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### LLI/NOVA Coronavirus Guidance

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With recent concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), we are continuously monitoring information on the spread of the coronavirus to make sure that we balance our members' health and safety with service to our mission. This is especially so because we are an at-risk group; so simply following Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) and Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) closing guidance may/may not be relevant for us.

**Effective immediately, all LLI/NOVA activities, (i.e., Forums, classes, SIG meetings, and day trips) are canceled through Sunday, April 19.** Future LLI/NOVA activities will depend on the status of “community spread” of the disease and guidance from sources such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Fairfax County Health Department. Also, we will continue close communication with the vendor and members registered for the Study/Travel 2020 trip.

We will make decisions in the best interest of the majority of our members, but we recognize that everyone's needs, and sense of safety vary. Working together we will manage our responses to the virus effectively. Our website will be updated accordingly.

**Special guidance to members who have traveled outside of the US since the COVID-19 pandemic.** Once LLI/NOVA resumes activities,

we request that all attendees, instructors, and class coordinators self-isolate from LLI/NOVA activities for at least 14 days from their travel return date.

Sincerely,

Anna Dixon  
LLI/NOVA President

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### Amish Trip Rescheduled

In response to concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), and our members' safety, the April 2 trip to Amish country has been rescheduled to Wednesday, Sept. 16. All the activities for the originally scheduled April 2 trip were fully paid for and are non-refundable. Nonetheless, I am pleased to note, the company with whom Excursionaire worked was happy to reschedule our outing. September should still be a lovely time of the year to be in the Pennsylvania countryside and the weather should be welcoming.

Although Excursionaire will not offer a refund, the LLI/NOVA Board of Directors decided to offer you seven days from the date of this email to opt out of this trip if you are unable to commit to the Sept. 16 trip date. A refund will be issued to you by LLI/NOVA which will come from the operating budget. Please let Pat Harrison know not later than March 28 if you choose to opt out of the trip on Sept. 16. [Click here](#) for contact information.

We know that this is both an inconvenience and disappointment, but with the day-to-day increase of COVID-19 cases as well as the uncertainty of the situation, we want to take the necessary steps to safeguard our members.

Be Safe! Be Healthy!



## The 25th Anniversary CELEBRATE & ANTICIPATE

Beginning in May, LLI/NOVA will launch a host of events and activities to celebrate our organization's 25th anniversary and anticipate what the future will bring. Our anniversary team is planning many special recognitions, events, and activities over the next 12 months, culminating with a festive luncheon in May 2021.

Bonnie Hopler and Martie Klee are co-chairing the planning team. If you would enjoy serving on the team, please contact Bonnie at [bdhopler@gmail.com](mailto:bdhopler@gmail.com) by April 30.

Also, a representative is needed from each Special Interest Group (SIG). The leader of each SIG is requested to inform Bonnie of the designated representative by April 30.

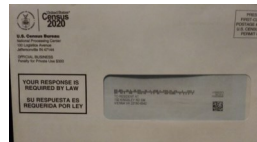
The initial planning meeting will be held in May. Everyone serving on the team will be notified of the details of that meeting. Even if you are not participating on the team, please share suggestions/contacts with Bonnie and/or Martie at your earliest opportunity.

We are looking for pictures taken at the 10th anniversary in May 2006. If you have any, please contact Martie Klee at [martiekleee@gmail.com](mailto:martiekleee@gmail.com).

## Notes:

This is a brief newsletter since most of the April events were cancelled. I can prepare an additional April newsletter if you have any material you wish conveyed to members. Just send it to [newsletter@llinova.org](mailto:newsletter@llinova.org). Most information will be updated through the website.

This is a very strange time when I look at a blank calendar. Income tax filing time will remain on it; isn't it strange to pay tax on capital gains for 2019 which have vanished by now?



Remember to respond to the 2020 Census request.

Special Interest Group meetings are also cancelled. The March 24 "Tabletop Game" was planned to be "Pandemic," but it was cancelled by the Pandemic. Stay well.

Mary Jablonski, Newsletter Editor



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