

**LIFETIME LEARNING INSTITUTE of NORTHERN VIRGINIA**  
**WINTER UPDATE – January 2006**

**REMINDER: Tuesday is the day** for most Forum meetings in 2006. See calendar in next newsletter.

**Forum, Tuesday, January 3, 2006, 10:00 a.m.** (refreshments, 9:30), Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC Annandale. **Guest Speaker:** Ms. Rayola Dougher, Manager of the American Petroleum Institute's Energy Market Issues Unit **Topic:** "Winter Fuel Outlook: Supply, Demand, and Prices" **Parking Note:** The new parking garage is not expected to be operating on January 3. You can park in any of the "B" lots or in the Cultural Center lot if it is available. Please watch for construction detour signs.

**The Lunch Bunch** After the Forum meeting January 3, the Lunch Bunch will meet at Neighbors Restaurant located at 262 Cedar Lane Vienna, Va. Phone 703-698-8010. This is a popular restaurant with buffet and many menu selections, including outstanding sandwiches, at modest prices. **Directions from NOVA:** Left on Little River Turnpike to Prosperity Ave (at Exxon Station), right on Prosperity Ave, left on Arlington Blvd, right on Cedar Lane to shopping center on left (before you reach Park St.). Restaurant is on the BB&T bank side of shopping center.

**Community Outreach** The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) will be the recipient of the food donations collected at our January 3 Forum meeting. We hope you will support the LLI community outreach program by bringing something from the following list of requested items: cans of vegetables, tuna, soup, and beans, as well as cereal, pasta, and peanut butter. They also need paper or plastic grocery bags. More information about AFAC can be found at [www.afacinfo.org](http://www.afacinfo.org). Betty Mahon has volunteered to deliver the January donations. If you would like to nominate an organization to receive food donations, or to volunteer to make the February delivery, please contact Betty at the January Forum or by phone at (703) 841-0571.

**\*\*\* CORRECTION TO STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES, FY 2005 \*\*\***  
The December newsletter contained an error in its presentation of the FY 2005 Statement of Income and Expenses. The amount shown for "Member Dues" should be \$36,100 (not \$33,100).

**Winter/Spring Course Registration** Register soon and remember to put your requests in order of priority. Registration deadline is Jan. 3, 2006. Requests will be accepted for classes that are still open after that date. **Note:** Check page 2 of your catalogue for LLI's **policy on cancellations** related to adverse weather conditions.

**Special reminder for Course 6W10A --- Cherry Hill Farm - Tea and Tour** Send a check for \$22.00 payable to LLI/NOVA with your class registration form.

**Membership Directory Updates and Corrections** Mary Ellen Firor's correct email address is [mefiror1@aol.com](mailto:mefiror1@aol.com); Malcolm and Katrin Fletcher's new email address is [malcomg@cox.net](mailto:malcomg@cox.net); Beverly Harris's ZIP CODE is 20170; Joyce Taormina has re-joined: 7912 Lobelia Lane Springfield, VA 22152, (703)644-4103, [augietaormina@netzero.net](mailto:augietaormina@netzero.net)

**Student Awards** Contributions to our Student Awards Fund Raising campaign have **exceeded \$7000** to date. Our **goal is to raise \$7500**. This will pay for three \$2000 awards and \$500 each for three second place finishers. If you haven't mailed in your donation, there is still time to beat the December 31 deadline to get a 2005 tax deduction. **Idea to consider:** convert party refund to a donation?

**The Favorite Books Club** will meet Thursday, January 19, 2006, when the group will discuss *The Incident of the Dog in the Night* 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 January 19 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](mailto:arlenegribb@aol.com).

**The LLI Bridge Group** will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays, January 11 and 25, 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 Gladys and Bob Bucklew at (703) 631-7889 so they 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!

**LLI Gourmands** Eleven LLI Gourmands participated in a Christmas Cookie Cooking Class on December 6 at the home of the Queen of Scones, Sandra Perry. We made pecan butterballs, decorated gingerbread cutouts, iced sugar cookies and then sat down to a proper English tea and sampled our morning's work. We also came away with recipes and some valuable cooking hints. Virginia Fernbach has planned our January event--lunch at Satay Sarinah on January 10. Eve Holtzman and Rocky Nelson are planning an afternoon tea on February 15. Those interested in the January and February events should contact Virginia and Eve or Rocky.

**Discussion Group** - Everyone Welcome (no need to register) **Friday, Jan. 20, 2006 10:00-11:30 a.m.** in the seminar rooms A & B, Ernst Cultural Center. **Information:** Sue Swift (703) 698-8159.

**FREE CONCERTS** by Marine Band/Chamber groups **Sundays at 2:00 p.m.** (no tickets required)

**Jan 8** Sousa Season Opener at the Center for the Arts Concert Hall, **George Mason University**

**Jan 15** Heroes in America - A tribute to the American spirit at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, **Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus**

**Jan 22, Feb 5, Mar 5 & 26, May 21, Oct 8, 15, 22** --- Chamber Ensemble at the **George Washington Masonic National Memorial Auditorium, Alexandria**

**Jan 29, Feb 19, March 12, April 9, June 27, July and Aug 19** In the 2006 Showcase Series the Marine Chamber Orchestra celebrates the life and works of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in his 250th anniversary year at the **Schlesinger Concert Hall and Art Center, NVCC Alexandria**

**Study/Travel** There is still time to sign up for the spring trip through the "Heartland of Europe," starting in Prague and ending in Paris. Departure date is May 25 with return June 7. The river portion of the trip will be on the MS Symphony operated by Amadeus Waterways. To find out more, call or email [Alan Mayer](mailto:AlanMayer@verizon.net) (703-781-7451; [alanmayer@verizon.net](mailto:alanmayer@verizon.net)).

**More Study/Travel** John Manion and Marvin Burge are organizing an eleven day cruise in October down the Danube from Budapest to Bucharest. The cruise line is Uniworld. Call [John Manion](mailto:JohnManion@verizon.net) (703-451-6035) or email him at [jemglm@aol.com](mailto:jemglm@aol.com) for more information.

Friday, January 13, is the deadline for February newsletter. Contact Liddell McLeod (703) 698-8366 and [liddell\\_mcl@cox.net](mailto:liddell_mcl@cox.net). **NOTE:** Party refund procedures will be documented in next newsletter.

**The LLI Office will be closed December 23- January 2.**