

November LLI Forum

Ernst Cultural Center (CE), NOVA Annandale Campus Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at 10 a.m. (Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

Covering National Security for 50 Years: Top Investigative Reporter Walter Haskell Pincus Speaks About Milestone Events of the Past and the Present, Including Charges of Russian Meddling in U.S. Elections.

or 42 years Walter Haskell Pincus has covered the big national security/military issues for the Washington Post. He had the best sources, the most thorough analysis, and



a reputation for being fearless while covering intelligence, defense, and foreign policy issues. His career spanned Watergate, the impeachment of Richard Nixon, the neutron bomb, Iran-contra, the Aldrich Ames spy case, the Iraq war, and the Edward Snowden affair and its impact at the National Security Agency. He will give an insider's view of

Walter Haskell Pincus

both highlights and difficult moments in his long, distinguished career in journalism. Though he left the Washington Post at the end of 2015, he is still most active at the age of 84 writing for *The Cipher Brief* and teaching a seminar for Stanford University in Washington, D.C. He will give his insights about the ongoing investigations into Russian interference in the national U.S. election and the functioning of the Central Intelligence Agency under the Trump Presidency.

Walter Haskell Pincus was one of six Washington Post reporters who shared the Pulitzer Prize for national reporting in 2002. He is the recipient of the 2010 Arthur Ross Media Award from the American Academy of Diplomacy. He is a true lifetime learner, having begun part-time law studies

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LLI Holiday **Pa** Friday, December 1 Fairfax Country Club — 11:00 a.m. The registration form is in this newsletter and reservations will be *due by November* **17**. If you have a vegan or non-gluten request for your entrée, just note that on your registration. Your donations of new, not wrapped toys for children, ages 2 to 16 years, will be given to The Bethany House, a shelter for women and children. Contact **Bonnie Hopler** for further

Important — Parking Information

information or with questions.

There are new Parking Garage Procedures at NOVA. The October newsletter included a removable insert to keep in your car to assist you on what to do and where to park. Thank you for your patience as this was a NOVA facilities directive that we must follow. This only pertains to the Parking Garage.

If no garage slots are available, a \$10 daily permit for the B lot is available in Building CA, Room 103. Parking is free after 3:45 p.m.

at Georgetown University in 1995 and earning his law degree in 2001, at the age of 68. Bring your questions to the Forum for another stimulating program.

Calendar of Events

November 2017

January 2018

3 Forum

3 February

newsletter

deadline

12 Board meeting

- 1 Forum
- 1 December update deadline
- **10** Board meeting
- 16 Renwick Gallery Meetup

December 2017

- 1 Holiday Party
- 6 January newsletter deadline
- 8 Board meeting



Important — Keep Your Membership Directory Current

Please remember to retain your *LLI Handbook and Membership Directory* and note in it the member's 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.

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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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Mr. Stanley Lichtman, stanpaulette@cox.net



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.



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*.

President's Message

rama in the LLI Board Room! The September 8 LLI monthly Board meeting was in progress when we first learned that the new NOVACC parking payment procedures were in effect starting that day. Our usual parking passes were no longer accepted and, in fact, we were in violation of the new rules. In short order, we learned that open gates no longer mean free parking, that we need to take note of our parking space number and pay our estimated parking time in advance at the new kiosks. I had long established airline tickets out of Reagan National to Seattle early the next morning, so the board had to get educated quickly on the new procedures and get the information out to the membership, for those with a class on campus the following Wednesday, as well as to the membership at large. The NOVACC Parking Staff assured us they were conducting a "soft" start of the new procedure and we would not be fined that first day. I thank Kathrine O'Toole, our Vice President and Janice Viola, our administrator, who worked with the parking staff and the LLI newsletter staff to get the word out by e-mail and newsletter. We did well, all things considered, and we are assured that the parking staff will continue to monitor the implementation. We agree that more kiosks would be helpful and those of us with smart phones can benefit from the Passport Parking Mobile Pay App. The NVCC-Annandale campus garage number is 462. Adjusting to new procedures is always a challenge. Please refer to the removable parking changes insert article from the October newsletter for complete details, which you may wish to keep in your car.

For those who have handicap parking permits, there are 14 handicaps parking spaces in Lot A, just off Wakefield Chapel Road (second left after Little River Turnpike). Although the lot is marked faculty and staff, the handicap spaces are open to all. It is a level walk to the Ernst Center from there.

