

September LLI Forum

**Ernst Cultural Center (CE),
NOVA Annandale Campus
Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)**

***The Ballroom Dancing Craze Is Sweeping America:
Professional Dance Exhibitions and a Fun-
Filled Mini-Class for LLI Members
Who Wish to Participate.***

The popular ABC program, “Dancing with the Stars,” premiered on June 1, 2005, and in its 27th season continues to draw higher ratings than ever. Ballroom dancing has experienced a tremendous revival. It is beautiful and joyous, engages the mind as well as the body, and is a lot more fun than going to the gym. On September 5, we have a rare opportunity because, while the upstairs forum is closed for renovation, we will be meeting in the downstairs theater with professional lighting and a full stage. This introduction to ballroom dancing is presented by Elegant Dancing studio, 11230 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Co-owners **Chris Thompson** and **Una Lee** have been teaching thousands of people in an affordable, friendly environment, with a spacious ballroom floor and wonderful dance parties. Our LLI program will feature professional dance exhibitions with **Justin Seigler** and **Silvia Beltran**, both recipients of many top teacher awards and championship trophies. But the emphasis will not be on watching. LLI members will be invited to come on stage and participate in mini-classes featuring an introduction to some of the most popular ballroom dances — Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz, Swing. This is strictly voluntary. Those who prefer not to participate will enjoy watching and cheering for our friends on the stage. This event will culminate in a brief social dance party when LLI members and guest dance hobbyists can “strut their stuff” to some great dance music. This will be a very fun-filled Forum event — a change of pace from our usual lectures — and it might just spark your interest in a new activity.

Call for Course Proposals for the Winter/Spring 2019 Program

The Curriculum Committee has begun planning the Winter/Spring 2019 program. To submit a course for consideration, e-mail Gina Trapp (gtrapp_26@msn.com) or Doug Johnson (Committee Chair; llinovadoug@gmail.com) for a copy of the **updated Revised August 2018 Course Proposal form**.

Submit the completed form (in *Word* as an e-mail attachment) to Gina Trapp, Doug Johnson, Paul Hopler, a/v specialist (phopler4@gmail.com), Moe Moser, space coordinator (mrn.moser@gmail.com), and Dick Robison, space coordinator (the_robisons@verizon.net). Information can be submitted any time, but no later than September 21, 2018.



IMPORTANT — PARKING INFORMATION

For the September Forum, there is FREE parking in the designated B lot.

Two methods to use the Parking Garage:

- Pay in advance at the kiosk, including the new one on the third floor. Remember to note your parking space number when you exit your car. Discover card is not accepted.
- Use the smart phone app, Passport. The Annandale campus zone # is 462.

The detailed directions to use these two methods are on the LLI website (under the heading) — just click to link to the site.

Calendar of Events



September 2018

- 5 Forum
- 5 October newsletter deadline
- 14 Board meeting

November 2018

- 7 Forum
- 7 December update deadline
- 9 Board meeting

October 2018

- 3 Forum
- 3 November newsletter deadline
- 9 Board meeting
- 19 Baroque Dances

December 2018

- 4 Board meeting
- 5 Holiday Party
- 6 January newsletter deadline
- 14 Board meeting



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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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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Changes

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Sachs, phone: (703) 971-2092

Ms. Irene Selsky, 3440 Jefferson St. Apt. 837, Falls Church, VA 22041-3121



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.

Forum Refreshments

If you are unable to deliver refreshments on the day for which you have volunteered, please notify **Suzanne Pastura**, (703) 244-5332, or **Phil Centini**, (703) 658-1545, as soon as possible so they may make other arrangements.

President's Message

A New Program Year... with a lot of changes!

Hope each of you had a pleasant summer.

Thanks to the help of many LLI members and community supporters, we now have a Partnership Agreement with NVCC Annandale that endorses our 22-year relationship and enables us to maintain our monthly Forums and classes in space-available campus classrooms. The new Agreement contains provisions for fee increases, but **this does not warrant an increase in membership dues during the 2018-19 year.**

One of our generous supporters has committed to giving us \$5,000 to defray some of the new fees from the Agreement. Above that figure, he will match up to \$7,500 of donations from LLI members. Until September 30, we will accept any tax-deductible donation you send, and we will keep our donor updated. This is a voluntary drive, and any amount will be appreciated. If just three-fourths of our members put a \$10 check in a basket at the September Forum, or mailed one to our office, payable to LLI/NOVA, by September 30, we could easily exceed our \$2,500 match challenge.

