

News & Views

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May LLI/NOVA Forum Ernst Cultural Center (CE) NOVA Annandale Campus Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 10 a.m. (Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

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THE U.S. MINT

A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT HOW U.S. COINS AND COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS ARE DESIGNED, PRODUCED, AND DISTRIBUTED

In an LLI/NOVA Forum program that combines history and art, April Stafford, the U.S. Director of Design Management for the U.S. Mint, will explain how circulating coins are designed. She also will discuss spirited competitions for the design of commemoratives such as the 2019 Apollo 11 50th Anniversary, 2018 Breast Cancer Awareness, and the medal honoring the Veterans of World War I.

We will hear about the Mint's sculptor-engravers, the inside story about the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin, several issues concerning the security of gold at Fort Knox, and debates about the future of coinage.



Stafford joined the Mint in November 2000 as Education Coordinator for H.I.P. Pocket Change, the Mint's website for children and teachers, then served as Outreach and Education Branch Chief, where her responsibility included man-

agement of the usmint.gov informational site. She has been in her current job since 2013.

2019 LLI/NOVA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The LLI/NOVA Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the following recipients of our 2019 leadership and academic scholarships:

LEADERSHIP--Wesam Elhawabri, Shahbaz Nizam and Dunia Pardo-Pinto

ACADEMIC--Miranda Galas, Kevin Phannareth, Noorjan Sheikh and Steven Pilco

At the May 1 Forum, the LLI/NOVA Scholarship recipients will have an opportunity to explain how they will be pursuing their education and careers.





President's Message

The "power of one" is often underestimated in our world of 8 billion people.

Scaling down to 3 million people in Northern Virginia, and roughly 400 of us within LLI/NOVA, each of us has a spark and unique insight. Daily we are subjected to a barrage of data, information, and varying personal interests in our profit-seeking society; yet, the power of one is still relevant.

Working together within our networks, we gain the ability to distill and make sense of information so that it becomes personally relevant as we chart comfortable life paths. We can do this and have fun along the way. I can cite many examples that I am aware of within LLI/NOVA in just the past 30 days. There is no doubt many of you can also.

In full disclosure, I do have an agenda: to say thank you and offer kudos to those mentioned in the examples below. Thank you, too, to all who are supportive, including those whose good ideas sometimes get buried amid varying or cantankerous views (IoI).

When I write these monthly columns, I never know how they are going to be presented in the final newsletter. Mary Jablonski is the newsletter editor, with Patricia Brennan as her consultant, and we grant them the authority to snip and edit as they deem appropriate. They met via LLI after careers in federal contracting and in journalism, respectively.

With the above prelude and disclosure out of the way, let me return to several recent "power of one" examples. I hope we gain the benefit of many more.

• When the Board decided that we would have an exhibit table at the Northern Virginia Positive Aging and Wellness Fair, several members sent me emails with suggestions.

Arline Sachs offered to develop a five-minute slideshow highlighting LLI/NOVA activities. Bob Huley sent an email suggesting that we procure 100 color copies of the newsletter. Bonne Hopler, a former event planner, advocated that we get a banner and table covers that could be used at the Fair, Forums, and other events. June Chalou, Mary Lu Bednarsky, Janice Smith, Judy Robison, Jona Wheeler and Kathryn O'Toole offered to set up and staff the tables. In fact, June Chalou was on site at 7:20 a.m. assembling the table before Arline and I arrived!

 Nan Peck and Elizabeth Lonoff, separately, sent emails suggesting that we consider a conservation/environment/sustainability speaker for an upcoming Forum. Both suggested proven speakers on these subjects. Good news: Rob Johnson, NOVA Director of Sustainability, will be presenting at the June Forum.

• The Steelmans (Patty and Richard) volunteered to leverage their Foreign Service and international careers by furthering NOVA's Community College Initiative (CCI) Program so that our members can participate as social hosts for students from other countries while they study at a U.S. community college.

