

September LLI Forum

Wednesday, September 3, 2014, at 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

A Behind-the-Scenes Look at How Dogs Are Trained to Guide the Blind and Protect Autistic Children

Have you recently seen a blind man or woman getting on a bus or subway and commuting to work with the help of a guide dog? The amount of skill and communication between human and animal is amazing. **Sue Difhart**, vice-president of **Guiding Eyes for the Blind**, will explain how special pups, raised in the homes of volunteers, then advance to intensive guidance programs at the training school in Yorktown Heights, New York.

What the dogs and the trainers experience is fascinating and little known. Blind men and women also must be educated to work with and care for their guide dog. Indeed, some guide dogs are even able to work with blind persons who have special needs, such as deafness or cerebral palsy, or they may be trained to accompany autistic children.

Founded in 1954 by Donald Z. Kauth, **Guiding Eyes for the Blind** has graduated over 7,300 guide dog teams and placed 55 service dogs in homes with families challenged by autism. Not all dogs are suitable for work with the blind, even after extensive training and evaluation, but many of these dogs go through a “career shift” and are trained for detective and patrol work.



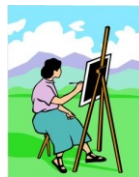
Pat Leahy and his dog,
 Galahad

Pat Leahy, a blind graduate of the program, will participate along with his guide dog Galahad. You will see videos of very moving graduation ceremonies after an intensive training program for dogs and humans. Come to the Forum to see and experience an interesting, different slice of life.



Arts and Craft Exhibit

At the October Forum



We had such a good time last year showing off some LLI members' artistic abilities; we're going to do a repeat performance. All of you who enjoy the creative process, whether it's photography, needlecrafts, painting, basket making, pottery, stained glass, woodcrafts, etc., plan on submitting an example of your talent for the October 1 Arts and Craft Exhibit.



If you would like to participate, please contact Arlene Gribben (703-569-0357 or arlenegribb@aol.com) by September 19 regarding what you plan to display and the size of the item. Due to limited space, only one item per person can be accepted. Instructions for the morning of October 1 will be provided at a later date.



Let's have some fun. And don't get caught up in thinking “my work isn't good enough.” We usually are much too critical about our own efforts. And, who cares if it is not “professional quality.” The point of the exhibit is to have some fun and share our interests and hobbies with other LLI members. Most of all, it's about having an enjoyable experience.



Please Note: *Parking is free on the campus for the September 3rd 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.*

Calendar of Events



September

- 3 Forum
- 5 Board Meeting
- 6 Nationals Park —
Baseball!
- 10 October newsletter
deadline
- 22 October newsletter
mailing

October

- 1 Forum
- 8 November newsletter
deadline
- 10 Board Meeting
- 20 November newsletter
mailing

November

- 5 Forum
- 14 Board Meeting
- 12 Update deadline
- 24 Update mailing
- 26–28 LLI office closed

December

- 3 Holiday Luncheon
- 12 Board Meeting
- 10 January newsletter
deadline
- 22 January newsletter
mailing
- 23–Jan 1
LLI office closed



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.

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President's Message

We have just passed through the "dog days" of August 2014 and now we look ahead to the coming year of LLI events.

This past year your Board of Directors has embarked on major changes that will impact both how we do business and how we enjoy the activities of LLI. When this project is completed it will streamline how we pay our LLI membership dues; enroll in our classes; and, most importantly, how we receive news about LLI by means of a changed and expanded LLI Website.

The improvements are currently being instituted by an Automation Committee ably headed by Ray Bednarsky and a team of LLI members who see the need for change. The committee has made substantial progress but there is more to be done. Hopefully, all of us will embrace these changes and act positively toward these new ways of enjoying our LLI membership.

In closing, I invite you to visit an LLI Board meeting and see us in action. These meetings, scheduled for September 5, October 10, and November 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 am, will be in the Provost's Conference Room in the Godwin Building, Rm. 202, on the Annandale Campus. As you may or may not know, at these meetings the Board is highly paid (*not*) but is fully engaged in the future of LLI.

George Chalou

Community Outreach

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The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) will receive our September food donations. AFAC, a community-based nonprofit founded over 25 years ago to provide groceries to needy Arlington residents, currently serves more than 2000 families each week, an increase of 40% since last year.



September is Hunger Action Month, so please open your hearts to join in a special "Healthy Canned Food Drive" for the food pantry, which currently has a particularly low canned goods inventory. **"Low sodium" or "no salt added" canned corn, canned mixed vegetables, canned tomato sauce, canned beans** of all kinds, **canned tuna** (packed in water), and **healthy, low sugar cereals** are needed. Of course, other non-perishable food is also welcome.

