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DATES TO REMEMBER

The office will be closed from July 1 through July 17. Messages left on the answering machine will be monitored daily. From July 20 to August 21, office hours will be from 9:00 to 12:00, after which they will be from 9:00 to 3:00.

Please do not park in the swimming pool parking lot until after Labor Day.

JULY

Wed, July 22 & 29, 10:00, Investment Forum

Thurs., July 23, LRI picnic (see p.2)

AUGUST

Wed., Aug. 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:00, Investment Forum

Fri., Aug. 7, 10:00, Program Committee

Wed., Aug. 12, 10:30, Book Club

Fri., Aug. 21, Board of Directors
(Fall catalogs will be mailed August 21.)

SEPTEMBER

Wed., Sept. 2, 1:30, History Club

Tues., Sept. 8, REGISTRATION
DEADLINE FOR FALL TERM

Wed., Sept. 9, 10:30, Book Club

Thurs., Sept. 10, 10:00, Coordinating Committee

Fri., Sept. 11, Potluck lunch (see the fall catalog for details)

Fri., Sept. 18, 10:00, Board of Directors

Tues., Sept. 22, Fall term begins

A Word From Your President

A newly elected president of LRI should tell the membership what changes may occur in the Institute and what goals he has in mind. The only major change is likely to be the opening of an additional LRI site in the Reston area beginning with the winter 1999 term, which you will be hearing more about.

Now for my goals during the coming 12 months. My first and overriding goal is to assure that LRI members get the best program that we can put together and the best service from our staff and many volunteers. We do, however, have an increasingly frustrating problem in meeting this goal year in and year out. Simply put, the problem is attracting members who will assume leadership roles in the organization. I have been with LRI since its beginning and active on the management side for the past five years. Your other officers and most committee chairs have also been active leaders for a long time. But all organizations need a continuing supply of new blood to stay healthy.

Persuading members to volunteer must be more than repeated calls in this newsletter, the weekly LRI Notices, and other forums. We need to make our structure and procedures more efficient, more responsive, more widely known, more accessible and more user friendly. That, in short, is my goal, expressed without resorting to management gobbledegook. As your new president, I will focus on structural aspects, and your past president (Jan Dewire, who is now vice-president) will focus on human relations aspects. We don't plan any fundamental shakeup—that's neither necessary nor desirable. The objective is to make voluntary participation in LRI's management less daunting than it may sometimes seem, easier in terms of time and effort, more rewarding—and yes, even fun.

Stay tuned.

Michael Styles

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LRI —Broadening Horizons Together

Report on Annual Meeting

This year's annual membership meeting, held on May 18 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, not only took care of the main business of electing six new members of the Board of Directors but also provided fun and wonderful food for the good crowd that attended.

Elected to the Board were Janet Meisenhelder, Craig Zane, Murray Minster, Lilyan Spero, Lydia Macdonald and Jackie Bivens.

Including 75 proxy votes, the total number of ballots cast was 152. The membership also approved a change to the by-laws to allow the Board of Directors to decide on the fiscal year dates for LRI, a procedural matter that will enable the Board to address whether the fiscal year should be on a calendar-year basis, as it is now, or on a school-year basis.

Allen Montecino presented outgoing president Janice Dewire with an enlarged "special edition" of *Tallwood Times*, with an ode written by Page Styles and a collection of "Dates to Remember" that should help Janice get to Helsinki and home again as well as to LRI upcoming events.

In charge of the balloting was Barbara Lynch, assisted by Sue Swift, Bunny and Jerry Abel, Nancy Bernhardt and Jean Darby.

The LRI Choral Group, led by Helene Layman, presented a collection of songs. Beatrice Wiesner was the piano accompanist. Singing were Jackie Bivens, Jan Bohall, Joe Fulton, Betty Denton, Beverly George, Katrina Housley, Barbara Lynch, Ginny Pernice, Hannelore Smallfield, Betty Waller, Vivien Witheford, Katie Nicolai, Tom Hartnett, George Dewire, Murray Minster, Marion Burgett and Carroll Howells. (*If you enjoy singing with*

Fall Term

Because Rosh Hashanah falls on Monday, September 21, the Board of Directors voted to start LRI's fall term on Tuesday, September 22. All Monday classes will begin on September 28 and end on November 16.

a group, get in touch with Helene Layman. Newcomers are always welcome.)

The array of food was provided by Beverly George and her committee: Nancy Bernhardt, Jean Darby, Barbara Lynch, Shirley Hyland, Ann Shell and Betty Worch.

It really does take a lot of willing helpers to make LRI events successful.

New Officers on the Board

At its May 29 meeting the Board elected Michael Styles as president, Janice Dewire vice-president, Marion Burgett treasurer and Marjorie White secretary.

Key committee appointments were Membership Services: Beverly George; Facilities: Bill Hoffman; GMU Education Liaison: Murray Minster; Publications: Marjorie White. The Program Committee will be chaired by Michael Styles for an interim period while a working group, chaired by Ray Beery, examines how the committee functions and makes recommendations to the Board.

Other Board actions since the April issue of *Tallwood Times* in-

clude a decision to grant an annual minimum of \$3,000 for GMU scholarships, with \$1,500 of this amount designated for scholarships at the GMU New Century College. Funds for these scholarships will come from contributions designated by the donors for scholarships and from LRI general funds.

The Board is continuing to look into possible sites to hold classes in the Reston/Herndon area. It also authorized hiring a computer consultant to improve LRI's Access computer program, which is used for registration and other office needs.

