

April LLI Forum

Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

*How Congress Operates: Senate
 and House Differences*



U.S. Senate Historian Donald A. Ritchie

Our speaker is Donald A. Ritchie, Historian of the United States Senate. In the Senate Historical Office, Ritchie conducts oral histories, prepares historical documents for publication, and provides research and reference

materials for senators, senate committees, scholars and the media. In his positions as Deputy Historian and then Historian, Don has assisted many speakers with the various types of congressional records.

Ritchie has excelled in many aspects of the profession of historian. He has authored several books, including, *Press Gallery: Congress and the Washington Correspondents*, Harvard University Press, for which he won the coveted Richard Leopold Prize from the Organization of American Historians; *Our Constitution*, Oxford University Press; and *Doing Oral History: A Practical Guide*. In addition, he has served as president of the Oral History Association and on the councils of the American Historical Association, the Society for History in the Federal Government, and the International Oral History Association.

Although Don bears the regular trademarks of the academic historian, for most of his career he has been employed in the public history field. Between his MA in history from the University of Maryland in 1969, and his Ph.D, awarded in 1975, Don served in the United States Marine Corps.

LLI Picnic



Tuesday, June 19
Fort Hunt Park

Lunch Bunch

John Bogart bogartje@cox.net

Reservations for lunch after the **April 4** Forum have been made at the **Ruby Tuesday Restaurant**, 9444 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA, at the intersection of Pickett Rd. and Arlington Blvd. in the Staples shopping center. Phone is (703) 273-5862.

Directions from NOVA: Turn right onto Wakefield Chapel Rd., then left onto Rt. 236 to right on Prosperity Ave. Take a left on Arlington Blvd. to entrance just past Pickett Rd. (which is before Fairfax Circle). On past visits, our group has been pleased with the food and service.

For his LLI presentation, Ritchie will talk about Congress and will draw upon how the Senate and the House differ in their operations.

Please Note: *Parking is in parking garage (\$1/hour). Parking in B and C lots is by permit only. If no garage parking slots are available, a \$6 daily permit for the B lot is available at the office to the right just inside the entry gate.*

LLI Forum Forward: On Wednesday, May 2, Dr. Matthew McMahon of the National Eye Institute, NIH, will discuss some of the latest research projects underway to alleviate eye diseases and promote better vision.

Calendar of Events

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June 2012

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IMPORTANT: Report Address / E-Mail / Phone Number Changes

Laura Charron, Administrator

To be assured of receiving important notices concerning classes and trips, **please remember** to notify the LLI office as soon as possible of a new e-mail address as well as a change in mailing address and/or telephone number. Notify the office by phone at (703) 503-0600, or e-mail at llinova@juno.com.



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Welcome, New Members! We hope you will participate in our classes and volunteer your time and talent.

Updates

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Baltimore Day Trip June 15 — Tall Ships and War of 1812



Set aside **Friday, June 15**, for a day trip to Baltimore as the city celebrates the bicentennial of the War of 1812. Start with a docent led tour of the special War of 1812 exhibit at the Maryland

Historical Society featuring the original manuscript of "The Star Spangled Banner" and other memorabilia from the War with sufficient time to view other exhibits at the society. A tour highlight will be a one-hour afternoon cruise featuring spectacular views from the water and an insider's view of Baltimore's rich history, including the world famous Fort McHenry.

As part of the 1812 celebration, more than 40 ships, including tall ships from around the world, and U.S. Navy, British and Canadian Grey Hulls, are expected to dock in Baltimore's famous Inner Harbor, Fells Point, and Locust Point June 13-19. Lunch, *on your own*, will be at the Inner Harbor, where you can experience these ships up close.

Details will be forthcoming via a flyer and e-mail. Contacts for the trip are Linda LeDuc, 703-578-1178 or lal5040@aol.com, and Lynne Smaldone, 703-525-9623 or smaldonega@hotmail.com.



President's Message

The LLI board continues to introduce changes based on the member survey. Survey comments indicated that the Board meeting minutes should be available to LLI members. We have generally brought the minutes to the forum for review but they are seldom requested. So, the Board decided that, as of the February meeting, the current minutes will be posted on our website. Board meetings are open to all members to visit, and anyone may speak to the board upon advance notice. It is important we have transparent dealings.

Some people feel they receive too much LLI paperwork and, to save LLI printing and postage costs, plus a few trees, have requested we not send this newsletter by post, but electronically. We continue to have the newsletter on the website and currently also send it to members who have email. If this is adequate for you, and you do not need, or want, the mailed copy, please contact our administrator, Laura Charron, to opt out of the postal version.

