

January LLI Forum

**Ernst Cultural Center (CE),
NOVA Annandale Campus
Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)**

Remembering the Cold War: Gary Powers, the American U-2 Pilot Shot Down During a High-Altitude Spy Mission over Russia, the Soviet Trial, and His Return Home.



Gary Powers, Jr.

After World War II came the Cold War. These were the turbulent years of political and military tension between the East and the West with the new threat of nuclear destruction looming over the world. We lived through the bomb shelter drills, the Cuban Missile crisis, the Berlin blockade, McCarthyism, crushing of the

Hungarian Revolution and the Korean War. An unforgettable crisis occurred in 1960 when the Soviets shot down a CIA technologically advanced U-2 spy plane piloted by Francis Gary Powers. Americans were riveted by Powers' tribulations, his return in a prisoner swap (featured in Steven Spielberg's movie *Bridge of Spies*) and Powers' harsh treatment by critics in Congress. Powers died in 1977 in a helicopter accident. However, his son **Gary Powers, Jr.**, has researched his father's life and times and has some powerful information to share as our Forum speaker.

Gary Powers, Jr., is the Founder and Chairman Emeritus of The Cold War Museum, a 501(c) (3) charity located at Vint Hill, Virginia, 45 minutes west of Washington, DC. He founded the museum in 1996 to honor Cold War veterans, preserve Cold War history, and educate future generations about this time period. As Chairman of the Presidential Advisory Committee for the Cold War Theme Study he works with the National Park Service and leading Cold War experts to identify historic Cold War sites for commemorating, interpreting, and preservation.

Calling All Interested Candidates!

LLI's Nominating Committee is in the process of creating a slate of candidates to be elected to the Board of Directors in June 2019. These candidates will replace those Board members whose current terms are expiring. The elections are held every June in accordance with our by-laws.

Serving on the Board is a great experience. Not only will you perform a vital service for our organization, but you will learn all about the details of how LLI operates. For those of you who are interested, please let our Nominating Committee know.

You may contact any one of the following committee members to express your interest or ask any questions you may have: Jona Wheeler (Chairperson), Scott Pinckney, Marianne Moerman, Richard Steelman, and Gina Trapp. Their phone numbers and email addresses can be found in the LLI Directory. We appreciate your interest!

IMPORTANT — PARKING INFORMATION

For the January Forum ONLY there is free parking in the garage and B lots. After January 13, there are 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.

Because of his efforts to establish The Cold War Museum, the Junior Chamber of Commerce selected him as one of the "Ten Outstanding Young Americans" for 2002. He lectures internationally and appears regularly on the History, Discovery, and A&E Channels. He is married and has one son.

Calendar of Events

January 2019

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

March 2019

- 6 Forum
- 6 Deadline for April newsletter
- 8 Board meeting

February 2019

- 6 Forum
- 6 Deadline for March newsletter
- 8 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.

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.

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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

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Ms. Jeri Mullarkey, 7412 Spring Village Drive, #211, Springfield, VA 22150, phone: (703) 270-5942

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

It's thrilling that we are entering another 365-day life journey in 2019. As we make this transition, there are a few items that are bittersweet for LLI. Several of our long-term leaders are vacating their positions.

After 10 years serving as our webmaster, on December 31 Sid Sachs is shuttering the website he built and operated non-stop for LLI. Also, after roughly four and a half years, Doug Johnson is vacating his Curriculum Committee leadership and Peg McCall and Linda LeDuc, our newsletter editors for the past four years, also are departing. These individuals' leadership and stellar performance are recognized and appreciated by all of us. Gibran says, "When we are sorrowful, to look again in our hearts, and we will see that in truth we are weeping for that which has been our delight." This certainly is true for these LLI volunteers.

The "sweetness" is that other well qualified members have come forth to fulfill these vacancies/roles. Dick Robison, a long-term Curriculum Committee member, is assuming that Committee's leadership and Mary Jablonski is assuming the newsletter's leadership. Lastly, our Automation Committee (Buck Myers, Kathryn O'Toole, and Bob Huley) will be going live with our new website on or before January 1.

Whether outgoing or incoming, we are recognizing these individuals to let them know how much LLI appreciates all that they do and have done. Such efforts enable our organization to operate smoothly and efficiently — an extraordinary accomplishment for volunteers working collaboratively!

