

## April 11 (Tuesday) Forum

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# News & Views

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*It's Time to Celebrate!*

### 10th Anniversary Luncheon

Tuesday, May 2nd

at Greenspring Village  
Hunter's Crossing Conference Center  
Springfield

Cash Bar opens at 11:30 am.  
Luncheon begins at 12:15 p.m.

The **deadline** for registration is **April 18th** for the festive and fun celebration of our group's 10th anniversary. A registration form was in your March Newsletter. Directions and parking instructions are included in this Newsletter. See you there!

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### April 11 Lunch Bunch

Reservations have been made at *Skidoo's Restaurant* on Tuesday 11 April after the Forum Meeting. Skidoo's is a popular, moderately priced restaurant. The address is 9908 Lee Hwy in Fairfax City. The phone number is 703-591-4516.

**Directions from NOVA:** Take a left on Little River Turnpike to Prosperity Ave. Right on Prosperity Ave. to Arlington Blvd. Left on Arlington Blvd. Pass Fairfax Circle and proceed circa half mile. Arlington Blvd becomes Lee Hwy in the city. Skidoo's is on the right side of the road next to a furniture store and opposite Rebel Run, road to Fairfax High School.

### Washington Post Reporter Griff Witte: "Reflections on a Forgotten War: The U.S. Role in Afghanistan"

This is a meeting you will not want to miss. *Post* reporter Griff Witte will be relating his experiences from his most recent trip to Afghanistan, a three-month tour during which he ranged across the country. Mr. Witte will compare Afghanistan now to the way it was when he visited in 2002. During his 2002 visit he conducted research for the *Post's* Managing Editor, Steve Coll, who has written a Pulitzer Prize book *Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Bin Laden from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001*.

**NOTE** that April 11 falls on the **SECOND Tuesday** of the month. The Forum room is located on the second floor of the Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC-Annandale. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will start promptly at 10:00 a.m.

### LLI Community Outreach

Thanks to Sally and Don Reynolds for delivering our March food contributions to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Fairfax City.

I will be taking April's donations to the Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church. Chartered in 1996, Rising Hope ministers to the spiritual and practical needs of the most at-risk people along the Route One corridor south of Alexandria. Programs include a drop-in center, job counseling, emergency assistance and referrals, children's after-school program, advocacy, and food/clothing distribution. In partnership with the county, UCM, Ventures in Community, churches, and agencies, Rising Hope provides the venue and on-site staff for a brand new hypothermia outreach program (HOP) which provides shelter through March 31 to those who otherwise would be sleeping in the woods, vehicles, and camps. Area church volunteers spend the night and provide hot meals and sleeping bags to an average of 20 people between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. Read more at their website at [www.risinghope.org](http://www.risinghope.org).

Rising Hope's current food needs include cereals, all tomato and pasta products, canned meats/tuna, fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, canned soups and individual soups (*cup-o-noodles*), and granola bars. Please see Jane Jones at the Forum or call her at 703-799-7812 if you would like to help with this most worthy cause.



# Calendar of Events

## 10th Anniversary Name Game

Getting closer to spring, the Name Game Editor challenges you this month with a quiz devoted mostly to music, travel, and LLI colleagues.

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1. Loan her a "Von" and you come up with the same family name as those effervescent *Sound of Music* youngsters. Who is she?
2. Keeping close to the hills "alive with the sound of music," what LLI male left his home in Vienna, Austria to settle eventually in Vienna, Virginia?
3. Let's stay across the Atlantic and name the lady who is a namesake of a medieval city in Sicily, a locale of gardens and mountains perched along the Mediterranean.
4. Remaining in a trans-oceanic travel mood, who are the LLI folks best associated with "A Slow Boat to China"?
5. What jitterbug ditty extolled the virtues of sections of the Garden State of New Jersey?
6. Which LLI member has the longest hyphenated family name?
7. While we're thumbing through the LLI directory, who has the longest non-hyphenated family name?
8. Name the lady who keeps the LLI office running smoothly on all cylinders.
9. Who is the most ubiquitous male member, LLI's "man in motion"?
10. How did the weather man make a bad impression on LLI socialites last December?

