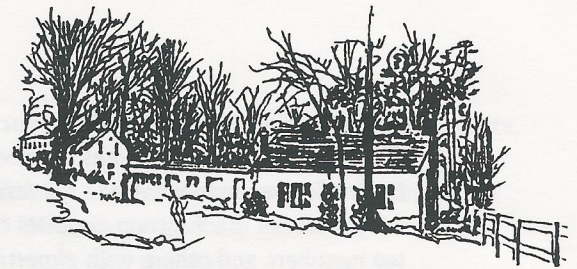


# TALLWOOD TIMES



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### OCTOBER

Fri., Oct. 2, 11:00, New-Member Coffee  
Wed., Oct. 7, 1:30, History Club  
Wed., Oct. 14, 2:00, Special Events  
Subcommittee  
Wed., Oct. 14, 1:30, Book Club  
Fri., Oct. 23, 10:00, Board of Directors  
Special Events: Oct. 7, 9, 16, 21, 23, 28  
and 31 \*

### NOVEMBER

Wed., Nov. 4, 2:00, Special Events  
Subcommittee  
Wed., Nov. 4, 1:30, History Club  
Fri., Nov. 6, 10:00, Program Committee  
Wed., Nov. 11, 1:30, Book Club  
Mon., Nov. 16, Fall term ends  
Thurs., Nov. 19, Noon, Kathryn Brooks  
Luncheon, Fair Oaks Holiday Inn  
Fri., Nov. 20, 10:00, Board of Directors  
Special Events: Nov. 6, 11 and 13 \*

### DECEMBER

Wed., Dec. 2, 2:00, Special Events  
Subcommittee  
Wed., Dec. 2, 1:30, History Club  
Wed., Dec. 9, 1:30, Book Club  
Fri., Dec. 11, Winter catalog mailed  
Fri., Dec. 18, 10:00, Board of Directors

*\* Your confirmation letter tells which  
Special Events you are registered for.  
Check your Fall catalog for additional  
information..*

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## A Word From Your President

Ever since we opened over seven years ago, LRI has been changing, not in its basic purpose but in small and sometimes big steps. One change we've all been enjoying this fall is our improved physical plant, thanks to GMU bringing us into better compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. A big change will take place in January when we open a new site at Lake Anne in Reston. A year ago our membership was capped at 400; when Lake Anne opens, the cap will rise to 500 members.

More members and operating two sites means that we need more volunteers across the board, particularly in program development and day-to-day administration. I am certain the membership will rise to the occasion by volunteering as it has done in the past. What is not as clear is whether LRI can continue to rely on its members to take on key leadership roles in several difficult, time-consuming and sometimes stressful jobs. These issues are being reviewed, and it would not be useful to speculate on possible outcomes. When thoughts and options have jelled, we will seek your input through focus groups representing a cross section of the membership.

You will see other small changes in the near future, all designed to improve administration and be user friendly. New members have received a special brochure with useful background material; later, we hope to produce a general handbook for all members.

I welcome comments and ideas from all members. Send me a note or phone anytime (250-9604).

*Michael Styles*



*LRI — Broadening Horizons Together*

### LRI's New Resource Groups

The Program Committee has formed several Resource Groups to develop recommendations for future courses in different subject areas. Each group consists of present or past committee members and others with expertise in the field. The groups will generally meet twice a year, in October and late February. All members are invited to attend these meetings to contribute ideas for courses as well as suggestions for teachers, speakers and moderators. Pick the subject areas that interest you and attend the meetings considering those subjects.

*Social Studies*, Oct. 2, 9:15 – 11:00

*Economics and Finance*, Oct. 9, 9:15 – 11:00

*Art, Music and Drama*, Oct. 9, 11:15 – 1:00

*History and International Studies*, Oct. 16, 9:15 – 11:00

*Science and Technology*, Oct. 16, 11:15 – 1:00

### Thanks and More Thanks

LRI members help in so many ways. In the next issue of *Tallwood Times* there will be a list of over 50 who have made cash contributions since the last list was published in the July issue. These contributions help a lot with the many expenses of a growing organization.

