

September LLI Forum

Wednesday, September 4, 2013, at 10 a.m.
 (Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

*Inside China Today —
 Socially, Economically, Politically*

How should we think of the rise of China and our relations with that country? Is there going to be a Chinese version of the Arab spring? Our guest speaker, Dr. Robert G. Sutter, is among the foremost China experts in the world, having authored 19 books and 200 articles on that country. His most recent book is *U.S.—*



Dr. Robert G. Sutter

Chinese Relations: Perilous Past, Pragmatic Present (Rowman and Littlefield 2010). His award winning survey, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy since the Cold War*, came out as a third edition in 2012.

Dr. Sutter has been on the front lines of China analysis in such positions as National Intelligence Officer for East Asia and the Pacific at the U.S. Government's National Intelligence Council and as the China Division Director at the Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research. From 2001-2011, Dr. Sutter was known as a Hoya, Visiting Professor of Asian Studies at the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. Recently, however, he has switched his allegiance to the Colonials, as Professor of Practice of International Affairs at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University.

As usual, bring your most insightful questions to the Forum. Professor Robert Sutter can handle them. Open to the community - no cost and no registration required.



LLI Members' Arts and Crafts Exhibit

At the October 2 Forum



LLI has so many talented and creative members that we've decided to have an "arts and crafts" exhibit at the October 2 Forum. Whether you are a painter, needle worker, wood crafter, photographer, etc., here is an opportunity for you to share your creativity with the LLI community.

So, *let's have some fun*. If you would like to participate, please e-mail Arlene Gribben at arlenegribb@aol.com or call her at 703-569-0357 before September 19 and tell her what item you are going to bring for the exhibit. (Because display space is limited, only one item can be accepted from each person.) Then, on Forum day, bring your art/craft work to the Forum room by 8:30 a.m. so we have time to set up the display. Your submission will be identified with your name. Forum attendees can look at at the display from 9:00-10:00 a.m. and following the speaker and business meeting.

One dictionary definition for *creative* is: "Having or showing imagination and artistic or intellectual inventiveness." What a great gift to have this ability and to share it with others. We're looking forward to seeing lots of "good stuff" on October 2.

Please Note: *Parking is free on the campus for the September 4th Forum. If space is available, you may park free in the visitors' garage or, without a permit, anywhere in student lots B. Please come early if a close in parking space is important to you as NOVA students chose these free garage spaces, requiring LLI members to park farther away. Bring a friend!*

Calendar of Events



September 2013

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- 13 Board Meeting
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November 2013

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- 25 **Lincoln's Legacy Day Trip**

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- 6 January newsletter deadline
- 13 Board Meeting
- 16 January newsletter mailing



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.

New Members

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President's Message

Welcome back to the start of a new LLI year! I hope your summer was all you wanted it to be with much time spent with friends and loved ones. I also hope you will become even more involved in LLI and help us make it the best LLI year yet!

I want to take this opportunity at the start of a new session to thank five individuals who no longer serve on our Board of Directors but who continue to benefit LLI in too many ways to count.

- **Bob Huley** has served a total of six years on the Board of Directors and has held many Board positions, from Trip Committee liaison to Vice President. He also did a stint as Treasurer, as well as Forum set-up chair and continues to head the Mail Committee. And then, of course, there is the Bridge Special Interest Group. As you can see, Bob has been very involved in many aspects of LLI and promises to stay involved — but a little less so. Bob's contributions will be sorely missed.
- **Marianne Moerman** has also served on the Board for six years and has been involved in nearly every aspect of LLI group activities. She was a part of virtually every social function undertaken by LLI — parties, picnics, or poems, Marianne was involved. Scholarships and Community Outreach also show signs of her gentle touch. And for years, she served on the Curriculum Committee. Thank you for all you did and will continue to do.
- **Peter Schwarzkopf** has served on the Board for three years and could always be depended on to ask the right questions. His guidance and involvement led to an improved Board with better decisions. He was a superb Special Interest Groups (SIG) representative to the Board and is very involved in the Curriculum Committee, both suggesting classes and leading them. We have all benefitted from Peter's participation.
- **Merry Macke** has served on the Board for three years. She became the Volunteer Coordinator and for an extended period, filled in as Publicity Chairman. In both jobs, she brought fresh ideas and novel approaches to the issues at hand. She initiated several programs such as the Honor Circle, in which we recognize outstanding volunteers. Merry also heads up the Walkabout SIG and we hope, will continue in that endeavor.
- **Arlene Gribbon** has served on the Board for three years. She jumped right in and assumed one of the toughest jobs on the Board, that of Secretary. Her ability to keep accurate notes

Community Outreach

Carol Weber, caroljeanweber@hotmail.com
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At each monthly Forum, LLI members are asked to bring non-perishable food items or household supplies which will be donated to a local food pantry. If you know of such an organization that you would like us to support, please check-in at the Volunteer table and sign up for a month. After the Forum, Outreach Committee members take the donations to the curb for you to pick up and take to the organization. You are responsible for delivering the items to the organization you wish to support. At the September Forum, we will collect food for the **Committee for Helping Others (CHO)**. This will be only the second time we have provided food for this organization.