• Janet Goodrich and Bev Portman are two examples of "see something say something." At the March Forum, Janet suggested to me that we consider a different approach for announcements at the Forums so that all could benefit. Many people were departing before learning of the hard work being done by many committees/volunteers. Bev Portman approached me at the Craft Fair and suggested that we consider acknowledging the recent loss of two early keystone members, Marjorie Singleton and Terry Brittain. In turn, Lorin Goodrich provided a few words and sought a moment of silence in their memories.

These are just a few examples in the past 30 days that I encountered. For certain, there are many more. Each one of us has a unique perspective, and it is wonderful that you are willing to share your views and support our various committee chairs, Board members, and liaisons.

Best, Anna

Community Outreach

The Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) serves low-income individuals, senior citizens, and families in the Fort Belvoir, Lorton, and



Newington areas and other portions of southeast Fairfax County. Its support of families includes clothing and financial assistance, as well as collecting and distributing more than four tons of food every month.

LCAC opens its doors to clients five days a week and feeds more than 220 families weekly. Its pantry always needs breakfast cereals, canned fruit and applesauce, pasta and pasta sauce (plastic containers only), cooking oil, peanut butter, jelly and other kids' snacks.

Pat Harrison will deliver LLI/NOVA's donations to LCAC.

Opportunity to Act as a Social Host for an International Student

This is an open invitation to LLI/NOVA members to become a social host for an international student attending NOVA Annandale or NOVA Alexandria beginning in July 2019 through May 2020. It is a unique and exciting opportunity to introduce a student to American life and show him/her some of your favorite places around DC. These

students are recipients of a U.S. State Department scholarship providing their tuition and housing. Your role as host is to invite them at least once a month to your home, to a cultural event, or, to go on an excursion.

Patty and Richard Steelman, LLI/NOVA Board Members, are hosts to Sara Awadallah, an Egyptian student. Since the Steelmans spent four

years in Cairo, they already knew a little about Sara's home country and were happy to welcome Sara to Virginia.



Sara shared Thanksgiving Day

with them and they talked about this American holiday and their favorite places in Egypt. As social hosts, they took Sara to a balalaika concert, to a Little Theater production, and out to dinner. Most recently they toured the National Cathedral with Sara and two of her roommates from Ghana and Brazil. They are planning to take the three women to the Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum. Sara's group will be leaving in mid-May and the Steelmans wish they had more time for additional adventures.

The Steelmans highly recommend being social hosts to these interesting international students who are eager to learn more about American family life. They will enrich your life too.

Click <u>here</u> for additional host experiences. Click <u>here</u> for a student impression. You can contact one of the following to sign up:

Annandale Campus: Kelly Forbes, 703-503-6334, kforbes@nvcc.edu

Alexandria Campus: Sarah Yirenkyi, 703-933-8097, syirenkyi@nvcc.edu





LLI/NOVA's New Website – Be Ready for Online Class Registration!

By now, we hope that most of our members have established their online account by logging in and setting up a password. This step is essential as we move to the final phase of our website implementation, online class registration.

If you haven't set up your account, now is the time to do it. We previously sent out instructions on how to log in to your account, create a password, and then manage your account. Those instructions are on our website in the Quick Connect box. (Click on "FAQ: Using the LLI/NOVA Website" and then click on FAQ #2, "Logging in and managing your account"). If you are having problems, contact us either by email at admin@llinova.org, at the Website Help Desk (click the link on our Home Page in the Quick Connect box), or leave a message on our new office phone, 703-323-3746.

What is online class registration and how will it work? The simple answer is that for the upcoming Summer Session, you will log in to your account, go to the calendar, select a class you are interested in, and click "register." You will receive immediate feedback that you have registered (or been wait-listed) and will receive an email confirmation. Quick and easy!

We will send the class catalog to all members by email well before registration starts, and the catalog also will be available on the Home page. We also will email more detailed instructions on how to register for classes online, and those instructions will be available in the FAQ section. Finally, we will demonstrate the registration process and answer your questions at the May Forum.

