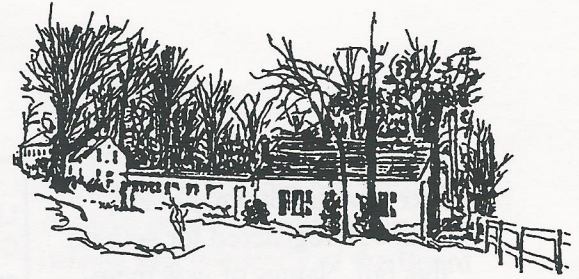


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DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

Fr., Oct. 1, 10:00, Program Committee
Wed., Oct. 6, 1:30, History Club
Wed., Oct. 6, 2:00, Special Events
Subcommittee
Fri., Oct. 8, 10:00, Planning Committee
Wed., Oct. 13, 1:30, Book Club
Fri., Oct. 15, 10:00, Board of Directors
Special Events: Oct. 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29

NOVEMBER

Wed., Nov. 3, 1:30, History Club
Wed., Nov. 3, 2:00, Special Events
Subcommittee
Fri., Nov. 5, 10:00, Program Committee
Wed., Nov. 10, 1:30, Book Club
Fri., Nov. 12, 10:00, MEMBERSHIP
MEETING ON BY-LAWS
Fri., Nov. 19, 9:30, Board of Directors
Fri., Nov. 19, 12:00, Kathryn Brooks
Luncheon at Marco Polo Restaurant
Fri., Nov. 19, Fall term ends
Special Events: Nov. 3, 5, 12, 17

DECEMBER

Wed., Dec. 1, 1:30, History Club
Wed., Dec. 1, 2:00, Special Events
Subcommittee
Fri., Dec. 3, 10:00, Program Committee
Wed., Dec. 8, 10:30, Book Club
Thurs., Dec. 9, 11:00, Millennium Party
Fri., Dec. 10, 10:00, Planning Committee
Fri., Dec. 10, Winter catalog mailed
Mon., Dec. 13, Registration begins
Fri., Dec. 17, 10:00, Board of Directors

NOTE: Office hours are 9 to 3:30 through Nov. 19, then 9 to 12 until the winter term begins on Jan. 24. The office will be closed Nov. 25 and 26, Dec. 24, 27 and 31. Phone messages are monitored daily.

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A Word From Your President

What I like most about this job is talking with you about how to build a better LRI. Over the summer, a number of topics have come up, and you'll find a few of them interesting.

The safety hazard at the LRI entrance is worrisome. CZ notes, "It is about 99% certain that the authorities (city, county, state) will do nothing in the foreseeable future that requires much money or moving dirt. Therefore, if anything positive is to happen it will have to be better signage. (Of course, we should continue to warn LRI members, staff and "faculty" of the dangerous condition.) Delegates Wood and Rust, Supervisor Bulova and probably the Mayor of Fairfax City are our potential allies on bringing about the changes we would like to see happen, which are lowering the speed limit to 30 mph and installing more 'danger ahead' signs of various types."

Please, please be careful driving and walking at the Roberts Road turns into LRI. And tell your elected officials that we would appreciate their help.

During the fall registration cycle, AG didn't get the special events he wanted and told me, "I received my catalog about 2:30 p.m. By 4:30 p.m. I had made my choices, filled out my application and posted it. Of the five special events I had hoped to attend, two of the most interesting ones were not available to me."

There are positive and negative sides to this situation. On the plus side, it shows that the Special Events Subcommittee is doing a bang-up job of offering popular events, which would be oversubscribed even if we had a membership of 300, not 600. On the negative side, it reveals that we could have tried harder to accommodate high demand by opening an event to larger registration, or possibly giving it two or three times during the term.

While on vacation, PH e-mailed me, "I am in Maine and I was told that the catalog is on the web. I was given an address but it wasn't right. How do I access the web page to see it? Thanks."

A summary of courses, special events, and other news is at <http://www.gmu.edu/departments/lri>. An informal LRI web site is at <http://homestead.com/lri>.

Ray Beery

How big are we now?

LRI now has 600 members, with 550 registered for courses this fall. Names of new members are on the last page.

Looking ahead

Catalogs for the winter term will be mailed on Friday, Dec. 10. Registration begins Dec. 13 and ends Jan. 10. Classes begin Jan. 24.

It's budget time

Committee chairs are asked to submit their estimates for the 2000 budget to Treasurer Marion Burgett during October. Individual members who have expenditure items they want considered for next year may also give the information to Marion. The Board will consider the budget at its November meeting and vote on it at the December meeting.

