Lifetime Learning Institute/NOVA December 2013 Update

Forum: No Forum in December. January's Forum is Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. Our featured speaker, Dr. Kalahn Taylor-Clark will provide some basics on the Affordable Care Act and delve more deeply into what we can expect from the changes taking place over the next several years. Details will follow in the January newsletter.

Scholarship Fund: Thank you to those who already gave money for the scholarships for NVCC students. If you have not contributed yet, it is not too late. The students who receive these scholarships for both academic need and scholarship are really grateful for the help we can give them. Please support this good cause by sending a check to Lifetime Learning Institute, c/o Provost Office NOVA Annandale, Godwin Building Room 202, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003-3743. (The deadline for 2013 tax donation is 31 Dec 2013). Arline Sachs, Chair, Scholarship Committee

<u>Community Outreach</u>: Food collection will resume at the January 2014 Forum. Watch for details in the January newsletter. Thanks for your past donations.

Trip Committee: Space is still available for the **Longwood Garden** trip on December 5, 2013. See registration form for details. Registration closes soon.

<u>Annual Holiday Luncheon</u>: Tuesday, December 3, 2013, Fairfax Country Club. Reservations are available until November 20th. Don't forget toys for the children! This is completely voluntary, but if you choose to participate, bring a new, non-gift wrapped toy for distribution to children at Bethany House of Northern Virginia.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Bridge Group: December Play Dates: Wednesday, December 11 and Wednesday, December 18. January Play Dates: Wednesday, January 9, and Wednesday, January 22. 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 6, 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.

Favorite Books Club: will not meet in December.

<u>Financial Discussion Group:</u> Friday, December 13, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Braddock District Governmental Center (in back of King's Park Library). For more information, contact Doug Johnson, (703-628-3115), or *llinovadoug@gmail.com*.

French Conversation Group: Tuesday, December 1 7, 10:00 a.m. - noon, Media Room at Goodwin House, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church. "French in Action", Lecons #21 will be discussed. Contact Lois Czapiewski, (703-578-7562) or *loisczap@gmail.com* for more information.

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

Photography Group: Friday, December 20, 10:00 a.m. - noon, Braddock District Governmental Center (in back of King's Park Library). Contact Buck Myers, (703-532-3726), or *hbm@hbmphoto.com* for further information.

Walkabouts: Date/Time: Fridays at noon — *If the temperature is below freezing or the roads are icy, the walk will be cancelled.* For more information, contact Merry Macke (703-451-3248) or *merry.macke@ verizon.net.*

- **November 22: Colvin Mill**. Take Rte.7 past Beulah Rd. At the light on Colvin Run Rd, turn right. Keep to the right to follow a road to a parking area by a building. Do not go to the Mill. Merry may stay by the road to direct you to the bigger parking area. You may want to bring walking sticks.
- **December 13: Rutherford Park.** 4798 Guinea Rd. From Braddock Rd., go north on Guinea Rd. (Rte. 651). Park is on the left between Bayard Pl. and Braeburn Dr. We'll cross over Guinea Rd. and walk east.

Members with Website Development Experience Needed

We are looking for assistance in upgrading to an interactive Website that will permit members to sign-up online for courses, accept payment for membership and renewals and feature other requested enhancements. We invite our members with experience in Website development, customization and selection of hosting services to join our Automation Committee and assist our team in developing and implementing an upgraded site. We are also seeking members with Webmaster experience for the positions of LLI Webmaster and Assistant Webmaster. If you would like to contribute your skills to a dynamic automation team, contact Ray Bednarsky at *rbednarsky@earthlink.net*.

October 2013 Membership Directory: Please check your listing for any corrections, etc, and contact Laura Charron @ 703-503-0600, or *llinova@juno.com* with those changes.

Membership: Changes/corrections regarding membership information will be provided in the January 2014 newsletter.

January newsletter deadline: December 6, 2013.

<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.</u>