Over the next two months you will notice a few changes at NVCC Annandale. The college will be reconfiguring its electrical lighting on the mezzanine level where the LLI Forums are held. Therefore, **our September 5 Forum will be held in the theater on the lower level of the Ernst Center.** This may be an inconvenience, but our choices for September were limited: Forum or no Forum. However, there is also good news. Beginning in September, we will be able to *park free only during the Forums in a B-Lot. You must still pay if you park in the garage.* We will advise you which B-Lot section is designated for LLI as soon as possible.

In September, we will launch a **member-wide online survey** to help us with future planning. The survey will open in early August and close on September 30. It will contain about 25 questions and take 10 minutes to complete. We need constant input from our members regarding who and what we are, as well as how well we are serving member interests and needs. Some of these questions will provide information on the demographic characteristics of LLI/NOVA members. Other questions will assess our members' satisfaction with current programs and suggestions for future programming. Please take the time to complete the survey so the Board

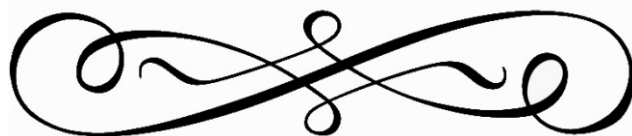
Remember September... and the Book Drive!



At the Forum on Wednesday, September 5, we will be collecting *NEW* books to donate to AHC Inc. The organization serves about 160 children, ranging in age from 5 to 18.

A more detailed announcement, along with an attached list of suggested books, will be sent out in mid-August.

Questions? Contact Lynne Smaldone at smaldonega@hotmail.com



and committees can do a better job in making an already vital organization even better. Your responses to this survey will remain anonymous. We will post a summary on the website in early October and in the November newsletter.

Lastly, an area that is extremely important, is the need for us to re-energize our partnership with NVCC Annandale. We are anticipating a vibrant and mutually beneficial partnership. The Board welcomes your suggestions as we develop a Partnership Plan for both the short- and long-term.

Anna Dixon, LLI President

Special Interest Groups



Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) SIG

Anna Dixon —
njoy2day@aol.com

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, njoy2day@aol.com or Jeri Mullarkey, jerimullarkey@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events:

GEORGE MASON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

October 19 – 12:30 p.m. / *Baroque Dances*
Free for LLI/NOVA Members

Baroque Dance Workshop for Instrumentalists presented by **Paige Whitley-Bauguess**. This first class is an introduction to the dance steps of the Baroque court dances. Baroque dancer Paige Whitley-Bauguess interprets, recreates, and performs Baroque theatre dance in venues all over the world as a soloist and with dance partner Thomas Baird.

\$15 Student Group Tickets for all LLI/NOVA Members! NB: To avoid the additional \$4.00 per ticket service charge for the programs listed below, call Liam Dillon, Group Sales Coordinator, Center for the Arts at George Mason University at (703) 993-8882 and give him the LLI/NOVA code (LLINVA). Other purchase options for our deeply discounted price are to purchase online and/or at the box office.

— Virginia Opera: Don Giovanni

\$54-\$110 tickets for \$15. Don't hesitate!

Saturday, November 10, 2018 — 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 11, 2018 — 2:00 p.m.

Virginia Opera presents Mozart's wildly popular Don Giovanni, an enthralling opera from its thrilling overture up through its breathtaking final scene. This womanizing scoundrel, better known as Don Juan, has a list of amorous conquests so long it takes his attendant an entire aria just to name them all! Arrive early and catch the pre-performance discussion with a Member of the Company.

— Soweto Gospel Choir

\$30-\$50 tickets for \$15.

Sunday, December 2, 2018 — 2:00 p.m.

The internationally acclaimed Soweto Gospel Choir performs joyous Gospel music and inspirational songs in honor of Nelson Mandela's 100th birthday. Included in the program are pieces special to the season, providing a holiday experience that is perfect for the whole family.

— Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra/ Benny and Beyond

\$28-\$46 tickets for \$15.

Saturday, January 26, 2019 — 8:00 p.m.