A few other early 2019 changes are being planned, largely as a follow up to our fall survey. Patty Steelman, Nan Peck, and Phil Centini engaged NOVA executives in a series of meetings to develop mutually beneficial partnership options that will improve relations between LLI and the NOVA student body. These options will be presented in the February or March newsletter for your review and comment. Mary Jablonski and Patti Volz are leading a focus group to identify interest in establishing a table game SIG and/or a mystery book club.

Anna Dixon, LLI President

Community Outreach

Joyce Pomeroy, lj.pomeroy@gmail.com
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The Providence Presbyterian Church food pantry provides supplemental groceries free of charge to families in need, particularly those in the Annandale and Fairfax vicinities served by the Annandale Christian Community for Action and Fairfax Immediate Sympathetic Help organizations. The Providence pantry accepts most unopened, unexpired non-perishable items, including **canned meats and dinners such as Spam, canned chicken, hash and beef stew; canned fruits and vegetables; soups, cereal, rice and pasta.**



Your donations this month will be delivered by Martie McDowall.

Thank you for caring and sharing with others!

New LLI Website Coming Soon

We expect to rollout LLI's new website on January 1, 2019. This project has been a long time in the making, but will soon be a reality. All LLI members will receive an email announcement explaining how to access the new site. The new website will initially provide you with all the information available on our current website, including upcoming events. Later in 2019, we will add membership information, which will allow for features like online membership renewal, online membership directory, and beginning with the Summer 2019 session, online class registration.

Stay tuned for implementation announcements and instructions. In the meantime, our existing LLI website will continue to be your go to source for LLI information. If you have questions, contact us at our LLI administrative email address, llinova.admn@gmail.com.



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**, njo12day@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

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.

— Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra/ Benny and Beyond — \$28-\$46 tickets for \$15

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

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.

KENNEDY CENTER (Purchase tickets at the January or February Forum)

March 15, 2019 — 11:30 a.m.

Baroque & Beyond

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



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.

January: Thursday, January 10 and Thursday, January 24

February: Wednesday, February 13 and Thursday, February 28.

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 —

Playing catch up on our results, in the October 4 game, the top four players were: **Martin Stutsman, Bob Huley, Merry Huley, and Arline Sachs**. The top four at our November 8 game were: **Janet Goodrich, Nate Rosenbaum, Joyce Moncrieff, and Connie Fullerton**. Finally, the top four at our November 14 game were: **Nate Rosenbaum, Bob Huley, Connie Fullerton, and Martin Stutsman**. Happy Holidays and congratulations to all. Let's play more bridge in the New Year!



LLI Favorite Books Club

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

Date/Time: Thursday, January 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 Gentleman in Moscow***, a novel by Amor Towles. In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal and is sentenced to house arrest at the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. He must now live within its walls while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

Come join us!



Financial Discussion Group

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

Date/Time: 1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Friday: January 11, 2019
Friday: February 8, 2019
Friday: March 8
Friday: April 12

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: Tuesday, January 15
10:00 a.m. — noon

NOTE: No meeting on January 1.

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

Bil-haná' wa ash-shifá': On Thursday, January 24, at 11:45 a.m., please join the Gourmands as we go to the cozy **Saba Restaurant at 3900 Pickett Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22031**. Saba serves Yemeni food, a cuisine that is seldom found outside of Yemen. In addition to bread as a staple food, chicken, lamb, and fish are the common viands. The most widely used condiment is the hawayij, a ground spice mixture made up of aniseed, fennel seed, ginger and cardamom. Featured by Washingtonian Magazine as an Eat Great Cheap restaurant, Saba has plenty of free parking and it is handicap accessible. Separate checks will be provided.

Please respond to our host, Carolyn Fowler at (703) 502-0285 or carolynfowler1@verizon.net by Monday, January 21.



LLI Photography Group

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

Date/Time: Friday, January 18
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: Wednesdays — 9 a.m.
— Walks are about 1 to 1 ½ hours round-trip.

After the completion of the December schedule, *Walkabouts* will go on a hiatus. People who would like a LLI walking group should call Merry Macke and let her know that you are interested and your suggestions as to what you want from participating in the group. There will be a notice in the future as to whether *Walkabouts* will return as a SIG. Looking forward to hearing from you. Merry at (703) 852-5133 or cell, (703) 987-7751.



**Deadline for the
February Newsletter
is January 9.**

Richard Risk's *Poetry and You* Class Finale!

LLI's poetry class ended the fall semester reading Halloween-oriented poems. Georgie, the gold-plated skeleton, adorned with feather boa and chapeau, is a big fan of Billy Collins' poems and read several. Some members were inspired to dress for the occasion!

