

March LLI Forum

Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

Resisting Oppression Through Culture and the Arts

Culture and the arts can be used for many purposes, both good and bad. In some situations, culture and the arts have been used to say “No” to evil with a loud or quiet voice. When unjustly accused people respond by cultural creation — by painting, writing, making music, or just by creative thinking — they are using culture to resist oppression. We often see it wherever people are oppressed. Perhaps the clearest cases in recent history are in how some Jews and others responded to being incarcerated in ghettos or concentration camps.



Dr. William Gilcher

The husband of Hilda Stern Cohen, a German Holocaust survivor, discovered her remarkable poetry and prose after her death in 1997. Our guest speaker, **Dr. William Gilcher**, worked with Hilda’s husband, Dr. Werner V. Cohen, on two books, a large bilingual website, a tour of Europe with storyteller Gail Rosen, and a film documenting Hilda’s story. Dr. Gilcher will also tell us about Izrael Lejzerowicz, a painter and poet of the Lodz Ghetto, who died in August 1944 at the time of the liquidation of the ghetto. He was credited by Hilda Stern Cohen and others as inspiration for their own survival, both as writers and as human beings. Why did he do what he did in the confines of the ghetto, with its extreme hunger, disease and cold?

William Gilcher earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in film history and criticism from the University of Iowa. In his presentation on culture and the arts as means of resistance, he will provide several examples from his own media-based projects. Dr. Gilcher is an innovative multi-lingual producer of international video and audio projects, as well as a programmer, translator, trainer, and composer with 40 years of experience in

Thank You, Lynda Brittain

After serving for more than four years as editor of the LLI newsletter, Lynda Brittain has decided to retire from that position. Prior to taking on the editing position, she worked with the previous editor by putting together the monthly membership information and assisting in proofreading. The members of LLI want to thank Lynda for her outstanding contribution to our organization. Month after month, Lynda has notified information providers of input due dates, received all the information, contributed to the editing and proofreading, followed up with LLI members to clarify and correct articles, selected the photos, served as the primary contact with both our desktop publisher and our printer, and emailed the final product to our administrator and webmaster for final distribution.

Producing the newsletter requires the volunteers to find time every month for 10 months out of the year to see that the task is completed in a timely, accurate, complete manner. Under Lynda’s leadership, the LLI newsletter never missed a deadline. Regardless of other commitments, Lynda always saw that the newsletter was completed by its due date. She ensured accuracy of the Calendar of Events on page 2 and often contributed the Humor Corner articles and jokes.

Please welcome Peg McCall to her new post of co-editor, taking over Lynda’s duties, and thank her for volunteering for this challenging assignment. Bev Portman will continue in her current position as co-editor, taking the primary lead on proofreading, grammar, punctuation, style, and article accuracy issues.

North America, Europe, Latin America, and South Asia.

He will use excerpts from his media and share what it has meant for him to take on this work. Come to the Forum for a thought-provoking lecture and a behind-the-scenes look at the work of an independent writer, filmmaker, and producer. For more information, go to www.williamgilcher.com, www.hildasterncohen.org, and www.lejzerowicz.org.

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.*

Calendar of Events



March 2015

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

May 2015

- 1 Board Meeting
- 6 Forum
- 6 June newsletter deadline
- 18 June newsletter mailing

April 2015

- 1 Forum
- 8 May newsletter deadline
- 10 Board Meeting
- 21 May newsletter mailing

June 2015

- 3 Forum
- 12 Board Meeting



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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Members

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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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Update

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LLI Logo Contest

The due date, **March 17**, is right around the corner, so get your submission to the LLI Logo Contest in quickly. Remember, if you win, not only will you have bragging rights for the design that will appear on our new website and all our LLI documents, but you will win a free 1 year LLI membership! We will announce the winner at a Forum in the spring.

For more information on the contest, or a copy of the original message that provided the specific rules and requirements, please contact Bob Huley at 703-534-4819 or roberthuley@cox.net.

