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## May LLI Forum

**Ernst Cultural Center (CE),  
NOVA Annandale Campus  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 10 a.m.  
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)**

*Our May Forum speaker has been moved to June to give the LLI Scholarship Committee ample time to introduce the recipients of this year's scholarships and provide them the opportunity to address the members. Join us for some very interesting and inspiring stories.*

This past summer the position of Provost for the Annandale Campus of the Northern Virginia Community College was filled by **Pamela Hilbert, Ed.D.** Doctor Hilbert was previously the President of Robeson Community College, North Carolina and has 28 years of experience in Community Colleges. Dr. Hilbert holds an Ed.D. and an M.S. in Adult and Community College Education. We look forward to our new Provost being present to see how our LLINOVA scholarship program is supporting the NVCC student body.



*Pamela Hilbert*

**Scott Rawls**, the new President of all the Northern Virginia Community College campuses also arrived last summer from North Carolina. Dr. Rawls previously headed the entire network of North Carolina Community Colleges.

## Weekend Coffee Meet-Ups

Spring and fall appear to be the favored times for the LLI weekend coffee meet-ups. The meet-ups provide an opportunity for LLI members who live relatively near each other to become better acquainted with one another (common hobbies, dining and entertainment preferences, etc.) in an informal setting. Simply, it is an opportunity to share a cup of joe and talk about topics of mutual interest.



This year we are continuing to refine the process by implementing two new approaches. First, we are now inviting LLI members at several of the large 55+ communities to come to a nearby meet-up. Initially we held meet-ups at these communities and restricted the attendance to the community's residents. Second, we are reconfiguring some groupings based on the nucleus of their local community rather than inviting members per their post office address only. For example, the Greater Alexandria area now includes some of Springfield. Similarly, the northern Alexandria area members are invited to attend and mingle with parts of Annandale and the northern Springfield members.

All are encouraged to consider hosting a meet-up. No residence is too small or complex. Contact Anna Dixon for more information if you are interested at [njoi2day@aol.com](mailto:njoi2day@aol.com).

*(See page 2 for list of planned meetups.)*

### IMPORTANT — PARKING INFORMATION

Remember, the new garage parking procedures will be in effect for the May Forum. Pay in advance at the kiosk, including a new one now on the third floor, or use the smart phone app (Passport).

## NVCC Newsletter

The Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus, issues an electronic community newsletter. Goals of the newsletter include providing information regarding activities and events on campus and addressing community concerns. If you would like to receive this newsletter, send your request with your email address to [rhull@nvcc.edu](mailto:rhull@nvcc.edu).

# Calendar of Events



## May 2018

- 2 Forum
- 2 June newsletter deadline
- 3 National Arboretum Trip
- 4 NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra
- 9 National Gallery of Art
- 11 Board meeting (Correction)
- 18 Renwick Gallery

## June 2018

- 6 Forum
- 7 Gettysburg and Eisenhower Farm Trip
- 8 Board meeting
- 12 National Gallery of Art
- 14 Anderson House

## July 2018

No Forum or newsletter

## Members

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*Welcome, New Members! We hope you will participate in our classes and volunteer your time and talent.*

### New Member

Ms. Janet Porter Wolfinger, 8404 Mountain Larkspur Drive, Lorton, VA 22079, phone: (703) 690-1218, [porterwolf@cox.net](mailto:porterwolf@cox.net)



## Planned Meet-Ups

**Saturday, May 5, 1:00-2:30 p.m.:** Alexandria-Lincolnia (22312), West Alexandria (22311), North Springfield (22151), and East Annandale (near Green Spring Gardens). Jóna Wheeler is hosting at her Alexandria-Lincolnia residence. Contact Jóna at [jonajw@gmail.com](mailto:jonajw@gmail.com) if you have not received an invitation e-mail.

**Sunday, May 6, 1:30-3:00 p.m.:** Falls Church. George and June Chalou are hosting at their Falls Church residence. Contact June at [chaloujune@gmail.com](mailto:chaloujune@gmail.com) if you have not received an invitation email.