The Committee for Helping Others was organized in 1969 by churches and individuals in the Dunn Loring/Merrifield/Oakton/ Vienna areas to provide charity to those in need of goods and services unavailable through their own efforts or government assistance. In addition to a food closet, CHO provides Family Emergency Assistance, a clothes closet, a furniture warehouse, transportation service, and Meals on Wheels.

Current food and other needs are: canned fruits, cooking oil, cereals, dry pastas of all kinds, canned tomato sauce, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, and diapers (newborn size, and sizes 1, 4, and 5). If you don't have these items, any non-perishable food is always welcome.

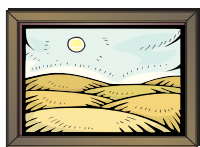
Laura Charron will deliver our donations this month. Thank you very much for your generosity over the years.

during Board and business meetings has been nothing short of super. She kept us straight by always asking questions to make sure she understood, but more importantly, that we understood. Additionally, Arlene headed the Administrative Review Committee to constantly check our policies and procedures to insure we remained consistent.

To the above five individuals, my heartfelt thanks for your guidance, involvement and good works. LLI is substantially better because of you.

Ed McKnight

Special Interest Groups



LLI Arts & Smarts

LLI Arts & Smarts will no longer be an active SIG unless a LLI member or members come forward to lead the group. Please contact Nancy Jerdan at 703-455-2699 or njerdanva@verizon.net for more information.



LLI Bridge Group

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

September/October Play Dates —

In September, unfortunately due to scheduling conflicts, we will not have any games. In October, we plan to play on **Thursday, October 10**, and **Friday, October 25** (yes, these dates are unusual).

Time: 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Location: Mason District Governmental Center
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. We will also continue our mini-lessons after each game.

Catch Up Results — In our game on June 26, the top four players were: **Lynda Brittain, Jack Acey, Mary Underwood, and Jessica Burmester**. For the game on July 11, the top four were: **Janet Goodrich, Elaine Cherry, Lynda Brittain, and Carole Compton**. Finally, for our game on July 24, the top four were: **Connie Fullerton, Raymond Burmester, Nancy Sherman, and Nat Rosenbaum**. We also report on the top finishers for each 6 month period, and for the first half of 2013, they were: **Jack Acey, Mary Underwood, Janet Goodrich**, and tied for fourth **Raymond Burmester, Betty Pogerman, and Nate Rosenbaum**. Congratulations to all.



LLI Current Events Group

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

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

Location: Small Conference Room, Mason District Governmental Center

The Current Events Group meets monthly for 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

Lynne Smaldone, 703-525-9623
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Date/Time: Thursday, September 19, 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center, 9002 Burke Lake Road (in back of King's Park Library)

Our selection for September is the well-loved classic, *Little Women*, by Louisa May Alcott. Written and set in her family home, Orchard House, in Concord, Massachusetts, the story is loosely based on the childhood experiences that Alcott shared with her three sisters. The novel follows the lives, loves, and tribulations of the four sisters - Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy March - as the family copes with their father's absence during the Civil War.

Come join us! For further information, contact Lynn Smaldone.



Financial Discussion Group

Doug Johnson, 703-628-3115
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Date/Time: Friday, September 13, 1:30 p.m. — 3p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center (in back of the King's Park Library)

Please join us for a lively exchange of financial information. For further information, contact Doug Johnson.

*Deadline for the
October newsletter
is September 6.*

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DT 10-25-13 Lincoln's Legacy Lives! — an LLI Day Trip

Come join us as we spend the day with Lincoln specialist Dr. John Elliff, one of LLI's favorite lecturers, who will be our guide as we visit two important Lincoln sites. Dr. Elliff will board the coach with us at the Little River United Church of Christ and talk to us about Lincoln as we ride into Washington for our first stop of the day, **Ford's Theatre**. We will first tour the museum, then enter the theatre, where Dr. Elliff will present a talk about Lincoln's assassination and the history of the theatre. We will have time to tour the Petersen House (where Lincoln died) and the new Visitors Center. Then it's off to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for lunch (on your own) in their cafeteria.