Online class registration will likely begin on May 6. The key to online registration is having your

account set up so that you can login. Once your account is established, you can manage/update your member "profile" (e.g., name, address, phone, and email) and add an image and description. In addition, you have access to our Member Directory so you can easily contact other LLI/NOVA members by phone or email. You will also be able to renew your membership online and choose to pay by either credit card or check.

Remember to check the LLI/NOVA website frequently to stay current. The News Alert box contains new and updated information. Updated information on SIG meetings, Trips, Study/Travel, and other events can be found on their own information pages and on the events calendar. We also have photo galleries of LLI/NOVA activities that are updated as activities occur.



As we Silver surfers know, sometimes we have a problem with our computers. Yesterday, I called Eric, the 11 year-old next door whose bedroom looks like Mission Control. He came over, clicked a few buttons and solved my computer problem. As he was leaving, I asked, "What was wrong?" He replied, "It was an ID ten T error." I didn't want to appear stupid, but I asked, "What's that in case I need to fix it again?" He said, "Write it down—you'll figure it out." So I wrote ID10T. I used to like Eric!!

LLI/NOVA Board of Directors 2019-2020 Election

It's that time of the year again! Elections will take place at the June 5 LLI/NOVA Forum to replace those board members whose three-year terms expire and the four officers whose one-year terms expire. The 2019 Nominating Committee includes Jóna Wheeler (chair), Scott Pinckney, Gina Trapp, Marianne Moerman and Richard Steelman. We want to introduce you to the candidates below:

Candidates for Officers for 2019/2020 Term



President—Anna Dixon

A member of LLI/NOVA since 2012, Anna currently serves as its president. She also heads the Visual & Performing Arts Special Interest Group. Previously she served on the Curriculum Committee, designing and coordinating classes, and on the Automation (website) and Holiday Party Committees.

A Philadelphia native with a BA in accounting and an MBA focused on finance, she is a Presidential Rank recipient and served as a member of the federal government's Senior Executive Service roughly a third of her career. In the Execu-

tive Office of the President's Office of Management and Budget, she worked for three U.S. presidents before retiring from the Department of Homeland Security. In the private sector, she was an associate partner and a senior managing consultant for a top 50 global corporation, working both nationally and internationally with various governments on IT systems integration. She also heads Dixon Mediation Group, LLC, which is certified by the Virginia Supreme Court to perform Virginia court mediations. Anna's other interests include traveling, watercolor painting, and bicycling. For more than 20 years, she has been a docent at the National Gallery of Art.



Vice President—Patti Volz (also for a full three-year term on the Board)

Patti joined LLI/NOVA in May 2013 after a 33-year career with the Central Intelligence Agency and elsewhere within the Intelligence community, focusing on management, collection and requirements, and public affairs. Currently, Patti is co-chair of the Foodies and Friends Special Interest Group (former Gourmands) and serves on the Scholarship Committee. She earned her Bachelor's degree at the University of Virginia and her Masters in International Relations at Georgetown University, with an emphasis on the Soviet Union and China. Patti is the recipient of the CIA's Career Intelligence Medal, awarded for a cumulative record of service reflecting exceptional achievements that substantially contributed to the mission of the Agency. She is an avid scuba diver, and enjoys travel, reading and growing herbs.



Secretary — Kate Greeley

In June, Kate will have completed two years on LLI/NOVA's Board as secretary. Kate was born in Southwest Virginia and grew up in Tucson, Ariz. She received a B.A. in Education from the University of Arizona in Tucson, where she subsequently taught elementary school. Kate met her husband, Michael, in Tucson. They have three children and five grandchildren. Aside from her teaching background, most of her career has been in the legal field. She managed the criminal division at the Court of Appeals in Tucson for 14 years. When Mike's career brought them to Washington, D.C., she worked at Fairfax Circuit Court for 15

years as supervisor of the Civil Intake section. Since retiring, the Greeleys have thoroughly enjoyed the courses and activities offered by LLI/NOVA. Kate and Mike enjoy extensive travel, and Kate's hobbies include reading, bridge and genealogy. She has recently taken up watercolor and pickleball. The highlight of her life is spending time with family and enjoying their grandchildren.

