

**The
Reston
Philosophers**

1988

Reston, Virginia

The Reston Philosophers

**meeting at members' homes
in rotation on the
second Friday evening
in each month for
dinner and good conversation**

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Max L. Libman (D)	Rowan LeCompte
Robert M. Perce	

1967

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 9: The New Regime in West Germany, Konrad Engelmann. (Muse host).

February 10: The Medicine Hoax, Dr. David Leof. (Scurlock host)

March 10: Background of the War in Vietnam, Dr. Luong Nhi Ky, Charge d'Affaires of Vietnam. (Ficken host)

April 27: Observations on England and America, F. C. Mallet, former House Master, Winchester College. (Wright host)

May 12: Volunteers in Service to America, Kenneth Harper. (Engelmann host)

June 9: The Ecumenical Movement, the Rev. William L. Scurlock. (Furcron host)

July 14: American Involvement in Vietnam, general discussion. (Muse host)

August 10: *Anatomy of the State Department*, Smith Simpson, author. (Grady host)

September 8: The Negro Unrest, Benjamin Muse. (Leof host)

October 13: The National Academy of Science, and Travel Behind the Iron Curtain, H. Van Olphen. (Harper host)

November 10: Galbraith's *The New Industrial State*, Konrad Engelmann. (Van Olphen host)

December 7: The Reston Outlook, Robert H. Ryan, president Gulf Reston, Inc. (Scurlock host)

1968

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 12: Stanford Research Institute, Col. Edward E. Mitchell. (Engelmann host)

February 9: Management Training for Executives, James F. Grady. (Cotts host)

March 8: Young People Today, Dr. Gerhard K. Cotts. (Ficken host)

April 12: Current European Developments, Ferenc Nagy, former Prime Minister of Hungary. (Lyle host)

May 10: Reston Realities, Dr. Leof, Dr. Cotts and Kenneth Harper. (Libman host)

June 14: Questions and Disagreements, Dr. Fred S. Wright. (Grady host)

July 12: Some Dimensions of Student Activism, Dr. Clarence E. Ficken. (Mitchell host)

August 9: Science and the Human Spirit, Dr. Henry P. Kalmus. (Muse host)

September 13: Diplomacy in the 1920's, Benjamin Muse. (Harper host)

October 11: How Congress Works, Dr. Floyd M. Riddick, Senate Parliamentarian. (Scurlock host)

November 8: Election Post-Mortem, general. (Van Olphen host)

December 13: Some Observations on Defense Management and Organization, Admiral Joseph M. Lyle. (Ficken host)

1969

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 10: McNamara's *The Essence of Security*, Konrad Engelmann. (Engelmann host)

February 14: The Mayor of Gary, Indiana, James O. Gibson. (Cotts host)

March 13: The Historicity of the Bible, Hershel Shanks. (Snyder host)

April 14: The Situation in the Middle East, Jack Yeriel, Embassy of Israel. (Lyle host)

May 9: The Situation in the Middle East, George Shamma, Embassy of Jordan. (Harper host)

June 13: The Farm Cooperative Movement, Dr. Joseph C. Knapp. (Saunders host)

July 11: The Housing Crisis, William R. Ewald. (Grady host)

August 8: Democracy Down Under, Robert A. Dunster. (Libman host)

September 12: Urban Problems, Glenn Saunders. (Muse host)

October 10: National Energy Supply, Robert Mangan. (Scurlock host)

November 14: Transportation, Tom Deen. (Perce host)

December 12: Aspects of Philosophy, Max Libman. (Van Olphen host)

1970

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 9: Open Discussion. (Cotts host)

February 13: The Library of Congress, General Willard Webb. (Engelmann host)

March 18: Behavioral Sciences, Dr. Charles Seashore. (Ficken host)

April 10: The American Indian Today, Theodore Taylor. (Libman host)

May 8: The Invasion of Cambodia, general discussion. (Muse host)

June 12: Business and Social Progress, Konrad Engelmann. (Lyle host)

July 10: Acting and Actors, Robert M. Perce, Jr. (Perce host)

August 14: "Serving Elusive Purposes" (philosophical), Professor Morris T. Keaton. (Grady host)

September 11: "Grow Old Along With Me," Max L. Libman. (Saunders host)

