

## January LLI Forum

**Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 10 a.m.**  
**(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)**

### *A Spacecraft Tour of the Solar System*



*Dr. Jim Zimbelman*

**A** planetary geologist at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, Dr. Jim Zimbelman gives public lectures on a variety of topics in planetary science for the Smithsonian Institution's lecture programs. A director of the Regional Planetary Image Facility and curator

for the *Exploring the Planets* gallery from 1989-2002, he also served as Chairman of the Mars Surveyor Instrument Review Panel (1995).

Dr. Zimbelman has written more than 80 articles in scientific publications and his planetary maps have been published by the U.S. Geological Survey. His research interests include topical geologic mapping of Mars and Venus; remote sensing of the terrestrial planets at visual, infrared, and radar wavelengths; lava flows on the planets; and a comparison of sand dunes on Earth and Mars.

Whenever Jim Zimbelman presents, science comes alive with some of the most recent, striking images of the planets. His Smithsonian spacecraft tour also will stop at a comet for discussions about the most recent NASA landing and the questions scientists hope to answer. The only possible downside to his lecture is that it may make sci-fi movies like *Interstellar* seem tame. Bring your curiosity, your questions, and perhaps your seat belts to the next Forum.

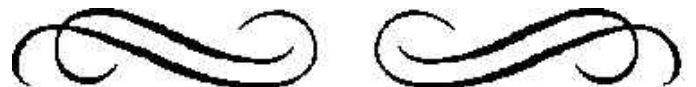
**Please Note:** *Parking is available in the parking garage (\$2/hour). Parking in B and C lots is by permit only. If no garage slots are available, a \$12 daily permit for the B lot is available at the office to the right just inside the garage entry gate.*

## LLI Student Scholarship Program

**I**t's not too late to help an NVCC student with your contribution to the LLI Student Scholarship Program. Service on the Scholarship Committee brings awareness of how needy many of the students on our campus are. Please support this outstanding cause by sending a check to Lifetime Learning Institute, Godwin Building (CG), Room 202, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003-3743.



If you would like to serve on the Scholarship Committee, please contact the chair, Arline Sachs, at 703-646-5606, or [sachs@nova.org](mailto:sachs@nova.org).



## Study Travel

**T**he Study Travel May 2015 trip, **Discover Sicily: Heart of the Mediterranean**, is currently fully booked. We are, however, creating an informal wait list, so if you need more information about the trip, contact Bob Huley, 703-534-4819, or [roberthuley@cox.net](mailto:roberthuley@cox.net).

We had a great kick-off meeting after the November Forum to start the planning process for our 2016 trip selection. We started with a list of more than 20 destinations and narrowed it to 10, which the Study Travel Committee is now researching. We plan to present this initial analysis at a meeting after the January Forum. Join us then and be prepared to vote your preferences as we continue to hone our selection for a trip, or trips, for 2016.

If you are interested in getting on our email list, contact Bob Huley at the numbers above. Happy traveling!

# Calendar of Events



## January 2015

- 6 Forum
- 7 February newsletter deadline
- 9 Board Meeting
- 19 February newsletter mailing

## March 2015

- 4 Forum
- 11 April newsletter deadline
- 13 Board Meeting
- 23 April newsletter mailing

## February 2015

- 4 Forum
- 11 March newsletter deadline
- 13 Board Meeting
- 23 March newsletter mailing

## April 2015

- 1 Forum
- 8 May newsletter deadline
- 10 Board Meeting
- 20 May 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](mailto:llinova@juno.com).

### LLI Board of Directors

<b>President:</b> George Chalou	<b>Members:</b> Susan Alexander 17 *
<b>Vice President:</b> Scott Pinckney	Ray Bednarsky 15, Phil Centini 15,
<b>Secretary:</b> Karren Scott	Anna Dixon 17, Delsa Hildebrandt
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\* year term ends

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## Members

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

### New Members

**Vince Romano**, P.O. Box 882, Annandale, VA 22003,  
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## In Memoriam

Longtime LLI member, **Penny Timbers**, passed away on Saturday, November 29, 2014. An active member, she participated in many activities and events.



A memorial service for Penelope Timbers will be held on **Saturday, January 24, 2015**, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary of the Peace Lutheran Church, 6362 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria, Virginia.

Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall at the Church immediately following the memorial service.

**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.**

## President's Message

**M**y hope is that everyone is off to a great start in 2015. We ended 2014 with an excellent LLI Holiday Party. Bonnie Hopley and her committee scored five out of five stars, except for one scary moment when MC Anna Dixon tricked us into thinking that we had to buy a raffle ticket for the door prize drawing. Nasty trick, Anna! After she said, "Just kidding!" we all relaxed. Singer and guitarist, Ken Smith, was not only entertaining, he succeeded in getting nearly all of us to sing. And, as in the past, the meal was delicious. If you missed this year's party, be sure to sign up next year.