We are working to ensure our new members feel welcome and are fully aware of the many benefits of LLI. To assist in this effort, from time to time, we will have a new member, **invitation only**, reception. The first of these will occur before the April 4 Forum, starting at 9:00 a.m., in a room adjacent to the Forum room, for the more than 40 members who have joined within the last year. One advantage is that there should be plenty of parking for these early arrivals.

The Board of Directors is doing everything we can to make your LLI experience as pleasant and valuable as possible.

Paul Hopler

Volunteer Opportunities

LLI still needs volunteers to supervise plans for the LLI Picnic scheduled for June 19th. Please contact Bonnie Hopler at 703-978-9381 or pbhopler@cox.net if you are interested. And, as mentioned elsewhere, there is a critical need for Holiday Party volunteers.

Volunteer Coordinator/Publicity: Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, merry.macke@verizon.net

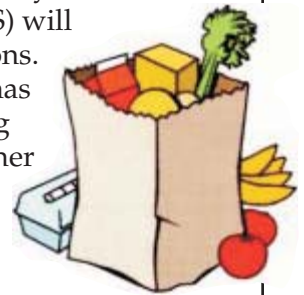
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Speaker Forum Committee: Joseph Pincus, 703-569-0973, joseph@pincus.org

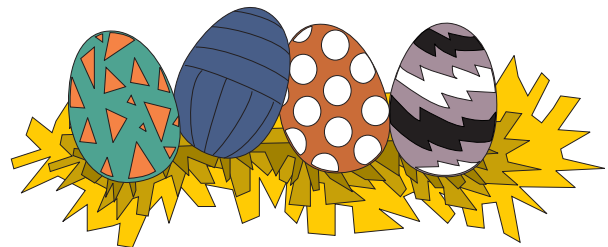
Community Outreach

Betty Lee Thatcher 703-354-8154
Carol Weber, caroljeanweber@hotmail.com

Fairfax Area Christian Emergency and Transitional Services (FACETS) will receive our April food donations. For nearly 25 years, FACETS has been opening doors by helping parents, their children, and other individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax County. FACETS envisions a day when everyone in Fairfax County has access to adequate and affordable housing and no one is homeless. They seek to engage and educate the community in providing long-term solutions and resources to break the cycle of poverty for our neighbors in need.



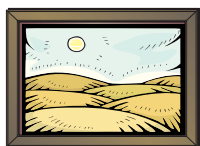
Current food pantry needs include: pop-top soups, single-serve packs of crackers, peanut butter & jelly, canned tuna & chicken, granola bars/healthy snacks, cereals, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and spaghetti sauce. Thank you, as always, for your generous donations. The need continues to be great, and every contribution is appreciated. Paul and Bonnie Hopler will deliver this month's food donations.



Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather

If the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) cancel school for the day due to inclement weather or other emergency, all LLI classes, Forums, and other activities, except trips, are cancelled regardless of class location. LLI morning classes are cancelled if the FCPS announces a 2-hour delay in class openings; LLI afternoon classes are cancelled if the FCPS announces early dismissal. Trips are cancelled at the discretion of the trip leader.

Special Interest Groups



LLI Arts & Smarts

Donna Trogler, 703-751-8932
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Date: Friday, April 27, 1:00 p.m.

Location: National Gallery of Art (West Building Rotunda)

Japanese Bird-and-Flower Paintings by Ito Jakuchu (1716-1800) The thirty-scroll set of birds and flower paintings is one of Japan's most renowned cultural treasures. The scrolls are being lent to the National Gallery of Art by the Imperial Household Agency in celebration of the centennial of Japan's gift of cherry trees to our nation's capital. It will be the first time that all 30 paintings will be exhibited in the U.S. and the first time any of the works have been seen since their six-year restoration.



LLI Bridge Group

Bob or Merry Huley, 703-534-4819
or 703-489-9045 roberthuley@cox.net

Time: 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. Bring a bag lunch

Location: Mason District Governmental Center

April Play Dates: Thursday, April 5, and Wednesday, April 18

May Play Dates: Friday, May 25, and Wednesday, May 30 (note the radical change in May dates due to travel conflict).

Bring a bag lunch. You do not need a partner because we rotate partners so you will play with everyone. We are always looking for new players, and all levels of players are welcome in this very friendly game. Please call or email me if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables.

