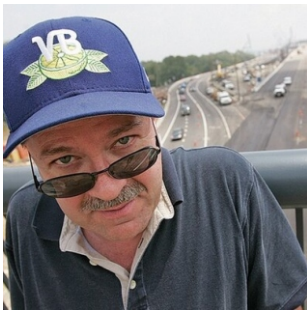


## January LLI Forum

**Ernst Cultural Center (CE),  
NOVA Annandale Campus  
Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 10 a.m.  
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)**

*Metro Trains Are Running Four Hours Late,  
Airports Are Jammed, Highways Are  
Clogged, Amtrak Hit a Passenger. Is There a  
Doctor in the House?  
We Need to Call Dr. Gridlock.*

**M**r. Robert Thomson, the journalist known as Dr. Gridlock, will discuss transportation issues and the strategy for the future — is there is a viable strategy? He is like a true doctor: he listens to our complaints, shares our pain, diagnoses our breakdowns, makes



Robert Thompson  
"Dr. Gridlock"

referrals to the highest specialists in Metro and local governments, and while giving us prescriptions, smiles and holds our hand. We need an inside look into how METRO's safe-track surge program is actually doing. Can METRO hold on to its ridership while planning service cutbacks and price

increases? How does the governance of METRO equate to other comparable regions? While the future looks bleak, are there any notable achievements in the maze of highways and bridges, express tolls, rail lines and new rail cars? Surely there must be some grounds for progress and hope. These are just a smattering of topics we need to bring to the good doctor.

Robert Thomson has 30 years of experience as a reporter and editor. He came from New York to the Washington Post in 1988, and after covering D.C. beats for 11 years, advanced to Transportation Editor. Then in 2006, Thomson took over from retiring Ron Shaffer, who was the first



## Day Trips

**T**he Trip Committee has received a myriad of excellent ideas for day trips in and around the Washington D.C., Virginia, Maryland area, and surrounding states. The committee receives suggestions from LLI Curriculum Coordinators, course evaluations, emails and notes, committee surveys and through general conversations with members. However, with a committee of only four, the number of day trips that can be offered is limited. Although an outside vendor is often used for trips, other tasks such as coordinating with the vendor, drafting newsletter articles, researching trip suggestions, arranging meetups, and managing LLI-sponsored trips, are required. If you have an interest in day trips, this is a great time to join the committee, as we are currently finalizing trips for 2017. If you would like to assist or find out more, contact Pat Harrison at [pjharris80@msn.com](mailto:pjharris80@msn.com) or 703-550-7530.

Dr. Gridlock. Robert Thomson has a huge audience of fans. He writes two columns a week plus a commuter summary on Sunday, does daily blogs, conducts on-line chats, and offers occasional advice and feedback to government officials. Mr. Thomson will speak for about 30 minutes and then open the floor to your questions and comments for a lively dialogue. We remind you and Dr. Gridlock to arrive to the Forum a bit early. After all, you know how traffic is!

**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



## January 2017

- 4 Forum
- 4 February newsletter deadline
- 13 Board meeting

## March 2017

- 1 Board meeting
- 1 April Newsletter deadline
- 10 Board meeting

## February 2017

- 1 Forum
- 1 March Newsletter deadline
- 10 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](mailto: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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## President's Message

A question I often receive is how LLI/NOVA is affiliated with the world-wide Road Scholar Travel, Education and Resources Program. Many of our members are familiar with or have taken Road Scholar trips. So how then did Road Scholar originate and develop into a network of LLIs in all 50 states and 150 countries, with more than 4 million patrons? The elements of *travel, adult learning and institutions of higher learning* formed the foundation of what we know today as Road Scholar. In the 1970s, Marty Knowlton, who had recently completed four years of backpacking through Europe, was hired as the University of New Hampshire's youth hostel program director. Sharing his travel experiences with a longtime friend David Bianco, UNH's Director of Residential Life, he described how impressed he was with the Scandinavian tradition of "folk schools" for adults. The two went on to develop courses for *students over age 60* to engage with faculty and stay in unused dorm rooms in the summer. The new concept was named elder hostel and was eventually founded as Elderhostel incorporated in 1975 with five New England colleges participating.