We thank you for your generous donations to help the unemployed, the underemployed, the elderly living on a fixed income, and homeless children living in transient housing. This month, Marianne Moerman will deliver the food to AFAC.

In Memoriam



Longtime LLI member **Jack Acey** passed away May 21, 2014. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery (Administration Building) on Sept. 30, 2014 at 9 A.M. Both Jack and his wife, Carol, were longtime LLI members.

LLI member **Ginny Moser** passed away on July 8, 2014. As an active LLI member for many years, she served as one of the leaders of the LLI Trip Committee. Along with her husband, Moe, Ginny was also active in the Forum Committee. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date.

Ask the Board

Each month colored 3x5 cards are placed on tables throughout the Forum. You may use the cards to address any questions that you would like answered by the Board. Please print or write your question legibly and leave the card on the table to be picked up by a Board member. You may sign the card or submit it anonymously. Responses will be posted in the first available LLI Newsletter.

Special Interest Groups



LLI Bridge Group

Bob or Merry Huley, 703-534-4819 or
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Time: 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Location: Mason District Governmental Center,
6507 Columbia Pike.

September/October Play Dates – In September, play is **Thursday, September 4**, and **Wednesday, September 24**. In October, play is **Wednesday, October 8**, and **Thursday, October 23**.

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 — Catching up on results since the last newsletter: In our game on May 14 the top four players were **Victoria Blackman, Doug Johnson, Bob Huley, and Nate Rosenbaum**; for the game on May 28, the top four were **Doug Johnson, Victoria Blackman, Carolyn Fowler, and Dick Schacher**; for the game on June 18, the top four were **Dick Schacher, Janet Goodrich, Lynda Brittain, and Bob Huley**; and finally for our game on June 26, the top four were **Carole Compton, Nate Rosenbaum, Erma Blassic, and Bob Huley**. For the semi-annual period ending in June, the top six players were: **Doug Johnson, Bob Huley, Victoria Blackman and Janet Goodrich (tied), Lynda Brittain and Jessica Burmester (tied), Betty Yeary, and Erma Blassic and Carole Compton (tied)**. Congratulations to all. We'll have more catch up results next month.



Please remember to wear your name badge 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.



LLI Current Events Group

Peter Schwarzkopf 703-998-0769
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Date/Time: **Friday, September 5**, 10:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

Location: Small Conference Room, Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike

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 further information, please contact Peter Schwarzkopf.



LLI Favorite Books Club

Lynne Smaldone, 703-525-9623
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Date/Time: **Thursday, September 18**, 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 this month is *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent, a novel set in Iceland in 1829. Inspired by a true story, it chronicles the final months of Agnes, a young woman who, charged with the murder of her former master, is sent to an isolated farm to await execution. Come join us!

For further information, please contact Lynne Smaldone.



Financial Discussion Group

Doug Johnson, 703-628-3115
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Date/Time: **Friday, September 13**, 1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

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

Come join your fellow LLIers as we try to figure out the market's financial matters and to discuss our options. Hope to see you there.

For further information, please contact Doug Johnson.



LLI French Conversation Group

Lois Czapiewski, 703-578-7562
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Date/Time: Tuesdays, September 2 and 16, 10:00 a.m. — noon

Location: Top of the West at the Goodwin House Baileys, 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", Leçon #26-#27.

For more information, please contact Lois Czapiewski.



LLI Gourmands

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Chill Out with Us: Tuesday, September 23, 11:30 a.m. at the **Ice House Café**, located in downtown Herndon, VA, at 760 Elden Street. The restaurant's web site is www.icehousecafe.com where you will find the menu and directions. A public parking lot is located at the corner of Station Street and Elden Street and the entrance to the Ice House Café is located on Elden Street. If interested in attending, please reply to our hostess Beverly Harris (703) 437-5140 or beverh@verizon.net by **September 21**. Incidentally, Ice House is located in the historic district of Herndon, a great place to walk off your lunch, weather permitting.

As always, if you want to join the LLI Gourmands, please notify Patti or Linda.

NVCC Newsletter

The Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus, issues an electronic community newsletter. Goals of the newsletter include providing information regarding activities and events on campus and addressing community concerns. If you would like to receive this newsletter, send your request with your email address to rhull@nvcc@nvcc.edu.

Deadline for the October issue of the newsletter is Wednesday, September 10.



