

November LLI Forum

**Ernst Cultural Center (CE),
NOVA Annandale Campus
Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)**

*Forgotten Soldiers: American Indians in
the Armed Forces of the United States.
A Prominent Historian Relives the
Contributions and Struggles of These
Native Americans.*

Few realize that Native Americans have been our staunchest allies since the War for Independence from Great Britain. In fact, they have served, and continue to serve, at a higher rate in proportion to their population than any other American ethnic group, even though most Indians were not granted citizenship until after World War I, and in some states were not permitted to vote until the 1950's. If all U.S. citizens had volunteered for military service during World War II at the same rate as did American Indians, there would have been no need for the draft.



Dr. Herman J. Viola

Dr. Herman J. Viola, a LLI member, is curator emeritus at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. A specialist on the history of the American West, Dr. Viola served as director of the Museum's National Anthropological Archives, in addition to organizing two major exhibitions for the Smithsonian. Dr. Viola is the

author of *Little Bighorn Remembered* and *Magnificent Voyagers: The U.S. Exploring Expedition, 1838-1842*. Presently, Herman Viola is the senior advisor in charge of creating a National Native Americans Veterans Memorial on the Mall adjoining the National Museum of the American Indian. The intention, according to Congressional legislation, "...is to give all Americans the



Holiday Party December 2

The registration form for the Holiday Party is in this newsletter, and we sincerely hope you will join us. The party is held at the beautiful Country Club of Fairfax and includes a luncheon and entertainment. Please plan to join us to enjoy a literary holiday.

"Book It" for the Holidays



New this year! You have the opportunity to bring new, unwrapped, *paperback* books for children. These books will be donated to The Reading Connection, which serves children in Northern Virginia. They are dedicated to improving the lives of at-risk children and families by helping them create and sustain

literary-rich environments and motivation for reading. The age range is preschool through 6th grade. They want paperbacks rather than hardcovers, although board books are good for infants and toddlers. Their wish list was available at a recent Forum and will be on the tables at the November Forum. You can find their Amazon wish list at <http://amzn.com/w/2FR9ZLVCQQ9GP>.

Also at the Holiday Party, plan to bring canned goods and other food to give to Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA). This is the food you would normally donate at the Forum in November.



opportunity to learn of the proud and courageous tradition of service of Native Americans in the Armed Forces of the United States." This will be Herman Viola's fourth presentation at the Forum and his lectures are not to be missed.

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



November 2016

- 2 Forum
- 9 December Update deadline
- 11 Board Meeting
- 21 December Update mailing

January 2017

- 4 Forum
- 4 February newsletter deadline

December 2016

- 2 Holiday Party
- 7 January newsletter deadline
- 9 Board Meeting



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.

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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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.

President's Message

November is the month we honor our ancestors' first Thanksgiving and is also an important time for LLI/NOVA's continuing programs to give back to our community. Last month you read about the upcoming letter announcing the 2017 LLI Scholarship Program. For the past sixteen years, our program has helped NOVACC students attain their educational goals. It began in 2000 as a program of \$4,000 in donations and has grown to an \$11,000 goal in 2015 and 2016. The two primary criteria for Arlene Sachs's Scholarship Committee awards is the quality of the applicants' achievements and the amount of the donations LLI members contribute. It is also important to understand that the LLI scholarship program is open to all NOVACC students regardless of citizenship. Many scholarship programs require US citizenship. Please plan on making a generous donation toward our 2017 LLI Scholarships.

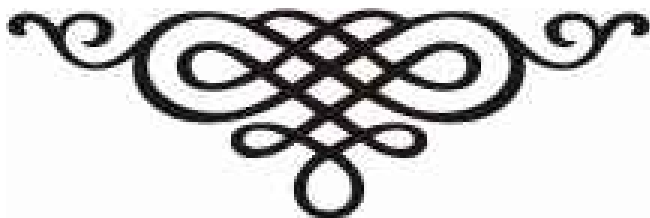
We also want to highlight our other notable community outreach program of monthly food donations. The several organizations we support throughout Northern Virginia always send us grateful letters of appreciation. Many thanks to our Community Service Committee chairpersons, Marianne Moerman and Carol Weber, and our members who contribute to this worthy program.

.May all of you have an enjoyable Thanksgiving!

Scott Pinckney, LLI President

Forum Refreshments

If you are unable to deliver refreshments on the day for which you have volunteered, please notify **Patty Brennan**, (703) 425-6738, or **Phil Centini**, (703) 658-1545, as soon as possible so they may make other arrangements.