LRI members in the news

Mary Cocker has been elected Chairperson of the Disability Services Board of the Fairfax County Area Agency on the Aging. *Carolyn Williams* received the Fairfax Audubon Society's Conservation Leadership Award for her coordination of the Northern Virginia Breeding Bird Survey. Carolyn leads bird walks each week at Eakin Park.

Sweeper needed

Those big trees all around Tallwood are lovely, but they do create a lot of debris. John Devol has done several cleanups.

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. Note the holiday closings listed in "Dates to Remember" on the previous page.

If several other members will take on the task of sweeping or blowing the leaves, acorns, etc., the patio will be safer and look better. Let Joanne Lingerfelt know you're willing and able.

LRI's millennium party

Save Thursday, December 9, for LRI's millennium celebration, starting at 11:00. The event will be at the Pender United Methodist Church (near the intersection of Rt. 50 and the County Parkway). Members will get more details about the program before the end of the fall term.

Like to cook?

Want to learn more? Cecile Heatley, who taught French cuisine cooking classes during the summer term, is offering cooking classes in her home in McLean for groups of four. She charges \$20 per person for tuition and ingredients.

If you have three friends who are interested, you can call her (448-8790) to discuss dates and dishes.

State Department trip

The number of LRI members who tried to register for the October 29 trip to the State Department and Federal Reserve far exceeded the limits those agencies could accommodate. Judith Lieberman says her Special Events Subcommittee will try to schedule another trip during the spring term.

LRI's web page

Allen Montecino has redesigned LRI's home page to make finding information easier. There's a new "Frequently Asked Questions" section, and the entire catalog course and special event descriptions now appear. They will be posted on the page a few days before catalogs are mailed, so viewers can start planning what to take and be ready to register when their catalogs arrive. Our URL is <http://www.gmu.edu/departments/lri>. Let Allen know if there are other things you'd like to see on the LRI web site.

In Memoriam

Flora Hedblom died on September 10. She had been an active member of LRI since its earliest days, moderating a "Point of View" discussion class and serving on the Board of Directors for three years and as Treasurer for one year. For the last two years she was the editor of *LRI Notices*. Her family invites all of her friends at LRI to a memorial service and luncheon on Thursday, October 7, at noon, in the atrium at Meadowlark Gardens Regional Park, off Beulah Road in Vienna. (A park brochure with a map is on the bulletin board in the Social Room.)

CONTRIBUTORS TO LRI

The lists below show names of those who made donations to LRI between June 11 and September 20. Three 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 who contributed in 1999 will be listed in the January 2000 issue unless they wish to be anonymous.

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LRI's ombudsman

Dr. Barry Berkey has been named to serve as LRI's ombudsman, functioning independently of the Board of Directors. In this role, he will investigate complaints from members and attempt to resolve conflicts, bringing to the officers and the Board any that merit administrative action. The goal of this new position is to improve communication within LRI. Members at all levels may bring complaints to Dr. Berkey's attention by leaving a letter in his file in the LRI office. Letters should be typed or printed legibly and signed with name, address and phone number.

History Club

The History Club is back to its regular schedule at 1:30 on the first Wednesday each month. At the October 6 meeting, Tom Hady will discuss a book about Greenland and show slides. The November program isn't set yet. In December Michael Styles will discuss a book on the Whig party and look at how political parties have been formed.

Book Club

The Book Club meets on the second Wednesday each month at 1:30 when classes are in session and at 10:30 between terms. The Oct. 13 meeting will be a discussion of *Cat's Eye*, by Margaret Atwood. On Nov. 10, Joanne Becker will lead a discussion of *Smilla's Sense of Snow*, by Peter Hoeg. On Dec. 8 at 10:30 the selection is *Poisonwood Bible*, by Barbara Kingsolver, led by Earl Canfield. On Jan. 12 at 10:30 Nancy Bernhard will discuss *The Reader*, by Bernard Schlink.

REMINDER

The Kathryn Brooks Annual Luncheon will be Friday, November 19, at noon at the Marco Polo Restaurant, 245 Maple Ave., West (Rt. 123) in Vienna. Professor Ralph Ostrich will speak on "A Y2K Look at Y1K: What Have We Learned?"

Get your reservation in to the LRI office as soon as possible and no later than November 10. The cost is \$18 per person, and you may bring guests.

Welcome, New Members

Carol Benjamin	Frank Dillon	Marsela Houser	Doris Martin	Joan Seabright
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