Minutes of Board meetings are posted in the social room. All members are welcome to attend Board meetings, which are usually held on the third Friday of each month, starting at 10:00.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

C. Audrey Lueck
Jean P. Marterre
Margaret O'Connor
Jack Underhill

LRI Members Show They Care
Ellis and Mary Woody want to thank so many of their LRI friends who sent good wishes during Woody's surgery and recuperation earlier this year. Audrey Mowson adds her voice of appreciation, saying she heard from lots of people when she was ill in the spring.

If you know of someone who is sick, please let the office know so we can spread the word.

Let's Have a Picnic!

Join other LRI members at a picnic on Thursday, July 23, to hear the Fairfax City Band. We'll meet at 6:30 in the park at Armstrong Street and Route 123. Bring your own food and a blanket or chair. Please call Beverly George (591-5773) if you plan to attend.

Donations Made to LRI

The following people have recently made donations to LRI.

Barbara Achilles	David Johnson
Morris Allen	Anne Kelly
Kitty Arone	Jean Kunz
Richard Ashwick	Lilda Lando
Janet Baxter	Helene Layman
Vincent Boylan	Judith Lieberman
Charles Bristol	David London
Celeste Brodigan	Charles Lord
Marion Burgett	Roman Lotsberg
Laura Cambern	Lydia Macdonald
Bob Capozzi	Nelson Montague
Thomas Crooker	Audrey Mowson
Dorothy Davies	Chester Myslicki
George Dewire	Donell Newsom
Dorothea	Katie Nicolai
Fischbach	Hugh O'Connor
Robert Foss	Rosemary Reardon
Polly Fowler	John & Mary Ryan
James Galloway	Robert Senser
Beverly George	Ann Shell
Al Giles	Lilyan Spero
Marion Gurfein	John Sullivan
Beatrice Hale	Flory Tamanini
John Heffernan	Pat Trott-Skarlatos
Robert Helland	Gerhard Voekler
Gerald Holmes	Clifford Warfield
Wylma James	Alice Williams

Where Have You Been Lately?

For several years, LRI members have shared their travel experiences at a Special Event called "Trip Tales." If you'd like to talk about your travels at an informal session in November, call Virlinda Snyder (339-5748).

The History Club Returns

After taking the summer off (presumably spent reading history books), the History Club will reconvene on Wednesday, September 2, at 1:30. Bill Deery is the new coordinator for the group. At this first meeting of the new school year, he will finish reporting on the social

"Can't We All Just Get Along?"

Are there practical ways that nations, groups and individuals can work out their conflicts? Does our generation view possible solutions differently than today's college students. GMU is offering a course this fall on conflict resolution and wants 20 LRI members to participate along with GMU students, who will be taking the course for credit. The course, taught by Assistant Professor Victor Robinson, will examine models for resolving conflicts, and class members will try to apply them in case studies. It's a great opportunity to compare your values, attitudes and interests with those of another generation. The course will run from Oct. 7 to Dec. 2. Look for more information in the fall catalog.

history of the telephone, and Flora Hedblom will talk about a new book on the history of the interstate highway system. We'll also have time to chat about books and places with a historical interest that we've come across lately. All are welcome at this informal club of history buffs.

Investment Forum

The Investment Forum group will meet during the summer (see Dates to Remember on the first page). Once the fall term begins, the Investment Forum will be part of the regular course schedule. Want more

information about this group? Call Henry Shenker (768-7365).

Congratulations, Joan!

LRI member Joan Tullington has been recognized by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for her volunteer and community service work and as an environmental advocate. She becomes one of the "1998 Lords and Ladies of Fairfax."

Upcoming Book Club Selections

Wed., Aug. 12, *She's Come Undone*, by Wally Lamb
Wed., Sept. 9, *Stones From Ibarra*, by Harriet Doerr

What's On Your Mind?

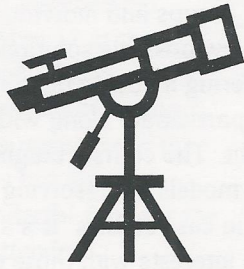
Share your thoughts about LRI...courses or special events you've enjoyed, others you'd like to see offered, what you like most about LRI, your suggestions for improvements, etc. Leave items for this feature at the office, marked Tallwood Times.

"That one lecture [in the spring course on Africa] was worth the whole LRI annual fee for me."
Mary Smith

"We faculty had fun giving the lectures [spring course on British literature and society], and found the LRI regulars to be a lively and most rewarding group. Some of us hope to be back with a series on women writers, perhaps in spring 99."
Dr. Rosemary Jann,
Co-Chair, GMU English Department

"The lecture by Dr. Charles Vetter [June foreign affairs course] was one of the best I've heard in all my years in LRI."
Helen Lapitsky

Looking ahead...



Here are just some of the courses and special events that are planned for the fall term, which begins September 22. Fall catalogs will be mailed August 21. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, September 8.

Courses:

Hemingway...maritime history...human services in Fairfax County...Turkey...Japan... James River...African-American literature...visiting art galleries...ancient Near East...early Virginia history...Hamlet...science and the environment...evolutionary psychology...plus some of the most popular courses offered in previous semesters—over 30 courses for you to choose from.

Special Events: Bus trip to Wilmington to see the new Nicholas and Alexandra exhibit...tour of the Van Gogh exhibit at National Gallery...tea and tour of National Cathedral...tour of the Cryptology Museum & Goddard Space Center...readings by LRI poets...Trip Tales...plus lectures on stress management, 30 years at the National Geographic, Ireland today.

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