We have certainly appreciated the editing efforts of Lynda Brittain these past five years. When we were late for our contribution, she called or emailed us but it was always a gentle reminder. Thank you, Lynda, for all your hard work.

Fortunately, Bev Portman has agreed to remain as co-editor and Nickie Myers has agreed to take Lynda's place as co-editor. Full credit must be given to Phil Centini for recruiting Nickie. LLI members are wonderful when they say "yes" to a volunteer assignment request.

And last, but certainly not least, I hope that each of you had a Happy Holiday Season!

*George Chalou*

## Class Schedule Changes

**15WO7A: The Myths and Realities of Pirating** — The date listed in the catalog is incorrect. The correct date is **Thursday, January 15**. The class will still run from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and will still be held at Greenspring Village (Village Square Theater).

## 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](mailto:barry.centini@verizon.net)

**Speaker Forum Committee:** Joseph Pincus, 703-569-0973, [joseph@pincus.org](mailto:joseph@pincus.org)

## Community Outreach

Carol Weber, [caroljeanweber@hotmail.com](mailto:caroljeanweber@hotmail.com)  
Marianne Moerman, [mcmoerman@juno.com](mailto:mcmoerman@juno.com)

Our first food collection for 2015 will help fill the pantry shelves of the Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO). ECHO meets emergency needs for food in the Springfield/Burke communities; offers financial aid to low-income residents; and provides clothing, household items, school supplies, and holiday gifts. Twenty-six congregations in the Springfield/Burke area operate the program with over 400 volunteers. ECHO was first incorporated in 1969 by nine charter members, and has grown tremendously, now operating a large warehouse to facilitate their services. At this time, ECHO welcomes any **non-perishable food items and/or household supplies**. Thank you as always. Martie Klee will deliver our food collections to ECHO.



## Newsletter on the Web

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.

## LLI's Friendship Connection

Pat Harrison, 703-550-7530, [pjharris80@msn.com](mailto: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.

# Special Interest Groups



## LLI Bridge Group

Bob or Merry Huley, 703-534-4819 or  
703-489-9045 [roberthuley@cox.net](mailto:roberthuley@cox.net)

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Mason District Governmental Center,  
6507 Columbia Pike

**January/February Play Dates** — In January, we will play on **Thursday, January 8**, and **Wednesday, January 21**. In February, we will play on **Wednesday, February 11**, and **Thursday, February 26**.

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** — In our game on **October 23**, the top four players were **Dick Schacher, Merry Huley, June Chalou, and Marie Schacher**; for the game on **November 13**, the top four were **Lynda Brittain and Bob Huley (tied), Nancy Sherman, Janet Goodrich, and Mindy Rojahn**; and finally for our game on **November 20**, the top four were **Nancy Sherman, Janet Goodrich, Mary Ann Craft, and Lynda Brittain**. We'll report the December results in the next newsletter. Congratulations to all.



## LLI Current Events Group

Peter Schwarzkopf 703-998-0769  
[pschwarzkopf@verizon.net](mailto:pschwarzkopf@verizon.net)

**Date/Time:** **Friday, January 9**, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *Note: This is the second Friday, since MDGC is closed Jan. 2, the first Friday)*

**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  
[smaldonega@hotmail.com](mailto:smaldonega@hotmail.com)

**Date/Time:** **Thursday, January 15**,  
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 choice this month is *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg. When Sookie Pearl of Point Clear, Alabama, discovers a secret about her mother's past, it calls into question everything that she ever thought about herself and her family. She begins a search that takes her back in time to the 1940s, where she finds new answers to the questions she's been asking all her life.

Come join us! For further information, please contact Lynne Smaldone.



## Financial Discussion Group

Doug Johnson, 703-628-3115  
[llinovadoug@gmail.com](mailto:llinovadoug@gmail.com)

**Date/Time:** **Friday, January 9**, 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 LLers 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  
[loiszap@gmail.com](mailto:loiszap@gmail.com)

**Date/Time:** **Tuesdays, January 13 and 20**, 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 AI Brothers, we will continue to increase our French language skills and also our appreciation of French culture with the program "French in Action", Leçon #31.

For more information, please contact Lois Czapiewski.





## LLI Gourmands

Linda Cyr 703-750-1257,  
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Patti Volz, 703-892-6124,  
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**Noosh'e jaan** or **kha ishtya walare:** That's Bon Appétit in Dari and Pashtu, two primary languages in Afghanistan. The Gourmands are headed to **Bamian** ([www.bamianrestaurant.com](http://www.bamianrestaurant.com)) on **Thursday, January 22 at 11:30 a.m.** for our first culinary adventure of 2015. Located at 5634 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Bamian serves Afghan specialties like kebabs & aushaks (plus vegetarian options) in a pleasant setting. The restaurant is known for its lunch buffet that provides an opportunity to enjoy a range of authentic dishes. We can order from the menu or partake in the buffet. Please RSVP to Carolyn Fowler at [carolynfowler1@verizon.net](mailto:carolynfowler1@verizon.net) or 703 502-0285 by January 15 to reserve a place!