Next, we will head to the nearby **Lincoln Cottage**, the summer retreat of the Lincoln family and the site where Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation. We will visit the very interesting museum on site and have a guided tour of the "Cottage" before returning home. See history live!

Date: Friday October 25, 2013. Cost: \$62 per person for members: **\$72** for nonmembers. Cost includes the coach, tip for the driver, fee for our LLI guide, the admissions to Ford's Theatre and the Lincoln Cottage, and LLI administration costs. Please submit a check payable to LLI/NOVA with your registration. Be sure to sign the "Assumption of Risk and Acknowledgement of Responsibility" statement. **YOUR TRIP CONFIRMATION NOTICE WILL BE SENT TO YOU VIA E-MAIL. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS LISTED WITH LLI, PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED, LEGAL-SIZE ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM.** Send form and check to:

LLI/NOVA
Godwin Building (CG), Room 202
8333 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, VA 22003-3743

Deadline for Trip Registration: Oct. 11 2013

Trip Size: 40 max

Time and Place of Departure: Little River United Church of Christ parking lot (across from NOVA) promptly at 8:30 a.m. and return about 5:00 p.m. Please arrive no later than 8:15 a.m.

Leaders: Lynne Smaldone, 703-525-9623, smaldonega@hotmail.com, and Ginny Moser, ginny.guide@verizon.net, 703-451-7469, cell 703-244-5452.

Registration Form is on the back of this announcement. Please follow instructions and **NOTE THE CANCELLATION POLICY.**

LLI TRIP REGISTRATION FORM

Assumption of Risk and Acknowledgement of Responsibility

As a prerequisite for tour participation, this Assumption and Acknowledgement must be signed by trip participant (s), along with providing *two* emergency contact numbers.

Tours of LLI/NOVA may require walking and physical capability to access sites having structural obstacles. By participating, I assume risks inherent in this tour. I agree not to hold LLI, its Board of Directors, Administrator, Volunteers, or other agents responsible for any and all claims of bodily injury and/or property damage, resulting from my participation in this tour, or my ability to participate fully.

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

Participant Signature	Emergency Contact # 1	Emergency Contact #2
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Participant Signature	Emergency Contact #1	Emergency Contact #2

Tour #: DT-10-25-13 Tour Name: Lincoln's Legacy Lives!!

Date of Day Trip: Friday, October 25, 2013

Tour Fee: Member(s): \$62 Non-Member(s): \$72 Total Cost: _____

1) Name: _____ Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

2) Name: _____ Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Number of Reservations: _____ Total Cost: _____ Reservation Deadline: **Oct. 11, 2013**

Reservation & Payment: Trip Payment is required at time of registration. Reservations are accepted on first-come, first-served basis. **CANCELLATION POLICY: A refund, less any non-refundable financial commitment (tickets and administrative fee), will be made if cancellation notice is received at least two weeks before the departure date (by Oct. 11, 2013). A refund after that date will be provided only if the reservation is filled by someone else, e.g., from the wait list.. Refunds will be made after the trip is completed.**

Make checks payable to: LLI/NOVA and send to: LLI/NOVA, Godwin Building, (CG), Room 202, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003-3743.

Trip Notification: You will receive trip confirmation via email; if you do not have your email address listed in the LLI Directory, please enclose a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED, LEGAL SIZE ENVELOPE, and your confirmation will be sent via mail.

Trip Contacts(s): Lynne Smaldone 703-525-9623, smaldonega@hotmail.com, or Ginny Moser 703-451-7469, ginny.guide@verizon.net.

For office use only: Amount Paid: _____ Check #: _____ Date/Initials: _____



LLI French Conversation Group

Lois Czaplewski, 703-578-7562
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Date/Time: Tuesdays,
September 3 and September 17,
10:00 a.m. — noon

Location: Goodwin House, Media Room, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church

Under the expert guidance of Al Brothers, we will continue to increase our French language skills and also our appreciation of French culture with the program “French in Action”, Leçons #18 and then #19. For more information, please contact Lois Czaplewski.



LLI Gourmands

Mary Underwood, 703-329-8391
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September Event: Wednesday,
September 11, 11:30 a.m. at

Bastille Restaurant & Wine Bar, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria, The phone number is 703-519-3776, website: www.bastillerestaurant.com for menus and directions. The lunch menu is “prix fixe,” with three courses (appetizer, entrée, dessert) for \$29, plus tax and tip. Separate checks will be available. Located in a quiet part of Old Town, it has its own small parking lot and there is plenty of easy on-street parking. If you plan to attend, please contact Karren Scott at 703-313-7127 or karrenscott@verizon.net by September 5.

