

No December Forum Next Forum Tuesday, January 3

Please note that in 2006 the Forum meetings will not be held on Mondays. For your advance planning here are the 2006 dates: Tuesday, January 3; Tuesday, February 7; Wednesday, March 8; Tuesday, April 11, which is the second Tuesday of the month; and the first Tuesdays of the month for June 6, August 29, October 3 and November 7. The May celebration of LLI's 10th anniversary will replace a Forum meeting for that month.

January and February Forum Speakers

The first Forum meeting of 2006 will be on Tuesday, January 3 at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Rayola Dougher from the American Petroleum Institute will give an informative talk about oil and gas supplies and related pricing matters. This should be very timely in the midst of the cold weather season.

On February 7 Washington Post reporter Pamela Constable will recount her experiences covering the Muslim world. Several LLI members attended her October 2005 presentation at the college when she spoke about the challenges faced by a female reporter from the western world on assignment in Muslim countries such as Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq. Ms. Constable has graciously accepted our invitation to appear for your benefit.

Parking Garage Opening Is Delayed

LLI has been advised that the campus parking garage will not open for operation until sometime in December. This delay will allow LLI members to park at no cost for classes and all other LLI activities on campus as follows:

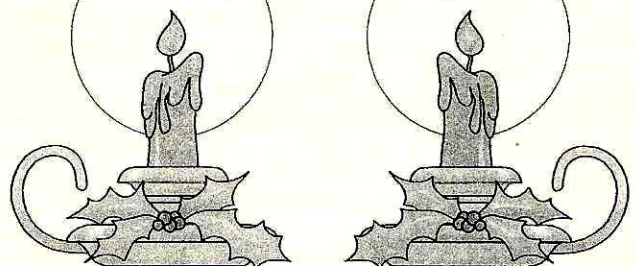
- The Cultural Center lot can be used as long as it remains open. Should this lot close, you can park in student lot B-15 through December 19, 2005. This section is located directly behind the Cultural Center lot. Look for the large sign on a light post to be sure you are in "B-15." It is the same parking section that was labeled "B-3" on the map sent to you on October 27; we apologize for using an outdated map.
- From December 20, 2005 until January 9, 2006 you can park in any of the "B" lots. This means that unless you are advised otherwise in our "Winter Update" newsletter, you will be able to park at no cost for the January 3, 2006 "Forum" meeting. The garage may be open by that time for your use at the hourly rate if you wish.

Thank you for your patience during this transition period. You will be advised of further developments as appropriate.

Holiday Party Friday, December 9

Hope to see you at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Arlington for LLI's annual holiday party. Directions and a map are included on the newsletter insert. CORRECTION to November newsletter: The optional bus will leave from the Little River United Church of Christ, Annandale.

Holiday Greetings



Calendar of Events

December

- 2 Trip: Mt. Vernon Estate & Gardens
- No Forum
- 8 Board Meeting
- 9 **Holiday Party**
- 9 Winter Update Deadline
- 21 Winter Update Mailing

**** Special Alert ****

Beginning January 2006 the Forum meetings will be on **Tuesdays**

January

- 3 Forum
- 13 Board Meeting
- 13 Newsletter Deadline
- 21 Newsletter Mailing

February

- 7 Forum
- 10 Board Meeting
- 10 Newsletter Deadline
- 21 Newsletter Mailing

March

- 8 Forum (*Wednesday*)
- 10 Board Meeting
- 10 Newsletter Deadline
- 21 Newsletter Mailing

April

- 11 Forum
- 14 Board Meeting
- 14 Newsletter Deadline
- 17 Newsletter Mailing
- 25-28 Trip: Jewels of New York, Visiting Manhattan and Brooklyn

May

- 2 10th Anniversary Party
- 12 Board Meeting
- 12 Newsletter Deadline
- 18 Trip: to Historic Frederick, Maryland
- 21 Newsletter Mailing

June

- 6 Forum
- 8 Trip: Baltimore Garden and Cultural Tour
- 9 Board Meeting

July

- No Forum
- July planning retreat

August

- 4 Newsletter Deadline
- 14 Newsletter Mailing
- 29 Forum

September

- 8 Board Meeting
- 8 Newsletter Deadline
- 18 Newsletter Mailing
- 26-29 Trip: Historic Cape May, New Jersey

October

- 3 Forum
- 13 Board Meeting
- 13 Newsletter Deadline
- 23 Newsletter Mailing

November

- 7 Forum
- 10 Board Meeting
- 10 Newsletter Deadline
- 20 Newsletter Mailing

10th Anniversary Name Game Answers

Here are the answers to the first installment of the *10th Anniversary Name Game* quiz that appeared in the November newsletter.

