

Lifetime Learning Institute/NOVA
December 2014 Update

Forum: No Forum in December. January's Forum is Tuesday, January 6, at 10:00 a.m. Details will be available in the January 2015 newsletter. *Note the change to a Tuesday.*

Scholarship Fund: Its scholarship time again! By this time you should have received a letter asking for donations. LLI has a goal this year of trying to provide more money to each student awarded a scholarship than we have done in the past. Last year, the most we awarded was \$2,000 per student. This amount doesn't go very far when the in-state tuition is more than \$18,000 as it is at several Virginia Universities. Therefore, please be generous when making your donation and consider the needs of these very worthy students. While donations are accepted at any time, those made by December 31, 2014, will qualify for a 2014 tax deduction. Arline Sachs, Chair, Scholarship Committee

Community Outreach: Food collection will resume at the January 2015 Forum. Watch for details in the January newsletter. Thanks to each of you who contribute food. Your donations are needed and appreciated.

Holiday Luncheon December 3: Don't forget toys for the children of Bethany House of Northern Virginia. If you choose to participate in this voluntary program, bring a new, unwrapped toy for distribution to children ages 2-16.

President's Message: We sometimes forget what we do for those less fortunate and for each other. At every Forum, we collect food to be provided to various churches, food banks, or other organizations that distribute it to those in need. We call it community service and it is co-chaired by Marianne Moerman and Carol Weber. Please contact Carol or Marianne if you know of an organization that would like to receive our donations and you are willing to deliver those items to the organization following a Forum.

Another outreach with wide participation of our LLI members is the annual scholarship drive. We give because we want to and because we can. We are all aware of the enormous costs of higher education and we are grateful that we are able to assist some of the students at the Annandale Campus. The scholarship committee, chaired by Arline Sachs, diligently selects those students most deserving and every June Forum we honor these recipients.

And, for ourselves, once a year we hold a Holiday Party. And thanks to Bonnie Hopley and her committee, we have a merry good time. But, not forgotten, we continue our generosity to those less fortunate by collecting toys that will bring some joy to children of battered women.

Thanks to all of the LLI members who so generously contribute to a variety of causes throughout the year and to those members who volunteer their time and talents so that we can distribute these contributions to our community.

George Chalou

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (The **Favorite Books Club** and the **Gourmands** will not meet in December.)

Bridge: December play dates: Wednesdays, December 10, and December 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mason District Governmental Center. Bring a bag lunch. Contact Bob Huley, 703-534-4819 or roberthuley@cox.net, if you would like to attend so that we can provide sufficient card tables or for more information.

Current Events: Friday, December 5, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Small Conference Room, Mason District Governmental Center. Contact Peter Schwarzkopf, 703-998-0769 or pschwarzkopf@verizon.net for further information.

Financial Discussion: Friday, December 12, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Braddock District Governmental Center. Contact Doug Johnson, 703-628-3115 or *llinovadoug@gmail.com* for further information.

French Conversation: Tuesdays, December 2 and 16, 10:00 a.m. – noon, Top of the West at the Goodwin House Baileys. Contact Lois Czapiewski, 703-578-7562 or *loisczap@gmail.com* for further information.

Photography: Friday, December 19, 10:00 a.m. – noon, Braddock District Governmental Center. Contact Buck Myers, 703-532-3726 or *hbm@hbmpphoto.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.*

December 12: Roundtree Park: 3320 Annandale Rd. The park is located in Falls Church between Gallows Rd. and Graham Rd. /Hickory Hill Rd. Meet in parking lot.

December 19: Lake Accotink Park: From Old Keene Mill, take Carrleigh Parkway (one block east of Rolling Road) north until it curves to the right; look for the kiosk-entrance to Carrleigh Parkway Park on the left side. If very cold, the group can come to my house afterwards for hot chocolate. Contact Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, cell: 978-505-9506 or *merry.macke@verizon.net* for further information.

Deadline for the January newsletter: December 10, 2014

The LLI office is closed December 23 – January 1.