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May LLI Forum

**Ernst Cultural Center (CE),
NOVA Annandale Campus
Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)**

The Forum Relives True Stories of Courage.

*Author Dean Dominique Discusses
One Hell of a War: Patton’s 317th
Infantry Regiment in WWII.*

Military history often dryly focuses on generals, logistics, strategies, troop counts, and speculation about outcomes if decisions had

been different. What is different is that in his book local historian **Dean Dominique** delves into the firsthand accounts of infantry soldiers who every day lived General Patton’s orders. It is a compelling, inside look into the courage and grind of warriors on the front line in battles of great significance. Dean Dominique writes about his Grandfather, Herman



Major Dean Dominique

Robichaux, Sr., who served in World War II under General George S. Patton, Jr. Dominique conducted research about Robichaux’s military service while he pursued a Master’s degree in military history at Louisiana State University. Like his Grandfather Robichaux, Dean Dominique also served in the Army. He retired as an Army Major after 20 years of service, which included two combat tours in Afghanistan and in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. He lives in Virginia with his wife and two children. Major Dominique will bring books to sell. All proceeds will go to non-profit support groups for Wounded Warriors’ organizations.

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What Is a Meet-Up?

Over the course of the year, there have been several “meet-ups” arranged for our LLI members’ enjoyment. Many have asked, just what is a “meet-up?” Well, it is a casual get-together of people interested in a specific activity who arrange their own transportation and meet at a designated place to enjoy a particular event or activity. Sometimes it could be a play, where a certain number of tickets afford a discount price; however, members get to the theatre on their own by driving themselves, carpooling, or other personal arrangements. Or it could be meeting at the National Portrait Gallery to enjoy a specific exhibit or the Supreme Court for a pre-arranged tour. Members meet at a designated location; thus the name “meet-up.” Most often the groups are smaller, which provides an opportunity to get to know other LLI members. The meet-ups are usually announced in advance and members are asked to register, as sometimes there may be a limited number of spaces available. Also, the coordinator will know how many to expect so no one is left behind.

National Gallery Meet-Up

May 11, 2017

This is a reminder that you still have time to sign up for our “meet-up” at the National Gallery to see the *Frédéric Bazille and the Birth of Impressionism* exhibition that was advertised in March’s newsletter. This is the first major presentation of Bazille’s work in America in 25 years — a once in a lifetime opportunity.

We will meet at the National Gallery at 10:30 a.m. in the West Building Rotunda to tour the exhibition and then have lunch at 11:45 a.m. Anna Dixon, a National Gallery docent, will be with us throughout the tour. At 1:00 p.m. you have the choice of joining an East building tour, which would end by 2:30 p.m.

If you plan to meet for the Bazille tour, please call or email Pat Harrison (contact information in the LLI Directory) and let her know.

Calendar of Events



May 2017

- 3 Forum
- 3 June Newsletter deadline
- 11 National Gallery of Art Meet-up
- 12 Board meeting
- 17 Franciscan Monastery Trip

June 2017

- 7 Forum
- 9 Board meeting

July 2017

- 13 Retreat
- 19 National Cryptologic Museum



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.

New Members

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May LLI Forum

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Dominique utilized the diaries and reports of Colonel James Hayes, who as a member of the 317th regiment, fought in some of the bloodiest battles of the European theater, including the Battle of the Bulge. Colonel Hayes was awarded a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart.

Meet the LLI NOVA Scholarship Winners

At the May 3 Forum the LLI NOVA Scholarship recipients will have an opportunity to thank LLI and tell how they will be pursuing their education and careers.

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.

President's Message

The May Forum will have the usual speaker as well as the annual LLI Scholarship presentations to the NOVACC Annandale student recipients. The LLI Board and Arline Sach's Scholarship Committee are most grateful for the 2017 Scholarship Fund donations totaling a record amount of over \$13,000. The college faculty, who assist in developing the pool of candidates, tell us this year's applicants are deserving students.

Our program for May also includes the formal nominations for new LLI Board members as well as the slate of Officers. The LLI Board is particularly appreciative of Delsa Hildebrant's Nomination Committee which has selected three well qualified candidates for LLI Board membership. Kate Greeley, Jóna Wheeler and Diane Boyle will be nominated to replace Delsa Hildebrant and Susan Alexander, who are completing a three year term, and also Carol Jeffords, who resigned for personal reasons in February. H.B. "Buck" Myers, Kathryn O'Toole, and Anna Dixon will also be running for another term. Delsa has taken on some of the more difficult tasks on the board and will be greatly missed. Susan has admirably filled the board secretary position, even though she had no prior experience. Carol devoted many hours of her time as one of the two key Curriculum Committee editors, as well as participating fully in board discussions. This newsletter presents the LLI Nominating Committee's candidate biographies and photos.