### April

- 7 Newsletter Deadline
- 11 Forum
- 14 Board Meeting
- 17 Newsletter Mailing
- 18 Ethnic Tour of Baltimore (repeat of popular Nov. trip)
- 25-28 Trip: Jewels of New York, Visiting Manhattan and Brooklyn

### 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

### December

- No Forum; no newsletter
- 6 Board Meeting
- 14 Holiday luncheon

### May

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

### June

- 6 Forum
- 8 Trip: Baltimore Gardens (Harvey Ladew Topiary)
- 9 Board Meeting

### July

- No Forum
- 12 Board planning retreat

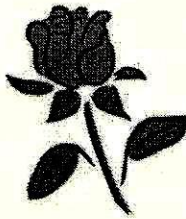
### LLI Board of Directors

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## In Memoriam

LLI extends heartfelt condolences to the family of Nina M. Lawrence, a charter member of LLI, who died March 4, 2006.



## President's Corner

The March Forum speaker, Ross McLaughlin of Channel 7 On Your Side, was extremely informative as well as entertaining, proven by the enthusiastic response and written comments from the audience. In a subsequent e-mail to Lorin Goodrich, Mr. McLaughlin wrote "It was fun to get out this morning and meet you folks. It also helps us with story ideas and it's interesting to get a live reaction to the stories we produce. I'll let you know when we have a tape date for our show." The last sentence refers to the live audience show on consumer issues that Channel 7 is planning to conduct in the near future. When we have specific information we will let LLI members know, as some may want to participate in the audience.

We are rapidly approaching the date (May 2) for the spectacular party at Greenspring in recognition of LLI's 10th anniversary. This is a very special event to honor the early beginnings of LLI, the organizers and original members, and those who have been instrumental in its continuing success over the past ten years. We promise this event to be fun as well as special. I hope everyone is planning to attend.

Norma Hughes

## Volunteers Needed

In June LLI's generous members will have contributed to eight different Northern Virginia organizations who feed the poor by bringing food donations to our monthly Forum meetings. Carol Weber, Betty Mahon, Martie and Chuck Klee, Sally and Don Reynolds, and Jane Jones have identified churches and agencies and delivered the donated food to those organizations. As the needs and numbers of the needy, working poor and homeless increase, all of the agencies have been so grateful for our donations. We do make a difference!

Would you like this program to continue? Your support in offering to deliver the food after Forum meetings is essential.

Would you be willing to coordinate the program? Tasks include getting volunteers to deliver the food, contacting each agency to learn specific needs, sending information to Liddell McLeod for publication in the newsletter, and making announcements at Forum meetings.

Two people can share the job, which begins with the August 2006 Forum. For more information or to volunteer, call Jane Jones (703-799-7812).

## Membership Update

### New Members

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

**Mrs. Elizabeth Sofocleous**, 9717 Ceralene Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032, 703-978-9626

**Mrs. Janice Smith**, 8948 Colesbury PL, Fairfax, VA 22031, 703-280-2013, [janicesmith@cox.net](mailto:janicesmith@cox.net)

### E-mail Changes

**Charlotte Plasan:**

[charlotte.plasan@ericksonresident.com](mailto:charlotte.plasan@ericksonresident.com)

## Future Forum Meetings

We will take a break in May to celebrate LLI's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. At the next Forum on Tuesday June 6 Ms. Sonia Fuentes will present "My Life: My Journey from the Dock in New York City to the Governor's Mansion in Annapolis". As a child Ms. Fuentes emigrated from Nazi Germany arriving with her parents and brother in 1934. The June 6 meeting will also serve as LLI's required annual meeting.

Thank you for offering your opinions about the Forum speakers and providing ideas for future presentations, including subjects for LLI courses. In this regard a person who attended the February 7 Forum turned in an opinion survey with a note: "Lorin, I sent you an e-mail (with) a program suggestion several months ago, but I never heard from you." The survey contained initials which are not recognizable. Please contact Lorin Goodrich at [lorin.goodrich@verizon.net](mailto:lorin.goodrich@verizon.net) or call him at 703-425-9574.

### Do You Know an LLI Member Who Should Receive a Card?

One of the benefits of membership in LLI is making new friends. We like to show concern for fellow members by sending a card to anyone who is ill or has suffered a loss. If you are aware of any problem that a member (or member's family) is having, please let me know and I will make sure they hear from LLI. You can reach me by phone at 703-569-0357 or by email at [arlenegribb@aol.com](mailto:arlenegribb@aol.com). Please include information identifying the nature of the problem so that an appropriate card is selected. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Arlene Gribben



# Founder Knox Singleton Remembers the Early Development of LLI/NOVA

The development of LLI/NOVA was closely tied to the development of the LRI at George Mason University. While serving as chairman of the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging, I created a committee on continuing education for older adults and appointed Kathryn Brooks as chairperson. I invited a representative of the LRI at American University (the first in the National Capital Area) to tell us about their development process. Kathryn Brooks then talked with officials at George Mason about sponsoring an LRI in our area. It was a hard sell, but Kathryn, tenacious and persuasive, eventually obtained the use of Tallwood, a house on the border of the campus. With a permanent office and classroom space, membership grew rapidly. Due to various limitations in the location their Board decided to cap membership at 400.