Treasurer--Loren Brandman



Loren joined LLI/NOVA two years ago and has loved learning about new things and meeting new people. She is originally from Newburgh, N.Y., and earned a BS in computer science from Rochester Institute of Technology. She and her husband, Pete, have one grown son. Loren retired in 2016 after 35 years with the federal government, where she served in various positions --- programmer, program manager, contracting officer's technical representative, and budget analyst. Loren has been treasurer for Frost Middle School PTA and the W.T. Woodson High School Band. She has served as LLI/NOVA's treasurer for the past year and enjoyed it so much that she's agreed to do it again. Loren enjoys biking, hiking, reading, traveling, and working with numbers.

For Board Members:



June Chalou (completing vacancy for 2019/2021 term)

June has been an active member of LLI/NOVA since 2008. She has taught and coordinated classes for LLI/NOVA, has served on the Membership Committee for several years, and is now serving on the Board. She loves to travel and has been on many of our trips. As a matter of fact, her first trip with LLI/ NOVA to China convinced both June and her husband, George to join the organization. June graduated from George Mason University and taught in the Falls Church City School System, where she was named Teacher of the Year by The Washington Post in 2002. After retiring from teaching, she volunteered

for many years for OAR, which works with persons involved in the criminal justice system and their families. She also taught classes at the Fairfax County Jail.

June and her husband have four children and 10 grandchildren. In addition to taking LLI /NOVA classes and traveling, June enjoys bridge, trips to the beach and gardening. Most of all, she loves to read.



Mary Jablonski

Mary was born and raised in Sunbury, Pennsylvania. She worked for the federal government in contracting for 27 years, mostly in various Navy Commands, then with the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, for six years before retiring in 2008. As a part-time student, Mary earned her MBA degree from George Mason University in 1992. When she retired, she immediately began looking for interesting activities. Mary discovered LLI/NOVA, and she and her late husband, Steve Lemon, joined in 2009. Mary enjoys the variety of subject matter offerings, especially the Great Decisions courses and several areas in science that she says are "totally new to her." Mary's son and his family live in Maryland, and she thanks LLI/NOVA classes and activities for

helping her keep up with her two teenage granddaughters! Mary also volunteers with Shepherds Center of Vienna and Oakton and the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.

Richard Martin



Dick is a retired USAID foreign service officer. During his USAID career, he was posted to Honduras (4 years), Guatemala (3 years), Egypt (4 years), and Peru (6 years). He had other shorter assignments in Iraq, Afghanistan, Angola, Nicaragua, Namibia, and Mexico. In these countries he worked on USAID national development projects in the areas of primary education, health, and family planning. Prior to USAID, he was on the faculty at Michigan State University teaching mass media and social science research methods. He is a native Minnesotan and has a PhD in media research from the University of Wisconsin. Since retiring in 2011, he took up flying an ultralight airplane and working as a volunteer archivist at the National Archives in College Park. He is active in the LLI/NOVA Photography SIG.



Patrick Neri

Pat joined LLI/NOVA almost six years ago and has served on the Scholarship Committee for four years. Following graduation from Virginia Tech, he served in the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations before starting a 25-year career at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General, in the Office of Criminal Investigations. He retired from HUD in June 1997 and worked as a contractor for 10 years conducting discrimination complaint investigations involving federal employees. In November 1997, he also began his coaching career at W.T. Woodson High School, where he has coached girls basketball for 20 years. He began as a freshman coach and served as varsity coach for eight years until he retired from that

activity in 2013. Two years later, he returned to be an assistant varsity girls basketball coach, a job he has held for the past four years. He and his wife, Cheri, a retired Arlington County teacher, live in Fairfax. Pat enjoys working on his golf game, spending summers at Bethany Beach, Del., and attending Virginia Tech home football games.



