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November LLI Forum

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

Some Amazing Battles of World War II Were Stranger Than Fiction. Stephen Harding Presents the Craft of Historical Writing.

he current editor-in-chief of Military History
Magazine, Stephen
Harding is the author of
New York Times best seller The
Last Battle. At the end of World
War II, the Nazis were holding
high ranking Frenchmen hostages
in a fortress in the Austrian Alps.
In order to rescue the prisoners,
some elite German troops



Stephen Harding

switched sides and fought beside the Americans. How does a historian organize research to uncover the details and the personalities involved?

In his recent book *The Last To Die*, it is August 18, 1945, three days after Japan announced it would surrender. Some rebellious Japanese fighter pilots decide to continue the war and cause an incident over Tokyo which nearly restarts the war. As a military historian, Stephen Harding has written eight books and more than 300 magazine articles. As a defense journalist, he has reported from many areas including Iraq, Egypt, New Zealand, Israel, Bosnia and Kuwait and arguably he has been in more danger as a historian, than in his time as an Army infantryman.

This Forum will provide a unique perspective on military affairs and a behind-the-scenes look at a widely read and successful historian.

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.



"The Warmth of the Holidays Begins in the Kitchen"

Kitchen Memories

With the family preparing
All the stories they are sharing
The kitchen's the best place to be;
Friends and relatives are coming
For some good food and some loving
Memories for the family tree.

Tradition Begins in the Kitchen.
An original poem
by LLI member Eda Pickholtz.

See registration form on inside back cover.

Programs Given by NOVA Faculty Available to LLI Members

Tuesday, November 10, 3:00 p.m., CE Building, Second Floor, NOVA

Fortune's Fool: The Life of John Wilkes Booth — Dr. Terry Alford

For additional information, contact Jen Daniels at *jdaniels@nvcc.edu*.

Calendar of Events

November 2015

- 3 Congressional Cemetery Tour
- 4 Forum
- 11 December Update deadline
- **13** Board Meeting
- 23 December Update mailing

December 2015

- 3 Holiday Party
- 8 Holidays in Baltimore Trip
- 9 January newsletter deadline
- 11 Board Meeting
- 21 January newsletter mailing

January 2016

- **5** Forum
- 6 February newsletter deadline
- 8 Board Meeting

February 2016

- **3** Forum
- 10 March newsletter deadline
- **12** Board Meeting
- 22 March newsletter mailing



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

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 email address or a change in mailing address and/or telephone number. Notify the office by phone at 703-503-0600, or e-mail at *llinova.admn@gmail.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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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.

President's Message

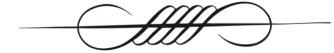
There does the time go? That is what many of us sigh at the end of the week, end of the month, or even at the end of the year. But, in truth, most of us do what we want to do. In LLI many of us take part in our Special Interest Groups (SIGs). These groups provide us comradery, a common special interest or activity, and just plain fun. In any given month at least 100 or more LLI members participate in these groups. This is an excellent way for new members to meet other members. There are a variety of Special Interest Groups already established that you may join. These groups range from bridge to walkabouts with many other groups in between.

If you have a particular hobby or interest and there is no SIG, be willing to start one. Whoever establishes a group has to take some responsibility for leadership of the group. This includes identifying a person who will lead the group, establishing a place to meet on a regular basis, and promoting the new SIG. Once established, all SIGs can place announcements in the LLI Newsletter, on the LLI webpage, or make announcements at the Forums. LLI welcomes your ideas.

Many have asked about "automation". For the time being, automation is on hold until the first of the year. If you would like to serve on the Automation Committee, please contact one of the co-chairs, Buck Myers or Kathryn O'Toole.

Enjoy the Fall and Happy Thanksgiving to all.

George Chalou, President



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, phil.centini@verizon.net

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

Community Outreach

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

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

Current food pantry needs include: pop-top soups and pastas, crackers, peanut butter & jelly, canned tuna & chicken, granola bars, cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, and spaghetti and sauce.

Thank you for your generous donations. Paul and Bonnie Hopler will deliver the food donations.