October 9: "Telling It Like It Is" (the race problem), Edward G. Sharp. (Scurlock host)

November 13: More About the American Indian, Steven Feraca. (Sharp host)

December 9: "Telling It Like It Is," continued, general discussion. (Muse host)

1971

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 8: The U.S. Geological Survey, Dr. William T. Pecora, Director. (Ladies Night, Saunders host)

February 12: African Developments, David Scull. (Engelmann host)

March 12: Unstructured discussion. (Cotts host)

April 16: Clay, Dr. H. Van Olphen. (Van Olphen host)

May 14: Satellite Communication, Robert C. Button. (Libman host)

June 11: Pearl Harbor, Admiral Joseph M. Lyle. (Sharp host)

July 9: Arms Control, Lt. Col. John F. Twombly III. (Lyle host)

August 13: Achieving Human Community, W. R. Ewald. (Grady host)

September 10: News Business, Richard L. Hardwood, *Washington Post*. (Muse host)

October 8: Unstructured discussion. (Perce host)

November 12: Bah'ai, Stanwood Cobb. (Dawson host)

December 10: Unstructured discussion. (Engelmann host)

1972

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 14: The Virginia Polytechnic Institute Reston Center, Dr. Royce Hanson, Director. (Ladies Night, Saunders host)

February 11: Wisdom and Knowledge, Sidney Gottlieb, biochemist. (Rucker host)

March 10: The Club of Rome, Max Libman. (Libman host)

April 14: The "Smithsonian," Joseph T. Bonignore. (Cotts host)

May 12: China, Peter Ferguson and Frank Halobert. (Lyle host)

June 9: Civil Rights, Colonel Edward E. Mitchell. (Muse host)

July 14: The Presidential Outlook, unstructured. (Scurlock host)

August 11: Bioethics and Life Control, Dr. Warren Reich. (Grady host)

September 8: A Theology for Community, Rev. Embry C. Rucker. (Sharp host)

October 13: The Munich Olympics and general, Robert M. Dawson. (Perce host)

November 10: The Middle East, Dr. Norman Burns. (Mitchell host)

December 1: A Man in Crisis, Rev. William L. Scurlock. (Dawson host)

1973

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 19: Woman's Liberation, Mrs. Claire Moses. (Ladies Night, Saunders host)

February 9: Woman's Liberation, general discussion. (Cotts host)

March 9: General Robert E. Lee, Robert M. Perce, Jr. (Muse host)

April 13: Growth, general discussion. (Lyle host)

May 11: Health Delivery Systems in China, Dr. George Tolbert. (Libman host)

June 8: The Mayas, Max Libman. (Rucker host)

July 13: Acupuncture, Dr. George Tolbert. (Dawson host)

August 10: Beyond Watergate, Dr. Gerhard K. Cotts. (Grady host)

September 14: Growth, Mrs. Lee Libman. (Scurlock host)

October 12: *Pacem in Terris*, James F. Grady. (Sharp host)

November 9: Richard M. Nixon, general discussion. (Perce host)

December 14: Review of the Year, Robert M. Dawson. (Muse host)

1974

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 10: Congressman Joseph L. Fisher, speaker. (Ladies Night, Saunders host)

February 8: Meeting at Mitchell's cancelled because of snowstorm.

March 8: Far East Impressions, Glenn Saunders. (LeCompte host)

April 19: The Art of Stained Glass, Rowan LeCompte. (Cotts host)

May 10: The Political Situation, unstructured. (Dawson host)

June 14: The Amnesty Issue, John Wells. (Grady host)

July 12: Population Problems, Norman King. (Lyle host)

August 9: The Crisis of the Presidency, unstructured. (Libman host)

September 13: Training Diplomats, Dr. Howard Sollenberger, Director Foreign Service Institute. (Mitchell host)

October 11: Covert Activities of the CIA, Benjamin Muse. (Rucker host)

November 8: The Economic Crisis, unstructured. (Muse host)

December 13: The Economic Crisis, continued, unstructured. (Perce host)

1975

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 11: Judicial System Reform, Professor Herbert S. Miller, Georgetown University Law School. (Saunders host)

February 14: Economic Problems, unstructured. (Scurlock host)

