

February LLI Forum

Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

What Is the National Safety Council Doing to Prevent Unintentional Injuries and Death? Learn About the Latest Initiatives and How the Council Works.

Did you know that injuries are the third leading cause of death in the United States? Or that 100 people die each year from bee stings? Or that boating accidents were responsible for 533 deaths in 2011? For more than 100 years, the National Safety Council (NSC) has been the nation's leading safety advocate. Presently, the Council is working on workplace safety guidelines, revised first aid procedures, distracted driving issues, prescription painkillers, certified defensive driving courses, and programs to reduce the dangers of radon contamination.



Jane Terry

Safe Communities America is an NSC initiative that collects and analyzes data to determine where to focus community resources to prevent injuries and death. Currently, about 20 large cities, as well as smaller communities such as university campuses, have adopted this program. Our speaker, **Jane Terry**, the NSC's Director of Government Affairs, will discuss the Safe Communities America program and how solutions are being developed for specific communities.

Ms. Terry has nearly twenty years of experience working with local, state, and federal government officials on transportation, telecommunications, workplace safety, community development, and healthcare initiatives. Prior to joining the NSC, Ms. Terry served as the Director of Government Affairs at the National Transportation Safety Board, where she developed the platform for on-scene

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Romantic Poetry — Candlelight — Live Music
Flowers — Balloons — Chocolate — Light Fare

Mark Your Calendar and Celebrate Valentine's Day at the

12th Annual Valentine's Day Open House

Sponsored by the LLI Poetry Class

Friday, February 12
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Little River United Church of Christ
Social Hall



Art and Craft Exhibit

It's again time to go through your art work and craft items and decide what you will show at the LLI Art and Craft Exhibit to be held in conjunction with the April 6 Forum.

For the past two years we've had a great time sharing our creative side with other LLI members. There have been paintings, photographs, baskets, knitted pieces, jewelry, wood hand-painted figures, fabric art, hooked rugs, etc. Please contact Arlene Gribben at arlenegribb@aol.com, or 703-569-0357, by February 26 and let her know what item (only room for one piece per member) you plan to submit. After that, the only thing you need to do is show up at the Forum room on April 6 at 8:15 with your work. The exhibit is from 9:00 to 10:00 and during break time.

Oh, and all of you who say "my work isn't good enough to show," I say "hog wash." Did you have fun doing it? Then it's time to show the world your efforts.

Calendar of Events



February 2016

- 3 Forum
- 10 March newsletter deadline
- 12 Board Meeting
- 12 Valentine's Day Open House
- 22 March newsletter mailing

April 2016

- 6 Forum
- 6 May Newsletter deadline
- 8 Board meeting
- 18 May newsletter mailing

March 2016

- 2 Forum
- 9 April newsletter deadline
- 11 Board meeting
- 21 April newsletter mailing

May 2016

- 4 Forum
- 11 June Newsletter deadline
- 13 Board Meeting
- 23 June 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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Welcome, New Members! We hope you will participate in our classes and volunteer your time and talent.

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President's Message

First of all, Happy New Year to all.

Secondly, 20 years ago, in 1996, LLI was formed. Knox Singleton was our first president and the following is an excerpt from Knox's *President's Message* in the first LLI newsletter in 1997.

"There is a lengthy Appalachian fable in which a mountaineer mother repeatedly admonishes the members of her family as she sends them to the country store for baking soda. 'Now don't be fergettin' whatcher goin' fer.' Of course, baking soda was not important for itself alone, but very essential for the baking of the bread and cakes to sustain and enrich their lives. When we stop to think about what we are 'goin' fer' as members of LLI, our first thoughts are likely to be those of increasing our education and enjoying the personal pleasures of being with like-minded peers. ...So let's use LLI as 'baking soda' to broaden our knowledge and inspire us — according to our individual talents — to become the 'bread and cake' of our local and world community for our own sake and that of all who will come after us." (*Contributed by Marti Klee*)

This is still good advice. Thank you, Knox.

Thirdly, to help LLI celebrate our 20 years as an organization, Northern Virginia Community College has generously offered us a portion of the main hallway of the Ernst Cultural Center in which to post our members' art work, pictures, news clippings, and history. It would be wonderful to have you loan the Board some LLI items depicting the last 20 years. We will return these items at the end of the display period. More information will follow.

George Chalou, President

Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather

If the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) cancel school for the day due to inclement weather, all LLI classes, special interest groups (SIGs), and Forums are cancelled regardless of location. LLI morning activities are cancelled if the FCPS announces a 2-hour delay in class openings; LLI afternoon activities are cancelled if the FCPS announces early dismissal. Trips and social events will take place unless cancelled at the leaders' directions.

Community Outreach

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Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) will be the recipient of our February food donations. Twenty-six churches in the Annandale/Bailey's Crossroads area are members of ACCA and collaborate to provide a range of services for the needy in our community. The core ministries are developmental childcare provided by the Child Development Center (CDC), family emergency assistance, emergency food and hygiene products, furniture pick-up and delivery, and transportation to medical appointments. With the exception of the staff of the CDC, volunteers deliver all of ACCA services through various committees and coordinators.



In FY 2015, 1,043 deliveries of essential food and household items were made to households that included 3,243 men, women, and children.

Although any non-perishable food is always appreciated, special needs in the pantry are canned fruit, juices, crackers, cooking oil, small bags of rice, flour or sugar, and household items such as toilet paper, and laundry or dish soap.

Thank you for your kind donations. Carol Weber will deliver our donations this month.

