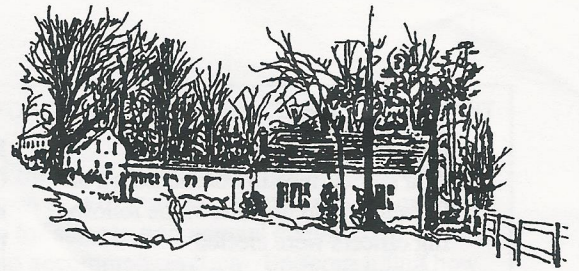


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DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

Fri., July 2, 10:00, Program Committee
Fri., July 16, 10:00, Board of Directors

AUGUST

Wed., Aug. 4, 2:00, Special Events
Subcommittee
Wed., Aug. 11, 10:30, Book Club
Fri., Aug. 20, 10:00, Board of Directors
Fri., Aug. 20, Fall catalog mailed

SEPTEMBER

Wed., Sept. 1, 2:00, Special Events
Subcommittee
Wed., Sept. 1, 10:00, History Club
Wed., Sept. 8, 10:30, Book Club
Fri., Sept. 10, 10:00, Program Committee
Mon., Sept. 13, Fall registration deadline
Fri., Sept. 17, 10:00, Board of Directors
Mon., Sept. 27, Fall term begins

(Resource Groups of the Program Committee will meet on Sept. 21, 22, 23 and 24 at 10:00 and 1:00. Check with Carol Ferrara if you don't know when yours meets.)

NOTE: The office will be closed July 2-14. Phone messages will be monitored daily. From July 19 to August 20 office hours will be 9:00 - 1:00, after which the hours return to the regular 9:00 - 4:00 schedule.

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A Word From Your President

It is a delight for me to talk with you about LRI and work together with you over the coming months. The things on my mind: meeting your expectations, working toward goals, setting up our new office building, keeping a good relationship with our landlord (GMU) and using the Internet.

No doubt you joined LRI for one of the reasons we express in our mission: offering members learning opportunities in a stimulating environment in which older adults can share their talents, experiences and skills; explore new interests; discover latent abilities; engage in intellectual and cultural pursuits; and socialize with others of similar interests.

The only reason we have officers, committees and administrators is to be sure we strive to meet your expectations. I will do everything I can this year to keep this as our guiding principle. It won't be hard—our outgoing president, Michael Styles, and his team set up an outstanding structure and whipped up the momentum we must maintain.

Turning to goals for the year, then, they are just more of the same. We will have an even better program each term. We will balance offerings of classes, special events and social activities. We will stabilize activities at the Lake Anne site, trying to add social opportunities there. Last and very important, we will set the environment where discussion, recommendations and criticisms lead to healthy growth and change.

My last point touches on electronic communications. We may never be able to substitute the use of the Internet for printing, mailing and phoning information, so whatever we do with the Internet will be in addition to these traditional media. Having said that, you who want to participate in the e-mail and web site world are invited to take the plunge. The Directory gives e-mail addresses (mine is rbeery@gmu.edu). Our web site is great, thanks to Allen Montecino. Check it out at www.gmu.edu/departments/lri. We have a new experimental web site with two interactive channels for discussion; point your browser to homestead.com/lri to see what's going on.

Ray Beery

New Officers

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 3, the following officers were elected:

President:	Ray Beery
Vice President	Craig Zane
Treasurer	Marion Burgett
Secretary	Barbara Willson

Changes Coming

The new modular unit is assembled and ready for the staff to move in as soon as occupancy permits are obtained from the state of Virginia. Carol Ferrara, in her new role as Program Coordinator, will be in the office at the far end (with its own entrance). Joanne Lingerfelt and Jennifer Maloney will occupy the large center office. The volunteer receptionists will be in the first office, along with a desk for member use. We owe Bill Hoffmann many thanks for the many hours he spent negotiating with the modular unit company and with GMU to get the new building set up.