I want to thank the LLI Membership who contributed to the 285 books collected in the Favorite Book Club's Children's Books Drive. The books collected provided two books for each child served by AHC, a non-profit affordable housing developer located in Arlington, and the Ruby Tucker Family Center, a family resource center in Alexandria which helps families transition out of poverty.

Scott Pinckney, LLI President

Community Outreach

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e continue to "adopt" a food pantry for each of our Forums. If you are new to LLI, we hope you will consider donating each month. You will find a table in the rear of the room where you may leave your donations. Thank you.

At the November 1 Forum, please remember to be generous to the food drive. Donations will be given to Britepaths (formerly "Our Daily Bread"), located in Fairfax. Britepaths' mission is "to provide Fairfax County area neighbors in need with short-term safety-net services and empower them to work toward long-term self-sufficiency."

Britepaths would appreciate donations of: toiletries, toilet paper, laundry detergent, personal hygiene products, diapers and wipes. Food items needed include: cooking oil, canned meats, spaghetti sauce, pasta, Bisquick, rice, beans, cereal, and peanut butter. Visit https://britepaths.org to learn more about the group or to get involved. Betsy Pugin will be coordinating the food collection this month. Betsy.pugin@gmail.com.



President Scott Pinckney and Cecile Ganteaume at the October Forum.

Special Interest Groups



LLI Bridge Group

Bob or Merry Huley — (703) 534-4819 or (703) 489-9045 — *roberthuley@cox.net*

Location: Mason District Governmental Center

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

November/December Play Dates: In November, we will play on Thursday, November 2, and Thursday, November 16. In December, our games are on Thursday, December 7, and Thursday, December 14.

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 Bob ((703) 534-4819), or email him *(roberthuley@cox.net),* if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables. Bring a bag lunch.

Catch Up Results — At the September 13 game, the top four players were: **Anita Lancaster, Arline Sachs, Bob Huley,** and **Nate Rosenbaum.** At our game on September 27, the top four were: **Martin Stutsman, Connie Fullerton, Arline Sachs,** and **Bob Huley.** Congratulations to all. Our condolences on the passing of Raymond Burmester, an 8-year member of the Bridge SIG.



LLI Favorite Books Club

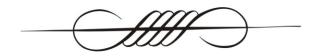
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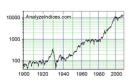
Date/Time: Thursday, November 16 — 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

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

Our selection this month is *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick, a graphic novel and winner of the 2008 Caldecott Medal. Orphan, clock keeper, and thief, twelve-year-old Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on anonymity. But when his world suddenly becomes entwined with an eccentric girl and the owner of a small toy booth in the station, Hugo's undercover life, and his most precious secret, are put in jeopardy.

Come join us!





Financial Discussion Group

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

Date/Time: Fridays: November 10 — 1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

No meeting in December

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center, 9002 Burke Lake Road (in back of the King's Park Library)

Come join your fellow LLI'ers 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, November 7 & 21 — 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 our appreciation of French through conversation and by reading French short stories or novels, and perhaps by seeing a French film.



LLI Gourmands

Patti Volz — (703) 892-6124 pattivolz@verizon.net Nancy Kobilarcik — (703) 751-4838 ekoby3918@aol.com

NOVEMBER: TO KOREA VIA ANNANDALE! Please join the Gourmands at Noon on Wednesday, November 15 as we experience Korean cuisine at Sorak Garden ((703) 916-7600), 4308 Backlick Road, in downtown Annandale just south of the intersection of Backlick Road and Little River Turnpike (across from the CVS pharmacy). Sorak Garden offers traditional Korean cooking including Korean barbeque consisting of marinated beef, pork, or chicken which is cooked on a grill embedded in your table, served with assorted sides. The traditional dishes include vegetarian and gluten-free options with lunch specials ranging in price from \$11 to \$15. A buffet is offered for \$15 which allows several dishes to be sampled. The barbeque is a bit pricier; for example, a popular dish, Bulgogi, is offered at \$24. Alcoholic beverages are available and separate checks will be provided. Parking is on the lot outside the restaurant with easy level access to the front door. *Please respond to your hosts for this event, Ann and Bob Gisch, at ann.gisch@gmail.com or (703) 298-4270, no later than* <u>Friday, November 10</u>. When you respond, *please indicate whether you are interested in the barbeque option since at least two guests must choose this option to offer it and seating will be at a table with an embedded grill.* Unfortunately, the restaurant currently does not have a website, but if you google it, there are pictures you can view.

