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November LLI Forum

Ernst Cultural Center (CE), NOVA Annandale Campus Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at 10 a.m. (Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

A Legal Scholar Will Inform You About Your Rights in Areas of Interest to Seniors



Dr. Sean Arthurs

Dr. Sean Arthurs, a teacher, lawyer, and researcher, will offer an informative and engaging discussion on several legal topics most relevant to seniors today. Significantly, Dr. Arthurs will present issues and review legal options and remedies while also offering the audience a chance to share their expertise and concerns in small group discussions

and activities. Some of the topics likely to be covered include: Age Discrimination, Senior Housing and Assisted Living Contracts and Arrangements, Protection Against Consumer Fraud, and Obtaining Transparent Estimates about Upcoming Medical Procedures.

Sean Arthurs has a widespread eclectic background including a Doctorate in Education Leadership from Harvard, A Master of Laws from Georgetown University Law Center, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. He has provided extensive services to the Georgetown Street Law Clinic and to many other community-based non-profit organizations.

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.

Holiday Harty
Wednesday, December 5
Country Club
of Fairfax
11:00 a.m.

The registration form for the annual Holiday Party is on page 11 with a deadline of November 14. Please note any special food requests, such as vegetarian, on the form. If you have any questions, contact Bonnie Hopler at bdhopler@gmail.com.

We will be collecting new toys for the children and teens at Bethany House of Northern Virginia. Bring a new, non-gift wrapped toy for children, ages 2 – 16 years.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at this fun and festive holiday luncheon.

IMPORTANT — PARKING INFORMATION

For the November Forum, there is FREE parking in the designated B lots — 14 and 15.

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

November 2018

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

December 2018

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

January 2019

- **9** Forum
- 9 Deadline for February newsletter
- 11 Board meeting





Our new co-chairs, Betsy Pugin and Joyce Pomeroy, take a minute from collecting food donations at the Forum.

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Member Update

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

New Members

Ms. Mary Fox, 507 North Owen Street, Alexandria, VA 22304-2249, phone: (703) 823-4654, mary.l.fox@comcast.net

Changes

Ms. Joyce Taormina, augietaormina@gmail.com Mrs. Betsy Pugin, 7406 Spring Village Drive, Apt 517, Springfield, VA 22150, phone: (571) 635-4824



Community Outreach

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

ur November donations of non-perishable food items will be delivered to St. Mary of Sorrows Church. They receive and distribute about 2000 pounds of food each month of the year, except in November and December, when their distributions exceed 4000 pounds. The food they collect is distributed to charitable organizations such as Christ Church, United Christian Ministries, Fairfax FISH, and to needy families in our area and beyond. They wish to thank LLI for helping with their food ministry during this time of the year when needs are especially great. Please consider donating from the following list: canned meats and tuna, canned fruits and juices, canned stews, soups and chili, peanut butter and jelly, cereals, crackers, and **granola bars.** Mary Lu Bednarsky will deliver our donations.

We continue to receive praise and thanks for your generosity in our community outreach endeavors. Dr. Jayatilake, on behalf of the Rotary Club of NOVA-Annandale, thanks all at LLI who donated in September to the NOVA student pantry. Keep up the good work — you are making a difference in the lives of others.

Thank you for caring and sharing with others!

President's Message

eptember was a busy month for LLI/NOVA. The first Forum of our program year was held in the Ernst Theater where, after a few short lessons, several members joined the fun with Elegant Dancing dance instructors on the stage. Also, in September we launched and exceeded several projects within the 30-day goal period. It was immensely thrilling to report to the donor of a recent \$5,000 gift that we exceeded his \$2,500 Match Challenge by 27% (\$3,182). As a result, this translates into a \$10,682 donation to defray increased costs associated with our new partnership agreement with the college, which teeters on five annual renewals over a five-year period.

Also in September, we completed our first online member survey with a 50% participation rate. I was surprised to note the extent to which survey respondents consider education and intellectual enrichment as the most valuable membership aspect of our three-pronged mission (social, education, and travel). There is an 80% approval rating on the number, caliber, and location of our classes. Kudos to Doug Johnson and the Curriculum Committee. This is a bittersweet kudo because Doug is resigning this leadership position in December after completing a five-and-a-half-year stint. The Curriculum Committee manages many moving parts. These range from identifying instructors,

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.