Recent Results —The top four players at the game on February 15 were: **Marie and Dick Schacher tied for 1st, Carole Compton, and Jack Acey.** The top six players (4 tables playing) at the game on March 1 were: **Arline Sachs, Lynda Brittain, Mary Underwood, Jack Acey, Carole Compton, and Victoria Blackman.** Congratulations to all.

Deadline for the May newsletter is Friday, April 6, 2012.



LLI Community Theater

Norma Hughes, 703-960-6279
nahhome@verizon.net

All who have signed up for the Community Theater Group should have a listing of theater offerings for the current season. Members have an opportunity to select and host a theater date and possible after-theater socializing at a nearby restaurant. If you are interested in joining the group, send your name and email address to Norma Hughes at nahhome@verizon.net.



LLI Current Events Group

Marion Jacknow, 703-698-8702
mjacknow@aol.com

Date/Time: Friday, April 6, 10:00 — 11:30 a.m.

Location: Small Conference Room, Mason District Governmental Center

The Current Events Group meets monthly for continued interesting and educational discussions. Topics reflect the current social, political and worldly events surrounding the time of the meeting. Please join us to share your ideas and/or learn more about current events — whatever is your pleasure. For more information, please contact Marian Jacknow



LLI Favorite Books Club

Connie Fullerton, 703-764-3779
constancefullerton@gmail.com

Date/Time: Thursday, April 19, 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center (King's Park Library building)

In *The Postmistress*, Sarah Blake writes of three strong and very different women in a suspenseful period of history-in-the-making. In 1940, war is raging in Europe and President Roosevelt still promises never to send American boys to fight. Frankie Bard is reporting the Blitz from London, later describing the refugees in Germany, imploring listeners to pay attention to her dispatches.

Meanwhile, in a small Massachusetts town, Iris James, the postmistress, and Emma Fitch, are living in an America still safe and snug, unable to grasp the dangers. The author weaves together these two stories until they collide in a letter that finally brings the war to Massachusetts.

*Lifetime Learning Institute's Trip Committee
Announces
A DAY TRIP TO BALTIMORE - FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2012*

*BALTIMORE CELEBRATES THE
200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR OF 1812*



We will start our day at the Maryland Historical Society with a guided tour of their special exhibit entitled "With Broad Stripes and Bright Stars" in celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812. Baltimore played a major role in the war, inspiring what would become our nation's anthem. The original manuscript of the Star-Spangled Banner penned by Francis Scott Key, one of America's great icons, is on display. The British attacked Baltimore by land and sea a few weeks after burning Washington. Museum goers will view portraits of the Baltimore Defenders of 1814, Maryland's own War of 1812 "Rock Stars"...Samuel Smith, George Armistead, John Stricker, and Isaac McKim, who defeated the British. Their portraits were commissioned by the city and completed by Rembrandt Peale. There will be time to visit other displays at the museum which include furniture, silver, textiles, porcelain, pottery, paintings, glass, etc.

Lunch will be on your own at the Inner Harbor.

More than 40 international ships, tall ships from around the world and US Navy, British and Canadian Grey Hulls will be docked at the Inner Harbor, Fells Point, Locust Point and Canton. As time permits, you can stroll along the inner harbor viewing the ships. We will then board a Spirit Cruise ship for a one-hour tour of the harbor featuring narration and spectacular views from the water of the ships and an insider's view of Baltimore's rich history, including the world famous Fort McHenry.



Trip Includes: Entrance to Maryland Historical Society, a one-hour cruise, tax & gratuities, bus transportation, bus driver tip and non-refundable administrative fee.

COST: \$60 LLI Member - \$70 Non-Member RESERVATION DEADLINE: May 10, 2012

Bus leaves Little River Church, 8410 Little River Turnpike, Annandale at 8:15 AM and returns around 6:15 PM

Contact: Linda LeDuc, 703-578-1178 or lal5040@aol.com or Lynne Smaldone, 703-525-9623 or smaldonega@hotmail.com

Please fill out attached registration form with your check to: LLI/NOVA, send to LLI/NOVA C/o CONT. ED, 8333 LITTLE RIVER TURNPIKE, ANNANDALE, VA 22003-3743

Tour Registration Form

Assumption of Risk and Acknowledgement of Responsibility

As a prerequisite for participation, this Assumption and Acknowledgement must be signed by all participants and two emergency contact numbers provided for each person.