**Saturday, May 12, 1:00-2:30 p.m.:** Rest of Alexandria/East Springfield/Greenspring Village. Karren Scott is hosting at her Alexandria residence. Please contact Karren at [karren.scott@verizon.net](mailto:karren.scott@verizon.net) or (703) 313-7127 if you have not received an invitation email.

**Saturday, May 12, 1:00-2:30 p.m.:** Fairfax/Oakton/Vienna. Scott and Nancy Pinckney are hosting at their Fairfax residence. Contact Nancy at [spinck3@aol.com](mailto:spinck3@aol.com) or (703) 323.9361 if you have not received an invitation email.

**Saturday, June 2, 1:00-2:30 p.m.:** Lorton, Fairfax Station, and Burke. Anna Dixon is hosting at her Fairfax Station residence. Contact Anna at [njoi2day@aol.com](mailto:njoi2day@aol.com) if you have not received an invitation e-mail.

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR LLI LANYARDS**

*New members are encouraged to attend any/all meetups.*



## 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).

### LLI Board of Directors

**President:** Scott Pinckney  
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\* year term ends

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## President's Message

### Memorandum of Understanding Between LLI/NOVA and NVCC

Our LLI relationship with our host Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) is documented in an affiliation Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between our chapter President and the NVCC Vice President for Finance and Administration. As many of our members know, all Road Scholar Lifelong Learning Institute chapters are required to be affiliated with an institute of higher education and NVCC has been our host college since our founding in 1996. The Virginia General Assembly encourages the Commonwealth's institutes of higher education to support "Learning in Retirement." Why is this important now? Our current three-year agreement is due for re-negotiation before July 26, 2018. We have classes scheduled this summer that go beyond the current MOU.

The affiliation document lays out the responsibilities and commitments of both the College as well as LLI. For example, the MOU requires the college to provide space for meetings and social space *on a hierarchy of availability*. The highest priorities are fee paying, for-credit classes, workforce development courses, ESL, non-credit courses, and for-profit organization rentals. A lower priority is assigned for non-profit rentals, college group rentals, and affiliate group classes. When space is at a premium, it follows that the affiliate group does not fall high on the list. Fortunately, we are normally able to work within the agreement and have continued to have an excellent relationship with our host. The MOU encourages joint or cooperative programs of classes and attendance by college officials at our open Forums. The agreement also covers the reimbursable use of facilities and parking arrangements. Negotiations have been initiated with both NVCC Headquarters and the Ernst Community Center officials.

*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)

**O**ur May community-based non-profit is the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) that provides supplemental groceries to our Arlington neighbors in need. Since 1988, AFAC has been dedicated to its simple but critical mission of obtaining and distributing groceries, directly and free of charge, to people living in Arlington, Virginia, who cannot afford to purchase enough food to meet their basic needs. The high cost of living in our region, combined with the current economic situation causes many families to struggle to make ends meet. Supplemental groceries from AFAC mean that families can remain in their homes, workers can stay on the job, children are ready to learn, and mothers and babies have the nutrition they need.



AFAC accepts most unopened, unexpired, and unprepared foods, including perishable items. **AFAC is most in need of the following Heart Healthy items: Low Sodium products including tomatoes, canned tuna, canned beans and soups, and low sugar cereal.**

Since AFAC was originally scheduled for February when the meeting was cancelled, we are happy to be able to support this food pantry in May. Patti Volz and Lois Spinello will be distributing the food to AFAC. Thank you for your generous donations as always. We continue to collect enough food to fill four grocery carts at each Forum.

*Thank you for caring and sharing!*

## 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.



# Special Interest Groups



## Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) SIG

Anna Dixon —  
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The District/Maryland/Virginia (DMV) region is unique in its vast number of educational and cultural institutions situated within an easy commute. The Visual and Performing Arts SIG provides members the opportunity to experience a variety of educational and cultural institutions within our region such as films, speakers, museums, universities, galleries and artist studios. If you wish to participate in our events and/or join the committee, please contact Anna Dixon at [njoi2day@aol.com](mailto:njoi2day@aol.com).