In Memoriam



Dottie Kilgore, an active LLI member since 2005, passed away January 4, 2015. She participated in classes and was involved with the trip committee, most recently leading a group from LLI on a tour of the U.S. Supreme Court. Interment will be in Arlington Cemetery approximately the week of March 8.

President's Message

There are many activities in LLI and each of us has our favorites. Do we want to continue growing and discovering new interests? The answer could and should be yes. Just think about the variety of new experiences offered through our many classes or increase your knowledge through information presented at our Forums. I recently appreciated having my mind opened to the field of opera and I realized that there are many areas and enjoyments available to me through courses provided by LLI. Are you also taking part in these wonderful learning opportunities? The answer is up to you.

For those of you who have an artistic, creative, or graphic arts flare, or just want to skip an LLI dues payment, please consider entering the LLI logo contest. For more information please contact Bob Huley on 703-534-4819 or roberthuley@cox.net.

I want to welcome Peg McCall as the new co-editor and thank Bev Portman for continuing as the other co-editor. I hope that the liberated Lynda Brittain does not take her husband Terry and sail away into the sunset. Sail away if you must but come back soon!

George Chalou

Study / Travel

Our May **Study Travel Tour of Sicily** draws ever closer, and the big news is that we have been able to add a special 4-night post-trip in Rome! We hope that all the trip participants have signed up for our "study" sessions listed in the *LLI Winter-Spring Course Catalog*, including the course on Volcanoes (think Mt. Etna).

Meanwhile, the selection process for our 2016 trip continues with analysis of the members' priority preference poll. This should reduce the number of candidate trips substantially. We expect to do a second round of voting on these final choices in the near future. We will meet after the March Forum to provide an update on the choices. Regardless of the group's primary trip selection, it appears that we also will offer an additional tour to Iceland in 2016.

If you are interested in getting on our email list and joining us on our travels, contact Bob Huley at 703-534-4819 or roberthuley@cox.net.

Happy traveling!

Community Outreach

Carol Weber, caroljeanweber@hotmail.com
Marianne Moerman, mcmoerman@juno.com

The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) will receive our March food donations. AFAC is a community-based nonprofit founded over 25 years ago to provide groceries to needy Arlington residents. It currently struggles to serve more than 2000 families each week, a jump of 40% since last year. In January, AFAC experienced a significant burglary in which much food was stolen, so they again need our help. Please open your hearts and join in a "Healthy Canned Food Drive" for the food pantry. They are in need of the following items: "low sodium" or "no salt added" canned chicken, tuna (packed in water) and other protein; beans of all kinds; hearty soups and stews; and low sugar and high fiber breakfast cereal. In addition to these specific items, any other non-perishable food is also welcome. This month, Marianne Moerman will deliver the food to AFAC. We thank you for your generous donations to help AFAC feed hungry people, including the unemployed, the underemployed, the elderly living on a fixed income, and homeless children living in transient housing, all in wealthy Arlington County!



**Happy
St. Patrick's Day!**

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

Special Interest Groups



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.

Location: Mason District Governmental Center,
6507 Columbia Pike

March/April Play Dates — In March, we will play on **Thursdays, March 12** and **March 26** (Note: two Thursdays). In April, we plan to play on **Thursday, April 2** (changed date) and **Wednesday, April 22**.

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 — Looking back on 2014, our top six players for the year were **Bob Huley, Lynda Brittain** and **Janet Goodrich** (tied for 2nd), **Nancy Sherman** (3rd) **Connie Fullerton** and **Jessica Burmester** (tied for 4th), **Dick Schacher** (5th), and **Victoria Blackman, Raymond Burmester** and **Carole Compton** (tied for 6th). More recently, in our game on January 8, the top four players were **Janet Goodrich, George Chalou, Carole Compton,** and **Bob Huley**; for the game on January 21, the top four were **Jessica Burmester, Nancy Sherman, Nate Rosenbaum,** and **Raymond Burmester**. Congratulations to all!