Community Outreach

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Marianne Moerman, marianne.c.moerman@gmail.com

November Is for Toys

Bring toys to donate to the Bethany House to the November Forum



If you choose to participate, please plan to bring new, unwrapped toys for children aged 2-16 at the Bethany House to the *November Forum* this year. The Bethany House helps women and their children who have suffered domestic abuse. You have been generous with gifts of toys for these children for several years at the Holiday Party, but we want to deliver them to the Bethany House earlier this year. A list with suggestions was available at the October Forum and includes:

Legos — V-tech Learning toys and games — DVDs — Dolls and doll accessories — DS games — Footballs and Basketballs — Toy laptops — Transformers — Art supplies — Wrist watches — Leapfrog toys — Jewelry and hair items — Gift cards to electronics stores, sport stores, game shops, Target, K-Mart, Wal-Mart

December Is for Food

At the Holiday Luncheon on December 2, we will be collecting food instead of toys this year. Our donations will be delivered to the food pantry operated by the Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA). In 2016-17, ACCA will be celebrating 50 years of service to low-income folks in the Annandale/Bailey's Crossroads neighborhoods through a range of services. On an annual basis, over 1,000 deliveries of food and household items are made to local households. Although any non-perishable food is always welcome, **current needs are canned fruit, cereal, dried black beans, Jello, crackers, pudding, and diapers.** Carol Weber will deliver our donations.

In September, 25 bags of food were delivered to ECHO and in October, 137.5 pounds of food were delivered to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries. *Thank you!*

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

We will play on **Wednesday, November 9**, and
Thursday, November 17. In December, we plan to
play on **Thursday, December 1**, and **Thursday,**
December 15. 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 14 game
were: **Bob Huley, Carole Compton, Janet**
Goodrich, and Jessica Burmester. At the
September 28 game, the top four were: **Arline**
Sachs, Mindy Rojahn, Victoria Blackman, and
Merry Huley. Congratulations to all.



LLI Current Events Discussion Group

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

Date/Time: Fridays, November 4 and December
2; 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 come to share your ideas
and/or learn more about current events — whatever
is your pleasure.

Join the listserve to get each month's topic by
emailing Peter.

*Deadline for the December
Update is November 9.*



LLI Favorite Books Club

Lynne Smaldone, (703) 525-9623
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Date/Time: Thursday, November
17; 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 *Kidnapped*, a fiction
classic by Robert Louis Stevenson. It is the saga of
David Balfour, a young heir whose greedy uncle
connives to do him out of his fortune and plots to
have him seized and sold into slavery. But honor,
loyalty and courage will triumph in the end! Come
join us as we follow this young orphan in a tale of
high adventure.



Financial Discussion Group

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

Date/Time: Friday: November 11. No meeting
in December. 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 discuss our
options. Hope to see you there.



LLI French Conversation Group

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

Date/Time: First and Third
Tuesdays, November 1 and 15,
and December 6. 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*, and perhaps see a
French film.



LLI Gourmands

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Nancy Kobilarcik, (703) 751-4838,
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Kár hâi jà-vern aá-haan! Please join the Gourmands as we head East to **Similans Thai Eatery** on **Tuesday, November 15 at 12:00 noon.** "Similans" is inspired by the Similan Islands, the largest group of islands in the Andaman Sea in southern Thailand. The restaurant decor imparts a calming, relaxing environment and highlights the centrality of the ocean. Please RSVP to Mindy Rojahn, our host, at mindyroj@cox.net or (703) 631-1304 by **Saturday, November 12.** The restaurant can accommodate up to 20 people and separate checks will be provided. Similans Thai Eatery is located in the Greenbriar Shopping Center (alongside Majestic Lane) at 13005 —L Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax, Virginia, 22033, perpendicular to Marshalls Department Store on the same side as Bonfish Grill. Going west on Route 50 (Lee Jackson Memorial Highway), the shopping center is on the left. Check out the menu at www.thesimilansthaeatery.com.

As always, should you have any questions about the Gourmands SIG, please contact either Nancy Kobilarcik (ekoby3918@aol.com) or Patti Volz (pattivolz@verizon.net).



LLI Photography Group

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

Date/Time: Friday, November 18. 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. Meetings are held on the third Friday of every month.



LLI Walkabouts

Merry Macke, (703) 852-5133, cell phone:
703-987-7751, merry.macke@gmail.com

Date/Time: Fridays at noon.

November 11: Lake

Braddock: Walk around the lake by Lake Braddock High School. From Braddock Rd., take Burke Lake Rd. past the high school. Take a right on Lake Braddock Dr.; follow the road around to Wallingford Dr., turn right and park. We'll meet at the corner.

November 25: Lake Mercer: Fairfax County Parkway going west. Take Pohick exit but proceed to Hooes Rd. going south, which is the second left. Pass first light (Newington/Valleyfield Drive) and then look to the right for a small gravel parking area in the woods. Park. We will meet where the path begins.

Happy Hiking!