The Gourmands hope other LLI members share our excitement about 2015, and we encourage you to join our SIG and to volunteer to host an event in the New Year. Hosts from recent events will verify the ease of planning and Linda and Patti, your Gourmand Co-Coordinator, stand ready to help so it is even easier for you! We have had a successful year and a half, but we need everyone to take an active role to continue that success. January and February hosts have been identified, so let us know which future month you want to plan! Happy New Year, and here's to a great 2015!



## LLI Photography Group

Buck Myers, 703-532-3726  
[hbm@hbmphoto.com](mailto:hbm@hbmphoto.com)

**Date/Time:** Friday, January 16,  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Braddock District Governmental Center,  
9002 Burke Lake Road (behind 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. Meetings also include lessons from the "Fundamentals of Photography" or "The Art of Travel Photography" courses, 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

Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, cell phone:  
703-987-7751 (Note new number)  
[merry.macke@verizon.net](mailto:merry.macke@verizon.net)

**Date/Time:** Fridays at noon. **If the temperature is below freezing or the roads are icy, the walk will be cancelled.**

**January 9: Lake Mercer:** From Fairfax County Parkway going west, take Pohick exit, and proceed westward to the Hooes exit over the parkway. Pass the first light (Newington/Valleyfield Drive) and then look to the right for a small parking area at the bottom of the hill. We start from there.

**January 23: Dunn Loring — W&OD Trail:** A new trail for the Walkabouts. From Arlington Blvd. (Rte. 50), take Cedar Lane north about 1½ - 2 miles before coming to the trail, which crosses Cedar Lane. Look for Grace Presbyterian Church on the right, then a small parking lot on the right next to the trail. Park there. If the lot is full, continue to the first street after the trail, Reflection Lane, where you can park on the street. We will walk on the trail toward Vienna.

**February 13: Eakin Park:** From Little River Turnpike, go north on Prosperity Ave. The park is on the right at the second dip in the road. We can walk either east or west on the Cross-County Trail.

**February 27: Backyard of Greenspring Community:** From Old Keene Mill Rd, take Rolling Rd. south and just before the Springfield-Franconia Parkway (Rte. 289), turn onto Hunter Village Dr. to your left which parallels Rolling Road for a brief distance and then goes to the east. Where the road curves to go northward, park around there on Hunter Village Dr. The CCT (Cross County Trail) crosses the road right around there.

## In Appreciation

LLI recognizes and thanks **Gina Trapp** for serving two years as chair of the Curriculum Committee and nine years as editor of the Program Catalog. Gina's leadership, diligence, and attention to detail resulted in excellent class offerings and a catalog that was accurate and well-written. Kudos and thanks for jobs well done.

*Deadline for the February  
issue of the newsletter is  
Wednesday, January 7.*

## Think Spring!

**LLI** members are joining Bluebird Tours of Prince William County for a day trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on **Monday, March 2, 2015**. Located at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, the 2015 theme is "Lights, Camera, Bloom." This year's show will display beautiful Hollywood inspired floral arrangements throughout the show floor.



The entrance fee and cost of transportation is at a bargain price of \$75.00, and Bluebird Tours will provide a dedicated LLI pickup at Little River United Church of Christ in Annandale. Meals are available on your own at the cafeteria on the second floor of the Convention Center; from vendors along the hallway; or you can take the rear exit to Philadelphia's historic public market, the Reading Terminal, which has a wide variety of restaurants under one roof.

Registration opens on a first come basis on January 3, 2015. If interested, make your reservation as soon as possible after January 3 by calling Bluebird Tours at 703-339-0333. Payment by cash, credit card, or check is due two weeks after you make your reservation. **Be sure to inform them that you are traveling as part of the LLI/NOVA group.**

## Humor Corner

Age is just a number. It's totally useless unless, of course, you happen to be a bottle of wine.

This world that we're a-livin' in  
Is mighty hard to beat;  
You get a thorn with ev'ry rose,  
But ain't the roses sweet!

—Frank L. Stanton (1857-1927)

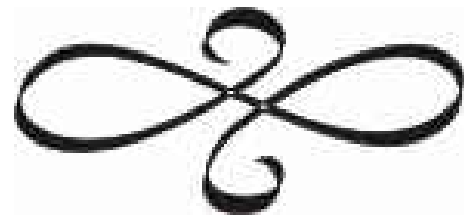
## Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather

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.

## 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

## At the LLI Holiday Party



## Who Does What for LLI



*Moe Moser, photographer for LLI Forums and Special Events.*

## LLI French Conversation Group

*Members of LLI's French Conversation Group: (l. to r.) Shirley Lytle, Marianne Vitez, Clara Manders, Paul Haas, Marianne Moerman, Linda Cyr, Bob Grathwol (back row), Group Coordinator Lois Czapiewski (front row), Patty Steelman, Richard Steelman, Nell Wu, Al Brothers, Yung Wu, and Penny Timbers.*



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