With these expanded quarters, LRI's office will be better able to serve the members. If you have general questions or want to leave something for a staff member, see the receptionist rather than interrupting the staff. If your business involves courses (whether it's an idea for a course, a prospective teacher to suggest or an offer to moderate or teach a course yourself), see Carol. She is also in charge of assuring that teachers have needed teaching aids. Carol has a new phone number: 475-9273. Her e-mail address is still cferrara@gmu.edu.

Joanne's main responsibilities are administration and finance. Jennifer handles membership applications and registration for courses and special events. Also see Jennifer if something isn't working right in a classroom. (Actually, both of them can do just about anything under the sun.)

Office phone numbers are still 503-3384 for voice messages and 503-2832 for fax. The new e-mail address for the office is lri@gmu.edu.

Expanding the Social Room

Once the office staff settles into their new quarters, work will begin to turn their former space into a classroom, TA-2. The door between the social room and the present TA-2 will then be opened, nearly doubling the space for coffee and chatting with friends. Also coming is a coffee service machine that will provide both regular and decaf coffee plus hot water for the tea and hot chocolate drinkers. The staff will no longer have to keep making pots of coffee all day (and often having to throw out what doesn't get consumed). And yes, the coffee will still be free!

Report on the Annual Meeting

At the annual general membership meeting on May 24, four new members were elected to the Board of Directors: Palmer McGrew, Elaine Schwartz, Sue Swift and Barbara Willson. Re-elected were Ray Beery and Bob Bohall.

Outgoing President Michael Styles gave a "State of LRI" report, summarizing the accomplishments of the year, including the opening of the Lake Anne site and the record number of courses and special events. He then focused on the problems of space and membership growth, finances, program development, administration and leadership needs. He estimated that at its present rate of growth, LRI will within two years reach a point where its current facilities will no longer accommodate the needs of the organization. He announced that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has voted a \$25,000 funding for LRI. (Michael's full report is attached to

the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, which is posted in the social room.)

Allen Montecino read a poem about Michael's many roles over the last year and presented him with an engraved box from the Board of Directors.

A group from the Readers' Theater class read a play, with Lynn Gramzow directing and starring Art Cook, Caryl Scambos, Ann Shell, Katie Nicolai, Joe Fulton and Tom Hartnett, with Bob Kast as narrator.

Refreshments were provided by Beverly George and her Membership Services Committee of Bunny Abel, Lisa Astudillo, Jan Bohall, Jean Darby, Shirley Hyland, Barbara Lynch, Annemarie Shealy and Ann Shell.

New Leaders for the History Club

Bill Deary has turned the job of coordinating the History Club meetings over to Shirley Hyland and Allen Montecino. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 1, at 10:00 before the fall term begins. (Note the time. In June some members came at 10:00, others at 1:30. Remember, all activities during the summer months are held in the morning because LRI can use the pool parking lot only until noon through Labor Day.)

Book Club

The Book Club will not meet in July. The selection for August 11 at 10:30 is *Memoirs of a Geisha*, by Arthur Golden. On September 8, again at 10:30, the book discussed will be *Catcher in the Rye*, by J.D. Salinger. Coordinators for the Book Club are Ceda McGrew and Kathryn Russell.

In Memoriam

Friends of LRI members Stewart Macdonald and Dr. Irving Levitas were saddened to learn of their deaths recently. Stewart, a founder and former chief executive of the American Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation, was the husband of Board member Lydia Macdonald. Dr. Levitas was both a student and a teacher at LRI.

Contributors to LRI

The lists below show names of those who made donations to LRI between March 23 and June 11. Twenty-two donations were made anonymously. Those who contributed during this period and whose total for the year equals or exceeds \$100 are shown as Supporters. All Donors and Supporters for 1999 will be listed in the January 2000 issue unless they wish to be anonymous.

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	Mary Neiderer	

Sign Up for a Phone Partner If you live alone and would like someone to call each day to see that you are okay, there's a sign-up list in the social room. Write your name and phone number on the list, then check in a week or so to see who else has signed. Contact the person with whom you wish to set up a calling routine, and once you work out your arrangements, remove both of your names from the list.