Eddie Daniels, clarinet; Travel back to the era of big bands and dancehalls when Benny Goodman was "The King of Swing" with "Renaissance" clarinetist Eddie Daniels and Northern Virginia's treasured favorite, the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra. Arrive early for the pre-performance discussion with a member of the Company.

— Czech National Symphony Orchestra

\$36-\$60 tickets for \$15.

Saturday, February 23, 2019 — 8:00 p.m.

100 Years of Leonard Bernstein; John Mauceri, conductor and Isabel Leonard, mezzo-soprano
Celebrate the 100th birthday of America's national treasure, Leonard Bernstein, with a musical fête of his works when the internationally renowned Czech National Symphony Orchestra (CNSO) returns to the Center for the Arts. Under the direction of accomplished American conductor, John Mauceri — who mentored and was a conducting fellow under Bernstein — leads the orchestra which performs highlights from Bernstein's *Mass*, *Candide*, *A Quiet Place*, *West Side Story* and more. CSNO is among Europe's top symphonic ensembles and is renowned for its versatility.

KENNEDY CENTER

November 16, 2018 — 11:30 a.m.

Coffee Concert...\$39 orchestra tickets for \$33.
(purchase tickets at the October Forum)

Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3. Acclaimed pianist **Denis Kozhukhin** makes his NSO debut playing Rachmaninoff's striking Third Piano Concerto in a program conducted by **Carlos Miguel Prieto**. The concert will also feature Copland's *El Salón México* and Revueltas's *La noche de los Mayas*, pieces both closely associated with Prieto's birthplace of Mexico.

November 23, 2018 — 1:30 p.m.

Anastasia... \$79 orchestra tickets for \$67.
(purchase tickets at the October Forum)

From the Tony Award winning creators of the Broadway classic, *Ragtime*, this dazzling show transports us from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s.

March 15, 2019 — 11:30 a.m.

Coffee Concert... \$39 orchestra tickets for \$33. (purchase tickets at the October Forum)

Baroque & Beyond. Baroque master **Ton Koopman** returns to the Concert Hall leading a program of colorful works by Rebel, Rameau, CPE Bach, Mozart, and Haydn.



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.

September Play Dates:

Wednesday, September 12 and Wednesday,
September 26.

October Play Dates:

Wednesday, October 10 and Thursday, October 25.

We rotate partners so you will 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), if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables. Bring a bag lunch.

Results —

As usual, after the summer newsletter break we have a lot of catchup results to report. In the May 31 game, the top four players were: **Janet Goodrich, Connie Fullerton, Bob Huley and Arline Sachs.** The top four at our May 25 game were: **Connie Fullerton, Jyoti Amin, Lynda Brittain and Arline Sachs.** We also played on June 13, and the top four in that game were: **Martin Stutsman, Victoria Blackman, Lynda Brittain and Bob Huley.** Finally, for our game on June 27, the top four were: **Arline Sachs, Joyce Moncrieff, Janet Goodrich and Lynda Brittain.** Congratulations to all!

*Deadline for the
October newsletter is
September 5.*



LLI Favorite Books Club

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

Date/Time: Thursday, September
20 — 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 *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*, a novel by Lisa See. Here we are introduced to the Akha people, an ethnic minority in China. We meet a girl named Li-yan, who lives with her family in a remote mountain village, where daily life and the economy revolve around the tea trade. Their lives are upended when a stranger arrives. This opens Li-yan to the possibility of a world beyond what she knows. When she has a child out of wedlock, she is forced to make a choice that will define both her life and the life of her daughter.

Come join us!



Financial Discussion Group

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

Date/Time: Friday: September 14 — 1:30 p.m. —
3:00 p.m. No meeting in 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, September
4 and 18. 10:00 a.m. — noon

Location: Top of the West at the
Goodwin House Baileys, 3440 S.
Jefferson Street, 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, and Cynthia Gronvall, cdgronvall@yahoo.com.

JOIN US ON A HIMALAYAN TREK! The Gourmands are trekking to the **Royal Nepal at 3807 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22305 on September 20, at Noon.** Join us as we experience the tastes of Nepal, including, if desired, Yak! The momos are delicious. What you may ask is a momo? It is simply the Nepalese word for dumplings. The Royal Nepal serves simple, rustic, casual and yet elegant food. The menu reflects the seasons and highlights local and fresh produce and meats. If you like Indian food, odds are you will love Nepalese food. Separate checks will be provided, the restaurant is handicap-accessible and there is plenty of parking. Your co-chair Patti is your host for this event. Please notify her at pattivolz@verizon.net by September 17 if you can attend. Check out the website <http://www.royalnepalva.com>.