### Upcoming Events:

**May 4: LLI/NOVA 8 p.m. meetup to attend the NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra** as it presents **Viva La Musica!** — a celebration of Hispanic music and culture. Wear your LLI lanyards and meet in the theater of the Ernst Community and Cultural Center. Tickets are \$15, available at the door or through the website [www.reunionmusicsociety.org](http://www.reunionmusicsociety.org). Parking is free and there will be a reception for everyone after the concert.

**May 9: National Gallery of Art, 10:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.: Cézanne's Portraits.** There are only three stops for this exhibition (Musée d'Orsay, Paris; National Gallery of Art, WDC; and the National Portrait Gallery, London). This exhibition brings together 60 examples, **drawn from collections around the world**, of Cézanne's Portraits for the first exhibition devoted to the famed post-impressionist's portraits. We will have a cafeteria coffee meetup, view Cézanne's Portrait exhibition, a light snack and an optional related lecture/gallery tour.

**May 18: Renwick Gallery: 10:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.** A real "can't miss"- the super cool and spectacular *No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man* exhibition. It is a collection of medium and large scale sculptures rescued from the desert and placed on display. Our own Sara Shoob will be on duty to answer visitors' questions. At noon, Merry Macke will lead us to the Renwick's tour of the outside sculptures associated with this exhibition. This will be the last of the Renwick's two outdoors tours of this exhibition.

**June 12: National Gallery of Art: Private American Paintings (for those who missed the January outing), 10 a.m. — 12 p.m.:** We will get an intimate look at selections from three centuries of American prints and drawings, unframed and without glazing. Among the artists we will see are Winslow Homer, Mary Cassatt, James McNeill Whistler, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Edward Hopper. Visitors are seated in two rows facing viewing stands arranged on study room tables.

**June 14: Society of the Cincinnati/Anderson House and the Heurich House: 10 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.** In the spring of 1905, Anderson House was completed and took its place as one of the capital city's most fashionable mansions, a "Florentine villa in the midst of American independence." The firm of Arthur Little and Herbert Browne of Boston designed the mansion as the winter residence of Larz Anderson, an American diplomat, and his wife, Isabel, an author and benefactress. For more than thirty years, the couple enjoyed their Washington home as a showcase for their art collection, and as a backdrop for high society galas.



### LLI Bridge Group

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

**Location:** Mason District  
Governmental Center

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

In May, games are scheduled for Thursday, May 3, and Thursday, May 10. **Note: These are unusual dates.**

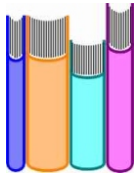
In June, we plan to play on Wednesday, June 13, and Wednesday, June 27.

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 e-mail him ([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. Bring a bag lunch.

At the March 14 game, the top four players were: Martin Stutsman, Jessica Burmester, Midge Lloyd, and Maureen Cocozza.

**Congratulations to all.**





## LLI Favorite Books Club

Lynne Smaldone, (703) 525-9623 —  
smaldonega@hotmail.com

**Date/Time:** Thursday, May 17 —  
11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

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

Our selection this month is ***A Man Called Ove***, a novel by Fredrik Backman. Here we are introduced to Ove, an ill-tempered, isolated retiree who spends his days enforcing block association rules that only he cares about, and visiting his wife's grave. Just as he is about to give up on life, an unlikely friendship develops with his boisterous new neighbors.

**Come join us!**



## Financial Discussion Group

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

**Date/Time:** Fridays: May

11 and June 8 — 1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m. No meetings in July or August.

**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 1 and May 15, June 5 and 19. 10:00 a.m. — noon

**Location:** Top of the West at the Goodwin House Baileys, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church

After having worked our way through the well-known language series French in Action, we are now reading French short stories and novels and discussing them in French during the class.



## LLI Gourmands

Patti Volz — (703) 892-6124 —  
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Cynthia Gronvall — (703) 748-8404 —  
cdgronvall@yahoo.com

As always, should you have questions regarding the Gourmands SIG, contact your co-chairs Patti Volz, [pattivolz@verizon.net](mailto:pattivolz@verizon.net), and Cynthia Gronvall, [cdgronvall@yahoo.com](mailto:cdgronvall@yahoo.com).