TIPS TO HELP YOU GET THE CLASSES YOU WANT

There's no doubt about it—our LRI is successful. One down side of that is sometimes more members sign up for classes and special events than there is space to accommodate them. Understanding how registration is done can help you maximize your chances of getting the classes you want.

First and most important, always list your selections on the registration form in order of your preference. All of your choices will be entered into the computer, but when a class or event is oversubscribed, those who listed it as their first or second choice are the most likely to get in. If, for example, 15 too many sign up for a particular class, the computer will eliminate those for whom it was, say, a fifth choice and then, if necessary, those for whom it was a fourth choice.

The second tip is to get your registration application in as early as you can. In the example above, if there should be room for some but not all of those for whom the oversubscribed class was a fourth choice, the computer would accept first those whose application arrived first.

By the way, we always allow more registrations for each class than the actual seating capacity because experience shows that not everyone actually shows up for classes. Remember, the whole system works best if you register only for classes you know you will attend.

We have looked at other registration systems, such as random selection but found inherent flaws. For example, someone submitting an application on the last day of registration would have as good a chance as someone who got it in the first day. Or you might find yourself signing up for a popular course for several semesters before the luck of the draw came your way.

There's another problem concerning registration, one we can do little about: the uneven mail delivery. We use bulk mail rates, bundle the catalogs by zip codes and take them to the main Merri-field post office, which delivers these bundles to local post offices overnight. Even though bulk mail is supposed to be delivered within five days, not all local post offices follow this standard. We try to make their job easier by including the full nine-digit zip code when available (please include yours on your application), and this fall we will add bar codes to the address labels, hoping that this will speed delivery.

Fall catalogs will be mailed August 20. If you don't get yours by August 26, you can complain to your local post office. Or you can visit the Tallwood office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on or after August 23 to look at an office copy of the catalog and fill in your application right there.

Welcome, New Members

Janet Cochran Betty Hubbard
Ruth Cornfield Mary Pierce
Bonnie Gregory Steve Taub
Mary Hinson Joyce Wilkinson

Join the Special Events Team

Judith Lieberman, chair of the Special Events Subcommittee, invites anyone who enjoys planning one-time activities to join her group. Dates of upcoming meetings are on page 1. Names of four members were left off the listing in May: Jim Shulman, Joan Tullington, Flory Tamanini and Vir-linda Snyder.

Thanks to GMU Support People

Two Physical Plant staff members, Tom Boyer and his boss, Glenn Cyphers, have been especially helpful recently. We appreciate them as well as the grounds keepers, mail carriers and janitors.

COMING THIS FALL

You should get your catalog for the fall term during the last week in August, and you'll find it packed with interesting courses and events. Some are repeats of popular classes, including various art and language courses. Here's a preview of other course offerings in the planning stage:

Modern American Drama... Let's Talk Mutual Funds... George Washington... Post Soviet Republics and Eastern Europe... Exploring Local History... Irish Literature... Literary Round Table... Emotional Intelligence... Philosophy... Medical News.

The Program Committee is planning an "Our Century" class so members can share reminiscences about the changes that have taken place during the 20th century—the World Wars, the Depression, prohibition, changes in communication and transportation, education and music, and the changing roles of men and women. If you want to participate, call Carol Ferrara at her new number, 475-9273.

Several bus trips are scheduled, including one to the Museum of Art in Richmond to see the "Splendors of Ancient Egypt" exhibit. Among Special Events planned are lectures on perennials, wildlife, women in Albania, Tai Chai, Hiawatha, and rescue programs.

New Editor for *LRI Notices*

Jan Bohall has taken over the important job of getting out the weekly *LRI Notices* during the semester. Jan has a file in the social room, so put any items there you want included or call her (273-1146). Deadline is Tuesday of the week preceding distribution.

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