1. Dr. Richard Ernst was the NOVA president who helped Knox Singleton and friends establish LLI on the Annandale campus.

1996 LLI 2006



Happy 10th Birthday!

2. The late Memphis Norman is LLI's own Civil Rights Hero.
3. The "bridge builders" are Gladys and Bob Bucklew. (Who said 3 no trump?)
4. Glenn Miller named his famous jitterbug tune after the Hotel Pennsylvania's telephone number: Pennsylvania 6-5000.
5. What kind of stone "gathers no moss"? That stone held by Barbara Rolling.
6. LLI includes two members who served in the Virginia State Legislature. Former board member Gladys Keating and second LLI president Alan Mayer both know how to find Richmond without difficulty.
7. "Tisket a Tasket, my green and yellow basket" was made in Louise Souk's class.
8. Our *Lunch Bunch* leader, John Bogart, is waiting to take us to lunch in namesake Humphrey's Casablanca nook.
9. The race may not be always "to the swift" but LLI's Sue Swift does not recommend this slogan at the Pimlico horse track.
10. Funny things can happen on the way to the Forum...and we can count on a stimulating guest speaker.

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**Look for more
 10th Anniversary Name
 Game questions in the
 January Newsletter.**

Student Awards



By now, everyone should have received in the mail a letter appeal for the LLI 2006 Student Awards program. Enclosed was a stamped, self addressed reply envelope. All you need to do is write a check, put it in the envelope, moisten the flap and drop it in the mail. It's that simple and its tax deductible.

For the past six years this has been one of the most successful initiatives sponsored by LLI. Each year, the total collected has exceeded donations of the year before. Last year, over 50% of the membership responded to this appeal. We hope to continue.

Our goal this year is to raise \$7500.

We plan to award this Spring two \$2000 scholarships – one for a deserving and needy student on the Annandale campus and another for the Medical Education campus in Springfield. We plan to continue to award a \$2000 student leadership grant to an outstanding leader. In addition we hope to give three \$500 awards to runner-up applicants in each category.

So there you have it. Now it's up to you. We realize you are inundated these days with requests for donations to this cause or that. This one merits your special attention.

If you have already responded, thank you.

From your Student Awards Committee: Alan Mayer, Doris Balinsky, Harvey Hamel, Leah Porzel.

Consider "ICE" — In Case of Emergency

If you carry a mobile telephone, you should consider taking this action.

Originally established as a nation-wide campaign in the UK, "ICE" allows paramedics or police to contact a designated relative in an emergency situation. The idea is the brainchild of paramedic Bob Brotchie in the UK. By adopting the ICE advice, your mobile phone can help rescue services immediately contact a friend or relative — possibly vital in a life or death situation. It only takes a few seconds, and it could easily help save your life. Why not put ICE in your phone now? Simply select a new contact in your phone book, enter the word 'ICE' and the number of the person you wish to be contacted.

Want to Contact VDOT?

At the November 7 "Forum" meeting highway engineer Bob Driscoll advised LLI that the best way to contact the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is to call 703-383-8368 or 1-800-383-8368. This number should be used for any type of service request (e.g., pothole repair, snow removal).

You may want to refer to VDOT's web site www.virginiaDOT.org, for some helpful weather driving tips. And, before you drive you may want to call the number above for information about road conditions in Northern Virginia. For statewide highway information you can call the "Highway Helpline" at 1-800-367-7623.

Winter Weather and Class Cancellations

PLEASE REMEMBER: LLI classes are cancelled if the Fairfax County Public School System (FCPSS) cancels classes. Two-hour morning delays will cancel LLI morning classes. Early dismissal cancels LLI afternoon classes. Location of LLI classes does not impact cancellation policy. Both on campus and off-campus LLI classes follow the ruling of the FCPSS not NVCC. **PLEASE READ THE COMPLETE POLICY IN THE COURSE CATALOGUE.**

Study/Travel in 2006

The Study/Travel Group selected two destinations for 2006, both river cruises in Europe. The first will be a 14 day trip through the "Heartland of Europe" commencing in Prague and ending in Paris. Departure date is set for May 25 with return on June 7. The river portion of the trip will be on the MS Symphony operated by Amadeus Waterways (www.amadeuswaterways.com). This is the same ship used on the 2005 trip to Holland/Belgium. Everyone enjoyed it so much we decided to try it again. Fourteen people have already signed up for this trip. If you are interested and want more detail, call or email Alan Mayer (tel: 703-781-7451; email alanmayer@verizon.net).