October Event: Friday, October 4, noon at **La Côte d’Or,** 6876 Lee Highway, Arlington. The phone number is 703-538-3033, website: www.lacotedorcafe.com. Please contact Edie Berman at ediebe@aol.com or 703-534-5565 by September 27 if you plan to attend.

November Event: Tuesday, November 19, noon at **Maplewood Grill,** 132 Branch Road, S.E., Vienna. The phone number is 703-281-0070, website: www.maplewoodgrill.com. If you plan to attend, please contact Suzanne Pastura at hookedonwool@cox.net or 703-560-1477 by November 12.

Recent Gourmand events:

July at the **Idylwood Grill** in Falls Church, planned by Gloria Rothman.

August at **Jimmy’s Old Town Grill** in Herndon, planned by Beverly Harris.



LLI Photography Group

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Date/Time: Friday, September 20, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center, (in back of the King’s Park Library)

Members have a wide range of photographic abilities and interests and share a common desire to hone existing skills or learn new ones. Meetings center on a specific topic, area of interest or theme decided by the group. Recent meetings have focused on getting the most out of your camera and editing and organizing techniques for digital pictures. Meetings also include lessons from the “Fundamentals of Photography” video course. Each lesson includes a small assignment to practice the information taught, which we review at the following meeting. Come join the group if you have an interest in photography. New members are always welcome.

For further information, please contact Buck Myers.



LLI Walkabouts

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Date/Time: Note that the usual 2nd and 4th Fridays won’t work this month, because of the Senior Olympics on the second Friday. Still meeting at noon.

September 20 Hidden Pond Park. 8511 Greeley Blvd, Springfield. If coming from the east on Old Keene Mill Rd, pass Rolling Rd., continue to the next light, Greeley, and turn left. This road will take you to the parking lot. We will meet there. Coming from the west, take a right on Greeley from Old Keene Mill Road, and follow it to the parking area of the park.

September 27 Colvin Run Mill Park. 10017 Colvin Run Rd, Great Falls. A long drive west on Rte. 7 to the light at Colvin Mill Rd. Turn right and on your right is a small parking area. This is the 2nd to last section of the Cross-County Trail ending at Great Falls Park. Just a little pedestal crossing. You may want to see the Mill after the walk.

Please remember to wear your name badges as this is now a requirement for many facilities where classes are scheduled. It is also the best way for new members to get to know others and a way for established members to welcome new members. If you have lost your badge, just contact Laura Charron at the LLI office and she will send you a new one; a replacement lanyard has a fee of \$1.00.

Are Catalog Registration Deadlines Really Important?

The answer is YES!!! When you receive your three course catalogs each year, please notice that the registration deadline for the courses described in each specific catalog is indicated in four different places: generally on page 1 under *How Do I Register for Courses and Tours?*, on page 2 before the *Table of Contents*, at the end of the *Special Interest Groups* section, and on the outside back cover. The registration deadline date is not arbitrary; it is very critical to our overall curriculum operations.

Our course catalog production process is on a rather tight timeframe, from the planning step to the course registration step. Laura Charron and her team of volunteers have a very intricate system for ensuring that we are all registered for the courses we choose. Imagine receiving requests from some 200+ people, all hoping to attend perhaps 5 or 6+ courses. You do the math — it's a lot of work! The team does its best to ensure that all of us are accepted, at a minimum, into our first choice. That, in itself, is complicated, because some courses have a maximum number of enrollees. Using the registration deadline enables the team to know when it has received all the registration forms it is going to receive and it can proceed accordingly.

When your registration form is late, there are implications for a number of people. First, if your No. 1 priority is for a class with limited capacity, chances are it will already be filled. Laura will have to contact the course instructor to see "if one more space" is permitted. For all other priorities, late registration results in your being placed on the "Wait List" for classes that are filled. All of this takes time and effort. The registration group tries to return all forms to members as soon as possible, and to send the attendance lists to the course coordinators in a timely manner. But late registrations slow down the process.

Lastly, as you all know, many of our courses fill up quickly. It's in your best interest to submit registration forms as soon as possible, but certainly by the deadline. This gives you a better chance of being admitted to every course you're interested in. In the long run, submitting the forms on time saves time and effort for those who are working to see that we all have a successful and interesting semester. Please comply — thank you!

— from Your Curriculum Committee

Course Reminders — Space Still Available

Class 13S10P, Mystery and Controversy: Women Soldiers of the Civil War is a one-class presentation to be given Tuesday, September 17, 1:30 - 3.00 p.m. at the Virginian. For those not signed up but wanting to attend, please contact Ed McKnight at edjem@aol.com. There's room!

