

LIFETIME LEARNING INSTITUTE/NOVA
December 2017 Update

Forum: No Forum in December. January 2018 Forum will be on Wednesday, January 3, at 10:00 a.m. Details will be in the January Newsletter.

Annual Holiday Luncheon - Friday, December 1: Fairfax County Club, 11 a.m. Don't forget to bring new, unwrapped, toys for children, ages 2 through 16. Thank you for your generosity. See the November Newsletter for details.

Community Outreach: Next food collection will be at the January 2018 Forum. Details will be in the January Newsletter.

Scholarship Fund: You should have received a letter requesting a donation for our annual Scholarship program for NOVA students. Don't forget to make your donation before December 31 to qualify for a 2017 tax credit.

Winter-Spring 2018 Courses: The registration deadline for the courses in this catalog is December 1, 2017.

President's Message: Farewell to the Current Discussions (Events) Group Special Interest Group (SIG)

At the October 2017 meeting, the LLI Board dissolved the Current Events Discussion Group SIG. LLI policies require a coordinator/chair who is responsible for SIG activities. When no one stepped forward, disbanding the program was inevitable. The Board appreciates the work of Peter Schwarzkopf, who was the last chair and who has been a strong volunteer for LLI activities. We also appreciated Merry Macke's effort to fill-in as chair until a new leader could be found. No one at the September LLI Information Fair showed an interest in either becoming a member or leading the SIG, and therefore, the activity has been eliminated.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season. See you at the Luncheon. Scott Pinckney

Special Interest Groups:

Favorite Books and Financial Discussion will **NOT** be meeting in December.

Bridge: Thursdays, December 7 and 14, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Mason District Governmental Center. Bring a bag lunch. Contact Bob Huley at roberthuley@cox.net or 703-534-4819.

Photography: Friday, December 15, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Braddock District Governmental Center. Contact Buck Myers at hbm@hbmphoto.com or 703-532-3726.

French Conversation: Tuesdays, December 5 and 19, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Top of the West, Goodwin House Baileys. Subject to change by group approval. Contact Patty & Richard Steelman at richardsteelman@hotmail.com or 703-504-6866.

Gourmands: Wednesday, December 20, at 11:30 a.m., L'Auberge Chez Francois, Great Falls. Contact Bev Portman at firse@juno.com or 703-560-6740.



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Walkabouts: Fridays at noon. Contact Merry Macke at merry.macke@gmail.com or 703-987-7751. Walks may be cancelled if temperature is in the low 40's.

- **December 8:** Green Springs Park - Take the Franconia/Springfield Parkway, and if coming from Backlick Road going west, take the first light to the right. That is Spring Village Drive. At the stop sign, turn right and park along the street. The park walk begins on your left.
- **December 22:** Eakin Community Center - 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.

The NOVA Annandale campus and the LLI office are closed December 21 – January 2.

Deadline for the January 2018 Newsletter: **December 6, 2017**

Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather: 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.