LLI Current Events Discussion Group

Peter Schwarzkopf 703-998-0769
pschwarzkopf@verizon.net

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

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

The Current Events Discussion Group meets the first Friday of each month 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

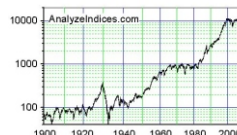
Lynne Smaldone, 703-525-9623
smaldonega@hotmail.com

Date/Time: Thursday, March 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)

This month we will be reading *West with the Night*, a memoir by Beryl Markham written in 1942. In poetic prose, she chronicles her childhood on a farm in Kenya in the early 1900s, her apprenticeship as a horse trainer, her experiences as a bush pilot, and her later career as a pioneer aviator — the first woman to fly solo and nonstop from east to west across the Atlantic.

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



Financial Discussion Group

Doug Johnson, 703-628-3115
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Date/Time: Fridays, March 13, April 10, May 8,
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
loisczap@gmail.com

Date/Time: Tuesdays, March 3
and 17, 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 #32.

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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Keeping It Local! The Gourmands are lunching at the **Mad Fox Brewing Company** on **March 19**, at **12:00**. In the tradition of a Euro gastro brewpub, Mad Fox proudly serves up a unique dining experience that pairs handcrafted, award-winning beer with an appealing menu using locally-sourced and sustainable products. The menu features hand-tossed artisan pizzas, creative burgers, signature frickles, weekly specials and more. The restaurant is located at 444 West Broad Street, Suite I, Falls Church. Parking is available in the building's garage or on streets in the surrounding area. Individual checks will be provided. Please respond to our host Linda Cyr, linda.cyr@verizon.net or 703-750-1257, by **Friday, Mar 13**. The restaurant's website is: madfoxbrewing.com. Hope to see you there!



LLI Photography Group

Buck Myers, 703-532-3726
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Date/Time: Friday, March 20,
10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center, 9002 Burke Lake Road (on right hand side 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. 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.

New members are always welcome.

For further information, please contact Buck Myers.

*Deadline for the April
newsletter is
Wednesday, March 11.*



LLI Walkabouts

Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, cell phone:
703-987-7751 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.**

March 13: South Run Recreation Center: Take the Fairfax County Parkway going west and then north. After passing Huntsman Blvd, turn left onto Reservation Drive to the rec. center. Meet at the Rec. Center and from there we will decide whether to walk toward Mercer Lake or Burke Lake.

March 20: Audrey Moore Rec. Center at Wakefield Park: Off of Braddock and 495. From the Center, we will walk south on the CTT (Cross County Trail) south.

April 10: Hunter Mill Road and Hunter Station Road: Take I-66 and turn onto Rt. 123 north (Chain Bridge Road). Just past Miller Road, turn left onto Hunter Mill Road. Stay on Hunter Mill Road north (past Lawyers Road) until it intersects with Hunter Station Road. There is a small parking lot on the left. We will meet there and walk east on the W&OD Trail to Tamarack Park and follow Difficult Run.

April 24: Fairview Park: From I-495, take Rte. 50 east and follow the signs to Fairview Park south until you see the Marriot Hotel on your left. Park there and meet in front of the hotel.

For further information, please contact Merry Macke.



Stuff You Didn't Know You Didn't Know

- Men can read smaller print than women can; woman can hear better.
- Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?
A. Honey
- The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$16,400
- Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'?
A. One thousand

Have You Ever Wanted to Know?

What topics do the Current Events Group focus on? What cuisines and restaurants are favorites of the Gourmands? What keeps our Volunteer Coordinator busy? How does the Study Travel committee select its trips? What does being a Board member involve?

Find the answers to these questions, and also learn what goes on in other LLI Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and committees, at the **Information Fair** at the *April 1st Forum*. The Fair will be held just prior to the Forum (9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.) and again immediately after the Forum. At this informal event, you'll have the opportunity to wander from table to table to learn more about what goes on in LLI. Representatives of many LLI activities will be on hand to talk with you and answer your questions.