Scholarship Fund Reminder

By the time you read this, you should have received a letter asking for a donation to the Scholarship Fund. If you have not already done so, please contribute to this cause. If you could hear what these students are going through in order to attain their education, you would not hesitate to contribute to ease their burden. Please be generous. Tuition, even at a community college, is very expensive.



If you would like to serve on the Scholarship Committee to help interview students and choose recipients, contact Arline Sachs at 703-646-5606 or sachs@nova.org.

Arline Sachs
Chair, Scholarship Committee

In Memoriam



Sadly, LLI has lost three of its members since the summer of 2016. We extend our sincere sympathy to their family and friends.

Marie Conway passed away on June 28. Both she and her husband joined LLI in 2004. Marie loved to travel and accompanied LLI

on several day and overnight trips. She had an avid interest in politics, and particularly enjoyed our courses on U.S. political parties, analyses of various elections, and the lively discussions that take place in the Current Events Special Interest Group. She very much enjoyed the many courses presented to LLI by various NOVA faculty members.

Mary Ann Craft, a member of LLI since 2006, died in July. Mary Ann participated in many LLI activities with her friends. She attended many of our Forums, and very much enjoyed playing bridge. Of particular interest to Mary Ann were the many LLI history courses. She also loved gardening and spending time in her beautiful yard. An avid animal lover, Mary Ann loved spending time with her dogs.

Leah Porzel, a long time loyal and contributing LLI member, passed away on October 9 at the age of 98. From the time it was launched, she participated in every Study/Travel trip she could, including the 10-day LLI Road Scholar National Parks trip in 2005. She hiked trails, climbed up to sites, and carried her own luggage...with a sense of humor. Leah launched the Forum Volunteer Refreshment Program, for which we are all grateful. Comments received by some of Leah's LLI friends include "...she was a positive, upward looking person," "...she was one of our favorite LLI people and...so many other people felt the same way," and "Leah was a lovely lady and special person, indeed!" Leah graduated from college at a time that was far from the norm.

Study Travel

Planning for our 2018 trip(s) began with a Study Travel group kickoff meeting following the October Forum. The members provided a list of 25 destinations of interest in the initial candidate list. Additional preference information will be collected by email from members who were unable to attend the meeting. The Study Travel Committee will use this initial screening to focus our research on destinations and tours providers. An update on progress will be provided at the November Forum.

Our June 2017 trip to Scotland, "**Scottish Isles and Glens**," remains fully booked, but, if you are interested in this trip, contact Bob Huley to add your name to the Wait List. For our second trip in 2017, "**Cruising Burgundy & Provence to the Côte d'Azur**," we have 30 signed up and still have cabins available. The 12-day trip departs in late August 2017 and goes from Paris to Nice, including a 7-night cruise on the Saone and Rhone rivers. If you are interested in joining this river cruise, the trip flyer is posted on the LLI website (<http://lli.nova.org>) or you can contact Bob Huley for more information.

To join the Study Travel email list and receive advance notification of Study Travel activities, please contact Bob Huley at 703-534-4819 or roberthuley@cox.net. We are seeking more help on the Study Travel Committee to analyze destinations and tours for future trips and to provide the Study classes for our destinations. Please let Bob know if you are interested. See you at the November Forum.

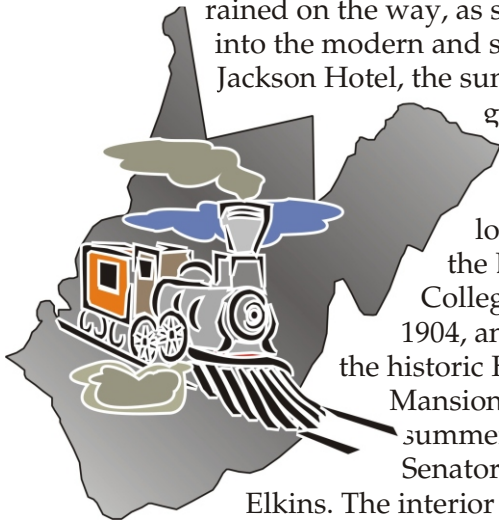
Happy traveling!

In Memoriam Notification

One of the benefits of belonging to LLI is that we make and enjoy many friends and acquaintances. So that we may express our condolences, LLI members would appreciate being notified in the sad event that we lose someone from our community. If you become aware of the passing of any LLI member, please contact Gina Trapp at GTrapp_26@msn.com or (703) 522-7528. She will include a notification in the following newsletter. Thank you.

To West Virginia and Back! A Saga of the LLI Trip Committee

On Friday, September 30, thirty-four LLI members, friends, and family left the Mason District Government Center for a weekend of train rides and other events in Elkins, West Virginia. Although the leaves had not yet changed colors, the ride through the hills and mountains on the way to Elkins was lovely. While it rained on the way, as soon as we pulled into the modern and stylish Isaac Jackson Hotel, the sun appeared—a good omen for our venture!