And as a special treat, Gina Trapp provided delicious Halloween cookies.



L to r: Martie Klee, Georgie, Kathryn O'Toole and Kathleen Powers

Class Correction

Class 19SP12P — "Creation of Human Beings and The Purpose of Life" has a new Date, Time, and Location.

This class will now meet:

Date: Wednesdays, January 23, 30;
February 13 and 20

Time: 10:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

Location: NOVA Annandale Campus, CN
(Nursing) Building, Room 219.

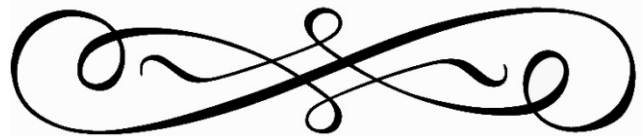


What Are the LLI Cancellation Policies?

The effect of inclement weather on events of the Lifetime Learning Institute is based on the location of the event — either **OFF** the NOVA-Annandale campus or **ON** the NOVA-Annandale campus.

OFF the NOVA-Annandale campus: If the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) cancel school for the day due to inclement weather, all off-campus LLI classes and Special Interest Groups (SIGS) are cancelled. 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' discretion. When in doubt, check the LLI website at <http://lli.nova.org>.

ON the NOVA-Annandale campus: If NOVA decides to cancel or delay operations due to inclement weather, all LLI classes and Forums are cancelled. The decision will be announced on the home page of NOVA's website (www.nvcc.edu) and on local TV and radio stations. A text alert will be sent to cell phones registered with NOVA Alert. Individuals may also call the College Call Center at (703) 323-3000. When in doubt, check the LLI website at <http://lli.nova.org>.



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.

ROAD SCHOLAR

SAVE-THE-DATE!

**An Exclusive Learning Adventure for LLI/NOVA Members
Program # 9068 – Philadelphia for the Weekend: Cultural Highlights
Friday, September 6 to Monday, September 9, 2019**



Program Summary:

Spend a jam-packed long weekend discovering the renowned cultural treasures of Philadelphia, one of America's top cities for the arts. Dive into fascinating expert-led and self-directed field trips to important historic locales like the National Constitution Center, Independence Hall and Liberty Bell and iconic arts institutions like the Rodin Museum, Philadelphia Museum of Art and Barnes Foundation. Deepen your understanding of the city and its institutions through scholarly lectures, and round out your cultural immersion with a ticketed performance one evening and seasonal narrated excursions of local interest.

Program Highlights:

- Experience the extraordinary Barnes Foundation at its new Philadelphia campus, explore the galleries of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and see bronze casts of Rodin's greatest works at the Rodin Museum.
- Examine architecture from three centuries and visit acclaimed landmarks of American history at Independence National Historical Park.
- Enjoy a performance of opera, theater, ballet or another cultural event from current offerings.

Program Prices:

- Double Occupancy: \$949
- Single Occupancy: \$1,249

Activity Level: On Your Feet – Walking up to a few blocks; some uneven brick sidewalks. Walking and standing in museums. Some use of public transportation, including getting on and off city buses.

Program Price Includes:

- 3 nights of accommodations
- 8 meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- 1 Expert-led lecture
- 7 Expert-led field trips
- 1 Performance
- Group travel and transfers throughout the program
- A Group Leader to accompany you through the program to handle all logistics
- Customary gratuities, taxes and destination fees
- The Road Scholar Assurance Plan, including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies

Accommodations:

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Philadelphia Center City, 3 nights

- Located in the heart of Philadelphia's arts district along the Avenue of the Arts, the Doubletree Hotel Philadelphia sits just across from the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, the Academy of Music, and Merriam and Wilma Theaters.



To learn more or to reserve your spot, please contact Anna Dixon at 703.517.3556 or njoi2day@aol.com.