Benvenuta Primavera! Join us on at **11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15** and welcome spring at **Bellissimo Restaurant**. Located at **10403 Main Street** in the heart of Old Town Fairfax, this restaurant prides itself in offering superior Northern Italian cuisine. Check out their extensive menu at [www.bellissimorestaurant.com](http://www.bellissimorestaurant.com) and start guessing what you will choose from their seafood, pasta, chicken, fish and veal selections. Bellissimo has won the Certificate of Excellence from Trip Advisor and the Diners' Choice Award. Some of the highlighted dishes are Veal Rosemary, homemade ravioli stuffed with spinach and goat cheese, and Italian sausage or calamari on polenta. Susan Alexander is hosting this luncheon. **Please RSVP to Susan at [salex50@yahoo.com](mailto:salex50@yahoo.com) by Friday, May 11 to reserve your spot.** The restaurant offers easy access and separate checks will be available. As always if you have any questions about the Gourmands SIG, please contact your co-chairs Cynthia Gronvall at [cdgronvall@yahoo.com](mailto:cdgronvall@yahoo.com), or Patti Volz at [pattivolz@verizon.net](mailto:pattivolz@verizon.net).



## LLI Photography Group

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

**Date/Time:** Friday, 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. **NO MEETING IN MAY DUE TO TRAVEL.**

**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](mailto:merry.macke@gmail.com)

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

**April 20. Oak Marr Recreational Center.** Take I-66 to Route 123 north. Take a left on Jermantown Road. Oak Marr Center is to your right. Meet in front of the Center. We will pick up the CTT (Cross-Country Trail) going west and then north. May need to wear boots.

**May 11. Hidden Pond Park:** 8511 Greeley Blvd, Springfield. If coming from the east on Old Keene Mill Road, pass Rolling Road, continue to the next light, Greeley, and turn left. This road will take you to the parking lot. We will meet there. Coming from the west, take a right on Greeley Blvd. from Old Keene Mill Road, and follow it to the parking area of the park.

**May 25. Lake Mercer:** Fairfax County Parkway going west. Take Pohick exit but proceed to Hooes Road going south, which is the second left. Pass first light (Newington/Valleyfield Drive) and then look to the right for a small parking area in the woods. Park and meet where the path begins.

*Happy Hiking!*

*Deadline for the  
June newsletter  
is May 2.*



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

In a few days, 25 LLI members and friends/family will depart for a tour of the Dalmatian Coast called "Dubrovnik to Venice." Our second trip for early August 2018 will be a tour of the Canadian Maritimes. Information about these two trips is posted on the LLI website.

By a very narrow margin, our members selected Grand Circle Travel's tour "**America's Majestic National Parks**" as our Study Travel trip for 2019. This 17-day trip begins in South Dakota and travels through Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Arizona, Colorado and ends in New Mexico. We will visit Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Devil's Tower, Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park, Lake Powell, Monument Valley, Mesa Verde National Park, Silverton, and Jemez Pueblo. We will also stop in Rapid City, Sheridan, Cody, Jackson Hole, Salt Lake City, Page, Durango, and Albuquerque. We will go to all the places you have always wanted to visit in the West but never had time to do. We will be departing in June 2019 and the number of spaces on this trip will be limited. Specific trip registration information will be sent to members on our Study Travel mailing list and will be posted on the website.

If you are interested in traveling with us and getting immediate information on our trips, join the Study Travel email list. To do so, contact Bob Huley at (703) 534-4819 or [roberthuley@cox.net](mailto:roberthuley@cox.net). In addition, we are always looking for help on the Study Travel Committee 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!*

## 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.



## It's Not Too Late

*Thursday, June 7, 2018*

You still have time to join your fellow LLI members for a day in **Gettysburg, Pennsylvania** on Thursday, June 7, 2018. We will be touring the new Visitor's Center, the battlefield, and after lunch, the home of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower and his wife, Mamie. Our buffet lunch will be at the historic Dobbin House Tavern, Gettysburg's oldest and most historic building.

Payment of \$145.00 is due not later than May 1 and should be made payable and mailed to Excursionaire. Full details and the LLI registration form can be found in the March newsletter. For additional information, contact Maureen Cyron, (703) 323-9040 or LLI Trip Manager, Pat Harrison, (703) 550-7530.