Study Travel

s Fall begins to turn into Winter, we start dreaming about all the places we'd like to go and visit. Next year's LLI Study Travel trips are booked, but now it is time to start thinking about 2017. Therefore, please join us after the November 4th Forum for the LLI Study Travel 2017 trip selection kickoff meeting. Have a destination that you have always wanted to visit? Bring your ideas to the meeting because we want to go where you want to go!

If you think you might still be interested in our 2016 trips, let me know. We will be maintaining an informal wait list, which will give you first choice if a room becomes available. For more information on the 2016 trips, go to the LLI website or contact me.

If you would like to be on our Study Travel email list and get advanced notification of Study Travel activities, please contact Bob Huley at 703-534-4819 or *roberthuley@cox.net*. If you would like to be on the Study Travel Committee and help analyze and select future trips, let me know that, too.

Happy Traveling!

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

In November, we plan to play on **Thursday**, **November 12**, and **Wednesday**, **November 18**. (Yes, 2 weeks in a row to avoid Thanksgiving) In December, we will play on **Wednesday**, **December 2**, and **Wednesday**, **December 16**. 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 703-534-4819, or email me (roberthuley@cox.net), if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables.

Recent Results

The top four players at the September 9 game were Peggy Weiss, Victoria Blackman, Connie Fullerton, and Mindy Rojahn; and for our game on September 23, the top four were Nate Rosenbaum, Janet Goodrich, Jessica Burmester, and Raymond Burmester. Congratulations to all.



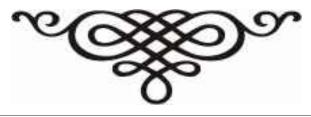
LLI Current Events Discussion Group

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

Date/Time: Friday, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4, 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.





LLI Favorite Books Club

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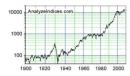
Date/Time: Thursday, November 19, 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. **NO MEETING**

IN DECEMBER.

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

This month we will be reading *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian*, an award winning novel for young adults written by Sherman Alexie and illustrated by Ellen Forney. Junior, a 14 year old Native American and budding cartoonist, is the narrator of the story. Based on the author's own experience, the book details Junior's life on the Spokane Indian Reservation, and his decision to leave his troubled school to attend an all-white, farm-town, high school, where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Come join us!



Financial Discussion Group

Doug Johnson, 703-628-3115 llinovadoug@gmail.com

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 11 and Fridays in 2016, January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, 1:30 — 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NOVEMBER'S MEETING HAS CHANGED TO A WEDNESDAY AND THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.

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 discuss our options. Hope to see you there.

Deadline for the December Update is November 11.



LLI French Conversation Group

Patty & Richard Steelman, (703)504-6866 richardsteelman@hotmail.com

Date/Time: Tuesdays, November 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 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 #38.



LLI Gourmands

Linda Cyr 703-750-1257, linda.cyr@verizon.net

Patti Volz, 703-892-6124, pattivolz@verizon.net

MAIS OU!! JE VOUDRAIS! Join the Gourmands on Thursday, November 12 at 12:00 noon at the Bistro L'Hermitage, a "hidden French gem" serving provincial French cuisine and wine in a quaint setting with the feeling of a traditional village "auberge". The restaurant is located at 12724 Occoquan Road, Woodbridge, Virginia. Susan Alexander is our host this month. Please RSVP directly to Susan at salexa50@aol.com by November 9. The restaurant's website is www.bistrolhermitage.com and the phone number is 703-499-9550.

As always, should you have any questions about the Gourmands, please contact your Co-coordinators, Patti Volz at 703-892-6124 (pattivolz@verizon.net) or Linda Cyr at 703-750-1257 (linda.cyr@verizon.net).



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 the LLI office and they will send you a new one; a replacement lanyard has a fee of \$1.00.



LLI Photography Group

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

Date/Time: Friday, November **20**, 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center (Braddock Hall Meeting Room), 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 such as Creative Cropping, Patterns and the Fourth of July. Meetings sometimes 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. New members are always welcome.



LLI Walkabouts

Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, cell phone: 703-987-7751, merry.macke@verizon.net

Date/Time: Fridays at noon.