The LLI Board appreciates the many volunteers who continue to provide our organization with interesting and entertaining programs. Doug Johnson and Gina Trapp's Curriculum Committee have completed their summer catalog and will begin work on the 2017 Fall Program later this month. The Summer Class Program should have already arrived in your mail. As in past years, we will be offering a smaller number of summer classes that still provide a wide range of programs aimed to suit a variety of interests. In the personal development area, there will be an *AARP Safe Driving Course for Mature Adults*. One added benefit of this class is that attendees can claim a discount on their car insurance. The popular National Park Service will continue to be on our program, as will the always wait-listed iPhones, iPads (for beginners) and a More Apple Apps class. The LLI Board looks forward to seeing you at the May Forum.

Scott Pinckney, LLI President

Community Outreach

Carol Weber, caroljeanweber@hotmail.com
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The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) is our May food donations recipient. AFAC is a

community-based nonprofit founded over 25 years ago to provide groceries to needy Arlington residents. AFAC serves more than 2,200 families each week, including many elderly persons, as well as children who make up 35% of those who receive groceries. **This food pantry needs cans of tuna, beans, soup, vegetables, fruit and tomato sauce, preferably heart healthy low sodium items. There is also always a need for low sugar cereals and for peanut butter in plastic jars.** In addition to these specific items, other non-perishable food is also welcome!



Marianne Moerman will deliver your donations to AFAC. Please give generously, so that we can take many many bags to feed needy people who live in Arlington County! Many thanks!

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.

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.

Special Interest Groups



LLI Bridge Group

Bob or Merry Huley, 703-534-4819 or
703-489-9045 roberthuley@cox.net

Time: 10:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

NOTE: NEW TIMES

Location: Mason District Governmental Center,
6507 Columbia Pike

In May, we will play on **Wednesday, May 10,**
Thursday, May 25, and **Wednesday, May 31** (Yes,
three times in May). In June, we will play on
Thursday, June 15 (only once). 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), if you would like to attend (or
for more information) so that we can provide
sufficient card tables.

Recent Results —

At the March 2 game, the top four players
were: **Martin Stutsman, Arline Sachs, Bob Huley**
and **Peg McCall**. At our game on March 24, the top
four were: **Bob Huley, Peggy Weis, Victoria**
Blackman and **Midge Lloyd**. Congratulations to all.



LLI Current Events Discussion Group

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

Date/Time: Friday, May 5. 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. Her
contact information is in the LLI Member Directory.



LLI Favorite Books Club

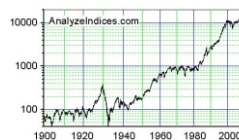
Lynne Smaldone, (703) 525-9623
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Date/Time: Thursday, May
18. 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

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

This month we will be discussing the selection that
was postponed when our March meeting was
cancelled. "The Story of My Life," Helen Keller's
autobiography was written in 1903, when she was
22 years old.

Come join us!



Financial Discussion Group

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

Date/Time: Fridays: May
12 and June 9. No meetings in July or August.
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: Tuesdays, May 2 and
16. June 5 is the last class for the
summer. 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 50,
and perhaps see a French film. **[NOTE: Although
the Summer catalog and last month's newsletter
show the second and fourth Tuesdays, we will
continue to meet on the first and third Tuesdays
until further notice.]**





LLI Gourmands

Patti Volz, 703-892-6124,
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There will not be a Gourmand outing in the month of May.



LLI Photography Group

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

Date/Time: THERE IS NO MEETING THIS MONTH

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 June Newsletter is May 3.



LLI Gourmands enjoying lunch at Bazin's on Church in Vienna



LLI Walkabouts

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

Date/Time: Fridays at noon.

May 12: Americana Park: Located just west of the Beltway, I-495, on the south side of Rte. 236 (Little River Turnpike). If you are driving east toward Annandale on Rte. 236, on top of the hill just before I-495, turn right onto Pineridge, then take an immediate left onto the road that parallels Rte. 236, which is Accotink Parkway (there may not be a street sign at the corner). Park by the baseball field/kiosk. If you are driving west toward Fairfax, make a U-turn at Lake Blvd., then turn right onto Pineridge and follow the same directions as above.

May 26: Mercer Lake: Take Fairfax County Parkway going west. Take Pohick exit but proceed to Hooes Rd. going south, which is the second left. Pass the first light (Newington/Valleyfield Drive) and then look to the right for a small parking area in the woods. Park and path begins there, where we will meet. Your choice which side.