DECEMBER: LET'S DO IT AGAIN AND RETURN TO A GOURMAND FAVORITE! In

December, the Gourmands are dining at one of the finest restaurants in Northern Virginia — L'Auberge Chez Francois in Great Falls. Consistently rated as one of the top ten restaurants in the area and family-owned since 1954, L'Auberge offers a relaxing, quiet dining experience with a charming country French atmosphere. The \$43.00 prix-fixe luncheon menu, plus tax and tip, includes extensive choices for appetizer and entrée, a salad, choice of dessert, and a glass of red, white or rose wine or a beer. Separate checks will be provided. Our luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, at 11:30 a.m. The restaurant is located at 332 Springvale Road, Great Falls; the phone number is 703-759-3800. The full luncheon menu may be viewed on their website at http://www.laubergechezfrancois.com. Please RSVP to Bev Portman at firse@juno.com or 703-560-6740, no later than December 12. Because of the popularity of this restaurant, later requests may not be able to be honored.



LLI Gourmands enjoying lunch at Anthony's in Falls Church.

As always, should you have any questions regarding the Gourmands, please contact your co-chairs Patti Volz at *pattivolz@verizon.net* or Nancy Kobilarcik at *ekoby3918 @aol.com*.



LLI Photography Group

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

Date/Time: Friday, November 17 — 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. *Check out some of the group's photos on the LLI website.*



LLI Walkabouts

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

Date/Time: Fridays — Noon — Walks are about an hour round-trip.

November 10. Roundtree Park. 3320

Annandale Road. The park is located in Falls Church on the south (right) side of Annandale Road. between Gallows Road and Graham Road/Hickory Hill Road. It is somewhat hidden as you go up a hill from the direction of Gallows Road. Meet in the parking lot. The path goes toward Sleepy Hollow Road.

November 24. Lake Barcroft. Walk around Lake Braddock by Lake Braddock High School. From Braddock Road, take Burke Lake Road past the high school. Take a right on Lake Braddock Drive; follow the road around to Wallingford Drive, turn right and park. We will meet at the corner.

Happy Hiking!

Deadline for the December Update is November 1.

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.

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.



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.

Study Travel

We still have space available on our two trips for 2018.

- > Our primary trip is an 11-day mid-May tour of the Dalmatian Coast called "Dubrovnik to **Venice.**" If you are interested in signing up, contact our AAA travel agent, Beth Hall-Fitch.
- > Our second 2018 trip is a 14-day Grand Circle tour of the Canadian Maritimes, which will depart in early August.
- > Both trips are open for reservations to LLI members, friends and family. Detailed tour information is posted on the LLI website.

We had our kick-off travel planning meeting after the October Forum for members interested in choosing our 2019 trip. Based on the interest shown at that meeting, and email input from members who could not attend, we will start researching possible tours for 2019. First access to this information will go to members on our email list. Our target is to select a destination by March 2018.

If you are interested in helping to select our 2019 trip, join the Study Travel email list by contacting Bob Huley at (703) 534-4819 or *roberthuley@cox.net*. Please contact Bob if you have any questions about our 2018 trips. In addition, we are looking for assistance to evaluate destinations and tours for future trips and to provide the Study classes for our destinations. Please let Bob know if you are interested.

Happy traveling!



The LLI Travel Group visiting a Bull Farm during their French River Cruise Trip.



In Memoriam

Long-time LLI member **Raymond Burmester** passed away on September 15, 2017, at the age of 81. Ray graduated from Virginia Polytechnic

Institute with a degree in civil engineering and from the Naval Officer Candidate School, serving five years of active duty, and retiring from the Naval Reserve in 1995. He spent his career at the Department of the Navy as a computer systems analyst. As an LLI member, Ray, along with his

wife Jessica, was an avid bridge player. In addition to hobbies that included gardening and reading, he was also interested in LLI's courses on various aspects of geology. His greatest passion was his advocacy for people with disabilities. He volunteered on the boards of The Arc of Northern Virginia, The Arc of Virginia, the Coalition for Virginians with Mental Disabilities, the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, the Fairfax Human Services Council, the VA Disability Commission, the VA Office for Protection and Advocacy, and the Joint Commission on Behavioral Healthcare. He received numerous awards for his outstanding advocacy.



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.