The concept grew rapidly, primarily by word of mouth, to all states and most of Canada. The Road Scholar name was adopted in 2010 to acknowledge that accommodations are now "more comfortable" than the early years. However, Elderhostel is still the official corporate name. Today there are over 400 LLIs partnering with Road Scholar. Although we are part of the LLI Resource Network, we retain an independence as well. We did not apply to the Bernard Osher Foundation for a financial grant to become an OLLI as at the GMU chapter. Financial grants are nice but they come with some level of oversight as well. Our name is even different as we have always been Lifetime Learning Institute, as opposed to the Road Scholar Lifelong Learning Institute chapters. I hope this provides a little insight into LLI's history.

I want to thank all of you who have participated in our programs this past year and wish you a very enjoyable and prosperous New Year.

*Scott Pinckney, LLI President*



## Community Outreach

Carol Weber, [caroljeanweber@hotmail.com](mailto:caroljeanweber@hotmail.com)  
Marianne Moerman, [marianne.c.moerman@gmail.com](mailto:marianne.c.moerman@gmail.com)

Your food donations in January will be given to FACETS, which opens doors by helping parents, their children, and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax County. FACETS envisions a day when everyone in Fairfax County has access to adequate and affordable housing and nobody is homeless. They seek to engage and educate our community in providing long-term solutions and resources to break the cycle of poverty for neighbors in need.



The non-perishable food donations needed include:

- Boxes of pasta**
- Cans or bags of beans**
- Cans or jars of tomato sauce and pasta sauce**
- Boxes or bags of white rice**
- Bread or muffin mixes**
- Bottled fruit juice**
- Vegetable oil**
- Grocery store gift cards**

The food will be delivered by Paul and Bonnie Hopler.



## 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.

# Special Interest Groups



## LLI Bridge Group

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

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

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

We will play on **Thursday, January 12** and  
**Wednesday, January 18**. In February, we plan to  
play on **Thursdays, February 16** and **February 23**.  
Bring a bag lunch.

You do not need a partner because we rotate  
partners so you 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](mailto:roberthuley@cox.net)),  
if you would like to attend (or for more information)  
so that we can provide sufficient card tables.

### Recent Results —

We haven't reported results in a while so this is a  
catch up. The top four players at the October 12  
game were: **Raymond Burmester, Joyce  
Moncrieff, Connie Fullerton, and Jessica  
Burmester**. At the October 27 game, the top four  
were: **Victoria Blackman, Bob Huley, Carole  
Compton, and Raymond Burmester**. At the  
November 9 game, the top four were: **Arline  
Sachs, Jessica Burmester, Nate Rosenbaum, and  
Raymond Burmester**. We'll report the rest of 2016  
in the February newsletter. Congratulations to all.



## LLI Current Events Discussion Group

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

**Date/Time:** Friday, January 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 world events surrounding the time of the  
meeting. Please come to share your ideas and/or  
learn more about current events — whatever is your  
pleasure. As the new coordinator, Merry Macke is  
asking current email recipients to send her an email  
if they wish to **remain** on the distribution list.



## LLI Favorite Books Club

Lynne Smaldone, 703 525-9623  
[smaldonega@hotmail.com](mailto:smaldonega@hotmail.com)

**Date/Time:** Thursday, January  
19 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 Long Way from  
Chicago*, a children's novel by Richard Peck, and a  
Newbery Honor book in 1999. Set during the years  
1929 -1942, and told in eight episodes, it follows  
Joey and his sister Mary Alice on their annual  
summer trips to rural Illinois to visit their eccentric  
Grandma Dowdel, and recounts the many  
adventures they encounter while there.

**Come join us!**



## Financial Discussion Group

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

**Date/Time:** Fridays: January 13, February 10,  
March 19 and April 14. 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](mailto:richardsteelman@hotmail.com)

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, January  
17. January 3 class is cancelled  
due to many still traveling. 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*, starting with Leçon 47,  
and perhaps see a French film.