November 13: Eakin Park: From Little River Turnpike, go north on

Prosperity Ave. The park is on right at the second dip in the road. We can walk either way on the Cross-County Trail.

November 27: Roundtree Park: 3320
Annandale Rd. The park is located in Falls Church on the south (right) side of Annandale Rd. between Gallows Rd. and Graham Rd./Hickory Hill Rd. It is somewhat hidden as you go up a hill from the direction of Gallows Rd. Meet in parking lot. The path goes toward Sleepy Hollow Rd.

Happy Hiking!

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.

Meet the Committees

e are reinstating the series of articles on the many committees that are vital to LLI's operations. This feature is provided to help members understand and appreciate the important role these committees play, briefly outline the duties, introduce the committee members, and include other information that the committee may which to provide to LLI members.

This month's committee especially needs the help of LLI members to continue its important role in our organization.

Hospitality Committee

The focus of the Hospitality Committee is to ensure the availability of refreshments at each Forum. The committee is very low key — 2 co-chairs, no members and no meetings. Mary Purdy and Nancy Jerdan are the co-chairs. Phil Centini, Volunteer



Mary Purdy (l.) and Nancy Jerdan (r.)

Coordinator, is responsible monthly for ensuring that seven LLI members contribute refreshments and Mary Lu Bednarsky is our back-up person.

At each Forum, Mary and Nancy set up the refreshments table, which usually holds a mix of cookies, sweet breads,

fruit, nuts, cheese and crackers. Coffee and tea are provided by Euro Café, the caterer for NOVA. Depending on the number of Forum attendees, refreshments often disappear quickly. Mary and Nancy do a few minutes of clean up after the Forum and any leftover goodies not wanted by LLI members are given to the office staff at the Ernst Center.

Things run smoothly unless winter weather doesn't cooperate. If the Forum is cancelled (usually due to snow or ice), the caterer needs to be contacted early so the coffee isn't brewed because we don't want to be billed for coffee we don't drink.

Scholarship Fund

It's that time! The scholarships awarded by LLI help five to nine students that desperately need any help they can receive. Last year we gave \$12,000 in awards to deserving students. You can give a person food that helps him for a day, but teach him a skill and you help provide him/her a way to help themselves. Help give them the opportunity to continue their education.

You should have received a letter asking you to donate to the Scholarship Fund. Please use the return envelope to make your tax deductible donation.

If you would like to serve on the Scholarship Committee to help decide who receives the awards, contact Arline Sachs, chair, Scholarship Committee, at 703-646-5606 or *sachs@nova.org*.



Hospitality Table at the most recent Forum.

Although this committee has no formal members, volunteers who bring refreshments can be looked on as committee members. Also, Phil Myers, does the "heavy" work of hauling the supply box with its tablecloths, napkins, plates, etc. to and from the LLI office to the Forum. The committee appreciates his help.

LLI members have been most generous in providing Forum refreshments. We all enjoy the pre-Forum social time and the coffee and treats add to that enjoyment, so please sign up to bring refreshments. They don't have to be homemade — we're happy with whatever you bring.

Holidays in Baltimore



Tis 'almost' the season!
Sign up now for our holiday trip
to the Evergreen Museum and
Library in Baltimore, Maryland —
and bring a friend!

Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2015Registration Deadline: November 24Departure: Little River Church of Christ, Annandale at 8:45 a.m.

Return: At/About 5 p.m.

Cost: \$112 includes transportation, guide, museum admission and tour, buffet lunch, driver tip, and morning snack.

Checks Payable To: Excursionaire, 5205 Olley Lane, Burke, VA 22015

LLI Trip Managers: Win Kutz and Pat Harrison

Full trip details in the September newsletter available on the LLI website. Questions may be addressed to the LLI Trip Managers, contact information in the current LLI Directory.

Important — Keep Your Membership Directory Current

Please remember to retain your LLI Handbook and Membership Directory and note in it the Members information that is provided each month on Page 2 of the newsletter. This will help keep your directory up to date with changes that occur between the annual directory issuance dates.

Course Catalog Changes and Cancellations

15F12A Financial Well-Being for Women, Tuesday, October 27, has been cancelled.