Hope to see you there!



LLI Photography Group

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

Date/Time: Friday, September 21, 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.

Walkabouts is not scheduling any trails in September as we await the outcome of the LLI Survey. If you have any interest in the Walkabouts, please express your views in the survey. Thank you.

Humor Corner

A Senior's Version of Facebook

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists:

I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have 4 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

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

By the time you read this, 19 LLI members, friends and family will have recently returned from our fabulous tour of the Canadian Maritimes (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island). This completes our two Study Travel excursions for 2018.

Now it is time to focus on our only trip for 2019, Grand Circle Travel's tour "**The Great National Parks: Yellowstone, Grand Teton & Mount Rushmore.**" Detailed trip registration information has been sent to all LLI members on our Study Travel emailing list, and we have posted information on the LLI website, including a link to the trip flyer. We will be departing on June 14 and returning June 26, 2019. This trip is filling up quickly, and currently, we only have 3 double rooms left, so if you are interested, you need to contact Grand Circle soon or you can contact Bob Huley for more information.

Believe it or not, we also need to begin the process of deciding where we would like to go in 2020! Later this fall, we will start the selection process, so begin thinking about your preferred destination.

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. 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!



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Community Outreach

Joyce Pomeroy, lj.pomeroy@gmail.com
Betsy Pugin, betsypugin@gmail.com

LLI's Community Outreach program makes donations to local food banks nine times per year, coinciding with Forum meetings. It speaks to the caring and generosity of our members. At this time we recognize and thank **Carol Weber and Marianne Moerman** for co-chairing this important effort. Carol (with ten years of service) and Marianne (with five) have worked diligently to keep the project vital and ongoing. As we offer our sincere gratitude for their dedicated service, we welcome **Betsy Pugin and Joyce Pomeroy** who have graciously volunteered to continue the tradition as new co-chairs.



Each month at the Forum, a charity is featured and a volunteer coordinates with them, and delivers the food to the charity's pantry. Last spring, **Martie McDowall** sponsored the campus food pantry for NOVA students. This year, we will support that pantry in September as well as later in the year. **Dr. Jayatilake**, a faculty advisor, indicates that a number of NOVA students are in need of the food pantry, as single parents, working and studying to better support their family, or students living independently of family. The pantry was started 4 years ago by a student branch of the Annandale Rotary Club. The students and Dr. Jayatilake are very appreciative of food items we collect.

Most-needed items are non-perishable food that can be eaten at home or on campus, including: **cereal, canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, pasta and sauce, healthy snacks, and microwaveable, ready-to-eat food.** These may be for the students or their children.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING SOMETHING FOR THE LLI FOOD COLLECTION, SUPPORTING THE NOVA CAMPUS FOOD PANTRY, IN SEPTEMBER. If everyone brought just *one* item from your shelf, it would be wonderful. More is even better!

Please see the sign-up sheet to be a sponsor for a charity at another LLI Forum during the year. If you can coordinate overall, let us know.

Thank you for caring and sharing!

From the LLI Scrapbook

Around Town with LLI

June Forum



Departing President Scott Pinckney and Brandon Cosby, Deputy Director of Development of OAR.

June Coffee Meetup in Lorton



Scott Pinckney talks to State Delegate Kathy KL Tran (42nd) who attended the coffee.



LLI's own June Chalou describing her volunteering with OAR.



The food looks delicious, thanks to hostess Anna Dixon.





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.



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.



Antique Cars



Above: Some members observing the 1946 Lincoln Continental that John Sweet, one of the presenters, brought to The Joys and Challenges of the Antique Car Hobby class.

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.**



In Memoriam

Carol Bessette, an LLI member since 2009, passed away on May 29. Carol had a fascinating career that began in the Air Force, where she was commissioned in 1960 via Officers Training School, and went on to prove that women could



work competently in the intelligence field. She had several intelligence-related assignments overseas in Europe and Vietnam. Carol was one of the first female officers in the Air Force who served in a "line" Air Force officer position in the intelligence career field.

