier access to their classes.

New sound systems have been added to TA1 and TA2, as well as a variety of new audio visual aids for our teachers.

And, of course, our wonderful office staff and volunteers keep things running smoothly, and Michael Styles makes a regular run to the Price Club so our cookie supply never gets low.

Janice Dewire
President

Parking Pointers

In order to use the available parking spaces most efficiently, it's important for everyone to follow these instructions for the swimming pool lot:

- Park on either side of the yellow striped line in the center of the lot, so that there are two rows in the center.
- Park next to the fence or, if necessary, along the side facing Roberts Road.
- Always park perpendicular to Roberts Road, not at an angle.
- Never park along the tree area between the lot and the classroom building. This space needs to be kept clear for exiting.

Please enter and exit the lots with care. On the last day of classes of the fall term, someone hit a member's car, doing \$500 worth of damage and not leaving a note. (If you think you might have done this, please talk to Carol Ferrara about getting in touch with the owner.)

Thank You Time

Thanks to Allen Montecino for making the coat racks in TA-3 and to Ellis Woody for helping in the installation. Thanks also to James Shulman for making the box outside TA-3 to enclose notices of schedules and other information. LRI is lucky to have members who see a need and volunteer to take care of it.

Board Notes

Michael Styles continues his LRI long-term planning reports for the Board of Directors meetings. The Board has been dealing with the problems of success: space, membership, parking, etc.

Want to Learn Access?

Carol Ferrara and Jenny Green will be giving training sessions on the use of Microsoft's Access database, especially as LRI uses it for course registrations. Jenny has written an instruction manual for this. The sessions will be held during the week of February 24. Let Carol know if you want to take this training.

Note the Name Change

Our quarterly newsletter has a new name, *Tallwood Times*. The change was made to avoid confusion

with the *LRI Notice*, which comes out each week during the term. If you have items you want to get in the next *LRI Notice*, give them to Carol by Tuesday of the preceding week. If you have something for *Tallwood Times*, get it to Marjorie White a couple of weeks before the first week of January, April, July and October, when the newsletter goes in the mail.

From the Program Committee

The Program Committee always welcomes new ideas from the membership--your ideas for new courses or special events and suggestions for prospective teachers. We value your opinion on courses you have taken and want your requests for repeats of courses you missed. We're especially looking for courses on science and technology (call Janet Meisenhelder for those) and on philosophy and religion (call Tom Hartnett for those).

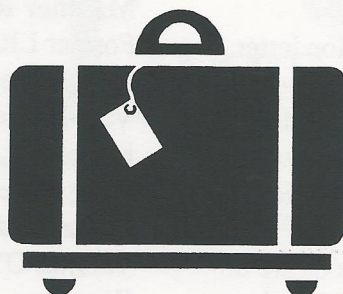
Members' suggestions don't always get implemented or have to be postponed. Some course ideas do not meet LRI's objective of basically having an academic focus. Others involve searching for a qualified instructor or a series of speakers, and that can take months of work before the courses can be scheduled. And a few defy the committee's best efforts!

Your continued flow of suggestions for courses helps the Program Committee fulfill its responsibility for "classes, curriculum development, special events and classroom space management," as directed by the Board of Directors.

Helen Lapitsky and Janet Meisenhelder
Co-chairs of the Program Committee

LRI Members on TV

Channel 10, the Fairfax County public access channel, again featured a couple of LRI members during December. Allen Montecino moderated "A Capital Conversation," with Flora Hedblom as a panelist, along with Dr. Steven Diner, Professor of History at GMU. The two programs were a half-hour each and focused on the role of cities in the history of the United States.



Two Travel Opportunities for LRI Members

Greece and Istanbul, May 28 - June 11

Glenn Markus, one of LRI's most popular teachers, will lead this art and archeological trip to sites in the Eastern Mediterranean, focusing on the ancient Aegean civilizations of the Minoans, the Mycenaeans, classical and Hellenistic Greeks and the Byzantine Romans in Constantinople (modern Istanbul).

Tour members will start with several days on the island of Crete, then take a short flight to Athens and a motor coach to Corinth and Mycenae, stay two nights at the beautiful port city of Nafplion and visit Tiryns and Epidaurus. Then it's on to Athens for four nights that include a day trip to the island of Aegina. Next on the itinerary is a flight to Istanbul, where the group will stay for four nights in the old district, near the Blue Mosque. Plenty of time is allowed for relaxing and enjoying the bright Mediterranean sun as well as sampling the hospitality and cuisine of Greece and Turkey.

The cost of \$2,950 covers all airfares, hotels, all breakfasts and several group meals, several special events, guides and transportation, museum and entrance fees, gratuities, taxes, etc. A separate \$20 fee is also required for a Turkish visa.

This trip is limited to 20 people. A few spaces remain. A non-refundable deposit of \$150 will reserve a place, with full payment due March 28. It is not necessary to be an LRI member to join the group. This is not an LRI-sponsored Special Event and is being presented by Loudoun Travel, Ltd.

For a copy of the itinerary and other details, call Glenn Markus (777-4062) or Mrs. Jan Halderman, Loudoun Travel, Ltd. (777-7610).

Budapest and Prague, June 30 to July 14

GMU's Center for Global Education is sponsoring a unique trip to two of the most beautiful European cities: Budapest and Prague. This is not an LRI-sponsored trip but has been designed to include LRI members. The tour will be escorted by Dr. Marion Deshmukh, an associate professor of European history in the History Department at GMU. Dr. Deshmukh is the author of various publications centering on German politics and German painters at the turn of the century.

Budapest and Prague were home to powerful rulers for centuries and offer visitors the opportunity to experience their rich history, culture and architectural beauty. The two-week tour will feature lectures and excursions that go beyond the usual tourist visits.

Deadline for signing up is March 17, with a \$40 application fee and a non-refundable \$500 deposit. For further information and application forms, contact Pamela Gold in the Center for Global Education at 993-2154. You may also E-mail (oie@gmu.edu) or fax (993-2153). The Center has a web site: www.gmu.edu/depts/cge.

Winter Term Starts January 20

You will soon receive your confirmation letter stating which courses and special events you are enrolled in. Please make every effort to attend the classes and special events for which you registered. This is especially important when we have outside speakers.

If you decide to drop a course or are unable to attend a special event, let the office know because there may be a waiting list for it. You can also check with the office to see whether there is room in additional courses or special events that you want to attend. Just don't sit in on any course or special event for which you have not been registered.

Member Report

Former LRI President Laura Cambern is happy to be at home after a lengthy stay in the hospital. Vice-President John Frank is recuperating at home after heart surgery.

Welcome to new members Nikki Adams, Diana Baldwin, Barry Berkey, Michael Earley, Thomas O'Brien, William Sprecher and William Woodson.

Remember LRI's Snow Policy!

LRI is closed when Fairfax public schools are closed because of weather. LRI is open on its regular schedule when the public schools have delayed openings.

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