Class 13S14P, Super Special Sardinia will be held on Wednesday, September 18, from 1:30 — p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Spring Hill Club House in Lorton. There is also room in this course. If you would like to attend, please contact Doug Johnson at llinovadoug@gmail.com.

Introducing...

Ask The Board

Question: Why not include members' pictures in the *LLI Handbook & Membership Directory*?

Answer: The *LLI Handbook & Membership Directory* is very costly to produce, print, and mail. Adding pictures would increase the cost significantly and require a volunteer willing to coordinate the efforts of soliciting, collecting, and updating photos. Unfortunately, this is not a viable option at this time but could be considered at a later date.

Study Travel 2014

The Grand Circle Travel Northwest National Parks LLI trip for 2014 is filling fast with 31 travelers signed up thus far. If you are interested, go to the LLI website, lli.nova.org, for further details or call Terry Brittain at 703-425-8240.

Volunteer Opportunities

LLI always needs volunteers to help with a variety of activities. We hope you have a clearer picture of what we offer because of the Information Fair at the May Forum. Please contact one or more of the following LLI coordinators about your talents, then choose an area in which to contribute your time and energy. Join other volunteers and have fun!!

Volunteer Coordinator: Phil Centini, 703-658-1545, barry.centini@verizon.net

Forum Greeter Coordinator: Colletta Hammond, 703-866-6159, mchammondh@aol.com

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

Do You Enjoy Visiting New and Interesting Places

...Especially Without Having to Drive There Yourself?



Two surveys by the LLI trip committee tell us **YES** you do! Did you know that LLI's Trip Committee has been sponsoring day and overnight bus trips since 1998! That's a lot of trips. Here's a broad sampling of activities and places LLI members have

enjoyed through this committee:

Day trips: art, history and other types of museums; gardens; boat rides; teas; wine tasting; historical buildings and battlefields; ethnic neighborhoods; holiday building and light tours; embassy tours; aquariums; state capitals; and many other nearby sites in D.C., Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland.



Overnight trips: Cape May, NJ; New York City; Bucks County/Philadelphia, PA; and Princeton, NJ. We do not have enough space to include details about these trips but attendees will confirm that the trips were fun, informative, and educational, and provided an opportunity to get to know our fellow LLI members.

The Trip Committee hopes to sponsor two additional trips this year: A "Lincoln Legacy" tour in October, with an expert on Lincoln accompanying us to Ford's Theater and Lincoln's Cottage, and a holiday tour of Longwood Gardens in December. Stay tuned for upcoming flyers on these trips.



The Board of Directors has said repeatedly that the LLI Trip Committee is an integral part of our organization. *But, here is the rub:* We are in danger of no longer being able to provide these day and overnight trips. Our

In Memoriam



Dwight Hulse, a former longtime active member, passed away May 23. His wife, Mary O'Day, was also a longtime active member who taught many classes for LLI before they moved to Pennsylvania.

committee member numbers have dwindled to the point where there are too few people to do the necessary work. The Trip Committee needs you, dear LLI member, to join the Trip Committee. We need at least 8 volunteers to have a viable committee. *Many hands make the work light*. We urgently need more volunteers to plan and research sites and, potentially, to become trip assistants/leaders. The Trip Committee works in teams: more experienced members work with new members and will support you throughout the trip planning process. Current committee members were once new, too! Checklists are in place to help in the trip planning process and we are finalizing a new procedures manual.



If you have enjoyed taking trips in the past and/or would like to become part of the Trip Committee team, please contact either Kathryn O'Toole at kotoole@cox.net, 703-289-9646 or Linda LeDuc at lal5040@aol.com, 703-578-1178. We have set a deadline of December 2013 to recruit new members or we must close up shop. We hope you will agree that trips are a part of LLI that you want to continue and you will support that effort by volunteering. Thank you.



Holiday Luncheon



Many LLI members look forward to the annual Holiday Luncheon, which is always festive and fun. We host it early in December to help you get in the holiday mood. So please mark your calendar now and plan to attend. The registration form will be in a future newsletter.

If you would like to serve on the planning committee, please contact Bonnie Hopley at pbhopley@cox.net or 703-978-9381 as soon as possible. Our initial meeting will be on Monday, September 9, at 3:00 p.m.

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Happy Labor Day

A central illustration depicts a picnic basket filled with a yellow cloth, a sandwich, and some green grapes. In front of the basket lies a baseball bat and a baseball, all resting on a red cloth.

SEPTEMBER 2013

A small illustration of a baseball is positioned between the words "SEPTEMBER" and "2013".