March 14: New Town Planning, William J. Nicosin. (Sharp host)

April 11: Vietnam Debacle, unstructured. (Cotts host)

May 9: The Budget Process in Congress, Walter Kravitz. (Dawson host)

June 13: Strategic Considerations, Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr. (Grady host)

July 11: The State of Invention in the United States, Jack Rabinow. (LeCompte host)

August 8: The World Bank, Peter Engelmann. (Libman host)

September 12: General Discussion. (Lyle host)

October 12: Salt II, Paul Nitze. (Mitchell host)

November 14: Doing Business in Arab Countries, Glenn Saunders. (Rucker host)

December 12: The Energy Problem, Robert Mangan. (Muse host)

1976

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 9: The Irish Labyrinth, Rowan LeCompte. (Ladies Night, Saunders host)

February 13: unstructured. (Perce host)

March 12: Art, Werner Drewes. (Scurlock host)

April 9: Recent Trends in Psychoanalysis, Dr. Gerhard Cotts. (Dawson host)

May 14: Embrey Rucker, Embrey Rucker. (Cotts host)

June 11: The World Outlook, Dr. Charles J. Hitch. (Grady host)

July 9: unstructured. (Sharp host)

August 13: China Revisited, Howard Sollenberger. (Libman host)

September 10: Some African Problems, David H. Scull. (LeCompte host)

October 8: club affairs. (Lyle host)

November 12: The Human Side of Architecture, Juris Jansons. (Mitchell host)

December 10: Introduction of New Technology, Ed Sharp. (Muse host)

1977

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 21: Town Planning, Robert E. Simon. (Ladies Night, Saunders host)

February 11: The Reston Times, Robert M. Dawson. (Nicoson host)

March 11: Unstructured discussion. (Perce host)

April 15: Unstructured discussion. (Rucker host)

May 13: Affirmative Action, Montague Cobb. (Scurlock host)

June 10: Kissinger and Detente, Dr. William C. West. (Ladies Night picnic, LeCompte host)

July 8: Unstructured discussion. (Sharp host)

August 12: The Welfare System, Dr. Lee Dowden. (Tolbert host)

September 9: Unstructured discussion. The Lance Affair. (Grady host)

October 14: Philosophy, Dr. Debby Bergoffen. (Cotts host)

November 11: Unstructured discussion. Philosophy continued. (Dawson host)

December 2: A Policy for Survival, Lev Navrozov. (Lyle host)

1978

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 13: Unstructured, Club affairs. (Muse host)

February 10: Newspaper Style. Robert Webb, *Washington Post*. (Saunders host)

March 10: Ladies Night at Hayloft.

April 14: Unstructured, President Carter's 15 Months. (West host)

May 12: Human Rights in the USSR, Dr. William West. (Nicoson host)

June 9: Terrorism, Harvey Kahn. (Grady host)

July 14: Unstructured, various. (LeCompte host)

August 11: Unstructured, China today. (Tolbert host)

September 8: Unstructured, Club affairs and various. (Sharp host)

October 13: Trends in the Education of Children, George Coussoulos. (Scurlock host)

November 10: Unstructured, Club affairs and various. (Cotts host)

December 8: The Federal Income Tax and Socio-Economic Policy, Tom Kenny. (Muse host)

1979

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 12: Unstructured. Club affairs. (Lyle host)

February 9: National Arms Policy, Walter Pincus, *Washington Post*. (Webb host)

March 9: Mysteries of the Pyramids, Charles Hyman, *National Geographic*. (Nicosin host)

April 22: Ladies Night, at Hayloft.

May 11: Unstructured. Memories of George Tolbert. (Saunders host)

June 8: Unstructured. (Grady host)

July 13: Immortality, all participating. (West host)

August 10: Supreme Court Press Curbs, Christopher Little, vice president, *Washington Post*. (Muse host)

September 14: Unstructured. (LeCompte host)

November 9: Capital Punishment, Robert T. Hall. (Lythcott host)

December 14: Historic Preservation, Rev. W. Brown Morton (Webb host)

1980

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 11: Impromptu* (Kenny host).

February 8: After Detente, Paul Porter (Sharp host).