## Save the Date

*Thursday, October 4, 2018*

We know that many of you are gearing up for your summer activities and travel. Time will pass quickly, so it is not too early for you to reserve your place on our tour of the **Pentagon and Air Force Memorial** on Thursday, October 4.

Registration is open to LLI members, their family and/or friends until April 30 and then opens to non-LLI affiliates, if space is available. Full details and LLI Registration Form is available in the April newsletter.

## Newsletter on the Web

Our monthly newsletter is generally available on the LLI website earlier than you will receive it through the mail — and in color! 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.

## Another Helpful Hint from Our Webmaster

**O**ur webmaster has filed previous newsletters and minutes of the board and annual meetings on our website. To recover them, bring up the current one and change the date in the URL. The date is the last two digits of the year followed by a two-digit month code. For example, the URL of this newsletter, May 2018, is "[lli.nova.org/news1805.pdf](http://lli.nova.org/news1805.pdf)". If you wanted to retrieve the June 2016 edition, change the URL to "[lli.nova.org/news1606.pdf](http://lli.nova.org/news1606.pdf)".

## 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.

## 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.**



# From the LLI Scrapbook

## Arts & Crafts

*Some pictures of various arts and crafts from our very talented members. A huge thanks to Arlene Gribben who chaired this always special annual Arts & Crafts event.*



## ...and at the April Forum



*Ann Hornaday with Pres. Pinckney after giving a very informative talk to an enthusiastic Forum.*



## LLI Board of Directors 2018-2019 Election

It's that time of the year again! Elections will take place at the June 6 LLI Forum to replace those board members whose 3-year terms expire and the four officers whose one-year terms expire. The 2018 Nominating Committee is composed of **Jóna Wheeler** (chair), **Philippa Centini**, **Lorin Goodrich**, **Ed McKnight**, and **Kathryn O'Toole**. We want to introduce you to the candidates below. LLI thanks them for their willingness to serve. Candidates for the following offices include:

### Candidates for Officers for 2018/2019 Term

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#### ***President — Anna Dixon***



Anna joined LLI in 2012 and currently serves on the Board. Previously, she served on the Curriculum Committee, designing and coordinating classes, and on Automation (new website) and Holiday Party Committees. She also leads the Visual and Performing Arts SIG, and the spring and fall Weekend and Coffee Meet-ups. 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 managing 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.

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#### ***Vice President — Kathryn O'Toole***



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 worked in Yosemite National Park, first for the concessionaire, and then 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.

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#### ***Secretary — Kate Greeley***



Kate currently serves on LLI's board as secretary. Kate was born in Southwest Virginia and grew up in Tucson, Arizona. She received a degree in Education from the University of Arizona in Tucson, where she subsequently taught school. Kate met 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 worked 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, working at the Fairfax Circuit Court, and retired 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."



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**Treasurer — Loren Brandman** *If elected to the board, Loren will run as the treasurer*

Loren joined LLI a little over a year ago and has loved learning about new things and meeting new people. She is originally from Newburgh, New York and earned a BS in computer science from Rochester Institute of Technology. She and her husband Pete have one grown son. Loren retired in 2016 after 35 years with the federal government, where she served in various positions — programmer, program manager, contracting officer's technical representative, and budget analyst. Loren has been Treasurer for Frost Middle School and the Woodson High School Band. She looks forward to using those experiences to serve as the LLI Treasurer. Loren enjoys biking (especially downhill), baking (anything chocolate), traveling (California is a favorite destination since her son's relocation to LA), and analyzing numbers.

## For Board Members

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### **Patricia Brennan**



Originally from Bloomington, Indiana, Patricia (Patty) earned degrees from Indiana University and the University of Virginia. She worked as a reporter and editor for her university and home-town daily newspapers, the *Indianapolis Star* and *The Washington Post*, and taught English and journalism to college-bound juniors and seniors at Punahou School, Honolulu. She lived in San Francisco, Seattle, and Ankara, Turkey, before moving to Fairfax county in 1971. Among other volunteer activities, she ushered at the Barns at Wolf Trap for more than a decade. She and her husband, CDR Michael J. Brennan (USN retired), are the parents of four daughters and one son and the grandparents of nine. An enthusiastic member of LLI, Patty enjoys a wide variety of classes each semester and, more recently, has been delighted to attend special tours of museums and galleries.