We also owe thanks to other LRI members. Once the remodeling was finished this summer, Kay Mauer spent hours staining the benches and tables in our new patio. Jim and Elizabeth Renfro, with tools in hand, have been busily doing things like installing coat hooks and creating a table for the bathroom. Jack Young brought in his leaf blower and policed the patio and then did some other maintenance chores for Carol.

### How Many Are We Now?

LRI now has 450 members, 73 of whom are new this semester (see their names on the last page...and make them feel welcome!).

### In the News

An item about LRI in the *Golden Gazette* generated over 50 phone calls asking for the catalog.

Also in a recent issue it was an-

nounced that LRI Board member and teacher Helene Layman has been appointed to represent the Providence District on the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging, whose purpose is to promote better understanding of the problems of aging and to promote more activities that contribute to the well-being of the area's older population.

The *Centerville Connection* car-

ried a feature article in September about LRI Board member Judith Lieberman, focusing on both her enthusiasm about LRI and her work as an ombudsman for an adult-care home in Manassas. (The article is posted on the bulletin board in the Social Room.)

If you see news items about LRI or its members, clip them for the bulletin board and LRI's files.

### Conversation Partners

Some LRI members are involved with a GMU program that places foreign students with tutors, so they can hold conversations to practice their English language skills. The program has been well received by both students and the LRI group. Included among those tutoring are Rosemary Reardon, Kay Mauer, Helene Layman, Art Cook, Joe Fulton, Jefferson Bates, Jerry and Bunny Abel, Ed Sullivan, Judith Lieberman, Barbara Butera, Polly Fowler, Thelma Weiner, Lucy Hagen and Betty Denton.

### POETS OF TALLWOOD

Below are two poems by two long-time members of LRI's Poetry Workshop. See the item on the previous page about the group's new collection of original poetry.

#### *When Rewards Are Few*

*Gulls line up  
motionless  
scan the shore  
await sea's bounty*

*the waves recede  
again and again  
reveal an empty  
stretch of sand.*

*Finally patience palls —  
they peck at each other  
as we do  
when rewards are few.*

#### Revelation

They told me that when I retired  
I'd miss my friends, not the work.  
I'd long for the counsel of colleagues  
In spite of their every small quirk.

But when that day did arrive,  
I found something not yet foreseen:  
The thing that I really missed most  
Was the office copy machine.

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### Time to Put Up Your Hand

As Michael Styles noted in his President's letter in this issue, LRI needs more help from its members. The basic concept of all institutes like ours is that the members do the bulk of the work. We are lucky to have two wonderful part-time administration staffers, but there are many important tasks that have to be done by volunteers.

Here are two areas you are asked to volunteer for now:

**Office:** You will be scheduled for one morning a month to help Carol and Robin by answering the phone and doing other tasks. Training is provided. To find out more, call the volunteer in charge of volunteers. That's Jean Darby (978-4674).

**Program Committee:** You will help develop the courses that LRI offers each term. You don't need to be an expert in a particular field, just have a willingness to come up with good ideas and to follow through. There's lots of help available from other committee members. Call Carol Ferrara at the office (503-3384).

### One More "Help Wanted"

Do you have any experience in preparing press releases or other publicity activities? We have some good contacts already, but we need someone to help keep this rolling. Again, call Carol to let her know you're willing to help.

### Our New Social Room

We're all enjoying the remodeled and refurbished Social Room this term. While you're having your coffee and cookies, take time to check the bulletin board and the packet of minutes of the Board of Directors meetings. And if you have a question or suggestion, put it in the Question Box instead of going into the office. Got a notice concerning LRI you want to post on the board?

**When LRI is Closed**  
**LRI is closed whenever Fairfax County schools are closed because of weather conditions. If the schools are opening late, LRI opens on time.**

**The office will be closed on November 26 and 27 and on December 24, 25 and 31.**

Use the board in the Social Room. For non-LRI items, please use the board outside TA-1.

### That Popular Potluck Picnic

On September 11, a day that must have had the best weather of 1998, LRI members turned out in force and brought lots of good food for a picnic to kick off the fall term. It wasn't your sit-on-the-ground affair, either. Beverly George and members of her Membership Services Committee provided place mats, napkins, tables, chairs and drinks. Helping her were Bunny Abel, Lisa Astudillo, Shirley Hyland, Barbara Lynch, Ann Shell, Betty Worch, and Jan and Bob Bohall.