The tours of the Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia require walking and the physical capability to access sites that may have structural obstacles. By participating, I assume the risks inherent in this tour and agree to hold LLI, its Board of Directors, Administrator, volunteers and other agents harmless from any and all claims from bodily injury and/or property that result from my participation in this tour, or my inability to participate fully.

Further, I understand that, should I require personal assistance to participate in this tour, I am responsible for securing such assistance. That includes registering a person with LLI who can and will be totally responsible for providing all assistance. I will register the person by having him/her sign below. I also understand that LLI reserves the right to deny a request to participate in this tour if, as determined by LLI, such participation would impede the tour's operation or diminish the enjoyment of other participants.

Participant's Signature Emergency Contact No. 1 Emergency Contact No. 2

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Tour Title: Tour #: **DT 6-15-12**
Date of Day Trip: Friday, June 15, 2012
Tour Fee : Members: \$60 Non-members: \$70

1st Person Name: _____
2nd Person Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Number of Reservations: Member _____ Non-Member _____ Total Cost: _____

Checks should be made payable to LLI/NOVA. For Office use: Amount paid _____
Please send to: LLI/NOVA ---c/o Div of Continuing Ed., NOVA Check No. _____
8333 Little River Turnpike
Annandale VA 22003-3743

TO BE REGISTERED:

1. Each person must sign the Assumption of Risk and Acknowledgement of Responsibility above.
2. Enclose a check in payment for this trip only.
3. If you do not have an e-mail address listed in the LLI Handbook and Membership Directory, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped business envelope for this trip only.

Information: Trip Leaders: Linda LeDuc at 703-578-1178 or la15040@aol.com OR Lynne Smaldone at 703-525-9623 or at smaldonega@hotmail.com OR

Reservations & Payment: Payment of fee is required at time of registration. Reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. **Deadline is May 10, 2012.**



Financial Discussion Group

Doug Johnson, 703-628-3115
dejlli@yahoo.com

Date/Time: Friday, April

13, 1:30 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center (King's Park Library building)

All are welcome as this is a wide-ranging topic, no holds barred, discussion group. Bring your questions (and maybe some answers).

The featured topic will be **Where In The World To Invest**. See you then and there. For more information, contact Doug Johnson.



LLI French Conversation Group

Sally Reynolds, 703-352-7494
saldonreyn@aol.com

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 17,
10:00 a.m. — noon

Location: Small Conference Room,
Mason District Governmental Center

Under the guidance of our teacher, Al Brothers, we will review Leçon 6 in the *French in Action* program. Members wishing to join should contact Sally Reynolds.



LLI Gourmands

Mary Underwood, 703-329-8391
maryunderwood29@verizon.net

Mindy Rojahn has planned the April Gourmand event at the **Four**

Sisters Restaurant, 8190 Strawberry Lane, Falls Church, VA (Merrifield area) on **Tuesday, April 17**, at noon. If you plan to attend, please notify Mindy by Thursday, April 12, at 703-631-1304 or mindyroj@cox.net. There is a free parking garage nearby.

Wanted: Holiday Party Volunteers

LLI needs volunteers to supervise plans for the Holiday party scheduled for December. Much of the promotion has already been completed. Colletta Hammond and other past coordinators are available to assist in this endeavor. Contact **Merry Macke**, 703-451-3248 or merrymacke@verizon.net, if you are interested.



LLI Nimble Fingers

Bev Portman, 703-560-6740
firse@juno.com

Date/Time: Wednesday, April
11, 10:00 a.m. — noon

Location: Small Conference Room, Mason District Governmental Center

This group meets monthly to enjoy and share all types of needlecrafts. Please bring a small project of any type to work on. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Bev Portman.



LLI Photography Group

Buck Myers, 703-532-3726
hbm@hbmphoto.com

Date/Time: Friday, April 20,
10:00 a.m. — noon

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center (King's Park Library building)

Members have a wide range of photographic abilities and interests and share a common desire to hone existing skills or learn new ones. The March meeting centered on a presentation using Photoshop Elements by Conne Rubenstein. New members are always welcome. For further information, contact Buck Myers.



LLI Walkabouts

Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, cell phone:
978-505-9506 merry.macke@verizon.net

Date/Time: First and third Fridays at
noon

April 6: Lake Accotink in a new way.

From Old Keene Mill, take Carrleigh Parkway north until it curves to the right; look for the kiosk-entrance to Carrleigh Parkway Park on the left side. Park there. See a different part of the park.