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### **Bob Huley**



Bob has been an active member of LLI since 2004 and served three previous terms on the Board of Directors, including Vice President from 2008 to 2011. He is the coordinator of the Bridge Special Interest Group (SIG), Chairs the Study Travel Committee, the Mailing Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee, and is a member of the Automation Committee. Bob has been a member of the Trip Committee and has assisted with other LLI activities.

Bob graduated from Cornell University as an Electrical Engineer, and after graduate school, served in the Army for 5 years as a medical evacuation helicopter pilot, including a tour in Vietnam. In his civilian career, Bob retired from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management as the Deputy Chief Information Officer. He served in the Army Reserve for 25 years, retiring as a Colonel. His wife, Merry, also an active LLI member, retired from the Fairfax County school system. Both participate in many LLI courses and activities and enjoy travel, exercise, and biking.



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**Mary Jablonski** (completing vacancy for 2018/19 term)

Mary was born and raised in Sunbury, Pennsylvania. She worked for the federal government in contracting for 27 years, mostly in various Navy Commands, then with the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, for six years before retiring in 2008. As a part-time student, Mary earned her MBA degree from George Mason University in 1992. When she retired, she immediately began looking for interesting activities. Mary discovered LLI, and she and her late husband, Steve Lemon, joined LLI in 2009. Mary enjoys the variety of subject matter offerings, especially the Great Decisions courses and several areas in science that she says are “totally new to her.” Mary’s son and his family live in Maryland, and she thanks LLI’s classes and activities for helping her keep up with her two teenage granddaughters! Mary also volunteers with Shepherds Center of Vienna and Oakton and the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.



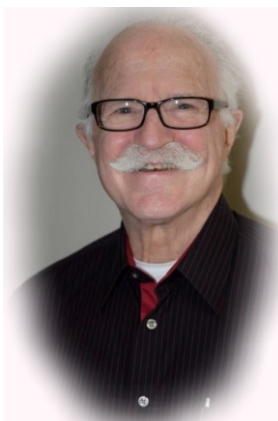
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**Patricia Steelman**

Patricia’s career as a lifelong librarian has provided her with a background in administrative and creative programming. She served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Liberia in the early 1970s, which started her overseas travel experiences. Patricia worked in international schools and universities in Nicaragua, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, Pakistan, and Egypt. In 2011, she retired from the Library of Congress and the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, after fourteen years’ service. In retirement she has volunteered for the Book Sale Committee as a Friend of Beatley Library in Alexandria and still loves to travel and explore the USA. Patricia enjoys the French SIG and many lectures and outings.

Professional affiliations: American Library Association, 25 years. Founding member of the Schneider Family Book Award (ALA), 7 years. Children’s Book Guild of Washington D.C. Ongoing. Served as treasurer, chair of the Nonfiction Award Luncheon. Nonfiction Award selection committee, and as president.

Education: B.A.in French literature from the University of Texas in Austin and received a Master of Library Science, (M.L.S.) from Simmons in Boston.



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**Richard Steelman**

Richard spent thirty years overseas during his career in international development. He served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Honduras, then joined CARE and worked in Liberia, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic. In 1984, he joined the Foreign Service with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)) and worked in Guatemala, Pakistan and Egypt. After his transfer to Washington, he worked on programs in Russia, Jordan and the Caribbean, and headed the Office of Iraq Reconstruction, and served as the Deputy Director of the Office of South Asian Affairs.

His development work comprised the design, development and implementation of a wide range of projects which entailed leading professional design teams, developing program budgets, negotiating and coordinating with host governments, non-governmental agencies and other U.S. agencies. After retiring in 2007, USAID hired him as a consultant to design programs in Colombia and Indonesia and to manage offices in USAID Washington.

Since definitively retiring in 2011, he has enjoyed LLI’s many offerings, and is an active member of LLI’s French and photography SIGS. He and his wife have gone on numerous tours. Richard says that “LLI has added a great deal to my retirement and I would appreciate the opportunity to give back.”





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