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government support for accident investigations. She also led the on-the-ground engagement with elected officials and the community during the 2015 Amtrak derailment in Philadelphia, the 2013 Asiana Airlines accident in San Francisco, and the 2013 bridge collapse in Washington state. Prior to her government service she led her own government relations firm in Atlanta, GA. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in political science and economics.

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.*

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 February, we will play on **Wednesday, February 10**, and **Thursday, February 25**. In March, we plan to play on **Wednesday, March 9**, and **Thursday, March 24**. 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 —

Let's do some more catch-up on results first. The top four players at the December 2 game were **Merry Huley, Bob Huley, Connie Fullerton** and **Janet Goodrich** (tied), and **Raymond Burmester**; and for our game on December 16, the top four were **Bob Huley, Connie Fullerton, Carole Compton**, and **Peg McCall**. We also keep statistics for the entire year. Our top six players for **all of 2016** were: **Connie Fullerton, Bob Huley, Jessica Burmester/Raymond Burmester/Carole Compton** (tied), **Janet Goodrich, Mindy Rojahn**, and **Peg McCall**. Congratulations to all and let's have another great year of Bridge!



LLI Current Events Discussion Group

Peter Schwarzkopf 703-998-0769
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Date/Time: **Fridays, Feb. 5, Mar. 4, Apr. 1 and May 6, Jun. 3**, 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, February 18**,
11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center,
9002 Burke Lake Road (Supervisor's Meeting Room,
on the backside of King's Park Library)

Our selection this month is *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines. Set in a small Cajun community in the late 1940s, the novel concerns itself with the injustice perpetrated on Jefferson, a young black man who is sentenced to death for a crime he did not commit. His godmother, Miss Emma, turns to Grant Wiggins, a black teacher at the local plantation school, and persuades him to impart his learning and his pride to Jefferson before his death. Over the next several months, the men forge a bond that enables them both to regain their dignity.

Come join us!



Financial Discussion Group

Doug Johnson, 703-628-3115
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Date/Time: **Fridays in 2016: February 12, March 11, April 8, and May 13; 1:30 — 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 discuss our options. Hope to see you there.



LLI French Conversation Group

Patty & Richard Steelman,
(703)504-6866
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Date/Time: **Tuesdays, February 2 and February 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 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 #41 and perhaps see a French film.



LLI Gourmands

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The Gourmands SIG will not be hosting an event in February. Watch for news of our March event in the March newsletter. As always, should you have any questions about our SIG, please contact your co-chairs Patti (pattivolz@verizon.net) or Linda (linda.cyr@verizon.net)



LLI Photography Group

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Date/Time: Friday, February 19, 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 or area of interest decided by the group and include display and discussion of photos taken by members based on a monthly theme. 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, Autumn Leaves and Faces. Come join the group if you have an interest in photography. New members are always welcome.

*Deadline for the
March newsletter is
February 10.*

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 Walkabouts

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

February 12: Oak Marr Recreation

Center: Take I-66 to Rte.123 north. Take a left on Jermantown Rd. Oak Marr Center is to your right. Meet in front of the Center. We will pick up the CTT (Cross-Country Trail) going west and then north.

February 26: Pohick Creek: Take Springfield/Franconia Parkway going west. Pass Rolling Road; next light is Whistler's Creek Ct./Walkers Creek Rd. Take a left and then right onto Hooes Rd. On your left will be a small parking area. Sign says Pohick Stream. With several pedestals to cross the creek and the hills, this walk is more challenging than usual.

Happy Hiking!

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.edu.

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.

Forum Refreshments

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

Study Travel

The Study Travel group met briefly after the January Forum to discuss the next steps for selecting our trip for 2017. Based on summaries of nine potential 2017 trip destinations previously provided to members on the Study Travel email list, the group has now been asked to choose their top three choices by mid-January. This information will be used by the Study Travel Committee to further focus the areas warranting additional analysis.

The Study Travel group will meet again after the February Forum to discuss progress on trip selection. We hope to be able to make the final selection in March.

Our 2016 trips (to Switzerland/ Austria and Iceland) are currently full, but if you would like to be on an informal wait list, which will give you first choice if a room becomes available, contact Bob. For more information on the 2016 trips, go to the LLI website or contact Bob.

To join the 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 destinations and available tours for future trips, please let Bob know.

Happy Traveling!



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.**



Behind the Scenes at NOVA

Behind every successful group, there are usually some "behind-the-scenes" people, vital to the daily operations of that group, but members are unaware of them. Here is a photo of a few of those people:



Photo courtesy of Moe Moser

Debbie Deegan (left) works almost daily with LLI making room reservations, including the Forum room. **Kevin Sheehan** (center) is the Ernst Cultural Center Manager. Everyone probably recognizes **Solomon Tekota** (right), a Media Specialist, who is usually present at every Forum handling the projector, computer, screen, and sound. He also sets up rooms for our use. **Lorna Cooke** (seated), Office Manager and Event Coordinator, is Debbie's immediate supervisor and in her absence, assists with room reservations.

A big *Thank You* for all they do for LLI.



Course Catalog Changes

15F46P — The Constitution and Bill of Rights, Part II

The final class for the Constitutional Law program has been changed from Monday, Jan. 25 to Wednesday, Jan. 27. The time is still 1:30-3 pm in the Accotink Room at Village Square, Greenspring Village. If you have questions, please contact Doug Johnson, (703) 628-3115 or llinovadoug@gmail.com.

From the LLI Scrapbook

At the January Forum



Professor Callan Bentley speaking at the January Forum.



LLI President George Chalou and Professor Callan Bentley at the January 5th Forum.

The French Conversation Group



at the Bastille in Alexandria



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

February 2016

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

February 14

