## LIFETIME LEARNING INSTITUTE/NOVA DECEMBER 2012 UPDATE

**Forum:** No Forum in December. January's Forum is Wednesday, January 16, at 10:00 a.m. Our featured speaker, one of LLI's most popular course leaders, Ranger Michael Kelly, from the National Park Service, will be discussing the "Mud March" of January 1863. Details will follow in the January newsletter.

**Lunch Bunch:** The Holiday luncheon replaces the Lunch Bunch in December.

**<u>Community Outreach</u>**: Food collection will resume at the January 2013 Forum. Watch for details in the January newsletter. Thanks for your past donations; November contributions to Food for Others totaled 192 pounds.

**<u>Trip Committee News</u>**: Reminder – If you haven't completed the survey you received, please do so at your earliest convenience and send it to Martie Klee at her home address. Your input is appreciated.

Save these dates and watch for more details in LLI's Winter/Spring catalog:

**April 15-18, 2013** – "OLD SOUTH/NEW SOUTH" in Chapel Hill, Durham, & Raleigh, NC. **May 16, 2013** – "CHOPTANK PADDLEBOAT CRUISE AND UNDERGROUND RAILROAD HISTORY" on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

<u>Arts & Smarts:</u> Monday, November 26, 1:45 p.m., Roy Lichtenstein exhibit. Meet in the East Bldg. lobby of the National Gallery of Art.

Thursday, December 6, Sacker Gallery, 10:00 a.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE); meet in the ground level lobby. View **Roads of Arabia**: The archaeology and history of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. **Please note**: Reservations are a **MUST** for this tour. For more information and reservations, contact Doug Johnson, (703) 828-6115, or email to *llinovadoug@gmail.com*.

**Bridge Group:** December Play Dates: Wednesday, Dec, 5, and Wednesday, Dec, 12. January Play Dates: Wednesday, Jan. 9, and Wednesday, Jan. 23. Location/Time: Mason District Governmental Center, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a bag lunch. Please call Bob Huley (703-534-4819), or email to *roberthuley@cox.net*, if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables.

<u>**Current Events Group:</u>** Friday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Large Conference Room, Mason District Governmental Center. Contact Marion Jacknow, (703) 698-8702 or *mjacknow@aol* for further information.</u>

**Favorite Books Club:** will not meet in December. Nathaniel Hawthorne's <u>The Scarlet Letter</u> will be discussed in January. For further information, contact Lynne Smaldone, (703) 525-9623, or email *smaldonega@hotmail.com*.

**Financial Discussion Group:** Friday, December 14, 1:30 p.m., Braddock District Governmental Center (King's Park Library Bldg.). The group will also meet on Friday, January 11, 2013. For more information, contact Doug Johnson, (703) 628-3115, or *llinovadoug@gmail.com*.

**French Conversation Group:** Tuesday, December 11, 10:00 a.m., Computer Room at Goodwin House. Contact Sally Reynolds, (703) 866-3017 for more information.

Le Groupe de Francais vous souhaite un joyeux Noel et un bon Hanouka. Et surtout, une Bonne Annee, pleine de sante, de succes, de tranquillite et du bonheur a profusion a tous les membres de LLI. The French Group wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah. And above all, a Happy New Year, full of health, success, tranquility and much happiness to all the members of LLI.

**Gourmands:** No December event. Gourmands are encouraged to attend the LLI Holiday luncheon.

**Photography Group:** Friday, December 21, 10:00 a.m. – noon, Braddock District Governmental Center (King's Park Library). Contact Buck Myers, (703) 532-3726, or hbm@hbmphoto.com for further information.

**Walkabouts:** Nov. 23 – Roundtree Park off of Annandale Rd. Take Annandale Rd. north off Little River Turnpike, or turn left on Hummer Rd., the first light after 495 going east on Little River Turnpike. Hummer goes straight through the conversion of 3 streets, so it is the easiest going north. Park is on the right. We will be walking east to Sleepy Hollow Rd.

**Dec. 14** – Accotink Creek. Braddock to Backlick, going south. After going under 495, the first light is Highland. Turn right; follow signs to Accotink Park. Turn right on Southern Drive. The turn for the park is on the left. Park closest to the beach in front of the Pavilion.

Dec. 18 – Meet in front of Wakefield Rec. Center. We will take the path south toward Accotink Park.

**Holiday Luncheon December 4**: Don't forget toys for the children of Bethany House of Northern Virginia. If you choose to participate, bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Holiday Luncheon.

**Membership:** Changes/corrections regarding membership information will be provided in the January 2013 newsletter.

<u>Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather:</u> If the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) cancel school for the day due to inclement weather or other emergency, all LLI classes, Forums, and other activities, except trips, are cancelled regardless of class location. LLI morning classes are cancelled if the FCPS announces a 2-

hour delay in class openings; LLI afternoon classes are cancelled if the FCPS announces early dismissal. Trips are cancelled at the discretion of the trip leader.