15F32P Coral Reefs: The Beauty, The Beasts, and the Problems, scheduled for Thursday, November 12; 1:30 — 3:00 p.m. has a meeting room change. Instead of the Ernst Center, the class will be held in Room CA 302 (third floor of the College Services Bldg.). The map on page 4 of the Fall Program catalog will be helpful. If you park on the third level of the parking garage, you will have no steps to navigate!

Are Catalog Registration Deadlines Really Important?

he answer is YES!!! The registration deadline date is not arbitrary; it is very critical to our curriculum operations. Every catalog indicates the registration deadline in four different places: 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 entire course catalog production process is on a tight schedule, from initial planning to the course registration step, and the system used to ensure that we all are registered for the courses we choose is complex. Imagine receiving requests from more than 200 members, with each person asking to be registered in an average of eight courses. You do the math — it's a lot of work! Our Administrator ensures that member's course priorities are the basis for course acceptance, with special emphasis on ensuring that new members are enrolled. Using the registration deadline as an enrollment cutoff enables the Administrator to know when all registration forms have been received and that she can proceed with the final course acceptance determination.

Once the course registration process is completed, your registration forms are returned to you, using the return address envelope you provided, with your course status indicating "Accepted" or "Wait List." While we try to honor late registrations, acceptance of late submissions is strictly on a space available basis. If a course is already full, you will be placed on the "Wait List."

As you all know, many of our courses fill quickly. Therefore, it's in your interest to submit registration forms as soon as possible, but certainly by the deadline, to help improve your chance of being admitted to every course you're interested in. In fact, your registration submission date is sometimes a tie breaker for course acceptance. When you submit your registration form on time, not only does it help improve your chances of getting enrolled in the courses you want, but it helps the staff save time and effort, and it helps us all have a successful and interesting semester.



Ramblings of a Retired Mind

- ➤ I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So I'm wearing my garage door opener.
- ➤ I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball but you are just too tired to bounce it.
- ➤ The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.
- ➤ The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- ➤ Did you ever notice: When you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together, it spells 'Theirs'.
- ➤ Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
- ➤ Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.
- ➤ Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable.
- Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

A Laugh a Day — Keeps the Doctor Away

If any member has a funny joke, humorous trivia or article they would like to share with the other LLI members, please submit to <code>pegmcnews@juno.com</code>. It does need to be in WORD format. You may see it in the newsletter one day, as we are thinking of maintaining a "bucket of jokes" for future use. It will also keep the editors very healthy and happy!

From the LLI Scrapbook

At the October Forum



LLI President George Chalou and our October Forum speaker, Mr. Christopher Waldrop.



Our new Administrator, Janice Viola (l.), and Membership Chair, Louise Blakely (r.).



Holiday Luncheon

The Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia

Cordially Invites You to Our

Annual Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 3, 2015



Time

Cash Bar Opens at 11 a.m. Luncheon at Noon

Location

The Country Club of Fairfax 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, Virginia Cost

Members: \$35 Non-Members: \$40

Reservation Deadline: November 20th

Directions: From the Beltway, take the Braddock Road West exit. Go approximately $5-\frac{1}{2}$ miles (just past George Mason University) and turn left onto Ox Road. Go approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and turn right into the Country Club (entrance is in front of the large white sports tent). Follow road until it deadends in the parking lot in front of the clubhouse.

Don't forget toys for the children! This is completely voluntary, but if you choose to participate, bring a new, non-gift wrapped toy for distribution to children ages 2-16 at Bethany House of Northern Virginia.

Please fill out the Reservation Form below and return with check.

Name:	Name:
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o Lobster Ravioli	o Lobster Ravioli
Total No. of Reservations:	Make check payable to LLI/NO
Phone:	and mail to:
Email:	Lifetime Learning Institute
Emergency Contact Name:	NOVA Annandale Campus
Emergency Contact Phone No	8333 Little River Turnpike
	Godwin Bldg (CG), Room 202
Reservation Deadline: <u>November 20th</u>	Annandale, VA 22003-3743
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Date: Check #	Cost: Initials:
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	Non-Members: \$40



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Thanksgiving Day



November 26

Veterans' Day



November 11