## LLI Gourmands

Patti Volz, 703 892-6124,  
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Nancy Kobilarcik, 703 751-4838,  
[ekoby3918@aol.com](mailto:ekoby3918@aol.com)

**NOOSH'E JAAN** or **KHA ISHTYA WALARE:** The Gourmands are off to savor Afghan cuisine at **Bamian** ([www.bamianrestaurant.com](http://www.bamianrestaurant.com)) on **January 18** at **11:30 a.m.** for our first culinary adventure of 2017. Located at **5634 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia**, Bamian serves Afghan specialties like kebabs and aushak, plus several vegetarian options, in a comfortable setting. The restaurant is known for its lunch buffet that provides an opportunity to enjoy a range of authentic dishes. We can order from the menu or partake in the buffet. Separate checks will be provided. Please respond to our host Jona Wheeler at [jonajw@gmail.com](mailto:jonajw@gmail.com) by January 16 if you plan to attend.

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



## LLI Photography Group

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

**Date/Time:** Friday, January 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 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.

*Deadline for the  
February Newsletter  
is January 4.*



## LLI Walkabouts

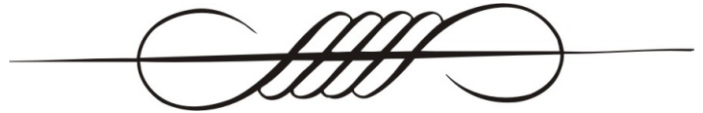
Merry Macke, 703-852-5133, cell phone:  
703 987-7751, [merry.macke@gmail.com](mailto:merry.macke@gmail.com)

**Date/Time:** Fridays at noon. *Let's try these again!*

**January 6: South of Lake Accotink.** Take Old Keene Mill going west past Hanover Street. As you go down the hill, turn right, and park in the back of Springfield Church of Christ, on Byron Road. We will be walking south.

**January 27: Eakins Community Park** is a flat walk. 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.

*Happy Hiking!*



## Thank You for Your Generosity

**T**hanks to the kindness and generous hearts of LLI members, three charities received gifts during the recent Holiday Season. Bethany House, a shelter for women and children leaving domestic abuse situations, received 140 toys plus \$540 in gift cards. Their executive director wrote that your "kindness and support...goes a long way to show women and children that there truly are people who care about them."

At the Holiday Party, you contributed many pounds of food, which were given to the food pantry operated by the Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA). ACCA serves low-income folks in the Annandale/Bailey's Crossroads neighborhoods through a range of services.

We also enjoyed giving to another charity - The Reading Connection, which serves children in Northern Virginia. They improve the lives of at-risk children and families by helping them create and sustain literary-rich environments and motivation for reading. At the Holiday Party, you gave 300 books and \$45 in cash. It truly made it a literary holiday.

On behalf of each of these organizations, again, thank you for your generosity!

## Lifetime Learning Institute (LLI) Organizational Chart - FY2017

### Board of Directors

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<b>President</b>	Scott Pinckney	2019*
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<b>Secretary</b>	Susan Alexander	2017
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Anna Dixon	2017
Delsa Hildebrandt	2017
Bob Huley	2018
Carol Jeffords	2018
Sheri Masek	2018
Buck Myers	2017
Phil Myers	2019
Judy Robison	2019
Arline Sachs	2019
Patti Volz	2019
George Chalou (Past President)	

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<b>Social Events Liaison</b>	Delsa Hildebrandt
<b>SIG Liaison</b>	Patti Volz
<b>Scholarship Liaison</b>	Arline Sachs
<b>Travel Liaison</b>	Sheri Masek

### Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

<b>Bridge</b>	Bob Huley
<b>Current Events</b>	Merry Macke - Temp
<b>Favorite Books Club</b>	Lynne Smaldone
<b>Financial</b>	Doug Johnson
<b>French Conversation</b>	Patty & Richard Steelman
<b>Gourmands</b>	Nancy Kobilarcik and Patti Volz
<b>Photography</b>	Buck Myers
<b>Walkabouts</b>	Merry Macke

### Committees

<b>Administrative Review</b>	Judy Robison
<b>Automation</b>	Buck Myers and Kathryn O'Toole (CO-C)
<b>Financial Review</b>	Dick DiBuono, Bob Lloyd and Bev Portman
<b>Budget &amp; Finance</b>	Bob Huley
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<b>Curriculum - Co-Chair Classroom/Space</b>	Gina Trapp Moe Moser
<b>Computer Equip.</b>	Paul Hopler
<b>Forum Speakers</b>	Joseph Pincus
<b>Mailing</b>	Bob & Merry Huley
<b>Membership</b>	June Chalou
<b>Nominating</b>	Anna Dixon
<b>Social Events</b>	Bonnie Hopler
<b>Student Scholarship</b>	Arline Sachs
<b>Study Travel</b>	Bob Huley
<b>Trips</b>	Pat Harrison