I had been on the steering committee, a charter member, and led classes from the beginning, but I was unable to persuade the Board to establish branches. Knowing that one location would not accommodate all older adults in Northern Virginia interested in continuing education, I joined forces with another member, Audrey Markham, who was the Elderhostel Institute Network representative. We called on Dr. Ernst, president of the Northern Virginia Community College, to request that NVCC sponsor a new institute.

Dr. Ernst could not have been more favorably responsive. He stated quite plainly, however, that NVCC did not have funds, staff, or classroom space to offer major assistance. He also said that parking on campus was a problem. I readily accepted the challenge. I had already considered the idea of using off-campus locations, primarily churches with unused classroom space and parking available during weekday, midday hours when we would need them. While we were still in his office, he called Dr. Kay Haverkamp, the Director of Continuing Education, and asked her to give us all the assistance she could on this development. He also asked the Public Relations Office to work with me in giving public notice that NVCC was sponsoring the project. Dr. Haverkamp then found limited office space, with a phone and filing cabinet for us, and promised the free use of the Forum for scheduled public meetings.

November 1, 1995, NVCC issued a public notice of the NVCC sponsorship and called for a meeting in the Cultural Center on 11/20/95 of persons who were interested in the development of the LLI/NVCC. About 50 persons came. Those interested in working on the development formed a steering group. An intense period of activity followed: additional meetings with Dr. Ernst, Dr. Haverkamp, and various other persons, as well as 12 steering group meetings. Ed McGuire, a pro bono

lawyer in our group, and I worked to obtain a Virginia State Charter. Jean Packard drafted by-laws. Phil Reeves attended a regional EIN meeting. The steering group decided to arrange a Sampler Program to illustrate to the older adult population the kind of continuing education that LLI/NOVA hoped to offer.

A State Charter was obtained March, 13, 1996. NVCC issued a public release on March 27, calling for a kickoff meeting in the Cultural Center on 4/15/96 to announce a sampler program to be offered during May. Enthusiastic participation in the sample program indicated a strong interest in extending it.

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At a membership charter meeting on May 20, 38 members signed up and elected a twelve-member board of directors.

LLI/NOVA was on its way. A list of the charter members is available in the LLI office. First-year Board members were Lona Bruno, Helen Clark, Gordon Hamlet, Yereth Knowles, Audrey Markham, Alan Mayer, Edwin McGuire, Jean Packard, Phil Reeves, Richard Risk, Knox Singleton and Louise Sousk. At the end of the first year the Board decided to expand to 15 members. Jack Barringer, Martha Klee, Marjorie Clark, Laura Charron, and Ann Rourke were elected to fill the vacancies. With this Board of 15 in place, I considered the development of LLI/NOVA essentially established.

Although I served as president for the first three years, I feel humble about my role. I felt that each board member was equally or more talented than I, and as fully dedicated. They should all be recognized as founders. I would like to recognize seven especially for their early contributions and continuing to the present day: Marjorie Clark, Laura Charron, Alan Mayer, Martha Klee, Phil Reeves, Richard Risk and Louise Sousk. To me they constitute the backbone of LLI/NOVA. Many others, including some who are no longer members, deserve mention: Lorin Goodrich, Marie Baglio, Elaine Bogart, Barbara Evans, Burton Greenstein, Paul Hopler, Norma Hughes, Jane Jones, Gladys Keating, Betty Mahon, John Manion, Mary and John Davis, Leah Porzel, Mary Quirk, Don and Sally Reynolds, Memphis Norman and Phil Runge.

Since I was named President Emeritus several years ago, and I can no longer safely drive a car, my participation in LLI activities has been limited. Fortunately I feel sure that many others are making substantial contributions to the present and future wonderful program of LLI activities. I want to remind all members that LLI is almost entirely a volunteer organization. Its full vigor depends upon every member voluntarily making some contribution beyond paying the modest member dues and registering for the activities that are arranged by the volunteer work of others. They are always in need of more assistance.



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# *10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon*

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at **Greenspring Village**  
*Hunter's Crossing Conference Center*  
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Luncheon begins at 12:15 p.m.

**Members: \$16.00 — Nonmembers: \$26.00**

Deadline for registration is Tuesday, April 18.  
A registration form was in your March Newsletter.