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*.

nailing down a broad cross section of classes that are relevant and intellectually stimulating, to staying attuned to emerging issues and trends—under a tight production schedule. The Curriculum Committee invites you to join them and bring your fresh ideas and perspectives. Contact any Curriculum Committee member listed in the rear cover of our class catalog.

In sum, the survey responses include a plethora of ideas and suggestions. Mary Jablonski is spearheading a small focus group that will develop actionable projects/spinoffs from the survey responses. She and her team will share the action plan and milestones early in 2019.



Our new president Anna Dixon with October Forum speaker Rear Admiral Philip Sobeck

Our newsletter gets replies from readers who have questions, enjoy the newsletter, or want to contribute to the discussion because it adds value outside of announcements. I particularly enjoy the monthly humor column. It is sad to report that, after completing a four-year term, Peg McCall and Linda **LeDuc** are stepping down from their stellar roles as newsletter editors in December. Peg says being editor is the best armchair job one can have as a volunteer and she and Linda are both committed to mentoring their replacements. A team of editor and co-editor make the perfect combination to work together on the newsletter and fill in when one or the other has a conflict. Please send Peg an e-mail (pegmcnews@juno.com) saying "job well done" and/or to chat about volunteering for these positions. Replies are a good thing. We encourage them. A good newsletter adds value outside of announcements.

With gratitude for the many ways you demonstrate the value and possibility of LLI/NOVA.

Anna Dixon, LLI President

Special Interest Groups



Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) SIG

Anna Dixon — njoi2day@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**, njoi2day@aol.com or **Jeri Mullarkey**, jerimullarkey@yahoo.com.

DETAILS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER'S NEWSLETTER.

GEORGE MASON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Baroque Dances as Applied to Musical Performance Masterclass I

October 19, 2018 - 12:30 p.m. *Free for LLI/NOVA*

Location: George Mason University Fairfax Campus at the de Laski Performing Arts Building 3001 — de Laski Rehearsal Room.

All tickets add a \$4 service charge — see below to avoid the \$4 service charge.

Center for the Arts at George Mason University — \$15 Student Group Tickets for all of LLI/NOVA!

Call Liam Dillon, Group Sales Coordinator, Center for the Arts at George Mason University at (703) 993-8882 and give him the LLINVA code and you can avoid the \$4.00 per ticket service charge! Other purchase options for our deeply discounted price is to purchase online and/or at the box office.

Virginia Opera: Don Giovanni — \$54 - \$110 tickets for \$15

Saturday, November 10, 2018 — 8:00 p.m. Sunday, November 11, 2018 — 2:00 p.m. (no longer available)

- Soweto Gospel Choir \$30 \$50 tickets for \$15
 Sunday, December 2, 2018 2:00 p.m.
- Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra/Benny and Beyond — \$28 - \$46 tickets for \$15

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

Czech National Symphony Orchestra — \$36 - \$60 tickets for \$15

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

KENNEDY CENTER (Purchase tickets at November Forum)

November 16, 2018 — 11:30 a.m.

Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3

Coffee Concert \$39 orchestra tickets for \$31 plus \$2 service charge \$33 total

November 23, 2018 — 1:30 p.m.

Anastasia \$79 orchestra tickets for \$63 plus \$4 service charge — \$67 total

March 15, 2019 — 11:30 a.m.

Baroque & Beyond

Coffee Concert \$39 orchestra tickets for \$31 plus \$2 service charge — \$33 total

Glenstone Museum

Thursday, November 29, 2018 — carpool to Potomac, Maryland's Glenstone Museum for a 10:30 a.m. entrance (15 free tickets)

The Glenstone Museum unveils an expanded campus and a world-class collection numbering some 1,300 works of postwar art, which is considered to be one of the most important modern art groupings in this country in the last two decades.



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: Thursday, November 8, and

Wednesday, November 14

December: Thursday, December 6, and

Wednesday, December 19

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 or email him if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables. Bring a bag lunch.

Results —

In the September 12 game, the top four players were: Merry Huley, Martin Stutsman, Arline Sachs, and Joyce Moncrieff. The top four at our September 26 game were: Arline Sachs,

Maureen Cocozza, Martin Stutsman, and Nancy O'Day. Congratulations to all.