Scholarship Fund



ou should recently have received a letter asking you to support the scholarship program of LLI. At last May's forum, LLI members' donated scholarship funds were provided to nine recipients. These students were either all A (or VERY close to all A) students. They are your future leaders. These young people are all working very hard, both in school and sometimes outside of school. Our scholarships mean a lot to them. Please send your check in the return envelope you received or bring the check to a forum meeting. You will receive a receipt for your tax deductible donation.

In order to select the best recipients, we need a committee to read the applications and interview the students. We need a few more members. We only meet for 2 hours, twice in the fall (once is already done). In April you will receive a packet of the applications in the mail, and then we meet to decide who to interview. We then interview the applicants and decide the amount of their scholarship. Please join this committee. Contact Arline Sachs, (703) 646-5606 or *sachs@nova.org*.

Thank you for your help.

Unable to Attend a Class?

Due to the increase in our membership, many of our classes are heavily oversubscribed. This results in a lengthy wait-list.

If you cannot attend the class, please inform the coordinator as soon as possible so that someone on the wait-list can take your place. Please do not be a "NO SHOW." In addition, members on the wait-list often do not respond or wait until it is too late to contact another member on the list. Please be considerate in both cases.

Remember — it could be *YOU* on the wait-list next time. Thanks.

Reminder — Meet-Up at the Renwick Gallery

Please join us on Thursday, November 16 for a tour of the Smithsonian's Renwick Gallery's display of contemporary crafts and decorative art. The tour will be led by our own LLI member, Sara Shoob. We will tour galleries filled with works from the permanent collection and view the recently installed visual puzzle, Parallax Gap.

Also, be among the first of your friends to see the new exhibits. *Murder Is Her Hobby: Frances Glessner Lee and The Nutshell Studies of Unexplained Death* and *Rick Araluce: The Final Stop.* We will begin in the lobby at 10:30 a.m., break for lunch at Pain Quotidien, and then return to the gallery.

If you are interested in joining us, please register for this meet-up by calling or emailing your name to Sara Shoob (*sshoob@me.com*) not later than **November 1.** More information will be forthcoming to those who register for the tour.



Future LLI Coffee Meet-Ups

November 19, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Anna Dixon's residence for the Burke/Fairfax/Clifton members

December 3, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Sid and Arline Sachs's residence for the Lorton and Lake Ridge members

More information will be sent to the members involved. Thank you to all our hosts.

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.

Meet One of LLI's Weekend Coffee Meet-Up Hosts

Karren Scott, an "Army brat" who has lived all over the United States and Europe, joined LLI in 2006 after a career with the U.S. intelligence community. She is one of the many unsung heroes of LLI who



generously volunteers her time and talent, ensuring LLI operates in an orderly and cohesive fashion.

Karren was the first to host our new weekend meetups initiative. These informal weekend get-togethers bond and align new members with longer term members who live near each other (e.g.,

Karren Scott

carpooling to social outings, LLI classes, or responding to a shout out when one is ill). To ensure all feel genuinely welcome to attend, Karren contacts all the 50+ members in the Greater Alexandria area when she hosts the fall and spring meetups at her residence.

Karren regularly provides assistance when needed at the LLI admin office. She has served on the LLI Board of Directors, the Automation Committee, and chaired the Administrative Review Committee. Also, for many years she provided expert guidance serving as the long time editor of LLI Polices and of our website content. She holds a BA in Russian Studies from the University of Virginia and an MA in Government & National Security from Georgetown University. Karren enjoys learning about different religions, military history, antiques, and art. She also enjoys live theater and music. Because she enjoys food and socializing, she is a regular with the Gourmands too!

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.





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

Annual Holiday Luncheon

Friday, December 1, 2017

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

Reservation Deadline: November 17th

Directions: From the Beltway, take the Braddock Road West exit. Go approximately $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles (just past George Mason University) and turn left onto Ox Road. Go approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and turn right into the Country Club (entrance is in front of the large white sports tent). Follow road until it deadends in the parking lot in front of the clubhouse.

Don't forget toys for the children! This is completely voluntary, but if you choose to participate, bring a new, non-gift wrapped toy for distribution to children ages 2–16 at Bethany House of Northern Virginia.

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

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Email:	Lifetime Learning Institute	
Emergency Contact Name:	NOVA Annandale Campus	
Emergency Contact Phone No	8333 Little River Turnpike	
	Godwin Bldg (CG), Room 202	
Reservation Deadline: <u>November 17th</u>	Annai	ndale, VA 22003-3743
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