Happy Hiking!

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.



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.

Volunteer Needed

The LLI Board seeks a volunteer to chair the **LLI Audit Committee**. The annual audit is a legal requirement of our Commonwealth charter. The current fiscal year 2017 will end on June 30 and the audit should be conducted in a reasonable time following the end of the fiscal year. LLI policy requires a minimum of two LLI members to form the committee. One member has already volunteered to be on the committee but not as the chair person. No LLI current board member may be on the committee. Ideally, a certified public accountant (CPA) would chair the committee, but that is not always possible. Prior accounting or audit experience is desirable. Please contact Scott Pinckney if you are interested in this position.

LLI Needs You!

One of the more challenging jobs at LLI is preparing our course catalog and rising to the challenge can be very rewarding. Our Curriculum Committee thrives on "new blood" because new members bring us fresh ideas for courses and, perhaps, know people who can present them.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Doug Johnson, LLINOVADOUG@gmail.com or (703) 628-3115.



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.

Study Travel

The Study Travel trip selection for 2018 is a tour of the **Dalmatian Coast** called "**Dubrovnik to Venice**." The tour provider of this 10-night tour is CIE, the same tour company we are using for our tour of Scotland this summer. Once again, we will use AAA as our travel agent for tour registration. We are currently negotiating the final details for this trip. The information on the tour, including a trip flyer, will be emailed out to Study Travel group members, and posted on the LLI website as soon as it is available. The tour is planned for mid-May 2018.

We are also considering a second trip in 2018 to the Canadian Maritimes, most likely in August. As soon as information on this trip is finalized, we will email it to the group and post it on the LLI website.

Our June trip to Scotland, "**Scottish Isles and Glens**," remains fully booked. Our second trip in 2017, "**Cruising Burgundy & Provence to the Côte d'Azur**," is also fully booked.

To join the Study Travel email list and get early announcements of Study Travel activities, contact Bob Huley at (703) 534-4819 or roberthuley@cox.net. We are also looking for 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 May Forum.

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.**



LLI June Elections

Your LLI Nominating Committee, George Chalou, Lorin Goodrich, Bob Huley, Ed McKnight and Delsa Hildebrant, is pleased to present the following slate of nominees. They will be introduced at the May 3 Forum and elections will be held at the June 7 Forum.

Officers for 2017/2018 Term

President — Scott Pinckney



Scott grew up west of Seattle near the Pacific coast. He graduated from The University of Washington in 1961 and entered the US Air Force (USAF) as a 2nd Lieutenant. His overseas Air Force assignments included Scotland, Iran and Germany. Scott's USAF career focused on all levels of the budget process, including a position with the Secretary of the Air Force Congressional Liaison staff. He graduated from the Air War College in 1979, where he also received a Master's Degree in Political Science from Auburn University. Colonel Pinckney retired from the USAF in 1988 after his tour as Comptroller, Strategic Air Command. Returning to Fairfax, he was hired by the Armed Forces Benefit Association in Alexandria as Chief Financial Officer, and worked there for the next 19 years. Scott joined LLI in 2007. He serves on the Curriculum Committee, has held the position of LLI Vice President for two years, and is completing his first year as President.

Vice President — Kathryn O'Toole (2017/20)



After discovering LLI in 2011, Kathryn quickly became a member. She currently serves on LLI's Board of Directors as the Vice President and is the Co-Chair of the Automation Committee. A native northern Californian, Kathryn received her B.A. from the University of California. Shortly after graduation, she was lucky enough to work in Yosemite, first for the concessionaire, and then she joined the National Park Service. After a variety of federal assignments across the United States, Kathryn came to Washington in 1987 and retired in 2008 with 36 years of federal service, spent mostly with Department of Interior agencies. Of the classes she has enjoyed, she is especially fond of LLI's poetry offerings. She is an avid reader, theater-goer, fan of the San Francisco 49ers and (most) musical genres, and loves national parks.

Secretary — Kate Greeley (2017/20)



Kate was born in Southwest Virginia and grew up in Tucson, Arizona, where her family moved when she was 12 years old. She received a degree in Education from the University of Arizona in Tucson, where she subsequently taught school. Kate met and married her husband, Michael, in Tucson. They have three children and five grandchildren.

Aside from her teaching experience, most of her career was in the legal field. She was with the Tucson Court of Appeals for 14 years. When Mike's career brought them to Washington, D.C., she continued her involvement in the Courts by working at the Fairfax Circuit Court and retired from there after 15 years.

Since retiring in 2011, the Greeleys have enjoyed extensive travel. Kate's hobbies include reading, bridge, genealogy and more recently, watercolor and pickleball. Kate says "The highlight of my life is spending time with family and enjoying our grandchildren.