LLI Favorite Books Club

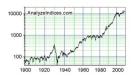
Lynne Smaldone, (703) 525-9623 — smaldonega@hotmail.com

Date/Time: Thursday, November 15 - 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 "brown girl dreaming" by Jacqueline Woodson. A memoir, beautifully written in free verse, tells the story of her childhood. Raised in South Carolina and New York, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African-American in the 1960s and 1970s with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.

Come join us!



Financial Discussion Group

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

Date/Time: Friday: November 9, 2018

No December Meeting
Friday: January 11, 2019
Friday: February 8, 2019

1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

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

Come join your fellow LLIers as we try to figure out the market's financial matters and discuss our options. Hope to see you there.



LLI French Conversation Group

Patty & Richard Steelman — (703) 504-6866 richardsteelman@hotmail.com

Date/Time: Tuesdays, October 30 and November 20 10:00 a.m. — noon

NOTE: Change from November 6 (Election Day) to October 30

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

SOUTH OF THE BORDER: On Tuesday, November 13, join the Gourmands as we go south of the border at high noon at *Tequila Grande Mexican* Cafe at 444 Maple Avenue West, Vienna, Virginia. Our host, Edie Berman, thinks it would be fun if people came dressed for the occasion in some sort of Mexican attire (optional, of course), i.e., sombreros, peasant blouses, flowers in the hair, etc. The distinctive 'hacienda' style building at the corner of Maple Avenue and Nutley Street in Vienna, is commonly called the 'Flagship of Mexican Restaurants.' In addition to traditional favorites. adventurous diners can feast on house specialties like chicken poblano, margarita chicken, salmon en cilantro, tequila shrimp, carne asada and freshly steamed pork tamales! There is plenty of free parking and it is handicap accessible. Separate checks will be provided. If it is a nice day, we may even be able to sit on the patio. The website is Teguilagrande.com. Please respond to Edie **Berman** at (703) 534-5565 or *ediebe@aol.com* by 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 11.



LLI Photography Group

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

Date/Time: Friday, November 16 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.

Deadline for the December update is November 7.



LLI Walkabouts

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

Date/Time: Wednesdays — 9:00 a.m. — Walks are about 1 to 1½ hours round-trip.

Starting in October, note change of time!

Thanks to comments from the survey, and discussion with President, Anna Dixon, we will try some new ideas to attract more people to take advantage of the Walkabouts. Due to new schedule changes for LLI, the Walkabouts are changed to Wednesdays, usually the second and fourth of the month, that will begin at 9 a.m. and last from 1 to 1½ hours (depending on the participants' request). Upcoming walks will be:

November 14: Americana Park. Located just west of the Beltway, I-495, on the south side of Rte. 236 (Little River Turnpike). If you are driving east toward Annandale on Rte. 236, on top of the hill just before I-495, turn right onto Pineridge, then take an immediate left onto the road that parallels Rte. 236, — Accotink Parkway (there may not be a street sign at the corner). Park by the baseball field/kiosk. If you are driving west toward Fairfax, make a U-turn at Lake Blvd., then turn right onto Pineridge and follow the same directions as above.

November 28: Burke Lake. 7315 Ox Road. From Braddock Road, take Burke Lake Road south until Rte. 123 (Ox Road). Turn left and the second left is the park entrance. As you enter the park, go left and park in the large parking lot close to Ox Road. We will meet by the restrooms close to the road.

December 12: Mercer Lake. Fairfax County Parkway going west. Take Pohick exit but proceed to Hooes Road going south, which is the second left. Pass 1st light (Newington/Valleyfield Drive) and then look to the right for a small parking area in the woods. Park and path begins there. Meet there.

December 26: Mason District Park. 6621 Columbia Pike. Take Columbia Pike going east from Little River Turnpike (inside Beltway). Park is on the right before Sleepy Hollow Road. Take a right and then right again up the hill to parking lot by tennis courts. We will meet there.

Any questions or suggestions, call **Merry** at (703) 852-5133 or cell, (703) 987-7751

Happy Hiking!



Wondering What a 'SIG' Is or Where to Volunteer?

In the past, LLI has held an *INFORMATION FAIR* before and after one of the Forums. Members of the various Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and committees provide information in hopes of attracting new members. However, there will not be an information fair this year due to the restrictions on using the seminar rooms even during the forums. The Board is working on a remedy, but, if you are interested in joining or have questions, contact a chairperson for that activity. Actually, any LLI member could probably direct you in the right direction.

