LIFETIME LEARNING INSTITUTE/NOVA December 2016 Update

Forum: No Forum in December. January Forum will be on Wednesday, January 4, at 10:00 a.m. Details will be in the January Newsletter.

<u>Annual Holiday Luncheon - Friday, December 2</u>: Don't forget to bring new, unwrapped, paperback books for children, ages preschool through sixth grade. This is in addition to your food donation (see below). Thank you for your generosity. See the November newsletter for details.

<u>Community Outreach</u>: This year we will be collecting food at the Holiday Luncheon on December 2. Our donations will be delivered to the Annandale Christian Community for Action. Thank you.

Scholarship Fund: You should have received a letter requesting a donation for our annual Scholarship program. Don't forget to make your donation before December 31 to qualify for a 2016 tax credit.

<u>President's Message</u>: LLI/Nova will begin the month with what promises to be another memorable holiday luncheon at the Country Club of Fairfax on December 2. Bonnie Hopler and her Social Events Committee volunteers have been planning this event for nearly a year. They need to start early simply because of the seasonal competition for a facility large enough for LLI members and guests. We also face similar competition for entertainment, and Bonnie is already working on that for 2017. We have been very appreciative of Ms. Bea Werner sponsoring our luncheon party for nearly a decade now. She very much enjoys attending. We are looking for a very good turnout for this event.

I've had a peek at the Winter-Spring 2017 Curriculum Committee's class offerings for next January-June, and I think you will find new subjects that will draw a lot of interest. Doug Johnson and Gina Trapp's committee does not have to beat the drum to fill the catalog program. On the contrary, they can be more selective, add new dimensions to the offerings and avoid scheduling conflicts, although some class time slot duplication is unavoidable.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Scott Pinckney

Special Interest Groups:

Favorite Books, Financial Discussion, and the Gourmands will NOT be meeting in December.

Bridge: Thursdays, December 1 and 15, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Mason District Governmental Center. Bring a bag lunch. Contact Bob Huley, (703) 534-4819 or roberthuley@cox.net.

Photography: Friday, December 16, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Braddock District Governmental Center. Contact Buck Myers, (703) 532-3726 or hbm@hbmphoto.com.

<u>French Conversation</u>: Tuesday, December 6, 10:00-12:00 p.m. Top of the West, Goodwin House Baileys. Contact Patty& Richard Steelman, <u>richardsteelman@hotmail.com</u> or (703) 504-6866. In 2017, we will meet on Tuesdays, January 2 and 17.

<u>Current Events</u>: Friday, December 9, 10 a.m. – 11:30 p.m., Small Conference Room, Mason District Governmental Center. Contact Merry Macke, (703) 852-5133 or <u>merry.macke@gmail.com</u>. <u>Note</u>: <u>Second</u> Friday due to the Holiday luncheon.



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

- **December 9: 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.
- **December 23:** To trim that weight gained over the holidays, join us at **Eakins Community Park** for an easy flat walk. From Little River Turnpike, go north on Prosperity Ave. The park is on the right at the second dip in the road. We can walk either way on the Cross-County Trail.

The NOVA Annandale campus and the LLI office are closed December 23 – January 2.

Deadline for the January newsletter: **December 7, 2016**

<u>Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather:</u> 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 by the leader.