### Attention, Poetry Lovers

LRI's Poetry Workshop has published a new collection of original poetry titled *The Poets of Tallwood, Vol. II*. The book contains 85 poems by 19 current and former members of the workshop covering a wide spectrum of subjects both humorous and serious. The books are available from the LRI office, with a donation

requested to help with printing costs, and will also be available at the Poetry Workshop's Third Annual Poetry Reading on Friday, November 6, at 2:00.

### History Club in October

The History Club meets on the first Wednesday each month. On October 7 there will be a review of a book based on a recent exhibit at the Library of Congress titled "Religion and the Founding of the American Republic." Bill Deary, moderator of the club, says the group will also discuss topics and formats for upcoming meetings that would reflect the wide range of member interests and experience. Anyone with an interest in history is welcome to join us on October 7 at 1:30.

### Upcoming Book Club Selections

The Book Club is back on its regular meeting time at 1:30 on the second Wednesday each month. Call the coordinator, Betty Worch (569-1112) if you have questions. All are welcome to join the discussions.  
Wed., Oct. 14: *All the King's Men*, by Robert Penn Warren (non-fiction). Moderator: Beverly George  
Wed., Nov. 11: *Los Alamos*, by Joseph Kanon (mystery). Moderator: Jackie Bivens  
Wed., Dec. 9: *The Chosen*, by Chiam Potok (fiction). Moderator: Betty Osborn  
Wed. Jan. 13: *Princess*, by Jean Sasson (biography). Moderator: Sue Morrow.

### Sam di Bonaventura and Mary Shea

Two people very special to LRI died this summer.

Sam di Bonaventura started teaching music courses at LRI in 1992 and proved to be one of our most popular teachers semester after semester. A professor of music at GMU, he was also a critic for the *Baltimore Sun* and a program annotator for the Baltimore and Fairfax symphony orchestras. He had planned to be back with us this fall. He is greatly missed.

Mary Shea joined LRI its very first year and was active in developing some excellent courses in those early years. She also served three years on the Board of Directors. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 1:00 at the Fairfax Unitarian Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd. in Oakton.

## Welcome, New Members

Najwa Abdel-Hadi  
Frederic Bogar  
Lois Borresen  
Joan Brown  
Victor Brown  
Valerie Campbell  
Carmen Carbone  
A.R. Cherin  
Eleanor Colahan  
Shirley Collamer  
Sylvia Crossman  
Glenn Curtis  
Ann De Joy  
Mona Dearborn  
Henry Dearborn  
Robert Deitchman  
Joseph A. DiSandro  
Lois Donnelly

Janet Dowdy  
Susan Dugan  
Delores Ferrer  
Richard Fontaine  
Shirley Fontaine  
Mark Foster  
Helen Fruchter  
Marion Gurfein  
Thomas F. Hady  
Caroline Hartzler  
Donald Hersh  
Cloe Ingram  
Harriett James  
Robert Kast  
Paul Keenan  
Richard Kern  
LaVonne Kern  
Patricia Langley

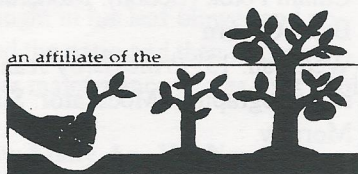
Joan Lewis  
Alice London  
Jean Marsh  
Hannah McNeal  
Margaret Melvin  
Anne Moffatt  
Richard Nolan  
Carole O'Sullivan  
Nancy Palmer  
James Paton  
Virginia S. Peters  
June Picciano  
George Plummer  
George Quin  
Allen Raymond  
Carmela Reeves  
Sandy Rib  
Dorothy Roberts

Caryl D. Scambos  
Chester Schuler  
Joan Silverlieb  
Lelon Slattery  
Benjamin Sokol  
Lillian Sokol  
Freeda Swope  
John Teske  
Arnold Topp  
Carol Towse  
Lenore Trawick  
Sibyl Vanneman  
Mario Verga  
Janie Walker  
Helene H. Wall  
Noreen Wayland  
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Maria Wilson

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