So plan to come early, spend time chatting with the table representatives, and learn things about LLI that you would like to know. It's your opportunity to ask questions.

RAFFLE TICKETS: While attending the Fair, pick up a few raffle tickets for a chance to win a gift basket or have your parking fee paid for the day. You must be present to win.

You can score a ticket by: **1)** Being a new member who has joined LLI since August 2014 or bringing a guest to the April Forum (Membership Table); **2)** Bringing snacks to the April Forum or signing up to bring snacks to a future Forum (Hospitality Table); **3)** Stopping by a SIG or committee table to chat — signing up to join that group earns you an additional ticket; **4)** Bringing four or more items to donate to a food bank at the Community Service table.

The more you do, the more tickets you get! The drawing will be held after the Forum. But remember, you must be present to win. And again, prizes are a lovely gift basket or free parking.

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.

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.

Important — *LLI Handbook and Membership Directory* to Be Issued Annually

Recently, the Board decided to issue the *LLI Handbook and Membership Directory* only once a year, rather than the previous twice a year, in order to reduce operating costs. We expect the next directory to be dated February 2015. Please remember to keep this directory until you receive your next one approximately a year after that.



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.**



Honor Circle

Paul Hople embodies the volunteer spirit so essential to LLI's survival. As an active member since 2002, he has accumulated an impressive list of accomplishments that continues to grow.



- He identified the need for and developed guidelines for our class coordinators.
- He served three years as LLI president and nine years on the Board of Directors.
- For four years, he chaired the Curriculum Committee, recently serving as an interim chair, and continues to serve as a member of that committee.
- At the Board of Directors' request, he researched/purchased audio-visual equipment, provides training for its use, and helps numerous class coordinators and presenters with audio-visual support.
- He currently serves on the Board of Directors' automation committee and, at their request, completed initial research regarding automating LLI functions.
- He has hosted several LLI social functions, including picnics and baseball outings.
- He continues to serve as a class coordinator.

Paul's own words about the meaning of LLI: *"LLI has been a great source of camaraderie as I have made wonderful friends. It has given me a challenge to learn new things and new ways even as I age. I appreciate the chance to make a difference and find usefulness in life. I appreciate the tremendous expertise, as people are amazing at getting things done."*

We recognize and thank Paul for his many contributions to LLI and for sharing his wonderful talents. His tireless efforts, good humor, friendliness, and continuing willingness to lend a helping hand have been and continue to be invaluable assets to the entire organization. *We salute you, Paul!*

Forum Refreshments

If you are unable to deliver refreshments on the day for which you have volunteered, please notify **Nancy Jerdan**, (703) 455-2699, or **Phil Centini**, (703) 658-1545, as soon as possible so they may make other arrangements.

From the LLI Scrapbook

February Forum



LLI President George Chalou (l.) thanks February Forum guest speaker Bill Schneider.

Coming Soon!

LLI is on the move! Our members have always enjoyed trips as a way to connect with LLI friends, learn new things, and have fun.

A group of volunteers has come together to serve as trip managers of future LLI trips and they are already planning trips for the coming year. Joining Pat Harrison as trip managers are Arlene Gribben, Win Kutz, Linda Mitchell, Sue Olesch, and Margaret Whitfield. They will be looking at various resources for future excursions and destinations that may be of interest to members, publicizing and coordinating individual trips, and keeping the membership informed of various opportunities for day/overnight travel.

The trip managers are looking forward to finding and presenting future outings that are interesting, educational and fun! Hopefully you will see a trip or two of interest and join your fellow LLI friends on these tours.





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February 23, 2015**

Look at the date on this label.
Is it time to send your dues?

March 2015

*St. Patrick's Day
May 17*

*May the roof above us NEVER fall in,
And may we friends gathered below
NEVER fall out.*