The second trip is being organized by John Manion. This will be an eleven day cruise in October down the Danube starting in Budapest and ending in Bucharest. The cruise line is Uniworld (www.uniworld.com). An onboard lecturer will provide history and comment en route. Four people have signed up for this trip and more are welcome. For more information, call John Manion (tel: 703-451-6035; email jemglm@aol.com.) Both trips are being arranged by TT&A Travel (703-360-1999).

*LIFETIME LEARNING INSTITUTE
OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA*

**Annual Report
to the Membership**

(July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005)

The Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia (LLI) can proudly point to a successful year. It is also exciting to acknowledge that LLI will soon celebrate our tenth anniversary, a major milestone and one that brings back memories of its beginnings in 1996, when 38 energetic people dedicated themselves to establishing an educational program for seniors. From that modest beginning, LLI has grown to 355 members as of June 30, 2005. We maintain an acceptable (and operationally manageable) membership level with minimal advertising. LLI members have provided the best publicity and recruitment of new members by "word of mouth", which reflects member satisfaction.

Our annual membership fee of \$100 is a real bargain, and is primarily due to our members who volunteer their time and talents and are so essential to our ability to offer a wide-range of programs. We recognize the contributions of all to LLI's continuing success. LLI is also fortunate to have the solid support of its sponsor—the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC), Annandale campus. During this past year 14 faculty members offered classes. We continue to benefit from the support and guidance of the campus Provost, Dr. Barbara Saperstone. We also appreciate Dr. Robert Vaughn's assistance along with his staff in the Office of Continuing Education and Workforce Development.

You can readily see from the financial condition report that LLI is in a comfortable position to continue offering quality programs. As we look forward to celebrating our tenth anniversary our goal is to continue providing an educational experience that is attractive to new members while maintaining the interest of its long-standing members. LLI will always be open to change and new ideas while resisting the temptation to take on more than can be done well by its members who volunteer their time and talents.

The LLI Board of Directors and I thank you for your continuing interest and support. I trust you believe as I do that the next ten years will also be our best.

*Norma Hughes
October 30, 2005*

**LLI Highlights for
Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2005**

- 355 people were members in good standing (266 women, 89 men).
- 84 faculty members and lecturers (including 14 from the NVCC faculty) offered 87 courses at 23 separate locations.
- Nine (9) "Forum" meetings were held with an average attendance of 155.
- Ten (10) educational trips were conducted (domestic and international).
- Eight (8) special "interest groups" were offered.
- Three (3) successful social events were held.
- One (1) student scholarship and one (1) student leadership award of \$2,000 each were awarded with the generous member contributions.
- LLI participated in the one-day Virginia Lifelong Learning Conference held in October 2004 at Brandermill Woods.

**On the following page, you will
find the official reports on the
Financial Condition, as well as
Income & Expenses for
Fiscal Year 2005.**

Day Trip Update

The November 4, 2005 trip to Baltimore was such a success and the waiting list was so extensive that we are offering the same trip on Tuesday, April 18, 2006. A registration form will be included with the Winter Update that will be sent out in mid-December

PLEASE NOTE: Priority will be given to those who were on the wait list for the November trip if the new registration is received by January 31, 2006.

Financial Condition as of June 30, 2005

In accordance with Article VIII (1) of LLI's by-laws a statement of financial condition resulting from an audit is hereby presented to the membership. The Audit Committee (LLI members Marvin Burge, George Pearsall, and John McClanahan) presented its findings to the Board of Directors on September 22, 2005. A copy of the auditor's report is available in the LLI office. Please call the office at (703) 503-0600 to make arrangements to read it.

Here is a summary statement of the financial position as of June 30, 2005, as audited:

Assets (cash & equivalents).....	\$ 47,299.03
 Liabilities, Restricted Funds & Members' Equity	
Current liabilities	\$ 4,887.43
Student award/scholarships	8,183.50
Members' equity	34,228.10
Total	\$ 47,299.03

Income & Expenses, Fiscal Year 2005

Revenue

Member dues	\$ 33,100.00
Dividends/Interest	182.48
Total	\$ 36,282.48

Expenses

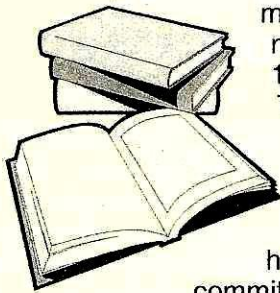
Contract services.....	\$ 9,250.00
Printing	7,233.30
Refreshments (e.g., "Forums", "New Members' Coffee")	2,847.50
Publications design	2,190.00
Mailings	1,686.25
Classroom rental	3,125.00
Office supplies.....	999.99
Special events.....	1,286.40
Conferences	726.25
Insurance.....	1,236.00
Telephone	1,279.13
Honoraria.....	585.00
Teaching materials	135.25
Financial system	138.15
Furniture & equipment.....	0.00
Miscellaneous/taxes/fees	377.57
Total expenses	\$ 33,096.69