March 14: Visit from the Earthman, Henry Mitchell. (Ladies Night, Cotts host)

April 11: Impromptu* (Nicoson host)

May 9: Impromptu* (Dawson host)

June 13: Lessons Unlearned . . . A Historian Looks at the Past, Alan Brownsword. (Grady host)

July 11: Impromptu* (Scurlock host)

August 8: Future Directions of Reston Philosophers, Jim Grady. (Saunders host)

September 12: Marxism in Eastern Europe, Alber Albert D. Mott. (LeCompte host)

October 10: Town Status for Reston, Tom Burgess. (Lythcott host)

November 14: Small Towns and Democracy, By Byron Farwell. (Kenny host)

December 12: Club Elections, Plans for '81. (D Dawson hos (Dawson host)

*Members' discussion of club affairs and current events

1981

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 9: The Press - The Reagan Administration, William Greider. (Webb host)

February 13: The Nigerian Constitution and the U.S. Constitution, Broadus N. Butler. (Sharp host)

March 13: "Mousetrap" at Hayloft. (Ladies Night)

April 10: The Future of the U.S. Automobile, Willard Fraize. (Brownsword host)

May 8: Impromptu* (Nicoson host)

June 12: The Theatre in Society, Helena DeCrespo. (Grady host)

July 10: The Revolution of Tele-Communications, Clinton Kelly. (LeCompte host)

August 14: You Can Come Home Again, Embury Rucker. (Saunders host)

September 11: Impromptu* (Scurlock host)

October 9: The Canadian Capar, Jean Pelletier. (Kenny host)

November 13: Rolfing, William Scurlock. (Webb host)

December 11: Acupuncture, Alan Brownsword. (Clancy host)

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1982

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 8: Psychological Types. Alan Brownsword. (Sharp host)

February 12: Energy in the Developing Countries, Edward Sharp. (Brownsword host)

March 12: Music and Red Lights, William Nicoson. (Nicoson host)

April 16: Ladies' Night (Saunders host)

May 14: Impromptu* (LeCompte host)

June 11: Rest On What? (Paleontology), Robert West Howard. (Grady host)

July 9: Impromptu* (Scurlock host)

August 13: Architecture: The Presence of the Past, Wayne Hughes. (Kenny host)

September 10: Fairfax County in the Next Twenty Years, J. Hamilton Lambert. (Rucker host)

October 8: Poetry: Readings and Discussion, William West (West host)

November 12: The Faith and Life of an American Sikh, Gurvivan Singh. (Webb host)

December 10: Two Germinal Poets: Yeats and Hardy, William West and Rowan LeCompte. (Sharp host)

1983

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 14: Safety of Nuclear Power, Rodney Lay. (LeCompte host)

February 11: Impromptu*. (Nicoson host)

March 11: Extended Deterrence, Josephus A. Briggs (Saunders host)

April 8: Impromptu*. (Brownsword host)

May 13: Ladies' Night (LeCompte host)

June 10: Water—The Dream of the Engineers, John M. Grady (Grady host)

July 8: Impromptu*. (Kenny host)

August 12: Vineyards and Winemaking, H. Lee Tucker (Clancy host)

September 9: Music Education National Conference, John Mahlman (Scurlock host)

October 14: Megatrends—Book Review and Discussion (Sharp host)

November 11: Impromptu*. (West host)

December 9: Communications Explosion, Robert Webb (Rucker host)

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1984

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 13: A Survey of Philosophy, Part I, William West. (Brownsword host)

February 10: Impromptu*. (Briggs host)

March 9: The American Political Party Tradition, Alan Brownsword. (Hughes host)

April 13: This Amazing Political Year, David Broder, *Washington Post* political analyst. (Saunders host)

May 11 (Ladies Night): Chopin, His Intimate Life and Work, William Nicoson. (Nicoson and Lyle hosts)

June 8: *De Minimus*: Issues in Nuclear Waste Disposal, Peter B. Myers. (James Grady host)

July 13: Impromptu*. (Kenny host)

August 10: Impromptu*. (Scurlock host)

September 14: Science and the Spiritual: A Pilgrimage, Jake Page. (Clancy host)

October 12: General discussion: 1984 Elections, no speaker. (Rucker host)

November 9: A Survey of Philosophy, Part II, William West. (West host)