April 20: Lake Mercer. From Fairfax County Parkway (7100), take Pohick exit and proceed to Hooes Rd. Coming from the east, you will cross over the Parkway to go south. Pass 1st light (Newington Forest Avenue/Valleyfield Drive) and then look to the right for a small parking lot in the woods. We will meet there.

May 4: (Note time change: 11:30—12:30) Accotink Park. Meet at the carousel and park in the lot below the pavilion (Highland entrance) or the parking lot off of Heming Ave.



What Is the Forum and How Does It Operate?

The LLI monthly Forum meeting is like an iceberg. A small portion of the iceberg is above water and visible to all but most of the iceberg is underwater and not seen. A small group of LLI members work below the water — so to speak — to recruit and provide suitable speakers for our Forum program.

Because of your comments on our distributed half-sheets, the Forum Committee believes that you generally approve of the Forum speakers and their presentations. Also, the comments about the Forum on the recent LLI survey were positive. On that Forum sheet is another area that asks for future program suggestions or speakers. This is where we need you to write what topics or specific speakers interest you. If you have heard an engaging speaker, please give us the person's name; better yet, give us the person's email or telephone number.

At least one committee member reads and follows up on every suggestion. Our Forum chair is Joseph Pincus and he keeps us on the ball looking for prospective speakers. Other committee members are **Ginny Moser, Moe Moser, Barry Newman, and George Chalou**. Please give any of us a call or email using the LLI member directory. We welcome your feedback.

The committee appreciates the behind the scenes work of Phil Myers who trucks over the easels and signs before every Forum. And, of course, all of us appreciate the refreshments provided by the volunteers.

Remember, give us a name—it is *your* Forum.

George Chalou

Did You Know?

As a member of LLI, you have a wonderful Northern Virginia Community College library at your disposal. The library is located on the third floor of the Godwin Building just up the ramp from the Richard J. Ernest Community and Cultural Center. To use the library, you simply sign up for a Community Patron card by showing a picture ID. You then can charge out a limit of three books for three weeks and take them home. Also, you can renew books online for an additional period. If you have LLI classes on the campus, this resource would be very convenient. Go to <http://www.nvcc.edu/library> for more information.

The Honor Circle

How does one begin to describe the contributions Colletta Hammond has made to LLI? One can start with a list of the positions she has held: board member; curriculum committee member; office assistant for a year, in addition to assisting Laura Charron while she was recuperating from surgery; mailing coordinator for many years; knitting class coordinator; committee member for many of the picnics and Holiday parties, before co-chairing the 2011 Holiday party; and currently, Forum Greeter Coordinator.



Colletta Hammond

However, this list does not capture how people love to work with her because of her sense of humor, her creativity, her dependability, and her flexibility. With her friendly, cheerful smile, she is the perfect person to serve in her current position. So thank you, Colletta; you are part of the infrastructure of volunteers that holds LLI together as a viable, enthusiastic group

LLI would appreciate any suggestions for honoring other volunteers who have given extraordinary service to our organization. Please send recommendations to Merry Macke, merry.macke@verizon.net, along with the reasons you feel your nominee deserves to be honored.

Membership Renewal Reminder

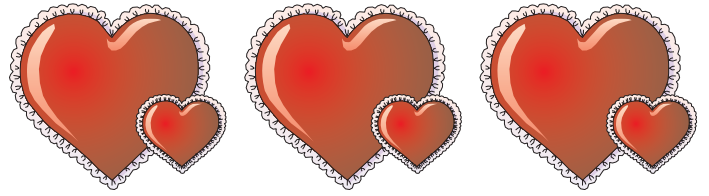
The mailing label on each newsletter includes your membership renewal date. You must renew and be a member in good standing in order to register for courses and to participate in LLI's many other activities. Complete the membership form (last page in the current course catalog), check "renewal," indicate any new information, and mail it to the LLI office with a check in the amount of \$110 for each person wishing to continue membership with LLI.

Please print clearly to help ensure that your information is entered correctly. **It is important to include the form with your check, for ease in crediting your membership renewal in our database.**



From the LLI Scrapbook

*2012 Valentine's Day Party
hosted by the LLI Poetry Class
for all LLI members.*



Richard Risk, poetry class leader.



LLI's Friendship Connection

Pat Harrison, 703-550-7530, pjharris80@msn.com



One of the benefits of LLI membership is making friends. We like to show support for fellow members by sending a card to anyone who is ill or has suffered a loss. If you would like a card sent to an LLI member or spouse on behalf of the LLI membership, please contact Pat Harrison. Be sure to include sufficient information so an appropriate card can be selected.

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