Nan Peck

Nan Peck recently retired as an associate professor of communication studies at NOVA's Annandale campus. She joined LLI/NOVA and is now a member of the Curriculum Committee.

Over the years, Nan has been involved in volunteer work, including 14 years training volunteers for a crisis intervention hotline.

For the past three years, Nan and her husband, Paul Haas, have enjoyed LLI/NOVA travel offerings.



Marjorie Singleton

LLI/NOVA member Marjorie Singleton passed away on March 17 at the age of 98. Marjorie was the wife of the late Knox Singleton, one of the founding members at the time of LLI/NOVA's inception in April 1996. They very much enjoyed attending LLI NOVA and particularly appreciated the variety of Forum speakers. In many ways, they were the heart of LLI/NOVA.

A fellow LLI/NOVA member and friend said, "Marjorie was an amazing woman, especially in her time of history. I loved spending time with her and, though she didn't brag, if coaxed, she could tell some tales. Both she and Knox were forwardthinking, special people, the likes of whom we don't see very often now. Of course, LLI/NOVA wouldn't exist without Knox and his work to get it started; he would be so proud to see what it is now."

Born in Salt Lake City, Marjorie graduated from the University of Utah. She was one of the first three women in Utah selected for Navy officer training during World War II. She served for three years as a communications officer at Sandpoint Naval Air Station in Seattle. She married Knox, a fellow naval officer, in 1945, and then moved to the Washington, D.C., area where she earned a master's degree from George Washington University.

In 1952, Marjorie established the Springfield Kindergarten and First Grade, which she operated for 10 years before joining Fairfax County Public Schools. She served first as a reading teacher and then as principal of Burke Elementary School before retiring in 1979. On Mother's Day for the next 10 years, she ran in the

Bonne Bell 10k race around Hains Point in D.C. She often won or placed in her age division. In retirement she also belonged to the Fairfax County Retired Educators, the American Association of University Women, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Woman's Club of Falls Church and the Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church.

Terry Brittain

Terry Brittain, an LLI/NOVA member since 2004, passed away on Jan. 29. Terry, along with his wife, Lynda, also a member, was very active in our organization and had many friends. He was a former member of the Board of Directors and served for several years as head of the Study Travel group. He and Lynda participated in nearly every trip taken by LLI/NOVA, both overseas and locally. Terry also served as the Forum set-up coordinator for many years.

After completing college at Sam Houston State in Huntsville, Tex., Terry began his career in the U.S. Army as an Infantry Officer and served with honor and dedication, retiring as a lieutenant colonel after more than 30 years of service. His military assignments included Germany, Vietnam, Turkey, Korea, and the Panama/Canal Zone. After his military retirement, Terry worked for the Charles E. Smith Company as a building director and as the Building and Grounds supervisor at the NOVA Annandale campus.

Terry was known for his many amusing anecdotes. One LLI/NOVA member was quoted as saying, "I remember that Terry had such a great sense of humor and a 'twinkle in his eye' when he smiled." He will be missed by many.





Favorite Books Club

Lynne Smaldone, 703-525-9623

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Date/Time: Thursday, May 16, 11:30 a.m. ---1:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center 9002 Burke Lake Road

(Supervisor's Meeting Room, behind King's Park Library)

Our selection this month is "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles. Set in post-Civil War Texas, the novel tells the story of 71-year-old itinerant news reader Jefferson Kyle Kidd, who agrees to transport a 10-year-old girl rescued from the Kiowa by the U.S. Army back to her people. Come join us!



Foodies & Friends (formerly Gourmands)

Join us for our next lunch-

eon on Wednesday, May 22, at 11:30 at Lucky's Sports Theatre and Grill. Lucky's is located at 7027 Manchester Blvd., Alexandria, near the Franconia and Kingstowne areas. Be assured that the sports area is totally separate from the grill, so noise is not an issue.