Later, Carol became an analyst at the Defense Intelligence Agency. In 1978, she became a dean in the expanded Defense Intelligence College and later assumed a prestigious position on the Intelligence Community Staff. She retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel in 1985.

Retirement was not for her, so Carol became a docent at the Hillwood Museum in Washington, DC, and then a tour guide and member of the Washington Tour Guide Association in the DC area, teaching classes and leading tour groups throughout the region. Elderhostel approached her to set up and instruct a four-day course on "Spies, Lies, and Intelligence," one of their most popular Washington-based courses.

As a member, Carol presented a number of LLI courses with a particular focus on spies. She also conducted several very popular day trips on spies in the DC area.

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Help Wanted Column

1. TRIP COMMITTEE

Flexible hours, friendly people, and the opportunity to get to know a few more of your fellow LLI members just by spending a little time working with the Trip Committee. The Committee is looking for members who would be willing to work on planning day trips, no experience necessary. The current committee is made up of five volunteers who work closely identifying, researching, and planning day trips. If you have an interest or would like more information, you may contact **Pat Harrison**, the committee chair, or talk with any of the other committee members: **Debi Hunsburger**, **Martie McDowell**, **Patti McKnight**, or **Sara Shoob**. Contact information for the committee members is in the current LLI Directory.

2. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The Curriculum Committee is looking for someone that can lead classes on Android phones. If interested or would like more information, please contact **Doug Johnson**, llinovadoug@gmail.com or (703) 628-3115.

3. JOIN THE HOLIDAY PARTY PLANNING TEAM

You are invited to help plan this year's fun and festive Holiday Party, to be held on December 5, 2018 at the Country Club of Fairfax. Contact **Bonnie Hopler** at bdhopler@gmail.com or (703) 978-9381 to join the team. The first meeting will be on Monday, September 24, at 2:30 p.m.

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.

Where Do You Live?

Betcha didn't know that a recent survey found that 74% of seniors drive solo to continuing education classes!

Ever wonder where the person who sits next to you in class resides, or if there are LLI/NOVA members in your neighborhood...or in the one next to you? Well, if you live in Springfield, there is a 25% probability that someone in class lives near you. On the other hand, if you live in Arlington, there is only a one percent chance. About half of our members live in the North County and the others are mostly South County. Keeping the NVCC Annandale area as the central core for our offerings works well, plus it has great connections to major highways.

We are considering whether to have a coordinator for each neighborhood/zip code who could:

- determine if anyone nearby is going to a course/SIG/outing, etc., for carpooling purposes.
- or, each event coordinator could make the list of participants available to the other attendees.
- or, perhaps the prior neighborhood meet-and-greets hosts could provide this information to attendees.

Share your views/suggestions on these ideas with your course coordinator or SIG Leader.

Here is where our current LLI members live:

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| Springfield..... | 87 |
| Annandale..... | 69 |
| Alexandria..... | 52 |
| Fairfax..... | 43 |
| Falls Church..... | 33 |
| Burke..... | 23 |
| Lorton..... | 23 |
| Vienna..... | 13 |
| Arlington..... | 12 |
| Misc. (Reston, Lake Ridge; WDC; Clifton; Centreville, Sterling)..... | 11 |
| Fairfax Station..... | 10 |
| McLean..... | 4 |
| Oakton..... | 4 |
| Total..... | 384 |



LLI Poetry Corner

Roots

by Helen Harvey

These are my mother's lilies,
burst into glorious bloom,
golden wings in motion with the wind.
Carried carefully from the place I first took root.
Planted here with hopeful hands.
"I brought you a start of lemon lilies."
"Yes," I said.

Confident, creating my own life,
believing, balancing, bearing
children,
I was the originator and executor
of new dreams.
I craved no continuity,
no rooted things,
no fingers reaching from the past.

Parent-gardener, unaware,
I sowed strong seeds,
transplanted roots that run through generations.
Now, like these lilies bursting forth,
my children stand in strong, triumphant bloom.

Through the years a plentitude of newer plants
have proved ephemeral.
Parents gone, children scattered,
I am the carrier of continuity.
Alone and wiser now,
cast up upon a quieter time,
I dig and carry lemon lilies.

"These are your grandmother's lilies."
"Yes," they say.





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September 22