*Join the LLI/NOVA Arts SIG for a Spring Artful Outing in Richmond
April 12-14, 2019*

Day 1: Friday, April 12th

- Arrive Richmond 11:45 AM [carpool or Amtrak]
- 11:45 AM – Lunch on own at Libby and Grove Center
- 12:45 PM – Shuttle/taxi to Edgar Allan Poe Museum
- 1:00 PM – **Guided Tour Edgar Allen Poe Museum**
Poe is one of the most celebrated writers in the English language and he spent significant portions of his childhood, adolescence and adult life here in Richmond. The Poe Museum is housed in the oldest surviving structure in Richmond with an Enchanted Garden, designed directly from Poe's poem "*To One in Paradise.*" Look for plants mentioned in his literary works along garden walls, paths, pergolas and benches made of salvaged materials from buildings where Poe lived or worked.
- 2:30 PM Shuttle/taxi - University of Richmond Museums (**new Institute of Contemporary Art**) – **Modlin Center**
- 3:00 PM ICMA guided tour
- 4-5:00 PM **Music concert at the ICMA**
- 5:30 PM – Depart for **The Graduate hotel** [use *LLINVA* code to secure the \$119@ nightly rate at this new hotel in downtown Richmond not later than March 1, 2019. This rate is a 40% discount!]
- 6:00 PM. – Check into hotel
- 6:30 PM. – Shuttle/taxi for Dinner
- 7:00 PM – Dinner in Richmond's Art District at *Bistro 27*
(featuring recipes with a southern European focus using locally sourced ingredients)

Day 2: Saturday, April 13th

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM – Breakfast in the hotel
- 9:45 AM – Shuttle/taxi to the **Valentine Museum**
- 10:00 AM – Valentine Museum highlights 400 years of history, and is an excellent introduction to Richmond. The story of this historic city is told through an incredible artifact collection, films and photos. The working studio of 19th century sculptor Edward Valentine is a treat.
- 11:30 AM – Shuttle/taxi to Carytown Shopping and Dining District
- 12:00 AM – Lunch and Shopping on own Carytown District
- 1:45 PM – Shuttle/taxi for Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
- 2:00 – 5:00 PM –> **Virginia Museum of Fine Arts**
VMFA ranks as one of the top ten comprehensive art museums in the United States with a global collection of art that spans more than 6,000 years. It has the largest public collection of Fabergé outside of Russia, the finest collection of Art Nouveau outside of Paris, and one of the nation's finest collections of American art. VMFA is also home to important collections of Chinese art, English silver, and French Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, British sporting, and modern and contemporary art, as well as renowned South Asian, Himalayan, and African art.
- 5:00 PM –5:30 Depart for The Graduate Hotel
- 7:15 PM – Walk or taxi to the November Theater for the *Broadway Bound* Performance

<https://tickets.va-rep.org/6281/6311>; Virginia Repertory Theater is one of Richmond's most historic theaters and it hosts the most entertaining touring shows crossing America. If the venue looks familiar, you may have seen it in Stephen Spielberg's LINCOLN.

Day 3: Sunday, April 14th

- 8:30 AM – Breakfast in the Hotel
- 10:30 AM – Check out of hotel
- 10:45 AM– Shuttle/taxi to **Virginia Holocaust Museum**
- 11AM-1:00 PM at **Virginia Holocaust Museum**
The Virginia Holocaust Museum collection consists of authentic, historical objects, documents, photographs, digital files, and oral histories related to and from the Holocaust (1933-1945) and World War II (1939-1945). The Museum collects objects from all areas affected during these time periods with a focus on Europe and Virginia. Although objects in the collection help to tell the broad narrative of the Holocaust, the collection focuses on local Holocaust survivors, liberators, and their families.
- 1:00 PM – Departure to pick up their cars at hotel or at Amtrak

Cost: This trip is ala carte. Use the special six-digit code “LLINVA” to secure your room at the new and modern Graduate Hotel not later than March 1. We must release our hold on the rooms on March 1. <https://www.graduatehotels.com/richmond/>

The hotel is two blocks from Amtrak Main Street Station in Richmond. Deep discounts are available if Amtrak tickets are purchased 45 days in advance. Consensus is that most prefer to carpool. Most museum entrance fees are free or less than \$10. Send an email to Anna Dixon if you want to participate; njoi2day@aol.com



LLI members enjoying a Fall walking at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens.

Study Travel

Our Study Travel trip for 2019, which will be in June, is Grand Circle Travel's "The Great National Parks: Yellowstone, Grand Teton & Mount Rushmore." This trip is fully booked, but we are maintaining an informal wait list, so if you are interested, contact Bob Huley. Detailed trip information is posted on the LLI website.

We are in the process of selecting where LLI will go in 2020! LLI members on the Study Travel email list are reviewing the Committee's analysis of the five candidates and voting for their preference. We should have the results by the time you read this article. The choices for 2020 are:

- **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

If you are interested in receiving 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. 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 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.