Lucky's serves a wide variety of American cuisine in a relaxed atmosphere -- from salads and sandwiches to full meals, pasta, seafood, beef and more. Our hostess highly recommends the chicken fajitas.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Directions: Drive east on Franconia Road and turn right onto Beulah Road. At the fourth stoplight, turn left onto Manchester Boulevard, then left at the next light into the parking lot shopping area. Immediately turn left and drive to the end of the parking lot. You have arrived.

If you plan to attend, please notify your hostess, Arlene Gribben, at 703-569-0357 or arlenegribb@aol.com by Thursday, May 16.

Visual & Performing Arts



LLI/NOVA and Fairfax Art League (FAL) Meetup to Make Watercolor Paintings

Spring Hill Clubhouse in Lorton Thursday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Mark Geiger, a FAL member, has volunteered to work with LLI/NOVA participants of all skill levels in watercolor painting techniques. Geiger is a D.C. native with a long interest in the arts, which has been interspersed with a full-time professional career in system safety and environmental sciences.

Other FAL members may assist Mark, ensuring adequate opportunities for all to sketch and produce studies, watercolor still lifes, or self-portraits using your phone!

A \$6 materials fee includes heavy-duty watercolor paper, watercolor brushes and watercolor paint for use during class.

Please RSVP no later than May 5 to Anna Dixon at vpa@llinova.org.

Directions: Take I-95 South and then take Exit 163 for Lorton. Turn right onto Lorton Road. At the next traffic light (just a few feet ahead), turn right onto Silverbrook Road, continue to the next traffic light, turn left onto Laurel Crest Drive, and turn left onto Mountain Larkspur Drive (about 500 feet).

Enter through the gate. Go to the second street, turn right and go one block to the clubhouse, just past the stop sign. (If you are late, you may have to knock on the door or go around the back to knock on the door.) Note that the gate to the clubhouse will not be open until 30 minutes before the beginning of class and will remain open for only one hour.

From Fairfax County Parkway (old Route 7100 – new Route 286): Take Hooes Road south exit. After 1.3 miles, turn left at the second traffic light onto Silverbrook Road, continue to the next traffic light, turn right onto Laurel Crest Drive, and turn left onto Mountain Larkspur Drive (about 500 feet). Follow gate instructions.

From Route 123 south: Turn left onto Silverbrook Road, continue to the second light, turn right onto Laurel Crest Drive, turn left onto Mountain Larkspur Drive (about 500 feet). Follow gate instructions.

There are two scheduled VPA Meetups, one on May 18 (African American Museum) and another on June 7 (Symposium on Japanese Art). Access details through the Ilinova.org website Home Page. Click on "Special Interest Groups" on the long green bar which opens a listing of SIGs; then click on "Visual and Performing Arts." This will take you to the VPA page within the site. Another way is, again on the Home page, to click on the calendar and point to the date of the activity, which will open a description and a link to more information.

Recent Richmond Museum Visit

VPA's April in Richmond outing began with beautiful gardens and colorful trees everywhere we looked. We started our rainy afternoon with a visit to the Edgar Allan Poe complex, including gardens and his childhood home. Afterwards we visited the bucolic and manicured University of Richmond campus to see several exhibitions before checking into our ultra-modern lodging, the Graduate Hotel.

We had dinner nearby at the trendy Max's on Broad restaurant in Richmond's Arts and Theater District, where a popular local fish dish, Waterzooi, atop local fresh vegetables, was the handsdown favorite.

Saturday morning, we began with a visit to the Valentine Museum complex and afterwards to the nearby John Marshall House. Mid-day, after a five-minute carpool ride, we were at the famous



Virginia Museum of Fine Arts for the remainder of the day. At the VMFA, we were wowed with a docent-led highlight tour that ranged from the Faberge eggs and modernity to antiquities from several continents.

Also at the VMFA, we had lunch and took a break for a picture with the above camel. We capped our long day with a French dinner at the well-appointed Chez Foushee. Patty and Richard Steelman had to skedaddle to catch their 8 p.m. play, Neil Simon's "Broadway Bound."