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*Directions for Drivers (see map on other side)*

**Attendees are encouraged to carpool**

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*From Annandale:* At the intersection of Little River Turnpike and Backlick Road, go south on Backlick Road. Follow Backlick Road for approximately four miles to the sign for Franconia-Springfield Parkway (Route 7900). Take the first right onto the Parkway, going west. At the first traffic light, turn right onto Spring Village Drive.

*From Braddock Road:* From Kings Park Shopping Center, drive south on Rolling Road for four miles to the Franconia-Springfield Parkway (Route 7900). Exit left at the second traffic light for the Parkway south. Continue one mile; turn left at the traffic light onto Spring Village Drive.

*From the South on I-95:* Take I-95 to exit 169A, Franconia Road. Drive east on Franconia Road past Springfield Mall. Turn right on Frontier Drive, which borders the mall. Turn right onto the Franconia-Springfield Parkway (Route 7900) west (just before an overpass). Drive just over one mile. At the first traffic light, turn right onto Spring Village Drive.

**PARKING:** Before you reach the guard gate, look for our parking area on the left. Look for the LLI sign, park in the parking area, and take the complimentary Greenspring shuttle bus to the conference center. This shuttle will run from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon and then from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. A tip is not expected nor required.

When you arrive at the conference center, you may use either the stairs or the elevator. Please stop at the reception table in the downstairs foyer to get your name tag.