Net revenue in excess of expenses ***	\$ 3,185.79
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(*** Amount added to Members' equity along with \$2,256.22 net gain from special activities)

Special Interest Groups

Favorite Books Club



The LLI Favorite Books Club will not meet in December. The next meeting is on Thursday, January 19 when the group will discuss *The Incident of the Dog in the Night*, a novel by Mark Haddon. The main character is a 15-year-old autistic boy who tries to solve a crime that he's wrongly been accused of committing. Because he narrates the

story, you get to go inside the world of how an autistic person may see life. A comment from the back cover reads: "one of the freshest debuts in years; a comedy, a heartbreaker, a mystery story, a novel of exceptional merit that is great fun to read." If this book interests you, please join the group at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, call Arlene Gribben at 703-569-0357 or e-mail at arlenegribb@aol.com.

Discussion Group

Everyone Welcome (no need to register)

When: Friday, December 16, 2005, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Where: Chestnut Hill room, Food Services Building, NVCC

Information: Sue Swift (703) 448-0322

Bridge Group



The Bridge Group will only meet once in December — Wednesday, December 14 — because of the holidays at the end of that month. We will meet at the Mason District Government Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (bring a bag lunch). If you wish to attend one of the above dates, please call Bob &

Gladys Bucklew, 703-631-7889, so we may furnish sufficient card tables and other supplies for attendees. All are welcome. Note that if there are 'extra' people, Bridge play is rotated (four hands per game) among all present. Also, most of our players are 'singles'; you do not need a partner to attend. We hope you can join us!

From the LLI Poetry Class

The following is a selection from a new English translation by Stephen Mitchell of the 3,500-year-old epic poem about the great Mesopotamian hero Gilgamesh. The LLI Poetry Class asked to share it in the newsletter.

Gilgamesh, Where Are You Roaming?

Gilgamesh, where are you roaming?
You will never find the eternal life
that you seek. When the gods created mankind,
they also created death, and they held back
eternal life for themselves alone.
Humans are born, they live, then they die,
This is the order that the gods have decreed.
But until the end comes, enjoy your life,
spend it in happiness, not despair.
Savor your food, make each of your days
a delight, bathe and anoint yourself,
wear bright clothes that are sparkling clean,
let music and dancing fill your house,
love the child who holds you by the hand,
and give your wife pleasure in your embrace.
That is the best way for a man to live.

Shiduri to Gilgamesh, Book X

Membership Update

New Member

Welcome! We hope you will participate in our classes and volunteer your talents and time to our various committees.

Agnes R. Breidenbach, 1600 N. Oak St. # 1718, Arlington, VA 22209, 703-465-1867; E-mail: agnesbreidenbach@verizon.net

Changes/Corrections

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Kegelman, Mary Lou: E-mail: mkegelmena@earthlink.net

Czapiewski, Lois: E-mail: lo.czap@cox.net

Masek, Sheri: Not Maske, Sharon as listed

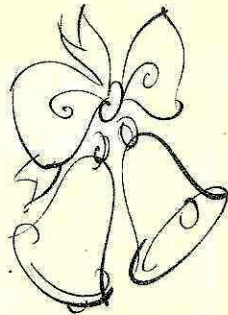
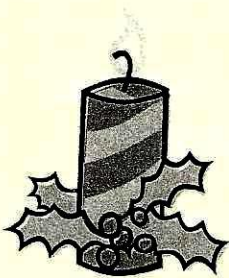
Handyman Update

Melvin Hernandez — New phone number:
(571) 274-0006

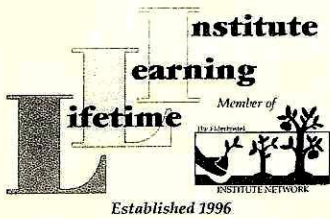
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Glasses Found

A pair of glasses and the case were found on the bus after the Baltimore trip on November 4, 2005. They are in the LLI office.

Catalogues Coming Soon

The Winter/Spring Catalogue for 2006 will be mailed out December 5. You should receive it shortly thereafter, but sometimes there is a delay. If you have not received it by December 15, please contact Laura Charron.

Cancellation Alert!

**Last Session of "Symphonic Sensations"
Will Not Meet**

The December 5th session of Course 5F03P has been canceled since the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra will not be performing its "Holiday Pops" concert on December 10.

Deadline for the Winter Update input is Dec. 9.



December