Spring Trip to Staunton, Virginia

Wednesday, May 15 and Thursday, May 16, 2019

Voted one of the 20 Best Small Towns in America, Staunton, Virginia is filled with history connecting the past to a thriving future. Nestled in the picturesque Shenandoah Valley, Staunton is often called the "jewel" of the Valley. Our bus will leave Annandale at 7:45 a.m. for our first stop at the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum for a guided tour. We will learn the history of Wilson's birthplace and his journey to become our 28th president. The gardens should be beautiful in May. After lunch in the historic downtown, we will visit the Frontier Culture Museum, a living history museum that tells the story of our earliest immigrants to America and how they lived.

The Stonewall Jackson Hotel will be our home for the night. Built in 1924, this historic hotel has been recently renovated and is a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation Hotels of America. Dinner and a breakfast buffet will be at the hotel. On Thursday morning we will see "A Comedy of Errors" at the famous American Shakespeare Center's Blackfriar's Playhouse. The Blackfriar's Playhouse is the world's only re-creation of the original indoor Blackfriar's Theatre in London. Following the performance we will have English High Tea at the thatched cottage of Anne Hathaway.

Before leaving for home we will stop at Trinity Church, the oldest church in Staunton, which has 12 stunning Louis Comfort Tiffany stained glass windows. We anticipate arriving home by 7:00 p.m.

PRICE: \$589 per person for double, \$665 per person for single. **Trip Includes:** deluxe motor coach transportation, overnight hotel accommodation, breakfast buffet, 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 1 High Tea, theatre tickets, snacks, and all taxes and gratuities.

A \$250 deposit is due February 15, 2019. Balance is due March 15. Please make check payable to Excursionaire and mail to Maureen Cyron, 5205 Olley Lane, Burke, VA 22015.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be made in writing and will only be permitted if a substitute is provided. Cancellation may be granted for a medical emergency as determined by the tour operator. Medical requests must be accompanied by a doctor's note.

Questions: LLI Trip Coordinator, Martie McDowall at martiemartin@verizon.net or (703) 801-5627. Travel Leader, Maureen Cyron at cyronfam@aol.com or (703) 323-9040.

From the LLI Scrapbook

LLI's Holiday Party

A wonderful time was enjoyed by LLI members at the Holiday Party which took place at the Fairfax Country Club. A special "thank you" to Bonnie Hopler and her committee, who used orchids as the theme for this year.



Thanks for the Toys



Thank you to the more than 100 people who attended the Holiday Party and brought piles of toys for the children at Bethany House. Your donations were delivered the afternoon of the party and the staff and board at Bethany House send their appreciation. No child should be without a toy during the holiday season, so your generosity was needed and much appreciated.





Save the Date!

Our annual fun and festive **Holiday Party** will be on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Same time, same place. And ... Bonnie has booked Chyp and Andrea to entertain us again. So save the date and keep your dancing shoes shined.



Humor Corner

A sweet grandmother telephoned St. Joseph's Hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?" The operator said, "I'll be glad to help, dear. What's the name and room number?"

The grandmother in her weak, tremulous voice said "Noreen, Room 302."

The operator replied, "Let me place you on hold while I check with her nurse."

After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone and said, "Oh, I have good news. Her nurse just told me that Noreen is doing very well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back as normal, and her physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged on Tuesday."

The grandmother said, "Thank you. That's wonderful! I was so worried. God bless you for the good news."

The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Noreen your daughter?"

The grandmother said, "No, I'm Noreen in 302. No one tells me anything!"

What do you call a camel without humps? —
Humphrey!

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.**





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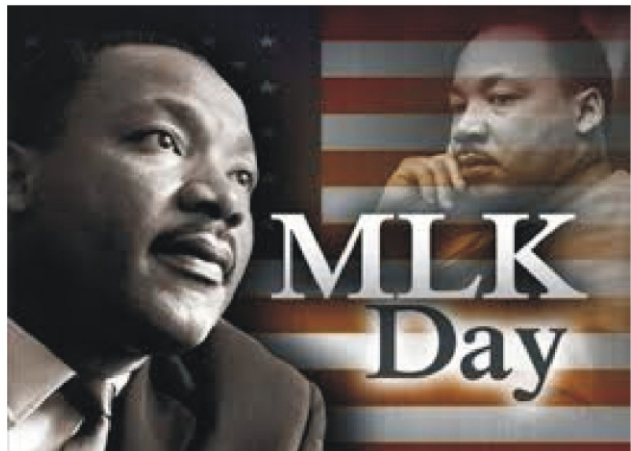
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