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.

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 class 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 at the leaders' directions.









Study Travel

ur Study Travel trip for 2019, which will be in June, is Grand Circle Travel's "The Great National Parks: Yellowstone, Grand Teton & Mount Rushmore." We

have 23 signed up and currently have only one member looking for a roommate. If you are interested, you need to contact Grand Circle soon, or you can contact Bob Huley for more information. Remember, this trip is open to "friends and family." Detailed trip registration information is posted on the LLI website.

We have begun the process of determining where LLI will go in 2020! The Study Travel Committee started with a smaller group of destinations this year to make the selection process quicker and easier. Members on our Study Travel email list will be receiving summary information soon, so they can vote on their preferences. The choices for 2020 will be:

- > France Bordeaux/Loire area cruise
- > Northern Italy bus tour
- > Rhine River Amsterdam to Basel cruise including the Mosel
- Scandinavia bus and/or cruise, e.g., Norway
- > France Seine River/Normandy cruise

To get the most current information on our trips, join the Study Travel email list by contacting **Bob Huley** at (703) 534-4819 or *roberthuley@cox.net*. We welcome new members to help on the Study Travel Committee to help 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 members' information that is provided each month on Page 2 of the newsletter. This will help keep your directory up to date with changes that occur between the annual directory issuance dates.

Meetup to Learn More About George Mason

December 10, 2018

This past August, LLI had a class session on George Mason and his contributions to our Bill of Rights, among many other highlights of his life. As a follow up to that session, and to learn a bit more about Mason and how he lived, a meetup is planned that will take us on a docent-led tour of Pohick Church, known as the "Mother Church of Northern Virginia," associated with both George Washington and George Mason. We then move on to Gunston Hall, the home of George Mason.

Gunston Hall, located just a few miles from Mount Vernon, is an 18th century stately Georgian mansion in Mason Neck, Virginia, offering a feel of Colonial life. The house is very well attended and elegant with interiors exhibiting French neoclassical influences and intricate woodwork.

Cost: Because there is construction currently at Gunston, the entrance fee has been reduced to \$7.00, a 30% discount for our group. The construction has no impact on touring this beautiful house. The tour fee is payable at Gunston. Bring your own lunch, which we will have after the Pohick tour, and before continuing onto Gunston.

Meet at: Pohick Episcopal Church, located at 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton, Virginia, at 11:00 a.m. for a 45-minute docent-led tour. After our tour, we will eat lunch there and then carpool the 5+ miles (about 15 minutes) to Gunston Hall.

Sign Up and Questions: Contact **Pat Harrison** by November 29 at (703) 550-7530.

Scholarship Fund



By now you should have received a letter asking for a donation to the Scholarship Fund. The students who receive this money are in great need, so please donate generously. Last

year we were able to award \$21,000. Please help us reach that goal.

We can also use some more members on the Scholarship Committee. If you would like to be on the committee, call (703) 971-2092 or e-mail me at sachs@nova.org.

Arline Sachs

AHC Thanks LLI Members for Their Book Donations

Last month LLI members donated 175 books to AHC, Inc., an organization that serves 160 children from ages 5-18 in their after-school and summer programs.

We have received some lovely thank-you notes from the staff and children and I would like to share one of those with you.

Dear Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia,

The children wanted to express their gratitude for your generous donation. They especially liked the diversity of the main characters, which is so often missing in print.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

That says it all!

Lynne Smaldone



Lynne Smaldone sharing "Thank You" cards from the staff and children at AHC, Inc.

Class Directions

The best way to find directions to any LLI class is to go to the LLI website at http://lli.nova.org/. Under "The Next 8 Days at LLI" on top of the right column, find the class and click on it. This will take you to the class information. On the line with PLACE, click on the name. It will open a new window with the directions on getting there. Near the top on some, there may be "Google Map". If you click on it, a new page will open and Google Map will give you directions to that location from where you are starting, along with a time estimate.