### Other Activities

<b>Arts &amp; Crafts Exhibit</b>
<b>Community Service</b>
<b>Forum Logistics</b>
<b>Historian/Archivist</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>
<b>Information Fair</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>
<b>Photographer (Events)</b>
<b>Publicity</b>
<b>Strategic Plan</b>
<b>Sunshine</b>
<b>In Memoriam Announcements</b>
<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>
<b>Web Site (Current Site)</b>
<b>Web Site (Editor)</b>
<b>Web Site (Future Site)</b>

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George Chalou
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Arlene Gribben
Peg McCall and Linda LeDuc
Moe Moser
<b>Vacant</b>
Ed McKnight
Pat Harrison
Gina Trapp
Phil Centini
Sid Sachs (Webmaster),
Sheri Masek
Buck Myers, Kathryn O'Toole, Gina Trapp (Asst)

## In Memoriam



**Carolyn Blackwood**, a member of LLI from 1997 to 2013, passed away on September 26.

Carolyn, a former Captain in the U.S. Public Health Service, enjoyed traveling and joined fellow LLI members on many day and overnight trips. She was an accomplished singer and

sang with the Encore Chorale, a group of 55 and older singers who performed both locally and on overseas cruises, and was a member of the original "LLI Singers." Carolyn, a devoted follower of the theater, attended many performances with LLI friends.

**Rita McClanahan**, a longtime LLI member, with her husband John, passed away on October 14. Rita participated in LLI day and overnight trips. She loved poetry and attended "Poetry and You" courses and the poetry group's annual Valentine's Day Social. She enjoyed the LLI Forums and providing refreshments for the meetings. In years past when LLI held its annual picnic at Fort Hunt Park, Rita, as a member of the Decorations Committee, helped give the park a festive atmosphere. She enjoyed exercising and attended the NVCC campus classes given by the Assistant Dean of the Physical Education Department.



**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.**

## Study Travel

**P**lanning for our trip(s) for 2018 is well underway. In October, the members reduced our initial list of candidate destinations from 25 to 7. In November, the Study/Travel Committee researched these 7 destinations to determine type of tours offered and to develop basic information on sample itineraries, length of tours, and cost estimates and to do a more detailed analysis. More than 150 trips provided by approximately 20 tour providers were reviewed. The findings were summarized and sent to our study travel email list for their recommendations. We hope to report on the results at the January Forum.

Meanwhile, our June 2017 trip to Scotland, "**Scottish Isles and Glens**," remains fully booked but we are maintaining a Wait List. For our second trip in 2017, "**Cruising Burgundy & Provence to the Côte d'Azur**," 30 have signed up, but there are still a couple of cabins available. This 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 us, 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 and participate in the selection of our 2018 trip, please contact Bob Huley at 703-534-4819 or [roberthuley@cox.net](mailto: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 January 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](mailto:GTrapp_26@msn.com) or (703) 522-7528. She will include a notification in the following newsletter. Thank you.

## LLI E-Mail Notification Problem

**LLI** routinely sends e-mail notifications from our Gmail account, *LLINOVA.Admin@gmail.com*, which includes notifications of upcoming activities such as the Forums, the electronic copy of our newsletters, and reminders of upcoming courses. Recently, we became aware that members with COX e-mail accounts may not be getting these e-mails or are getting them on a delayed basis. To protect their e-mail system from spam, COX instituted an email filtering or blocking procedure for emails from Gmail accounts that look like "spam," i.e., have multiple addressees, which has affected some LLI e-mails. Sometimes LLI e-mails are delivered, but often are blocked or delivered on a delayed basis.

When delivered on a delayed basis, COX may put the LLI e-mail in your COX WebMail Spam folder rather than in your Inbox. If you have a COX email account, you should occasionally log on to your WebMail account (through your browser) and check your Spam folder. Move the LLI e-mails to your Inbox, and notify COX that LLI e-mails are not spam.