December 14: Film on Gettysburg, followed by Reflections on War, lead by Haynes Johnson, *Washington Post* writer. (Webb host)

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1985

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 11: Impromptu.* (Brownsword host)

February 8: A Survey of Philosophy, Part III, William West. (Nicoson host)

March 8: Reston: History and Future, Thomas Grubisich, Editor, *Reston Connection*. (Kenny host)

April 12: Dilemmas of Science, Norman Gerschfeld, *Washington Post*. (Hughes host)

May 10: A Columnist's Reflections on Matters of Concern, Mary McGrory, *Washington Post*. (Saunders and Lyle hosts)

June 14: Club Business and Impromptu Discussion. (Grady host, at Cosmos Club)

July 12: Club Business and Impromptu Talk. (Lyle host)

August 9: Healing and Wholing (Holistic Medicine), Elliot Dacher, M.D. (Clancy host)

September 13: How to Understand the Emerging Woman, Mary Elizabeth Marlow, Lecturer. (LeCompte host)

October 11: The Crisis in Rural America, Robert Dawson, Rural Electrification Assn. (Scurlock host)

November 8: Club Business, Impromptu Talk. (Rucker host)

December 13: South Africa - Another Point of View. David Wolstenholme. (Hughes host)

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1986

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 10: America's Role in Helping Developing Countries through Education, Robt. L. McKee. (Kenny host)

February 14: Club Business; New Members; Future Speakers. (Webb host)

March 14: The Philosophy of Building, Kurt Pronske. (Saunders host)

April 11: Group Discussion: Middle East Oil and Islamic Fundamentalism. (Grady host)

May 9: Washington Parties—Then and Now, Sarah Booth Conroy, "Style" Reporter, *Washington Post*. (Ladies Night) (Nicoson and Lyle hosts)

June 13: Local Regulation of Health Care, Michael Freeman. (LeCompte host)

July 11: Club Business, followed by Report by Wolstenholme on Recent Visit to South Africa, and discussion thereon. (Webb host)

August 8: Impromptu Discussion* (Scurlock host)

September 5: Further Report on Situation in South Africa, Based on Recent Visit in August, and Discussion Thereof, David Wolstenholme. (Wolstenholme host)

October 10: "Creativity", Mrs. Peggy Wolstenholme (Wolstenholme's mother), Ceramics Artist and Design Teacher. (Sharp host)

November 14: Showing of Film "Koyaanisqatsi", and Discussion of "Order in the Universe", led by Wayne Hughes. (Freeman host)

December 12: Club Business: State of the Club; Discussion/Decision on Future Programs; Host Schedule for 1987; and Election of Officers. (Herseth host)

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1987

TOPICS AND LEADERS

January 9: Principles Behind Behavior, Herseth and Scurlock. (Rucker host)

February 13: Economic Policy Background of New Tax Reform Law, Joseph Minarik, Analyst, Urban Institute. (Hughes host)

March 13: A Humanitarian View of Capital Punishment: It Should Not Be Abolished But Vastly Increased, Robert Simon, Entrepreneur and Founding Developer of Reston. (Kenny host)

April 10: Club Business: Ladies' Night Program; Other Future Programs; Discussion of New Member Prospects. (Saunders host)

May 8: Reston Governance and Fairfax County Government, Martha Pennino, Fairfax County Supervisor. (Ladies' Night, Nicoson and Lyle co-hosts)

June 12: Trends in U.S.-Soviet Relations, Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN Ret., Former Director of Central Intelligence. (Webb host)

July 10: Fit to Manage, George Pfeiffer, Life-Styling Consultant. (Wolstenholme host)

August 14: Governance of Reston and Government of Fairfax County, Linda Douglas, Candidate for Fairfax County Supervisor. (Sharp host)

September 11: Club Business: Future Programs and Consideration of New Members; Impromptu Discussion* (Grady host)

October 9: Educational Value Systems, Bruce Boston, Writer. (Herseth host)

November 13: Emperor Julian—Some Misconceptions, Justine Randers-Pehrson, Reston Author. (Rucker host)

December 4: Perceptions of U.S. and U.S.S.R., Anatoly Paulovich, Design Institute of Moscow, and Michael Taratuta, North American Section, Radio Moscow. (Scurlock host)

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