We visited the lovely campus of the Davis & Elkins College, founded in 1904, and had dinner at the historic Halliehurst Mansion, built in 1890 as a summer home for U.S. Senator Stephen Benton

Elkins. The interior of the mansion has been restored showcasing oak paneling, beaded trim work, and massive fireplaces framed in marble with hand-carved wooden mantelpieces. We were hosted and given a history of the mansion by the students of the college. There was a special unexpected treat when a student played piano and sang during our dinner hour.

The remainder of the weekend was busy with a train ride on the Durbin Rocket Train, the oldest operating Climax steam locomotive in the world; a ride on the Cheat Mountain Salamander train with vistas of beautiful mountain scenery; and two musical shows. However, perhaps the best activity of the weekend was the new friendships made by the participants.

Now, a trip would not be a trip without some “glitches,” but that’s a story for another time. The weekend trip was one enjoyed by all. We hope you will join us on our next journey!

*Do not regret growing old.
It is a privilege denied to many.*

From the LLI Scrapbook



Gourmands at Clarity Restaurant at October Forum.

...and at the October Forum



President Pinckney and Beverly McElroy, the substitute speaker for Dr. Lungu.

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.

LLI's Friendship Connection

Pat Harrison, 703-550-7530, 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 may be selected.

Humor Corner

Ruminations from a Geezer

- > My goal for 2016 was to lose just 10 pounds. Only 15 to go.
- > Ate salad for dinner! Mostly croutons and tomatoes. Really, just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce. And cheese. OK, it was a pizza. I ate a pizza.
- > How to prepare tofu: 1.) Throw it in the trash. 2.) Grill some meat.
- > I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.
- > I don't mean to brag but...I finished my 14-day diet in three hours and 20 minutes.
- > A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.
- > Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero outside they closed school? Me neither.
- > I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented...I forgot where I was going with this.
- > I love being over 70. I learn something new every day...and forget five others.

Newsletter on the Web

Our monthly newsletter is generally available on the LLI website earlier than you will receive it through the mail. In cases of 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.

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.

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.**



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Holiday Luncheon

The Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia
Cordially Invites You to Our

Annual Holiday Luncheon

Friday, December 2, 2016

<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Cash Bar Opens at 11 a.m. Luncheon at Noon	The Country Club of Fairfax 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, Virginia	Members: \$40 Non-Members: \$45

Reservation Deadline: November 18th

Directions: From the Beltway, take the Braddock Road West exit. Go approximately 5½ miles (just past George Mason University) and turn left onto Ox Road. Go approximately ½ mile and turn right into the Country Club (entrance is in front of the large white sports tent). Follow road until it dead-ends in the parking lot in front of the clubhouse.

*Don't forget books for the children! This is completely voluntary, but if you choose to participate, bring new, non-gift wrapped **paperback** books for distribution to children from preschool to 6th grade at The Reading Connection. We are also collecting food for ACCA.*

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

Name: _____

My Choice: Beef Tenderloin Tips
 Pan Seared Jumbo Scallops

Total No. of Reservations: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone No. _____

Reservation Deadline: November 18th

Name: _____

My Choice: Beef Tenderloin Tips
 Pan Seared Jumbo Scallops

Make check payable to LLI/NOVA
and mail to:

Lifetime Learning Institute

NOVA Annandale Campus

8333 Little River Turnpike

Godwin Bldg (CG), Room 202

Annandale, VA 22003-3743

Office Use Only

Date: _____ Check # _____ Cost: _____ Initials: _____

December 2, 2016 Holiday Luncheon

Members: \$40
Non-Members: \$45

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E-Mail: llinova.admn@gmail.com — Website: <http://lli.nova.org>



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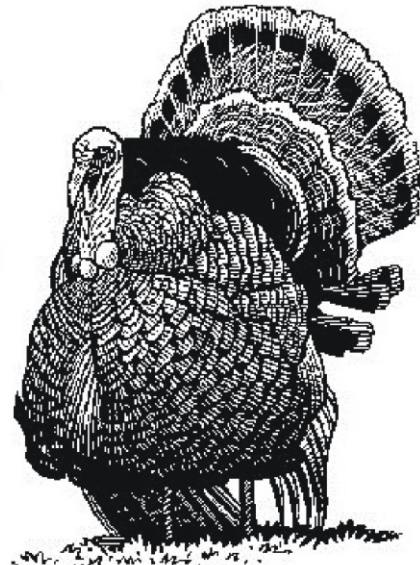
November 2016

Veterans' Day



November 11

Thanksgiving



November 24