Membership Survey 2018

The survey was open for the month of September and we experienced a phenomenal 50% membership response rate. One-third stated they were members less than 3 years, but those beyond 5 years comprised 44%, which indicates both new interest and a stable base. Three-fourths were women (I bet we could have guessed that). About half are in the recently retired group (ages 65 to 74). Regarding highest level of education, 39% have a Bachelor's degree. An additional 41% stated they possessed a Master's Degree and 12% a professional degree. No wonder the respondents are attracted to our class offerings and consider them the gem of LLI's mission (social, education, and travel). Eighty-eight percent are satisfied or very satisfied with class topics, and additional interests were suggested.

Most members are comfortable with technology and computer use; however, there is continued interest in these class offerings. In deciding to attend monthly Forums, the Presenter or Topic was considered most important. Three-fourths drive to activities alone. There was a good amount of interest in most of the trips proposed.

The idea of permitting a small number of NOVA students to attend some lectures was acceptable to 87% of the respondents. A total of 43 members expressed interest in serving as a mentor for NOVA students which is an excellent base of support.

Regarding Special Interest Groups (SIGs), 73 members indicated they attend one or more frequently and 47 comments regarding possible new SIGs were provided.

Several questions captured members' recommendations, suggestions, and interest in volunteering. Mary Jablonski is leading a small focus group to develop an action plan. Email her at *mjablonski1@verizon.net* to comment or volunteer participation.



Humor Corner

- 1. My goal for 2018 was to lose 10 pounds. Only 15 to go.
- Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons & tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce. And cheese. FINE, it was a pizza. I ate a pizza.
- 3. How to prepare Tofu:
 - a. Throw it in the trash
 - b. Grill some meat
- 4. I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.
- I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes.
- A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.
- 7. I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented. I forgot where I was going with this.
- 8. I love being over 65. I learn something new every day and forget 5 others.
- I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day.
- 10. Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.

LLI Poetry Corner

I Know Nothing About Architecture

by Poetry and You Class Participant Kathleen Powers



I know nothing about architecture.

How homes and shops and schools and skyrise buildings suddenly emerge from the ground and surprisingly

as new green shoots appear in my spring garden.

I'm sure there must be people peering over miles of spidery blue lines on reams of curled white paper — modern papyrus scrolls of hieroglyphics to me.

And others in hard hats putting panes and pipes in their places.

And inspectors roaring up in their official cars Scowling at clipboards and checking off their lists.

As the walls go up, do they know what they create?

Do they realize that those steel girders will form the foundation of a home?

Those concrete slabs will support commerce and the wooden walls frame healing medicine?

School children will race over pipelines and under electrical wires.

And in rooms people will learn and buy and earn and grow well and form families and do it all over again.

I know nothing about architecture yet this I do know for sure.

Architects design the future —

Plans and pieces and parts of lives yet to come.



More Information from Our Webmaster

idney Sachs has been doing the LLI.NOVA.ORG website for over ten years. When he updates the information on the LLI website, he does not remove the old files from the server. There are now over 1150 files and if you know the name of any one of them, you may still view them. Along with 675 pictures (JPG), there are 227 Portable Document Format (PDF) files. The latter includes all the newsletters since 2010, the class catalogs and LLI minutes since 2012. Since he usually names them the same except for the date, go to the above website and look for the current version of what you are looking for and then change the date in the URL, which you should find at the top of your browser. By changing the date, if the old information is still available, it will come up.

Do not worry when LLI switches to their new website — the information will still be available since Sid is not planning to remove any of the files, even when he is no longer maintaining the website.

"Instruction ends in the school room, but education ends only with life."

— Drederick W. Robertson



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.



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.



Holiday Luncheon

The Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia

Cordially Invites You to Our

Annual Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, December 5, 2018



Time

Cash Bar Opens at 11 a.m. Luncheon at Noon

Location

The Country Club of Fairfax 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, Virginia

Cost

Members: \$40 Non-Members: \$45

RESERVATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 14TH

Directions: From the Beltway, take the Braddock Road West exit. Go approximately $5 \cdot \frac{1}{2}$ 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, nongift 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.

Name:	Name:
My Choice: o Chicken Piccata	My Choice: o Chicken Piccata
o Grilled Salmon	o Grilled Salmon
Total No. of Reservations:	
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: November 14th	Annandale, VA 22003-3743
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Date: Check #	Cost: Initials:
December 5, 2018 Holiday Luncheon	Members: \$40 Country Club of Fairfax Non-Members: \$45



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Election Day Rovember 6



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Thanksgiving Rovember 22