Treasurer — Chuck Hulick



Chuck has been a member of LLI since 2009, and has served as Vice President and Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. He is currently serving as Treasurer. After a career in the federal government in the acquisition field with U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), he worked as a senior research consultant for the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) until January 2009. He is a longtime member of the Pennsylvania Railroad Historical Society and a sailboat enthusiast. Chuck is married to Janice Hulick (also an LLI member), and has two children and four grandchildren..

For Board Members

Dianne Boyle (completing vacant 2017/18 term)



Dianne has been a member of LLI since she signed up to take the trip to Alaska that LLI offered. She learned about it when her husband Jack briefed the group, who were going to Ireland. Dianne and Jack have served mostly in Europe and in Washington with the Foreign Service. She loves to travel. She attended William and Mary and has worked in the White House, for a Norfolk coal shipping company, and a Scandinavian furniture store, as well as the State Department. She was born in Massachusetts but moved to Virginia Beach in junior high. Her hobbies are knitting, genealogy and reading. During her time in LLI, she was Co-Chair of the refreshments committee and has gone to many classes and taken several trips.

Anna Dixon (2017/20)



Anna joined LLI in 2012 and currently serves on the Board. Previously, she served on the Curriculum Committee, designing and coordinating classes, and on the Automation (new website) and Holiday Party Committees. A Philadelphia native with a BA in Accounting and an MBA focused on finance, she retired after a long career in the federal government's Senior Executive Service, serving at the Office of Management and Budget before retiring from the Department of Homeland Security. In the private sector, she was employed as a senior management consultant for a top 50 global corporation working both nationally and internationally with various governments on IT systems integration. Anna's interests include traveling, watercolor painting, bicycling, court-referred and private mediation, and serving as a docent at the National Gallery of Art.

H.B. "Buck" Myers (2017/20)



Buck has been a member of LLI since 2009 and is currently serving his first term on the LLI Board of Directors. He is a lifelong resident of Northern Virginia and has a BA in History from George Mason University. After a long career in the Federal Government, primarily in the acquisition field, Buck retired from the US Department of Justice in January 2009, and joined LLI not long thereafter. His wife, Nickie, is also a LLI member, and since joining, they have been very active in the LLI study travel program, enjoyed many courses and participated in local trips. Buck is a founding member of the LLI Photography SIG and has been its coordinator since its inception. He is also Co-Chair of the LLI Automation Committee charged with revising the LLI website to make it more interactive and to improve both member and visitor experiences with it. Besides enjoying travel, Buck is an avid golfer, photographer and reader.

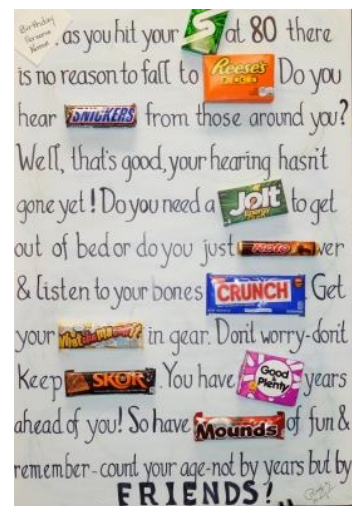
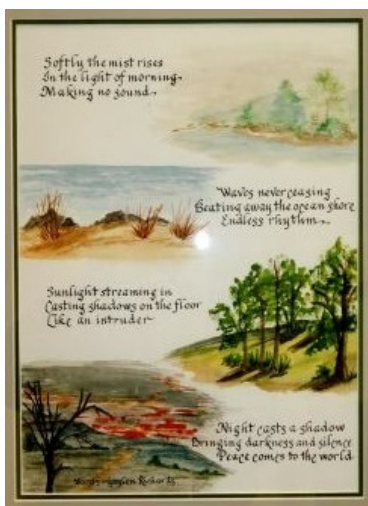


Jóna Wheeler (2017/20)

Jóna Wheeler was born and raised in Iceland. Before moving to the US she lived in several European countries. Jóna worked for Icelandair, both in Luxembourg and the US before retiring in 2009. Upon retirement she joined the Peace Corps and worked as a Business Volunteer in Kyrgyzstan, Central Asia. Jóna’s passion is traveling the world, and when not traveling, Jóna does volunteer work with Fairfax County Volunteer Solutions. She has been a member of LLI since 2013.

From the LLI Scrapbook

At the Arts & Crafts Fair





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Cinco de Mayo



May 5

Mother's Day



May 14

Ramadan Begins



May 26

Memorial Day



May 29