Sunday morning we continued to bathe in luxury by having breakfast at the renowned Jefferson Hotel before visiting the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. The Jefferson



has received both the AAA and the Mobile Five Diamond awards, and Forbes magazine recognized it as the "Best Hotel in America." Hopler, selecting and procuring an appropriate banner; and Dick Robison, ensuring that summer class catalogs were ready for display. Throughout the day many other LLI/NOVA members participated in events.

Positive Aging & Wellness Fair



Look closely and you find five of our members staffing our exhibit table at the 2019 Positive Aging and Wellness Fair at the Fairfax County Government Center on April 8. There were more than 550 registrants; workshops and events were scheduled from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m., with WRC-TV reporter Pat Collins as the keynote speaker.

Interest in LLI/NOVA was almost overwhelming. In the above picture we had five members (Arline Sachs, Mary Lu Bednarsky, Jona Wheeler, Janice Smith, and Anna Dixon, who took the picture, staffing the table and responding to passersby who inquired about LLI/NOVA. Other members worked in the background ensuring that we were appropriately equipped for the event.



Among them were Bob Huley, getting newsletters; June Chalou, onsite at 7:30 a.m. setting up the table; Arline Sachs, developing a five-minute slideshow highlighting LLI/NOVA; June, Janice, and Bonnie



Study Travel

June is just around the corner and 25 members (and friends and family) will be getting ready to pack their

bags for our fabulous National Parks trip that departs on June 14. This trip has been fully booked for a long time, but you can read about our upcoming adventure on our website by visiting the Study/Travel Program.

As the departure date for our 2019 trip rushes up, we are also focused on our Study/Travel trip for 2020, which will be a **Rhine and Moselle River cruise**! We are finalizing the arrangements (e.g., departure date, cost, and itinerary) with our travel provider, Grand Circle Travel, and the latest information will be on the Study/Travel Program page. We already have 18 participants pre-registered and expect to open formal trip registration by May. We will be providing more details to members on our Study/Travel email list and updating information on our web page at Study <u>Travel Program</u> (Click on the link) as soon as it is available.

If you are interested in our cruise in 2020 and want more information, join our Study/Travel email list by contacting Bob Huley (see below).

Happy Traveling – Bob Huley [Contact Bob at studytravel@llinova.org]

Trips Program Cruise on the Potomac & Occoquan Rivers Thursday, Sept. 19



There is so much to see along the historic Potomac and Occoquan rivers in Virginia. Join your fellow LLI/NOVA members and friends aboard the Miss Rivershore, a 50-foot commercial cruising vessel designed to give you the best views of sights along the river.

Capt. Mark Perry will point out areas of historical interest along the way as well as wildlife. By this time in September, the humid, hot, hazy dogdays of summer should be gone, and we can have a pleasant day slowly cruising, enjoying the scenery and each other's company.

Miss Rivershore is the only U.S. Coast Guardregulated vessel in Prince William County. All of captains are USCG Masters, and each of the crew members is thoroughly trained, so we will be in safe hands the entire time. PRICE: \$43 per person includes the boat ride on the Miss Rivershore, tips, guided tour and your choice of a box lunch made by Great Harvest Bread of Lorton on the day of our trip. Selections will be provided prior to our tour.

DEPARTURE: We will meet at the dock departure point located behind Madigan's Waterfront Restaurant in Occoquan, 11 miles south of the Capital Beltway. Carpooling is encouraged. Free public parking is available.

SIGN UP: Mail checks payable to LLI/NOVA and the completed <u>registration forms</u> [Click on the link] to LLI/NOVA, Godwin Building (CG), Room 202, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, Va. 22003-3743. Reservations must be received not later than Aug. 5.

QUESTIONS: LLI/NOVA Trip Managers are Patti McKnight and Pat Harrison. Their contact information is available from the website.

REFUND POLICY: Refunds will be granted if the reservation can be filled from the wait list or by someone else and will be processed after the trip is completed. If the trip is cancelled, participants will be notified and their checks will be shredded.