LLI Photography Group

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Date/Time: Friday September 19, 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center, 9002 Burke Lake Road (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, editing and organizing techniques for digital pictures and photographic themes such as *Spring*. Meetings also include lessons from the "Fundamentals of Photography" or "The Art of Travel Photography" courses, which are part of the curriculum offered by *The Great Courses*. Each lesson is presented as a video and 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.

For further information, please contact Buck Myers.



LLI Walkabouts

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Date/Time: Fridays at noon

August 29: Lake Braddock. From Braddock Road, go south on Burke Lake Road past the high school. Turn right on Lake Braddock Drive. Follow the road around until Wallingford Drive, turn right and park. We will meet on the corner.

September 12: From Braddock Rd., go south on Burke Lake Rd. Take Burke Centre Parkway (VA 643) west past Roberts Parkway. Continuing on Burke Centre, take a right on **Cove Landing Road**, and park on the right by the swimming pool. We will start there.

September 26: Theodore Roosevelt Island. Take I-395 north to exit 8B (VA 27/Washington Blvd.) toward Pentagon/Arlington Cemetery. Just before going on the Memorial Bridge, take the road on the right going under the bridge, and this will eventually merge onto the northbound lanes of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Start moving to the right lane, and then turn right into the parking lot for the island. We will meet at the walking bridge.



Study Travel

Thirty-nine LLI members, along with family and friends, recently returned from the 2014 LLI Study Travel trip, a nearly 2-week tour of the NW National Parks. The tour included Glacier National Park in the United States, some national parks in the Canadian Rockies, and several cities in Washington, British Columbia, and Alberta. Highlights included Lake Louise, driving the Icefields Parkway, walking on Athabasca Glacier, tea and a boat ride to Spirit Island on Maligne Lake in Jasper National Park, and much more. The group experienced spectacular weather, great food, grand vistas, and a wonderful tour director and bus driver team. Special thanks to Terry Brittain for leading this memorable trip.

We can now start looking forward to next year's adventure, Grand Circle Travel's (GCT) "**Discover Sicily: Heart of the Mediterranean.**" This 16-day tour, which includes Rome, departs on **May 9, 2015**. Registration has exceeded our expectations, with 35 members (and family and friends) already signed up. Currently, only two rooms remain available on this exclusive LLI trip. For more information regarding the Sicily trip or a copy of the flyer, which includes detailed itinerary, pricing, pre- and post-trip options, and registration instructions, contact Bob Huley, 703-534-4819, or roberthuley@cox.net. Flyers also will be available at the September Forum.

If you are interested in receiving Study Travel emails or in joining the Study Travel Committee, contact Bob Huley as indicated above. The process for selecting our 2016 trip will begin later this fall. Happy traveling!



Volunteer Opportunities

LLI always needs volunteers to help with a variety of activities. For a list of these activities please contact one or more of the LLI Coordinators listed below. Match your talents with an area in which you can contribute your time and energy. Join other volunteers, support LLI, and have fun!

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

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

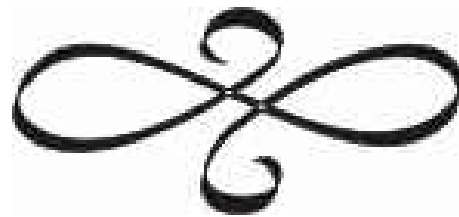
LLI Newsletter Reminder

Our monthly newsletter is generally available on the LLI website earlier than you will receive it through the mail. In light of recent extended delivery delays by the Postal Service, you may want to keep <http://lli.nova.org> in mind. Any pictures and/or graphics will also be in color on the website.

Campus Parking for the Handicapped



NVCC does not issue special permits for using the parking spaces designated for the handicapped on the Annandale campus. Appropriate parking permits issued by any state and the District of Columbia are honored. The permit must be properly displayed and used only by the person or persons to whom it is issued.



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

LLI Presidents



Outgoing, Ed McKnight (l.) and incoming, George Chalou (r.)

At the June Forum



LLI President Ed McKnight thanks Professor Reva Savklar for her informative presentation about chemistry in everyday life.

2014 NOVA / Annandale Scholarship Winners



The 2014 NOVA/Annandale Scholarship winners.



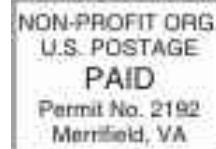
2014 NOVA/Annandale Scholarship winners and members of the LLI Scholarship Committee.

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August 22, 2014**

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September 2014