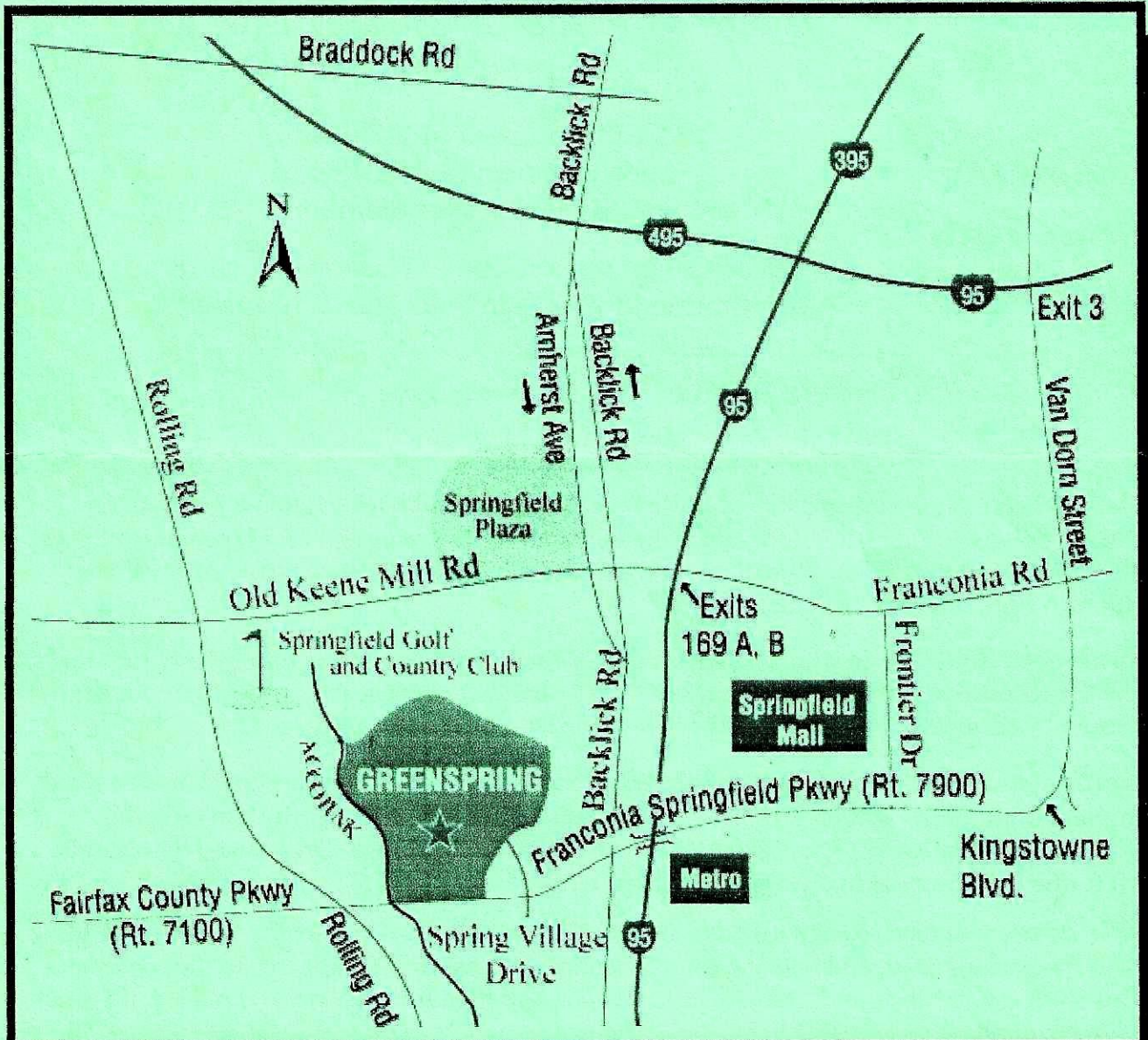
*Looking forward to seeing you there!*



# Greenspring Village

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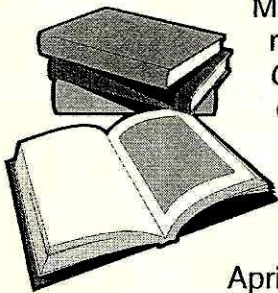
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# Special Interest Groups

## Favorite Books Club



Many of you probably saw the recent movie, *Memoirs of a Geisha*. The movie was based on a book of the same name written by Arthur Golden.

This book is what the Favorite Books Club members are reviewing on

April 20. The novel spent over one year on the New York Times

bestseller list. As the name implies, the story shines a light on the geisha culture as it follows the life of a young girl sold into this world as she grows up to be one of Japan's most celebrated geishas.

If you're interested in being part of the discussion, join the group at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, 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).

## Bridge Group

In April, the LLI Bridge Group will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays, April 12 and 26, at the Mason District Government Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (bring

a bag lunch). Please call Bob or Gladys Bucklew, Chairpersons, at 703-631-7889 any date you wish to attend to afford us the opportunity to obtain sufficient card tables 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!"



## Discussion Group

**Everyone Welcome** (no need to register)

**Date:** Friday, April 21, 2006, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Little River United Church of Christ, Room 8

(**Note:** This location is just for this month only)

**Topic:** Is always determined by participants at the previous meeting. Please call for more information.

**Information:** Sue Swift (703) 448-0322

## Gourmand Group

Eve Holtzman and Rocky Nelson co-hosted a Valentine's High Tea for 13 Gourmands on February 15. The table featured heart-shaped sandwiches, spinach/cheese balls, ginger nuts, and a variety of sweets—all prepared by Eve and Rocky. Three special teas were served. Members came dressed to the nines with hats and gloves and had a wonderful afternoon socializing.

A March event was planned by Sarah Bell for the 16<sup>th</sup> at the Four Provinces of Ireland.

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## Date Change for China Trip Travelogue

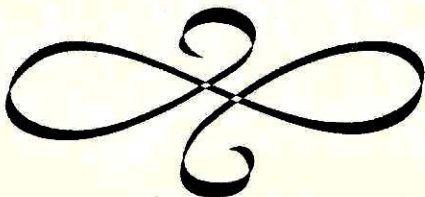
Wednesday, April 19 is the only date for the travelogue of the trip to China. It will be presented at 1:30 p.m. at Goodwin House West. Not only will we have pictures, but we will show some of the goodies we bought. Please direct questions to Arline Sachs at 703-971-2092.

## Coming in April

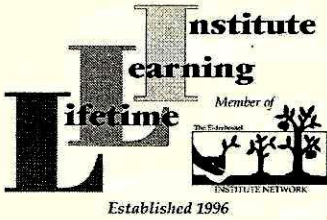
A new handbook of LLI policies and practices will be included in the next membership directory scheduled for mailing in April.

## Fall Study/Travel

Space is still available on the Danube cruise from Budapest to Bucharest in October. Call **John Manion** (703-451-6035) or email him at [jemglm@aol.com](mailto:jemglm@aol.com) for more information.







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## Reminders

If you are registered for a course and are not able to attend, please inform either the course coordinator or the LLI office. **Do not call the course instructor.** If there is a waiting list, someone from that list may be contacted to attend in your place.

Only LLI members current in their dues are eligible to register for and attend LLI classes and special interest groups.



## Holiday Party Refund Procedures

If you choose not to apply your holiday party payment to the May 2 Anniversary Luncheon, and you want a refund, you must submit a written request to the LLI Office no later than April 18, 2006.

**Deadline for the May newsletter input is April 7.**