COX recently implemented this filtering procedure, and we hope it is temporary. In the meantime, be aware that you may not be receiving all LLI email notifications. The curriculum committee coordinators will follow up with COX users regarding any changes in class locations, etc. If you have any questions, contact our Administrator.



## LLI's Friendship Connection

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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.

## From the LLI Scrapbook



*Dr. Herman Viola (l.), November Forum Speaker with LLI President Scott Pinckney (r.).*



*Gourmands enjoying lunch at Similans Thai Eatery in November.*

## 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.



## U.S. Supreme Court Tour

**R**eservations are being accepted for the March 31 LLI private “meet up” tour of the U.S. Supreme Court. The tour is limited to 16 people (LLI members only) and there is no cost. If all 16 spots are reserved, a “wait list” will be maintained. You may register by emailing Pat Harrison at [pjharris80@msn.com](mailto:pjharris80@msn.com) or you may contact Pat by telephone. Her number is in the LLI directory.

The Court is located at First Street NE. The tour begins at 11 a.m. and will last about an hour. There is also a 24 minute film about the Court that runs continuously all day that you may view either before or after the tour. Plan to arrive not later than 10:30 a.m. so that the tour can start promptly. Street parking is extremely limited and the closest public parking garage is located at Union Station. It is suggested that you travel by metro, giving yourself sufficient time to arrive by 10:30 a.m. Capital South Metro (Orange, Blue, and Silver Lines) is .3 miles and Union Station is .5 miles from the Supreme Court. Enter through the left or right doors on the main plaza level. We will meet on the ground floor, south entrance, at the large statue of Chief Justice John Marshall. Any of the Supreme Court Police Officers will be able to direct you.

If you care to have lunch after the tour, there is a cafeteria serving a variety of sandwiches, soups, salads, and beverages.



## LLI 2016 Holiday Party — Kudos to the Social Events Committee

**C**ongratulations to Bonnie Hopley and the Social Events Committee members and volunteers for another creative and enjoyable Holiday Luncheon at the beautifully remodeled Country Club of Fairfax. The theme of “Book It” for the Holidays was artfully carried out in the decorations, and the entertainment by the barbershop choir *Harmony Heritage Singers* and our own LLI Favorite Books Club, was much appreciated. Any concerns over the new club’s chef, who replaced the 30 year beloved chef, were absolved as the meal was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## Curriculum Committee Planning Meetings for Summer 2017 Program

**T**he Curriculum Committee will meet in mid-January to begin planning for the Summer 2017 program. Course Coordinators who are interested in submitting a Course Proposal for consideration can do so any time in January, but no later than February 3. The current version of the Course Proposal form (dated May 23, 2016) can be found on the LLI website under “Member Information/Forms.” A copy can also be obtained by contacting Phil Centini ([phil.centini@verizon.net](mailto:phil.centini@verizon.net)) or Carol Jeffords ([llinovacarolj@gmail.com](mailto:llinovacarolj@gmail.com)). The instructor’s name and contact information should be included. Please submit the completed form in *Word* as an attachment, and email it to Doug Johnson ([llinovadoug@gmail.com](mailto:llinovadoug@gmail.com)), Phil Centini and Carol Jeffords. Thank you.

## Did You Know?

**O**ur LLI Administrator, Janice Viola, has been doing a wonderful job sending emails to remind us of our upcoming class. At the bottom of each email is the line “Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia Active Adults - Travel - Inspired Learning — Friendship,” which is a link to the LLI website. At the top of the right column on the website is “The Next 8 Days at LLI,” where you will find the course you signed up for. Click on the course number and the course information will appear. It is the same information in the printed catalog, but may have an update. There are also links for directions to the class. Our present webmaster is updating the directions to include another link to Google Maps to make it even easier for you to get to class. A special thanks to Sidney Sachs for maintaining this site.

## 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.



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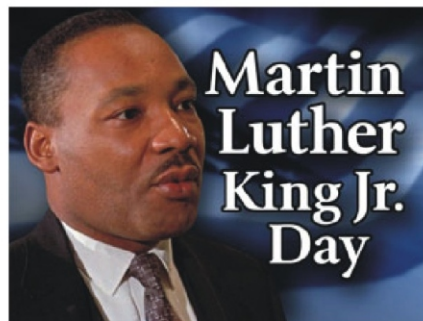


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